

# December Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents,

The Holiday season is upon us and with the holidays comes many secrets and surprises!

**Enjoy** this holiday season with your family and remember to share the true meaning of **Christmas** and what it means to give and receive! See below the many ways to help celebrate this Christmas Season.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to **CFC Food Pantry**. You helped contribute **175** items. **Your contributions were greatly appreciated!** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Midland Fund Raiser. You helped raise \$850.

**Musical Instruments** is one of our **themes for January**.

If you have or can play an instrument, please consider coming in to share. The children love having visitors! Please talk to your child's teacher, to set up a time.

## Upcoming Events

**12/5 & 12/6** – CFCNS will be visited by a special visitor from the North Pole!

**Monday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Holiday Shows:**

**MWF** class - the show will be at 9:00am

**T/TH** class - the show will be at 12:00pm

**Tuesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: Pre-K Holiday Show:** 9:00am

**Our Holiday Shows will take place in the Church Sanctuary.**

**12/19/18 – 1/1/19** – School closed for Holiday Recess

**1/2/19** – School reopens

**Family Movie & Pizza Night:** This event has been postponed until spring. More details to come in the Spring.

**Holiday Show Refreshments:**  
**Class Parents will be contacting you. All items must be nut free.**

**Reminders: Tuition Due**

Wed. 12/12 & Thurs. 12/13

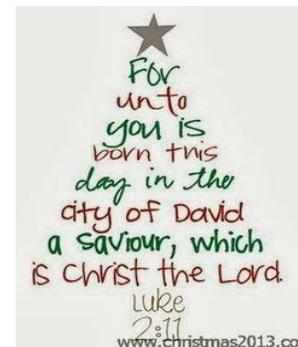
**Half Day Session:** Wed., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>

The school will be closing at 12:30pm for a teacher in-service.

**Flu shots are now due!** If you have not submitted your documentation for your Flu shot, please do so as soon as possible.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cheryl Burger  
& All the CFCNS Staff



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[www.cfnurseryschool.org](http://www.cfnurseryschool.org) or  
[www.facebook.com/ConnecticutFarmsChurchNurserySchool](https://www.facebook.com/ConnecticutFarmsChurchNurserySchool)

## 12 Days of Fun Christmas Activities for Families

By Family Education

### 1. **Holiday Light Tour**

Pile the kids in the car, put on some Christmas tunes, and drive around to homes or neighborhoods known for their over-the-top Christmas lights displays.

### 2. **Wreath-Making**

Everybody loves a festive wreath! Take the kids outside for a quick winter walk to gather evergreen branches and pine cones, trim some from the bottom of your Christmas tree or just buy some at the store. Attach your greens to a foam or wire ring (a bent metal coat hanger works well) and allow the kids to decorate it with ornaments and bows. Or make this preschooler-friendly paper wreath featuring tracings of your child's cute little hands.

### 3. **Christmas Movies**

Spending an afternoon or evening watching Christmas movies is a must! (You could also spread out your movie marathon over the course of a week.) Let each family member choose a favorite holiday flick to watch with the family.

### 4. **Popcorn Garland**

Have some leftover popcorn from your movie night? Upcycle it! Make some homemade garlands for your family's Christmas tree, doorways, or mantle. All you need is a needle and some thread or fishing line. Try using fresh cranberries, too. Younger kids can count out the berries or popcorn to make a cool alternating pattern, and parents or older kids can do the threading.

### 5. **Christmas Cookies**

Children of all ages can get involved in the kitchen on "cookie day." Younger kids can add pre-measured ingredients, stir the bowl and decorate cooled cookies. Older kids can pitch in at any stage.

### 6. **Cookie Swap**

So what do you do with all those cookies? Host a cookie swap! Have everyone bring over a few dozen of their favorite cookies (homemade or store-bought), sample and swap! And if it's not a family secret entrusted to only a few privileged souls, encourage people to bring the recipes to swap, too!

### 7. **Gingerbread House Party**

Not a house party with gingerbread, this is a gingerbread house making party. Gather your friends and family, some gingerbread walls and roofs and all the candy and frosting you can get your hands on. Set everyone up with their own house, or work in teams to see who can make the most colorful gingerbread house. Follow these instructions for an easy gingerbread house.

### 8. **Homemade Christmas Ornaments**

Decorating a Christmas tree is probably already on your to-do list. Make this holiday tradition even more special by adding a new kid-made Christmas ornament each year. Mark the year on your ornaments so that you can keep track of when each cutie was created!

### 9. **Hot Chocolate Buffet**

There's nothing like a steaming mug of hot chocolate on a cold December night. Up your game for the holiday season with a buffet of toppings for your cocoa. Some ideas include whipped cream, marshmallows, crushed candy canes, shaved chocolate, chocolate chips and cinnamon dots. Get creative! The kids will love customizing their hot cocoa — a fun and easy activity for Christmas Eve.

### 10. **Christmas Festivals**

And speaking of coming together as a community, why not check out the local festivals? From tree lighting ceremonies in the town square to ugly sweater parties to church concerts, there's bound to be something happening in your area.

11. **Donating to Charity**

Show your family's giving spirit this holiday season by shopping for a toy or two to give to Toys for Tots or another local toy drive. Since your kids are the toy experts, let them do the picking. It will brighten your Christmas and someone else's, too.

12. **Read a Holiday Story**

Whether you're skilled at making them up on your own, or you need a few funny books to get the kids interested, start the tradition of reading holiday stories to your kids every year. You can read a short book each night, or start a more mature chapter book and read one chapter each evening. It's a great way to get kids excited about reading.



