

## Welcome to our November Messy Church



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Child and Family Coordinator

Our story for November is about bringing people together in Peace and Joy. We have just celebrated Remembrance Day and our story in part reviews the importance of peace in our lives. We also need to think about our church season of Advent which happens during the four weeks before Christmas. Advent is the time when Christians joyfully wait for the coming of Jesus. Our story will help us to see how we can combine peace and joy.

Click on Pat McMillan's picture to hear her story about Peace and Joy.

### A Farewell Message and A Prayer from Father Tim

Dear God, please bless my home, school and church as places of peace and joy. Thank you for my parents and teachers who help me learn about the world you created. Please keep my community safe. Help guide us to build bridges of kindness among others in our world as we wait for Jesus' coming.

### Song

You can join Isabel, Katie, Sophie and Felicity, members of our junior choir, as they sing *Peace Like a River* by clicking on the blue circle. The words are printed on the screen.

**Craft: An Advent Wreath** - The Advent Wreath is not only a pretty decoration, but it also counts down the weeks to Christmas. A list of supplies was included in your email on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Click on the wreath to find out how to make one for you and your family.



**A Reverse Advent Calendar** - Instead of taking an item out of your calendar, why not put an item in a box to give to someone in need. A list of suggested items for each day during Advent can be found on the next page. These donations will be gratefully received by the Food Bank and can be dropped off at St. Mark's. Thank you to Jody and the Youth Group for sharing this idea.

**Happy Birthday to our Messy Church friends who are celebrating  
November birthdays!**

# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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