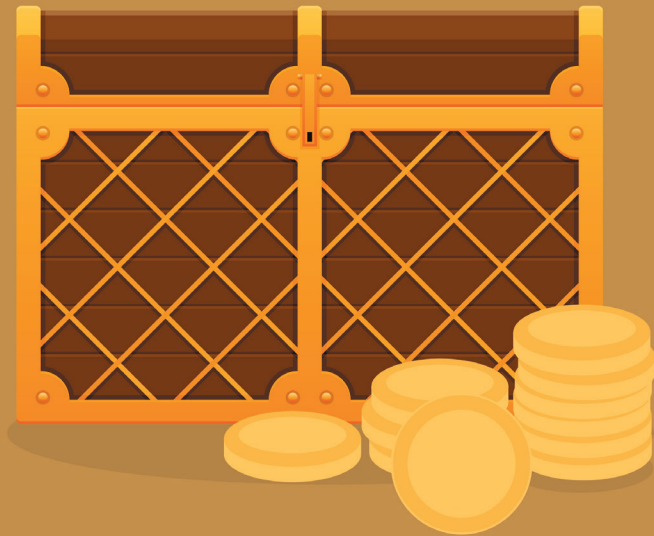


THE TREASURE CHEST

Coinage of Kings



DWIGHT K. NELSON

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DECEMBER 1
PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH
9:00 & 11:45 AM

WELCOME

to Pioneer

Good morning. We're glad you're here and we welcome you. If you have the need of a spiritual home, as Moses told Hobab (Num. 10.29), "Come with us and we will treat you well." We'd love to have you be part of our church family. We invite you. Per usual, it didn't take long for the great commercial enterprise called Christmas to kick in once again. Of course, the stake that business has in Christmas is understandable: last year's retail holiday sales amounted to \$719.17 billion! (statista.com) However, I would like to tweak our spending practices. As Bronner's of Frankenmuth says: "Celebrate Christmas; it's HIS birthday." What present can we give Jesus this year? Why not give a family present to those too poor to give back: a family in need. "As we do it unto the least of these we do it unto Him." Buy them something they really need (like a new washing machine or tires). Use the season as an opportunity to teach our little ones the genius that was Jesus: He lived to give. His Spirit will offer suggestions.

May this year be bright for you with the love of Jesus!

-John Glass



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YOU GO, amazon

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON



Amazon used to be a gargantuan river with anaconda and piranhas and scary dark forests. Not anymore! Thanks to a record setting five days of holiday sales, Amazon (the online store we all love to shop) is trumpeting new numbers to prove its global dominance.

CBS News reported on Tuesday: "Amazon said Cyber Monday and Black Friday were the biggest shopping days in its history. The online retail giant didn't disclose sales figures, but it said customers ordered more than 180 million items during the five days from Thanksgiving to Cyber Monday, adding that the latter was its biggest single shopping day ever." And by the way, Amazon wasn't the only retail winner this year. "Cyber Monday likely hit \$7.9 billion in sales across all retailers, making it the biggest online shopping day yet, according to an estimate from Adobe. That represents a roughly 20 percent increase from last year. Online sales for Thanksgiving Day

and Black Friday likely reached \$3.7 billion and \$6.2 billion, respectively, Adobe said" (www.cbsnews.com/news/amazon-says-cyber-monday-black-friday-broke-sales-records).

Did you catch that—\$9.9 billion of online shopping on Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday, PLUS another \$7.9 billion of online sales for Cyber Monday—which rounds off to a cool \$17.8 billion spent online to open the Christmas shopping season. Numbers, by the way, which do not include the billions spent at retail stores over these same five days—numbers that prove what James A. K. Smith describes as "a culture whose civic religion prizes consumption as the height of human flourishing" (*Desiring the Kingdom* 76).

You go, Amazon and friends!

Maybe the word to be emphasizing right now is the "go" of "You go!" Because charitable gifts in this season of outsized spending on gifts hardly measure up to equivalency. Don't get me wrong—having spent my life



working for an institution that is totally (completely, exclusively) dependent on charitable giving—I am a sold-out believer in the spiritual boost God gives the charitable, cheerful givers who keep the church going and growing!

But "go" goes beyond "give." "Go" is what I saw happening a couple Sundays ago when I dropped in on our Harbor of Hope church's pre-Thanksgiving dinner for the inner city of Benton Harbor. There I happened to bump into a police officer and his family who used to worship here at Pioneer but have joined Harbor of Hope in its city mission. I also chatted with a flight attendant, who with her family left Pioneer to join Harbor of Hope to become more involved in a hands-on ministry of compassion and care. That's the "go" I'm thinking about—the "go" of Jesus "into all the world" which includes our depressed inner city 12 miles up the road from this campus.

Don't get me wrong—I'm all for charitable giving (thank you for your generosity to the Boss of the institution

I work for)—but I'm realizing that charitable going goes much deeper than a tithe envelope or an offering plate. Going means changing places, abandoning observer status, and plunging into hands-on compassion and caring in a very needy demographic slice of America.

If you'd like to check out this idea of charitable going, drop in on our very attractive Harbor of Hope campus (769 Pipestone St, Benton Harbor, MI 49022) some Sabbath soon, or check out their website (www.harborofhopepmc.org), or email Pastor Taurus Montgomery who with his family of five leads the congregation and community (taurus@andrews.edu).

"Charitable going"—two words that summarize the story line of Christmas. Because just like Jesus, charitable goes to where action and need intersect—usually near the intersection of a city near you.

You go! ■

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

C'est Noël! (It Is Christmas!) • André Jutras

Introit

O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus • Timothy Matthews

Call to Worship

John Glass

How beautiful is the voice of the one who proclaims peace.

How glorious the voice that announces the good news.

Let us sing together, O people, the song of comfort and joy.

Let us sing peace and good news!

For God, our God, has come among us, bringing hope.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

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. 1 of 143

Joy to the World • all st. of 125

Congregational Prayer

John Glass

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

Worship in Music

What Child Is This? • Samuel Hazo

Master Plan of Evangelism

Rodlie Ortiz

Children's Story

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head • Thomas Wallace

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-3, 6 NIV • Gerardo and Paola Oudri

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord."

Hymn of Preparation

Of the Father's Love Begotten • 116

Sermon

"The Treasure Chest: Coinage of Kings"
Dwight K. Nelson

Connect Card, Tithes & Offerings

Michigan Advance Partners

Hymn of Commitment

What Child Is This? • 141

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing • Gordon Young

PRESIDING PASTOR: John Glass; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Wind Symphony; Byron Graves, director; Megan Mocca,
Giovanni Corrodus, student directors

MUSIC ALIVE

"CAROL CYCLES"

Two carol cycles grace today's worship services. A carol cycle, as occurring today, is a series of carols that sound essentially continuously, not being broken upon into "movements" with substantial pauses between them. André Jutras is a French-Canadian composer whose *C'est Noël* consists of at least four carols (or at least portions of four carols). First is "Il Est Né le Divin Enfant" ("He is Born the Holy Child",

sometimes rendered "Now Is Born the Divine Christ Child") featuring trumpets in the wind symphony. The next carol is "Silent Night, Holy Night", with a wide range of brass instruments in a meditative and broad setting. Finally, "Angels We Have Heard On High" occurs energetically with "Joy To The World" adding elements from one of the most widely-known of carols. ■

Light Your World

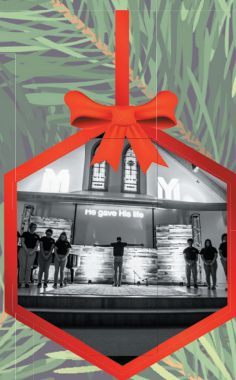
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WE STUDY

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Song Service	Rachel Sauer
Welcome & Prayer	Sinegugu Katenga
Scripture & Prayer	Psalms 150
Special Feature	"Praise the Lord" - Musical Celebration
Offering	<i>Someday • Sandi Patty</i>
Lesson Study	"The Most Convincing Proof"
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: Ivana Ticar, Soprano

WE WORSHIP 2

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"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord."

—Isaiah 60:1-3, 6 (NIV)

We Begin

C'est Noël (It Is Christmas!)

André Jutras

Praise

Carols of the Season

Unto Us

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Prayer

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As We Depart

Russian Christmas Music

Alfred Reed

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan

PRAISE LEADER: Vivian Raimundo; GUITAR: Lorian Guillaume

BASS GUITAR: Jerry Wasmer; VOCALS: Bernadette Flores, James-Andrew Hearn, Jewel Howard

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Wind Symphony

Byron Graves, director; Megan Mocca, Giovanni Corrodus, student directors

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
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PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"The Treasure Chest: Smoke of Gods"

| 12 • 15 |

**CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION
OF CHRISTMAS**

Ben Martin

FINANCIAL FEATURE

CHURCH OPERATING BUDGET

A tax? Do you regard the Lord's tithes and offerings as some kind of "tax" you are obligated to pay? That frame of mind robs us of the joy of supporting God's work. Please notice that we said "the Lord's tithe." That ten percent already belongs to Him, and retaining it for ourselves is called robbery in the Bible.

No, tithes and offerings are not a tax at all. They are a gift that God places in our hands, a part of which we can return to Him. Why not consider giving a gift today to support our local church and its mission in our community?

We Mourn

• We grieve today the death of one of our former pastors, Arne Swanson, who died early Tuesday morning, a year and a day after the death of his life companion Millie. The Swansons were a pastoral team and spent their last chapter of ministry here on the Pioneer pastoral staff and were loved by all they served. We pray that the comfort of Jesus and the promise of His resurrection will surround their daughter, Linda (Chris) Fuchs, and their grandchildren and great-grandchild. A memorial service for Pastor Swanson will be here in the sanctuary Tuesday afternoon, 4 PM, December 11. Visitation will be on Monday, December 10, between 6:00-8:00 PM at Allred Funeral Home.

• We pray for Jean Patterson and her daughter, Lois Nichols, who mourn the death of Robert Patterson on November 8. May the God of all comfort hold them close.

• We grieve today with Pioneer member Renee' Skeete, whose mother, Marie Skeete passed away on Friday, November 23. A memorial service is planned for Sunday, December 2, between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM in the Youth Chapel. With the Skeete family we long for Jesus' triumphant return. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Family Vespers

5:00 PM • PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

Eventide - a worship service to close the Sabbath in our Creator's presence.

Nathan Greene Open House

DEC. 2 & 9, 2018 • 12:00-6:00 PM

Nathan Greene's Art Studio will feature the Seven Days of Creation Series, the Historical Art and Artifacts Loft, and the classic favorites. The Studio is located at 8458 Painter School Road, Berrien Center, MI 49102. Questions? 269.461.6347.

Christmas Angel Tree (previously known as Adopt-A-Family)

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 17

Brighten someone's holiday and bring smiles to struggling individuals. This is a great opportunity to show someone in need that we as a church care. Please stop by the Christmas Angel Tree located at the Welcome Center. Choose an angel from the tree. You can either give a donation (money, gift card, food, toys, etc.) or buy a gift for them. Then bring the gift wrapped with the angel attached to it to PMC by December 17 (Monday). You may call Lailane Legoh at 471.3543 if you have any questions.

Adventist Retirees Christmas Banquet

DECEMBER 9 • 1:00 PM

Senior members of the Pioneer Memorial Church are cordially invited to a Christmas Banquet at the Fellowship Hall of the Village SDA Church. If you have not already done so, please call Claudia Sowler at 269.471.3134. Please leave the name(s) of who will be attending, contact number and the name of your church.

Violin Needed

The Honduras mission team needs a used violin and children's recorders (or funds to buy some) for the children's home in Honduras. Contact Glenn Russell (glenn@andrews.edu). We want to share the joy of music with these precious children.

From the President— First Tuesday

Dear Campus Family,

Our next First Tues. day of prayer (and fasting) is next Tues., Dec. 4th. Thank you to all of you who took the opportunity to actively participate last month as we prayed for our church. This Tues. I would ask that we turn our minds and hearts to the many who in this holiday season are homeless or alone: nothing makes those realities more poignant for those individuals than seeing others around that are happy, content and warm. Here are a few pointers for our prayers this next Tuesday:

- Let's pray for those that have suffered recent loss and find their hearts aching for those they miss
- Let's pray for the refugees, wherever they are, that they may find a place to call home
- Let's pray for those on the streets, who for whatever reason, have found themselves alienated from family
- Let's remember those who have lost their homes through fire and other natural disasters and don't know what the future holds
- Let's remember those in our own midst who while smiling are still struggling with loneliness, anxiety or depression
- Let's pray for concrete ways we can touch the lives of somebody or somebodies this holiday season with our love and faith
- And in all this, let's remember that above all this is about the season when God made the sacrifice to send his Son from His home to ensure hope for each of us and for those we pray for.

So please find some time to pause on First Tuesday and pray. Let's make our prayers a little longer than normal, and let's reach out and intentionally pray with and for those we may not know so well. And as we fast in our own way, let's focus our minds on those who are facing a holiday season with the needs

only God fully understands.

And blessings to you too for this season.
May you reach out and touch another life.

Andrea Luxton
President

Soup for Students

Finals week is one of the most stressful weeks for a college student, and it's definitely important for them to focus and be prepared, but they must also remember to take breaks, sit back, relax, and sip some soup. On Dec. 11, Tuesday, we are inviting them to come to PMC to enjoy home-cooked soup from you, our church members. We need 30 pots of soup, cookies and bread. We also need volunteers to help serve and clean up. Let us know by Dec. 10 if you can donate or help. Call Lailane Legoh at 269.471.3543.

Sabbath Afternoon Activity

DECEMBER 1 • 3:00-5:00 PM
SCIENCE COMPLEX
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Did you know there is a Natural History Museum and a rooftop greenhouse in Berrien Springs? Take advantage of this free opportunity to visit these places on the campus of Andrews University. See the Prillwitz Mammoth, the most complete woolly mammoth skeleton unearthed in Michigan. The greenhouse features a Desert Room, Waterfall Room, and Dry Tropics Room. Come to see some of God's handiwork, past, and present. Kids come and enjoy a "treasure hunt" as you find hidden creatures!

Andrews Academy Presents Hello, Dolly!

ANDREWS ACADEMY

Andrews Academy presents the musical "Hello, Dolly," an exciting and entertaining show adapted from Thornton Wilder's play The Matchmaker. Join us for an

evening of charming and lively music, and high-spirited and engaging acting. Special student/child/senior pricing is \$5; adults \$10. There will be three performances: Dec. 1 at 7:30 PM, Dec. 2 at 4:00 PM, and Dec. 3 at 6:30 PM. Pre-order and special reserved seating tickets are available now at 471.3138. Tickets will also be available prior to each show, but space is limited.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair!

DECEMBER 2 • 11:00 AM- 5:00 PM
CHAN SHUN HALL LOBBY

Join us for the 5th Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair! This event exists primarily to provide a venue at which Adventist artisans can showcase their creations. Hundreds of beautifully handcrafted items will be for sale. Contact simplestirrings@yahoo.com for more information.

Paper Crafting Together

DECEMBER 16 • 11:00 AM- 5:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Have Christmas gifts you need to finish? Cards you want to make to send out? Come to the PMC Commons and work on your projects. Bring your favorite snack. We will provide the chocolate. Questions email sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

Community Christmas and Live Nativity

DECEMBER 2 • 4:00-7:00 PM

Come experience a celebration of Christ's birth at the Student Activity Center in downtown Eau Claire located at 6295 West Main Street, Eau Claire, MI. Featuring the Live Nativity from 4:30-6:30 PM, kids can enjoy petting live animals, and families can listen to live Christmas music from local churches. Come enjoy refreshments, Christmas crafts for the kids, and free food for hungry families from the Feed America truck (1:00-3:00 PM at the Fire Station)! Admission is free.

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