

The Hope Church Beacon



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*“Those who walked in the dark have seen a bright light.
And it shines upon everyone who lives in the land of darkest shadows” Isaiah 9:2*

Most of us find joy in decorating our homes for Christmas. We take out our treasured decorations and delight in the memories they hold. Growing up, every year we carefully unpacked the old nativity set and placed it under the Christmas tree. Over the years, the figures became chipped. Sheep were missing legs, and the cow had only one horn. By the time I was in high school, our original three wise men had been reduced to just two, the third one lost in the attic. The infant Jesus had teeth marks from the family dog acting as if the plastic savior was a chew toy.

However, our little nativity set never lost its ability to fill us with a sense of expectation. We never talked about buying a new perfectly enacted set. We never considered purchasing one that was a valuable collector's item. I wonder if unconsciously, there was something about its missing and damaged parts that was a source of comfort. After all, it was familiar, and the reality of its imperfection reminded us of the need for Christmas, the need for love to enter our hearts once again.

Angel and wise men. Shepherds and stars. It never occurred to us as children that the cast of characters was a mix of images of two different nativity accounts in the gospels. Only in Luke's Gospel is there a manger and shepherds. The crowded inn and wise men and a brilliant star belong only to Matthew's narrative. The birth narrative is not even mentioned in the gospel of Mark or John! What mattered to us was not the biblical or historical accuracy of the details.

What mattered was the power of the story to rekindle our sense of wonder and to stir our hearts. Along with strains of “Silent Night” playing softly in the background, our family nativity set reminded us, every winter of our lives, of the simple birth of a baby who provided the foundation of our faith. The light and hope of the world given to us in the darkest of seasons. Through that well-worn nativity, we embraced the gift of love born in a stable and born in our hearts each year.

May the blessing of the Light of the World bring you a deep sense of wonder and love this Advent!

Advent Blessings
Pastor Meg

HOPE CHURCH CURRENT NEWS

HOLIDAY RUNDOWN

- *Pageant practice, Saturday, 12/11, 10—12*
- *Rehearsals for Christmas music: Thursday, Dec 9, Thursday, Dec 16, Tuesday, December 21*
- *Hope Church Pageant, Sunday, December 12th*
- *Blue Sunday Christmas Service, December 19th, 4 p.m.*
- *Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m.*
- *Nativity Sets to church, Sunday 1/2/22*
- *Seniors Christmas party, 12/8 4 p.m., Infinity Hall*
- *Poinsettia Sale through 12/12*
- *Toy Collection, Toys for Tots, thru 12/12*
- *CMWC Reverse Advent Boxes/Hygiene Collection ~ 12/5 thru Christmas*
- *Giving envelopes on tables in hall, starting 12/05/21*



2021 CHRISTMAS EVE AT 6:30 PM.

On Christmas Eve 2020, it was difficult to feel excited in the empty sanctuary.

This year, we are delighted to announce that Christmas Eve Worship will be in person. We will have one service at 6:30 pm on Christmas Eve.

The service will be live on Facebook at 6:30 and will be available afterwards. We are only having the one service, since church attendance is not back to normal due to covid. Hopefully, in 2022 we will have a full sanctuary. We will wear masks and take precautions to keep the spread of germs to a minimum.

We look forward to more people returning to in person worship and necessitating the need for more services. Please join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We look forward to being together to remember this Holiest of Nights.



HOPE CHURCH CURRENT NEWS (cont.)



Dear Families,

The children will be joining with all generations in leading worship on December 12th at the 10:00 worship service, as they share the Christmas pageant.

This is a wonderful way for children and youth to learn the importance of our Christmas story. This year, the pageant will be in person but will be able to be viewed online and, of course, in the sanctuary. We have children's masks to keep the spread of germs to a minimum. We need angels and shepherds and other characters to help the story of the nativity to come alive. Nancy Fay has written a script just for Hope Church and she needs all of us to join in the telling of the story.

There is only one major rehearsal on Saturday, December 11th at 10 am. The children will get their costumes on that day. We need any and all children and adults who would like to participate to join us. They *do need to attend* the Saturday rehearsal with a parent.

Please call or email the church office, just so we know how many costumes to prepare by December 5th. Parents or grandparents are welcome to participate if it will help increase your child's comfort level.

Please contact Nancy Fay if you have any questions. *Being involved in a Christmas pageant creates wonderful memories and is a gift to the entire congregation!*

Advent Blessings,

Pastor Meg

HOPE CHURCH CURRENT NEWS (cont.)



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Please join us on Sunday, December 19th at 4 p.m. for a Blue Christmas Service. Christmas can be a difficult time for some people. The constant refrains on radio and television, in shopping malls, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost. For those suffering from the death of loved ones, dealing with a relationship ending, struggling to find employment, dealing with depression or a family crisis, this can be a very isolated and dark time. This year, the pandemic has caused people to feel very isolated. We need to know that we are not alone. We need encouragement. Pastor Meg invites you to this special holiday service designed for those for whom the season is a struggle. If you have undergone a difficult loss, transition, or life change, the church cares about you and invites you to a special time of music and worship. We are offering a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 19th at 4 p.m. Please invite your friends and family who might benefit from this service will be **in person** and on Facebook @hopeuccmacomb.

SHARING THE NATIVITY

Spiritual Council is hosting a Nativity Sunday on January 2nd. Bring your own nativity set to the church. We will display the nativity in the Fellowship Hall during fellowship hour. Many of us have a nativity with a story, perhaps it was a special gift or a family tradition, or it comes from another country. The nativity sets will go home with you on that same Sunday. Let's continue to share the spirit throughout the 12 days of Christmas!



HOPE SENIORS CHRISTMAS GATHERING



The Senior Christmas Dinner is December 8th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Infinity Hall in Fraser. Come share the joy of Christmas with your friends.

HOPE CHURCH CURRENT NEWS



WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

On November 21st, we welcomed Terri Hillman and Ron Idyle to Hope Church. Terri and Ron are a welcomed addition to our church family. Please make sure you extend a warm welcome to them. If you're interested in knowing more about church membership, please contact Pastor Meg.



THE 2022 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE IN

The 2020 Giving Envelopes will be available for pick up starting December 5th on a table in the Narthex. They are organized in alphabetical order.

Many people have new envelope numbers, so please do not use the 2022 envelopes until January. Also, double check that you are picking up the correct envelope, as we have many families with the same last name.

Thank you in advance for picking up your envelopes, as it will save us money in postage.

If you want envelopes and didn't get any, please contact the church office.

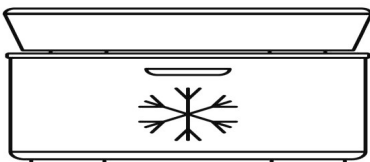
Jan Nenninger

HOPE CHURCH'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Starting 12/1/21, Hope Church's new email address will be: HopeUCC4@gmail.com. Please make a note of it. Thanks.



CHEST FREEZER



Free to a good home! Bruce Anderson is offering a chest freezer. Please contact him if you're interested.

BEAUTIFUL CHURCH! On Monday, 11/22, the Spiritual Council, with assistance from the Property Committee, decorated Hope Church for the Advent Season and Christmas. Please come and see for yourself at the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.





ADVENT 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Make a list of 5 things that spark hope in you.	29 Call and check in on a friend.	30 Select 3 people to send thank you notes to for touching your life.	1 Put a Christmas decoration in a different place so it captures your attention.	2 Listen to Christmas music. What happy memories come to mind?	3 Purchase an item to donate. Pray for those feeling helpless.	4 Read the words from Isaiah 9:6-7. Focus on the power of the names.
5 What brings you peace? Practice focusing on your breathing.	6 Take a few minutes to imagine a peaceful place. What do you see, hear, touch?	7 Pray for peace in your life, your community, in the country, and in the world.	8 Who has helped you find peace during stressful times? Write them a thank you note.	9 Do something for someone. Drop off cookies or pay for someone else's coffee.	10 Indulge in something—a long bath, reading a book ... notice how you feel.	11 Listen to parts of Handel's Messiah.
12 Who or what brings you joy? Watch Hope's Christmas Pageant.	13 Share a memory of what brought you joy when you were a young child.	14 Watch a Christmas movie that makes you smile.	15 Cook or bake something that makes you joyful; if possible, share it.	16 Watch the sunrise or sunset. Give thanks to God for creation.	17 Do something creative. Write, bake, build, play music. Notice how creativity lessens stress.	18 Drive around and look at Christmas lights. Focus on the joy we find in light.
19 Remember those who have passed. Watch Hope's Blue Christmas Service.	20 Make a list of loved ones. Take time to pray for each person.	21 Take an hour to do something you love to do. Step away from the busyness.	22 Give a gift to someone who has taught you about love.	23 Participate in Christmas Eve Services.	24 Sing Silent Night and light a candle.	25 Relax. Be kind to yourself. Remember, there are 12 days of Christmas. Save a gift for January 6th.

NOTES FROM THE EDGE



I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ANYONE WHO MAY WANT TO TRY OUT PLAYING HANDBELLS OR SINGING WITH THE CHOIR to **please consider joining us just for Christmas Eve along with the preparatory rehearsals.** The Christmas Eve service will be at 6:30 pm. The call time for rehearsals before

the service will be 5:45. You do not need to know how to read music, but being able to count to 3 or 4 will help with handbell playing!

Rehearsals for Christmas music will be the following dates. Handbell rehearsal starts at 6 pm and choir rehearsal starts at 7:30 pm. We will rehearse the Christmas music first, so that you may leave right after.

Thursday, Dec 9

Thursday, Dec 16

Tuesday, Dec 21

~Keep making music!

Deborah

Mary, exhausted, having just gotten Jesus to sleep, is approached by a young man who thinks to himself,
What this girl needs is a drum solo.

The Visit of the Magi

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



After Jesus was born in _____ in Judea, during the time of King Herod, _____ from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been _____ king of the Jews? We saw his _____ in the east and have come to _____ him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it _____ over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother _____, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of _____ and of _____ and of _____. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2: 1-2, 9-12 (NIV)

Bethlehem
born

gold
incense

Magi
Mary

myrrh
star

stopped
worship

CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS



TOYS for TOTS

CMWC will need to identify an organization that is collecting toys for Toys for Tots. The congregation may start bringing in toys October 31-December 12. CMWC will deliver the toys the middle of December.

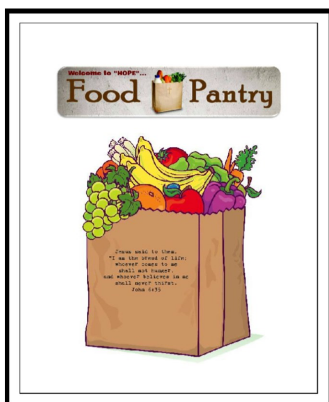
REVERSE ADVENT BOXES

The Reverse Advent Boxes have proven to be a great way to give back to the community by putting items in the box during Advent that are much needed by those less fortunate. In the past, we have asked for non-perishable food items.



This year the CMWC is asking that you put personal hygiene items in your Box. We especially need tooth brushes, toothpaste, bar soap, dish soap, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream. The boxes will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, December 5. Please return them on Christmas Eve or as soon after as possible. If you are attending worship online, you may use any box you happen to have to put your items in. The boxes may also be dropped off in the brown box outside the church entrance. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission project. It is greatly appreciated by those we serve.

CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS (cont.)



NEWS FROM HOPE FOOD PANTRY...

On November 13th we held a drive-thru distribution day. We served 151 individuals over 5,091 lbs of food, cleaning supplies and hygiene products

This pantry distribution day would not have been a success without the generous support of our donors, volunteers, and your Christian Mission & Witness Council members.

Please join us in thanking the following volunteers for their hard work and dedication for their work on this mission project...

Corey Anderson

Judy Cole

Rick Cole

Emily Earle

Tony Fortunato

Connor Frank

Terry Hillman

Chris House

Sherri House

Opal Lulek

Cindy Malinowski

Karen Miller

Jaden Miyamoto

Steve Nielson

Ed Rogers

Sue Rogers

Kirk Schoenherr

Susan Winters

Jon Zalewski

Our next drive-thru pantry distribution day will be Saturday, December 11th from 9:00 - 1:00 pm. **If you are interested in volunteering**, there is a sign up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Tony Fortunato.

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Toilet paper, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, and women's feminine products. We are well stocked with canned green beans and corn. Please remember we are a food bank ~ we only give out food, hygiene and cleaning products. Also please kindly check expiration dates. Thank you for your continued support!



CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS (cont.)

THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVEAWAY

On Saturday, November 21st, members of the CMWC had an opportunity to participate in a Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway organized by the folks at Lakepointe Church. We partnered with 8 other churches in Macomb County to pack and distribute hundreds of turkey dinners. The bags included a 12 lb. turkey and all the fixins. It was a rewarding experience for all of us. We were all thankful to be blessed to be a blessing to those less fortunate. We plan to participate next year and will let the congregation know how they can participate in this awesome mission project.



CHRISTIAN MISSION & WITNESS (cont.)

Hope Food Pantry Update...

On behalf HOPE UCC, a representative from Hope Food Pantry has signed a stipend agreement, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 with Macomb Community Action. This stipend agreement is in the amount of \$25.00 per month. This stipend is in consideration of the services rendered by HOPE UCC/HOPE Food Pantry on behalf of the USDA Commodities Distribution Program.

The Christian Mission and Witness Council has voted and approved the aforementioned stipend be allocated to the Energy Fund in consideration of the utilities used by the acquired freezer and refrigerator used by Hope Food Pantry.



**Macomb
Community
Action**

ZION CHURCH COMMUNITY MEAL

68 New Street, Mount Clemens 48043
12:30 - 2:30

Hosted by Hope UCC

Please join CMWC in providing and serving lasagna lunch to underemployed, unemployed, and homeless individuals in our community.



Jan. 16, Feb. 20, & Mar. 20 ~ 2022

Volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in Fellowship Hall on Dec. 1, or contact Cindy Malinowski with donation information.

ITEMS NEEDED

- 7 Family-size lasagna/pre-cooked (in church kitchen 12 p.m.)
- 1 Family-size veggie lasagna
- 5 Cole slaw (3 lbs.)
- 4 Loaves garlic bread
- 5 Trays of cookies individually bagged (ea. Person 2 doz.)

COMMUNITY LUNCH KITCHEN HELPERS (3 each lunch)

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food." Matthew 25:31-46

DETROIT METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION NEWS

As part of Pastor's Meg Call Agreement with Hope Church the congregation encourages the minister to serve the greater church. Pastor Meg serves on the Church and Ministry Committee. This team works to prepare candidates for ministry and to help pastors and congregations have successful ministries. In October, Pastor Meg was elected by the members of the Detroit Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ to serve on the Linking Board. Pastor Meg will serve as a member at large. The linking Board works to help promote the work of Christ through the churches of the DMA. The linking board works with the Michigan Conference and the National Offices of the UCC. The Linking Board is responsible for overseeing the business, area programming, social justice work and standing of local churches. The other newly elected members are:

Rev. Dr. Selma Massey, Moderator, Whosoever Ministry UCC, Grosse Pointe,
Dr. Galen Fisher, Vice Moderator, Congregational Church of Birmingham UCC,
Bloomfield Hills

Ms Dorinda Mowatt, Secretary, Trinity-St. Mark UCC, Detroit

Rev. Dr. Gary Bennett, Member At Large, Shrine UCC, Detroit

Pastor Meg is honored to serve our denomination in this way.



Southeast Area Associations
Detroit Metropolitan and Eastern Associations
Michigan Conference United Church of Christ

WAYS TO GIVE

More and more, the way we pay our bills is changing. Electronic payments are everywhere, from our monthly utility bills to on-line purchases. As a society, we are writing fewer and fewer checks. We are introducing two new convenient ways to allow members and friends make donations to Hope UCC.

On-Line – Visit the Hope UCC web site – www.hopeuccmi.com

Select the **“Give a Gift”** tab .

Select the **“Give Here”** button

Or from your cell phone

Text “HUCCF” to 45777. The site will respond with a link which you can use to route your donation to a specific fund.

If you would like to donate to the “General Fund” you can simply text:
“Gift Amount” followed by “HUCCF” to 45777. For instance to give \$5 text “5 HUCCF” to 45777.

In both cases you will be directed to our secure payment processing center where you will be able to easily walk through the steps to register and/or direct your donation (eg to the general fund or a specific mission).

Also: (Hint – if using the text method, save this phone number in your “Contacts” list to make it easier to access.)

Your Giving Statement will reflect the total donation. You may consider increasing that donation to help offset the fees being charged.

Any questions can be directed to Jan Nenninger.

Of course, we will still be have a donation box every Sunday. If you prefer to continue making your donations as you have in the past, please do. We appreciate the generosity of all of our members and friends, no matter what form it takes: financially or volunteering your time and talents to help Hope UCC be a church of mission and compassion; of outreach and caring; of vision and inspiration. For all you do, we thank you!!

ALSO:

- ⇒ AT CHURCH
- ⇒ USPS
- ⇒ DROP OFF DURING OFFICE HOURS 9—1:30, M—F

**SHARING
BRINGS JOY**
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND, COLLECTION DECEMBER 19TH

Envelopes on little table



The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. Over the past 18 months, the emergency financial needs of many who serve the church increased dramatically. Many of our clergy continue to bear the consequences of lost or decreased income. These difficult times make the need for the Christmas Fund more urgent than ever.

This year, as many UCC churches continue online or hybrid worship, Christmas Fund promotional

resources will be available online only at www.christmasfund.org. **Offering envelopes will not be sent automatically to your church. However, you may still order offering envelopes from UCC Resources at uccresources.com.**

As an alternative to envelopes this year, please consider encouraging members of your congregation to donate directly and securely at www.christmasfund.org.

Thank you
for supporting the Christmas Fund!



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINEES

We are looking for your input and want you to join the Board of Trustees! We need to fill one seat on the Board of Trustees (BOT). Currently, the meetings are held via Zoom meeting, and will continue until further notice. A three-year commitment is needed for this seat. Being on the BOT is a great way to support the future of Hope Church. We currently have a very dynamic and fun group of members on the BOT and would welcome a new member. If you are interested in running for this seat, please let Nancy Michelson know. Thank you!

The Nomination Committee

THE LEADERSHIP OF HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Meg Wilson, Pastor & Editor ~ Sue Robinson, Publisher & Editor
Church Office (586) 296-8760

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Accompanist: Denise Kildea
Music Director: Deborah Frontczak

GROUPS, ETC.

BOWLING is every two weeks unless on a holiday. Reach out to Donna Canu or Tim Cole if you're interested. They bowl at the AMF Rose Bowl Lanes on Martin Road.



SENIORS GROUP

The Seniors Group (55+) will not begin gathering in person at this time. They will keep everyone posted.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

We now have an opportunity to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. It's easy...all you need to participate is an email address and a Kroger rewards card. Then all you need do is shop at any Kroger store, swipe your rewards card, and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the **Hope Church Operating Account**. If you have access to a computer, you may enroll in the program by entering <http://www.kroger.com> into your browser and follow this path....Savings & Rewards....Kroger Community Rewards....I am a Customer....Account Summary....Community Rewards....our Kroger number (**HS995**). If you have questions or concerns about this program, please call Susan Winters. If you haven't signed up, please consider doing so. Our last check was \$84.80.



PFLAG-CT cordially invites the congregation of Hope UCC to join in the monthly support meeting. The meeting will be the last Tuesday of the month. Hope has been so good to the chapter, and our mission is to support, educate and advocate for the LGBTQ community. We want to give you the opportunity to join us and see what we're all about.

You can go to our website, PFLAGCT.org, fill out the form and reference Hope UCC on there. This will put you on our email list and you'll get notification of the meetings. You can email me directly to have the Zoom link sent back to you. My email is yvon-netad@wowway.com, and again, please reference Hope UCC. Thank you again for your support for our chapter, stay safe and healthy, and God bless you.

Yvonne Tadajewski
President, PFLAG-CT

TRUNK OR TREAT 2021



*The Power of Prayer ...
Those that are
Homebound*

DOLORES COWPER

NANCY HORNFISHER

MARILYN JACKSON

DICK NOBIS

FAY SNYDER

MARILYN WEIDENBACH

MEMORIALS*

ANDY ANDERSON

By: Rolland & Gayle Bumler
Ed & Sue Rogers

EDWARD HEUSSNER

By: Todd Eckert
Linda Parsons

GAIL REINHARDT

By: Eleanor Gurich
Shirley Kirby
Debi Mastalski
Linda Parsons
Carol Troutman

IN LOVING
memory

***MEMORIAL GIFTS ARE
APPLIED TO THE BUILDING
FUND, ACCORDING TO OUR
BYLAWS. THANK YOU!!**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

Nancy Burnham
Joyce Clifford
Nancy Cole
Tim Cole
Dolores Cowper
Michelle Dziwanowski
Debbie Emmons
B.J. Essen
Elaine Frank
Jean Frank
Marilyn Holland
Linda Kaufman
Legoas Family
Bob Rayment
Bills/Elizabeth Rogers Family
Linda Smith
Drew Tomlin

HOPE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Our congregation knows that prayer is our tool for connecting to God. Together, we pray in worship and we pray at home. Please check the prayer list in both the newsletter and the bulletin to help us keep our prayer requests current. **You may contact the church office to remove or add a name.** We also have a prayer sculpture in the church lobby and you are welcome to write a prayer request on a heart and hang in on the sculpture. When we lift our concerns in prayer, we will surely know the presence of the Lord.

Please remember those on our Prayer List ... with a phone call, card, note and keep them in your Thoughts & Prayers. **For those who are silent with your concerns and needs, a special prayer for ALL of you to have the strength, courage and patience to deal with your individual situation.**



Birthdays for the Month of December

1	Lincoln Rogers
2	Sue Robinson
4	Adelyn Wegmeyer
5	Kyle McCuen
6	Wayne Hacker
8	Laurel Betts Jillian Dziwanowski
9	Augie Rivera
14	Ryan McCuen
15	Jon Zalewski
17	Margaret Smafield
19	Linda Kaufman
21	Teresa Watmore Huxley Rogers
22	Steve Nielson
24	Jerry Rogers
25	Carol Shaner
26	Penny Butler
27	Ben Dib
29	Mark DeCraene Bill Frank Kaylin Wegmeyer Victoria Lasecki-Webb
30	Edward Rogers Andrea Luke
31	Tessa Gartin

Birthdays for the Month of January

2	Jennifer Geml
3	Katie Dickson
4	Joe Holland
6	Kelsey Yousif
7	Sue Drummond
12	Brian Masinick
14	Donna Canu Kelly Frank
15	Sandy Foss
16	Tara Blankenbeckler
17	Kellie Flaherty
18	Charles Cacchione Anthony Luke
19	Marilyn Holland
20	Carol Troutman
21	Patrick Thompson Chris Woodham
24	AveAnna Foss
26	Edward Eckert
30	Jeremy Blankenbeckler Brian Winters
31	Bruce Anderson Vickie Kornoski Sara Patrick

December Anniversaries

2	Jeremy & Tara Blankenbeckler
4	Amber & Shaun Cross
18	Judi & Dave Fogel
19	Toshi & Kristin Miyamoto

January Anniversaries

6	Patrick & Lorraine Thompson
10	Thomas & Carol Reeser



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
ORDER ALTAR
FLOWERS
FOR THAT SPECIAL
DAY?**



Contact the church office for the availability. One arrangement per Sunday.
Cost is \$20 per arrangement.

COMMUNITY



Project ♥ Linus

AN INTRODUCTION

Project Linus National Headquarters is located in Belton, Missouri. National President Patty Gregory and Vice President Mary Balagna direct and orchestrate the activities of Project Linus chapters located across the United States. Patty has been involved with the organization in the Kansas City area since April 2000 and Mary in Central Illinois since late 1998, as chapter coordinators and now as directors and officers. Mary also maintains a very busy chapter, donating an average of 350 blankets every month to local children. With chapters in all 50 states, Project Linus continues to grow. Blankets are collected locally and distributed to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug.

Rarely a month goes by that Project Linus is not featured in a national magazine or program. *Parade, People, Reader's Digest, Family Circle, Ladies Home Journal, Quiltmaker, Quilters Newsletter, Guidepost, Parents Magazine, Real Simple, Woman's Day* and many others have helped to spur interest. You may have seen or heard segments about Project Linus on the *NBC Nightly News, Today Show*, or even your local newscasts..

Good morning!




Thanks for reaching out about blanket donations. We can take blankets as long as they are unused and newly handmade. Our drop off sites are listed on the website - Joann's on Hall Rd and The Decorative Stitch on Van Dyke in Shelby Twp.

Thank you for thinking of us!!

Jill Campbell

Project Linus, Macomb County

December 2021

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 AA 7:30 p.m.
5 HOLY COMMUNION <i>Worship in person and on Facebook 10 a.m.</i> Hopeuccmi.com <u>Sunday School</u> Envelopes in Narthex Reverse Advent Boxes	6	7 Board Meeting 7 p.m. AA 7—8 p.m.	8 Seniors Christmas dinner 4:00; Infinity Hall	9 Handbells 6 pm Choir 7:30 p.m.	10	11 Pantry 10—12 Pageant practice 10-12 AA 7:30 p.m.
12 <i>Worship in person and on Facebook 10 a.m.</i> Hopeuccmi.com PAGEANT <u>Toy Drive ends</u> <u>Poinsettia sale ends</u> Bowling	13	14 AA 7—8 p.m.	15	16 Handbells 6 pm Choir 7:30 p.m.	17	18 AA 7:30 p.m.
19 <i>Worship in person and on Facebook 10 a.m.</i> Hopeuccmi.com <u>Sunday School</u> BLUE CHRISTMAS 4 P.M.	20	21  <u>CMWC 12:30</u> Handbells 6 pm <u>Choir 7:30</u>	22	23	24  CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 6:30 P.M.	25 AA 7:30 p.m.
26 <i>Worship in person and on Facebook 10 a.m.</i> Hopeuccmi.com <u>Sunday School</u> Bowling	27	28 AA 7—8 p.m. PFLAG, 7 p.m.	29	30	31 	

POINSETTIAS



POINSETTIA PLANTS

It's time to order your Poinsettia Plants for the Christmas Season. Cost is \$10.50 per plant. Deadline to order is Sunday, December 12th. Fill out the form completely and include your check and/or cash and place in the offering box, in the church office or mail in.

IN HONOR OF -

IN LOVING MEMORY OF -

Placed by: _____

Phone #: _____

Flowers are provided by Bruce & Pam Anderson, owners of Moehring Woods Florist, 313 882-9732.

THESE WILL BE LISTED IN THE JANUARY '22 BEACON. THANK YOU!