

Spread hope
this holiday!

Samaritas™

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At Samaritas, we believe that every child in our care deserves a happy holiday. Our Christmas Wish program serves children in Samaritas who miss out on other statewide gift-giving opportunities due to age, date of entry into care, or type of care. Your gift can make their holiday wishes possible.

Register as a Donor

Statewide, hundreds of Samaritas clients received holiday gifts from Michiganders like you last year. You can sign-up as donor by scanning the QR code on this flyer or visiting Samaritas.co/GiveAWish.

Gift Options

Your gift-giving can benefit children in Samaritas' Foster Care, Family Preservation, Affordable Living, and/or New Americans services.

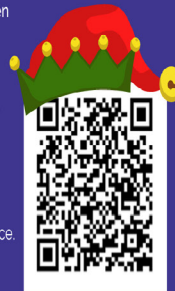
Ways to Give:

- Sign up to receive a wish list written by a child in Foster Care, Family Preservation, or Affordable Living. Wish lists will go out to donors beginning in early November. Gifts are due in early to mid-December (dates vary by program).
- Donate individual toys to refugee children resettled through Samaritas' New Americans program.
- Collect gift cards (\$25 & \$50) that will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for children who enter care close to the holidays.

Please drop your gift/toy off at the church office. Donations can be made to the church with Samaritas Christmas in the memo line.

Visit Samaritas.org/ChristmasWish for more information about this program.

Please contact Mary Zimble at (810) 629-0884 or Jay Kirkey at (810) 813-1988 with questions.



What's Happening at FFPC

Elders and Deacons, current and incoming. Please make sure you get your picture taken for our leader board in the New Narthex.

Be sure to visit the sign-up table before you leave on Sunday mornings! There are many opportunities to volunteer and serve.

Do you use the T Coil hearing loop? If you are having trouble with the system, please info Mike Cupp.

Closed Captions during worship are available on the TV located in the Sanctuary Annex. Please see Mike Cupp or Kelly Sunman-Davis with questions.

Christmas Joy Offering: 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 Special Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and provides support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. Special envelopes will be included in the church bulletin on December 1st and 15th for the Christmas Joy offering.

Poinsettia Time is Here! All poinsettias are \$27.50 each. Order forms will be available beginning December 1st. Make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. The form and check must be returned to the church office no later than December 15th, 2024. Thank you.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Sign up in fellowship hall to ring the bell for an hour on December 14th. The donations collected not only help provide gifts to children who would otherwise go without during the holidays, but they also help provide food, shelter, and utility assistance to those who need it most every day of the year.

Children's Sunday School and Worship Information

Class begins at 10AM and children return to worship after the sermon where they are welcome to either sit with their parents or with Miss Tina. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tina Ritchie @tina@ffpc.org.

Youth Schedule

December

Sat 7, 2-5PM: Live Nativity and Jinglefest

Sun 15: TBD Youth Christmas Party and gift exchange

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 11AM - 12:15PM - Ends December 3

11AM - 12:15PM in the Conference Room

Led by Pastor Robbie, this group is viewing and discussing season 4 of The Chosen.

The group will resume in January with a new topic. Watch for more details!

January Sunday Evening Bible Study - Beginning January 12 from 5 - 6:30PM in the

conference room at 4square Tax & Accounting.

Led by Larry Zimble, this group will discuss the book of Daniel. Bring your Bible and an open mind. Please see Larry for more information.

Do you knit or crochet? Join our knitting group on Tuesday afternoons, from 1pm-2pm in the Adult Library.

Communion Table Flowers are a wonderful way to honor a person, couple or special occasion. If you would like to purchase an arrangement, please contact Heidi Roberts at hroberts6862@gmail.com.

Refugee Information! It is really wonderful that there are now so many opportunities to get involved locally in the important work of refugee resettlement. To keep it all organized, we now have a sign-up-genius site to list all of the needs for both donations and volunteers. You can check it out here.

Don't forget, if you are interested in any of the opportunities that will involve working directly with refugee arrivals, please register as a Samaritas volunteer using this link. The process is simple! And our Amazon registry is always being updated with our current needs. You can use our wish list link to have items shipped directly. Finally, as more refugees arrive we would love to have more volunteers. Please consider sharing this email with a friend!

We have updated our Amazon Wish List!



For more information or to volunteer please visit <https://ffpc.org/samaritas/> or scan the code

We are raising funds until December 8th to provide the 21 refugee families in Flint with gift cards to purchase groceries during the holidays. You can

leave a donation in the offering plate marked "Food for Refugees," or donations can be made to the church office or donation box in fellowship hall. Thank you!

Jinglefest is fast approaching and help is needed for both our Live Nativity & Warming Center

Live Nativity

Saturday, December 7 from 3-5pm in our courtyard

Please see Cheryl Kopplin or Jeanne Cupp to choose your costume!

Sign up in Fellowship Hall to be an Angel, Mary, Joseph, or one of the Kings or Shepherds. Jinglefest Cookie Announcement

Warming Center

Saturday, December 7 from 3-5pm in Fellowship Hall

We are looking for people to donate cookies for the event

Look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall

Book Binders are once again sponsoring the Giving Tree, located in the New Narthex. Suggested items are mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, underwear, socks, pajamas. All items are children's sizes up to size 16-18. Thank you for your KINDNESS.



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Family Christmas

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Cookies & Carols at 3:30pm Christmas Eve Service at 4:15pm Christmas Vigil at 11:15pm