

PIONEER

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DECEMBER 13, 2014



Christmas Arithmetic

WE **TWO KINGS** OF ORIENT ARE

THROUGH THE EYES OF THE YOUNG

Welcome to a very special Sabbath worship service—the Children’s Celebration of Christmas! Today we will be blessed with the story of Christmas as seen through the eyes of the young, presenting an opportunity for each one of us to reflect and remember what Christmas is really all about. In this sometimes frenetic time of year, when our minds are constantly multi-tasking and our times are double-booked, we need to

be reminded that Jesus, the Prince of Life, came to our world as a babe in Bethlehem to be an offering for sin. Thanks be to God, Jesus, the Innocent, came to suffer for the Guilty. **THIS IS THE REASON WE CELEBRATE!** As we listen and participate with the children today, may this message of Salvation fill us with awe and gratitude—full and complete! —*Sharon Terrell*

SOUP FOR STUDENTS

Last night we hosted our 5th Soup for Students event. We had over 20 different pots of soup, and also provided salad, bread, and cookies. It’s a privilege to be able to serve and feed our students during final’s week.

(Photo taken by Haley Russell)



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A \$1.1 TRILLION CHRISTMAS GIFT

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Looks like everybody's in the giving mood this Christmas. Two days before the deadline this week, Congress voted to approve a \$1.1 trillion spending bill to avoid another disconcerting government shut-down. "Deck the Halls." A few billion here, a few billion there, and suddenly with the proverbial speed of jolly old St. Nick's "wink of his eye and a twist of his head" \$1.1 trillion ends up on our national credit card.

Not that we American should be surprised. The National Retail Federation calculates that by the time Christmas arrives, shopping Americans will have spent \$616.9 billion (excluding autos, gas, and restaurant sales)—up 4.1% from last year. "Deck the Halls" again.

It's astounding how the numbers add up here in the wealthiest nation on earth, isn't it? After all, our Founding Fathers declared "the pursuit of happiness" our inalienable right. And if happiness can be bought, we've got to be the happiest people on earth.

But, of course, we're not. Google "happiest countries in the world," and you'll discover a basketful of global surveys in search of the answer. But no matter which calculus you select, the embarrassing reality is that the U.S. doesn't score high on any of them. (Although apparently *Forbes* magazine didn't get the memo, since on its website it touts the happiest and least happy nations on earth solely on the basis of national wealth.)

This is hardly a plea for poverty. But in the midst of this hyper-frenzied buying season, it is a quiet appeal to reflect on the values that matter most to us.

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15). How else shall we describe that Gift than "indescribable"?

A Child in a foul stable,
Where the beasts feed and foam;
Only where He was homeless
Are you and I at home. . .
(G. K. Chesterton, *The House of Christmas*)

We the homeless at last at home, eternal Home, in that Child. It is *that* calculus that declares this Gift "indescribable." And it is *that* calculus that frees us from gnawing hunger for more. How? By consecrating the first moments of the day with a fresh prayer of gratitude "for His indescribable gift," we discover that culture's incessant clamor for more really does "grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."

For "only where He was homeless are you and I at home." ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight's blog at www.pmchurch.tv/blog.



BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE



BY CHELCIE COLEMAN

Two years ago I went on a mission trip to India with my high school. We were there for two weeks, and although I had grown up in the mission field and knew what to expect in a developing country, I came back from India having learned many lessons. Our mission was to go and build two churches in neighboring villages. We also organized a VBS and evangelistic series in the evening.

The first Sabbath of being in India we went to visit a village and they greeted us with dancing, singing and gifts of flowers. We split up into groups and went around to houses, met with families and prayed with them. One family stood out in my mind; we arrived at their small hut and as I stepped in and my eyes adjusted to the dim light, I tried my best to not show the shock that I was feeling. The family lived in a small hut that was probably around 10 x 5 feet; not all of us could fit inside. There were a few folded clothes, three cutout pictures of different gods on the wall, and a small shrine. Other than that, nothing. The father smiled and motioned to us, as they communicated how grateful they were that we were there. The families that we visited were all very poor, but many of them gave us small gifts of fruit and food to thank us for coming and praying with them.

Halfway through our trip, at our second church, a group of us took a break from the building and went on a walk around the village. When we came back to the church, a mother and daughter were there waiting and invited us to their house. We walked with them to their house and the mother seated us on a handmade bench under a star fruit tree. We attempted to communicate with the sweet girl and her mother and after a few minutes of many shared smiles the mother said something

we couldn't understand to her daughter. Before we knew it the little girl was up in the tree picking enough star fruit to fill an entire backpack. They were not ripe yet, but it didn't matter, it was their way of thanking us for building a church for them.

After coming home my mind kept going back to my time in India. I felt somewhat guilty that I lived so comfortably in my home with my warm clothes and countless "luxuries" that I would be fine without. Every time I thought of the family who lived in a house the size of my bathroom, I would quickly push those memories out of my mind, but why? Am I so selfish that I don't even like to feel the discomfort of thinking of the less fortunate? I long to be like that mother and daughter who gave so selflessly, even when it seemed as if they had nothing to give.

Life is consuming and it can be hard to remember the needs of others outside of our circle. Life gets even busier around the holiday season; buying gifts for loved ones, planning parties, and spending time with friends is very exciting, but I'm afraid of losing out on an opportunity to serve, to help those in need. I pray that this holiday season I do not get too caught up in the festivities and forget a very important duty that I have as a Christian: looking after my brother and sister, giving and loving. I wish the same for you. Let us be like that mother and daughter, let us spread the joy of this holiday season and give beyond measure. ■

Chelcie Coleman is a freshman International and Community Development Major.

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Rachel Sauer
Opening Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> • 12
Welcome	Philip Giddings III
Prayer & Scripture	James 5:8 NKJV
Special Feature	Discipleship at Ruth Murdoch • Ben Martin
Offertory	<i>O Holy Night</i> • arr. Adolphe Herman
Bible Study	“Getting Ready for the Harvest” • Classes
Theme Song	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray.
Make me a blessing; to someone today.

“Make Me a Blessing,” Ira Bishop Wilson

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Benediction	Rachel Sauer
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Priscilla Soto, viola; Alexandra Lee, piano

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FAMILY FINANCES

As of November 30, 2014

Includes November online giving

MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM



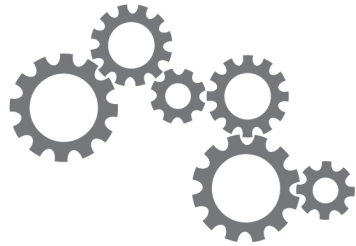
LINE 5 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	117,216
RECEIVED TO-DATE	95,742
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2013	98,631

OPERATING FUND

LINE 2 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	563,088
RECEIVED TO-DATE	505,374
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2013	527,458



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



LINE 3 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	205,776
RECEIVED TO-DATE	169,657
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2013	185,288

WE WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Opening Voluntary	<i>Christmas Quatrain • Elliot Del Borgo</i>
Introit	<i>Angels in Royal David's City • Carrie Lane Gruselle</i>
Call to Worship	
Welcome	Jonah Bourget
Carols of the Season	<i>What Child Is This? Angels We Have Heard on High Silent Night, Holy Night Away in a Manger</i>
Family Prayer	*Josh & Nicole Price, Mackenna, Zaya, and Canon **Errol & Renette Prentice, RaeAnne, Alayna, and Zarah <i>Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne • st. 1 of 140</i>
Worship in Music	<i>Fanfare Prelude on Westminster Carol • James Curnow</i>
Call for Gifts	Sophia Bourget
Offertory	<i>O Sing a Song of Bethlehem • Douglas Wagner</i>
Children's Story	Builders Class
Responsive Reading	Helping Hand Class
Sermon	"Christmas Arithmetic: We Two Kings of Orient Are" • Dwight K. Nelson
Connect Cards, Tithes, & Offerings	World Budget
Carol of Commitment	<i>Now Is Born the Divine Christ Child • 133</i>
Benediction	
Closing Voluntary	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing • Gordon Young</i>

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: RMES String Orchestra, Héctor Flores, director
RMES Band, Byron Graves, director; PMC ADVENTURERS: Daniel González, director



MUSIC ALIVE

CAROLING

“Caroling, caroling”: But what *is* a carol? “Carol” properly denotes a song of English origin, although often it is used to refer to similar non-English songs such as the *noël* (French) and the *Weihnachtslied* (German). Carols were sung as long ago as medieval times, when they commonly had English or Latin texts based on the Christmas story. Unlike most hymns in America today, the medieval English carol began

with the refrain (chorus), then continued with verse-refrain groupings. By the middle Renaissance, many carols apparently were associated with bodily movement such as walking in procession. Some carol melodies also have been associated with non-carol texts, as with the melody in the Douglas Wagner arrangement today. In our time, the joy of the Christmas carol continues to inspire Christian worship. ■

PIONEER PEOPLE**SUNSET TODAY** • 5:14
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 5:16

SUBMIT announcements by emailing bulletin@pmchurch.tv or by going to www.pmchurch.org and click on “submit a bulletin announcement.” Requests must be received Monday by 5 PM for consideration.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

| SATURDAY |

CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT

7:00 PM • HPAC

| MONDAY |

RMES VOCAL CONCERT

7:00 PM • HPAC

| TUESDAY |

RMES INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

7:00 PM • HPAC

| WEDNESDAY |

HOUSE OF PRAYER

7:00 PM • Youth Chapel

PIONEER PULPIT

| 12 • 20 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON“Christmas Arithmetic:
We Three Kings of Orient Are”

| 12 • 27 |

JOSÉ BOURGET

“Behind the Veil”

Sanctuary Flowers

Olivia Knott and Ivan Ruiz were married yesterday, December 12, at the Howard Performing Arts Center. The pulpit flowers are given in joyful celebration of this happy event by their parents, Ronald and Esther Knott and Alfredo and Juanita Ruiz.

PMC Family Vespers

TODAY • 5:00 PM

YOUTH CHAPEL

5:00 PM—Master Guide Investiture

5:30 PM—Media on the Brain, part 5,
followed by discussion.**Christmas Pops Concert**

TODAY • 7:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Andrews Academy Music Department presents “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” an evening of popular Christmas music.

Nathan Greene Open House

TOMORROW • NOON TO 6 PM

8458 PAINTER SCHOOL ROAD

You are invited to a special Christmas Open House at Nathan Greene’s Art Studio. Enjoy seeing new works of art, paintings in process, and his classics. Prints and puzzles will be available for purchase and personalized signing by Nathan. If you have questions, call 269.461.6347.

Annual MESSIAH Sing-Along

TOMORROW • 6:00 PM

333 W. COLFAX AVE., SOUTH BEND

Dust off your Handel's Messiah score and join the annual sing-along at the First Presbyterian Church of South Bend. Or simply enjoy the glorious music! Featuring soloists, Charles and Julie Reid; Bradley Krueger (AU - MMus) conductor; along with soprano Jessica McCormack, Head of Voice Studies at IUSB and baritone Stephen Lancaster, Assistant Professional Specialist of Voice at UND. Orchestra members include students and alumni of Andrews University. Free admission. A limited number of choral scores are available. Ample parking. Doors open at 5:40 PM.

RMES Christmas Concerts

A Vocal Christmas Concert will be on Monday, December 15, at 7 PM in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

An Instrumental Christmas Concert will be on Tuesday, December 16, at 7 PM in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

Nominating Committee

SECOND READING

Chair, Building Committee:

Cary Carscallen

Building Committee:

Paula Dronen

David Faehner

Thomas McCormick

Vesna Markovic

Wandile Mthiyane

Karen Nash

Errol Prentice

Don Wilson

Joyce Yoon

Pathfinder Club Director:

Matt Johnson

Adopt A Family for Christmas

It is time again to pay special attention to our families who may need help with meeting the needs (and some pleasures) of their children at Christmas time. You have been so generous in the past. Please choose to get involved and bring cheer and gladness again this Christmas. To choose a family, or to gather more info, call Katherine Smith at 269.471.1502.

Collection for Refugees

"Reaching the World Next Door," a GROW group, is helping refugees from Burma who are settled in Grand Rapids. This group is collecting winter coats (for both genders of all ages), dishes, cleaning supplies, and staples like rice and beans. A collection bin is placed in the lobby closer to the Parking Lot entrance. Contact Melchizedek Ponniah at 269.876.7476, or Trudi Starlin at 269.471.5052 for questions.

PMC Youth Missions Honduras

This week the 32 members of the Youth Missions team are volunteering in Honduras as they serve at the Hogar de Ninos children's home, operated by REACH International, and the surrounding community. The team is conducting a Friendship Team camp for about 150 children from the community. This is a major outreach ministry which includes health evangelism, Bible study and children's ministry. The team also includes 9 nursing students, with Professor Khonah Weithers, who are serving in the local medical facility. Glenn Russell, team leader, and Joses Ngugi, camp director, solicit your prayers and support for PMC Youth Missions Honduras.

Christmas Eve Program

DECEMBER 24 • 6:30 PM
PMC SANCTUARY

Enjoy the story of Christ's birth, interspersed with a variety of music including handbells and a children's chorus. Refreshments will be served in the PMC Commons following the program.

Year-end Contributions

December 27 is the last Sabbath to return your tithe and offerings for 2014. If you plan to bring in a donation, our office is closed December 31. Donations need to be postmarked no later than that day to be included in your 2014 tax-deductible receipt. You can also make your contribution through Adventist Giving. Go to www.pmchurch.org and click on the Adventist Giving tab. Contributions made until 11:59 PM on December 31 will be included in your 2014 tax-deductible receipt.

Neighbor To Neighbor Holiday Break

Neighbor To Neighbor will be closed from December 24 to January 4. Thank you for holding your donations until after the holidays.

Exercise Class Break

Exercise Class will not meet during Christmas break but will resume on January 5, 2015.

Mitten Trees

The Adventurers have placed Christmas trees throughout the church. Bring some mittens, scarves or hats, place them on the trees and take a thank-you ornament.

HIS Creation

JANUARY 10 • 6:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Rich Aguilera will be presenting this family-friendly event with the giant screen, audience participation and special effects as he explores the issue of Creation vs. evolution. For tickets, call the box office at 888.467.6442.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Neighbor To Neighbor is looking for a "Bags of Love" Coordinator. These bags are given to Shelters, Foster Care agencies and other Protective Services for children removed from abusive or drug-affected environments. They depend on us for this very valuable resource. For more information, contact Laura or Lucy at Neighbor To Neighbor by calling 269.471.7411.

The Gift of Time

JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 1
CAMP AU SABLE

Looking for the perfect gift for your son or younger buddy? How about some time? Come to Camp Au Sable's "Lessons from the Carpenter" Father/Son/Big Brother/Buddy weekend. Go to www.campausable.org and **click on "Registration" before January 22**. Bring a pocket knife and learn some lessons about walking in the steps of the Carpenter. Call 517.316.1570 for more information.

PMC Office Closed

Our office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on December 24, 25, and 26. We will be happy to serve you on Monday, December 29.



MUSIC HELPS DEVELOP CHILDREN'S SELF-WORTH

BY WILLYTA RUIZ-WAMACK

"Music rightly employed, is a precious gift of God, designed to uplift the thoughts to high and noble themes, to inspire and elevate the SOUL" (Ellen White, *Education*, p. 167).

Recently I asked fifth-grade students from Mrs. Bailey's class three questions about the benefits of Music. Here are their responses:

WHAT IS MUSIC?

- Another language in another world.
- A multicultural melody.
- It's a time when you can forget your worries and earn God's peace by making a joyful sound.
- A flow of harmony and peace.
- It's inspiring.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF REHEARSALS?

- It improves my skills.
- I'll become better.
- Learn notes and form songs to play.

- Make sure that I'm going to do well before a concert.

HOW DO YOU FEEL AFTER YOU PERFORMED?

- Triumphant and overjoyed at my accomplishment.
- Happy, peaceful.
- I feel great that I can now play the wonderful songs I hear.
- Good about myself.

Music is important in the curriculum of Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. We invite you to join us at the Howard Performing Arts Center for a Vocal Concert on Monday, December 15, at 7 PM, and for an Instrumental Concert on Tuesday, December 16, at 7 PM. ■

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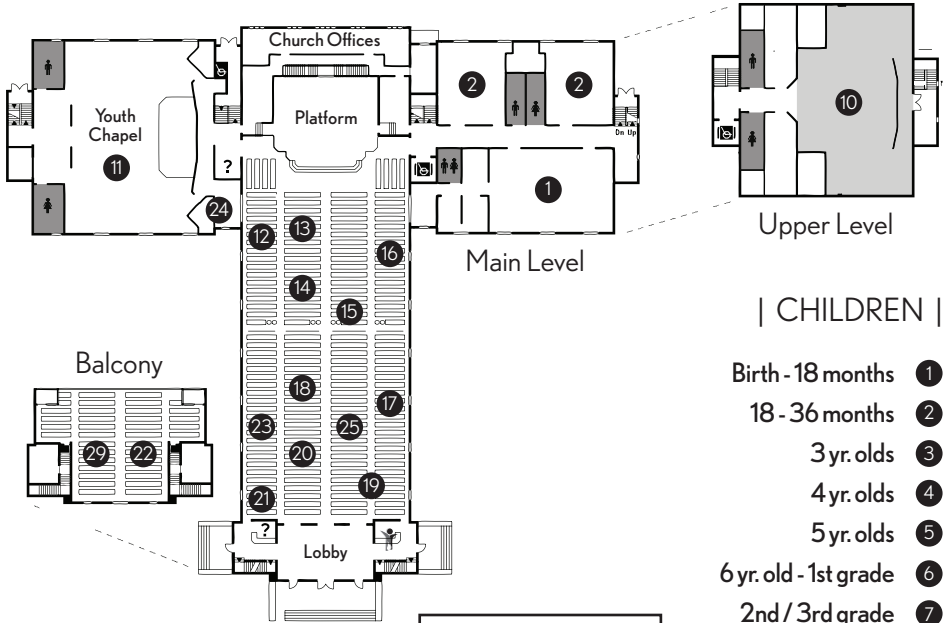
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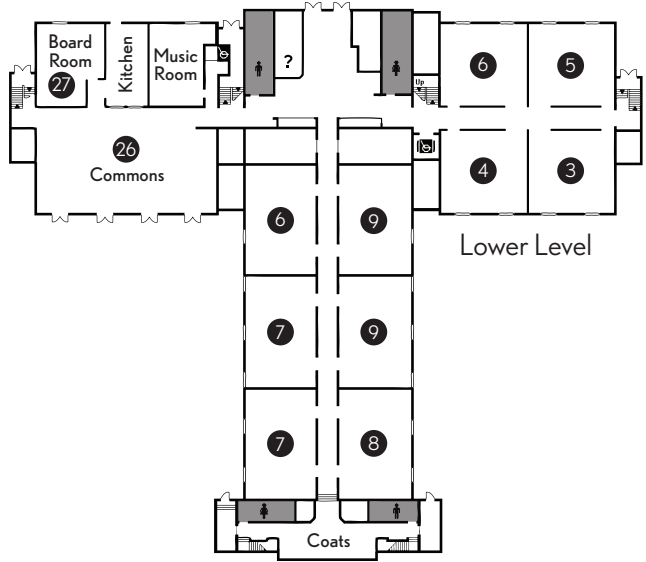
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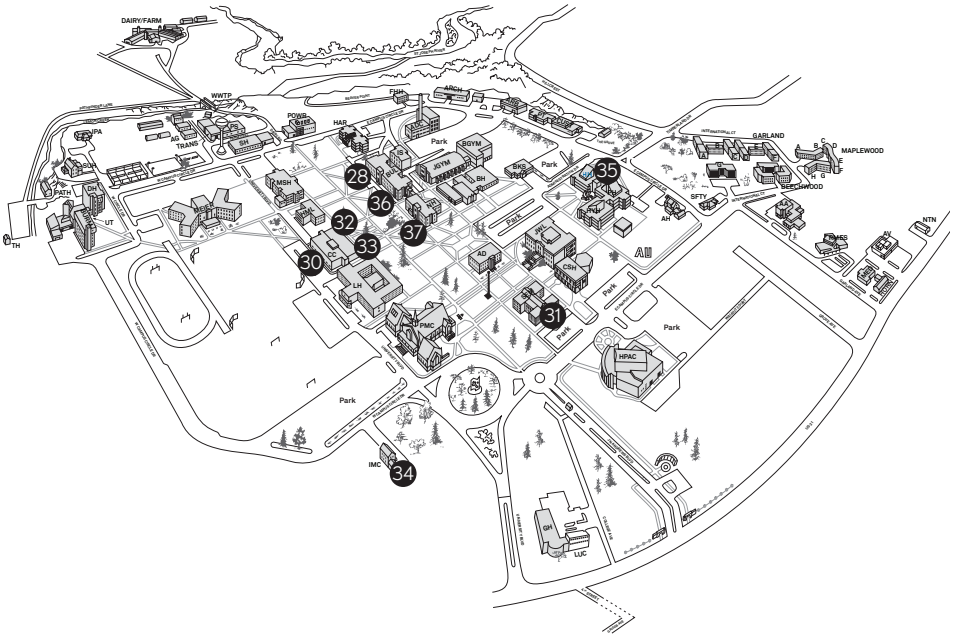
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- Restrooms
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Christmas Breakfast

IN CHURCH



DECEMBER 20 • 9:00 TO 10:00 AM • PMC COMMONS

Come and share
our most joy-filled
holiday tradition—
a delectable Christmas

Breakfast in Church

Bring your favorite holiday sweet rolls,
and we'll provide the rest.



If you want to help serve, please call 471.3134