

Fusion Retreat Cedarkirk

Last weekend, CAYA (Come As You Are) students attended the Fusion Youth Retreat at Cedarkirk, the theme of which was *Ancient Stories, Modern Faith*. Students in middle school and high school from Tequesta (on the east coast of Florida), Sarasota, Brandon, and our own students learned what makes a lasting story and what they can do to change it. They learned about the Social Action Toolkit, which is a strategy guide to helping everyday citizens breakdown major world problems into realistic, actionable goals to help solve them. Students came away from the retreat with an understanding that even they can make a difference with one action at a time!

However, the weekend wasn't all work! Students and their chaperones had plenty of



time for fun and games as well! Our students enjoyed the zip line, the climbing wall, archery, and walking around Cedarkirk's beautiful campus!

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HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS

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XMAS SHOPPING PARTY – There will be a “shopping party” at St John’s Episcopal Church thrift store, next door, on Saturday December 15th from 1 -3 p.m. This is an opportunity for adults and children to “shop” for gifts for family and friends. A \$10 voucher will be enclosed in your shopping bag. Christmas cookies and punch will be provided. You can walk over from Hope!

THE HOPE ANGEL TREE – all the tags have gone. Thank you for providing Christmas presents for the families at Grace House. The gifts are due back, unwrapped by Sunday December 16. Thanks!

“STARRY NIGHT” PERFORMANCE is next week. we want to provide the news of Jesus and the Christmas story to all who attend the production at 7:00 p.m. on Dec 13, 14, and 15. The cast have worked hard to do this for us, but even more: for Jesus Christ.

We believe this is a wonderful chance to reach new people and to introduce them to the ministry of Hope Presbyterian Church.



Mary & Joseph

"Continuous effort -- not strength nor intelligence -- is the key to unlocking our potential."

Winston Churchill

Not to mention the food (Austin bought the Cookbook if anyone needs a recipe!)

We also made our own tartan and



participated in Highland Games, where our small but mighty group won 3rd place (beating out Tequesta, the biggest group)!



Please pray for CAYA over the next couple of months as we work together to determine how our small group can put the tenants of the Social Action Toolkit into practice and make a different in our community.

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The cast would like you to come. Invite your neighbors, your family, your friends and bring them along.

Make it a friendly event. Go out to supper first or out for ice cream afterwards.

It's free. It's fun. IT'S THIS WEEK . Who will you tell? Will you do your part to make this the best Christmas ever for someone you know?

PLAYGROUND FENCE was installed this week, with childproof gates and soon, with new and refurbished playground equipment. Yippee. Well done to those involved.



CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Sunday	12/09	11:30 a.m.	Worship, B&G, Deacons meetings
		01:30 p.m.	Memorial Service for Kathy Mauch
Monday	12/10	06:00 p.m.	PNC meeting R5
Tuesday	12/11	05:00 p.m.	CE meeting R5
		07:00 p.m.	"Starry Night" play rehearsal
Wed.	12/12	05:45 p.m.	WNA, prepared meal
		06:30 p.m.	PW evening circle R5
		07:00 p.m.	Bells practice
		07:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday	12/13	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart lunch at Outback, bring a \$5 gift
		07:00 p.m.	"Starry Night" play performance
Friday	12/14	07:00 p.m.	"Starry Night" play performance
Saturday	12/08	09:00 p.m.	Russian school New Year Play in the Hall
		07:00 p.m.	"Starry Night" play rehearsal