## Dear Families:

This week, we continue our preparations for the Christmas Pageant. The boys are hard at work creating the show from scratch. They are writing the dialogue, building the sets and costumes, and filming it completely on their own. I am impressed with their creativity, and hope you will be able to join us on December 19 for the performance!

This week, our Advent challenge is to help our furry friends by filling the box for the SPCA. The SPCA in Cattaraugus County, is a private, nonprofit, no-kill charity animal shelter, and was founded in 1905. They are dedicated to saving the lives of animals, and providing adoption services for homeless and neglected animals.

Donations and fundraisers account for approximately 70%+ of their yearly income.

They are the largest animal shelter in New York's southern tier.

- The SPCA has 68 dog kennels (indoor/outdoor) and 4 rooms dedicated to housing cats including 2 open cat rooms that allows the cats to romp & play without being confined to a cage.
- Four large outdoor play yards, approximately 400 sq. ft. each, are used as exercise areas for the dogs.
- A large medical/restricted area serves as temporary housing for animals in need of medical attention, rehabilitation, or recovery time. Here they receive individual treatment from the medical staff in a controlled environment.

The SPCA in Cattaraugus County focuses on saving the lives of stray, abandoned, and neglected pets to make their lives better. They are a true no kill shelter.

The SPCA has provided us with a lengthy wish list of supplies that they need. Copies are available on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please take a list, and see if we can fill their box next Sunday.

Are YOU up for the challenge?

Thanks for joining us today! Carol McClellan CE Director