

## Catch on Fire

Our multigenerational group “Room 7” finished studying the Book of Romans. Thank you, Cindy Allen, Mike Gentry, Mark and Candy Sheehan, William and Collin Gentry and Scott Kiddie for your leadership. After we hosted a Russian/Ukrainian group at home, we learned more about the importance of personal interaction in and outside of the church. This is what we want to replicate with our multigenerational group. Scott and I decided to team-teach the Gospel of Matthew. We invite you to share your faith and life journey with others through the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. We plan to meet on Sunday morning in Room 7, in our and other people’s homes on Saturdays or go together to a park, eat out or see a movie together. Get on board!



We had the very first meeting of Russians and Ukrainians. We had 23 people: Russians, Ukrainians, Americans, Polish, and even a woman from Peru. We sang together and talked nonstop switching from English to Russian, Russian to Ukrainian, Polish to Spanish and back. Children played the piano; adults played guitars and even Russian balalaika. This is our first step before we introduce the new group to the congregation. In December, we plan to have a traditional Christmas celebration for children. God is at work in St. Joseph!

Christmas inspires all of us to share our hearts with children. Francis Street First

collaborates with *Business Partnership* - the organization led by Mike Buckler. He finds creative ways to help children from local schools.

When you plan to donate hats and mittens, think about adding a pair of shoes or boots for elementary school children. Kids get enough hats around Christmas but not shoes.

Schools also need more **mentors, tutors, reading assistants, and lunch buddies.**

Talk to Mike Buckler or let the office know if you want to make a difference in the life of a child. It will take an hour a week. We will have a signup sheet ready.

*Christmas blessings,*

*Pastor Lydia*

