

THIS WEEK AT FAITH COMMUNITY

SUNDAY November 19

Bible Study – 9AM
Worship – 10AM
Thanksgiving Potluck – 5:30PM

TUESDAY November 21

A&B – 6:30PM
AA – 7:30PM

Friday November 24

church office closed

SUNDAY November 26

Bible Study – 9AM
Worship – 10AM
Youth Group – 6PM

LOOKING AND PLANNING AHEAD

Nov 27	Food Bank – 9:30AM Session – 6:30PM
Nov 28	AA – 7:30PM
Nov 29	Faith Club – 5:00PM Bells – 5:30PM Choir – 6:30PM
Dec 2	Choir Dress Rehearsal – 9AM
Dec 3	Worship with cantata – 10AM <i>Advent 1</i> Whitehall – 11:30AM Youth Group – 6PM
Dec 4	Deacons – 6:30PM
Dec 5	AA – 7:30PM
Dec 6	Soup Kitchen – 9:30AM Children's Christmas Presentation – 5:30PM Hanging of the Greens – 6:30PM
Dec 7	Recital Rental – 5PM
Dec 9	Recital Rental – 1:30PM Fellowship Hall Rental – 5PM
Dec 10	Bible Study – 9AM Worship – 10AM <i>Advent 2</i> Advent Workshop – Noon Youth Group – 6PM
Dec 11	Food Bank – 9:30AM
Dec 12	Membership – 4:30PM Education – 4:45PM Missions – 7PM AA – 7:30PM
Dec 13	Primetimers – Noon Faith Club – 5:00PM Bells – 5:30PM
Dec 14	Faith Fixers – 9AM Women's Group – 12:30PM
Dec 16	Men's Quarterly Breakfast – 8:30AM Recital Rental – 8:30AM Drop N Shop – 5PM

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 19, 2017

WELCOME VISITORS: Your presence is important to us, whether you are looking for a new church home or simply wish to worship here today. Please let us get to know you by filling in the Fellowship Register (red folder) and stop by the Welcome Table in the narthex (lobby) to learn about programs and events at Faith Community.

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: Please put your cell phone on vibrate or turn it off. Let your focus be on God as we worship together.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: When offering a joy or concern during worship, please fill out a prayer card found in the fellowship register.

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP TODAY are presented to the Glory of God by Mark and Michelle McKnight in celebration and thanks for all of God's blessings.

FAITH in Prayer

JOYS For November 12:

THANKFUL	Hunters (Brandon) Nancy Rajala Veterans & those serving our county
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CONCERNS For November 12:

HEALTH	JP (Tschirhart)
SYMPATHY	Family of Tom Modelski (Newman)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED we are currently in need of help with volunteers for the children's message, lay leader's and ushers. Please contact the office to sign up.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS The Advent season marks an important time of the church year: the anticipation of the birth of Christ. We celebrate this season by displaying an Advent wreath with five candles. On each of the four Sundays before Christmas candles will be lit to honor this sacred season. If you and your family would like to light a candle at one of these services please sign up in the narthex.

CANTATA Join us Sunday, December 3rd at 10 am for our Christmas program, "The Heart of Christmas"! We are pleased to have this wonderful program filled with beautiful vocals from our Adult Choir and guest vocalists, narrations throughout the pieces, and a talented orchestra filled with musicians from all parts of Michigan!

FAITH in Education:

YOUTH GROUP for grades 7th-12th: Sundays 6-7:30pm in the youth room.

BIBLE STUDY: We continue to discuss Paul's Letter to the Romans, but we will be taking a break for an Advent study. Starting November 19th we will be discussing "The Redemption of Scrooge" by Matt Rawley. This is a four week look at the classic Christmas story A Christmas Story by Charles Dickens. In this series we see Scrooge as a man needing forgiveness and we look at the ghosts as offering him hope through Christian faith. Classes will meet Sundays 11/19, 11/26, 12/10 and 12/17 at 9:00 a.m. Enrich your faith this Advent season by joining us as we discuss a classic Christmas story in a different way. See Linda Shoener or Adam/Laura Bednarek if you have any questions.



ADVENT WORKSHOP Sunday, December 10, 12PM. come learn about the birth of Jesus and who was there on that night. Each child will be building their own nativity set to take home. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the narthex.

DROP N SHOP Saturday, December 16: 5-9pm. Parents drop off your kids for a night of fun! We will be watching Christmas movies, making crafts and playing games while you get a night out on the town. Ages 3 and up, \$5 per child. Sign up in the narthex.

FAITH in Fellowship:

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK November 19, 5:30pm
Bring Your Appetite and a Dish to Share! The Fellowship Committee will provide an abundance of roasted turkey and gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and warm rolls and butter. You bring salad and vegetable OR stuffing and dessert, your choice. This family dinner will include a look back at the church year in photos, plus a sing-a-long of well-loved Thanksgiving hymns. Extended family and friends are invited, so bring 'em along. Please sign up on the poster in the narthex so we can plan for you. And don't forget place settings and silverware!

HANGING OF THE GREENS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Mark your calendars for an exciting NEW event on Faith's Advent Calendar! Join us for the Children's Christmas Presentation at 5:30 pm. The program will be sure to make you smile and reflect on the true meaning of the season. Then stay for Family Pizza Party and Hanging of the Greens. Fellowship and food for all and then decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Join in the fun! This will be an exciting event that all generations will enjoy.

WOMEN'S GROUP will meet Thursday, December 14, at 12:30pm. Lunch will be provided and we will be making bracelets. Please see Suzanne Everett or Linda Shoener with any questions. A signup sheet is posted in the narthex.

MEN'S QUATERLY BREAKFAST If you are one of the "regulars" or a first-timer, plan to join the group for breakfast and conversation Saturday morning, 8:30 am, December 16, at the Honey Tree Restaurant. It's BYOB, buy-your-own-breakfast, paired with "anything-goes" conversation. The Honey Tree is located at 10 Mile & Meadowbrook. Contact Mike Everett for more information.

FAITH in Mission:

DONATIONS Collection boxes are in the narthex for winter clothing and warm accessories- hats, gloves, scarves, socks, long underwear, blankets etc. Especially needed are winter BOOTS- mostly men's, but also women's and children's. Donations will be taken to the Spirit of Hope soup kitchen the first Wednesday of the month through the winter. Please bring gently used and new items to help the Detroit homeless survive the cold days and nights ahead. Thank you!

GIVING TREE Look for the giving tree next Sunday, November 26th! This tree in the corner of the narthex is decorated with special ornaments with wishes from our Food Bank families for a Christmas gift. Each ornament has suggestions for something you can buy to make someone's Christmas a little merrier. Some people choose a payment to DTE or Consumers Energy to help pay their utility bill as their gift. It's easy to participate. Take a gift tag from the tree and then sign YOUR name on the gift poster next to that tag number. Purchase and wrap your gift, securely attach the gift tag and bring it to church by Sunday, December 10th. If you decide to help pay a utility bill, write a check (in any amount you choose) payable to DTE or to Consumers Energy. Put the check and gift tag in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" DTE/Consumers and leave in the church office by the due date. If you would like to purchase a gift but have someone else shop for you, see Cindy Tschirhart, Jim Ernst or Val Kushman.