



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Join us for our Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24th at 7:00pm (**contemporary**) or 11:00pm (**traditional**). These services will focus our hearts on the birth of Jesus and the hope and joy He brings. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors, and make this service a part of your holiday traditions.

(Nursery will be available for children birth-3 at the 7pm service only)

NOTE: We'll have our regularly scheduled Sunday morning services at 9am & 11am on Christmas Eve.

YOUTH BREAKFAST

Don't miss out on a delicious youth fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, Dec 17th, between the two services (10-11am). Stay after the first service or come early to the second service and fill up on a delicious meal. This is a fundraiser for the youth and a freewill donation will be collected.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our junior worship kids are hard at work preparing a Christmas program for you! Join us on Sunday, December 17th during either our 9am or 11am worship to hear the music and story they are excited to share!

Attn Parents: Kids will be doing a dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec 16th from 9-10:30am in the sanctuary. Donuts and juice to follow rehearsal.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Our middle and high school youth ministries will be doing a Christmas tree fundraiser this holiday season to raise monies for new and ongoing youth projects and their annual mission trip. These farm fresh, fraser firs will be sold in our west parking lot for **\$35.00** on the following dates:

- Saturday, Dec 2nd from 9am—4pm**
- Sunday, Dec 3rd from Noon-4pm**
- Wednesday, Dec 6th from 5pm-8pm**
- Saturday, Dec 9th from 9am-4pm**
- Saturday, Dec 16th from 9am-4pm**

Any questions can be directed to our youth leaders: Matt & Stacie Vander Velde, Doug Wood, or Kim Zelinsky

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 5th

UMW Christmas Tea @ 2:00pm

Dec 17th

Kids Christmas Program at 9am or 11am

Youth Fundraiser Breakfast Between Services

Dec 24th

Morning Worship Services @ 9am and 11am

Christmas Eve Services @ 7pm and 11pm

ATTENDANCE

Here are attendance figures for October & November 2017 (and Oct & Nov 2016)

	1st Service	2nd Service	2017 Totals	2016 Totals
10/1/17	78	68	146	140
10/8/17	81	62	143	114
10/15/17	78	57	135	140
10/22/17	65	49	114	152
10/29/17	75	85	160	150
11/5/17	87	71	158	225
11/12/17	100	62	162	140
11/19/17	92	54	146	125
11/26/17	87	58	145	185

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Our United Methodist Men (UMM) group is sponsoring an angel tree this Christmas. Gifts will go to children who have a parent in prison or children in need. All tags have been taken. Thank you! If you selected a tag, please return your WRAPPED gift to the church by December 10.

UMW CHRISTMAS TEA

Attention Ladies: Please join us for our annual Christmas Tea on Tuesday, December 5th at 2:00pm. The program will be in the sanctuary. Following the program, we'll enjoy desserts downstairs. Please join us and bring a friend.

FREE HOLIDAY MEAL

AgeWell services, in partnership with DTE Energy, invites seniors 60+ to a FREE holiday meal on Thursday, Dec 21st at 11:30am in our fellowship hall. Please RSVP by calling Stacy at AgeWell at 744-8613 before December 13th.

Space is limited so call early! Menu includes rosemary roasted pork, red skin potatoes and gravy, almond green beans, garden salad and dressing, dinner roll, and cheese-cake with cherry topping.

ALSO....VOLUNTEERS needed to help serve the meal. Please contact Wendy in the church office if you're available to help.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO INMATES

The mission committee invites you to write Christmas cards to inmates in our correctional facility. Instructions and ideas of what to write are found on the desk in the gathering room. Cards to be returned by December 10th.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILY PROMISE

Want to make the holidays a bit brighter for a local homeless family? If so, visit our bulletin board where items are needed. Take a star and place your name on the sheet. Then shop, buy, wrap, and return your present with a name by December 10th.

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE

There will be an "Advent Open House" on Sunday, December 3, between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. at the parsonage. This is just a way to enjoy each other's company, and for Pastor Jeremy and Tamara to say "thank you" for the joy of serving the Lord with you! Come and go at your own time preference - there will be food, friends, and carols 'round the piano! The parsonage is located at 2317 Marquard Avenue, N.M., about a mile east of the church. We know that some of you are automatically thinking, "What can I bring?" So let us suggest that you CAN bring something: a neighbor, or friend, or family member! The more, the merrier. This would be a great opportunity for you to invite someone who doesn't have a church family to meet some of yours, and maybe make them theirs as well. What a wonderful gift that would be! We also realize that you may have other things going on the afternoon of December 3. We hope you will simply consider this an "opportunity", and not feel bad if you can't quite make it. We understand. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for December 3. It will be here in no time!

— Pastor Jeremy and Tamara Williams

NEW ADDRESSES

- Formal pastoral family, Carol & Denny Buwalda have a new address. 3983 Sierra Heights, Holt, MI 48842
- Dave Cribbs 1826 Mills North Muskegon, MI 49445
- Don & Ellen Tubergen 900 Andree Rd North Muskegon, MI 49445

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2—Golman Eslick, Avery Ellis
- 3—Maxine Hendrick, Wendy Kersman, Lori Harkness
- 5—Gene & Karen Fethke*
- 8—Muriel Barcroft
- 9—Mary Purtee
- 11—Bev Woller
- 12—Nicholas Zelinsky, John & Kathi Beck*
- 13—Avis Holcomb
- 14—Pearl Smith
- 15—Sharon Beetham, Kevin Dick, Todd Hyrns
- 17—Phil Tennant, Kevin McClurken
- 20—Karen Fethke
- 21—Dave Cribbs, Kevin & Cindy McClurken*
- 22—Caleb Baglien
- 23—Bob & Jean Mary Duplissis*
- 28—Buzz & Wendy Kersman*, David & Elizabeth Dykema*
- 29—Don Gale

*denotes anniversary

If you would like to include news into the monthly newsletter, please submit an announcement form to the church office by the 20th of each month by dropping it off or emailing to:

wendy@communitychurchumc.org

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Nominations: Pastor Jeremy (720.5422)

Senior High Leaders: Doug Wood (894.9677) & Kim Zelinsky (215.3927)

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