



Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter December 2025



Don't miss out! The Fenton Ambassadors Concert will be Sunday, December 7th at 7pm.

If you want to get in the mood for Christmas, come join us on Sunday December 7th at 7pm. Invite a friend as well. You will not be disappointed! A love offering will be taken to help our neighbors with their evictions and shut off notices. Refreshments will be served after.

Mission Spotlight: St. Andrew Presbyterian-Davison



Davison-St. Andrew's mission options reflect an understanding of our demographics. We have learned that small numbers, an aging congregation, no active youth, physical limitations, health constraints, and limited resources do not prevent us from serving others in Christ's name.

On-Going: Since 2009, our "Knitters/Crocheters/Quilters" have given their material, money, time and talent, while annually, on average, creating/donating 280-300 packaged, hand-made hat/glove/scarf sets and 25-30 prayer shawls, custom crocheted blankets, and/or quilts. Those able gather weekly, while others work at home; sometimes, we use FaceTime or conference calls to "be all together." Local agencies in Davison, Flint, Lapeer distribute these gifts – often coupling them with coat distributions. Others, we give to hospitalized/homebound people. Regular mission updates and informal conversations in the community have resulted in additional donations from members/friends who do not

knit/crochet/quilt, and women from other churches and communities participating as well.

Annually, St Andrew's contributes financially to 11 agencies that help those suffering from food insecurity and poverty. We also deliver monthly collections of food, clothing, and household products, and extra collections for school supplies, food for the holidays, and we provide Christmas gifts for 25+ children. A "Support Church" for Family Promise of Mid-Michigan, for 10 years we provided/served dinners at HOST churches. For 3 years and to continue, we participated in the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Mobile Food Packing event at the Richfield Church of the Nazarene. The letters, emails, and newsletters from the agencies express overwhelming gratitude for our donations and hands-on service.

Something New: In an effort to leverage scarce resources and encourage others to help, this November, St. Andrew's has established a "matching fund" where the church will match "extra giving" from our congregation/friends up to \$2,000. The total monies donated to St. Andrew's by December 15, 2025, designated for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (FBEM), will then be given to the FBEM. They will promote that total as another "matching fund" opportunity in January, providing a flyer with a QR code, linking directly to the on-line giving page, or gifts may be mailed or dropped off – clearly designated for the "St. Andrew's Match". As we work together with the FBEM, we are pleased to help them be able to serve more of the increasing number of food-insecure families.

Questions? Contact Julianne at: 810-614-3431 or Email: Julianne.Princinsky@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for all those who have participated in helping make the Fenton Ambassadors welcome and fed.

Margaret & Fran



The office will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Tuesday December 23rd through Thursday January 1st.

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Poinsettias and Greens



Thank you to those who are remembering loved ones. They make the Sanctuary so beautiful! Please take them home after worship on Sunday December 21st. We trust that you will enjoy the Poinsettias and Greens during Christmas and way into the new year.

Baby Pantry dates are:



Dec 5th Jan Bradshaw & Loretta Weiss

Dec 19th _____ & _____

Thank you in advance to all our volunteers.

Recycle



We are looking for your used ink cartridges. Bring in your ink cartridges and any batteries you have. Thank you.





Poinsettias in the Sanctuary are in Remembrance of



~ Jean Goss ~ Mary Kay Lyles~

~ Leon Parker ~ Judy Watkins~

~ Ron Howe ~ Aaron & Margaret Ganshaw ~

~ Jack & Jean Fundis ~ Gordon & Gladys Bradshaw ~



Finance Team

Income Oct \$8,080.73 YTD \$84,394.83

Expense Oct \$6,010.29 YTD \$71,959.82

Building Fund Oct \$260.00 YTD \$4,322.00

Just a reminder that these numbers are for budget categories only, and except for the building fund (which some of us pledge to fund) do not include any special accounts. Thank you for supporting our church!

Bob Killewald & Vicki Lyles





December Birthdays-God Bless You!

Dec 3rd Walt Brown

Dec 11th Gordie Bradshaw

Dec 28th Vicki Lyles

Dec 28th Anastasia Thomas

December Anniversaries God enrich these lives together!

Gerry & Debbie Jackson Dec 4th 43 years!

Larry & Pam Remillard Dec 30th 58 years!



December Quote

From the Congregational Care Team

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to Karen Haneline (email [address- haneline526@gmail.com](mailto:haneline526@gmail.com) , phone 248-894-3489) of the Congregational Care Team.

Prayer of Thanksgiving- James Teddy, son of regular attender Duana Teddy, recovering from his liver transplant. Please pray as he continues to recover.

Prayer Concerns

Please remember to pray for Pastor Chris and his family, and our church, every day.



Pray for: Jerry Watkins (Laura Parker's dad) is in UT with pneumonia and complications with COPD. Suspected silent aspiration as the cause of the bacteria infection. He is stable but they are trying to decide what to do to prevent it from recurring; **Betsy and Don Stephanic**, new attenders. Don has been in treatment for pancreatic cancer for a year and continues a new round of a trial treatment. **Dale Huffman** prayers for recovery and increased strength; **Perry Smith** (Laura Parker's friend) brain surgery; **Elizabeth Kici** had surgery for a serious medical condition, and is currently staying with her daughter (phone 248.496.0816); all the people affected by the Grand Blanc shooting and fire at; all the people affected by the Grand Blanc shooting and fire at **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Toni** (Bob Killewald's sister's dear friend) had a brain aneurysm-prognosis is poor; **Sherry McLaughlin** recovering from hip surgery; **Donna Miller** recovering at her new residence; **Mark Bolan** treatment for cancer; **Charly** (Bob & Cathie's friend) age 16 had her liver transplant but is going through difficulty.

Ongoing prayers: Alex Searfoss (great grandson of Donna Miller) Prayers that he continues to improve.; **Jody** (sister of Randy Cook) small cell lung cancer-very aggressive-stage 1-praying the treatment stalls it.; **Micah Swanson** (Sherry's second cousin) possibly has throat cancer but does have testicular and bladder cancer; **Jennifer Cotaling** (Randy Cook's sister-in-law), **Mike Schettling** (Tom Schettling's cousin) cancer; **Tom Schettling; Penny Schettling; Mike Pelton, Don Neuville, Steve in FL, and Jim Killewald.**

Prayers for those suffering: for all those affected by war, severe weather, hunger, gun violence, abuse, and/or addiction.



December Calendar

HOPE JOY LOVE PEACE

Mon Dec 1st	7:00 Information Technology
Wed Dec 3rd	6:30pm Zumba
Fri Dec 5th	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun Dec 7th	10:30am Coffee
	11:00am Outreach Team
	11:15am Worship
	7:00pm Fenton Ambassadors Concert
Tues Dec 9th	7:30pm Property Team
Wed Dec 10th	6:30pm Zumba
Sun Dec 14th	10:00am Bible Study
	10:30am Coffee
	11:15am Worship
Wed Dec 17th	6:30pm Zumba
Thurs Dec 18th	7:00pm Session
Fri Dec 19th	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun Dec 21st	10:30am Coffee
	11:15am Worship

	12:15pm Worship Team
Tues Dec 23rd	Office Closed
Wed Dec 24th	Office Closed
Thurs Dec 25th	Office Closed
Fri Dec 26th	Office Closed
Sun Dec 28th	10:00am Bible Study
	10:30am Coffee
	11:15am Worship
Tues Dec 30th	Office Closed
Wed Dec 31st	Office Closed
Thurs Jan 1st	Office Closed

Our Missionaries:

Allen & Deedee Iobst family-Paris, France

Colby & Sarah Keefer-Athletes in Action

Cathy Chang and family serving in the Philippines. They are coming to the US in July.



Iobst Family



Keefer Family

2025 Session Members

Clerk.....Jim Lyles..... 2026
 Christian Education.....Bob Killewald.....2027
 Congregational Care.....Margaret Perry ... 2026
 Finance.....Bob Killewald..... 2025



Information Technology..Walt Brown 2027
Outreach.....Fran Pelton..... 2027
Property.....Randy Cook..... 2025
Worship.....Dessalee Cook..... 2025
Moderator Pastor Chris Thomas

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