



HERMON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2020

ADVENT ACTIVITY BOOKLET

*Crafts to complete together
while apart*

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November 29, 2020

Scripture: Isaiah 40:9-11

11/29 | Advent Wreath

Suggested Supplies

- Small greenery wreath or the combination of
 - 12" wire wreath frame
 - Soft greenery garland (if you have a dollar store near you, check them out for this.)
- Artificial poinsettia flowers
- 4 candles (3 purple, 1 pink)
- 4 candle holders
- 1 pillar candle (optional)
- Ribbon
- Floral wire or Greenery ties
- Glue gun

Instructions

- If you have a greenery wreath you can skip this step. First, take your garland and wrap it around your wire wreath until it is completely covered. Use your hot glue to hold it in place.
- Take your ribbon and wrap it around until you've found your desired placement. Secure it with a small dab of hot glue.
- Using a little bit of floral wire or greenery ties, space out the candle holders as evenly in place as possible and secure in place.
- Fill in empty areas of your wreath with the poinsettia flowers and use a little bit of hot glue to hold them in place.
- Add your candles and voila, you've made a super simple advent wreath.
- Optional Pillar candle is placed in the center of wreath and can be lit on Christmas Morning.

Be as creative as you like.

November 30, 2020

Scripture: Isaiah 52:7-9

11/30 | Donate old toys

Gather and clean old toys and prepare to donate them to charity. Donations can be dropped off to the church on Saturday, December 5, 2020.

December 1, 2020

Scripture: Genesis 3:8-15

12/1 | DIY Wax Seal

Supplies

- One Red Crayon (or any color)
- One Low Heat Glue Stick
- Popsicle stick
- Paper
- Cards
- One Soup Spoon
- A utensil with decorative end (fork, knife or spoon)
- Lighter
- Jar Candle or Tea light candle

Instructions

1. Cut equal parts crayon and glue stick. Cut each into smaller pieces so it will melt easier
2. Light the candle and rest spoon atop



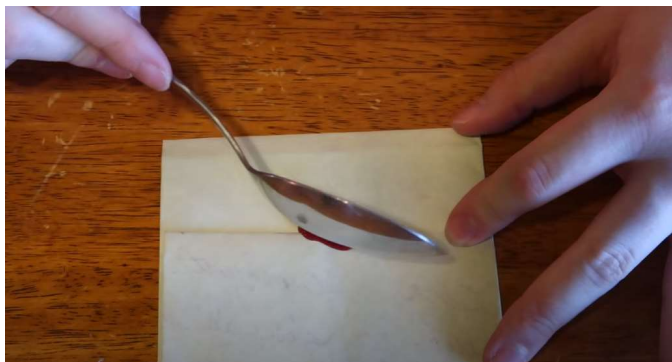
3. Or hold spoon over tea-light candle



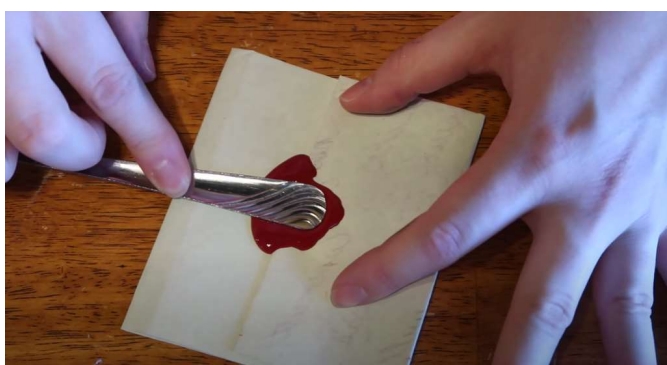
4. Use popsicle stick to stir mixture



5. Let cool for a few seconds. Then drip over card flap or letter



6. Use the end of the decorative utensil to make impression. Let the utensil rest until cool



7. Apply seal to your Christmas cards to add a unique touch.



December 2, 2020

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-5

12/2 | Repurposed Candle with Soda Bottle

Supplies

- Empty soda or water bottle (16oz or 20oz)
- X-acto knife
- Candle wick (or you can make your own see – Appendix A)
- Crushed ice
- Pencil
- Glass Jar candle
- Skillet
- Water

Instructions

1. Take empty bottle and cut in half with knife



2. Wrap wick around pencil, set atop bottle



3. Fill with ice, remove pencil



4. Fill skillet with about 1 to 2 inches of water, Place wax in skillet and begin the melting process.



5. Remove from heat

6. Carefully remove old wick from liquid



7. Pour into bottle. Let dry completely.



8. Drain off excess water. Cut bottle open.



9. Remove candle



10. Enjoy



December 3, 2020

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-6

12/3 | Blessing Bag

Blessing Bags – Helping those in Need

This is a great way that we can give back to the community. Blessing Bag kits are given to those in need or given to homeless shelters.

Blessing Bag Check list

Necessities:

- Gallon Size Ziploc Bag – This is key for several reasons:
 - Helps to keep everything together & in one place so they can easily access the supplies in their bags/backpacks
 - Keeps the items from spilling/leaking onto their personal items in their bags
 - The bags can later be used for other storage options within their bags – storing toiletries, snacks, etc.

- Hand-Warmers – these help during the winter, but would be very welcome even for those chilly evenings in the spring/summer/fall.
- Bag of Quarters – These are nice to include for washing clothes at the laundromat
- Bottle of Water – Mini water bottles work great so they don't take up too much space or if you can fit a regular size water bottle
- Band-Aids – these are something that may often be needed but may not be something they would be able to spend money on or think about having
- Baby Wipes – a small pack of baby wipes would be a great one to include to help with feeling clean & fresh
- Hand Sanitizer – a great option especially during these times
- Wash Cloth – buy an inexpensive wash cloth to include

Non-Perishable Foods:

- Granola Bars
- Energy Bars
- Tuna/cracker packs
- Trail mix
- Raisins
- Peanuts
- Fruit cup/ applesauce cup (& include a spoon)
- Gum/hard candy
- Hot Cocoa/Spiced Cider Mixes or on-the-go coffee mixes

Personal Items:

- Comb
- New Socks
- New Underwear
- Inexpensive gloves

Toiletries (travel size recommended):

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Soap (those unused hotel soaps will work great)
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Personal hygiene items if you're making a kit for a woman (tampons, pantliners, pads, etc.)
- Sunscreen (optional)
- Chapstick

December 4, 2020

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

[12/4 | Watch the Rock Hill Virtual Parade](#)

Watch the Rock Hill Virtual Parade starting at 6:30PM

This year's parade has gone virtual. This year's parade will feature video submissions from the community spreading holiday cheer! It will be broadcasted on CN2 and on the Rock Hill Parks, Recreation & Tourism Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/rockhillprt>

December 5, 2020

Scripture: Psalm 89:1-4

12/5 | Mail Christmas Cards, Pick up Communion Elements

Mail your Christmas Cards

Now that you have added your personal wax seal, it's now time to drop it in the mail. Get them out early so they will arrive on time to their destination.

Bring Blessing Bags to the Church

We will donate them to various homeless shelters in the surrounding area for distribution.

Pick up Advent Bag & Communion Elements

Pre-filled Communion cups are available for pick up at the church from 6:30PM - 7:00PM. You will also receive an Advent Craft Bag full of content to assist with the remaining activities during the Advent Season.

December 6, 2020

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

12/6 | Ugly Sweater Party with Hot Cocoa

Ugly Sweater Fashion Show

We will meet via zoom for you to show off your ugly sweater. We will decide who has taken their ugly sweater ideas to the next level, note you can't vote for yourself.

Hot Cocoa Toppings & Add-Ins

- ✓ Whipped cream
- ✓ Homemade marshmallows (recipe below)
- ✓ Chocolate chips
- ✓ Chopped peppermint
- ✓ Peppermint sticks, for stirring

Homemade Hot Cocoa Marshmallows

Freeze whipped cream on a cookie sheet and use small cookie cutter to cut out shape

Serve with Hot Cocoa

