

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH



THE TROUGH:

// WHEN GOD GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD //

CHRISTMAS DAY // 2010

WELCOME!

On this Christmas Sabbath let the church bells peal the glad welcome: A joyous and blessed Noel to you, "and on earth, peace, good will to all." Come, let us remember that "holy night" and throw wide our be-ribboned and holly-laden doors today to the Christ Child. Let us rewrite the ancient story, for surely there is room in our hearts for Him. With shepherds, angels and magi alike, we raise the jubilant chorus, "Glory to God in the highest!"

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"BEYOND THE WIT OF MAN"

Poor Europe—"white Christmas"—bad timing. The wintery blast that has piled a mound of snow across Europe the past few days might have started out a "Christmas winter wonderland." But the only wonder left now is how to untangle this perfect storm of meteorological and technological gridlock that has turned the continent's major airports into bed and breakfasts, minus the bed and the breakfast. Nobody's humming "White Christmas" anymore (especially since that Irving Berlin composition is a distinctly American tradition). No wonder the mayor is so uptight! "Boris Johnson, the mayor of London, appeared frustrated that the winter weather could completely snarl air travel through Heathrow, where only a 'handful' of flights were landing and taking off on Monday, according to a spokes-



woman. 'It can't be beyond the wit of man surely to find the shovels, the diggers, the snowplows or whatever it takes to clear the snow out from under the planes, to get the planes moving and to have more than one runway going,' Mr. Johnson said, according to The Associated Press." (<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/21/world/europe/21snow.html?src=me>)

"It can't be beyond the wit of man." Well put, Lord Mayor. But then again some Christmas realities are utterly beyond our human ken, are they not? There was no snowfall that autumn night over Bethlehem. Just an over-crowded inn, filled to its rafters with out-of-towners for the Roman tax census. Shepherds with their flocks and camp fires dotted the midnight hillsides surrounding the village (evidence enough that the Holy Night came in autumn, not in winter). Suddenly from out of nowhere in the darkness a celestial being materialized in an explosion of glory before the stricken shepherds. " . . . and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this

day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'" (Luke 2:10-14)

Wide-eyed and dumb with fear, that band of watchers had gazed upon "the brightest picture ever beheld by human eyes" (*The Desire of Ages* 48). How long did it take to find voice and sight in the dark again? However long, they abandoned flocks, raced to the sleepy village, located the backyard cave-stable with the designated feeding trough, and out-of-breath stumbled into the presence of God in the still glistening Newborn.

"It can't be beyond the wit of man." But in this case it truly is. Far beyond our paltry finitude, no matter how long we brood over that manger scene. "Wonder, O heavens! and be astonished, O earth!" (p 49) No wonder the compelling human response to the God who tiptoed into town that night is to worship him.

MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

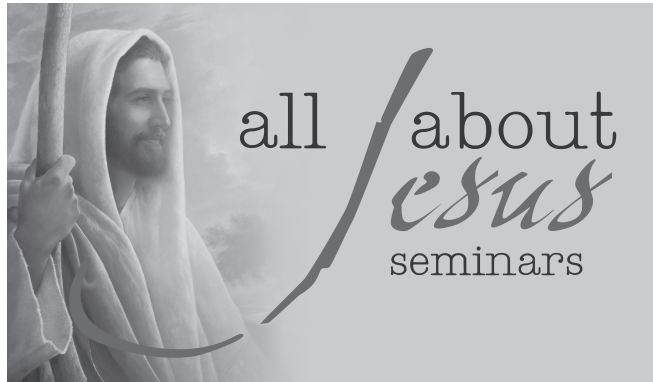
COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS \ “MORE ABOUT JESUS”

The Community Bible Class, PMC’s doctrinal review Sabbath School class, has recently finished a 35 part series entitled “Great Themes of the Bible: Why Seventh-day Adventists Believe Them.” The next series begins on January 1 as a follow-up to Lee Venden’s “All About Jesus” revival series.

Lee Venden has blended his classic revival themes with cardinal Adventist beliefs (Sabbath, judgment, death, second coming, etc.) to produce the “More About Jesus” Bible Study series. Each lesson in this series examines the Bible teaching for that lesson in light of its potential to strengthen a believer’s relationship with Jesus, or to help someone

who recognizes that they presently don’t have a relationship with Jesus but would be interested in exploring what that would involve.

The 13-lesson “More About Jesus” series will begin January 1. The



Community Bible Class meets 10-11 a.m. on Sabbaths in the Church Board room adjacent to the PMC kitchen. Anyone interested in exploring or reviewing what Seventh-day Adventists believe is welcome.

PRAY

That our focus will be all about Jesus as we reach out to others in our community.

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MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

GIVE TO LINE 5

Annual Budget	\$114,000
Goal to-date	\$109,600
Received to-date	\$100,498
<i>(Received to-date last year)</i>	<i>\$121,199</i>

As of December 11, 2010

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RUTH MURDOCH \ GIVING – IT’S WHAT WE TEACH

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School students know that the Christmas season is about giving, even more than it is about getting. How do they know?

Our students have many community service projects that they are involved in. One classroom filled shoeboxes with toys and necessities for needy children. Another class-

room is collecting blankets for those who don’t have them during the cold Michigan months. Yet another classroom reached out to the local “Head Start” program with a buddy holiday celebration. Our Jr. High students were involved in a Christmas party complete with Christmas carols, friends, food, and many beautiful gifts. But this Christmas party wasn’t for them – it was for local families in need.

Giving - It’s what Christ did when He was here. It’s what He wants us to do today. It’s what we want to teach our students.

Thank you for giving to our school and our students.



PRAY

Pray that our students learn to love giving – their time, their talents and their whole hearts – for Jesus’ sake.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

GIVE TO LINE 3

Challenge Goal	\$250,000
Annual Budget	\$217,572
Goal to-date	\$209,200
Received to-date	\$190,694
Received to-date (last year)	\$180,848

As of December 11, 2010

OPERATING EXPENSES

SMALL GROUPS \ WHEN GROUPS INTERFACE

An important part of developing healthy group life is to become more outward-focused in your ministry. With this in mind, our small group of eight adults (ages 50 – 60) decided to interface with Cari Vath's group of twenty-two 5-14 year olds. Both of our small groups meet on the same day of the week and at the same time. We had heard some exciting things about this small group and we wanted to check it out. Thirty-one of us squeezed into Cari's little two bedroom Beechwood apartment! What a lot of energy in one small space! Our adult small group led the children in an icebreaker, scripture study and a craft, accompanied by a homemade treat. We ended the evening by giving each child a Christmas gift.

So what was the big "take-away"? I believe the children left knowing there was a big church over on the Andrews campus who cared about them. But perhaps, more importantly, eight adults left changed. We heard the heartaches and burdens these children carry and their requests for prayer; we saw the joy on their faces as they opened their gifts. We were the recipients of a far greater gift.



PRAY

Pray that our church will become more outward-focused this year within our community.

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OPERATING EXPENSES

GIVE TO LINE 2

Annual Budget	\$575,000
Goal to-date	\$552,850
Received to-date	\$498,114
Received to-date (last year)	\$509,215

As of December 11, 2010

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST IN CHURCH

COMMONS 8:30 AM

CHRISTMAS SABBATH STUDY

SANCTUARY 10:00 AM

Song Service	Elizabeth Wilson
Welcome	Terry Robertson
Special Feature	Missions
Offertory	<i>The First Noel / arr. Bernard Dewagter</i>
Bible Study	“Baruch: Building a Legacy in a Crumbling World” / Classes
Theme Song	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>
Benediction	Elizabeth Wilson

Organist: Kenneth Logan; Offertory: Aquila Wodago, trumpet; Lita Supadi, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

GLORY! GLORY!

“Gloria in excelsis Deo” resounds in today’s worship service and through the annals of sacred-music history. Among earth’s languages, the Latin’s rich ring is matchless, with a transcendent meaning: “Glory to God in the Highest.” Angels sang this splendid thought at Christ’s birth. These words have marked the start of the lengthy “Gloria” in traditional worship for centuries. The German Lutheran tradition also had a hymn, “Alone to God in the Height be Glory”,

that enjoyed frequent worship use. And there are striking “Gloria” choral settings from Baroque Antonio Vivaldi to contemporary John Rutter. The conclusion of today’s carol cycle consists of these four words. Its French traditional melody prolongs the first syllable of “Gloria”, lending a special fervor to this central word in Christian worship. And today’s postlude presents two twentieth-century instrumental renderings.

CHRISTMAS DAY @ PIONEER

11:20 AM

Christmas Brass

Pioneer Family Life

Esther R. Knott

Harp Voluntary

Interlude (from A Ceremony of Carols) / Benjamin Britten

Introit

Magnificat: My Soul Magnifies the Lord / Johann Pachelbel

Christmas Call

Pastor: *On this Day in which we celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus,
may you be welcomed and blessed.*

People: *And may you be blessed.*

Pastor: *Why have you come on this glorious Sabbath?*

People: *We have come, like the shepherds and the wise men,
to worship the Christ Child.*

Pastor: *But He is not here—He is risen, ascended and soon to return.*

People: *But we come to celebrate that the Infant of Bethlehem was
and is our God, our Savior and our Lord.*

Pastor: *Then like sages with gifts and shepherds with wonder,
let us come and adore Him.*

People: *We have come to worship Him.*

Pastor: *Then may He be glorified and may all be blessed this Christmas Morn.*

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Carols of the Season

We Rejoice in the Light: A Carol Cycle

Angels From the Realms of Glory / st. 1-3 of 119

There's a Song in the Air / st. 1, 2 & 4 of 120

O Come, All Ye Faithful / st. 1-2 of 132

Angels We Have Heard on High / only refrain twice of 142

Family Prayer

Esther, Ronald & Olivia Knott

Call to Prayer

O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus / st. 1 of 140

Response

Christmas Baptism

Deborah Munyumbwe with Vanny Munyumbwe

Anthem

The Holy Boy (A Carol of the Nativity) / John Ireland

Christmas Infant Dedication

Ryleigh Kate presented by

Jorden and Kristin Parker

Following Christ

Jorden Parker

CHRISTMAS DAY PROGRAM

CONTINUED

Offering	Pioneer Memorial Church Operating Expense
Dedication Prayer	Skip Bell
Offertory	<i>IN DULCI JUBILO / Hermann Schroeder, Carl Piutti, Heinrich Lang</i>
Children's Story	<i>Away in a Manger / 124</i>
Christmas Scripture	Luke 2:4-7 NKJV / Joni Bell
	<i>Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.</i>
	So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.
	<i>And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.</i>
Carol of Preparation	<i>Now Is Born the Divine Christ Child / 133</i>
Christmas Homily	Dwight K. Nelson "The Trough—When God Gave Everything He Had"
Appeal	<i>A Strange Way to Save the World / Mark Harris, David Clark, Donald Koch</i>
Benediction	
Postlude	<i>Gloria in Excelsis Deo / Daniel Pinkham, Allan Greenway</i>

PRESIDING PASTOR: Esther R. Knott
INFANT DEDICATION: Japhet Olivera-
ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
BRASS QUINTET: Ricardo Flores, Ryan Gooden,
Mickey Kutzner, Stanley Smith, Jerome Thayer
HARP: Rachel Miller,
ANTHEM: Cristina Piccardi, soprano
APPEAL: Karen Nelson, soprano

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PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY: 5:19

SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY: 5:24

For more announcements or to put in a request for a new announcement, please visit our website: www.pmchurch.org.

PIONEER FAMILY LIFE

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST THANK YOU

A very satisfied thank you to all who are making this weekend at Pioneer so special for us! To the social committee and all their volunteers, thank you for the delectable Christmas Breakfast.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We would like to thank our parents, siblings, and loving Pioneer Memorial family for the support over the last 20 years of marriage. December 23, 1990 we started the journey together united with God and loved ones standing beside us. We want to celebrate and give thanks to our Shepherd for His unfailing love and direction that continues to guide and bless us. *Daniel and Michelle Bacchiocchi*

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Today is the last Sabbath to return your tithe and offerings for 2010. The office will be closed on December 27, 30 and 31. If you are not prepared today, please make sure your check is post-marked no later than December 31 for your tithe and offerings to be included in your 2010 tax-deductible receipt.

“10 DAYS OF PRAYER” STARTS FRIDAY NIGHT

Enjoy the blessing on New Year's Eve! A Jewish type Sabbath Celebration begins at 6:30. There will be a new venue every hour until midnight. Come and go as you wish. The shorter evening meetings continue nightly until January 9. The theme: "By My Spirit". Join Millie and John Youngberg, 4731 Greenfield Drive, for the 20th anniversary of the 10 Days of Prayer

REMINDER:

Next Sabbath is a one worship service New Year's Day celebration (11:20 a.m.). All Sabbath Schools will begin at 10 a.m.

OFFICE CLOSED

The PMC Office will be closed on Monday, December 27; Thursday, December 30; Friday, December 31 so that we can spend time with our family during the Christmas/New Year's holiday.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FIRST READING

Sharyl Turon — Andrews Academy Board ; Daniela Olivares Perez — facilities/Offering Deacon

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

CALL: Christine / 313.2550—**VISIT:** www.pmchurch.org/health—**E-MAIL:** health@pmchurch.org

EXERCISE CLASSES - NEW LOCATION & TIME FOR 2011

The intermediate/advanced class will be on Mondays, starting January 10, and the beginner class is on Wednesdays, starting January 12. Time: 6:05 - 6:50 p.m. in the PMC Nursery

RUNNING CLUB

Join us for Sunday morning runs at 8 a.m. starting January 9. We will meet in the PMC Commons, and run around Andrews University campus and surrounding areas. If you need a training plan or helpful winter running tips, please visit our website.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PMC'S HEALTH MINISTRY

Would you like to be a part of PMC's Health Ministry? We need volunteers to lead out in the following ways: walking club, monthly newsletter, cooking classes and demonstrations. we could also use some help in our current activities: lead out in community exercise classes, and a clean-up crew and cooks for monthly CREATION health seminars. If any of these activities interest you, or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us

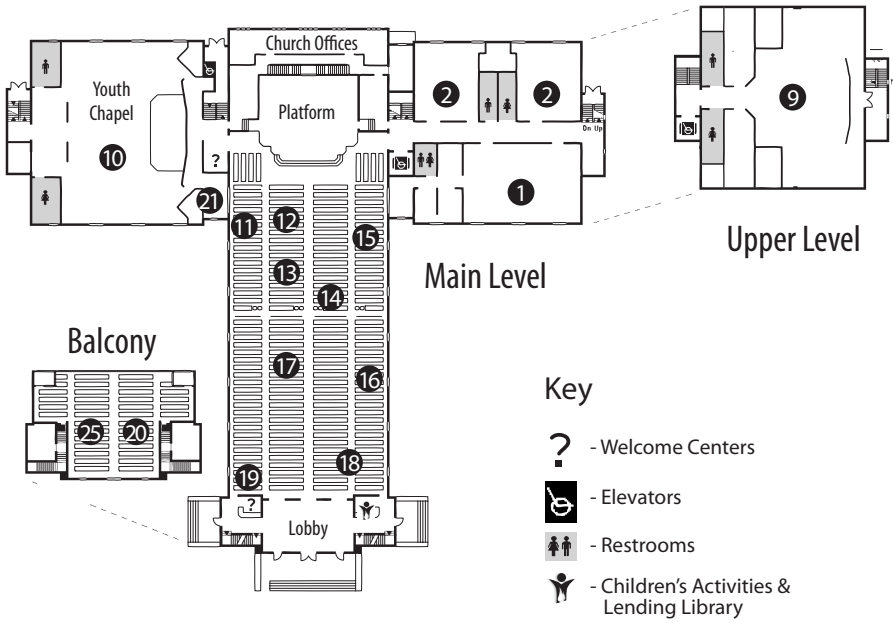
LIVE STREAMING

NEW LIVE-STREAMING BEGINS ON JANUARY 1

Beginning on New Year's Day, Pioneer will go live to the world in cyberspace. For years individuals have asked if this campus congregation would consider live-streaming our Sabbath worship services on our website. ("Live-streaming" is just that—the transmission of a live stream of video and sound over the internet, in our case via either www.pmchurch.tv or www.pmchurch.org.) Thanks now to a donor's generosity, we are able to begin that live-

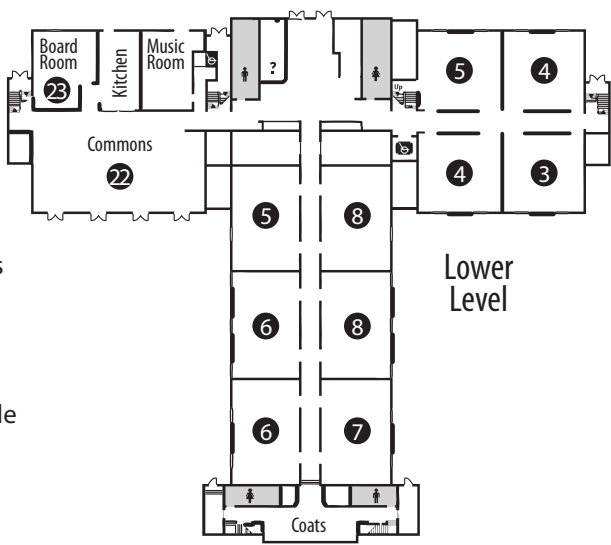
streaming in the New Year, meaning you can share our worship with family and friends near and far (anywhere in the world). Simply tell them to go to our website at 11:30 a.m. (ET, USA), where they can click on to the unedited live worship experience of Pioneer (i.e., what you see on the big screens each Sabbath)—enabling members, students, alumni and friends of Pioneer to remain in touch with their "home" congregation every Sabbath.

SABBATH SCHOOL DIRECTORY



[children]

- ① Birth - 18 months
- ② 18-36 months
- ③ 3 yr olds
- ④ 4 - 5 yr olds
- ⑤ 6 yr old - 1st grade
- ⑥ 2nd/3rd grade
- ⑦ 4th grade
- ⑧ 5th/6th grade
- ⑨ Earliteen: 7th/8th grade
- ⑩ Youth: 9th-12th grade



PIONEER CLASSES

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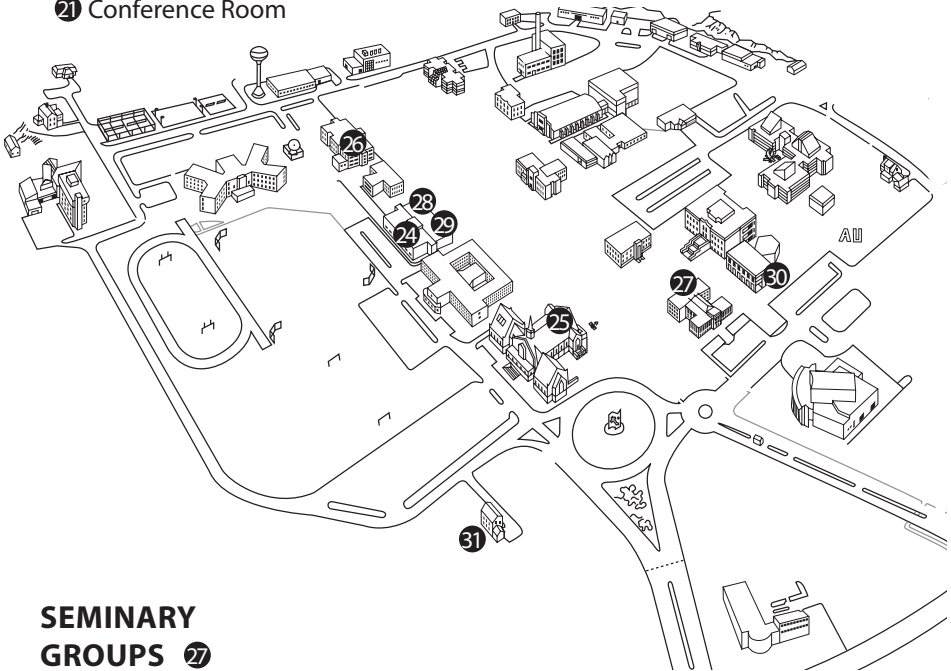
- 11 Group 1
- 12 Group 2 (Portuguese/Brazilian)
- 13 Group 3
- 14 Group 4 (Yugoslavian)
- 15 Group 5
- 16 Group 6
- 17 Group 7
- 18 Group 8
- 19 Group 9
- 20 Group 10 (Balcony)
- 21 Conference Room

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- 22 Something In Common
- 23 Seventh-day Adventist Beliefs

COLLEGIATE

- 24 Encounter (Campus Ministries Office)
Refresh (Upstairs / Cafeteria)
H&M (Hispanic - Religion Amphitheater)
- 25 People on the Move (PMC)
- 26 Elements (Marsh Hall)



SEMINARY GROUPS 27

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| N108 (Collegiate) | N235 |
| N110 | N310 (Russian) |
| N120 (New Life Church Choir) | N335 (Spanish) |
| N135 (Living Word Fellowship) | S215 (French) |
| N150 | S340 (Upper Room) |
| N211 (Small group) | |

ADULT @ AU

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- 31 Back to Basics

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Sabbath 11:30 a.m.

CMRadio

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Live Stream - 11:30 a.m. service

TELEVISION

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