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Children's Christmas Program set at First Christian Church

The joyful faces of children singing, the glow of candles, the sound of carols, and the retelling of the Christmas story are the ingredients for Christmas.

"Ring Those Bells" is the theme of Flora First Christian Church's Children's Christmas Program to be presented Sunday

morning, Dec. 21. The program will begin at 10:45, following the congregation's 9:30 worship service.

"Ring Those Bells" will be presented by congregational children, pre-school through sixth grade. Songs to be featured include: "Come On, Ring Those

Bells," "Emmanuel," "Mary, Mary," "Some Children See Him," and "What Can I Give Him?"

The program script was written by Transitional Pastor Sam Davenport and is directed by Miriam Robeson. Pastor Davenport invites the public to attend.

Items still being accepted for toy/gift drive

Comet staff report

Toys and gift items are still being accepted for the Carroll County Cares About Kids toy drive.

Sponsored by Beta Alpha Chapter of Psi Iota Xi sorority, the annual drive collects toys and other gift items for children in the county who might not otherwise receive

gifts for Christmas.

Toys and gifts should be new or in like new condition and may be dropped off at the Utilities Office, Salin Bank & Trust, or Carroll County Family YMCA, all in Flora. The items are dispersed through area churches and Christmas basket programs.

Monetary donations may be sent to Donita Kennedy at

296W 400S, Cutler, IN 46920. For additional information or to request gifts, contact Kennedy at 765-268-2671.



There's nothing better than a wonderful Christmas morning breakfast that you make ahead. That allows plenty of time for unwrapping the gifts, playing with the grandchildren and kissing under the mistletoe. Christmas Morning Sausage Bread is spicy and delicious. Crunch Cinnamon Buns are a warm, sweet and simple treat. And, Wake Up to Christmas Casserole is a complete meal in a dish. Happy eating!

Christmas Morning Sausage Bread

- 1 pound sage pork sausage
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese

- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 cups buttermilk baking mix
- 1/4 cup melted margarine
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Preheat an oven to 400 degrees F. Grease a 9x13 inch baking pan. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook and stir the sausage, onion, and jalapeno until the sausage is well browned, about 10 minutes. Drain; set aside to cool slightly. Stir together the Swiss cheese, Parmesan cheese, egg, hot sauce, and milk in a large bowl. Stir in the biscuit mix, margarine, salt, and parsley. Add the

sausage mixture; stir until well combined. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 35 minutes. Serve warm or cold.

Crunchy Cinnamon Buns

- 1 (17.3 ounce) package pastry sheets
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 1/2 cups raisins
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Thaw the pastry sheets at room temperature for 40 minutes or until they're easy to handle. Heat the oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease or line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Stir the egg and water with a fork in a small bowl. Put baking cup liners in 12 (2 1/2-inch) muffin-pan cups. Put the raisins in another small bowl and pour hot water over them to cover. Let stand for 5 minutes. Drain. Add the brown sugar and cinnamon and toss to coat. Unfold 1 pastry sheet on a lightly floured surface. Spoon half of the raisin mixture on the bottom half of the pastry to within 1 inch of the edges. Brush with the egg mixture. Starting at the short side closest to you, roll up like a

Programming for Dec. 17-24 is listed below:

Wed., Dec. 17 - 7 p.m., Delphi vs. Tipton boys basketball game.

Thurs., Dec. 18 - 7 p.m., Rossville vs. Clinton Central girls basketball game, followed by Rossville vs. Western boys basketball game.

Fri., Dec. 19 - 8 p.m., Live audio of Rossville vs. Carroll boys basketball game.

Sun., Dec. 21 - 10:15 a.m., Live worship service from Flora Presbyterian Church.

Mon., Dec. 22 - 7 p.m., Worship service, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Delphi (taped 12/21); followed by Delphi City Council meeting, part 1 (taped 12/1).

Tues., Dec. 23 - 7 p.m. Rossville vs. Carroll boys basketball game.

Wed., Dec. 24 - Not on the air, Christmas Eve.

jelly roll, pressing seam gently to seal. Tuck in the ends to seal. Brush with the egg mixture. Place seam-side down on the work surface. Cut into 6 (2-inch) slices. Place the slices, cut-side down into the prepared muffin-pan cups. Repeat with the remaining pastry, raisin mixture and egg mixture. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden. Remove the pastries from the muffin-pan cups and cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Serve warm.

Wake Up to Christmas Casserole

- 8 frozen hash brown patties
- 4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 pound cubed fully cooked ham
- 7 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground mustard

Place hash brown patties in a single layer in a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese and ham. In a bowl, beat eggs, milk, salt and mustard. Pour over ham. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Uncover; bake 15 minutes longer or until edges are golden brown and a knife inserted near the center comes out clean.

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5-8 oz pkg.
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As we approach the holidays, we offer you the following story as a special gift. It happens to be one of our personal favorites, and we welcome this opportunity to share it with you in the spirit of this holiday season.

THE STATION By Robert J. Hastings

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip that spans the continent. We are traveling by train. Out the windows, we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there, our dreams will come true and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering-waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"When we reach the station, that will be it" we cry.
"When I'm 18."
"When I buy a new Mercedes Benz."
"When I put the last kid through college."
"When I have paid off the mortgage."
"When I get a promotion."
"When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after."

Sooner or later, we must realize there is no station, no one place at which to arrive once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twins that rob us of today.

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough. You should enjoy the ride, not wait for the station.

This short story is our prescription for success. It places the emphasis on what is truly important-religion, family, practicing clinical excellence and providing our patients with quality care. With equal emphasis, it down-plays that success is not measured in dollars alone-it is a prescription to live and enjoy life to its fullest each and every day.

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