

## **Dear Families:**

Today we were completely focused on preparing for our upcoming Christmas play! We practiced our performance many times and finished up the props. We are getting excited! We hope you can join us for the performance, which will be on Sunday, December 22 during the worship service. The boys have been working very hard on making a great show that honors our Christ!

This is also the third Sunday in Advent. Each week throughout the church season, the boys have been issuing a weekly donation challenge to the congregation to help spread the virtues of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love this holiday season. We are collecting packages of underwear to donate to the orphans and disadvantaged children of Uganda, under the care of Literacy of Love. We are also collecting food items for the Olean Food Pantry and personal care items for the Genesis House

This week, we are adding the challenge of supporting the SPCA of Cattaraugus County. The SPCA is a shelter for homeless animals. It is a no-kill shelter that has been in operation since 1905. The SPCA has several items on their Christmas wish list including cat toys, cat treats, Purina One dry dog and cat food, any wet cat food, dog toys, laundry soap, dish soap, and other cleaning supplies. Please help us fill their donation bin by next Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for being with us today!

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