

# Youth News ~ December 2018

***“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1: 21***

As we begin preparations for the Christmas season this verse reminds us of the wonderful and most perfect gift we have been given-Jesus Christ. This verse also relates to the Bible study lesson that the youth just finished. We discussed how our lives can be robbed by our past mistakes but because of Jesus, who came to die for us, our sins and past mistakes are washed away by His death. We learned four truths in this lesson. 1) God provides us with a new purpose in life, 2) In Christ, we are a “new creation”, 3) In Christ, we are the owner of a new potential, 4) and with God’s unconditional love we can move forward into a new presentation. Because of the Christmas miracle, we have been given salvation, new life, forgiveness of our sins and victory over our past and death.

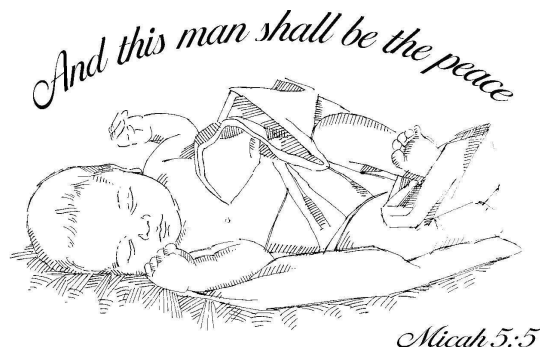
Last month we held an activity planning meeting and worked on our service project. We had eleven youth that willingly helped serve Peace’s 135th anniversary meal and seven youth that delivered Thanksgiving cards to the nursing home and assisted living residents. The youth of Peace held a pie sale to go towards some much needed updates in the YOP house. We are so grateful to the congregation for their support and a big thanks to the parents for providing the delicious pies!

In the month ahead, the youth group will be sending Christmas cards out to the college kids as they are preparing for their finals before the Christmas break. We will be going caroling to the shut ins and to those members at the nursing home and assisted living on **Sunday, December 9th**. The youth will also be working on the Christmas Eve program which will be held on **Monday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m.** Our prayer for everyone is that through the busyness of life we remember the true meaning of Christmas; how a baby, yet a king, came to save our sins so that we may freely be given eternal salvation with our Heavenly Father. We pray each of you know and feel this Christmas blessing in your hearts this season and throughout the year. Jesus is truly a perfect gift given by God!

Stuart, myself and the youth would like to extend a BIG thank you to Pastor Rich for his support this past year. We wish God’s blessings upon him and Anita and we will continue to pray for them.

Joyfully serving in Christ,  
Chandra and Stuart

## *Little Baby Jesus* By Deborah Ann Belka



Little baby Jesus, so soft and so sweet  
one day would have nails pounded into His feet.  
Tightly swaddled now, in His mother’s loving arms  
one day He would wear a crown of prickly thorns.

Small cooing sounds, He now softly sighs  
one day to His Father He’ll moan forsaken cries.  
Wise Men bring to Him, gifts meant for a King  
one day to a cross His life will painfully cling.

Little baby Jesus, so soft and so sweet  
came into the world so Satan He could defeat.