



The Meadowbrook Messenger

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

December 2007

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

As I glance at the calendar it is mid-November. This year the celebration of Thanksgiving seems to come rather early. It appears that although Christmas is a fixed date, its celebration is arriving earlier also. We may complain about it but the season is upon us already. Businesses which rely upon the Christmas season to make a lion's share of their revenue have already started the advertising, the decorating, and the music.

At Meadowbrook, it seems that we are already entering the heart of Christmas busness too! There are Advent studies to plan, programs to prepare, sermons to write, workshops to attend, and decorating to do. As I consider the weeks ahead, I know that at home there will be Christmas cards to write, shopping to do, and some decorations to put up. At church and at home, I think we would all like things to be just right for the Christmas season.

In all of our frenzied activity we often lose sight of that which we are celebrating. We get lost in the "feel good" giving and receiving and in the easy to measure social affairs. Perhaps we even feel guilty about that. Possibly we just fail to measure up to our Christmas expectations, therefore are just glad when everything is over and less is demanded of us. Sometimes Christmas is a painful reminder of what we have lost and what will never return. Failure, guilt, regret and loneliness are not good ways to celebrate Christmas.

One of my favorite Christian writers is Ann Weems. She has written a poem entitled, "The Christmas Spirit."

The Christmas spirit
Is that hope
Which tenaciously clings
To the hearts of the faithful
And announces
In the face
Of any Herod the world can produce
And all the inn doors slammed in the face
And all the dark night of our souls
That with God
All things are now possible
That even now
All things are still possible
That even now
Unto us
A child is born!

Weems' words describe to me a Christmas spirit that transcends our busy holiday plans, our futile searches, and our guilt-ridden longings. The spirit of the season is hope-hope in the very midst of our everyday existence. It is not up to us to create a different world at Christmas. God comes into this world in and through what we are and what we have. Even now, all things are possible.

The Christmas spirit is not something we can build ourselves. It is something God provides. It is light in our darkness. It is hope in our fear.

In the spirit of God with Us,

Art

BOOK CLUB

Our December selection is *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom. This novel explores the question: What would you do if you could spend one more day with a lost loved one? Copies of the book are available at church; please see Colleen Foster. A movie based on the book will air on Sunday, December 9 on ABC. The Book Club will meet Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. (time change). We will watch the movie, enjoy some snacks, and have a short discussion. Please feel free to join us; it should be a wonderful evening.



Book Club Selections through June 2008

Second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

January 2008 – *Tenth Circle*
by Jodi Picoult

February 2008 – *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*
by Laurie R. King

March 2008 – *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*
by Lisa See

April 2008 – *True and Outstanding Adventures of the Hunt Sisters*
by Elizabeth Robinson

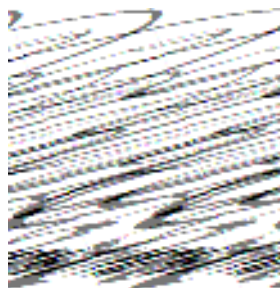
May 2008 – *Glass Castle: A Memoir*
by Jeannette Walls

June 2008 – *Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio: How My Mother Raised 10 Kids on 25 Words or Less*
by Terry Ryan

WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB LUNCHEON

The Women's Service Club Christmas Potluck Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 11th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Set-up will begin at 11:00 a.m. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you will be able to attend. All women of the church are invited.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY WORKSHOP



The Christmas Workshop is a wonderful event for family and friends. The afternoon includes lunch and the making of holiday crafts for children and adults of all ages. The workshop will be December 2nd. If you have any questions feel free to call Jessica Hokett at home at 248-478-6502 or cell- 248-912-5065.



A heartfelt thank you to all members and friends who purchased wreaths, roping and swags at the Annual PF Christmas Greens Sale. Your support of this fundraiser helped us net record profits of more than \$1,000!! This will go a long way in supporting our Pilgrim Fellowship program for middle and high school students.

Many members purchased for friends and family outside of the church as well as for homeowners' associations and other entities. Those "extras" resulted in a record number of orders. A special thanks goes to the two members who purchased wreaths for our holiday families.

At a time when our PF program is experiencing greater participation and renewed energy and enthusiasm, we are blessed to have a supportive congregation. Thank you for making this fundraiser such a success.

Church Attendance

October 28	179
November 4	196
November 11	181
November 18	209



Happy Birthday!



God's blessings on your

William Lindner	12/1	Maryjo Breisacher	12/21
Noelle Michalski	12/1	Thomas VanNocker	12/21
Sally Grattan	12/5	Jonathan Takeshita	12/22
James Lyon	12/5	Steven Broda	12/23
John Pierini	12/5	Elizabeth Blatchford	12/24
Jonathan Bayer	12/8	David Fecht	12/24
Madeline Campanella	12/8	Samantha Campanella	12/28
Richard Argyelean	12/10	Jackson Landry	12/28
Roberta Collins	12/10	Jennifer Stradtner	12/28
Andrea Matera	12/12	Samantha Graham	12/29
Julie Landry	12/13	James Ross	12/30
Denise Parr	12/14	Marlene Stawski	12/30
Vito Abrego	12/15		
Tim Dieffenbauger	12/15		
Paul Brown	12/16	Are you a December birthday,	
Victoria Salens	12/16	and you don't see your name on	
Nicholas Raeon	12/17	the list? Just give Nancy a call	
Kelly Dieffenbauger	12/19	and she'll make sure to make the	
Shannon Breisacher	12/20	correction.	

THE CIRCLE OF LOVE...

Cheryl Lindner who had surgery November 23rd.
Paul and Susan Brown, on the death of their brother-in-law
Robert Akerman.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed
Christmas Day and December 26th.



We wish you the happiest of Christmas's
and a peaceful New Years.

December

Liturgists

December 2:	Jim Trout
December 9:	Denise Parr
December 16:	Bill Ahrens
December 23:	Marilyn Worth
December 30:	Mary Crockett

Fellowship Hour

December 2:	Women's Services
December 9:	Benevolence
December 16:	Music
December 23:	Social Services
December 30:	Trustees

Greeters

December 2:
Sherry Doyle (Main)

December 9:
Jim Trout (Main)
Emily Shannon (West)

December 16:
Bob & Kay Fair (Main)
The Gross Family (West)

December 23:
Fred & Joan Courville (Main)
Vicki Gaines (West)

December 24 – 6:00 p.m.
The Fecht Family (Main)
The Gross Family (West)
9:00 p.m.
Denise Parr (Main)
Linda Browne (West)

December 30:
Nancy Graybiel (Main)
Denise Parr (West)

Nursery

December 2:	Sandra Terry
December 9:	Andrea Matera
December 16:	Kandace Pouliot
December 23:	Tom VanNocker
December 30:	Susan Brown

Deacon on Call

Jessica Hokett



Join your church family for the Meadowbrook tradition of the Hanging of the Greens—Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 a.m. - A light lunch will follow.



All Meadowbrook Congregational Church members, families, and friends are invited to attend a fabulous Advent concert in our Meeting House on Sunday, December 9th at 4:00 p.m. There is no charge for this wonderful holiday event. Special vocal selections for the holidays will be presented by the Langsford Singers, an all-male choir, conducted by Steven Seagraves, our alto soloist section leader, Dorothy Duensing, and our Music Director Patrick Kuhl. We hope to see you there.

The Novi Choraliers will be performing at Meadowbrook on Saturday, December 1st, at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church Income and Expense Statement October 31, 2007

Income:

Total Income	
Current Period:	\$ 36,662.50
Year to Date:	\$211,532.17
Annual Budget:	\$292,008.00
Budget Received:	72%

Expenses:

Total Expenses	
Current Period:	\$26,187.92
Year to Date:	\$234,928.56
Annual Budget:	\$309,656.00
Budget Used:	76%

Excess Income/Expenses:

Current Period:	\$ 10,474.58
Year to date:	\$-23,396.39

IS YOUR PLEDGE UP-TO-DATE?

NOVI EMERGENCY FOOD BANK

For over 25 years, the Novi Emergency Food Bank has been providing food and general household items for the underserved of Novi, Wixom and Walled Lake. This month we are collecting **canned meat or fish** for the families. The collection basket can be found in the west entry.

WEEKLY EMAILS



We will be sending out weekly email messages highlighting classes, upcoming events and church family news. These emails will give you a chance to sign up for church activities via a reply email. If you have not received these emails, and wish to, please let Nancy in the church office know, and she will add you to the list. The church office email address is: office@mbccc.org

CAREER TRANSITION WORKSHOP

*Have you recently lost your job?
Are you worried about losing your job?
Are you looking for a career change?*

Joyce Fortier, a certified management coach and resume writer, and credentialed career master will lead a workshop on Monday, December 3rd from 7-9 p.m. at Meadowbrook. To RSVP, contact Joyce at careerist@aol.com



SMOKE FREE CANDLES

The Women's Service Club will be selling soy-burning "smoke free" candles this month in Fellowship Hall during the coffee hour. Please see Sally Grattan or call 248-661-2827 for more details.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Service Club extends a huge thank you to all those that helped with this year's rummage sale. From set up to tear down, there were always people helping and lending a hand. Thank you so much!
Diane Chambers

MODERATOR VIEWPOINT

Paul Brown

A Christmas story, author unknown

At a fund raising dinner for a school that serves learning-disabled children, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended. After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question: "When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does is done with perfection. Yet my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is the natural order of things in my son?"

The audience was stilled by the query. The father continued. "I believe, that when a child like Shay, physically and mentally handicapped comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes in the way other people treat that child."

Then he told the following story: Shay and his father had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they'll let me play?" Shay's father knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but the father also understood that if his son were allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging and some confidence to be accepted by others in spite of his handicaps.

Shay's father approached one of the boys on the field and asked (not expecting much) if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance and said, "We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning."

Shay struggled over to the team's bench and, with a broad smile, put on a team shirt. His father watched with a small tear in his eye and warmth in his heart. The boys saw the father's joy at his son being accepted. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the right field. Even though no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from ear to ear as his father waved to him from the stands. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat.

At this juncture, do they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball.

However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher, recognizing that the other team was putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least make contact. The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly towards Shay. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher.

The game would now be over. The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game.

Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the first baseman's head, out of reach of all team mates. Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, "Shay, run to first! Run to first!" Never in his life had Shay ever run that far, but he made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled.

Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second!" Catching his breath, Shay awkwardly ran towards second, gleaming and struggling to make it to the base. By the time Shay rounded towards second base, the right fielder had the ball ... the smallest guy on their team who now had his first chance to be the hero for his team. He could have thrown the ball to the second-baseman for the tag, (*Continued on page 6*)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Director of Christian Education
Colleen Foster

Scrapbook Event

Thank you to all who participated in our Two-Day Fall Scrapbook Event. We had a wonderful time working on scrapbooks while enjoying great food and fellowship. A big thank you goes to those who helped put it all together: Michele Fecht, Janet Goldberg, Janet Polidori, Kandace Pouliot, and Diane Wallen. Together we raised over \$700 for Christian Education programs.

Service Projects Update

Each year the Church School children and youth participate in a variety of service projects to help people locally, nationally and internationally. This year we have chosen to highlight Heifer International by doing several projects for them. In October and November we collected loose change. As of November 18, the children had raised \$222.52! In December the youth will have a Living Gifts booth during Fellowship Hour. Members and friends will have the opportunity to "purchase" gifts to honor family, friends, or business associates. They will receive a beautiful gift card letting them know that, in their names, the gift of self-reliance was given to a struggling family. The card explains Heifer's mission and how the gift will make a difference to a family in need. Look for the booth beginning December 2.

Church School Schedule

December 2: Service Project Day

The children age 4 through 8th grade will work on Service Projects for Heifer International, Northville Civic Concern, the Holiday Family, and Anysoldier.com. The High School class will attend worship with their families.

December 9: Christmas Traditions around the World
All children and youth are invited to sample treats, listen to stories, and play games as we explore Christmas around the world.

December 16: Church School Christmas Program
There will be no church school due to the performance.

December 23: Video and popcorn

December 30: No Church School. Children should attend worship with their families.

(Continued from Moderator Article, Page 5) but he understood the pitcher's intentions so he, too, intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third baseman's head. Shay ran toward third base deliriously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home.

All were screaming, "Shay, Shay, Shay, all the Way Shay"

Shay reached third base because the opposing shortstop ran to help him by turning him in the direction of third base, and shouted, "Run to third! Shay, run to third!"

As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams, and the spectators, were on their feet screaming, "Shay, run home! Run home!" Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the grand slam and won the game for his team.

"That day", said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, "the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world".

Shay didn't make it to another summer. He died that winter, having never forgotten being the hero and making his father so happy, and coming home and seeing his Mother tearfully embrace her little hero of the day!

We all have thousands of opportunities every single day to help realize the "natural order of things." So many seemingly trivial interactions between two people present us with a choice: Do we pass along a little spark of love and humanity or do we pass up those opportunities and leave the world a little bit colder in the process?

A wise man once said every society is judged by how it treats its least fortunate amongst them.

May your day, be a Shay Day.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

NOVI CHRISTMAS PARADE

This year the Meadowbrook Congregational Church will have an entry in the Novi Christmas Parade. So get on your warm clothes, grab your bright mittens and join your church family in walking on Friday, November 30th — Meet at Novi Road and Main Street at 5:30 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

...That Bob and Kay Fair have been folding and collating the Sunday bulletin every week for over 10 years. That's almost 600 bulletins, since they folded Easter and Christmas and special event bulletins also. Let's give them a hand!

...Plus Bob Fair organizes *The Messenger* collating and folding each month. A big thank you to all the volunteers who gather to get your church news into the mail.

...That Sam Shinozaki each week researches one of our hymns and provides us with the history and background for that hymn. Let's give him a hand!

Kudos go to Dave Wallen and the many many years he's provided the church with the coffee we drink every Sunday during Fellowship Hour, Breakfasts, Dinners, Special Events, etc. There are probably folks in our church who haven't known this and we certainly need to thank him for his generosity for such a long time of giving.



MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

You are invited to partake of the savory offerings of Art Ritter and Norm Kubitskey at the Men's Breakfast Club, Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 a.m. Yes, we know it's early,

but you have to eat anyway and why not with kibbutz with your friends from church. What better way to start off your day with a good breakfast and fine fellowship? The signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

ACOLYTES

Beginning December 2, Meadowbrook will use Acolytes to light the candles in the Meeting House. As you watch these young people carry the light into the Meeting House, think of it as a symbol for Jesus, the Light of the World, brought into worship.

All 5th and 6th grade students are invited to become Acolytes at Meadowbrook. The next training will be in January. Details to follow.

Dear Members and Friends:

We all enjoy the beautiful flowers in our Meeting House during worship every Sunday. Did you know that those flowers are made possible through donations to the Flower Fund? We invite all of you (members and friends) to consider selecting a special Sunday to sponsor the flowers in the Meeting House. A special Sunday could be in honor of an anniversary, a memorial, a baptism, or simply because.

The following guidelines have been established by The Board of Deacons:

Any number of families may donate funds for a given Sunday.

A Deacon or their designate will take each arrangement to a shut-in, hospitalized person or other appropriate recipient.

Exceptions to these guidelines are Christmas poinsettias and Easter plants when the donor will take the flowers after worship.

The enclosed card can be used to provide the flowers during worship. There are additional cards at the "Flower Calendar" located in the hall as well as in the pew racks. Just fill out the card and place it along with your check in the collection plate on any given Sunday morning or turn it in to the church office. Please make your check payable to Meadowbrook Congregational Church and mark it for "Flowers". The suggested donation is \$35.

We thank everyone who has provided the beautiful flowers in the Meeting House in the past. We look forward to your continued support in the coming year. Be sure to check the Bulletin Sunday morning to see why that Sunday is special to our members or friends and share it with them.

LADIES LUNCH

From Mexican food last month, to Cajun food this month...these ladies really get around. Join them for fun and food at Bar Louie's at Laurel Park Place on Wednesday, December 12th, at noon. You can get a bit of Christmas shopping done, and then replenish your strength with Jambalaya and cornbread. Fun will be had by all! All women of the church (and their friends and neighbors are invited.)



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The Sunday School Christmas Program will be performed during worship on Sunday, December 16th. Many of the children will be participating in a play entitled, "Bethlehem's Cinderellas." The play is about what four young shepherds encounter when they miss the Governor's Ball and have to stay by their flocks on the hillside.

Students 4 years of age through 8th grade may participate. A sign-up sheet has been mailed out but another is available through Colleen Foster. Rehearsal for the play is December 14th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided. Those with speaking parts **must** be at rehearsal.

At this service, our Children's Choir and MC4 will also be singing. We look forward to a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story and season on Sunday, December 16th.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT AND CANDLE LIGHTING



Once again the beauty and meaning of Christmas Eve will be celebrated at Meadowbrook Congregational Church. Our 6:00 p.m. service will include the traditional Pageant and Candle Lighting. The gift of light that is the Christ Child will be celebrated following the nativity as enacted by our young people.

Those youth interested in participating in the service should return their signup sheets to Colleen Foster. Students in grades 6th through 12th grades are invited to participate. A mandatory rehearsal for this service will take place on Sunday, December 16th at 5:00 p.m. Sandwiches and drinks will be furnished.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

The long-awaited Confirmation Class at Meadowbrook Congregational Church is about to begin! Students in grades 7 and higher interested in Confirmation are invited to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, January 6th, at 5:00 p.m. One parent or guardian should accompany each student.

Confirmation is the class through which young people learn more about their personal faith, the history of the church, and the responsibilities of church membership. The students can then decide for themselves whether or not they wish to become official church members.

The Confirmation Class will hold approximately 8-9 meetings beginning the end of January through May. The meetings will probably be held on a weekday late afternoon-early evening. This year the Confirmation Class will be honored during our worship service on Pentecost Sunday, May 11 (also Mother's Day). If you have any questions, please contact Reverend Ritter or Colleen.

HELP WANTED

Teachers are needed for our Church School program. In the Workshop Rotation, teachers are asked to lead a workshop in one of several different areas: storytelling, art, cooking, drama, games, science, or video. You may choose the area of interest; complete lessons with options are provided. For each unit, there will be only be 4 times that you will teach. We also need High School teachers. The high school class is held in a discussion format. Lesson plans are provided. Please see Colleen Foster if you have any questions or are interested in teaching.

SERVICE AUCTION

The 2007 Service Auction is now history. Feedback from those present indicate that they had a good time and won some neat items. The church budget certainly benefited to the tune of almost \$6,000. The auction committee would like to thank all of you that worked on the auction, all of you that donated items and last, but not least, all of you that bid on items.

We still have a few things left that you might be interested in purchasing.

1. A ceiling fan in the original box.
2. A gorgeous women's full length fur coat.
3. Three women's golf drivers.
4. Several small items on display in Fellowship hall.

If you are interested in any of the above items just contact a member of the Service Auction committee and we will see if we have a "Deal or no Deal".

The members of the committee are:

<i>Kelly Brown</i>	<i>Sharon Brown</i>
<i>Don Gaines</i>	<i>Sally Gaines</i>
<i>Marilyn Worth</i>	

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

This is an update on the Stewardship Campaign a little over a week after Consecration Sunday. On that Sunday we received approximately \$215,000 in Estimate of Giving Cards and since that time we have received an additional \$29,000 for a total \$244,000. The Board of Trustee's job now is to develop a budget for next year's operation tailored to that level of income plus whatever fund raisers that will be necessary to sustain the church.

Please keep the Trustee members in your thoughts and prayers as they work on this demanding task. Any other Estimate of Giving cards will be gratefully received.

CARE PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS

The Board of Social Services wants to remind you that we are continuing to send care packages to our troops. These packages are greatly appreciated by the men and women who receive them. The following is one of the Thank-you letters we have received. The others are posted on the Support our Troops bulletin board at



the back of fellowship hall. *Just a brief note to let you know all your stuff arrived in Afghanistan and lasted about 20 seconds, and it was all appreciated ☺ Everybody here sends a big heart felt THANK YOU for taking the time and expense to think about us. All the goodies included will definitely be put to good use.*

We are located at FOB Lighting South of the capitol Kabul Afghanistan. FOB Lighting is a joint operations base with every branch of service assigned here. Our elevation is at about 8,000 ft above sea level in the foothills of the mountains that separate Afghanistan and Pakistan. We are very busy training the Afgan Army and police to secure the country for the Afghanis people.

Good Things are happening here that unfortunately are not reported back home in the news media.

Thanks again, to you and your church family for their generosity.

*Respectfully,
Jim Eldridge*

LIFE DEACONS

During worship on November 18, two new Life Deacons were recognized. Our new Life Deacons are Jody Scheller and Bob Cook. Meadowbrook has benefited greatly from their support and work for the church which has taken many forms over the years. Thank you!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity Donation Cards - For the holidays, when you shop at Parkside Gallery and Gifts in Plymouth you can make a donation to Habitat for Humanity. Present a special card when you shop and 15% of your total purchase will be donated to the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. You can pick up these cards in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, contact anyone on the Social Services Board.

ATTENTION!!!!

ALL KIDS WHO LOVE TO SING WE NEED YOU!!!!

The Children's Choir and MC4 will be singing during the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 16th. And we need all our children to participate to make this program a success! Choir practices will be at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. And you know what else? It will be FUN! So kids (and parents), put this on your calendar now and help to make this the best kids' program ever!

In addition, the MC4 will be singing on Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM during the pageant. So come to rehearsals! We would love to see more of you in the MC4!

More choir news: Parents, we want you to be aware of the schedule after the new year. The MC4 will be singing on the 3rd Sunday of the month and The Children's Choir will be singing on the 4th Sunday of the month through May. Make this part of your children's activities and add it to your 2008 calendar!

MEADOWBROOK'S SHARED VISION

A devoted, nurturing community of Christian faith that is committed to support, sacrifice, and participation of all of our members and friends; building upon our core values of fellowship, teaching and learning, caring, faith and celebration of life within and beyond the walls of our church.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

The Board of Social Services is planning a visit to the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor on Friday, January 4. Volunteers are needed to drive and to serve meals. We will leave Novi around 4:20 p.m. and arrive in Ann Arbor by 5:15 p.m. We should be done by 8:00 p.m. after clean up. If you can help prepare food at the church on Thursday evening, January 3rd, that would also be great! We're hoping to have some volunteers who have a van or SUV so we can carpool. The minimum age for volunteering is 17 years. Signup in the Fellowship Hall or contact Kathy Takeshita at 248 349-4891.



PF News

Thank you to all the church members and friends that purchased greens for Christmas. The money earned for PF will help to send PFers to NAPF this summer and will fund other PF programs throughout the year. Thanks also to Michele Fecht and Katie Raeon for coordinating the sale.

On December 2nd the PFers will be going bowling. Please look for an email with details and a permission slip attached. December 9th we will meet 6-8 pm. On December 16th we will have a PF Christmas Party 6-8pm. December 28-29 is the mini-retreat for Meadowbrook PFers. Cari and Vito Abrego are planning this fun retreat. There will be more details provided at future meetings.



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