

a note from the

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Happy Advent!

You know that Advent is a season of waiting. Waiting for the celebration of the arrival of the Christ child. Waiting for Christmas.

When you were much younger, you waited anxiously for Santa Clause. (I'm not silly enough to say that we're not already waiting for Christmas gifts.) Now that you're older, you have a better understanding of Christmas.

In Sunday School, Confirmation, and worship, we lit the first candle of Advent last Sunday. For the next three Sundays, as well as Christmas Eve, I encourage you to give special attention to the liturgy that's being read as each candle is lit.

Blessings,
Kim

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4
The Message

You need to know, friends, that thanking God over and over for you is not only a pleasure; it's a must. We have to do it. Your faith is growing phenomenally; your love for each other is developing wonderfully. Why, it's only right that we give thanks. We're so proud of you...

Middle School Moments

I put up my Christmas tree today! We haven't decorated yet. But because we have an artificial tree, we already pulled it out and set it up. I say we haven't decorated it...but I DID find one ornament we apparently forgot to take off last year! Oops!

I think Christmas lights, especially on a tree, are so beautiful. Take time this Advent to look around and really enjoy something. Maybe it's a little something like a pretty Christmas lights. Maybe it's a bigger deal like working through a problem with your friends. Whatever it is, take a minute, and enjoy it! This is a happy season, so we might as well be happy!

See you Sunday,
Rachel

