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A Valentine's Day Devotion and Activities for REALKids! at East Heights

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This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you." -John 15:12

- ♥ What is LOVE? The dictionary says that love means "having a strong affection for a friend or relative or for another person." I bet you feel love for a lot of people...your mom and dad, brother or sister, grandparents, your pets, teachers, and your friends. But most of all, you should love GOD with all your heart!
- ♥ Make a LOVE HEART! Cut a heart out of construction paper. Write (or have someone help you write), "Jesus lives in my heart!" Decorate the edges of your heart with lace, glitter, beads, macaroni, etc. Punch a small hole in the top of your heart and tie a piece of ribbon through it. Now you are ready to hang your love heart.
- ♥ Make "Love Tickets" for someone special! Cut a piece of construction paper in half and then cut each half into 2 pieces. Label each "ticket" with special gifts (be creative!), such as "I'll help you wash the car, Dad!" or "I'll help you wash the dishes, Mom!" or "I'll help you clean your room, brother!"
- ♥ What are some ways that you can show love to other people?
 - ♥ Listen to your parents!
 - ♥ Do something extra nice for someone.
 - ♥ Be a good friend. Play fairly and kindly.
 - ♥ Show God your love by praying and telling God of your love for him.
- ♥ Make a special treat for a special friend...you'll need an adult to help you with this:

Candy Necklace

Materials needed:

- Plastic wrap
- Individually wrapped candies
- Ribbon
- Scissors



Directions:

1. Begin by laying out three feet of plastic wrap, cutting it in half lengthwise. Place candies (or groups of candies) every 3 inches.
2. Roll the plastic over and tie bows between each candy using six inch strips of ribbon.
3. Tie the two ends of the plastic wrap together and cover the knot with another ribbon.

Save the Date!!

VBS 2012

June 25-June 29

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**Happy Birthday to REALKids
in February!**



If your name and birthday have been left off the list, let Becky know at 682-6518 or becky@ehumc.org!

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The Summit

Here's the Summit news for February!

We get started every Sunday at 9:45a.m.

I am so proud of all of you who helped gather food for the "Can Collection Competition" with the youth! We haven't determined the winning classroom yet, but there is a LOT of food going to United Methodist Open Door because of your help! AWESOME!

This month, we will begin walking with Jesus through his ministry and watching as he begins his final journey on the road to Jerusalem. We will also have plenty of visits from the "Summit Players", lots for games and songs. Don't miss a week!!! Have a fantastic February.

In Him,
Becky

"Reaching Out..." (Kids in mission)

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Pronunciation: 'ad-v&-k&t, -'kAt

- 1 : one that pleads the cause of another
- 2 : one that defends or maintains a cause or proposal
- 3 : one that supports or promotes the interests of another

Every month, I highlight different ways you can be an advocate for the "least of these." This month's highlight, in honor of the month of love, focuses on a ministry dear to East Heights' heart:



The United Methodist Open Door began in 1967 as United Methodist Urban Ministry and is a place for people who need help. Their vision is "to share God's love to people in need" and they do this through 3 major areas: **food, clothing, and shelter.**

East Heights is very involved with Open Door—from the Summit classes collecting food to the 4th/5th grade mission workers from Vacation Bible School heading down to the Community Food Ministry to sack groceries or

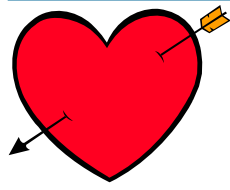
measure flour, from the Homeless Meal ministry team that serves lunch once a month at the Drop-in Center to gathering of items needed for the Ruth Kits distributed at Open Door in December.

Our church supports Open Door in many ways, including financial support, but Open Door can really use our hands and feet too!

The Open Door Coordinator of Volunteers can help you and your family find just the right place for you to help, whether it is sorting groceries or answering the phone at the Community Food Ministry or helping people shop at the Klothes Kloset. You can call the Volunteer Coordinator at 267-4201 or look at their website at www.umum.org. Most of all, please pray for this ministry as they seek to help those in need!




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The Summit

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Wednesday Night Ac- tivities	2	3	4
5 Youth "Souper Bow!"-bring \$1 to feed hungry people.	6	7	8 Wednesday Night Ac- tivities	9	10
12	13	14 	15 Wednesday Night Ac- tivities	16	17
19	20 Presidents' Day 	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24
26	27	28	29 Wednesday Night Ac- tivities		

Every Week

Sundays

- ☉ 9:45 Church School
- ☉ 11:00 Godly Play

Wednesdays

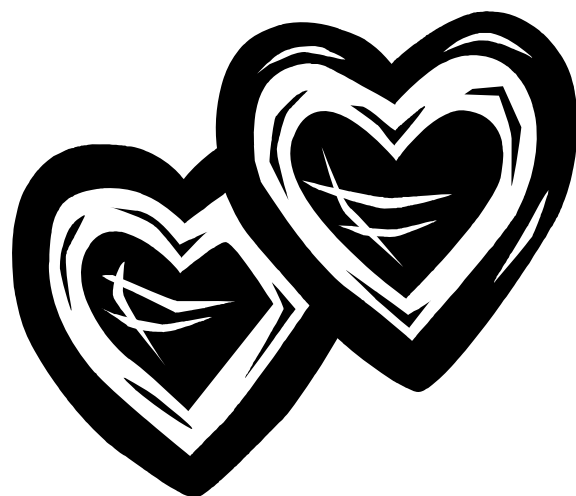
- ☉ 6:00 Rainbow Choir and Heart & Soul Singers
- ☉ 6:30 FaithWeaver Friends and Play and Pray
- ☉ 6:45 Christ Chicks

News from the Children's Choirs...



Kids in worship:

- ✚ Heart and Soul sings on February 19 at 11:00 worship.
- ✚ Rainbow Choir sings on February 26 at 11:00 worship.
- ☆ Rainbow Choir is for Pre-K—1st grade and rehearses on Wed. from 6-6:30p.m.
- ☆ Heart & Soul Singers/Imago is for 2nd-5th grade and rehearses on Wed. from 6-6:45p.m.

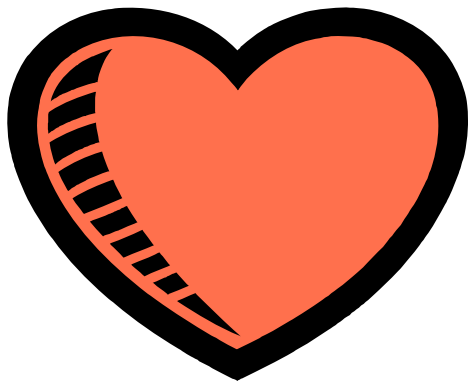




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**Happy Valentine's
Day.**
