



DECEMBER 8, 2012

WELCOME!

Let the brass sound forth a festive welcome on this second Sabbath of Advent Joy! In wonder and praise, let every worshiping heart see what it is our Lord would make known to us this Day. Visitors, join us for a homecooked vegetarian meal following second service in the Commons.

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IS EVERYBODY RELIGIOUS?

n Tuesday the Daily Beast website announced the latest Gallup poll findings with this headline, "Gallup Survey Finds a Majority of Americans Still Religious." Based on 300,000 interviews the survey found that seven out of ten Americans consider themselves "moderate or very religious." That's 70% of this nation! The Gallup research "shows basically what American religion surveys always show: the country is overwhelmingly religious, with a very increasing number of nonbelievers, and a slightly faster increase in 'unbranded' religious believers" (http://www.thedailybeast.com/ articles/2012/12/04/gallup-surveyfinds-a-majority-of-americans-stillreligious.html).

"Overwhelmingly religious"—is this cause for celebration? Frankly,

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REVIVAL & REFORMATION

FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT

BY STEVE MAURO

A esopwrote of the Fox encountering the Lion on three occasions, and each time the Fox was progressively desensitized to the experience. He illustrated the concept with the following encounters:

First: Fox was terrified, ran away, and hid himself in the woods.

Second: Fox was curious, stopped at a safe distance, and observed Lion.

Third: "Fox went straight up to Lion, and passed the time of day with him, asking how his family were, and when he should have the pleasure of seeing him again; then turning his tail, he parted...without much ceremony.... Familiarity breeds contempt." (Aesop's Fables, 6th Century B.C.)

In the centuries since Aesop, the concept that familiarity breeds contempt has fascinated numerous writers, including Publilius Syrus, William Shakespeare, Mark Twain, and contemporary researchers of social psychology. It's human nature that we become desensitized to our surroundings and the people in it.

"What's that got to do with anything?" you ask.

Given our human nature, it's typical that we become desensitized to the grandeur, the omniscience, judgments, and grace of our Lord and Savior. Has it ever occurred to you that we all, at some time, have taken God for granted? Do we ever take prayer for granted? What about other aspects of worship, for example, the participants in the church service. Sabbath School

teachers, the sermon, or even the Connect Card placed in each bulletin?

What might happen if all the worshippers in PMC, during each church service, prayed for folks who could respond with a Connect Card? Is the Connect Card a necessary act of worship? What has God accomplished when we have encouraged folks to respond with the Connect Card?

The alternative is bleak. What could happen if I take both God and the Connect Card for granted? Familiarity breeds contempt.

Please pray for:

- Those attending today, because God knows who should fill out the Connect Card; that the Holy Spirit will work on their hearts during the service today.
- The service leaders on the platform, the musicians, organist, our pastor; that God will strengthen and work through them to change us.
- The Sabbath School directors, teachers, and helpers; that they will be used by God to influence our children towards righteousness.
- The Holy Spirit to move on our hearts and minds through the message this morning.
- The people of Central and Southern Philippines affected by the devastating typhoon.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

N2N / VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR LIFEBLOOD

Did you ever wonder how N2N Community Services can touch so many lives for Jesus? It's because God has impressed a band of faithful volunteers to come in week after week and sort donated items, make quilts, repair appliances, and take care of the many other things that make this ministry a success. "We appreciate our volunteers," says Laura Meyer, N2N Executive Director. "They are the lifeblood of our organization."

Recently volunteers were treated to a Thanksgiving Banquet at the Village SDA Church. Approximately 90 volunteers attended the event, enjoying music, a delicious holiday meal, and inspirational words from Larry Ulery, Andrews University's Service Learning Director.

People in our community value the work of our volunteers, too. This note is from one of the people we have served. "I have continued to notice some of the same people working [at Neighbor to Neighbor] relentlessly to provide necessary material needs for our community. I would like to thank all of you



from the core of my being for your dedication and often times sacrifice in long hours of standing at the cash register, answering phones, and answering everyone's questions. For my family, having adopted four children is part of my ministry and this place allows my family to have much needed quality clothing and accessories while sustaining a good way of life. Thank you for your gift of mercy and compassion."

PRAY

for more individuals to join our team of volunteers

MORE INFO

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NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR GIVE TO LINE 12

As of December 1, 2012

 Received to-date
 \$18,536

 (Received to-date 2011)
 \$24,323

MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

WELCOME MINISTRY / THE TRUTH ABOUT DOORS

ot bolted his doors to keep undesirable elements out. The door to Noah's ark remained wide open allowing the passage of some very interesting varieties of creatures into the ark. Samson took hold of the doors of the town and carried them to the top of the hill across from Hebron. There are also beautiful doors made of wild olive wood with five-sided doorposts. What service do our Pioneer Memorial Church doors perform?

Approximately twenty individuals minister at our sanctuary doors every



Sabbath, with each person serving for two months of the year. With more than 120 spots to be filled each calendar year, we are always looking for volunteers who are willing to bless others at the sanctuary doors each Sabbath. The service costs are calculated in the sacrifice of time, which means waking a bit earlier for the first shift and standing for a couple of hours during the church service.

We have also chosen to listen to George Barna's advice on the involvement of our children in the active service of the Lord. Therefore, we are also interested in having a few children serving at the sanctuary doors with a parent or responsible adult as they bless each worshipper who enters our doors with a smile, a handshake, and the bulletin for the day.

Before our doors of freedom of worship are closed, we need you to open wide the doors to our sanctuary, welcoming in the diverse array of worshipers before a herculean event walks off with our opportunity of service.

PRAY

That we will find volunteers for our "open" doors

MORE INFO

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MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

GIVE TO LINE 5

 Goal to-date
 \$123,696

 Received to-date
 \$98,409

 (Received to-date 2011)
 \$113,698

As of December 1, 2012

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RMES / HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

oliday activities at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School are upon us already. With all of the celebration comes a busy schedule for our students and faculty. But the hectic schedule comes with a satisfaction of serving others.

RMES students serve others by Christmas caroling at Apple Valley, participating in Christmas concerts, giving books to local children in hospital pediatric units, and performing mission projects for the needy around the world. Our Jr. High students will volunteer at Salvation Army in Benton Harbor, While there, they will help others pick out items for their families and then carry the heavy loads to their vehicles. Students will also invite families in need to spend a morning with them for a Christmas celebration complete with music, worship, food, and lots of presents.

As our students are encouraged to give to others, we thank you for supporting RMES this year through your prayers, children's offerings, and by giving to Line 3 on your tithe envelope.



RMES Holiday Schedule:
Tuesday 12/11: Instrumental Concert at the HPAC at 7 PM
Week of 12/17: Caroling @ Apple Valley
Tuesday 12/18—12/20: Volunteering at Salvation Army
Monday 12/24—1/4: Christmas Break

PRAY

that God's spirit of giving will be with us all year long

MORE INFO

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

GIVE TO LINE 3

 Goal to-date
 \$216,288

 Received to-date
 \$179,831

 (Received to-date 2011)
 \$191,845

As of December 1, 2012

I'm grateful for every American heart (or non-American, for that matter) that seeks to find solace and security, even salvation, in God and/or faith. Why wouldn't that be reason to be grateful? Naturally, none of us knows each other's soul, and so no one is in a position to determine how many of these seven out of 10 are genuinely entrusting their lives to the Divine (however their religion or faith understands and describes God).



But stay with this thought for a moment. A globally influential nation with a strong majority populace that considers itself "moderate or very religious" would be amenable (or susceptible), would it not, to overtly religious appeals or persuasion? I.e., if God and faith are dominant in my worldview, an appeal to me to support or take certain action—if that appeal were based upon God and faith would gain my attention and perhaps even guide my response. Most would agree that a nation with seven out of 10 of its citizens self-identifying as "moderate or very religious" is a society certainly open to religious appeal. And if that appeal were made by a respected individual or even institution, for 70% of Americans the appeal would be favorably weighted, I suppose.

But lest you conclude that to be bad news, consider this. For the last semester we have revisited the biblical description of the apocalyptic endgame just before the return of Christ: "The Dark Night Rises," "Three Angels, One Warning," and now "The Morning Star Rises." Two realities are clear—(1) the endgame will happen suddenly catching most earth inhabitants by surprise, and (2) the final showdown will devolve around worship, worship of the Creator or worship of a counterfeit image of the Divine. The good news is 70% of Americans may be very open to considering the religious appeal that the Creator and His "Three Angels" community of faith must make. Rather than assuming they will all be manipulated by a deceptive religious appeal, why not pray that in fact they will be favorably open to the divine appeal, "Come out of her My people" (Revelation 18:4)?

So let the nay-sayers who are decrying a godless Christmas season cry on. You and I can instead pray on—on behalf of the 70% and the 100%—that the Christ who came that starry night long ago and who is yet to come one glorious Day soon—that He might grant to you and me the winsome appeal to reach out for Him, not only to the seven out of ten but to the ten out of ten! Why not?

EMPTY TANK, FAITHFUL GOD

The evangelistic series begins in Marion next week. Would you be willing to sing?" An anxious-to-serve newlywed, I impulsively agreed, forgetting that my agreement also committed my new husband and our old Blue Ford.

So for the next six weeks we traveled 60 miles round-trip six days a week on the tiny budget of two university students. We loved the Lord and expected Him to provide whatever we needed to fulfill this commitment.

The first three weeks flew past uneventfully, but the fourth week we were down to \$1.40 between us. Sunday as we prepared to go to the meeting, the gas gauge pointed toward "F."

Every time the car sputtered and stopped, I tightened my eyelids and silently prayed harder. Pushed by feelings of anxiety and guilt, I placed a hand on Lester's arm. "Honey, maybe we should phone and tell them we can't get there tonight—God knows we tried."

"Ann, why don't we give it one more try, before phoning?" He took my hands into his large ones and said a brief prayer. "Please, Father, help us."

Thirty minutes later we rolled to a stop in front of the Marion Theater. The words "End-Time Prophecies" spelled out in lights illuminated the darkness. We made it on time, but still needed to get home.

"Honey, I don't know how He'll do it." Lester locked the car door and took my arm. "But God does," I said. We laughed and went inside.

The meeting went by quickly. A number of people came forward for Bible studies and baptism. As we left the theater, that old foe anxiety made another attack. This time I ignored him. The car started up with a purr, and I settled back, waiting on the Lord.

Less than five minutes later Lester pulled into a gas station and told the attendant, "Fill-it-up." At my surprised expression he laughed.

"God came through again. Just before you got up to sing, Ross, our church brother and friend, slipped this into my hand and said, 'God told me you might need this."

Lester pulled from his coat pocket an envelope containing five tendollar bills.

You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? Do you still not understand? Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? (Matthew 16:8-10, NIV)

Ann Morrow, Author By Permission from *Over&Over Again2*

REPLENISH N2N PANTRY

Once again, Apple Valley is helping us sponsor a food drive for Neighbor to Neighbor by making cases of food available at just pennies above their cost. This food drive will run from October 14 through December 21, 2012. Here is how it works:

- 1. Take this sheet and check off the quantity of each case you wish to purchase.
- 2. Take the sheet to a cashier at Apple Valley.
- 3. Pay for the items.
- 4. Apple Valley will deliver the cases to Neighbor to Neighbor.

^{*}Case prices are subject to change & apply only to Apple Valley deliveries to Neighbor to Neighbor.

	PACK/SIZE	ITEM	COST*	NUMBER
586-610	12/32 OZ	GRAPE JELLY (VALUE TIME BRANDS)	\$16.33	
586-651	12/32 OZ	STRAWBERRY	\$24.19	
593-301	12/18 OZ	PEANUT BUTTER-CREAMY	\$22.23	
593-335	12/18 OZ	PEANUT BUTTER-CRUNCHY	\$22.23	
591-347	24/20 OZ	PINEAPPLE SLICES	\$24.41	
587-915	16/24 OZ	KETCHUP	\$13.04	
561-134	12/30 OZ	SALAD DRESSING	\$20.48	
590-935	12/29 OZ	SLICED PEACHES L/S	\$15.50	
620-120	12/29 OZ	FRUIT COCKTAIL	\$16.67	
110-304	12/25.6	SPARTAN 8 QT DRY MILK	\$74.90	
633-108	8/64OZ	APPLE JUICE (VALUE TIME BRANDS)	\$13.49	
591-206	24/15OZ	PINTO BEANS	\$10.31	
433-961	8/64OZ	GRAPE COCKTAIL JUICE	\$11.51	
591-438	12/14.5	CUT GREEN BEANS	\$13.75	
586-701	24/15.5	CORN W/K	\$13.93	
586-743	24/15OZ	SWEET PEAS	\$14.66	
620-203	24/12OZ	EVAPORATED MILK	\$17.47	
590-562	24/15OZ	MIX VEGETABLES	\$14.03	
426-510	12/12OZ	EGG NOODLES	\$11.26	
602-576	12/26OZ	PASTA SAUCE PLAIN (LUIGI)	\$12.30	
625-566	12/32OZ	ELBOW MACARONI	\$22.57	
625-061	12/32OZ	SPAGHETTI REG	\$22.57	
619-213	24/6.25	MAC/CHEESE DINNER	\$10.56	
624-171	48/8OZ	TOMATO SAUCE	\$11.86	
419-408	12/8CT	HOT COCOA	\$11.51	
576-256	24/10.5OZ	CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP	\$11.31	
550-707	12/32OZ	PANCAKE MIX	\$16.68	
008-490	12/24OZ	PANCAKE SYRUP	\$16.04	
256-511	12/320Z	LONG GRAIN RICE	\$12.16	
172-205	24/16OZ	VEGETABLE-OIL SPARTAN	\$31.10	
034-686	12/12OZ	SQ-HONEY	\$22.81	
209-478	12/7OZ	FROSTED FLAKE CEREAL	\$10.31	
209-353	12/7OZ	APPLE WHIRLS CEREAL	\$10.31	
621-292	8/5LB	ENRICHED FLOUR	\$12.71	
620-179	10/4LB	GRANULATED SUGAR	\$26.66	
507-384	12/42OZ	OATMEAL QUICK	\$26.60	
069-864	24/16OZ	LENTILS SPARTAN	\$21.24	

"...and worship him..."

...in seeking

Opening Voluntary Child in the Manger / Thomas Wallace

Introit O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus / Timothy Matthews

Invocation Dwight K. Nelson

...in praising & praying

Hymn of Praise Carols of the Season

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing / st. 1 & 3 of 122

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

Silent Night / st. 4 of 143 Joy to the World / all st. of 125

Congregational Prayer Sharon Terrell

Worship in MusicI Wonder As I Wander / Thomas Wallace

...in learning

The Word Revelation 2:18-29 NIV / Harvey & Marcia Kilsby

Children's Offering Silent Night / Jay Dawson

Children's Story

Hymn of Preparation Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow / 138

Sermon "The Morning Star Rises: O Holy Night" / Dwight K. Nelson

...in connecting & committing

Connect Card, Tithes, & Offerings PMC Operating Expense

Hymn of CommitmentO Holy Night / Adolphe Adam

...in going

Benediction

Closing Voluntary Magnificat (My Soul Magnifies the Lord) / Monsieur Leclerc

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Wind Symphony, Alan Mitchell, director

To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.

Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—I will also give that one the morning star.

MUSIC ALIVE

CAROLING

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. While early traditional religious carols had only single melody lines, by 1600 there were many carols for multiple voice parts. In our time, the joy of the Christmas carol continues to inspire Christian worship.



SABBATH STUDY

SANCTUARY 10:30 AM

Song Service Vladimir Slavujevic

Welcome Delyse Steyn

Special Feature Mission Spotlight

Offertory Come, Thou Fount / Anonymous

Bible Study "The Law and the Gospel" / Classes

Theme Song Make Me a Blessing

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 Vladimir Slavujevic

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Jennifer Hosten, violin; Larissa Brown, violin; Anne Loura, piano

[see page 20/21 for Sabbath School directory & map]

HEALTH AND WELLNESS EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RODLIE ORTIZ

CALL: 269.471.6154 **E-MAIL:** health@pmchurch.org **WEBSITE:** www.pmchurch.org/health

ONGOING EVENTS:

Exercise classes

- Mondays at 6-7 PM
- Thursdays at 6-7 PM (PMC Commons)

Running Club

 Sundays at 8 AM (Meet at PMC Parking Lot)

Walking Club

 Sundays at 8 AM (Meet at PMC Parking Lot)







Opening Voluntary *Silent Night / Jay Dawson*

Invocation

Worship in Praise

Worship in Prayer

Worship in Music I Wonder As I Wander / Thomas Wallace

Worship in Message "The Morning Star Rises: O Holy Night" Dwight K. Nelson

Worship in Commitment (Connect Card, Tithes, & Offerings) O Holy Night / Adolphe Adam

Closing Voluntary
A Christmas Celebration /
Kenneth Bierschenk

The Kids Library (in the church lobby) loans quiet activities to young families.

WORSHIP LEADER: José Bourget; PRAISE LEADER: Tacyana Behrmann & Justin McAuliffe ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan; MUSIC DIRECTOR: Joshua Goines WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Wind Symphony, Alan Mitchell, director

PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY: 5:14

SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY: 5:15

To submit a request to have an announcement printed in Pioneer Family Life, please email <u>bulletin@pmchurch.tv</u>. Requests must be received Monday by 5 PM for consideration.

PIONEER FAMILY LIFE

PMC FAMILY VESPERS

This evening's vespers will share the awesome beauty of God's creation. Mickey Kutzner will present "God and Modern Astronomy." The Primary II children will provide special music. Come join us in the Youth Chapel at 5:30 and be blessed.

NATHAN GREENE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to Nathan Greene's Art Studio Christmas Open House tomorrow, 12 noon to 6 PM, at 8458 Painter's School Road, Berrien Center, MI. Also featuring art of Bonnie Greene. Phone: 269.461.6347.

BOOK SIGNING

David Steen, author of the new 2013 devotional book *God of Wonders,* will be at the ABC tomorrow, from 12 noon to 3 PM to personalize your copy of his new 2013 devotional book. The books will be at a special price for this event.

SENIOR CITIZEN WALK

Come join the Senior Citizens for a walking spree every Monday through Friday in the Johnson gym at Andrews University from 8 to 9 AM. You will need a parking permit (\$10) which can be purchased at the campus safety office. For more information call 269.471.2017.

RMES CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are invited to the Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Instrumental Christmas Concert. Join us on Tuesday December 11 at 7 PM for a musical celebration of the season. Students in Beginning Band, Concert Band, String Orchestra, Handbells, and Chimes will perform under the direction of Byron Graves and Hector Flores.

KNITTING HEARTS TOGETHER

Knitting Hearts Together, a WINGS ministry that provides shawls, scarves, and lap robes to those who have experienced major illness or bereavement, will meet on Tuesday, December 11, from 7 to 8:30 PM. If you would like to participate, contact Alice Williams (471.3373 or alicew@andrews.edu) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 [h], 208.3377 [c], or maccarty@sbcglobal.net). We can teach you how to knit or crochet and we also have donated yarns, needles, and hooks to help you get started.

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.

MOVIES WITH A MESSAGE

Our December movie, A Dog Named Christmas, will be shown at 7 PM on Saturday evening, December 15, in the Youth Chapel. –Sponsored by the Family Life Committee

ARTSBRIDGE PRESENTS

Sights and Sounds of the Season featuring organists Perry Heppler and Isabel Jackson, pianist/vocalist Susan Burkholz, vocalist Chelsea Thompson, and a Christmas Art exhibit by the Montessori students from Morton Elementary will be at the First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Avenue on Morton Hill, Benton Harbor on Sunday, December 16, at 4 PM. Call 269.925.7075 or visit Facebook: First Presbyterian in Benton Harbor for more information.

CHRISTMAS BAKED GOODS

Help the Pathfinders raise money for the trip to Oshkosh 2014 Camporee! Purchase your holiday sweet breads, pies, and cookies from the Pathfinders by calling Kathy Capps at 269.815.5090 to place an order or email pathfinders@pmchurch.tv if you have any questions. Deadline to order for Christmas is Wednesday, December 19, for pick-up before Christmas.

ANNUAL COUPLES AGAPE CELEBRATION

Mark your calendar for the annual PMC Couples Agape Celebration which will take place on Friday evening, February 15, 2013. Watch for further announcements. – Sponsored by the Family Life Committee

PIONEER YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Applications are ready for youth who are interested in being on the Mission Trip to Nicaragua this summer—July 17 to August 5. We will again partner with ShareHim ministries to take the gospel to others. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor Micheal (471.6176) or Genaida (471.6565) at the church office.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

December 29 will be the last Sabbath to return your tithe and offerings for 2012. If you plan to bring in a donation, the office will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, and 31 so your donation would need to be in no later than 12 PM on Friday, December 28. If you will not be at PMC, please make sure your check is postmarked no later than December 31 for it to be included in your 2012 tax-deductible receipt. You can also make your contribution through Adventist Giving. Go to www.pmchurch.org and click the Adventist Giving tab. Contributions made until 11:59 PM on December 31 will be included in your 2012 tax-deductible receipt.

TRANSPORTATION TO GYC

Looking for transportation to GYC this year? Look no further. Pan De Vida Productions will be hosting a cost-effective way for you to get there. Vans will be leaving on December 26 from Berrien Springs and coming back January 1. For information or to register, call 248.275.1050 or email us at is@ppvida.com.

THANK YOU

We so appreciated the cards, calls, flowers, and visits when our mother and grandmother Carolyn Lawson died. Our PMC family surrounded us with love.

-Kathleen Ekkens & Karen Case & family

A big thank you to each of you for the love and care you showered on me when my sister died so suddenly and unexpectedly (November 16). All the beautiful cards, phone calls, and prayers were so appreciated. Thank you again.

-Ginny Crounse

Many thanks for the prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, and delicious food to cheer me on after my recent surgeries. How wonderful is the friendship and fellowship of God's family.

-Peter van Bemmelen

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

It is that time again to pay special attention to our families who may need some 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 by bringing cheer and gladness to young hearts this Christmas. To choose a family, or to gather more information, call Katherine Smith 269.471.1502.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

First reading
Norita Lachica—Elder

WE MOURN

Today we mourn with Kim Dilley on the death of her mother, Margaret Dilley, on Monday, December 3, following a short illness. Her funeral was held yesterday at Allred Funeral Home. With Kim and the entire family, we look forward to the soon coming of the One whose birth we are celebrating. "Even so, Come Lord, Jesus."

HISTORIC ADVENTIST VILLAGE ANNUAL CANDLE-LIT STROLL

On December 15, at 7 PM, the Historic Adventist Village is having its annual candle-lit stroll. After arriving at the parking lot, you will see a candle-lit pathway leading you to the Replica 1857 2nd Meeting House, where you will be welcomed and given instructions. As you start your tour you will be given a small lantern to light your way as you stroll through the village and hear the different Christmas stories in each of the historical buildings. Following our final story you will be given the opportunity to place a small donation in a Christmas stocking and hang it on our Christmas tree. This year we are collecting money to help Habitat for Humanity. Cookies and hot drinks will be provided. Don't forget to bring your cameras and have your picture taken in a sleigh next to a miniature log cabin. For more information call the Village office at 269.965.3000 or Don Scherencel at 616.299.2220. The Historic Adventist Village is located at 480 W Van Buren St., Battle Creek, MI.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST IN CHURCH

DECEMBER 22, 9:00-10:00 AM // PMC COMMONS



Come and share our most joy-filled Pioneer holiday tradition—a delectible Christmas Breakfast in Church. Bring your favorite holiday sweet rolls, and we'll provide the rest.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

1ST READING

TRANSFERS IN

ALKIRE, Hazel BRYSON, D. Lynn BRYSON, Debra L. BRYSON, John BRYSON, Matthew COUSINS, Claypole WEBER, Ashley WEBER, Jeffrey

TRANSFERS OUT

BANKS-KIRKHAM, Erin CASTRO-AVIA, Marco DAS, Millie DAS, Sunith FELLOWS, Bryan GALANG-SALDIA, Amelita GRAVES RAMSEY, Joni JAIME, Esther MAINGI, Zipora Kawira ONGOU, Thomas Oyaro WHITE, Raimona

FROM

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Lakeview/Powder Springs, GA
Collegedale Com / Ooltewah, TN
Detroit Metro/Plymouth, MI

TO

Kettering, OH
Tamarind Ave/Compton, CA
Academy/Jefferson, TX
Academy/Jefferson, TX
Epic/Chicago, IL
Loma Linda Filipino/ Redlands, CA
Madison /Monona, WI
Spanish/Ogden, UT
Sharon/St Paul, MN
Guymon, OK

WHAT DO

hot drinks, round café tables, and the Book of Acts

HAVE IN COMMON?



THE NEW HOUSE OF PRAYER

In the Commons (downstairs)

CELEBRATING • CONVERSING • COMMUNING

45 minutes - join us this Wednesday
7 PM • December 12

SPECIAL PROGRAM DECEMBER 15

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS



Sabbath December 15 "THE GIFT FROM THE CARPENTER'S SHOP"

We join with our community in collecting toys for families that need some extra kindness during this holiday season.

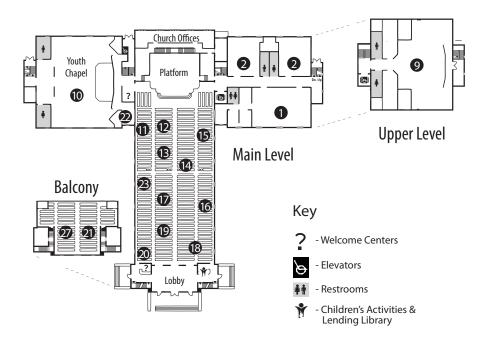
BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY TO CHURCH FOR A CHILD AGE 1-16.

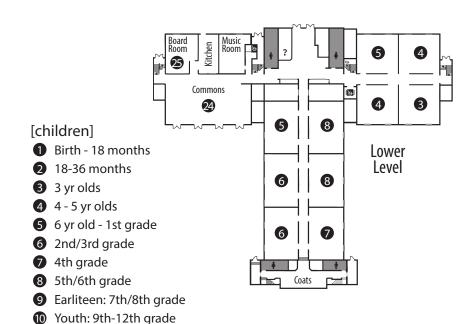
All monetary donations will be used for:

- Toys for our community toy drive
- Scholarships for those who can't afford their Pathfinder/Adventurer dues this next year

PMC Adventures, Ruth Murdoch Elementary School music groups, and other children will be involved in the entire service. Come and invite your friends.

SABBATH SCHOOL DIRECTORY





PIONEER CLASSES

[adult sanctuary]

- 1 Group 1
- 12 Group 2 (Portuguese/Brazilian)
- **B** Group 3
- 14 Group 4 (Yugoslavian)
- 15 Group 5
- 16 Group 6
- **7** Group 7
- 18 Group 8
- 19 Group 9 (Spanish)
- 3 Group 10
- 21 Group 11 (Balcony)
- 22 Conference Room
- 23 Indonesian Class

[miscellaneous adult]

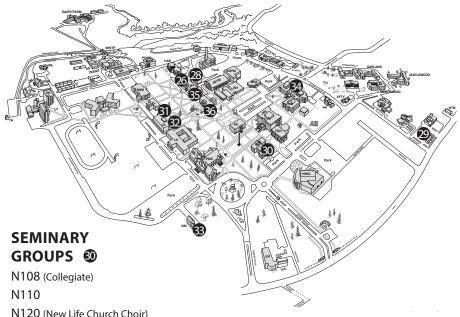
- Something In Common
- Seventh-day Adventist Beliefs

COLLEGIATE

- 36 H&M (Hispanic Religion Amphitheater)
- People on the Move (PMC)
- 28 The Well (Buller—238)

YOUNG ADULT

MAM Horn Museum (downstairs)



N150

N211 (Small group)

N235

N310 (Russian)

N335 (Spanish)

S215 (French)

S340 (Upper Room)

ADULT @ AU

- Main Lounge
- Faculty Lounge
- 3 Back to Basics
- Living Word Fellowship
- Current Events
 (Buller—135)
- 33 Journey Through the New Testament (Nethery—143)

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FRIDAY @ 7:30 PM, PMC SANCTUARY

We want to invite you to be a part of this experience to rest, revive, and reconnect.

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1.11.13	Karl Haffner
1.18.13	Shawn Boonstra
1.25.13	Evan Knott
2.1.13	Dan Jackson
2.8.13	Carlton Byrd
2.15.13	Danny Hernandez
2.22.13	Justin Kim

COMING SOON

12/15

Micheal Goetz Children's Celebration of Christmas

12/22 Dwight K. Nelson "The Morning Star Rises: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

