



## DVD's of the Christmas Pageant

Frank Huizenga is recording the pageant. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the pageant for yourself or maybe a loved one that was unable to make it today, please fill out the form below.

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## Christmas Eve Services

We will once again celebrate the birth of the Christ Child this year. Come and experience this holy day on December 24, Christmas Eve. Let your life be touched in unexpected ways. You know, once there was a child in our church who had a prominent part in our Christmas pageant. The next year, he participated again but he was bringing to life another character in the story. One day in the middle of a rehearsal, he stood up, looked around and acted as if he had suddenly been struck by a bright ray from the Christmas star. He announced to one and all, "Hey, this is the same story we did last year!!" Yes, it is and always will be.

That instant and the understanding that appeared on that child's face is a moment worth remembering. Yes, each year we are honored to celebrate the birth of this very special child. So, once again, without fail we invite everyone to share together in our celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas Eve.

Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, the day begins with Sunday morning worship at 9:45 AM. In the evening we will offer two services. The 5:00 PM service might appeal to the children in your family circle or to the child in you. The Songsters Choir will sing and the service will include carols and candlelight and moments that will peak your child-like curiosity and sense of wonder on this night. It is also a marvelously timed service: early enough for those of you who might need to get home and scurry to bed and slumber in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

Between the two night services, a hand bell ensemble will play music to send you home from the first service and then will play again to welcome you to the second service. The 7:00 PM service is a enchanting traditional service of lessons, carols, candles, communion and music by the Chancel Choir. After taking communion on such a holy night and then standing in the glow of candles and raising your light to the world as you sing "Silent Night", you might think, "hey, we're celebrating the same thing we did last year!" Yes, we are and you can give thanks to God for giving us such a child as Jesus, who changed the world and can certainly change our lives.

## **Special Sunday School Event**

Join us after service today as we go caroling as a church family. We will divide into two groups and head out to add some Christmas joy to our neighborhood.

### **D.O.G Night**

Come join us for our last D.O.G Night until January 10 on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:15 PM, for a time of fellowship and a meal. This week's meal will be Chicken Fettucini. Don't forget to wear your ugliest Christmas sweater, skirt, pants, hat, shirt, socks- whatever you have. We will vote for the ugliest Christmas attire!

### **Ugly Quilts Mission**

Our Ugly Quilts provide sleeping bags with necessities to the homeless. They are in need of toothpaste, tooth brushes, bars of soap, shampoo, deodorant, and washcloths to place inside the sleeping bags. Please drop your donations off in the box under the bulletin board.

### **Family Promise Informational Meeting**

Our church will be hosting a group from Family Promise from Sunday, December 31, 2017-Sunday, January 7, 2018. They will be using the entire FLC wing. The rooms will be set up Sunday afternoon, after service and are to remain set up the entire host week, until breakdown the following Sunday morning. There will be an informational meeting this week, Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM, here in the church Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Bathrooms Closed**

The restrooms in the west wing, by the church office, are currently closed for major plumbing repairs. Please use the restrooms in the Family Life Center Entrance or in the east wing hall. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

### **Christmas Baking Goods Sale**

The Goodrich United Methodist Men will be selling nuts and flavorings today after service. Stop by and pick up some baking goods today.

## **Retirement Celebration for Dave Worley**

Dave Worley is retiring from the Fire Service. Come help the Worley's celebrate on Sunday, December 17 from 2:00-5:00 PM (open house) here at the church. Please no gifts, your presence is your gift. Please RSVP to Renee', at (248) 891-6556 or email at eeneb@aol.com.

### **Christmas Invitations**

We have invitation cards to our Christmas Eve services available. Pick one (or more) up after worship to give out to friends and family.

### **Servers for Coffee Fellowship**

We hope you are enjoying the new way we are transforming fellowship time after service. The International coffee tasting and snacks were such an awakening to what fellowship should be, that we would like to continue to have light refreshments every Sunday. We are looking for people who love serving others, people who have the gift of hospitality, families that would like to serve together, and you! We would assist you in setting up, serving, and cleaning up the coffee, juice, and snacks until you are ready to be on your own. Our Church will provide everything you need. If you feel like you could help us by serving a Sunday or two during the year, please see Caren Huizenga for dates that are available or call her at (810) 797-5126.

### **Membership Classes**

Do you love being a part of GUMC? Want to deepen your commitment? We would invite you to become a member of our church. Attend two membership classes during the Sunday School hour on Jan. 14 & 21, 2018 and then make your membership official in worship on Jan. 28. January is a great time to make a resolution to improve your life. Improve it by becoming an official member of GUMC. Talk to Pastor Joel if you would like more information.

### **Calling All 6-12 Graders**

You are invited to U-Nite. This is a district wide lock-in at Genesys Athletic Center in Grand Blanc on January 12-13, 11:00 PM-5:00 AM, where church groups gather for a time of fun. Some of the other church groups attending will also be going on the district mission trip in the summer. Please make sure you mark your calendars for this fun event. See Jeannine Page-Tear to sign up.