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A Musical Nativity—December 13

It's time to get into the Christmas spirit with only two weeks until our Christmas pageant! All ages from pre-school through adult will portray the timeless Christmas story in words and actions as our Chancel, Songsters, Little Angels, Joyful Ringers and Rainbow Bell Choirs portray it through music.

If your child or grandchild hasn't turned in a participation form yet, please do so to Sandy Martin or Jeannine Page-Tear right away. You can find forms at the welcome center. It's not too late to get involved! There are only two rehearsals, as you'll see below.

The program will take place in our sanctuary during a combined morning worship service, followed by

refreshments in the FLC gym. Please take this opportunity to share the Good News with your family, neighbors, friends and co-workers by inviting them to join you!

Rehearsal Schedule for Pageant:

Sunday, Dec. 6 12:15 – 1:30 PM—to learn what to do & when, snack provided

Saturday, Dec. 14 10 AM – noon—for dress rehearsal, lunch provided after



Goodrich's Downtown Christmas



The Goodrich-Atlas Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring Goodrich's

Downtown Christmas on Thursday, December 3 from 6 -9:00 PM. We look forward to as much community involvement as possible to make this year's event a success!

There will be a tree lighting ceremony which will include our own Goodrich UMC Choir singing, carol singing and the reading of the Christmas story. Throughout the downtown area there will be street vendors, music, Santa and more. Come join with the Goodrich-Atlas community as we journey to Christmas.



December Birthdays

- 3 Lee Miller
- 5 Steve VanFleteren
- 7 Susan Hill
- 8 Travis Bechtel
- 8 Sandy Martin
- 10 Timothy Eddy
- 13 Bob Rogers
- 15 Michele Burnett
- 15 Drake Carlson
- 15 Donna Eddy
- 16 Tyler Cadarette
- 16 Lou Kaphengst
- 17 Marcia Lewis
- 18 Sandra Blackburn
- 20 Ava Ulshafer
- 21 Kate Lawrence
- 22 Maxine Porter
- 22 June Shelley
- 23 Joel Joslin
- 24 Carol Samuelson
- 26 Luke Eddy
- 28 Amy Kallin
- 28 Chuck Maki
- 28 Edward Noll
- 28 Renee Worley
- 29 Noah Keller
- 31 Greg Pallay

Anniversaries

- 1 Larry & P.J. Wallace
- 6 Don & Val Brinker
- 27 Bill & Francene McCormick
- 28 Tom & Donna Haiderer
- 30 John & Pam Jowski
- 31 Tom & Laura Gossiaux

A Brown Bag Tip

The Pastie Committee thanks everyone for all the donations of paper bags. It really helps us out as we bag up over 1000 pasties. The Committee does have a favor to ask of you, though. When you bring in your brown paper bags, please just leave them flat and do not fold the bags in half. It really does save us time. Thanks.

- Uncle Harry and cousins** - Valerie Gibbs' family
- Velma Rossman** - church member
- Frannie Szelog** - Mary Taylor's aunt
- Richard Wallace** - Larry Wallace's father
- Diana Campion** - Kelly Gill's mother
- Jennifer Hill** - church member
- Christine Adair** - Rob and Kathy Adair's daughter-in-law
- Delores Ulshafer** - church member
- Ed Ulshafer** - church member
- Barb Maki** - church member
- Lee Miller** - church member
- Rhonda Gilstein** - Bonnie Martin's friend
- Marion Spencer-VonWinkle** - Carol Dew's sister's family
- Phil Concket** - Kelsey Martin's friend
- Tina Lamont** - Judi Hyde's co-worker
- John Wischmeier** - Frank Huizenga's friend
- Lori Davis** - Andrea Davis' aunt
- Keri Steward** - Sheryl Hunt's friend
- Kay Norgaard** - Joel Norgaard's mother
- Dan Mills** - Sharon Hill's nephew
- Kevin Crittenden** - Sarah Carlson's uncle
- Margarette McDaniel** - church member
- Vicky Relitz** - church member
- Jackie Hamilton** - church member



The Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry would like to thank you all for another successful fall/Christmas sale. Because of your support, we are able to purchase the batting needed to continue this vital ministry of our church. Anyone interested in participation in this group can join us the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9:00 AM-Noon.

Thank you again,
Christ's Peace and Blessings,
Mary, DiAnne, Val, Joy, Ruth, Nancy, and Lynn

Thank you to my church family for the cards, prayers, visits, food, and phone calls – what a blessing in my time of need. I'm not at 100% but will get there with God's help and your continued prayers. ~Barb Maki

I have not forgotten all of you who wrote notes and the calls I received when I had my surgery and then when I fell. They were so uplifting for me. I feel the last three weeks I have finally healed. I can get up and down out of a chair more gracefully now. Thank you again for everything. ~Sharleen Rogers

Dear Church Family— Thank you for the prayers, kind thoughts, and cards we received during my sister, Jill Bogen's, short illness and passing. We were comforted by the support and love you have shown to us during this period of bereavement for our family.
~Lynne and Jerry Warner



A Nashville grandfather took his four-year old grandson out in the woods to select a Christmas tree. They tramped all over the place, but the boy couldn't find a tree that suited him. Finally it began to get dark and cold, and the grandfather shook his head and flatly said, "Well, we'll have to take the next tree." The boy looked up in bewilderment and said "Even if it doesn't have any lights either?" It's little wonder that this boy was confused.

It's said that about more than 500 years ago, Christian reformer Martin Luther lit the first Christmas tree. The story is this. One day he was walking in a wonderful forest, and he saw beautiful stars glowing up in the sky like crystal diamonds. The reflected image of stars on the lake and the trees were just amazing. When he came back home, he wanted to explain the beautiful scenery that he had seen, but he could not explain with merely words. He decided to go out and cut down a tree from the forest, and lit up little candles around the tree to visually explain what he had seen.

The American custom of using electric lights began in 1882 when Edward Johnson, an associate of Thomas Edison,

hand wired 80 red, white and blue bulbs and wound them around a rotating evergreen tree. Then in 1895, President Grover Cleveland set up a lighted Christmas tree in the White House and the general public began to notice. So began the tradition.

Christmas is a time of light. And this light represents our Lord Jesus Christ. John 1:4-5 says, "in him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." We used to live in the darkness, but because of God's grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, the light has pierced through the darkness and we are born again as God's children. In John 12:46, Jesus declares, "*I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.*"

The significance of light cannot be better than Jesus coming into your life as a savior. The greatest moment of history is not about the discovery of fire, the invention of the wheel, or electricity. It's not about intellectual life in Greece in the 5th Century. It's not the imposition of world law under the Roman Empire. It's not

when you got your unexpected gift, it's not when you made a family trip to Europe. The greatest moment of our life is that Jesus came into your life as a light of Hope and Salvation and that is what makes this time of year so special. And besides this event, all other events fade away into insignificance by comparison.

Jesus is born so that we might be born again. I hope and pray that you would come to a deeper reflection on what it means to accept Jesus as the light of hope and salvation in this season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Rev. Won D Kim

All Kitchen Helpers Needed To Attend Kitchen Use Meeting



On Saturday, December 19, at 10:00 AM, there will be a presentation on **KITCHEN Ministries** GUMC's Kitchen use policy. Jeannine Page-Tear has been working with the Health Department and will highlight the Health Department guidelines in an hour long presentation, which will clear up any issues we are having within the kitchen now. At least two people from each group within our church needs to attend if you want to continue to use the kitchen. This meeting includes any group that uses our kitchen. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 810-636-2444.

Youth Group Time Change And A Vital Church Initiative Update

Sunday Night Youth Group Time Change

In our ever evolving Youth Group experiment we will be changing our Sunday Night youth group time back from 6:00-7:30 PM. This fall we attempted to focus our time together, and eliminate wasted space during our weekly meetings. After some additional thought, adult and teen feedback, and prayer we have decided to expand our meeting back to an hour and a half starting January 10th. We are looking to the new year and all that it brings. We are still looking for caring adults who like teenagers and love Jesus to be a part of the MYF Team.

Vital Church Initiative - Update

Over the last month, I have spent time trying to identify a cultural change that we need to make as a church. I have done this because we were encouraged to take an action step by our VCI instructor. Just to refresh ourselves, "The instructor talked about the importance of making changes to the culture of your church, the way that you do things. He warned that if you do not change the culture you will not experience revitalization." I would say that we as a church are experiencing a culture of spiritual and physical tiredness. We are tired and adding one more church activity can be draining to us. Because many are tired, the activities that we engage in around GUMC can at times become frustrating, and cause us to speak to one another in a manner that is un-Christ-like.

The author in the book of Hebrews is providing encouragement to the recipient that they might preserve the faith in Chapter 10: 23-25 they say, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." At this month's joint meeting of the Home and Away teams we talked about our action steps for next month. We are going to be developing our vision for the church and focusing on our own spiritual discipleship. So this month, let us push past our spiritual and physical tiredness and spur one another toward love and the good deeds that God is calling Goodrich UMC to do together.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party

Sunday Dec. 13—6:00 - 8:00 PM
Jeff and Madonna Bennett's
8198 Manchester Dr
Grand Blanc MI 48439

Youth Group Returns

Jan. 10—6:00 - 7:30 PM

Unite

Jan. 15 - 16—Fri. 10:30 PM - Sat. 5:15 AM

30 Hour Famine

Feb. 19 - 20—Fri. 6:00 PM - Sat. 7:00 PM



Milestone Birthdays To Celebrate

Ed Noll is turning 90!



The family of Ed Noll is inviting you to join us in celebrating his 90 year achievement of life! We will have an open house in the

Family Life Center on Sunday, December 20, from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. Light refreshments and dessert will be served. Your presence is your gift, so cards only please.

Chuck Maki is turning 80!

The Family of Chuck Maki would like to invite our church family to share in celebrating Chuck's 80th birthday. We will gather in the gym after the combined 10:00 AM service on Sunday, December 27. Cake and finger foods will be provided. No gifts please – birthday cards are appreciated.

Badminton—A Good Mid-Morning Exercise For All



I would like to form a group to play badminton in the church gym. It would be a fun and easy way to get some exercise this winter. We will be playing once a week on

Friday from 10:30-11:30 am in the Family Life Center Gym beginning on Friday, December 4. All you need to bring is a racket. This activity is open to everyone of all ages. If you are interested, please call me at 248-627-7445. ~Martha Tooley

Christmas Party For Outreach Circle

Welcome to **All** women, you are invited to a Christmas Potluck dinner on December 11 sponsored by Outreach Circle. We will gather at 5:30 PM in the dining room for fellowship and snacks, followed by the potluck at 6:00 PM.



Cookie Exchange

After dinner we will have a cookie exchange. Bring a batch of Christmas cookies or candy to share and a plate to take home your selection. We will also have an optional white elephant gift exchange. Bring a gift wrapped, new or old worth \$5 or less. Support your local Goodwill Store.

Need a ride call Joy Rossman
810-636-2791.


Our Collection Center



Recycling Collection

Our congregation collects many different items that are used again to help others. We

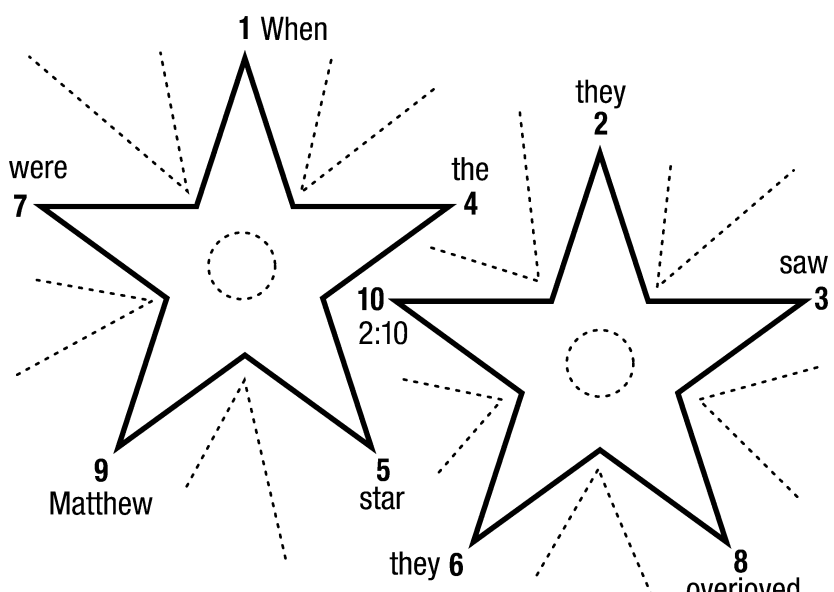
collect old eye glasses that the Lions Club recycles, product labels which help fund our schools, pull tabs from cans that help fund health care, Bueches receipts that give us 1 percent back to our Sunday School, cell phones, ink cartridges for money back, and plastic lids for math instruction in Haiti. The collection point for all these things is located in the storage space behind the first accordion door in the Fellowship Area. The green bins are all clearly marked for your donations. Thank you!



The star of Christmas

When Jesus was born, a star led the wise men to him.

Directions: Place the words in order, by their numbers, on the blanks below to complete Matthew 2:10, NIV.



“ _____
_____, _____
_____, NIV

Answer: "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." Matthew 2:10, NIV

DECEMBER WORSHIP HOURS



DECEMBER 6:	9:25 & 11:05 AM
DECEMBER 13:	10:00 AM
DECEMBER 20:	10:00 AM
CHRISTMAS EVE:	5:00 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE:	7:00 PM
DECEMBER 27:	10:00 AM

OUR 2 SERVICE SUNDAY SCHEDULE WILL RESUME IN JANUARY.

Ministry Assistants

Greeters

6	D. & B. Horton	E. & N. Bennett
13	J. & D. Norgaard	L. Wolff
20	J. & M. Bennett	D. & P. Hogan
27	J. & M. Slade	D. & K. Wilks

Visual Media

6	D. Yocum, F. Huizenga	F. Bianchi, F. Huizenga
13	Christmas Pageant	
20	F. Huizenga, F. Bianchi	
27	W. Doublestein, B. Fletcher	

Announcers

6	P. Plant	S. Hill
13	M. Schulte	
20	M. Bohlen	
27	C. Densham	

Liturgist

6	E. Carlson	K. Carden
13	C. Dew	
20	A. Braun	
27	J. Martin	

Sound

6	T. Haiderer	J. Hunt
13	T. Haiderer, K. Harlow	
20	M. Schulte	
27	M. Schulte	

Nursery

6	K. Smith, N. Schulte	L. Merchberger, L. Hoffman
13	K. Wilks, S. Blackburn	
20	D. Eddy, R. Page-Tear	
27	K. Smith, N. Schulte	

Ushers

6	D. Brinker, J. Zerba J. & J. Page-Tear
13	S. & B. Rogers C. Perry, B. Cadarette
20	B. McCormick, R. Powers K. & T. Bechtel
27	M. & J. Bennett S. Eddy, D. Hogan

6 T. & L. Cicalo

Acolytes

6	M. Martin, A. Densham
13	No Acolytes
20	A. & S. Moe
27	R. Page-Tear, M. Kallin

Children's Message

6	D. Haiderer
13	K. Bechtel
20	J. Elledge
27	C. Walls

Communion

6 Pastor Won, B. Fletcher
M. Hughes, P. Plant

6 Pastor Won, E. Carlson
J. Elledge, C. Noll

**Newsletter
Deadline:
December 13**



Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts
December—United Methodist Men
January—Congregation Care Committee

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	9 am Ugly Quilts 6:30 pm Gambler's Anonymous 7 pm Co-ed Volleyball	1 7 pm UMW Christmas Program—all are invited to hear Dave Worley's men's quartet sing songs of the season and enjoy refreshments and fellowship afterwards.	2 9 am Prayers & Squares 6 pm Songsters Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Men's Basketball	3 6 pm Goodrich's Downtown Christmas—Chancel Choir Singing for Tree Lighting 6:45 pm Bell Choir	4 10:30 am Co-ed Badminton 7 pm Christmas Pageant Tech Reh. 7 pm AA	5
6 SCRIP Orders Due 7:30 am UMM 9:25 am 1st Service Worship 11:05 am 2nd Service Worship/Sunday School 12:15 pm Christmas Pageant Blocking Reh. 6 pm MYF	7 9 am Ugly Quilts 6:30 pm Gambler's Anonymous 7 pm Co-ed Volleyball	8 6:30 pm All Team Meetings	9 6 pm Songsters Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Men's Basketball	10 12-5:45 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 6:45 pm Bell Choir	11 10:30 am Co-ed Badminton 7 pm AA	12 7:30 am VCI Away Team to Grace UMC 10 am Christmas Pageant Dress Reh.
13 SCRIP Order Pick Up Newsletter Deadline 10 am Worship—Christmas Pageant 11 am Christmas Pageant Reception 11:30 pm VCI Home & Away Teams Meeting 6 pm MYF Christmas Party at Jeff & Madonna Bennett's Home	14 9 am Ugly Quilts 6:30 pm Gambler's Anonymous 6:30 pm Finance Comm. 7 pm Co-ed Volleyball	15 6:30 pm Church Board	16 9 am Prayers & Squares 5:15 pm DOG Nite 6 pm Songsters Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Men's Basketball	17 6:45 pm Bell Choir	18 7 pm AA	19 10 am Kitchen Training
20 10 am Worship 2-5 pm Ed Noll's 90th Birthday Party	21 6:30 pm Gambler's Anonymous 7 pm Co-ed Volleyball	22 6:45 pm Bell Choir	23 No Songsters No Chancel Choir	24 5 pm Christmas Eve Service 7 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day! 7 pm AA	26
27 10 am Worship 11 am Chuck Maki's 80th Birthday	28 6:30 pm Gambler's Anonymous No Co-ed Volleyball	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

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In *Whistling in the Dark* (HarperOne), Frederick Buechner compares Advent to the moments right before a symphony conductor raises the baton to begin a much-anticipated performance. "You hold your breath to listen," he writes. "You are aware of the beating of your heart. The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment."

