



*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
December 13, 2009
Third Sunday of Advent*

WELCOME TO ALL, especially visitors and newcomers to Ann Arbor. Let us know of your presence by completing the pew card. Please know you are invited to share in all activities of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Angel Tidings *Traditional Moravian Carol*

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Please sign the Friendship Book in each pew near the center aisle and pass it along your pew or to others sitting nearby. As it returns, note with whom you worship so that you may greet each other after the service.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Rotating Shelter for the Homeless
(8:00/9:30 a.m.) Sue Chandler (11:00 a.m.) Jane Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

AND LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

At 8:00 a.m., the candles will be lit by Stephen Ministers Mark and Cynthia Reynolds. At 9:30 a.m., the candles will be lit by Campus Core Group members Carol Gottliebsen, Marissa Gawel, Emily Stuart, and Andrea Hebner. At 11:00 a.m., the candles will be lit by Jim and Julie Wheaton.

One: We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: You created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

As the candles are lit, please sing verse three of hymn 309, Of the Father's Love Begotten:

**Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! Amen.**

One: Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice
for God has created you with the capacity for joy.

**All: We will find what makes us joyful,
and make that our gift to the world.**

One: Trust in God's good will for all of creation
and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love.

All: We will welcome new possibilities in our lives. We will offer our
selves to God's goodness. We will go forth in hope, and peace,
and joy.

*HYMN 9 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord of extravagant love, again and again you offer yourself to us in
the gift of the Christ. As we prepare our celebration of this your great-
est gift to us, we confess we are distracted, even anxious. We worry
we won't get everything done, as if your coming somehow depended
on us. We rush hither and yon instead of sensing your presence in
moments of quiet reflection, or time spent with those dearest to us,
or in songs sung with joy. Trappings of the season divert us from
your presence in word and sacrament and service to others. Forgive
us, center us, prepare our hearts for the wonder of Emmanuel, You
with us and for us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

(8:00) #572 in the Hymnal Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us
*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

(9:30/11:00) Lord, Have Mercy



ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! God sent Jesus to dispel our darkness.
In the gift of Christ, God gives light and life to all who turn to
God. In mercy, God restores us to the Light that we may love
God and one another. Friends, believe the good news of the
gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience
as forgiven people. As we enter flu season, we encourage you to participate
in "touch free" passing of the peace. As you greet one another, rather than
shaking hands, place your hands together in an attitude of prayer.*

One to another: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

ANTHEM A Jubilant Gloria

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

*Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus. Hosanna Deo, alleluia! Lau-
damus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

(Tr.) Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all. Hosanna to
God, alleluia! We worship you. We bless you. We glorify you. Glory to
God in the highest.

Hosanna Choir

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Titus 3:4-7 (N.T., p. 215)

ANTHEM A Christmas Meditation

Jean Sibelius

Translated by E P Kaldjian, M L Kaldjian, A M Palmo

Give me no glory, wealth, or might this blessed Christmas tide; give heavenly radiance, angels bright, on earth peace to abide. Give me a feast, that I may host the King I long to honor most. Give me no glory, wealth, or might but give the angels bright. Give in my native land a home with children round the tree, and Eoe with light from God's word come to make the darkness flee. Give me a nest, my soul at rest with hope and truth and comfort blest. Give in my native land a home and light from God's Word, come. To rich and poor, to girl and boy, come holy Christmas peace; come warmth of heart, come children's joy in winter's wilderness. Come changeless Word, my King, my Lord, my hope the world shall be restored. To rich and poor, to girl and boy, come warmth of heart, come joy.

Hosanna Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 2:8-20 (N.T., p. 58)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The children through grade five may be seated at the foot of the chancel steps to meet with one of the pastors.

*HYMN 13 Prepare the Way

Bereden Vag For Herran

SERMON (8:00) Hurrying for the Right Reason

(9:30/11:00) The Song of the Angels

RESPONDING

*AN AFFIRMATION

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

from "A Brief Statement of Faith" of the Presbyterian Church in the United States

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

ANTHEM **Birthday Carol**

Sir David Willcocks

Rejoice today with one accord, Alleluia, this is the birthday of our Lord, Alleluia. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Shepherds abiding in the field, Alleluia, to them God's glory was revealed, Alleluia! Gloria in excelsis Deo! And to the shepherds sore afraid, Alleluia, an angel said, 'Be not afraid,' Alleluia! Gloria in excelsis Deo! 'Tidings of joy to you I bring,' Alleluia, 'Today is born a heavenly King,' Alleluia. Gloria in excelsis Deo! 'And ye shall find in manger laid,' Alleluia, 'The Babe in swaddling clothes arrayed,' Alleluia. Gloria in excelsis Deo. A host of angels filled the sky, Alleluia, Thus singing praise to God on high, Alleluia. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Now join we all the angel throng, Alleluia, and let our voices swell the song: Alleluia. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

***DOXOLOGY (#592 in the Hymnal)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

***HYMN 23** **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Gloria

***BENEDICTION**

(9:30/11:00) **CHORAL RESPONSE** **Rejoice!** *Plainchant*
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

(9:30/11:00) **VOLUNTARY** **Gloria! Hosanna in Excelsis!**
Traditional English/French Carols

The Prayer Team is available, for those desiring prayer, in the Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, following the 9:30 worship service.

THE PREACHER at the 8:00 a.m. worship service is the Reverend Jim Monnett. The preacher at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Julie Marks.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Jenny McDevitt at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Matthew Nickel, and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Jenny McDevitt, Matthew Nickel, and Melissa Anne Rogers at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Sarah Wiles at 5:45 p.m.

THE PIANIST at the 8:00 a.m. service is Ilya Blinov.

THE ORGANISTS are Carol Muehlig and Susan Boggs.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Susan Boggs.

THE SOLOIST is Eric Kaldjian.

THE HOSANNA CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Susan Boggs.

THE HOSANNA CHOIR ACCOMPANIST is Jan Leckrone.

THE READERS are Cheryl Gulbranson at 8:00 a.m.; Erin Alexandra Wilson at 9:30 a.m.; and Scott Ellis at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Dick and Sue Rigerink and Scott

Westerman. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Thomas and Helena Prince and Ann Wedemeyer.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Jim Clark and Nancy Janz Clark.

THE ROSEBUD WELCOMES Gwen Eryn Richert, born November 18, 2009, daughter of Lori and Chad Richert, and sister of Evan Richert.

Today's Events

WORSHIP is at 8:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH SCHOOL meets today at 9:30 a.m. for crib-12th grade and at 11:00 a.m. for crib-5th grade. Youth "Munch and Mingle" and Sunday school for sixth through twelfth graders meet at 9:20 a.m. in Monteith Hall.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:

At 9:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library, Ed Koster continues his in-depth discussion of the Bible. The class is currently studying the book of Matthew. Everyone is welcome to attend!

At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room, our Advent Series continues as Alice Swan, PhD candidate in art of the Italian Renaissance at Johns Hopkins University (and daughter-in-law of First Pres member Robert Wallin), presents "Art of the Nativity and the First Pres Warner Christmas Creche Collection."

HAD YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED RECENTLY? Come to the parish nurse office (by the Curtis Room) today from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. to have your blood pressure checked and to pick up some heart health information. Blood pressure checks are offered every second Sunday. Questions? Contact Martine Blogin, parish nurse at 662-4466, ext 26., or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room and will display creches on a table in the Founders Room. Members of the congregation are invited to come and view the creches from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

ADOPT A LOCAL FAMILY IN NEED from the Family-to-Family Christmas Program today in the Social Hall. Contributions may also be made by using the special pew envelopes. Volunteers are needed to help deliver gifts on the afternoon of Sunday, December 20. Questions on adopting or volunteering? Contact Julie Morrison at 668-0420, or morrison@comcast.net.

THE "COOKIE EXPLOSION" happens today between services in the Social Hall. This is a huge Christmas cookie bake sale with professionally decorated cookies. Forget baking! Buy cookies, save time, and support youth mission!

CHANCEL CHOIR AND DELONIS CENTER CONCERT: Today at 4:00 p.m., our Chancel Choir will be joined by tenor John Pierce and orchestra to present Benjamin Britten's *Saint Nicolas*, a small cantata about the true story of Nicolas, Bishop of Myra, born in third century Turkey. We also welcome singers from the Delonis Center who will join us for a carol medley at the end of our concert. All proceeds from the freewill offering taken at the concert will go to the Delonis Center, which provides temporary shelter and support services for the homeless. A reception will follow in the Social Hall.

RADIO WORSHIP service is at 11:00 a.m., on WAAM (1600 AM) and on WAAM's website, waamannarbor.com.

CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL: Students, join us in the Curtis Room after the 5:45 p.m. worship service, for the Sunday evening meal.

Announcements

YOU CAN NOW MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE! To do so, visit the First Presbyterian Church website (www.firstpresbyterian.org) and click on

the "Growing Deeper and Wider" heading at the top right of the page. On the "Growing Deeper and Wider" page, look at the bulleted headings on the left side. Click on "Pledge Form 2010." Complete the online form and click "submit." It's that easy!

AMERICAN EXPRESS IS ACCEPTED: You can now pay your pledge using your American Express card. Questions? Contact John Sampsel, Finance Manager, at 662-4466, ext. 18.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP meets on Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the Hillegonds Chapel. Please join this friendly group of caregivers as we offer support, comfort and advice to each other. For more information, please contact Martine Blogin, parish nurse, at 662-4466, ext. 26, or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

THE NEXT PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GATHERING will be Wednesday, December 16. The morning begins with Bible study at 9:15 a.m. in the Lewis Room (note the change). At 10:45 a.m. in Monteith Hall, Michael Kapetan, Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Art and Design, U-M, will present "Science, Art and Spirituality," followed by luncheon (\$7) in the Social Hall. Please make reservations with your circle leader, or sign up in the Church Office today.

YOUTH NEWS: All youth Sunday School students gather in Monteith Hall at 9:20 a.m. for Munch and Mingle. **MIDS** will return January 6. **High School Christmas Party** is Monday, December 21, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., at the King home, 3151 Honeysuckle Drive. Bring a wrapped DVD or CD in its original jewel box for the gift exchange, and a dessert to pass. RSVP to Cindy King at 995-1346. **Keystones** meets tonight and returns January 3. **The Norfolk Mission Trip**, June 19-27, closes December 31, or when it sells out. Cost is \$400 with \$210 fundraising.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S CALENDAR IS NOW ONLINE! To view it, go to the church website (www.firstpresbyterian.org) and click the "Online Church Calendar" link on the left side. Simply click on an event or meeting to see the details for it. The calendar for the entire month will appear initially. Click the tabs above the calendar to a week or a day at a time. If you click on an event, you can have a meeting reminder emailed to you before it occurs. If you need to schedule a room or event, or change something already scheduled, please contact Jennifer Sansbury at jsansbury@firstpresbyterian.org, or call her at 734-662-4466.

ALPHA HOUSE UPDATE: Our sincere thanks to all of those who volunteered for our host week at Alpha House this past week. First Pres is signed up to host again April 5-11, so please post those dates on your calendars. In addition, the shelter has a special need for overnight volunteers during the last two weeks of December. Contact Nancy Vander Kuyl at nanspan@gmail.com, or 741-1814, if you can help them out during this busy holiday season or if you would like to join our task force, which is always in need of new members!

THE SIXTH ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER FOR STUDENTS will happen from 10:00 p.m. to midnight tomorrow, December 14, the last day of classes of the fall term. Volunteers are needed! To donate or volunteer, call Ginny Rezmierski, 971-6221, or send email to ver@umich.edu.

JOIN IN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION in Monteith Hall on Saturday, December 19, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Bring a journal or notebook. For more information, contact Jeanette Kibler (332-0237, jeanette.kibler@gmail.com).

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: The Christmas Eve Family Service and Children's Pageant will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Candlelight Communion Service will be held at 11:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

CONSIDERATE PARKING CHOICES: Christmas Eve is a time when many visitors come to First Pres for worship. We recommend coming to worship services early to ensure that parking and finding a seat is not a problem.

Please leave as many parking spaces as possible open near the church for people with small children or those who might have difficulty walking. To make these spaces available, all who are able are asked to use one of the following alternative parking sites: **The Forest Street Structure** – a short block from the church, with free parking on Christmas Eve. **Washtenaw and Hill Streets** – parking is permitted on these streets for Christmas Eve. **Nearby fraternity and sorority houses:** **Chi Phi Fraternity**, next door at 1530 Washtenaw, **Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority**, next door at 1414 Washtenaw, **Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority**, next door to Chi Phi at 1550 Washtenaw, and **Sigma Delta Tau Sorority**, behind the church at 1405 Hill, will allow parking in their lots. Thanks to the house directors and officers of our neighboring fraternities and sororities for this annual gift to our church.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDCARE: We offer childcare **by reservation only** on Christmas Eve for the 3:00, 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. services. There is no childcare at the 11:00 p.m. service. If you would like to make a childcare reservation, please contact Deborah MacVey at 662-4466, ext. 15, or dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

WE NEED CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS! Grandparents, aunts and uncles, and entire families with teenage children have helped in the past. If you would like to volunteer, or make a childcare reservation, please contact Deborah MacVey at 662-4466, ext. 15, or dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT will be held at 3:00 p.m. on December 24. If you have signed your child up to participate, please note that **there are two rehearsals** scheduled. **On Saturday, December 19**, the rehearsal times for the various roles are Magi – 9:00 a.m.; Shepherds – 9:30 a.m.; Starbearers – 10:15 a.m.; and Angels – 11:00 a.m. **On Tuesday, December 22**, there will be a 3:45 p.m. dress rehearsal for all participants and adult helpers.

A CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S OFFERING of underwear or socks will be accepted at the Christmas Pageant Family Service at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The gifts should be simply wrapped in tissue paper. During the pageant, the children in the congregation are invited to bring their gifts to the manger. The underwear and socks are given to the House by the Side of the Road.

THE RECIPIENT OF THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING will be the Friends In Deed capital campaign for its new building on Ecorse Road in Ypsilanti. Friends In Deed is an interfaith volunteer organization that responds to the needs of Washtenaw County residents that other service agencies do not meet. It also provides services such as information, referrals, and screening, to congregations and agencies, as well as resources to people in need. Please give generously to the Christmas Eve offering.

LONG-TIME MEMBER GWEN BURROWS, the daughter of our former pastor Rev. Lemon, died on November 15 in Ann Arbor. Her service was November 17 at Hillside Terrace. Remembrances of Gwen and condolences to her family may be sent to her son, Daniel Burrows, at 1201 Paul Street, Ann Arbor, MI, 48103.

FIRST PRES MEMBER WARD BOUWSMA has moved to his daughter's home in Pennsylvania to recuperate from a fall. Please keep in touch with him until he returns in early summer. His address is: Ward Bouwsma, c/o Janet Ramanathan, 4256 Laurel Ridge Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101. He will be especially missing his friends at the Alpha House and the Philipines Task Force. Hold him in your prayers, as well.

PRAYING THE PSALMS prayer group meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Pew cards with prayer requests may be completed and put in the offering plate. Members and visitors are welcome to join at any time.

Calendar for December 14 - 19

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Advent Study, noon, Founders Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Mission Funding Subcommittee, 2:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Glacier Hills Gathering, 3:00 p.m., away
Pilgrims of Ibillin, 5:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Residency Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
CEFMC, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Caregivers Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel
Stephen Ministry Christmas Gathering, Kotchenruther home,
566 Glendale Circle.
Campus Mission Trip Training, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403
Campus Pancake Supper, 10:00 p.m., Social Hall

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Advent Study, 7:45 a.m., Vance Room
Advent Study, 10:00 a.m., Glacier Hills
Bible Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room
ESL, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 101, 102, 104, Youth Room
Peru Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Founders Room
Congregational Self-study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library

WEDNESDAY:

PW Gathering, 9:15 a.m., Lewis Room, Monteith and Social Halls
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Delonis Greeting Card Program, 5:00 p.m., Delonis Center
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Hosanna Choir, 5:00 p.m., Russel Room
Alleluia Choir, 5:00 p.m., Room 404
Youth Choir, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room
TnT, 7:00 p.m., Room 104
Joint Session and Deacons Worship, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
Session, 7:30 p.m., Curtis Room
Board of Deacons, 7:30 p.m., Monteith Hall
Advent Study, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library

THURSDAY:

OSHER Class, Photography, 1:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Bible Study, 4:00 p.m., Founders Room
Advent Study, 6:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room

FRIDAY:

When I Was Little, 8:30 a.m., French Room/Library
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room

SATURDAY:

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary



A Stephen Ministry
Congregation

First Presbyterian Church. . . Gives Shelter!

January 6 - 20

In partnership with the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County
(the Delonis Center)



“The truth is, every time you did this for the least
of my brothers or sisters, you did it for me.”

Matthew 25:40

Problem: There is a dramatic rise in homelessness in Ann Arbor.
More people are without shelter. Winter is coming!

Solution:

First Presbyterian provides shelter!
This Local Mission Needs You. . . NOW!!

From January 6 to 20, a group of 25 homeless men, identified by the Shelter Association as good candidates for the winter rotating shelter program, will sleep on mats provided by the Shelter in our Social Hall. The men arrive by 8:30 p.m. after dinner, showers, and a Breathalyzer test at the Delonis Center. They leave at 7:00 a.m. the next morning for the St. Andrew's Church breakfast program, then work, job-hunt, or meet with case workers.

First Presbyterian provides the following:

Two to three volunteers (one must be male) per night for conversation with the men before bed and to be custodians of the building (volunteers take turns staying awake so that everyone gets some sleep).

Snacks each night before bed. Hot water, cocoa, and coffee each morning.

Transportation each evening from the Delonis Center to our church, and from our church to St. Andrew's each morning.

How you can help:

Stay at the church for one night during this time period. If you have never joined a mission project before, this can be the one! Retired people and college students are especially welcome. Sign up on one of the boards located around the church.

Note: All instructions are provided. Volunteers, when sleeping, are on a cot. Emergency folks are on call 24/7. Men are not allowed to leave the church building once they arrive and are settled in. Failure to comply with church rules will disqualify a person from this program.

Provide a snack one evening for the men who will be staying here. Sign up through Sue Chandler.

Provide personal care items that will be put together in kits and given as an offering to the men. Church groups will assemble these.

Wish List:

Drop items off outside the Church Office in the box marked "Rotating Shelter Program" by Tuesday, January 11, at 5:00 p.m.

Hot pocket hand warmers	Rain ponchos
Ink pens, writing paper	Lotion
New clean washcloths and towels	Razors/shaving cream
Hotel/trial size soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc.	Hand sanitizer
Toothbrushes and toothpaste (no mouthwash)	Combs, brushes
Disinfectant wipes	Deodorant
Foot powder (medicated and normal)	Nail clippers
Shower shoes or flip flops	

You may also donate a new or gently used duffle bag or backpack.

Why us?

In the last year, homelessness in Ann Arbor has increased by 30 percent and is one of the most urgent needs the city faces. Ann Arbor Mayor John Hieftje has asked the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County to expand their Rotating Shelter Program immediately. Sixteen congregations are already participating. In turn, the Shelter Association has asked faith-based congregations to help.

Congregations have always done their part to help. In the 1980s, the Rotating Shelter Program was formed as an effort between the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County and local faith-based congregations to meet the need for shelter during the cold winter months. It's been going on for over 20 years, giving shelter to those who would otherwise sleep outside. In the past, we did participate, and once again are asked to join other Ann Arbor congregations - like First Congregational Church, Zion Lutheran, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and Beth Israel Congregation. (Note: Homeless families have been helped by the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) at Alpha House. First Presbyterian Church and many others take turns contributing to the IHN mission.)

First Presbyterian was asked to re-join the rotating shelter program. Session agreed immediately. We are putting this together quickly! With the hearts, hands, and help of committed and generous First Presbyterian members, we can house 25 vulnerable men for two critical weeks this winter.

First Presbyterian Church can help!

Questions? Contact the First Pres Rotating Shelter Mission Co-chairs:

Sue Chandler (suehandler@comcast.net, 996-2673),

Jane Hayes (hayesdf@comcast.net, 827-0146),

Brian Williams (bwms@umich.edu, 669-0045);

Staff Liaisons: Matt Nickel, Jenny McDevitt, and Melissa Anne Rogers

"Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth,
I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor
and needy neighbor in your land.'"

Deuteronomy 15:11

The Poinsettias

that decorate the chancel today, December 20, and Christmas Eve are given in memory or in honor of a loved one or family member. Following worship, the poinsettias will be delivered by the deacons to our shut-ins, those who are ill, and those who are grieving.



In Memory of:

Barbara Alexander
George Alexander
Lois Alexander
Paul Alexander
Elmer Apley
Pauline Apley
David A. Austin
Marty Austin
William E. Austin, Sr.
Dorothy Ball
Leroy Ball
Joan Banfield
Ralph Banfield
Claude Barnard
Lyle Barnard
Marion Barnard
Fred L. Bartman
Carl Bartscht
Jo Bartscht
Jeane Bartels
Audrey T. Baseman
Signe Bates
Kelly Binkley
Catherine Brenkert
Cornelius Brenkert
Rev. Charles F. Brewer
George R. Brewer
John J. Bryant
Edna Carlisle
Richard Carlisle
Arnold Clausen
Clara Clausen
Guernsey Collins
Reina Collins
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