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Join JRCC and nine other Willoughby churches for a united, family-inclusive 60-minute Christmas experience of carols, readings, and reflections on the heart of the season. Meet us in Building B (next to the east parking lot) on Sunday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. Then stick around for a time of ice-skating in the LEC arena and connecting with friends (the ice will be open from 12-1).

### Hot Treats & Cold Feet – January 5

We're renting the ice rink below our church office (20740 Mufford Cres) for an evening of fun on Sunday, Jan 5. Join our elders and staff for a time of skating, hot chocolate, and conversations. Limited skate rentals are available so if you have your own skates, please bring them along (as well as helmets for kids!). Register for the event at [jerichoridge.com](http://jerichoridge.com).



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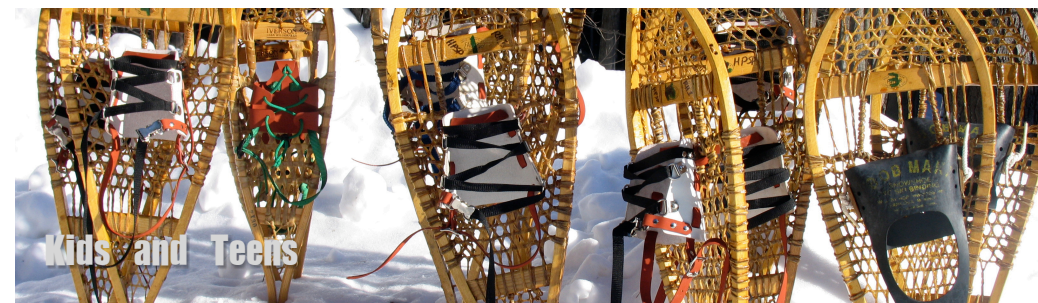
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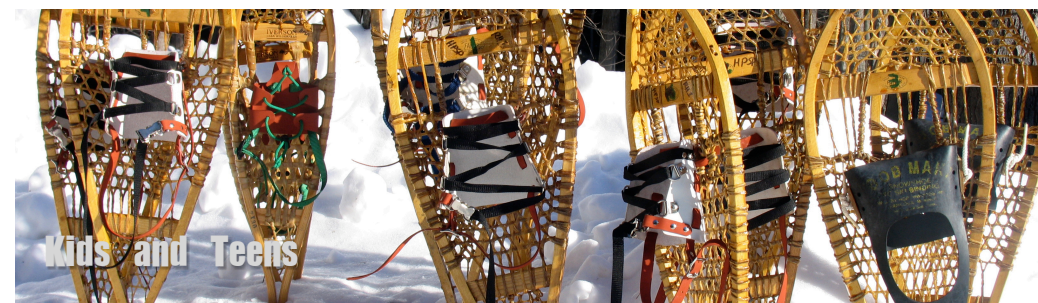
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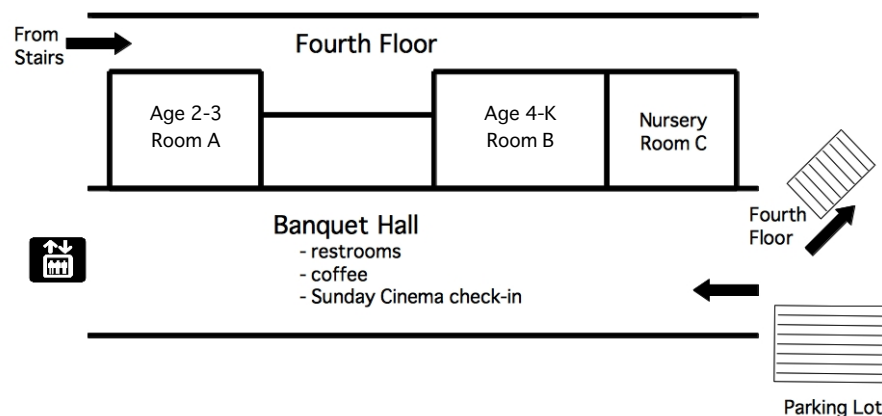
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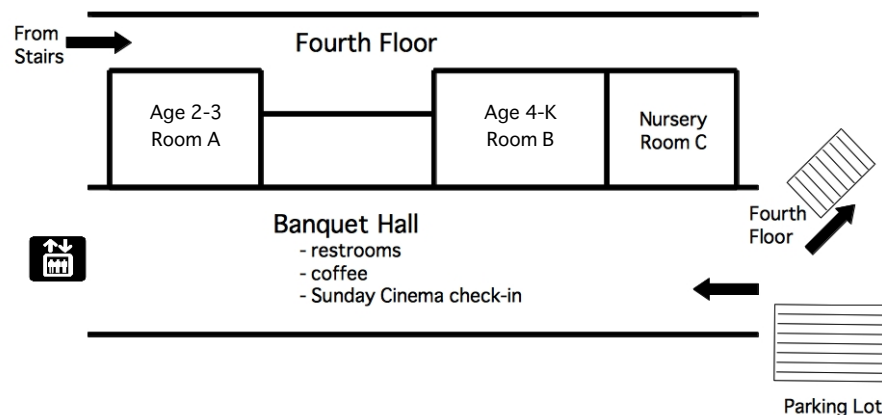
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