

The Sunday Bulletin

First United Methodist Church of Mount Clemens

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19th, 2010



Reverends Carman & Donna Minarik, Pastors

"to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" ~ Luke 1:79

On the Cover of This Sunday Bulletin:

An image of the Star of Bethlehem beckoning the Shepherds and Wise Men as interpreted by First Church's own Prayer Quilters. If you are interested in joining this remarkable group in its ministry and fellowship, you can get in touch with them through the Church Office.

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First United Methodist Church is a welcoming, accepting, caring, and diverse Christian community committed to teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people through faith-based worship, exciting programs and outreach ministry. We offer two opportunities for worship on Sunday mornings. The 9:15am service is a less formal, contemporary service of praise music. The 11:00am service is more traditional in its music and liturgy. Both services are designed to connect worshippers with God in a meaningful and relevant way, and the scripture and message are the same at each.

Your participation in worship today is truly a blessing. We welcome an opportunity to talk with you about the ministries of this congregation, the Christian faith or United Methodist beliefs. If you are interested in baptism or making this community of faith your church home, please contact Reverend Carman Minarik or Reverend Donna Minarik at the Church Office.

- ◆ A staffed nursery for infants and children to three years of age is located through the doors at the right side of the front of the Sanctuary.
 - ◆ A "cry room" is located at the rear of the Sanctuary. It is equipped with rocking chairs and quiet toys where you may comfort a child while hearing the service.
- ◆ All are welcome to Fellowship Hour for snacks, beverages, and of course fellowship! Come to the Multipurpose Room between services on two service Sundays or after service on single service Sundays.

<i>Serving as Greeters Today are:</i>	Loretta & Wes Ballard at the East Door
	Kim Evans at the West Door
	Nancy Donahue at the Cass Door

- ◆ If you'd like to greet before a service, please mark your Activity & Ministry Opportunity Sheet or speak with Joyce Wells.
- ◆ First Church's current and recent *Bulletins* are also available on the church's website (www.mountclemensumc.org).

◆ **Large-Print Bulletins are Available... Just Ask a Greeter!**

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *What Child Is This?* Emshwiller

* Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice with exceeding great joy!

People: For the True Light is coming!

Leader: Sing Gloria, Alleluia!

People: For Love's Pure Light will bring light to the darkness.

*** Opening Hymn** *Angels We Have Heard on High* Hymnal #238

Lighting of the Advent Candles *Star-Child* TFWS#2095

**Star Child, earth Child, go between of God, love Child,
Christ Child, heaven's lightening rod,
this year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!**

Reading and lighting are Nancy & William Bell

Offertory *Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion* Handel
Jennifer Curts, soprano

*** Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal #94

* Prayer of Dedication

O God, at creation the morning stars sang together before you, and at the birth of your Son angels praised you, singing "Glory to God in the highest." May our offerings be a true sacrifice of praise, helping speed the time of peace on earth, and goodwill among all your people. Amen.

Cantata *A Midnight Clear* Kirkland/Vader

* Those able are invited to stand.

Cantata

A Midnight Clear Lynn Artes, solo

A midnight clear, a sky so bright, Shekinah glory in the night; the darkness flees from Heaven's light.

All nature sings and 'round me rings a midnight clear.

"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from Heaven's all gracious King."

The world in solemn stillness lay. All nature sing and 'round me rings a midnight clear, a midnight clear.

O Come, Emmanuel Jennifer Curts, Leeanne Lafreniere, & Truman Guard, solos

Rejoice! Prepare the way! Rejoice! O come, Emmanuel. There is a promise soon to come, peace for everyone.

Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, rejoice, O Israel.

Walking in the darkness, alone in the night, seeking a refuge, longing for light.

Soon we will behold Him, in all his power and might, a warrior to save us, a soldier born to fight.

Tyranny is conquered, all will be right.

O come, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, rejoice, O Israel! Rejoice! O Israel!

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;

ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the new born King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing;

yonder shines the Infant Light; Come and worship Christ the newborn King.

Wisemen, leave your contemplation, brighter visions beam afar;

seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis, Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Lowly shepherds in the night, they behold a wondrous sight, joyous choir all in flight.

Hear the songs of praise, hear the songs of praise, God is glorious in His ways; He has come to us this day.

"Do not fear," the angels said, "Go and seek a manger bed in a lowly cattle shed."

Hear the songs of praise, God is glorious in his ways; He has come to us this day. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

On to Bethlehem they run in their quest to see God's son, little knowing what's begun.

Hear the songs of praise, God is glorious in His ways; He has come to us this day!

They behold the newborn King, joy their only offering.

Joy, the wondrous news they bring.

Hear the songs of praise, God is glorious in His ways; He has come to us, this day!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Adore Hymn

Soft the sound of cattle lowing, hushed the song the mother brings.
See the miracle in the manger, Christ the baby born, the King of all kings;
come see the child most holy; bow, bring Him your offering.
See the mother gently hold Him, see the father's tender care.
See the shepherds gaze in wonder, quiet reverence,
holy presence there for Deity now among us,
yes, glory beyond compare.
Son of God, yet Infant lowly, Mighty God in swaddling clothes, Royal Priest this peasant Baby,
Prince of Peace, our hopes and fears He knows.
Soon He will walk among us; grace, mercy is what He'll show.
Soft the sound of cattle lowing, hushed the song the mother brings.

The Kings Came Calling Dan McLatcher, tenor

Accustomed to their privilege, their life a royal feast, they leave the kingdom comforts for a star in the East.
The journey seems so endless, what promise does it bring?
Though the road is rough and rugged, it leads them to the King.
The kings came calling after following the star, on their knees falling, despite who they are.
Though wise and regal, they bring their offering, the kings came calling on the holy King of Kings.
Gifts of gold they bring Him, frankincense and myrrh,
silent in His presence, aware of where they were.
In audience with their Savior they worship and adore.
This Infant Child of glory will reign forevermore!
The kings came calling on this holy King of kings.

He Knows My Name Featuring the Children's, Kids', & Youth Choirs and Eric Munn, tenor

He knows my name. He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.
I have a Father, He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me, no matter where I go.
Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come adore, on bended knee,
Christ, the Lord the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo!
He knows my name. He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

The Lyrics Continue on the Next Page.

Let Me Seek You in All Things Rebecca Johnson, soprano

In the music of the angels, in the glow Your starlight brings, in the praises of the shepherds,
in the worship of the kings, in the hush around the manger, in the song the mother sings,
in the stillness of the midnight, let me seek You in all things.

In all things, I worship and adore. In all things, Emmanuel my Lord.

Shepherd to the shepherds, sovereign to wise kings, I bow before Your manger and I worship in all things.

There's a reason for this story, for the wonder of Your plan,
for your choice to leave Your glory to become the Son of Man.

Let me see beyond the hillside to the stable where You lay.

Lord, I come into Your presence, bow before Your throne of hay. Lord, I worship You!

In the stillness of the midnight. In all things, Emmanuel my Lord. I bow before Your manger in all things.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold Him,
born the King of angels; O, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord. We'll give You all the glory, Christ, the Lord.

For you alone are worthy, Christ, the Lord. We worship and adore You, Christ the Lord.

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

The Word is Alive Greg West, baritone, Dan McLatcher, tenor, & Eric Campbell, tenor

Before the very beginning, in the silence of the void, He was there amidst the darkness, the shining Light, the holy Word.

And there, the heart of creation, in the dawn of the very first hour,
the Spirit of God was moving and the Word was filled with power.

The Word was alive, the God of the ages opened up the pages of time.

The Word was alive, shattered the darkness, giving out His light to all mankind.

The word was alive, alive. They came with their hearts full of sorrow, no light could pierce their gloom,
'til they met a living Savior and they found an empty tomb.

So, tell the orphans and widows, shout it out to the sick and lame,
there is victory instead of sorrow and triumph over the grave, the grave! And the Word is alive!

A Midnight Clear ~ Finale Lynn Artes, alto

A midnight clear, a sky so bright, Shekinah glory in the night; the darkness flees from Heaven's light.

All nature sings and 'round me rings a midnight clear. O come, Emmanuel.

There is a promise soon to come, peace for everyone. Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, rejoice, O Israel.

He is born the King of Kings as all Heaven and nature sings, peace and joy the Savior brings.

Hear the songs of praise, God is glorious in His ways. He has come to us this day!

Now upon this midnight clear as the hosts of Heaven draw near, see the Prince of Peace appear.

Hear the songs of praise, God is glorious in His ways, He has come to us this day!

Gloria in excelsis Deo! In all things I worship and adore. In all things, Emmanuel my Lord;

Shepherd to the shepherds, Sovereign to wise kings, I bow before You, Jesus, and I worship in all things!

I worship Christ the King, Christ the King!

☞ *Narrators* ☜

Marsha Lynch & Tom Northrop

☞ *The Chancel Choir* ☜

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Ellen Amtz	Lynn Artes	Emerson Amtz	Milton Darling
Jennifer Curts	Nellie Griffin		Ken Fowler
Achcy Johnson	Lois Hill	Eric Campbell	
Rebecca Johnson			Truman Guard
Alexandria Keyosky	Teresa Holderer		
Leeanne Lafreniere		Michael Johnson	Tom Hill
Gayle Luther	Barb Knuth		
Linda McLatcher	Kathleen Oakley	Dan McLatcher	Jeremy Pointer
Gertie Segar	Kathleen Perkins		
Euella Thomas			
Joyce Wells			
Catherine Wilcox	Julie Strayer	Greg West	Howard Wilcox

☞ *The Children's Choir* ☜

Chase Grigsby, Terra Lafreniere, Bennett Malburg, & Gabrielle Olszewski.

☞ *The Kids' Choir* ☜

Annica Brocker, Jessica Evans, Rory Flanigan, Tia Lafreniere, Jordan Olszewski, Seth Trudel-Pointer, & Anthony Viggiano.

☞ *The Youth Choir* ☜

Austin Elkins, Zack Kinic, Alissa Malburg, Eric Munn, Sydney Olszewski, Martin Querio,
John Tinkham, Tina Tinkham, Katie Turner, & Savannah Turner.

☞ *Handbells* ☜

Sandy Baber, Sallie Miller, Sandy Paul, Linda Pillow, Micki Schichtel, & Steve Semrau.

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🌀 The First Church Orchestra 🌀

Piano

Bonnie Robbins-McCormick

Flute I

Darcie West

Flute II

Christine Dewey

Flute III

Cheryl French

Flute IV

Emily Minarik

Flute V

Danielle Fowler

Trumpet I

Dr. Nick Hartop

Trumpet II

Justin Makarewicz

Clarinet I

Janet Brown

Clarinet II

Kyle Kostenko

Oboe

Sarah Escamilla

French Horn

Robert Escamilla

Trombone I

Jared Walker

Trombone II

Len Remy

Trombone III

John Jonassen

Tuba

John MacArthur

String Bass

Warren Minarik

Keyboard

Melissa Straney

Drum Set

Michael Miller

Percussion

Jim Brown

🌀 Conductor 🌀

Michael Emshwiller

🌀 Sound Technician 🌀

Rick Lyon

If you are interested exploring and lending your talents and joining in with the any of the Choirs, Orchestra, or A/V Support Ministry, speak with Michael Emshwiller, Director of Music & Worship, or contact him through the Church Office!

Poinsettias are Given in Honor of:

- ◆ The Music & Audio-Visual Ministries at First UMC by Michael Emshwiller
 - ◆ My Mother by Linda L. Johnston
- ◆ Jeff, Jen, Drew & Brady Donovan by Dan & Linda McLatcher

Poinsettias are Given in Memory of:

- ◆ My Son, James U. DeFrancis by Marjorie U. DeFrancis ◆ Deborah Roskopp Lanham by Marjorie U. DeFrancis
 - ◆ My Husband John E. Donahue, Parents Jack & Delores Largent, John E. & Evelyn Donahue Sr., Sister & Brother-In-Law Merry & Don Kinderman, my Sister Ruthann Barker and our Grandchild Amanda Lynn Donahue Young by Nancy C. Donahue
 - ◆ My Mother & Grandparents by Michael Emshwiller
 - ◆ Lydia & Morhl Hensel and May & Ben Johnston by Don & Linda Johnston
 - ◆ My Father & Grandparents by Linda L. Johnston
 - ◆ Lloyd & Rosemary McLatcher and Dallas West by Dan & Linda McLatcher
 - ◆ Roy & Shirley Champion & Tekla Noteware by Kathy, Ben & Jon Oakley
 - ◆ Family Members by Dorcas Parrott
 - ◆ Lloyd R. Strait, Leone D. Strait, Lynn C. Strait, & Nancy M. Eagle by Linda Strait
 - ◆ Stephen, Mary & Kenneth Swistock and Philip Tedesco by Ruth Swistock
 - ◆ Love Ones by Patsy Weagel

Ornaments on the “Building Our Future” Tree are Given in Honor of:

- ◆ The Glory of God by Lynn Artes ◆ Our Children & Grandchildren by Terry & Linda Beardslee
 - ◆ Kaitlyn & Christopher French by Mark & Cheryl French
 - ◆ My Children, Their Children, Spouses, & Significant Others by Pat Hill
- ◆ Our Grandchildren by Tom & Lois Hill ◆ The Glory of God by the Holderer Family
 - ◆ Alex Zdravkovski & Jenna Zdravkovski by Bonnie Kaster
- ◆ Our Children Jessi & Nick by Marty & Marsha Lynch ◆ Our Children Nick & Kelli by Marty & Marsha Lynch
 - ◆ Our Future, Drew & Brady Donovan by Dan & Linda McLatcher
 - ◆ Dr. Janet Cole by Christopher Miller ◆ My Parents by Lauren Miller
 - ◆ Kim, Christopher, & Lauren by Mike & Sallie Miller
 - ◆ The Committed Volunteers of FUMC by Revs. Carman & Donna Minarik
 - ◆ Our Children by Dick & Sandy Paul ◆ Emma Momany by Micki Schichtel
- ◆ All 2010 New Members by Gail Spaeth ◆ Our Family by Delwyn & Euella Thomas
 - ◆ Rory Flanigan by Joyce Wells ◆ Mallory & Brian West by Greg & Darcie West

The Dedications are listed in alphabetical order by the last names of those who gave them.

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Ornaments on the “Building Our Future” Tree are Given in Memory of:

- ◆ Maxine Mumea by Tom & Sandy Baber
- ◆ Our Parents ~ George & Alga Ballard and Phil & Mable LaCroix by Wesley & Loretta Ballard
 - ◆ Our Parents, Brothers, and Sisters by Al & Karen Clary
 - ◆ Ma & Nana by Robert & Dana Keller
- ◆ Jewell & Louis Meyersieck by Marilyn Nielsen
- ◆ Patty Clegg by Kathy, Ben, & Jon Oakley
- ◆ Grandma ~ Jan Potts by Kristy & Matthew Paul
 - ◆ Our Parents by Bob & Jocelyn Prevost
- ◆ Lynn Strait & Nancy Eagle by Linda Strait
- ◆ Stan & Eva Tregembo by Paul & Sue Tregembo
- ◆ Kendall & Julia Walton by Chuck & Elaine Walton
 - ◆ Mom ~ Jan Potts by Kelly Wright

Ornaments on the “Honoring Our Past” Tree are Given in Honor of:

- ◆ The Glory of God by Ron & Christine Dewey
- ◆ My Mother by Linda L. Johnston
 - ◆ My Parents by Kim Miller
- ◆ Warren & Emily Minarik by Revs. Carman & Donna Minarik
- ◆ Our Families by Warren & Emily Minarik
 - ◆ Loved Ones by Mary & Keith Philo
 - ◆ Alexis Grollimund by Kathryn Sommers
 - ◆ Pat Meyers & Lee Hearn by Gail Spaeth

Ornaments on the “Honoring Our Past” Tree are Given in Memory of:

- ◆ Ruth Bird (Grandmother Extraordinaire!) by Lynn Artes
- ◆ Our Family Members Who Are in Heaven by Terry & Linda Beardslee
 - ◆ Rev. Russell Stevens by Jean & Truman Guard
 - ◆ My Husband Don & Our Parents by Pat Hill
 - ◆ Maxine Mumea & Russell Stevens by Lois Hill
- ◆ Rev. Russell Stevens by Candace Job
- ◆ Debbie & Michelle by Dana & Robert Keller
- ◆ Shirley & Evelyn Corsaut by Marty & Marsha Lynch
- ◆ Barbie Lynch by Marty & Marsha Lynch
 - ◆ Bruce J. Miller by Andrea L. Miller
- ◆ Those Who Have Gone Before Us by Sallie & Mike Miller
 - ◆ Edward Nielsen by Marilyn Nielsen
 - ◆ Ralph Paul by Dick & Sandy Paul
 - ◆ Jesse Powell by Vivian Powell
 - ◆ Lloyd & Leone Strait by Linda Strait
- ◆ Tom & Justine Luckey by Paul & Sue Tregembo
- ◆ Maxine Mumea by Mallory & Brian West
 - ◆ Jane & Melvin West by the West Family
 - ◆ Glenn Zembower by the West Family

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Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship This Friday

Christmas Eve at First Church is always a special time of the Advent season and the church year, and this year is no exception. The 7:00pm service will feature the Oasis Praise Team and the Chapel Bells as they sing and ring glorious music in honor of the birth of Jesus. The 11:00pm service will feature the Chancel Choir and the Chapel Bell Quintet, where each ensemble will joyously ring in Christmas morning. Communion will be offered at both. We look forward to seeing you on Christmas Eve worship at First Church this Friday, December 24th.

Other Up-Coming Advent & Christmas Events

There will then be 10:00am Single Services on Sunday, December 26th (a Carol Sing), and Sunday, January 2nd (a Baptism Renewal Service). For more information on these and all the up-coming season events, see the *Advent & Christmas Calendars* available by the Sanctuary entrances, in the Office Lobby, and online.

Decorate the Trees!

Check out information in the East Parlor about ways to support the church's ministries in the holiday season.

Next New Member Orientation

The next New Member Orientation is scheduled for Sunday, January 23rd, from 2:00pm to 4:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. If you are interested in joining the church or just want to learn more about this congregation, we'd love to have you as part of this gathering. Please mark you ministry opportunity sheet and/or call the Church Office if you are interested in attending this orientation and you will be contacted with all the details.

Seven Cities, Five Countries, Three Continents, One Great Trip

Next year you could be sailing the Mediterranean Sea while seeing the sites of Paul's travels, including visits to Italy, Greece, Turkey, Israel, and Egypt. Revs. Carman and Donna are leading a group on this amazing journey. We will depart on November 5th, 2011, and return on November 17th. Brochures with a detailed itinerary are available in the Multipurpose Room. Speak with Rev. Carman or Rev. Donna for further information.

Church Office Holiday Closure Dates

The Church Office will close at 4:00pm on December 23rd, 2010, and will re-open for regular hours on Tuesday, January 4th, 2011.

Next Book Club Meeting

First Church's Book Club will gather again on Monday, January 3rd, 2011, at 7:00pm. The book up for discussion is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. The Club meets on First-Mondays and all are welcome.

Next Wesleyan Outing

The Wesleyans will be attending *The Phantom of the Opera* performance by the talented musicians at Fraser High School on Sunday, January 30th, 2011, at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors and may be reserved by contacting Marilyn Nielsen. Checks should be made payable to Fraser High School. Please plan to join the group for an afternoon of fun and outstanding entertainment! All are welcome.

Parish News (Continued)

Crossfire Youth to Attend Youth 2011

Our local church youth group, Crossfire Youth, will be attending *Youth 2011* at Purdue University in Indiana in July. *Youth 2011* is the national youth gathering for the United Methodist Church. It is an event that only happens every four years and is the largest single gathering of UMC youth in existence. This four-day conference will bring together top United Methodist leaders as well as the best ecumenical speakers, bands, and talent with thousands of youth from all around the nation for what is sure to be a life changing event. We hope to send a minimum of ten youth to *Youth 2011*, and to do this we have set a fundraising goal of \$4000. Please watch for up-coming fundraisers to support our youth on their spiritual journey.

If You Appreciate Beautiful Flowers, Take Note!

The 2011 calendar for dedication of altar flowers in honor of a person, in celebration of an event, or in memory of a loved one is waiting for you on the door of the Sacristy (at the north end of the Sanctuary's East Parlor). You may choose to dedicate the vase arrangements, the centerpiece, or both. Of course, the flowers are yours to take after Sunday worship services. The cost is \$20.00 for both side vases and/or \$20.00 for the centerpiece. Payment can be placed in the offering plate, or mailed to or dropped off at the Church Office.

Offering Envelopes for the New Year Available for Pick-Up Today

Please pick up your box of envelopes for 2011 in the Multipurpose Room.

Winter Weather Guidelines

Here are some guidelines that apply to Sunday worship and office hours in the case of bad weather. Where Sunday morning is concerned, your pastors have the blessing of living within walking distance of the church and also have a four-wheel drive vehicle, and so will be here on Sunday morning as long as the snowfall is less than, say, five feet. In other words, we will be here in any weather and there will be a worship service and we will praise God with those who are able to be here. This, of course, does not mean that you should take any risks to be here. All roads and driveways are different, so safety should be the deciding factor as to whether or not you venture out. In regards to weekdays, if the Mount Clemens Schools are closed due to snow and ice conditions for the day, the Church Office will be closed and all programs and meetings scheduled for that day will be cancelled as well. You can dial 586.469.6100 (extension 2) to confirm Mount Clemens Schools' closings.

Community News

An Invitation to the Classical Bells Christmas Concert Today

The Classical Bells, Michigan's Premier Handbell Ensemble, will present a Christmas concert at 3:00pm today. The concert will be held at St. Louis Catholic Church, 24415 Crocker (at the corner of Crocker and Harper) in Clinton Township. This promises to be a festive Holiday concert for all ages to enjoy! Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door. For more information, see Darcie West, or call 586.468.3720.

Bible Study Opportunities

Men's Bible Study

All men of the church are invited to this study on First- and Third-Mondays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. The men are studying with the book *Lord, Give Me Patience and Give It to Me Right Now!* Please note that there will be no meeting tomorrow, December 20th, or January 3rd. The men will resume their studies on Monday, January 17th.

Women's Bible Study

All women of the church are welcome to be part of this study. The women are studying along with the book *Longing to Pray ~ How the Psalms Teach Us to Talk with God* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The group gathers in the Multipurpose Room on the Second- and Fourth-Mondays of each month. The study runs from 9:30am to 11:00am. The Women's Bible study will not meet on Monday, December 27th. They will resume their regular schedule in January.

Pastors' Bible Study

Watch the bulletin for information on future studies.

On~Going Activities

For information on things like Wednesday Youth Club, Tai Chi and Yoga, and other fun and enriching activities to be part of at First Church, please visit the church website and/or contact the Church Office.

Ministry Opportunities

Your Ministry Opportunity Sheet

Wherever you sat today for worship, there should be a clipboard with Ministry Opportunity Sheets nearby. On them, you will find checkboxes to indicate you interest in an ever-changing variety of opportunities. Contact the Church Office during office hours for more information or to offer any type of help you feel called to!

Volunteers Needed for Church Directory

Our church family is changing! There are new babies, new members, and some have joined the church triumphant since our last directory was printed. So that we can remain closely connected and continue to know one another by face and by name, First UMC is beginning the process of putting together a new church directory and is in need of volunteers to make photo appointments, to register those arriving for photos, to check for accuracy in the printed directory, and more. Everyone in the congregation will receive a free 8x10 when it comes time for taking photos for the directory, as well as the opportunity to purchase additional professional photos. If you are interested in helping with the planning and set-up up of the next church directory, please contact one of the pastors through the Church Office. You may also indicate your interest on your Ministry Opportunity Sheet and someone will get back to you.

Ministry Opportunities (Continued)

Open Hearts & Helping Hands Needed at the Warming Center Next Month

The Macomb County Warming Center returns to First Church on Sunday, January 30th, 2011, and continues through Saturday, February 5th, 2011. The Warming Center seeks to provide a safe, warm place to spend the night for those who would otherwise have no shelter. Macomb County churches partner with the Macomb County Warming Center to provide shelter to those in need. The Warming Center opens at 8:00pm and provides a simple supper and breakfast. Floor space is provided for sleeping with a blanket and pillow. The only requirement for admittance is good behavior. Many volunteers will be needed in order to host the Warming Center. To find out where you can help, check the Sign-Up Board in the Multipurpose Room. For more Warming Center information, visit www.warmingcenter.org or the Church Office.

Pasty Makers Needed Next Month

On Tuesday, January 18th, 2011, at 6:00pm and Wednesday, January 19th, 2011, at 8:00am, the work (and fun) of pasty making begins anew. Come on and join the choppers and scoopers, pressers, fillers and folders, bakers and baggers, movers and shakers, and enjoy the satisfaction of good work and fellowship with friends old and new. Spread the word! Pasties are delicious, \$3.50 apiece, and ready piping hot mid-morning that Wednesday or fresh-frozen right now (while supplies last). Sign up to help on your Ministry Opportunity Sheet!

Concert Promoters Needed Now

The Fine Art Series needs your help! Do you know of any place where a Fine Arts Series poster to advertise the up-coming Wayne State Concert Choral concert could be hung or placed? Or you might consider keeping one to show around to friends and neighbors? If so, please take one. Take ten, if you can find them homes! Who might be disappointed to miss out on this wonderful concert? You just might know! The concert will take place on Sunday, January 30th, 2011, at 4:00pm and the posters for it are available in the Multipurpose Room on the "Ticket Booth" desk. Speak with Michael Emshwiller for more information on promoting and sharing the show.

Photographs & Photographers Needed

If you have or can take photographs of church activities, please contact the Church Office. We are eager to build up a stock of images (recent, historical, and for all future events) that could be used for church publications. Video and audio clips would be great as well! Call the Church Office for more information.

Notes of Thanks for These Ministries & More

Just a reminder about the *Notes of Thanks* Bulletin Board by the Ticket Booth in the Multipurpose Room. There you'll find cards and letters to our church and its groups from folks in the congregation and the community-at-large for the love and care we are already blessed to share through our ministries.

The Parish Week Plus

Sunday, December 19th	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall 10:00am ~ Worship/Cantata A Midnight Clear After Service ~ Fellowship Hour, Multipurpose Room ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!
Monday, December 20th	11:00am ~ Sunday Bulletin Submissions & Flower Dedications Due <i>for Next Two Sundays</i>
Tuesday, December 21st	8:30am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall 10:30am ~ Prayer Quilting Session, Multipurpose Room (until 3:30pm) 6:00pm ~ Carillon Bells Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30pm ~ Narcotics Anonymous, Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, December 22nd	9:00am ~ Tai Chi Class, Multipurpose Room 7:00pm ~ Oasis Praise Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thursday, December 23rd	8:30am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall 9:30am ~ Knit, Crochet, & Chat Gathering, Church Library 9:45am ~ Men's Koffee Klatch Gathering, Multipurpose Room 6:00pm ~ Chapel Bells Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30pm ~ Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
Friday, December 24th	<i>Christmas Eve</i> 7:00pm ~ Candlelight Worship 11:00pm ~ Candlelight Worship
Saturday, December 25th	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Sunday, December 26th	9:00am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall 10:00am ~ Worship/Carol Sing After Service ~ Fellowship Hour, Multipurpose Room ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!
Monday, December 27th	Church Office Closed.
Tuesday, December 28th	Church Office Closed 7:30pm ~ Narcotics Anonymous, Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, December 29th	Church Office Closed 10:00am ~ First Church Crew serving Meal at Salvation Army of Mount Clemens
Thursday, December 30th	Church Office Closed
Friday, December 31st	<i>New Year's Eve</i>
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Saturday, January 1 st	<i>New Years Day</i>
Sunday, January 2 nd	<i>Epiphany Sunday</i> Collection for Father Bob's Food Shelf 9:00am ~ Bread Ministry Wrapping Session, Fellowship Hall 10:00am ~ Worship / Baptism Renewal Service After Service ~ Fellowship Hour, Multipurpose Room ~ ALL ARE WELCOME 12:30pm ~ Stowing of the Greens, Throughout the Church

Also see First Church's Calendar at the Church Website.

First United Methodist Church

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- ◆ Ministers ~ The Congregation ◆ Pastors ~ The Reverends Carman & Donna Minarik
 - ◆ Pastor Emeritus ~ The Reverend William Rickard
- ◆ Director of Music & Worship Ministries ~ Michael Emshwiller ◆ Administrative Assistant ~ Steve Loveland
 - ◆ Oasis Praise Coordinators ~ Rick Eldridge & Sue Rosso
- ◆ Pianist ~ Bonnie Robbins-McCormick (Second Service) ◆ Visual Director ~ Meribeth Broucker-Querio (First Service)
 - ◆ Head Usher ~ Keith Rosso ◆ Child Care Provider ~ Karen Nemecek



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