



NOVEMBER TIDINGS

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Dear Friends,

The picture is from the last Sunday in October and a special Pastor Recognition party. I just love this cake; it is a great segway into November. At Troy First we are all about “abundant living” and in November the cornucopia of our lives overflows with goodness. November is a time for remembering, for planning and for gratitude, as we start to turn our attention to Advent and Christmas. But let’s try not to move too fast into the Christmas season. November deserves its own place with its own pace. Let’s slow it down a bit and remember. Sunday November 5th , we will remember and honor all those who passed on to be with God this past year. Sunday night (Nov 5) we will honor the generous endowment gift given by Diane Martin and celebrate legacy giving.(dinner at 5pm)

On November 12 we will remember our Veterans in our Sunday service. It’s a tradition at Troy First that all Veterans wear their uniforms on Sunday. It is good to pause and remember those who have served and are serving our country.

November 12 is also about planning. We will all turn in our pledge cards on that Sunday (if you haven’t already). I hope you have used this time to pray and carefully consider what you will dedicate to God in 2024.

Then at the end of the month, we will turn our hearts to gratitude. Thanksgiving is a great time to be with family, to watch some football and eat turkey ... if that’s your thing. It is a time to simply be grateful for all we have.

Grace and Peace
Pastor Myra

Merger Update:

On October 26, Bloomfield Hills St Paul UMC voted to merge with Troy First, confirming our vote of October 15. In the next couple of months, we will work with BHSP in this sacred transition, getting ready to welcome these new members into the body of Christ at Troy First. Let’s be in prayer as this work continues; this is an exciting time for all of us.

AT A GLANCE

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REV. MYRA MORELAND

Senior Pastor



NEW WORSHIP SERVICE

A word about Come Home Worship....

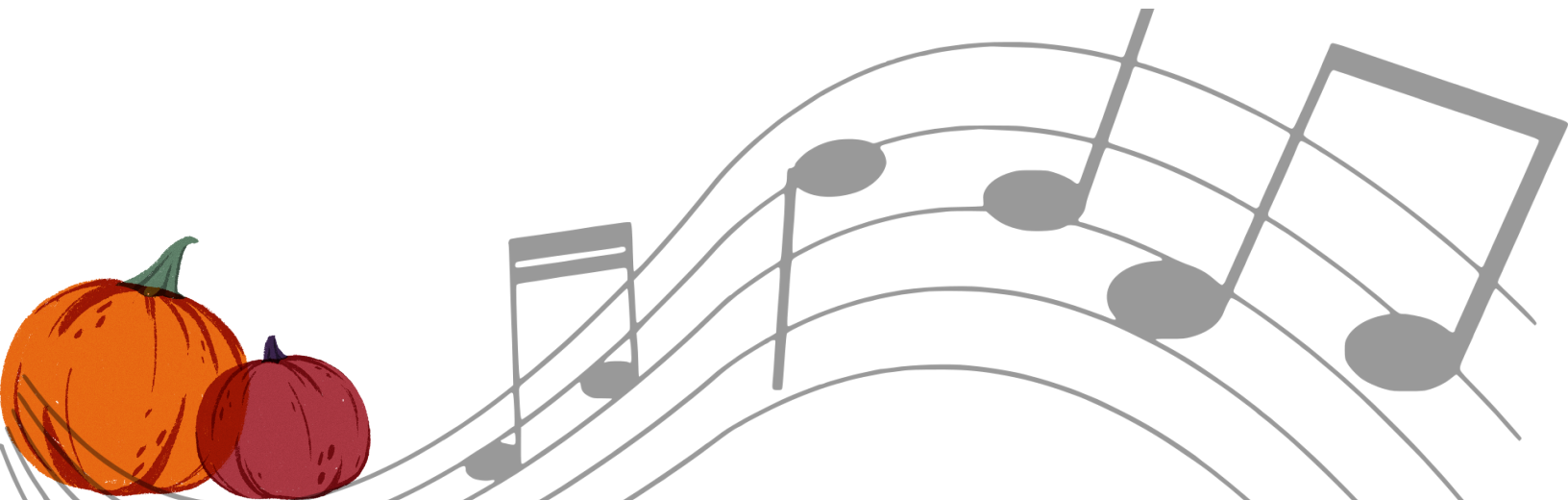
For this year's Advent Season, we are launching a new worship service called: Come Home. It will be casual and inspiring, with lots of music. It's a place to truly come home to a new kind of worship gathering. Join us in the sanctuary on

December 3 and 17 at 5pm.

We will have a family style dinner after each service.

A worship
service of
music and
inspiration

COMING THIS ADVENT SEASON:
5PM DEC 3 AND DEC 17
FAMILY STYLE DINNER FOLLOWS
EACH SERVICE.



OUTREACH

HOLIDAY FOOD BAG COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 1-19

Cornbread mix
Dessert mixes (cakes, brownies, etc)
Stuffing mix
Macaroni and Cheese
Gravy mix
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned green beans or canned corn
Any other items related to a holiday dinner



Lighthouse Food Pantry--Please plan to join us on the 2nd Monday of each month to work (organizing non-perishable foods, filling food orders and delivering food orders to waiting cars) at the Lighthouse Food Pantry in Pontiac. 5 volunteers needed each month.



November 13 12:00noon-3:30pm (full)
December 11 12:00noon-3:30pm

Sign-ups are available for December. Carpooling is available.

Sign up using SignUpGenius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F45ACAC2AA7F58-44989536-lighthouse>
or contact Robin Ostergaard

UWF NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

The theme of this article is Gratitude! Thank You! Thank You! Thank you!

Thanks to all those who contributed to a successful Rummage Sale in October. Whether you donated sale items, helped to sort and set up, monitored the sale, or shopped, we appreciate your support of this important fundraiser for missions. At last tally our profit was \$4,400!

Our October Women's Spiritual Retreat at Lake Huron Retreat Center was amazing! Twenty women participated and enjoyed the fellowship, laughter, and delicious meals that the retreat center provided. Much appreciation goes to Pastor Myra for providing a meaningful program focusing on our spiritual gifts. Thanks also goes to Debi Szeliga for leading us in song on Friday night and to Pam Olesen for leading a session of Tai Chi on Saturday morning. Plans are already underway for our next retreat in September of 2024! You don't want to miss that!

Thanks to all those who supported sandwich making for Lighthouse over the past month!

Thank you for your support of our ingathering projects of school supplies and snacks for Auburn Elementary School. They are very appreciative of our partnership. We will begin to collect Mittens and Hats during Advent. You may place your donations of new mittens and hats on the tree that will be set up near the CLC entrance!

Looking ahead to Advent, we look forward to hosting a dinner after our Modern Worship Service on December 3rd . Our Annual Christmas Banquet (Formerly known as the Christmas Tea) will be on December 14th . The theme this year will be **GINGERBREAD KISSES AND CHRISTMAS WISHES**. If you wish to be a hostess there will be a sign-up table in the CLC beginning in mid-November. Start buying your baking supplies for our annual Cookie Walk and Crafts on December 17th ! This is another major fundraiser for missions and all donations and purchases are appreciated!

Upcoming Dates and Events at a Glance

Nov. 2 – UWF Sandwich Making at 12 Noon

Executive Board Meeting at 1:00 PM

Nov. 9 – Ruth Circle 10:00 AM

Deborah Circle 7:00 PM

Nov. 14 – Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 AM @Jay Jays

Nov. 15 – Kitchen Cleaning 9:30 AM-Noon

Nov. 19 – UWF Host Coffee Hour

Dec. 3- Host Dinner after Modern Worship Service

Dec. 14 – Annual Christmas Banquet

Dec. 17- Annual Cookie Walk and Craft

YOUTH UPDATE

Come try out youth group! Youth group meets Sunday Nights from 6:30-8:00pm at church. We welcome all 5th -12th graders and their friends! Our activities include service projects, games, crafts and lively discussions! October was full of fun activities. We made spooky Halloween cookie houses, carved pumpkins, set up rummage, hung out around the bonfire, and set up a Trunk or Treat! Just because the October fun is over does not mean there's not more in store! Friday November 3rd, the youth and I will be making lunches for Lighthouse and there will be pizza! If you would like to know about other events we have planned please email me! Now that Halloween is over, please donate your leftover candy and bring it to church, as our youth will package it up for our college kids. We will send them some sweet church love as they head into exams around Thanksgiving.

-Corinna Olesen



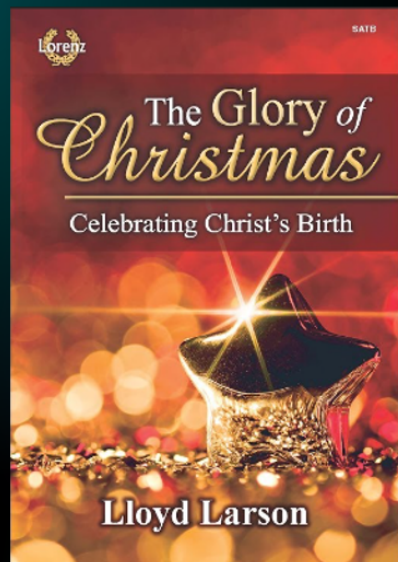
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1** Bonnie Kalef
- 2** Sara McNett
- 4** Emily & Tom Head, Sharon Stover
- 7** Brenda & Jerry Michaux
- 10** Beth Rhoades, Erin Aurand
- 11** Jane & Ken Egermann, Alexandra LaCombe
- 12** Kelly Maldonado, Scott Flores, Eric Brouillard
- 13** Gale Blair
- 14** Mark Bauer
- 15** Gloria Dixon, Ben Hernandez
- 16** Jason LaCombe
- 17** Jim Zych
- 18** Kara Olsavsky
- 19** Jo Anne Hornbeck
- 20** Ann Goff
- 21** Allison & Rick Rhoades
- 23** Lauren Jakobiak
- 24** Lynne & Steve Meek
- 26** Laura Barnes, Jamie Miller, Tina Olesen
- 27** Laynie Bryant

COMING SOON...

Mark your
calendar for an
afternoon of
Christmas music

DECEMBER 10 AT 3PM
CHRISTMAS CANTATA:
THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS
TROY FIRST SANCTUS CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA





Remembering Troy First Saints



Lyle Pushman
June 18, 1932-January 12, 2023



Jan Nelson
September 14, 1940- March 1, 2023



Karl Henn
April 12, 1937-March 5, 2023



Joyce Bauman
April 9, 1930-April 15, 2023



Penny Laws
July 19, 1939- May 5, 2023



Betty Dietz
April 26, 1930-May 30, 2023