



# Pender Hill Preschool

## Newsletter Fall 2023



Dear Parents,

November is here, and it came in bringing the cold air with it! This school year is well on its way and your children are all settled in and doing very well! I am very impressed with how kind they are to one another. You all should be very proud of these awesome kids.

Lots of news through this newsletter, so please look and mark your calendars, so you don't miss things that are very important to your child.

This month we collected food for WFCM (Western Fairfax Christian Ministries) for the Thanksgiving season. This food will help those in need to have a nice meal to share with their families. Thank you for your donations

In December the school will be helping to collect toys for Fairfax County Police Department Santa's Ride! These toys will go to children fighting cancer in several area hospitals. Santa will be here on December 12<sup>th</sup>, (time to be announced) riding on his motorcycle along with all his Elves, Frosty, lots of other policemen on their motorcycles, and I think even Mrs. Clause will be here.

The preschool will also be collecting children's warm hats, gloves and mittens. These will be going to a wonderful organization called "Women Giving Back". They provide help for women and children in crisis.

Registration Information for Fall of 2024-2025 will be out in mid-December. Current members of Pender Hill Preschool will be allowed to register first before we open it to the public. The information will be sent home to you and will be emailed to you also. Once you receive the information you are free to register your child.

The Children will be performing the school's Christmas Program on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am, in the Church's sanctuary. After the program, children and parents will enjoy a party together in the children's classrooms. Please mark your calendars, the children look forward to you attending!

Blessings,  
Sarah Hocker  
Director, Pender Hill Preschool



# Santa's Ride



This year Pender Hill Preschool will be participating in Fairfax County Police Department's "Santa's Ride". We will help by collecting new toys and books to be donated to children at INOVA Fairfax Hospital and Georgetown Hospital during the Christmas Season. **Donation boxes will be in the church lobby from now through December 10th.**

Santa will be here at Pender Hill, on Tuesday, December 12th, (Time TBA) with his entourage, plus many motorcycle policemen. All families and family members are invited to join in on the fun.



# **Please help by Donating**

## **Children Hats**



## **Gloves & Mittens**

### **For**



# **Women Giving Back**

**Women Giving Back supports women and children in crisis on a first step to stability by providing quality clothing at no cost, assisted by a caring and committed community.**



**Please put donations on the Christmas tree in the  
Preschool hallway, by the elevator.**





## Inclement Weather Policy

Pender Hill School follows Fairfax County School's openings and closings.

\* When Fairfax County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, PHS will be closed.

\* When Fairfax County Schools have a delayed opening of one hour, PHS will open at 10:00 am.

\* If Fairfax County Schools release early due to inclement weather, Pender Hill School will close at 12:00 p.m.

Please keep abreast of weather conditions and school closings by listening to the radio, watching TV, and/or logging on to the internet.



Save the Date

December 13th @ 11:00 am

Pender Hill Preschool

2023 Christmas Program



# Christmas at Pender UMC



## Christmas Cookies and Ornaments

Photos with St. Nick

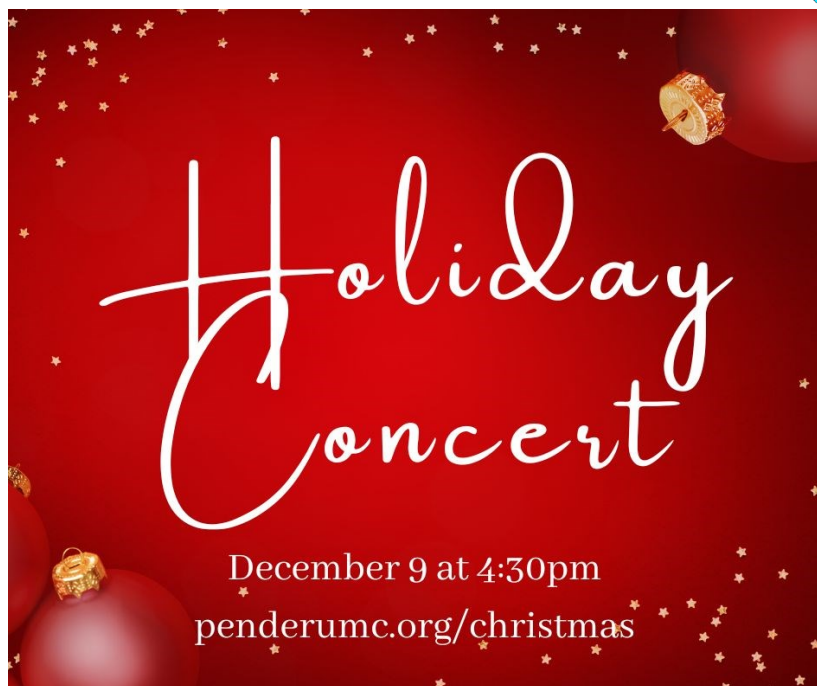
December 2, 3:00 pm—5:00 pm

**December 2, 2023 at 3:00 pm. Join us for a festive afternoon of creativity and fun! Your little ones are invited to a delightful gingerbread cookie and ornament decorating extravaganza! We'll provide all the supplies needed for them to craft their own holiday masterpieces.**

**After the artistic adventure, we'll settle in for a heartwarming holiday movie screening.**

**Families will enjoy this memorable holiday experience,  
including a photo with St. Nick himself.**

**Let's make merry memories together!**



**Come join us for  
a free concert of  
holiday music!**

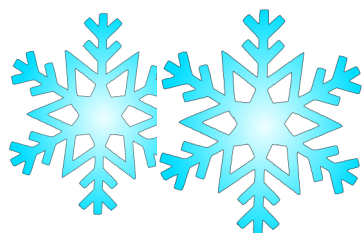
**A reception will  
follow.**



**Let's make merry memories!**

**Join us at Pender at 2:30 pm on  
December 3 for a festive journey  
through the neighborhood,  
spreading the holiday cheer with  
joyous Christmas carols.**

**Together, we'll light up the streets  
with our voices and share the  
magic of the season!**







# Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Family Service



This service will feature an extended “time with children” for the little ones. Kids will be invited to be a part of the nativity scene in an impromptu way. We will also have electric candles to light at the end. There will be scripture reading and preaching.

Music will be provided jointly by Traditional and Common Ground teams both services on Christmas Eve!

This night is about the tradition, about the familiar, about feeling at home in this newly renovated sanctuary. It seems that with the text from Luke this year that we can’t get enough of the shepherds. As they are among the first witnesses of the miracle, their presence is a clue to the meaning of this mystery. Come experience the joy with us!

This service will be live-streamed and in person.



**Christmas Eve**  
**December 24, 2023**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Candles, Carols and**  
**Communion**



Join us for a traditional candlelight service. You'll hear and sing the traditional Christmas Carols. There will be scripture reading and preaching. We'll serve Holy Communion. There will not be a children's activity at this service.

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