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A Word By Pastor Weatherly Verhelst

“The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’” (Luke 1:30-33, NRSV)

There’s nothing like a lifetime warranty. The promise of something that will do its job for many years is exciting. We’re even willing to pay a bit more to have a toaster or a pair of boots that will last for a long time. There aren’t a lot of lifetime warranties left. In fact, I just looked to verify that L.L. Bean was still maintaining their lifetime replacement warranty on their products. They aren’t anymore; the policy changed earlier this year. Now, we have a year after purchase to return a product, unless it’s defective.

We don’t think of God’s promises as warranties exactly, but there is a promise here that might give us some extra hope this Christmas season. God, through the voice of the Angel Gabriel, is letting Mary know that there is someone completely new coming into the world, someone who will be the living example of God’s

eternal love for us. Not only will Jesus’ love for us last forever, but the angel makes it clear that Jesus will begin a reign that will not end.

In a time when most everything we own breaks, wears out, or goes out of fashion, this is important news. In a world where human beings disappoint us, governments topple, and natural and human-made disasters grieve our hearts, this is life-giving news.

Our church year begins with Advent, and it’s no wonder. As the days get shorter and colder, as our spirits long for new life and light, Jesus answers our souls’ needs by coming to our world to be with us. He will be “God with us,” and that promise of God leading our lives and being the ultimate governor of our world will be an everlasting promise. We have a lifetime warranty, and beyond, in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

May all of the promises of Christmas come true in our lives, and may we hold on to those promises as a new year begins. I wish you a joyful Christmas, with the love of family and friends to cheer you, and the everlasting promises of God to guide you.

Peace to you,

Pastor Weatherly





Christmas Offering Goals from Outreach Committee

- ♦ \$2,500 Youth Mission Trip
- ♦ \$2,500 United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
- ♦ \$ 500 Troy People Concerned
- ♦ \$ 500 Rochester Neighborhood House
- ♦ \$ 500 Redford/Brightmoor Initiative
- ♦ \$ 500 HOPE Hospitality & Warming Center Adult Shelter

Office Staff Email Address Change!

Please change your email contacts list. All email for Jayne Kocsis in the church office should now be sent directly to troyfirstumc@gmail.com. Thank you!

Do you have 2018 Annual Report Data?

Please email any data you have for the Annual Report to Jayne Kocsis at troyfirstumc@gmail.com with "Annual Report Data" in the Subject Line of your email.

Reception Friends

Do you have a smile to share and a couple hours to spare? Volunteers are needed to greet visitors during the morning office hours Tuesday through Thursday. Please contact Fred Dolehanty if you're able to volunteer a few hours. It doesn't have to be everyday or every week, just occasionally.

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December Scriptures

Dec 2: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Dec 9: Luke 1: 68-79

Dec 16: Luke 3: 7-18

Dec 23: Luke 1: 39-45

Dec 30: Luke 2: 41-52



Save the Date

January 19, 2019, at Troy First

UMW Spiritual Retreat

Welcoming all Ladies -All Ages

Childcare Provided

See Pam Olesen in the CLC during
coffee hour

Christmas Blood Drive Dec 18

Our Last Blood Drive of the year is always near the holiday time when it is difficult to keep the supply of blood up to needed levels There is an Urgent Need Now! Please come and donate on December 18 from 1-7pm in our CLC. We also could use some cookie bakers and helpers. Sign up in the CLC on Sundays in December or online using the code fumctroy.

New Address

Schocke Family

3153 Weygant

Rochester, MI 48306



Save the Dates

- Dec 1: Hanging of the Greens, 9:00am
- Dec 1: Children's Pageant Dress Rehearsal, 9:30am
- Dec. 2: Worship, 10:00am, Children's Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 2: Hope and Healing Service, 12:30pm
- Dec. 5: Mid-Week Word w/Pastor Weatherly, 10:00am
- Dec. 6: Connections, 7:00pm, Christ's Light in the World
- Dec. 8: Men's Breakfast, 8:00am
- Dec. 8: Set up Cookie Walk/Craft Sale, 9:30am
- Dec. 9: Worship, 10:00am, Communion, Cookie Walk/Craft Sale
- Dec. 10: January Tidings Deadline
- Dec. 12: Mid-Week Word w/Pastor Weatherly, 10:00am
- Dec. 13: UMW Christmas Tea, 6:30pm, Men needed as servers
- Dec. 16: Worship, 10:00am, Bells, Sunday School, UMYF Christmas Party
- Dec. 17: Serve lunch at Baldwin, carpool from church, 9:30am
- Dec. 18: Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-6:45pm
- Dec. 19: No Mid-Week Word
- Dec. 20: Connections, 7:00pm, Offsite
- Dec. 23: Worship, 10:00am, Sunday School
- Dec. 23: Reunion Bells, Rehearsal & Dinner, 6-8:00pm
- Dec. 24: 4:30pm Family Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 24: 7:00pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25: Merry Birthday Jesus!
- Dec. 26: No Mid-Week Word
- Dec. 29: Oakland County Dance, Live Band, 8-11:00pm
- Dec. 30: Worship, 10:00am, NOISY Sunday, Intergenerational Sunday School
- Dec. 30: Young Adult Luncheon and Meet & Greet, noon
- Dec. 30: Last Day for 2018 Contributions
- Dec. 31-Jan. 1: Office Closed
- Jan. 2: No Mid-Week Word



POINSETTIA GARDEN



Please stop by the Poinsettia sign-up table in the CLC on November 18, 25 or December 2 or 9. For \$8 you can buy a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one, a friend or someone you want to lift up. Take it with you after service on December 23rd or Christmas Eve to use as a hostess gift or to decorate your own home for the holidays. It takes 32 plants for fill our plant stands and get the beautiful full effect of the poinsettia trees. Save yourself a trip to the store and purchase your plant at church and give it meaning.

Memorial Book Focus

	In Memory Of	Perpetuated In
December 2nd	<i>Ray & Grace Alling</i>	<i>Baldwin Center Youth Programs</i>
December 9th	<i>Helen Thomson MacNeil Jentink</i>	<i>Title Sign for Memorial Stand</i>
December 16th	<i>Helen Thomson MacNeil Jentink</i>	<i>Chancel Choir Anthems</i>
December 23rd	<i>Claire L. Gordon</i>	<i>Paraments - 3 Sets - Advent - Christmas - Communion - Lent Easter</i>
December 30th	<i>Margaret "Peg" Ann Keebler</i>	<i>Pastoral Stole - Children of the World</i>

The Memorial Garden Book Focus for the month of December
Deborah Lou Prosser

Meet Rev. Cherida Gary

Reverend Cherida Gary became our new Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director on November 1st. Cherida is trained as an educator with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from Southern University A&M College. She also holds a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership from Wayne State and a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Theological Studies in Religion, Personality and Culture from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary.



Cherida has been accepted as a PhD candidate at Northwestern University. During her work as an educator Cherida served as both a teacher and an administrator. Rev. Cherida is an ordained Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Cherida has a passion for working with children and youth and an urgency to share the message and the love of God with all she encounters. Rev. Cherida loves to praise and worship God through Liturgical Dance. As she prepares to enter the role of our Youth Director, Rev. Cherida told our SPRC committee that "I can lead and I can follow. I'm good with 'no', but I'm not very good with 'can't'." And Rev. Cherida believes that children's voices matter. A native of Louisiana, Cherida lives in Rochester Hills with her husband, LaShawn, and her 2 college-age children, Nigel (21) and Niyah (19). In her leisure time Cherida enjoys reading, staying physically fit and spending time with her family. We feel blessed to have our youth and young adults led by someone of Cherida's superior caliber.

Please make Rev. Cherida feel welcome as she enters our Troy First family.

Welcome, Rev. Cherida!

Church Building Mortgage – We Need Your Input

Did you know that our church building is currently valued at \$8 million?

Did you know that the 2005 building renovation and expansion cost approximately \$4.5 million and the congregation raised almost \$2 million to reduce the mortgage to \$2.7 million at that time?

By April, 2020, the current 5 year balloon note with Independent Bank will come due and the balance will be down to \$1.632 million.

The current monthly mortgage payment is \$10,734/mo. This has significantly impacted the funding for program ministries.

The Church is considering two options:

Option 1. Wait until 2020 and refinance with Independent Bank or another lender.

Option 2. Reduce the mortgage debt balance before refinancing.

The Michigan Area Loan Fund of the United Methodist Church can lend up to \$1.5 million and offers the following advantages:

- Lower interest rate than commercial banks
- Better terms – no prepayment penalties
- Mortgage would be under the United Methodist umbrella

Troy First could pursue Option 1 with the Michigan Area Loan Fund (\$1.5 million) and seek another lender for the remaining \$132,000. However, this would require two mortgage payments, negatively impacting the program ministries.

The Finance and Stewardship Committees are considering Option 2 – to pursue a Mortgage Debt Reduction Campaign during Lent, 2019 to raise at least \$132,000 to only have the single mortgage payment, thus reducing the monthly payment and having the mortgage under the United Methodist umbrella. Members could also contribute to this campaign early (this month) to take advantage of the tax benefits in 2018.

The Finance and Stewardship Committees welcome your input.
Randy Wilson <rdwilson33@gmail.com>, Finance Committee
Tom Stevens <wolverinerecycling@sbcglobal.net>, Stewardship Comm.

End of Year Contributions

You may have heard Craig Dukes talking about the benefits of donating appreciated stock. If you consider this, please contact the Financial Secretary for procedures and account numbers. Start the process soon to be sure the transfer gets completed before the end of year.

Please be sure that any donations you may send to the Church get to the office on or before 12/28 to be recorded for 2018.

Kaj Ostergaard, Financial Secretary

Children's Christmas Pageant of 2018 AND HANGING OF THE GREENS!!



*We would like to invite you to worship on December 2nd to see the children of Troy 1st give their performance of this year's pageant titled **Tails From the Manger** by Tina English. That means that Saturday, Dec 1 is dress rehearsal which happens to be **Hanging of the Greens!** So while parents come to decorate our church home for the season, our children will be preparing the way for the newborn Christ Child. Dress rehearsal will begin at 10 a.m. December 1st. At 9:30 a.m. there will be a light breakfast and then parents can bring their children into the sanctuary for rehearsal and they then can participate in decorating our church home. The children will finish at noon so we need all hands on deck to decorate our church in 2 hours!!! Please join us for this beloved tradition. If this is your first time this is a wonderful opportunity start a new tradition and build wonderful memories for your family.*

Christmas Giving

Troy First will again be collecting gifts for our Brightmoor students with our own Angel Tree. Take an Angel and buy a gift and wrap it for someone who really needs some Christmas cheer and hope. We will also be collecting unwrapped gifts for the Baldwin Center. Pick up the list and do some shopping for families in Pontiac. See the table in the CLC in December. All gifts will have a return date that we'll need them back to church. Thanks for your generosity.

TROY FUMC YOUTH GROUP

Who: Anyone 6th-12th grade (which means bring friends, neighbors, siblings)

When: Sunday evenings 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Where: Youth Room at church (and sometimes off-site locations like laser tag, bowling, etc.)

Led by: Rev. Cherida Gary, Craig Verhelst, and Mike Rumel

Questions? Please contact Rev. Cherida (revcherida@gmail.com) or Craig (989) 225-1639

Connections God - Church - Community

What: Christian fellowship for spiritual growth, missions and fun

Who: Adults

Church membership not required.

When: 1st & 3rd Thursdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Where: Troy First UMC
Chapel (exceptions noted below)

December 2018

12/6 *Topic:* Christ's Light in the World

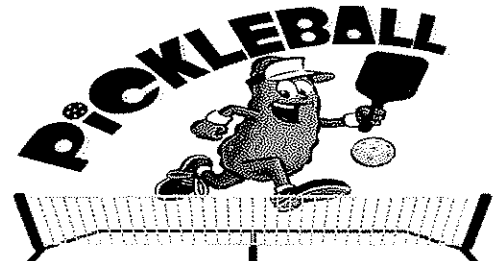
12/20 *Fun Activity:* Christmas Party @ The meeting House (downtown Rochester) Enjoy dutch treat dinner and enjoy the wonderful light show downtown

PICKLEBALL

All skill levels and high school age to adults are welcome.

Winter Dates: Sundays, 3-5pm
Dec 9 and 16
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24
Mar 10, 17, 24, 31

Play is in the CLC at Troy First United Methodist Church, 6363 Livernois. Paddles and balls are provided. Players will be asked to sign a Liability Release Form. A \$2.00 donation is suggested.



Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Daly, ehdaly@comcast.net

Hello Pastor,

I am a Foster Home Licensing and Recruitment Specialist with Bethany Christian Services in Madison Heights. Bethany is the largest adoption and family services agency in the nation. One of the goals of Bethany Christian Services is to advocate for Christian families who are willing to open their hearts and homes to one of the 13,000 children in Michigan's foster care system, or become adoptive parents to one of the 3,000 children in the State of Michigan available for adoption. With God's help, no Michigan child will wait for an adoptive family!

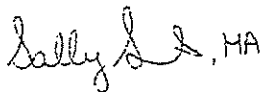
Through community partnerships with local churches, Bethany Christian Services aims to:

- **Promote awareness of the need for foster and adoptive families**
- **Recruit Christian families for waiting children.**
- **Support families through the foster care or adoption process**

Many people have a heart to foster or adopt, but few take the first step. Raising the awareness about these children directly through local churches will significantly help to increase the number of families for these children.

There are many ways you and your church can partner with Bethany Christian Services to positively impact the lives of children in the State of Michigan. I would love the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how Bethany Christian Services can partner with you and your church to help heal wounded children and families. Please contact me at ssmith@bethany.org or 248-607-6106.

In His Name,



**Sally Smith, MA
Licensing & Recruitment Specialist**

"Only the church can solve the world's crisis of 143 million orphans ... as there are more churches than McDonald's, Starbucks and Wal-Mart combined."

- Rick Warren, author of The Purpose-Driven Life

Healthier Holiday Dining

Tis the Season! This is the start of a busy holiday season, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years! These holidays have something in common, a lot of eating. There are some things you can do to prepare for the holidays to make healthier food choices. First, when shopping for your menu read your food labels. Purchase foods that are lower in sodium and fat. Try to avoid the trans and saturated fats by choosing foods with more monounsaturated & polyunsaturated fats. Examples of these fats are: canola, olive, soybean and sunflower oil. Try serving fresh fruit and vegetable trays with a low-fat dip or dressing instead of calorie-laden cheese and meat trays. Second, when preparing your foods, make them instead of purchasing them. Instead of buying stuffing from a prepacked mix that is high in sodium and fat, make your own healthy version by using low sodium broth. Make simple vegetable sides like green bean almondine instead of the heavy green bean casserole. Shave calories where you can by using low sodium broth, fat-free yogurt, light or fat free cream cheese and low-fat milk. Swapping unsweetened applesauce for oil works great with baked goods. Third, when attending any gatherings eat a healthy snack before leaving the house. If attending a party hungry, you will be more inclined to overeat. Eat smaller portions. You can enjoy the traditional holiday favorites by just having one small helping. Eat slowly and savor what you are eating. When you eat quickly your stomach does not have time to register that it is full. Limit alcohol consumption, drink diet sodas or sparkling water instead. Try not to stand around the food table for conversations as it is easier to graze and eat. Move conversations to where the food is not displayed. The average person gains 1 to 2 pounds during the long holiday season. This is due to the holiday goodies but also because exercise takes a back burner during the busy season. Try to go for a walk each evening. You can walk the neighborhood with family and admire the decorations. If you are on a weight loss plan, it might be wise to change your focus from weight loss to weight maintenance during the holiday and get back on track with the weight loss after the holidays. The holidays are stressful on their own. You should not put extra pressure on yourself. Food and holiday gatherings go hand in hand, but with proper planning you can enjoy holiday treats while avoiding regrets one can feel when stepping on the scale during the post-holiday season. If you are worried, you can always reach out to a registered dietitian for planning advice. Most doctors' offices have one on staff.

Greetings Troy First Church Family,

Would you be interested in providing a church-based program for Mothers of Preschool Children (MOPS)? The program begins on January 8, 2019.

Below, please find some great information about MOPS, as well as a Sample MOPS Program. If you are able to volunteer a few hours once a week, please contact Pam Olesen.



Sample MOPS Program

(Actual program time to be determined)

- 9:15-9:30 Greet moms, direct room/MOPPETS, make coffee
- 9:30-9:40 Grab a cup of coffee & something to eat and name tag/sign in
- 9:40-9:45 Introductions
- 9:45-9:55 Ice breaker
- 9:55-10:15 Video segment follow the link and use password (Freedom)
<https://vimeo.com/207701377>
- 10:15-10:45 Discussion/craft
- 10:45-11:00 Prayer/wrap-up

MOPS is an international **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** offering that equips churches with resources to engage young families in our community.

MOPS has been **PARTNERING** with local churches to reach out to young moms and their families for over 40 years and it's still going strong.

MOPS **OFFERS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** for leaders through webinar training, personal coaching and local and national training events. Many pastors and women ministry leaders come from MOPS leadership.

A MOPS group at our church can **ATTRACT MOMS** and their families to our church. Moms that wouldn't feel comfortable showing up on a Sunday morning will come to MOPS on a Tuesday morning, start to feel comfortable at our church, meet moms from our church, and begin coming with their families on Sunday morning.

MOPS **INTRODUCES** moms and children to Jesus through relationships with other moms.

A MOPS group serves as a **BRIDGE** from our church to young families in our community.

Our church is ready to register our MOPS group as soon as we have: 1-3 leaders (1. **Coordinator** (essential), 2. **Finance Leader** and 3. **MOPPETS LEADER**) to start and lead the group. (Our leaders may be moms/women of any stage-young moms or mentor moms). **Would you be the leader to step forward and lead?**

Pam Olesen would welcome your questions about the program and to know you'd be interested in volunteering with this great group. Her phone number and email address can be found in the church directory, or feel free to call the church office. We're here to help!

Save your Envelopes!

Each year we have been ordering 52-week envelope packs for everyone. But we know that many give monthly or on some other schedule, or give via the e-giving system. We have a lot of extra envelopes.

For 2019 we will order envelopes for those who have been giving weekly. If you have not given weekly, you should have many envelopes left in your pack. **DON'T THROW THEM AWAY.** Keep using them for next year. The date coding in the lower left corner (like "3rd Sunday in January") is not used for recording purposes.

If you don't think you have enough envelopes for next year, please let me know and I'll make sure you get envelopes. Note that you always can use the envelopes in the pew racks, just be sure to write your name on the envelope, and your number if you remember it.

Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Kaj Ostergaard, Financial Secretary



THE GIFT OF TIME

Too many of our older and disabled neighbors are lonely and isolated. They long for just a brief visit now and then from someone who will take the time to sit and chat. And other families in our community are struggling to take care of a loved one at home. For these full-time caregivers, a break to run errands, go to their own doctor appointments, or just relax for an hour is often impossible because their parent or spouse cannot be left alone.

If you have a few hours, once or twice a month, to visit or just sit with an older or disabled adult, your gift of time will make a huge difference for our lonely and struggling neighbors. No hands-on care or nursing experience is needed. For more information, call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at (586) 757-5551.

[Learn more about our work at www.ivcinfo.org.]



United
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United Methodist Women – December 2018 Activities

Activities are open to all women. You do not need to be a member of UMW to attend. If you have questions on any of the events please call Marie Watson 586.942.7836.

Thur, Dec 6	10:00 am – Executive Board hosted by Barbara Stronzynski at church.
Sat, Dec 8	9:30 am - Set-up Cookie Walk
Sun, Dec 9	11:00 am – Cookie Walk and Craft Sale
Thur, Dec 13	6:30 pm – Christmas Tea

‘Tis the Season

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Make the most of it by joining your sisters in the United Methodist Women for holiday cheer. We can always use homemade baked goods and crafts for the Cookie Walk, and treat yourself to the warm fellowship of our **“Frosty the Snowman”** themed Christmas Tea. There will be sign-up sheets in the CLC during the Coffee Hours leading up to the events.

Super Summer Sundays Ingathering Final Update

During our Super Summer Sundays, we collected items to fill backpacks for children in the area that are in need. We were able to fill 8 backpacks, which were taken to Troy Union Elementary school a few days before school started. We had many more supplies leftover, which Lynne Meek very gratefully took to share with her co-workers at Beech Elementary in the Redford area. We also collected items to create Blessing Bags for the homeless. We assembled 29 bags, and almost all of them have been distributed. Look for other in-gathering opportunities in the future.

Well done, our good and faithful Troy First Servants

Blessings,

Robin Ostergaard

Lay Leader and VCI team member

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who sent cards, emails, made a call, or brought food during my recent knee replacement surgery in October. The Troy First congregation is so wonderful and very caring. I appreciate all you do!

Kathy Sobanski

Thank You!

Thank you for all of your visitations, phone calls, cards and especially the prayers which I received during my recent hospital and rehab stay. Once again, I am made aware of the powerful spiritual strength this church family can generate.

Love and thanks to all

Frank Glidden

Attention Parents/Young Adults

Are you a young adult (age 18-30)? Do you have a young adult at home or away at school? Rev. Cherida Gary, our new Youth and Young Adult Ministry Director, would like to get to know our young adults. Some contact info has been forwarded to her, but she wants to verify that it is current and make sure that all are included. Please send her the following:

Name:

Age:

What they are doing? A student, working, etc. If they are a student, what is their current major and when is their planned graduation date?

Cell phone:

Email address:


Interests or hobbies:

What high school they attended:

Please email this information to her at revcherida@gmail.com. It would be helpful to share this info with our church office, as well, to be sure that our membership info is correct. That email is troyfirstumc@gmail.com.

ACTIVITY	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 30
GREETERS	Bev Holmes Elise Norwood	Larry & Jo Hornbeck	Kai & Robin Ostergaard	Jan Bancroft Barbara Strozynski	4:30pm TBD 7pm The Rumels	Jan Garrett Sharon Smith
USHERS	Ed Freeland Terry Pritchett Mary Smith Doug Smith	Jeff Olesen Pamela Olesen Tom Stevens Scott Willston	Patti Aurand Andrew Barnes Laura Barnes Brian Urbach	Jo Hornbeck Lyle Pushman Roger Steiger Kristin Truelove		Youth
LITURGIST	Kaj Ostergaard	Laurie Urbach	Pamela Olesen	Kelly Maldonado		Stephanie McNett
ACOLYTES			Lexi Flores	Erika Truelove		Aaron Mile
BIBLE CARRIER CRUCIFER		Bradley Williston	Lane Ann Rumel	Kaleigh Truelove		Corinna Olesen
SOUND / VIDEO ENGINEERS	Doug Goudie Alyssa Goff	Steve Olsavsky Rebecca Hartrick	Jane Egermann	Anneliese Theut Sara McNett		Claire Matthews Bradley Willston
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Scheuerman Family	Traci & Gary Elliott	Nora-Lee Luttrell Jeanette Landry Sandy Pascoe	TBD	No Coffee Hour	Nora-Lee Luttrell & Friends
MONDAY COUNTERS	Mary Jo Johnston Bunny Schultz Sharon Smith	Brooke Hartrick Mary Jo Johnston Tim Teagan	Jane Egermann Bev Holmes Jayne Saeger	Chris DeVilling Marie Watson Michelle Williston	TBD	Janice Drager Jan Garrett Chris Gullion
TRUSTEE ON DUTY	Marie Watson	Sara Matthews	John Abdo	Art Conley	4:30pm Paul Clark 7pm Mike Leverenz	Sara Matthews
FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S TABLE	Randy & Sheila Wilson Rachel's 30th Birthday	Jan Bancroft	Ostergaards	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Sharon Aho Dale & Mary Jo Johnston- 47 yrs
SPIRIT SEEKERS K-5 TH GRADES	Brooke Hartrick	Doug & Holly Goudie	Sara Matthews	Rick & Kelly Maldonado		
NURSERY (NEWBORNS AND CRAWLERS)	Julie Olsavsky Katie Stover	Suzanne Morgan	Traci Elliott Kaleigh Truelove	Mary Smith		
TODDLERS (WALKERS-2 YRS.)	Julie Olsavsky Katie Stover	Suzanne Morgan	Traci Elliott Kaleigh Truelove	Mary Smith		
3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS	Craig Verhelst		Kristin Truelove Rebecca Hartrick	Betty Kalvoda		

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

1		16	Joseph & Suzanne Morgan
2	Beth Churay	17	Lisa Head, Lee Matthews, Pam Olesen
3		18	Gloria Freeland, Jeanette Landry
4	Michael Melcher, Jeff Olesen, Andrew Power	19	Rebecca Hartrick, Betty Leach
5		20	Glen Rawlings
6	Jane Sonquist, Judy & Dane Slater	21	Patti Aurand, Jessica Earp
7	Miranda Cardiff, Bob Whitford	22	
8	Betty E. Zych	23	Lauren Magnatta, Bill Rampenthal
9	Julie Olsavsky	24	Weatherly Verhelst, Scott & Janeen Flores
10	Rachel Cardiff	25	
11	Josh Bertolet, Cassie Magnatta	26	
12	Bret Miller	27	Bunny Schultz, Sharon Smith, Gale & Martha Blair, Randy & Sheila Wilson
13	Bruce Becker, Kurt Leverenz	28	Jewel Wesp
14	Ann Marie Jakobiak, Renee Schocke, Kaleigh Truelove, Krista Williston	29	John King, Donald Matthews
15		30	
		31	Marian Miller

If we missed your birthday or anniversary
please call the office at 248.879.6363

New Tidings Deadline is the 2nd Monday of each month
January Tidings Deadline: December 10

Please email all articles and information *as early as possible*
to fumctidings@gmail.com

Thank you, earlybirds! We appreciate you!!