



The Acorn

Starr Presbyterian
Church News
January 2011

Celebrating the New Year!

New Year's Celebrations

Primary Purpose

"New Year's Day"
Noon—7 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Family First Sunday

New Year's Service
Sunday, January 2
10:30 a.m. Worship
Luncheon to follow.

Special Observances

Epiphany Service

Celebrating the arrival of the Magi.
Thursday, January 6 at 7 p.m.

Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

Renewing our Baptismal Vows.
Sunday, January 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Education Ministries

Session Highlights

Summary of discussion and pertinent actions the Session took at the December meeting.

- 63 pairs of gloves/mittens were donated for the mitten tree
- 19 increases in pledges for giving
- Revised music director position job description
- Talked about nominating committee and discussed some potential members to fill officer positions
- We have updated both computers with software and hope to have a user friendly financial statement prepared monthly very soon.
- Next Session meeting date and time to be announced.

Communion Servers For January:
Mandy Reinke • Janie Castle
Bob Babion • Carol Eads

Deacon's Corner

We would like to thank you for the generous mitten and glove donations for Mittens for Detroit program. We collected 63 pairs of gloves/mittens for this program. Our donations were distributed through the South Oakland Shelter.



Additionally, Changez Salon collected non-perishable food items for Starr, which were then donated to the new Spanish-speaking Presbyterian Church in southwest Detroit, led by our friend Elias Cabarcas (one of our mission speakers on World Communion Sunday).

We thank you all for your support!

Regards,
The Deacon Committee
Sandy Woodcox, Carol Eads and Brad Finn

The Senior High Youth Group, led by Brooke Henderson, will meet Jan. 9, 16 and 23 from 7:30-9 p.m.

Contact Brooke at
(906) 630-0228 or via email,
broohen@hotmail.com

The Middle School Youth Group, led by Rev. Kelly and Sheila Judd, will meet on Sunday, January 16 at 5:30 p.m.



Youth-led Worship

Our youth will lead us in worship on Sunday, January 30 at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for this very special time of worship!

From the Trustees

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for this past holiday season. We had extra support from Jason and Stefan from Changez Salon; and Rachel Klaus, who decorated the 13 Mile Road entrance with bows and greens; Michael Woodcox who decorated the Chapel entrance and added the elegant roping along the Crooks Road entrance; Lily Johnson and Doris McDonald for the poinsettias; and Ann Johnson and Cindy Kendall for their extra "helping hands!"

We will "un-decorate" the building on Sunday, January 9. Please plan to stay and help us! We also need brave people to man the ladders! Questions? See Don Reinke

Community Ministries

Recovery Ministries Meeting times

Sundays:

Men's AA Bible Study at 8:30 a.m.
Meeting in the Park Group at 1 p.m.

Tuesdays: Al-Anon meeting at
9:30 a.m.

Thursdays: Primary Purpose
Men's Group at 7 p.m.

Coming soon:

Divorce Recovery Workshop. Dates and times to be announced.

Starr will host January's Fourth Sunday Coffee on Sunday, January 23 at 10 a.m. Please join us as we spend special fellowship time with New Life and the Taiwanese Fellowship Group.

Baby Shower for Jesus

Sunday, January 9

immediately following worship.

Join us for fun, fellowship and games!

The Starr Church Nursery is registered at Target and Toys'R'Us. Please help us update and restock our nursery!

Women's Association News January 2011



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Circles meet on
Tuesday, January 4.

Abigail-Dorcas meets at 9:30 a.m.
at the church.

Mary-Martha meets at 10 a.m.
(Meeting place to be determined.)

The **Women's Board Meeting**
is January 11 at 10 a.m.

The **Women's Gathering**
is January 18 at 11:30 a.m.

Additional Women's News:

PWPD Gathering will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, **February 2** at Second Baptist Church in Detroit. There is no PWPD Gathering in January.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6, with Family First Luncheon to follow. The following areas of ministry need to submit their annual reports to Lynne in the office by **Wednesday, January 19.** (Electronic submission is preferred!)

- Session
- Deacons
- Trustees
- Women's Association
- Christian Education
- Senior High Youth Ministry
- Middle School Youth Ministry
- Vacation Bible School
- Mission and Outreach (Warming Shelter, Habitat for Humanity)

Thank you in advance for your timely submissions!

WORSHIP AND PRAYER MINISTRIES

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

January 2011

Liturgists:

January 2: Joseph Smith
 January 9: Sandy Woodcox
 January 16: Susie Regula
 January 23: Aaron Michaels
 January 30: Youth-led Worship

Greeters:

January 2: Mandy Reinke
 January 9: Margaret Rossnagel
 January 16: Sandy Woodcox
 January 23: Edna Mae Olson
 January 30: Margaret Rossnagel

Coffee Hour Hosts:

January 2: No coffee hour (Family First Meal)
 January 9: Session
 January 16: Carol Eads
 January 23: Sandy Woodcox
 January 30: Women's Association



SAVE THE DATE!

Jan. 22: Coffee House
 Fundraiser for the Warming
 Shelter
Feb. 12-19: Warming Shelter

Stewardship and Attendance

The weekly giving need for Starr Presbyterian Church is \$3,000. The average weekly giving for November was \$1,908, and the average weekly giving for December was \$2,524.

Our monthly attendance average for November was 60 adult members and guests. The attendance average for December was 52 adult members and guests.

Offering Envelopes

Envelopes will be available beginning Sunday, January 2, in the Narthex area. Also included will be a "Per Capita" envelope. The Per Capita is collected and sent to the Presbytery of Detroit to support administrative, mission and other areas of ministry.

Thank you!

A very special thank you to...

Our Starr Church family...

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards and support in the recent loss of our grandson.
 Betty and Rick Bennett

Starr Church and Women's Association

Thank you all so much for the very generous Christmas gifts! Thank you also for the many prayers lifted on behalf of my family members. You all mean so much to me!

Lynne Cobb

Starr Church thanks...

Janie Castle and **Betty Groh** as they complete their terms on Session; **Brad Finn** as he completes his term on the Board of Deacons; and **Brian Finn** as he completes his term as a Trustee. We thank all of you for your hard work and dedication!

Thank you to the following who made Caroling for our Shut-ins a memorable day: **Tom and Peggy Hahn, Carol Eads and Shirley Albright.**

Thank you to **Greg and Janie Castle** for hosting December's Community Meal.

Dear Starr Church Family,

Ian and I were overwhelmed by your generosity this Christmas and we cannot thank you enough for welcoming us into your lives. My worship stoles are STUNNING and I feel wrapped in love each time I put them on. White is the liturgical color worn for the sacraments, weddings and the Easter and Christmas worship services. The red children's stole can be worn on Pentecost or any day I want to let the kids know how much they are loved! On behalf of our little family to yours- we wish you the very best in 2011 and look forward to sharing this next new year together. With deep gratitude and love- Kate and Ian Kelly (Honey, Mable and Lucy too!)

Coffee House Concert to Benefit the Warming Shelter

**Saturday
January 22
At 6 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall**

**Kids are welcome to join us!
We'll have some new
features, like a Cake Walk,
50/50 Raffle and a
Silent Auction.**

**All musical talent, please
see Tom Hahn.
If you can help set-up, host,
bring food or clean-up, see
Sandy Woodcox.**



A Fundraiser for the Welcome Inn Homeless Center in Royal Oak

**Sunday, January 30th
4:00PM**

First United Methodist Church Royal Oak
320 W. 7th Street at Washington

Featuring songs from a number of popular shows with biblical stories or themes including:

- Jesus Christ Superstar
- Godspell
- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
- Two by Two
- Children of Eden, and others

Tickets: Adults: \$20, \$10 for under age 18

Tickets will be on sale in December and January at First United Methodist Royal Oak, and in most Royal Oak and Berkley churches.

For more information, please call 248 544-1800 ext 24.

Purchase tickets at <http://sochwelcmeinn.org/>

*For tickets, see Margaret Rossnagel or
call her at 248/585-7417*

Warming Shelter at Starr — February 12-20

Be on the look out for sign up sheets for areas of leadership during the shelter.

If you are able to help provide meals: see Shelia Judd for lunches;
and Rev. Kelly for breakfast and dinner.

Many Starr Families have expressed a desire to host dinner during the Shelter. Before we ask the community to volunteer, we are giving the first opportunity to our members. Remaining dinner dates available are Feb. 14th, 16th and 18th. Please contact the office ASAP. Also, we would like to offer hot breakfasts to our guests this year. If you are willing to prepare either pancakes, eggs, French toast, breakfast sandwiches or casseroles, please contact Rev. Kelly.

Warming Shelter

Starr Presbyterian Church will host the Warming Shelter beginning on the evening of Saturday, February 12 through the morning of Sunday, February 20.

The following items will be needed for the clothing closet. Please keep in mind that we are equipping our guests to deal with the cold, winter weather. We do not need "rummage sale" items! The clothing items can be new or gently used.

Please refer to this list, and feel free to pass this along to your family and friends!

MEN'S ITEMS

Men's crew socks
 Men's T-shirts (large and XX large)
 Men's boots (sizes 10-13)
 Men's winter coats (large - XX large)
 Jeans - all sizes
 Sweatshirts (large - XX large)
 Men's thermal shirts (large - XX large)
 Underwear (medium - XX large)

WOMEN'S ITEMS

Women's underwear (sizes 6-14)
 Women's socks
 Sweatshirts (medium-2X)
 Jeans - all sizes
 Winter coats (medium - 2X)
 Winter boots (sizes 7-10)

FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Hats
 Scarves
 Gloves
 Backpacks
 Hand and feet warmers
 Plastic bags
 Reading glasses
 Bibles/reading materials

HYGIENE ITEMS

Chapstick
 Sample size lotion
 Sample size shampoo
 Sample size soap
 Sample size toothpaste
 Toothbrushes
 Travel-size tissue packets
 Travel-size shaving cream
 Hand wipes
 Hand sanitizer
 Wash clothes
 Feminine products

ITEMS FOR KITCHEN

Plastic cutlery
 Paper plates/dessert size plates
 Paper napkins
 Paper bowls
 Hot/Cold beverage cups
 Paper towels
 Coffee
 Juice
 Sugar/Creamer
 Rubber gloves (M, L and XL)
 Cases of bottled water

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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



10 Tom and Peggy Hahn

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Donald Doty | 10 Debbie Berschbach |
| 3 Lilah Robinson | 10 Doris McDonald |
| 5 Eileen Gmeiner | 16 Anna Lee |
| 6 Michelle Kendall | 19 Kaitlyn Mays |
| 8 Carrie Bennett | 23 John Bunge |
| 9 Lori Carson | 27 Emily Burek |
| 9 Grace McCullough | 28 Jason Mays |
| | 29 Luke Sheridan |
| | 30 Franklin Wills |
| | 31 Virginia Herron |



PRAYER PAGE

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Those severely ill/injured/facing tests and surgery:

Lee Accorsi, Jacob Bommarito, Sally Burton, Bob Chaney, Steve Cutter, Janet Delaney, Jane Duff, Joe Fedderhoff, Lou Fleury, Jacky Howard, Vernon Howe, Tom Karaus, Tawni Lambroff, Joey Massameri, Fred Miller, Donald Raines, Alexander Rataj, Ricky Rojeski, Beverly Schell, MacKenzie Rose Stothers, Mike Tanner, Al Wease

Those recovering or facing long-term health challenges:

Jim Albright, Rich Albright, Shirley Caughey, Lynn Chalmers, Deb Collins, Maria Gorniak, Kathy LeCureaux Cherris; Austin Durbin, Janet Edmonds, Jim Evans, Lillian Farrel, Mary Guss, Larry Hessen, Lilly Johnson, Tom Johnson, Dr. Kabot, Lois Kendall, Billie Krakker, Mae Mitchum, Rev. Neeta Nichols, Susan Parcell, Gabrielle Schramski, Dallas Strawn, Jim Sutherland, Anne Trampus, Alma Wetters

In thanksgiving of restored health/recuperating:

Becca Castle, Dan Cobb, Chelsea Johnson, Marion Ventro

For those mourning: The family and friends of: Diane Cole, Ryan Bennett, Barb Collins, Merle Fleury and Jean McGeHee.

For our missionaries:

Marge and Steve Doty and Lizzie Heavenrich

For those serving our country:

President Barack Obama and all of our elected officials. Our service members: LCpl Jon Castle USMC; SrA David Cobb USAF; SPC Jeff Cobb USA; David Kennington USN, SSG James Rubert USA; SGT Laura Tate, USA (Reserve); Army Recruit Tyler Parcell

For home-bound/health-care facility-bound members:

Darlene Burche, Margaret Burkheiser, Lori Carson, Marie Deromedi, Anna Lee, Elvaretta Lister, John Pardy, Joyce Wilson, Eileen Gmeiner; Marguerite Hengel, Louise Judge, Jean McFarlin, Doris McDonald

For those experiencing personal struggles:

Those needing comfort during transition and change; those seeking employment, the homeless and those who are losing their homes; families experiencing effects of natural disasters/bad weather.



For those struggling with addictions and those recovering, that they may continue to heal.

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