

FENTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2021 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Hello & Welcome

The Church is not a building. It is a gathering of people brought together to experience God's love and purpose.

God designed the church for YOU – you belong here. Are you ready to experience a community of people doing life together? To find out, come worship with us on Sunday mornings.

Our Mission: To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share, and serve as his disciples.

Our Vision: To provide an inviting and welcoming church home that attracts people of all ages and encourages positive growth, while creating an exciting and dynamic approach as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for worshipping with us! We are happy to welcome you into this household of God.

PASTOR'S LETTER

The Kingdoms We Create

Pastor Robbie Carnes

Have you ever noticed that the position of garages in relation to homes (especially the front door) has changed over the years? If you take a gander up the hill into Dibbleville you might see some of the older homes that have carriage houses. These are separated from the main house, and most of the time in the back end of the property. [This is most likely due to the smell of horse manure]. The newer the house the closer the garage is to the front door. Upon approaching some newer homes, the garage is the first thing you see, to the point of making the front door of the home generally unused.

The distance between where one parks their transportation (be it a carriage or a car) and how one enters their home is important. Could there be a correlation between this distance and our willingness (and ability) to interact with other people in our neighborhood and in other parts of our lives? The less time we spend entering our homes, the less practice we have with interacting with those who live around us.

This is just one example of the way we have created little kingdoms out of our lives. We create strong walls around ourselves. Walls that might look really good on the outside but offer no real welcome to others. The walls that we erect make it difficult for us to share with others and to ask for help. We drive into our fortified homes and practice barricading ourselves against any genuine relationships or accountability. The shorter the distance from the car to the door the better.

Not all of us are like this. Many of us have rich and rewarding relationships. We have built walls that have many gates. We can share and love and appreciate others. We can also be appreciated. However, we are still lords of our own little kingdoms. If those whom we have allied ourselves with fit into our social goals, we can keep the gates open. If our supposed allies cease to meet our needs or somehow represent values that we do not hold, those gates will come crashing down. We exile and excommunicate in order to maintain our grip on our kingdom. Have you ever done this? Have you ever been ejected from someone's life?

How are we to live together if our kingdoms come into conflict? How do we have genuine relationships with others if we constantly have to run political gauntlets or refuse to share certain aspects of our lives? Are we to connect only by tenuous treaties, avoiding any conversation of consequence, less a careless word, a thoughtless post, or a lack of boundaries demand that we lock each other out forever? How can kingdoms of our lives live at peace with others?

The answer is allegiance.

If we boil it down, all of the circles, societies, posses, and booster clubs that we belong to don't require us to change our allegiance. Any politics, issues, or social agendas don't require allegiance either. What is required is syncretism, that is, as long as there isn't major conflict between the goals and agenda of the organization in question and our own personal

agendas then we can work together. As soon as something becomes misaligned then separation needs to happen. Through it all our allegiance remains to ourselves and everyone continues taking that short trip from the garage to the front door.

Christians shouldn't live this way, because our allegiance isn't to ourselves or anything else. The Christian's allegiance is to Jesus. We no longer have to consider ejecting people out of our lives because of their politics or brand of jeans. We can grow and share as we invite others into our lives and are challenged by different types of thinking and perspective. We can love sacrificially and extend grace in radical ways because our allegiance isn't to ourselves - our kingdoms are subservient to Jesus' kingdom.

It should be noted that in no way am I suggesting that Christians (or anybody for that matter) should allow abuse, manipulation and other kinds of hurtful behavior in their lives. Our Father in Heaven does not desire us to be abused to numbness, manipulated

into insanity, or hurt beyond healing. We are beloved children, not agents of martyrdom. We have nothing to prove to anyone except the one that we have allegiance too.

This Christmas, as you gaze at the Nativity scene or contemplate the Christmas Story, reflect on the fact that this is Jesus' Kingdom coming into the world. A Kingdom that came in as a baby--a disarming, vulnerable baby. Born into the world with all of the toil and pain, blood, and sweat that each of us was. We are all simply human; it is our allegiance to the God, who became human, that allows us to really know that.

Merry Christmas, Church.

Luke 2:10-12 ... *“Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”*



WORSHIP

December Sermon Series

It is the season of Advent, in which we wait in expectation for our Lord.

In the beginning there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were made by him, and nothing was made without him. In him there was life, and that life was the light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it. John 1:1-5

Throughout the ages we have had *hope* in God's love working to restore all creation. It is this hope that transforms the world around us from darkness into light.

The hope of God, planted in our hearts, produces *joy*. Even in the midst of grief and trauma we can find joy in the Lord. This is truly a light in the darkness.

Many times joy explodes in and around us, but we know that emotions settle at some point. Yet when our joy has a foundation in the Lord we find that it will mature into *peace*. Always ready to bound unto us like an overactive puppy, yet remaining, always, as the substrata of our lives in faith.

Jesus is God's spoken word of *Love* to us. Jesus sought to be with us 2000 years ago and seeks to do so now. Love yearns to know and be known.

For the month of December we are going to be dwelling on the hope, peace, joy and love that we have in Christ.

Christmas Eve Worship

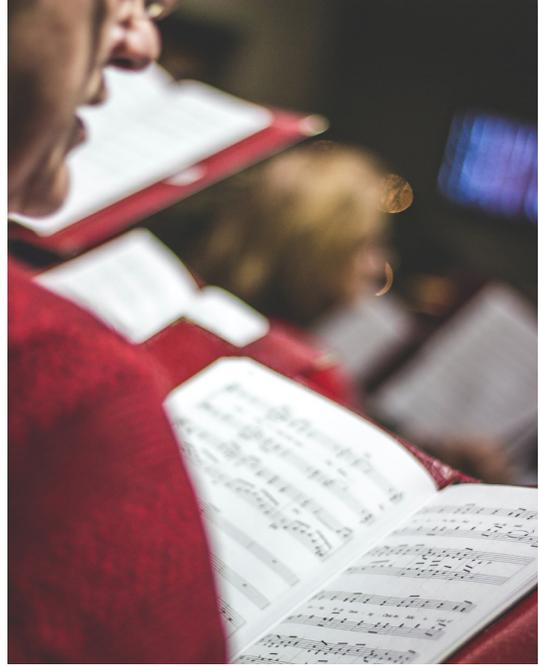
It is a delight to celebrate the Christmas holiday with family and friends. Gathering as a Church family is important and we are hoping to do that in a special way this year. We will be hosting two worship services this Christmas Eve. **The first one will be at 7pm and be enjoyed virtually.** You are encouraged to take a moment out of your Christmas Eve celebration and gather with your household to recall the marvelous gift that God has given through the Son. The sanctuary will also be open for those who wish to view the service from there.

We will also be meeting at 11:30pm for a worship service to ring Christmas Day in. We plan to gather at the Millpond Gazebo for carols, prayer and a short message. We will then end the evening with candlelight and song. Merry Christmas to you all, our Savior is born!

The 2021 Advent Devotional Booklet is available online and www.ffpc.org. Hard copies are also available in the church office.



The entire month of December is going to be filled with wonderful worship music! In addition to our church family musicians throughout the month, we have special guests Dr. Ray Shuster, violinist Allison Rhodes, and cellist Kim Borgert in service December 5th, and our guest orchestra in a pre-recorded presentation December 12th. We look forward to inviting the guest orchestra to come play in-person during Lent!



ADVENT CHRISTMAS CAROL AND HYMN SING: Your Christmas playlist is here. Don't miss out on over an hour of wonderful carol and hymn tunes to get you into the Christmas spirit! You can enjoy it all month long more or one in one sitting. Play it again while you read, while you're cooking, or listen while you decorate your tree. Whatever you decide, you'll have a playlist for the entire Christmas season. <https://youtu.be/A2uzx-acZfs>

Join us EVERY WEDNESDAY at 1PM via Zoom or Facebook Live for our ADVENT LUNCH-BOX CONCERT SERIES! You'll get a miniature concert consisting of 6-7 Christmas pieces from your church family musicians or musician friends that we have had in our congregation before. The concerts will be available post-broadcast in case you miss it.

How to Worship with Us

Join us online as well as in person, this Sunday at 10am. We will be worshipping in the Sanctuary as well as using YouTube, Facebook and Zoom software. In addition, those who do not have an internet account can listen in by phone.

What You Need to Know Regarding In Person Worship Service this Sunday.

We will be meeting at 10am for Worship. Face Masks are optional. Paper masks will remain available for those who might need one, and handwashing stations will remain available throughout the building. If you have been exposed to COVID or feel ill, please be considerate and stay home.

Here is how to join us Online

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/fentonfpc>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckBa-DrcqSECxjAyeaiC4bg>

Zoom [CLICK HERE](#)

2. use the Zoom app and use this Meeting ID

Meeting ID: 830 914 2301 Meeting Password: 5013

3. Use your telephone line to listen in:

Call +19292056099 and dial 8309142301# at the prompt US (New York)

Or Call +13126266799 and dial 8309142301# at the prompt US (Chicago)



Live Nativity during Jinglefest in the Courtyard of First Presbyterian Church

Come and be a part of God's Story!

Take in the scene; experience the awe and wonder as church members re-create the story, along with live animals. Children passing by will have the opportunity to dress up as an angel, shepherd, or magi and have their picture taken in front of the nativity.

A poster for the 'Advent Season' schedule. The background is a dark, starry night sky with a gradient from blue to purple. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of three camels and their riders walking across a grassy field. The text is white and arranged in two columns.

Advent Season

Sunday November 28 First Sunday in Advent (Hope)	December 25th Merry Christmas
December 5th 2nd Sunday in Advent (Peace)	December 26th First Sunday of Christmas 10am Worship
December 12th 3rd Sunday of Advent (Joy) Joy Sunday	December 27 & 28th Office Closed
December 19th 4th Sunday of Advent (Love) Joy Offering	
December 24th Christmas Eve 7pm Family Worship 11:30pm A Carol Celebration Outdoors	

The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9am-3pm and Friday from 9am-12pm

Communion Table Flowers: If you would like to purchase flowers for the Communion Table, please contact Heidi Roberts 810-625-4637 or hroberts6862@gmail.com.

DEACON'S

The Ministry of the Deacon's is set forth in scripture as one of compassion, witness, and service. Sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies of structure, or anyone else in distress.

Helping Hands



Do you need help with simple household chores? Do you need someone to pick up groceries or prescriptions? Do you need a ride to a doctor's appointment? We have **HELPING HANDS** for you. If you have a request or question, please contact Nancy Berger, 810-701-6556, Rick Bard, 810-629-8729 or the church office 810-629-7801.

Christmas Project



Prayer Requests



Prayer requests and updates can be sent to Debbie Hoeglund by phone at 810-252-0410 or by email at pardeb18@hotmail.com.

The Deacons are working with a local organization this year on the Christmas project. We will be helping to supply supply clothing to 20-25 children. Signup sheets will be available in the fellowship hall beginning Sunday, December 5th. If you would prefer to donate financially, you may do so by dropping funds off at the church office. We will ask that you purchase and wrap the items then bring them to the church by December 15th. For more information or questions regarding this project, please contact Jeanne Cupp by email at jass@umich.edu or by phone 810-287-7218.

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP



Samaritas Update

In August I reported that we accomplished successful deliveries to 6 families. It was a great month. Unfortunately, soon after, our contact at the resettlement agency left for another job and we lost our direct link to new families. Throughout September and October as we waited for his replacement to be hired, I focused my energy on the impending wave of Afghan refugees.

Many people had reached out wanting to get involved in Afghan resettlement. We met and decided to form a welcome team. The team is made up of about a dozen individuals and representatives from 4 local churches. I contacted Samaritas to see how we could get involved in Afghan resettlement.

In October, our welcome team signed a co-sponsorship agreement with Samaritas. This made our group an official “Welcome Team” and lined us up to be matched with an Afghan family or individual. As we waited for a match we continued to collect resources and furniture. We were able to make one furniture delivery during this time. It went to our friends Angie and Jonathan. We first assisted them right after they arrived in October of 2019 and we have kept in contact. This fall they were able to buy their first home and we sent some furniture to help fill it up for their growing family!

In mid-November we were matched with a young woman from Afghanistan. She is resettling on her own and was sent to Michigan after a three-month stay on an army base in New Mexico. After a few conversations, she decided that she would like to move to Fenton. She has been staying with my family for the last week. Sayna was a student at University in Kabul before the Taliban take-over. She was able to leave the country as a humanitarian parolee. This is a different status than we are accustomed to working with, and will require more legal work than previous refugees.

There are so many things to do in the first months of resettlement and she is taking on tasks one at a time with efficiency. So far she is enrolled in ESL classes, and has found a driving

coach. We are hoping to help her to obtain her driver's license and a job so that she's able to purchase a car. Having her own transportation is key to her success in Michigan. Many wonderful members of our welcome team have really helped her to feel at home here in Fenton. She has been provided all of the winter clothes that she needs, and our team was able to purchase a computer for her with donated funds.



Here she is with my two at Thanksgiving:

I will share a little bit more about the designation of humanitarian parolee. Humanitarian parolees are not guaranteed asylum in the US. This means that even though Sayna was forced to flee her country for fear of her life, she could be deported after 2 years if she does not receive official asylum. Because of this, getting her asylum application underway is at the top of our list. I have been in touch with a Michigan nonprofit organization that helps people through just these issues and it seems they will be able to help her with the lengthy process. She is very hopeful that she will have a permanent future here in Michigan.

To give just a short report on our other refugee friends. Rolly is still waiting to be reunited with his family, and is hoping to travel to Malawi this winter to visit them. I am frustrated that this process has taken so long, but unsure that there is anything to be done about it. Salah is doing really well; he has been living on his own for over a year! He is taking his first college level course at a local community college and working full time. He is pursuing a design degree.

Finally, our welcome team is always open. If you are local and would like to be involved, please let me know and I will add you to that email distribution list. Thanks as always for your support.

Sincerely, Sarah



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

FFPC Members will be ringing the Salvation Army bell outside the Fenton Walmart to raise funds to provide gifts to needy children on Saturday, December 4th, between 10am and 7pm. If you're not volunteering, we hope you'll stop by to see us. Members of the choir will be singing Christmas carols between 1pm and 2pm.

We have been blessed, let us be a blessing to someone this special time of the year.



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE: Our church will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 8:30 to 1:45 in fellowship hall. Due to decreased blood donor turnout, the Red Cross blood supply has dropped to the lowest it has been since 2015. Help to save lives with your donation of blood. Go online www.redcross.org or call Red Cross @ 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment. We also need volunteers that day for a couple of hours and if you are interested there will be a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall. Any questions please contact Jo Beardslee @ 810-750-9768 or Sherry Hunt @ 810-735-6428.



DEVELOPING & SUSTAINING OUR LEADERS CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING DECEMBER 19TH, 2020

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

Financial Review - October, 2021

Profit/ Loss	Oct.	Budget	Jan-Oct. Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income:	\$60,053.42	\$27,361.58	\$325,134.68	\$286,833.16	\$339,859.36
Expense:	<u>\$22,644.74</u>	<u>\$24,782.39</u>	<u>\$244,824.91</u>	<u>\$257,922.88</u>	<u>\$311,863.34</u>
	\$37,408.68*	\$2,579.19	\$80,309.77*	\$28,910.28	\$27,996.02

*this does not include additional obligations such as restricted funds or mortgage payments. Such as: Board of Deacons, Faith & Femininity, Organ Fund, HVAC Fund, etc.

Statement of Cash Flows	Oct.	YTD
Cash at Beginning of period:	\$119,413.93	\$100,783.08
Cash at End of Period:	<u>\$113,317.64</u>	<u>\$113,317.64</u>
Net Cash:	\$6,096.29	\$12,534.56

Respectfully Submitted, November 4th, 2021
 Debera J Bard
 Treasurer

Building Fund Report - November, 2021

Building Account Balance: \$9,200.00
 Mortgage Remaining: \$75,488.95

Our monthly mortgage payment will be paid using (1) designated building fund contributions as they are received and, if needed to make the payment, (2) money from the operating budget. If more designated money is received than is needed to make the required mortgage payment, overpayments will be made to reduce interest costs and retire the mortgage as soon as we can.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



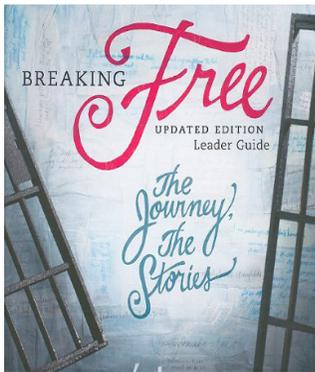
Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Sermon Discussions

11:15 - noon

Led by Pastor Robbie Carnes

Our Sunday morning discussion group has moved to an in person format. Join us in

Fellowship Hall at 11:15!



New Tuesday Morning Women's Study - Breaking Free by Beth Moore

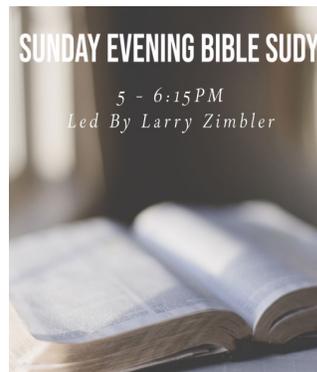
Facilitated by Jenn Wenzel, this second offering is for those who would like to dig deeper and/or repeat the course.

Discover the freedom available to you from the transforming power of Christ. Based on Isaiah 61:1-4, this in-depth Bible study draws parallels between the Israelites in captivity and believers in spiritual captivity. Beth uses Scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life and explains that anything that hinders you from the benefits of knowing God is bondage.

Please feel free to reach out to Jenn if you have any questions about the class.

It is a wonderful growth experience and she is looking forward to walking this journey with you!

January 11 - March 15 from 9 - 11am (in person - zoom option is possible)



Sunday Evening Bible Study 5:00-6:00pm

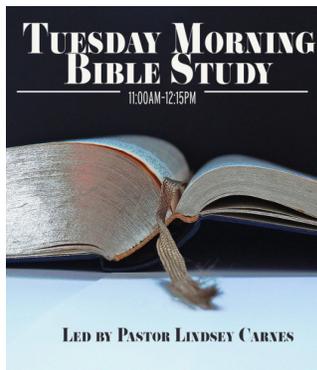
This group is studying the book of Revelation. Contact Larry Zimpler for more information.

Join us in person at 4square Tax AND also on Zoom.

Join via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82961241969?pwd=M0lPMmxYU001SnQ0Z3cWV3h5Z1phdz09>

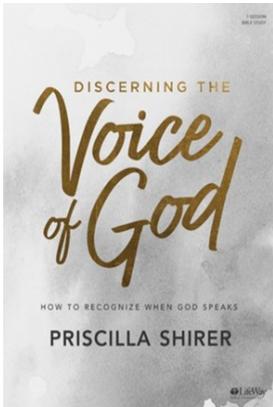
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Tuesday Morning Study using Charles Barclay's Acts of the Apostles 11:00am-12:15pm

Acts is the story of God's grace flooding out into the world. The book of Acts is an historical account of how the resurrection of Jesus changes everything. Luke records the early days of the church after Jesus' ascension and how, still today, the gospel of grace draws them in, constitutes them as a church centered on the grace of Jesus, and then sends them out in mission to the world. Each week we'll take a few sections of the study and you are invited to read ahead or just come and read and discuss it together.



Discerning the Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer

Through 7 sessions, discover the route to clear and daily communication with God—humble obedience. Learn how surrender unlocks God's many blessings intended for us, centers us in God's will, and helps us discern God's voice in everyday life.

Monday Evenings, January 10 – February 21, 6:30-8:30pm via zoom only

OR

Wednesday Mornings, January 12 – February 23, 10am – noon in Fellowship Hall and zoom

Participant books are \$17 each – Register to tina@ffpc.org or see the signup sheet in the church entryway by December 20.

Those out of town can also join via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3159652381?pwd=WjZpVTVZWkV0WHRUbK1HNlZFWjJZQT09>

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CELEBRATE RECOVERY
Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-Ups, & Habits

Wednesday Evenings
7-9pm in Fellowship Hall

The road to recovery is paved with God's promises in this 12-step Christ-centered program

Enroll Now!
Call 810.629.7801

Celebrate Recovery Group - Wednesday evenings fom 7-9pm in Fellowship Hall

What is Celebrate Recovery? Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life.

What are the meetings like? Celebrate Recovery meetings include music, worship, prayer, lessons or testimonies that focus on recovery through the use of the 8 Principles and 12 Steps, small group sharing and fellowship.

Who is welcome? Everyone! As christians we know we are all fallen in some way; we all have hurts, hangups and habits. Contact Jennifer MacLean for more information

Wednesday evening and Sunday morning childcare providers needed

Christian Ed is seeking to hire 2 people to provide childcare on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and during other programming as needed. Sunday mornings will involve teaching simple curriculum to our babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. This is done through routine and sets up a pattern for prayer and worship. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Kate Kirkey or Deb Bard for qualifications and other information.

VG's Receipts and Kroger Rewards Updates

Thank you for your ongoing support of our youth programs!!!

VG's Receipts: In November we had enough receipts to request our next \$1000 check which will pay for van rental for one of our Summer 2022 youth conferences! We will be attending the Massanetta Middle School Conference AND the Montreat High School Conference. Let's see if we can get another check before July 2022 by collecting another \$150,000 in receipts!

Kroger Rewards program: This past quarter we earned \$40.51 from 7 households. Linking your Kroger account to our church benefits youth group programs and trips. Please call the office if you need instructions on how to do this. We are grateful to those who are able to participate!

College Care Package Thank You's!

From Casey Cohen: "I wanted to thank you all for the goodies; it was a fantastic surprise!!! I hope everyone is doing great! Thank you again!"

From Aubrey Howieson: Thank you so much for the college basket! I was so excited when I received the box, and it was so much fun to go through it. It means so much to me that you thought of me while I am away at school. I have been eating all of the goodies like crazy - all of my favorites are in there. This box definitely brightened my day. I appreciate this very much. Thanks again!

From Zoey Howieson: Just wanted to write you all and thank you for the care package I received. I appreciate it so much, and have loved getting them the last 4 years. Thank you all again - I feel so loved.

From Lindsey Gibb: Thank you so much for the wonderful care package! I'm finished with the Mac&Cheese already! Miss you all and hope everyone is well.



YOUTH GROUP

For 6-12th graders and friends Let's connect and celebrate being together!

Fall Youth Group Schedule

for 6-12th graders and friends

Most meetings are Sundays in the Youth Room from 1-3PM unless noted.

Watch for after school coffee shop meetings once a month!

Events are subject to change – See Tina to get on the youth news email and/or text lists!

Go to d365.org for great daily devotions to read alone or with your family.

God is good, all the time!



Fall Schedule:

December 5: “Show & Teach” Small canvas painting with scripture led by Audrey MacLean

December 19: Christmas Party 12-3pm

***Saturday, January 8:** Movie night and Worship Wampum 3-8pm Youth Room

January 23: Sledding 1-3pm

February 6: TBD

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Gospel Project Sunday School for children ages kindergarten through 5th grade

Join us at 10am in Fellowship Hall

Children join worship after the sermon where they either sit with their parents or with Miss Tina; they can wear a mask at their parent's discretion. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tina Ritchie or Pastors Robbie or Lindsey.

Nursery & Preschool Volunteers Needed for Sunday mornings

The Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to fill this role. Please see the signup sheet in the church entryway or Deb Bard or Kate Kirkey if you can help!

“From Creation to Chaos” topics are:

Unit 3 – God's Rescue Plan (Genesis, Hebrews, Job)

12/5 God Controls Everything

Big Picture Question: Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside of God's good plan.

Unit Key Verse: *For I know that the Lord is great; our Lord is greater than all gods. The Lord does whatever he pleases in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all the depths. ~ Psalm 135:5-6 CSB*

Out of Egypt” topics are:

Unit 4 – God’s People in Egypt (Exodus)

12/12 Moses was Born and Called

12/19 The Plagues and the Passover

12/26 Christmas – Jesus was Born (Isaiah 9, Luke 2)

1/2 The Red Sea Crossing



Big Picture Question: Is there anything God cannot do? God can do all things according to God’s character.

Unit Key Verse: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ~ Romans 3:23 NIV

Dear Families,

Here is a short article from Dr. Charles Fay on the basic principles of Love and Logic. Remember, God created us to be in relationship first and foremost with God; this is how we learn to be in healthy relationship with others. If you’d like to learn more, our church library has many Love and Logic books and media resources for you to check out! As always, please let me know how I can best support you and your family with any faith formation tools or relationship skills techniques.

Many Blessings, Ms. Tina

A Basic Principle of Love and Logic

Recently we customers have called and asked us, “How early in our child’s life can we start using Love and Logic?” “As soon as they can crawl over and grab something they aren’t supposed to have,” is typically my answer. We have learned over the past 40 years that the principles of Love and Logic apply to all ages, from babies to teenagers. They can even be used with adults!

One of the basic principles of Love and Logic is: Share Control Within Limits. Most little ones begin to crawl around and test limits anywhere between six and eight months of age. This is the prime time to begin teaching them two things based on this principle:

- That you love them enough to set limits
- That you are willing to enforce the limits you set with consistency

Here’s what it can look like. Sweet little Sara crawls over to the table, pulls herself up, and starts grabbing for her Mom’s coffee mug, the remote control, or some other forbidden item. In a loving yet firm tone, Mom sings, “Uh Oh!” and gently picks Sara up, and places her in her playpen, highchair, or some other spot that’s safe. Mom knows that the fewer words and less attention she provides at this time, the quicker Sara will learn.

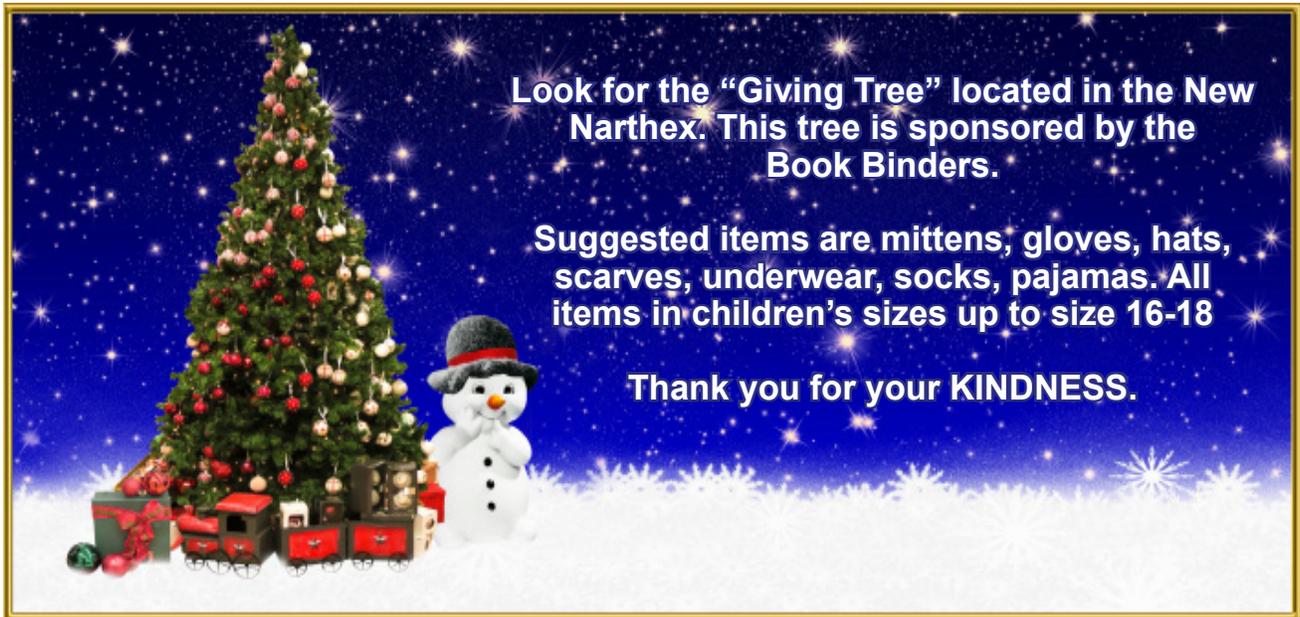
Sara doesn’t need to be in there long at this age! All it takes is just three or four minutes for her to miss being able to crawl around and explore. When this time’s up, Mommy just puts her right back on the floor and starts over.

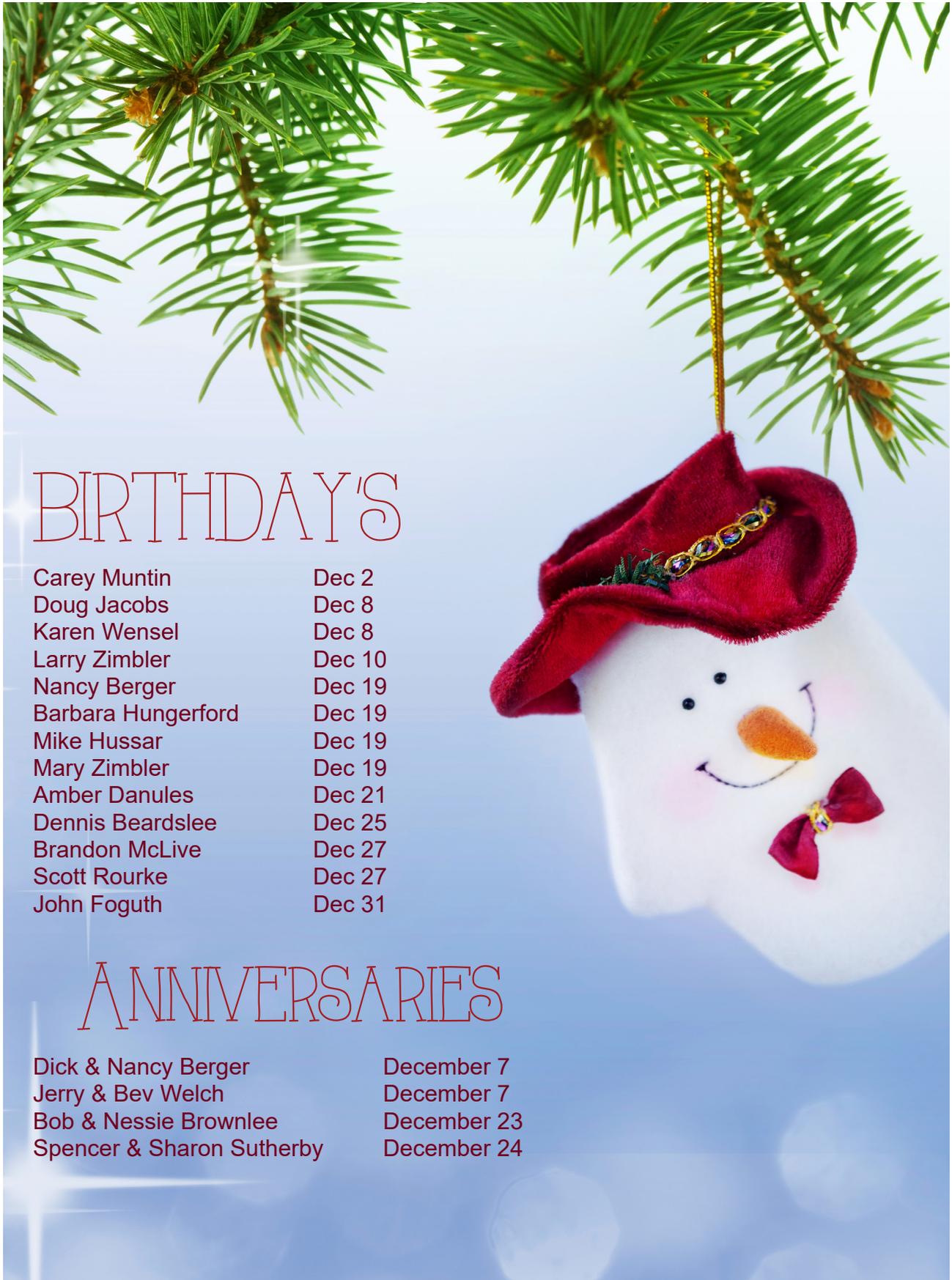
When we love people, we will also set healthy limits. When parents combine healthy limits with the phrase “Uh oh,” their very young kids get a head start on learning how to behave! Love and Logic Magic for Early Childhood: Practical Parenting from Birth to Six Years is a great resource for learning how to use the principles of Love and Logic with young children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION!!! If you knit or crochet (or would like to learn) the YARN Rappers will be meeting in the youth room every Tuesday at 1pm. This is a friendly group that shares fellowship and makes prayer shawls, lap robes, afghans & baby blankets to bring comfort to anyone going through difficult times. These can be very simple projects, and needles and yarn can be provided. If you know of anyone in need of an a knitted item please call Kelly at the church office at 810-629-7801 or email at office@ffpc.org.

Did You Know...you can support the church while you do your Christmas shopping at smile.amazon.com with the same prices and selection as the regular Amazon website. Simply choose First Presbyterian Church in Fenton, Michigan, as your charity on the website, and .5% of all your purchases will be donated to the church.





BIRTHDAY'S

Carey Muntin	Dec 2
Doug Jacobs	Dec 8
Karen Wensel	Dec 8
Larry Zimblar	Dec 10
Nancy Berger	Dec 19
Barbara Hungerford	Dec 19
Mike Hussar	Dec 19
Mary Zimblar	Dec 19
Amber Danules	Dec 21
Dennis Beardslee	Dec 25
Brandon McLive	Dec 27
Scott Rourke	Dec 27
John Foguth	Dec 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Nancy Berger	December 7
Jerry & Bev Welch	December 7
Bob & Nessie Brownlee	December 23
Spencer & Sharon Sutherby	December 24

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