



# The Acorn

Starr Presbyterian  
Church News  
October 2010

## *Here's what's happening @ Starr!*

It's a...Halloween Party!

**Sunday, October 24 from 3-5 p.m.**



We'll start out by "Trunk-or-Treating\*\*" outside in the parking lot, and then come inside for games, crafts and fun! Wear a costume!

\*Trunk-or-Treating is a very safe way to trick-or-treat for candy. Adults decorate their vehicle's trunk, and load up on candy and treats to pass out to the kids! If you would like to volunteer for this, see Rev. Kelly.

The Middle School and High School Youth Group will meet on 10/24 (immediately following the Halloween Party) from 5-7pm. All youth group members are invited to participate in the Halloween Party by helping to decorate, running games, etc.

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*There will be a Youth-led Worship Service on 10/31.  
All of the children of the church will be invited to participate*

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### **Mission Breakfast**

**Saturday, October 30**

Starr Church will host this year's Mission Breakfast for the Presbytery of Detroit.

Volunteers are needed to assist!  
If you can't assist, but would like to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Grace by Oct. 25.  
The cost is \$3.



### **THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Greg and Janie Castle and their family invite you for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 25 at 4 p.m.

The Castles will provide turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, etc. There is no charge to attend, and all are welcome! (We ask that you sign up for planning purposes.)

If you have a favorite a side dish or dessert you'd like to bring, feel free to do so! It is not required, but always welcome!

Rides will be available so that everyone can enjoy our Thanksgiving meal together.



## Education Ministries

The Middle School and Senior High Youth Group will meet on Sunday, October 24 from 5-7 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to contact Rev. Kelly with any questions they may have.

Special thanks to our

### Youth Group Ministry Team:

Linda Finn, Sheila Bennett-Judd, Brooke Henderson and Rev. Kathryn Kelly.

The Men's Bible study, focusing on the men of the Bible, will be led by Elder Dan Kendall. Class meets Sundays from 9:00-10:15 in the Lounge. If you need a book, please contact the office.

*The Women's Book Study meets at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Rev. Kelly's study. We are studying the book, "The Spirituality of Imperfection." It's not too late to join ! Please see Rev. Kelly if you'd like a copy of the book.*

### Session Highlights

Here is a summary of pertinent actions the Session took at the September meeting.

- Confirmed starting "Family First Sundays" on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with a light lunch served after worship service. All members welcome.
- Approved start of program to invite the community to a light evening meal starting October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Approved extension of Reverend Kelly's contract for one year.
- Confirmed the invitation to Sarah Henken to speak on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, World Communion Sunday, about her missionary work in South America and the Middle East.
- Discussed the need to establish goals in the area of Starr church's support for mission and ministry programs.
- Confirmed Andy and Reverend Kelly will attend the Transformation Conference by the POD on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Approved Becca Castle as nursery coordinator for worship services on Sunday morning.
- Discussed the need for the Nominating Committee to meet to find candidates for all three boards.
- Discussed the need for contact between Starr's homebound members and session members and how to move forward in this area.

### Sunday School Supplies

Please help us by donating the following:



- Markers
- Glue
- Blank notecards and envelopes
- Stamps
- Colored pencils
- Craft Kits enough for 6
- Monetary Donations to the CE designated fund

*Special thanks to our Sunday School teachers: Debbie Berschbach, Jenny Berschbach, Grace McCullough and Carrie Sorensen.*

### Monday Evening Lectionary Bible Study

We will meet in the Library at 7 p.m. to discuss the passage(s) that Rev. Kelly will preach on the following Sunday. Join us!

## 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.

### Spread the Laughs!

*A fundraiser to help support the  
Welcome Inn.*

October 25 at 6 p.m.  
Comedy Castle  
310 S. Troy Street—Royal Oak

\$30/ticket includes dinner and entertainment.  
(\$15 may be used as a charitable income  
tax deduction for 2010.)

Contact Margaret Rossnagel at  
248/585-7417 for tickets or  
information regarding this event!



### Women's Association News



#### Women's Circles

meet on Tuesday, October 5.  
Abigail-Dorcas meets at the  
church at 9:30 a.m.  
Mary-Martha meets at  
Louise Judge's home at 10 a.m.

**The Women's Board Meeting**  
is at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 12.

**The Women's Gathering**  
is at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19.  
Bring a bag lunch.

There will be a mission speaker.  
Abigail-Dorcas are the hostesses.  
Mary-Martha has the program.

#### Additional Women's News:

PWPD Gathering will be held at 9:45 a.m. on  
Wednesday, **October 6** at Southfield Covenant  
Church. Cost is \$7 and includes lunch. RSVP to  
Grace McCullough.

In-Gathering at Westminster on Monday, **October  
18**. We will car pool from the church at 9 a.m.

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### From the Trustees

The Trustees appreciate all of the people who  
helped with the September work days; scraping  
and patching walls in the upstairs western wing of  
the building, replacing light bulbs in the  
Sanctuary, and reducing the clutter in the  
Sunday School rooms. We expect to host a  
gutter cleaning party in late October/early  
November that will require help with setting up  
and moving a tall ladder.

Also, Starr Church and everyBODY, LLC  
recently signed an agreement in which  
everyBODY will hold fitness training sessions in  
the fellowship hall Tuesday and Thursday morn-  
ings at 5:45 a.m. and on Saturdays at 8 and 10  
a.m. everyBODY runs fitness programs at the  
YWCA in Redford and was looking for expansion  
options. Our initial agreement is for six months  
and includes a clause in which Church functions  
such as weddings or funerals may preempt every-  
BODY's use of the hall. Starr Church will receive  
25% of everyBODY's revenue. everyBODY will be  
installing signs along both sides of the Church  
grounds and posting a small flyer in the hallway  
by the Church office.

# WORSHIP AND PRAYER MINISTRIES

## SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

October 2010

**Liturgists:**

- October 3: n/a
- October 10: Joseph Smith
- October 17: Linda Finn
- October 24: Andy LeCureaux
- October 31: Susie Regula

**Greeters:**

- October 3: Velma Wills
- October 10: Lorna Eliason
- October 17: John and Elaine Meyer
- October 24: Jim and Charlotte Alex
- October 31: Margaret Rossnagel

† Please let us know of any illness, hospitalization, upcoming surgery, or other **PASTORAL CARE NEED** by calling *Rev. Kelly directly at 313.779.5977.*



Rev. Kelly will lead a mid-week prayer service on Wednesdays, at 6 p.m. in the chapel.

### Stewardship and Attendance

The weekly giving need for Starr Presbyterian Church is \$3,000. The average weekly giving for August is \$2106 and the average weekly giving for September is \$2291.

Our monthly attendance average for August is 57 adult members and guests. The attendance average for was September is 62 adult members and guests.

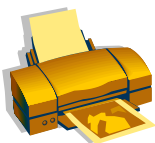
### Nursery Notes:

Becca Castle will be our nursery co-ordinator. She asks that all parents leave their cell phone number with her, so that if a need arises, she can text the parents during worship.



### TONER CARTRIDGES

Still wanted, jet ink and toner cartridges to be taken to Staples for recycling. We receive \$2.00 per item. We use Staples for our office supplies, and these rebates help lower that bill. Thank you!



### Community Meals

Once a month, Starr will host a Community Meal, allowing us to reach out to our local community with food and fellowship. Our first meal will be on Sunday, October 17 at 4 p.m. If you feel called to assist with this outreach, please contact Janie Castle.

### "Family First Sundays"

The first Sunday of each month will focus on nurturing and supporting our family ministries.

Communion will be served during worship and a meal will be shared following worship.

Mandy Reinke will host our October meal, and Sandy and Michael Woodcox will host our November meal. Please plan on staying after worship and enjoying a Sunday meal with your Starr family.



### Support our troops!

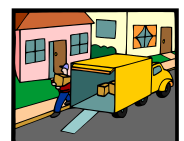
According to LCpl Jon Castle, he and his unit would be happy to receive the following items:

- White athletic socks • Toiletries
- Beef jerky • Baby Wipes
- Playing cards, card games
- Powdered drink mixes for individual water bottles (Gatorade, Kool-aid, Crystal Light)

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team will box and ship these items on Oct. 25. Drop off box is in the office. Thank you for your items...and prayers!

The Boothroyds have moved, and would love to hear from you! Here is their new address:

George and Shirley Boothroyd  
42600 Cherry Hill #206  
Canton, MI 48187  
734/844-1697



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**October Anniversaries**

3 Eric and Lori Abbott  
24 Mark and Cindy (Groh) Stamat

**October Birthdays**

4 Shari Alston  
8 Andrea Irish  
8 Velma Wills  
9 Eric Abbott  
15 Darlene Burche  
19 Shirley Albright  
22 Fred Judd  
25 Shirley Boothroyd  
27 Drake Dixon  
30 Renee Blohm  
31 Susie Regula

**PRAYER LIST**

*Please keep in prayer the following members,  
family and friends:*

**Those severely ill/injured/facing tests and surgery:**

Lee Accorsi, David Angle, Jacob Bommarito, Shirley Boothroyd, Sally Burton, Bob Chaney, Barb Collins, Steve Cutter, Janet Delaney, Jane Duff, Joe Fedderhoff, Lou Fleury, Jacky Howard, Vernon Howe, Chelsea Johnson, Tom Karaus, Joey Massameri, Fred Miller, Donald Raines, Ricky Rojas, Beverly Schell, Agnes Shelley, MacKenzie Rose Stothers, Mike Tanner, Anne Trampus, Al Wease, Ron Wednig

**Those recovering or facing long-term health challenges:**

Rich Albright, Ted Alex, Diane Cole, Deb Collins, Maria Gorniak, Kathy LeCureaux Cherris; Austin Durbin, Janet Edmonds, Jim Evans, Lillian Farrel, Mary Guss, Larry Hessen, Lily Johnson, Tom Johnson, Billie Krakker, Susan Parcell, Gabrielle Schramski, Mark Stamat, Dallas Strawn, Jim Sutherland, Alma Wetters

**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; SSG James Rupert 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 Parady, 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.