



# The Acorn

Starr Presbyterian  
Church News  
November 2011

Give thanks with a grateful heart!

*Join us for  
Thanksgiving  
Dinner!*



The Castle family will once again host a traditional and delicious meal on Thursday, November 24 from 4-6 p.m. There is no cost to attend!



## From your Session

### Session Highlights

Summary of pertinent actions the Session took at the October meeting:

- Set a proposed timeline to hire an interim pastor and then permanent pastor. Will start contacting pastors for interest in part-time, six-month interim position immediately, hoping to hire in early December. Will start search for permanent pastor after the New Year.
- Agreed to discontinue the family first meal on the 1st Sunday each month.
- Set December 4th as the date for "Hanging of the Greens" to decorate the church for Advent.
- Will host the Warming Shelter Sunday, January 29th through Tuesday February 7th.
- Reverend Jacquie Patt will be a guest pastor on November 13th.
- Session will meet Thursday, November 17 at 4 p.m.

### The Memphis Project

In memory of Diane Cole, and in honor of her beloved Memphis, Starr will embark upon a new mission for the community—  
The Memphis Project.

We will collect new and gently-used backpacks to be distributed to our shelter guests during the Warming Shelter.

A bin will be at the Crooks Road entrance to the church. If you have any questions, please see  
Janie Castle.



Communion will be shared on  
Sunday, November 6.

Communion Servers For November:  
Janie Castle • Ken Groh  
Andy LeCureaux • Mandy Reinke



### Note from Presbytery of Detroit

The COMMITTEE ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 221<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014 will need a multitude of volunteers to provide hospitality and support for the 900+ commissioners and thousands of others that will come to observe the General Assembly's work and its related activities.

The opportunities for service will be many. So, too, will be the possibilities to show fellow Presbyterians the unique qualities and strengths of Detroit and southeastern Michigan.

You will find posted on our bulletin board the letter from Presbytery of Detroit along with the list of committees that need help.

*Please consider volunteering for this.*

The Session

### Coming soon...The Christmas Wish Tree!

Wish Tree tags will soon be available. If you would like to purchase a gift for the Salvation Army and it is difficult for you to get out and shop, please see Margaret Rossnagel. Just give her the tag and money, and she'll make the purchase for you!



## Community Ministries



### Women's Association News November 2011

The Women's Circles  
will meet on  
Tuesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.  
Abigail-Dorcas meets  
at the church.  
Mary-Martha meets at  
Grace McCullough's home.

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The Women's Board will meet  
on Tuesday, November 8 at 10 a.m.

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The Women's Gathering will be held  
at 11:30 a.m. on November 15.  
Please bring a bagged lunch.  
Abigail-Dorcas is the hostess.  
Mary-Martha has the program, which is  
the Thankoffering.  
Please plan to join us!

#### **Additional Women's News:**

PWPD meets Wednesday, November 2 at  
9:45 a.m. at Rochester University. Lunch  
available.

Church Women 2011 World Community  
Day meets Friday, November 4 at Fern-  
dale United Methodist Church. Lunch is \$5.  
Reserve your spot by Oct. 31.

*For these events, please call Velma Wills at  
(248) 549-1544 for reservations.*

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS BAGS

The Women Circles are putting together Christ-  
mas Bags for the **Detroit Rescue Mission**.  
Kits should contain the following:

#### **Women**

1 pair of gloves  
1 knit cap  
2 pairs socks or anklets  
1 Sweatshirt (large or X-large)

#### **Men**

1 pair of gloves (not canvas)  
1 knit cap  
2 pair of crew socks  
1 Sweatshirt (X-large)

The women will also be making up hygiene kits.  
The following items are needed for these:  
Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, Soap and  
washcloth, Shampoo, Chapstick, Hand lotion,  
Kleenex packs, Razors, Combs, Deodorant  
**Note: No hygiene product should contain  
alcohol, such as mouthwash**

If you would like to donate to this project, there  
will be a basket by the office to leave your do-  
nations.

Any donation would be appreciated. Any ques-  
tions please see Grace McCollough or Shirley  
Albright.

Sandy Woodcox

## WORSHIP AND PRAYER MINISTRIES

### SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE November 2011

#### Liturgists:

November 6: Janie Castle  
November 13: Sandy Woodcox  
November 20: Susie Regula  
November 27: Andy LeCureaux

*Please contact a member of Session if you are interested in serving as a Liturgist during our Sunday Morning Worship.*

#### Greeters:

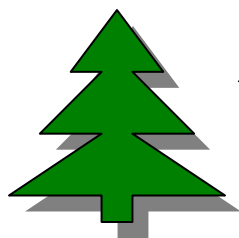
November 6: Margaret Rossnagel  
November 13: John and Elaine Meyer  
November 20: Velma Wills  
November 27: Margaret Rossnagel

*See Margaret Rossnagel if you would like to be a greeter.*

#### Coffee Hour Hosts:

November 6: Woodcox Family  
November 13: Mandy Reinke  
November 20: Carol Eads  
November 27:

*See Carol Eads if you are able to host coffee hour or donate goodies!*



## Hangings of the Greens

Join us on Sunday, December 4,  
immediately following  
worship.

We'll decorate the church for the  
upcoming Advent and Christmas  
Season.

We'll have a light lunch before we  
get to work!

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Susan and Michael Bennett  
10 Shari and Ed Alston



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Lindsay	Berschbach
4 Willie Mae	Howe
6 Leah	Doty
14 Heidi	Berschbach
19 Susan	Bennett
20 Wayne	Foster
21 Norm	Rossnagel
22 Esther	Chaney
24 Marguerite	Hengel
25 Joshua	Kelly
26 Rev. Kathryn	Kelly
27 Jason	Connor, Jr.
30 Lorna	Eliason
30 Cindy	Kendall



### Thanksgiving and Praise

Whenever something goes amiss, do  
PRAISE THE LORD...in prayerful bliss!  
Even when everything seems wrong, it's time to  
PRAISE THE LORD...in song!  
Indeed when life is looking bleak, by  
PRAISING GOD, you'll not be weak!  
If life has seemed to come apart,  
present to GOD your THANKFUL heart!  
How true, when things appear so bad,  
by PRAISING GOD you can feel glad!  
Since you have trusted all to HIM,  
it's sure...you'll never need be grim!  
HE works out all things best for you!  
Yes, all HIS promises are true!

- Marilyn Smith

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
Starr Church will host  
the Warming Shelter  
from Jan. 29—Feb. 7.  
Stay tuned for details!

**PRAYER PAGE**

*Please keep the following members and friends  
in your prayers:*

**Those severely ill/injured/facing tests and surgery:** Wade Bennett, Robert Chalmers, Fred Judd, Donna Johnson, Marie Miller, MacKenzie Rose Struthers, Mike Tanner, Al Wease, Harry Weston.

**Those recovering or facing long-term health challenges:** Shirley Albright, Rick Bennett, Darlene Burche, Shirley Caughey, Deb Collins, Charlotte Crawford, Theresa Fruhoff, Kathy LeCureaux Cherris, Mary Guss, Tom Johnson, Billie Krakker, Jean McFarlin, Beverly Schell, Marian Ventro, Alma Wetters, Velma Wills

**For our missionaries:** Marge and Steve Doty; Lizzie Heavenrich; Rachael Winzeler (Sandy Woodcox's cousin serving with Living Stone Project in Brazil.)

**For those who mourn:** For the family and friends of Jim Sutherland, (Deb Collins' dad); For the family and friends of Christine Woodcox (Bill Woodcox's mom).

**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; SGT Jeff Cobb USA; David Kennington USN, Troy McClintk, USMC; SSG James Rubert USA; SGT Laura Tate, USA (Reserve); Army Recruit Tyler Parcell

**For home-bound/health-care facility-bound members:** Darlene Burche, Lori Carson, Anna Lee, Eileen Gmeiner, Louise Judge, Elvaretta Lister, Joyce Wilson, 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.

*Note: To add someone to the Prayer List, please contact the church office at (248) 288-3230.*

# November 2011

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