

Spread hope  
this holiday!

Samaritas™

in association with Season of Giving Partner



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](http://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](http://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.

**November 17th - Congregational Meeting after worship.**

**November 17th - New Members Class after worship, in the Adult Library.**

**November 24th - Hanging of the Greens after worship.**

**December 7th - Jinglefest, Live Nativity and Warming Center! Sign-up to volunteer in Fellowship Hall.**

**Live Nativity Sponsors Needed! Contact the office for more information.**

#### 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](mailto:@tina@ffpc.org).

#### Youth Schedule

##### November

**Sun 24, 12-2PM:** Triple C - cookies, cards and crafts for care receivers in the youth room - Jet's pizza provided. Preschool and Elementary children with parents are welcome to join us!

**Surviving the Holidays Griefshare Event!** Grief is harder around the holidays. More than just practical tips, GriefShare Surviving the Holidays is a community of people who know what it's like to walk through the holidays in grief. You will find connection and comfort in knowing you're not alone this season. Join us for this 2-hour event on November 17th from 11:30am-1:30pm.

**Story Time beginning November 10!** The Library Committee will host story time the 2nd Sunday of each month after worship in Fellowship Hall. Children, youth and adults are invited to hear and discuss a story of the month and check out books from the library! Folks interested in being a reader are asked to see Jenn Wenzel.

### **Sunday Evening Bible Study - 5 - 6:30pm**

Led by Larry Zimble, this class meets in the conference room at 4square Tax & Accounting and will continue reading The Fifth Gospel by Bobby Conway. This book is different; it's an invitation to actually live out the message of the gospel! Please see Rabbi Larry for more information.

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 11AM - 12:15PM**

Led by Pastor Robbie, this group meets in the Conference Room and is viewing and discussing season 4 of The Chosen.

### **Women's Studies - Wednesday morning or Thursday evening**

**Wednesday morning**, Through November 13 from 10am - NOON  
This class meets in Fellowship Hall and is facilitated by Tina Ritchie  
OR

**Thursday evening**, Through November 14 from 6:30-8:30PM  
This class meets via zoom and is facilitated by Dee Dee Ainsworth

**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](mailto:hroberts6862@gmail.com).

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

**Flood Relief Mission Project** - Join us, as well as, members of other Fenton area churches on November 24th for a Flood Relief Mission Project at the Fenton United Methodist Church, Family Life Center.

We are currently collecting plastic shopping bags, clean with no holes, from area grocery stores such as VGs or Walmart.

During the event clean-up buckets will be assembled and clean, plastic shopping bags will be cut into strips to make plarn which will later be made into large waterproof bags to carry items. Sign up for this event in fellowship hall. To learn more about DRAW, go to [drawbuckets.org](http://drawbuckets.org)

**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!

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



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*Family Christmas*

FENTON FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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