

First United Methodist Church

We invite people into Christian community where they can become deeply committed disciples of Jesus Christ

The Beacon

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GUEST WEEK

Guest Week begins Saturday, November 11th– Nov 18

For those who are unfamiliar, Guest Week is an event where we work in conjunction with Cass Community Social Services in Detroit to feed and house persons that are homeless. Approximately 50 guests arrive at our church for dinner, sleep in our church on mats they provide, eat breakfast, are given a sack lunch, and are transported back to Detroit. We do this for a full week. We are one of multiple churches in the area that link together to make up the rotating shelter



Welcome Guests

Guest Week certainly provides food and shelter for the guests, but also gives the opportunity for our congregation to serve God by serving people in need. In the past, participants have been numerous and included small groups, individuals, other churches, UMW circles, and Girl Scouts. The participants cooked meals, washed towels, donated clothes and food, purchased and packed hygiene kits, organized showers, distributed clothing, gave haircuts, performed a puppet show, went sleepless as a night monitor, included guests in small group Bible study, performed dinner music, provided baked goods, monitored showers, hosted in the evening, shared friendship and prayed for our guest.

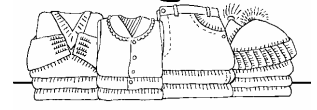
Last year Ryan Harrison completed an Eagle Scout project by organizing the clothes distribution. This year, it would be great if a group in the church would volunteer to manage the clothing.

**We will be having sign-up sheets
in fellowship hall between
services or you can
call Dave Barrett at 459-7925**



CLOTHING DRIVE

Clothing Drive



Membership Concerns

“Pray for one another”

James 5:16

“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”

1 Corinthians 12:26

Members

Jane Anderson, Erma Collins, Ilene Cook, John Duke, Sandy Fercho, Jean Fried, Jean Glenn, The Hollo family, Margie Kappler, Charlotte Kime, Julie Ma, Mitch Madis, Lyda Miehlke, Bill Neff, Fran Schwartz, Harry Thompson, Virginia Tyler, Cecil Wilson.

Extended Family

Bruce Caird, *friend of Keski-Hynnilas*
Natalie Delbusso, *granddaughter of Nancy Thomas*
David Engelman, *uncle of Chris Beaudoin*
Kathy Geldon, *friend of Sandy Goga*
Wilma Head, *Kathy Berlinger's Mother*
Blake Heindenrich, *friend of Kelly McCallister*
Jane, *friend of Alice Fisher*
Chris Hewlett, *daughter-in-law of Barb McIlhargey*
Jim Jelley, *uncle of Kathy Berliner*
Jeff & Jan Jones, *friend of Cokers*
Tom Kozak, *brother-in-law of Bill Strobridge*
Bill Lafferty, *friend of Ethel Culver*
Kathy Lawrence's Mother
Dave Little, *stepfather of Tammy Todd*
Nathan McCool, *friend of Janice Groat*
Lynda McIntosh, *daughter of Don & Bonnie Iler*
Barbara Quarles, *aunt of Natalie McLaughlin*
Jeff Quinn, *son-in-law of Don & Bonnie Iler*
Betty Robison, *cousin of Loretta Lahr*
Ruth Rumbold, *mother of Jan Groat*
Keith Salmonson, *Carol Mill's brother*
Doug Smith, *friend of David Daly*
Diana Stanley, *sister of Darlene Maginley*
Sarah Wood, *sister of Gordon Tyler*



Military Family

Josh Nelson,
Brandon Saleh,
Kevin Bowen,
Ernie Krajewski,
Justin Skelly, Jessica Skelly, Miles Simpson,
Russel McCallister, Jeremy Thomas
Jones, David Bruch, Jeff Klein, Kevin
Clifton (Strobridge) Matthew Kim-
sal, Ryan McClain, Christopher McClain

Missionary Family

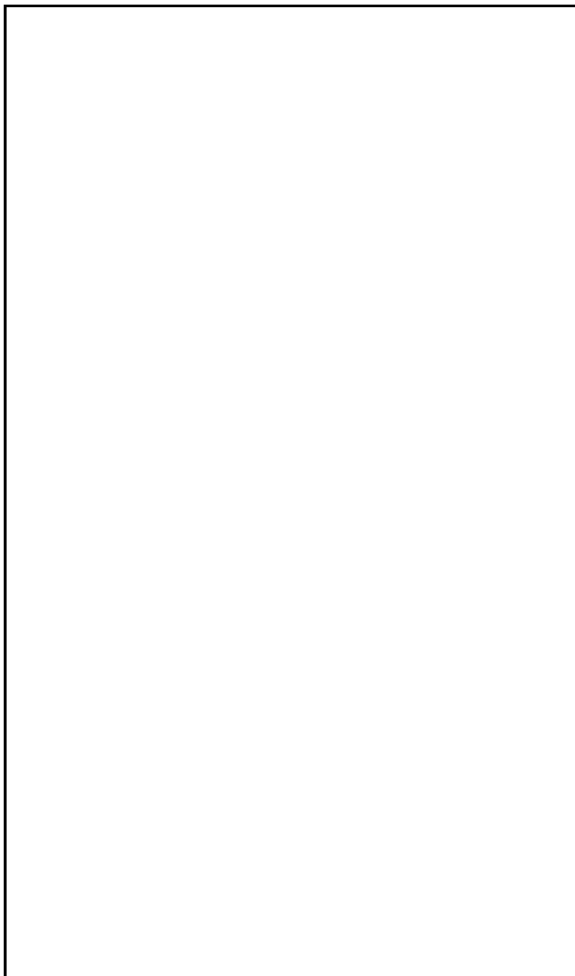
Kim & Paul McVety,
Barbara Brooks,
Sarah & Kris Kappler,
Heather Berlin



The 60+ Club

Meets again on Monday, November 6
Call Alice Fisher for details

Thank 😊 You!



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Do You Shop at Meijers?

By just doing your regular shopping at Meijer and using your Meijer Reward Cards, you can help us carpet the Parlor. Applications for Meijer Reward Cards are on the table in the foyer. Our organization number is 435569. You can also submit your application online at Meijer.com/rewards and you can invite your family and friends who shop at Meijer to apply their rewards to our church by sharing the 435569 number. Thank you.

Better Together

We are more than half way through 40 Days of Community. What an exciting time this fall has been. Groups are encouraging one another, serving together and receiving the joy of living our God's purposes for their lives. Please turn your stories of what God is doing into Dr. Klump or Linda Bynum. We would like groups to come forward on Celebration Sunday to share with the congregation what "God things" happened as your served together. I am already hearing some great things, PTL.

What's Next?

Group leaders begin to decide what is next after 40 Days of Community. Many will want to continue their small group experiences and we can help you find resources. I have materials in my office that can be checked out and there are many video/DVD series in the Library. If you need some assistance choosing or ordering, please set a time with Linda Bynum and she will be happy to assist you.

Here are two ways you can get...**FAITH in ACTION** T-shirts

- 1) Buy one for \$10 (money or check will do!)
- 2) Get one free when you commit to work on a COMMUNITY mission project as part of *40 Days of Community* (just turn in a commitment card)

Colors to choose from: Burgundy, Blue, Green, Yellow.
Sizes to choose from M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Available at **GRAND CENTRAL** on **Sunday mornings** or through the church office **Monday through Friday.**

** Generously donated by The Men's Ministry*



Young Adult Ministry



Not So Progressive Dinner

Saturday, November 11,
at 4:30
Dave and Caryn
Schmitt's Home

Look for more details soon!



"Let's celebrate together!"
Matthew 25:21 NLT

Please join us for an all church celebration.

We will give praise to God for His good works in and through our small groups.

Sunday, November 5, 2006
10:00~11:30
Fellowship Hall

To help with planning or serving contact
Denise Gomrick at 844-0802

~God's people Celebrating God's work~

BOOKBYTES

Kay Warren lives in Lake Forest, CA, and she's a cancer survivor. Her battle gave her strength and reason to continue with a new focus project she and her husband planned to announce to their church. Today Kaye is the executive director for the church's HIV/AIDS Initiative, a program that organized care teams and support groups to assist patients and teaches awareness of the disease in communities. Their church: Saddleback. Her husband: Rick Warren, Pastor, and author of the Purpose Driven Life and FUMC's present study. Better Together: 40 Days of Community.

Her story can be found in the October issue of Guideposts in your FUMC Library. It's a large print edition, so it reads fast. Eight other true stories in the issue are equally fascinating. Remember Emmett Kelly's portrayal of sad, unsmiling Weary Willie the circus clowns? He smiled one day. There's also the story of a major leaguer using a pink baseball bat in a Major League Baseball game.

Other issues promote more interesting insights of hope and inspiration in the lives of many people—some famous—some not so famous. Stop by the Library and check out some interesting reading. The Large Print section is in the right-hand end of the new shelves opposite the check-out desk.

History fact: Belshazzar, King of Babylon, saw the "writing on the wall" in Iraq.

Merely sign your name and date on the check-out card and leave it on the desk, and enjoy for the 3-week loan period.

Funeral Meal Ministry

What is that?

Who does that serve?

It is that ministry sponsored by the UMW to provide a caring meal after a funeral or memorial service. We serve those that request our ministry. It takes many hands and hearts to provide this care:

Those willing to coordinate, those willing to make calls to fellow volunteers, those willing to cook, those willing to clean, those willing to serve the meal, and those willing to provide salads and desserts.

And lovingly all this is not done only by women—yes, we have some dedicated men who volunteer! If in your heart, and in your prayers, you are called to SERVE for any of these needs, please contact me, Julie, at 734-451-0149 or e-mail to JJAB-Fitz@sbcglobal.net



Funeral Meal Coordinators & Callers

Our annual meeting for the 2007 calendar year will be on Monday, November 6th at 7 pm in our church parlor. Please plan on attending and bring your calendars.

Serving together, Julie Fitzsimmons
734-451-0149

UMW NEWS

Faith Circle

We've welcomed two new members which, happily, brings our membership to 19. As a reminder, we'll be responsible for the Fellowship Hour between services on October 29. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 2, at 1:00, in the parlor. We're doing our Operation Christmas child project so bring shoeboxes and a check for \$7.00 made out to Samaritan's Purse. During our business meeting we're finally going to "pass the hat" for a free will collection to cover general circle expenses. Hope to see you there but, as always, please call Pat or Nancy if you can't attend this meeting.

IT'S APPLE PIE TIME!

The Comfort Circle will be pre-selling apple pies on October 29, and November 5, in Fellowship Hall. Pies are homemade and only \$10. They will be available for pickup on November 12 in Fellowship Hall. We are only making 50 pies, so hurry and sign up! Call Jennifer Heers at 734-737-9638 if you have any questions.



Fall Retreat

Presented by
Reverend Bernadine Daniels

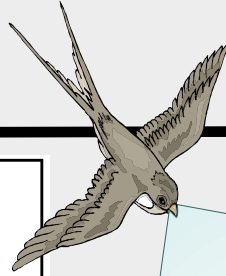
Join other women for food, fun, fellowship and quiet time

November 17 - 18
5 pm Fri thru 3 pm Sat
Nazaren 734-459-1862e District Center,
Howell, MI

Accommodations

2/Rm	\$65 per person
3/Rm	\$60 per person
4/Rm	\$55 per person

PrimeTimer



December Activity: Christmas Lunch &
White Elephant Gift Exchange
December 17th at 1:00 pm
G. Subu's Leather Bottle,
\$15.00 per person *

Livonia

Menu: Roasted Top Round of Beef w/ Mushroom
Brown Sauce

OR Chicken Piccata

WITH Roasted Red Skins w/ Rosemary & Gar-
lic,

Green Beans, Wax Beans, & Baby Car-
rots,

Tossed salad with Ranch or Italian
dressing,

Bread Butter ,

Coffee or Hot Tea

& Dessert

What is a White Elephant Gift? Any item you have around
the house you no longer want to keep. Be creative, the more
outrageous the better. Wrap and Decorate the White Elephant
gift to give it extra appeal.

Sign up for all
activities in the
Fellowship Hall
between
services on
Sunday morning
or by calling the
church office at
453-5280.



Attend the
“Thanksgiving Choir Festival”
as a group
Sunday, November 19th at 4:00 pm
at
Plymouth First United Methodist Church
Refreshments and fellowship after the concert.

BETH MOORE
and
LIVING PROOF LIVE
Presented by LifeWay Ministries

FEBRUARY 16—17, 2007, at Cobo Hall

Ticket Price: \$55.00 for 2-day Program

Contacts: Pat Carne—455-3889 Barb McIlhargey—455-1348 barbmci@comcast.net
Nancy Remick—414-0474

Friends, we are going to have an exciting opportunity to join Beth Moore for what is sure to be an outstanding program. It is a 2-day event on Friday and Saturday, February 16-17, 2007. This will be a great time for all of the women of PFUMC, UMW Circles, MOM's groups and other small groups to experience an enthusiastic disciple of the Lord. Many of the women at FUMC have joined in Beth's bible studies and know what a witness she brings to her studies.

We have been asked to be a ministry partner church in this program. Volunteers will be needed for this event, which will be held at Cobo Hall.

Hospitality -

Greeting at the door. You would purchase own ticket, but get reserved seating

Encouragers—

Go to rail to be with those who come for ward after session.

You would purchase own ticket but get reserved seating.

Bookstore—

You would receive free ticket, but program will have started before you are able to be seated and will miss some of the program.

Thanksgiving Choir Festival
Sunday, November 9th, 4:00 P.M.

A choir of over 100 voices, handbells, brass and festive hymn singing!

Our Chancel Choir will be joined by the choirs from Our Lady of Good Counsel, First Presbyterian, St. John's Episcopal, and Plymouth Baptist Church to make a joyful noise in a celebrative afternoon of great music on Sunday, November 19th, right here in our sanctuary. Members of the Plymouth Community Band and handbell ringers from each church will add to the festivities.

Admission is free; an offering will be received to benefit a local mission.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!



Do You Know
Someone going through
a Difficult Time?

Do you have friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of the countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it though the crisis.

To find out more, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders:

Joan McNally (734) 453-9114 or

Service Schedule

SERVING SUNDAY, Nov. 5

Liturgist: Rich Hoy

Acolytes:

9 am
11 am

Ushers:

9:00 am: Jim Bynum, Bill Picering, Ed Witenberg, Eileen Wittenberg, Barbara Werner, Margaret Lane, Drew Lane, Josh Haries, William Maxwell, Joy Coyle, Brad Coyle

11 am: Mel Litke, Vince Maiorana, Lois Maiorana, Steve Crecelius, Art Ruhl, Jan Seamonds, Carl Robertson, Corinne Robertson, Carl Marsee, Dean Scrimger

Greeters:

9:00 am—Dave & Sandy Rummel
11:00 am—Laura & Jim Freeman

Counters:

Gene Kornegay, Jack Hakala, SandyKosky, Vickie Krause

Fellowship Hour All Church Celebration

SERVING SUNDAY, Nov. 12

Liturgist: Holly Good

Acolytes :

9 am.....

Ushers:

9 am: Jeff McLaughlin, Toni Hartke, Mike Hartke, Don Richter, Wayne Wheelock, Clark McKelvey, Jim Walk, Sharon Walk, Jim Hutchings

11 am: Karl Little, Harve Massey, Wes Kappler, Keith Cox, James D. Freeman, Eric Madsen, Bill Schlabach, Kerry Montgomery Katelyn Montgomery, Duane King, Whitney Stevens

Greeters:

9:00 a.m.—Bob & Joan McNally
11:00 a.m. — Lois , Vince, Carey Maiorana

Counters:

Doug Hubbard, Wayne Wheelock, Carol Kelly, Ruth Dostie

Fellowship Hour: Faith Circle

FINANCIAL SUMMARY UPDATE

as of September, 2006

We are grateful for the tithes and offerings given to support our Ministry Budget. Your continued faithfulness makes our congregational programs and outreach ministries possible. Through our Ministry Budget, we grow in faith and share Christ with others.

September 30, 2006

INCOME - \$813,324

EXPENSES Actual - \$ 826,142

BUDGET - \$ 885,586

Our expenses for the year have exceeded our income for the first time this year. Your finance committee has worked hard to keep spending below our income, but difficult economic times are obviously having an impact. Please prayerfully consider bringing your pledges and tithes up to date and if you are planning an additional gift this would be an ideal time. God Bless.

New phone books are available. Pick up your copy in the narthex.

Gems

(AND)

"White Christmas"

Fox Theatre
Thursday, December 7, 2006

7:30 pm

Tickets: \$49.50

Money due October 29

We will also share a meal.

Call Carol Massey,
(734) 453-1223 or

Sweet Adelines Concert Spirit Sings 2006

Ford Community
and Performing Arts Center
on Michigan in Dearborn
Saturday, November 18, 2006
at 7:00 pm

Tickets \$12—for reserved seating.
Dinner before concert—Restaurant to
be determined

Check out the website at
www.spiritofdetroitchorus.org

For tickets or
more information contact:
Carol Massey, 734 453-1223 or
Linda Clements, 734 453-2913

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Matt & Sheri Schroeder
C/O Shanghai
PO Box 9022 Warren , MI 48090-9022

Cecile Wilson
6303 Evergreen Ridge Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45215
(513) 322-3358

New Phone #
Gordy & Edie Van Putten
(734) 927-1278

Knitters and Crocheters!

You can become part of the group that meets at the church on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays, 2:00 pm** each month. Our main purpose is to make prayer shawls for members of our congregation who are shut-in, ill, hospitalized, or have lost a loved one.

You can knit at home and still be part of the group by donating your finished shawl to the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

For shawl directions, etc.
call:

Elise Mae Trink—
734-453-6187



DONATION DEADLINE

Please have all of your pledges and donations in for the year 2006 no later than December 28, 2006. The church office will be closed December 25, 26 and 29, 2006. Any donations for the year 2006 received in January 2007 will be applied to the new year of 2007. We need to do this in order to balance our records and send out annual statements promptly. If you should have any questions, please contact Susan Henry, Financial Secretary. Thank you.

Youth News



NO Wake up Call



NOVEMBER 5th for Celebration Sunday.

Mark your Calendar:

Jr. High Ski Trip
Saturday, January 6th

Sr. High Ski Trip
Friday, January 19th to
Sunday, January 21st

Aquire the Fire
"Battle Cry"
Friday, April 13th to
Saturday, April 14th

Destination : **UNKNOWN**

Who: J. & S. High Youth

What: Something FUN



When: Sunday, October 29th
Leaving Church at 6 pm

How Much: FREE!!!



May God Bless You On Your Birth-

Mr Brandon Hartke	11/1	Mrs. Barbara Stinebaugh	11/12	Christine Benjamin	11/27
Mr James Person	11/1	Mrs Karen Harden	11/13	Ms Heather Best	11/27
Mrs Martha Chalifoux	11/2	Mrs Rosemary Jones	11/13	Karen Davenport	11/27
Mr Daniel Fowler	11/2	Mr Neal Koenig	11/13	Mr John Jackson	11/27
Mrs. Lauralee Palarchio	11/2	Mrs Renee McKarge	11/13	Mrs Sandra Rummel	11/27
Mrs Christina Butler	11/3	Morgan Bartos	11/14	Ryan Williams	11/27
Luke Freeman	11/3	Mr Bruce Christenson	11/14	Mr Tim Hagen	11/28
Mrs Carole Sweet	11/3	Mr David Daly	11/14	Dr John Hopper	11/28
Andrew Magee	11/4	Mr James Dray	11/14	Deanna Koenig	11/28
Mr Darrell Rowe	11/4	Mr Robert Luce	11/14	Mr Douglas Koenig	11/28
Mrs Ethel Culver	11/5	Mr Michael Marble	11/14	Nichole McLaughlin	11/28
Robert Goodwin	11/5	Mrs Janis Migyanka	11/14	Mr Derek Plave	11/28
Mr Gordon Johnson	11/5	Chris Edwards	11/15	Mr Jay Siegler	11/28
Mr Dennis Piggott	11/5	Monica Mukerjee	11/15	Mrs Lisa Crawford	11/29
Mrs Glendora Rice	11/5	Adam Radamis	11/16	Dr William Ferman	11/29
Mrs Geraldine M Rotter	11/5	Mrs Joan Barrett	11/17	Mr James H. Freeman	11/29
Mrs Barb Toth	11/5	Mrs Kari Supnick	11/17	Alexander P Lajoie	11/29
Mrs Amy Wainwright	11/5	Mrs Susan Hill	11/18	Mr Mitchell Madis	11/29
Mr Michael Beaudoin	11/6	Mr Gene Kornegay	11/18	Mrs Joellyn Conway	11/30
Mr Daniel Kammann	11/6	Nancy Remick	11/18	Mrs Gail Costello	11/30
Mr Rich Rej	11/6	Mrs Elizabeth U Austin	11/19	Ms Mary Crago	11/30
Mr Kip Dondlinger	11/7	Ms Gail Bryan	11/19	Ashley Hoard	11/30
Mr John Filios	11/7	Mrs Michelle Ferline	11/20	Mrs Teresa A Holderer	11/30
Jillian Hoard	11/7	Zachary Gomrick	11/20	Mrs Sharon Hood	11/30
Mr Gene Levengood	11/7	Mrs Darlene S Maginley	11/20	Mr Dave Schmitt	11/30
Matt Olsen	11/7	Benjamin Holland	11/21	Mr Jason Scott	11/30
Mrs Helen Sorensen	11/7	Mr Leo McManimon	11/21	Mr Jim Walk	11/30
Mrs Karen Stemberger	11/7	Mr Steven Bixby	11/22		
Mrs Laura McReynolds	11/8	Mrs Lisa Cunningham	11/22		
Mrs Mary Jane Wright	11/8	Mrs Ella Fry	11/22		
Mrs Gretchen Green	11/9	Christopher Sauchak	11/22		
Mrs Tammy Harris	11/9	Mrs Denise Zander	11/22		
Mr William Maxwell	11/9	Mrs Laura Clemens	11/23		
Mr Fred Peckrul	11/9	Mr Thomas Franklin	11/23		
Mrs Jeane Smith	11/9	Mr Douglas Underwood	11/23		
Ms Nancy Bayne	11/10	Colton Ash	11/25		
Mr Larry Dishman	11/10	Mr William Baxter	11/25		
Tony McLaughlin	11/10	Allison Bracht	11/26		
Mrs Carol Mills	11/11	Andrew Bracht	11/26		
Mrs Marilyn Stevens	11/11	Mr Todd Goodwin	11/26		
Mrs Margo Jenkins	11/12	Mr Robert Goud	11/26		
Mrs. Lynne Ross	11/12	Mr Todd Watkins	11/26		



Join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the CORE. This month: Individuality: Discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference.



Parents Night Out: IS IT FOR YOU?

Parent's Night Out is offered approximately once a month on a Friday night from 5:30—9:30 p.m. Parent's Night Out is an opportunity for parents to go out for a night alone while the kids stay at church and have a blast playing games, having fun with their friends, doing crafts, watching a movie, and having snacks.

Kids are placed within their own age-appropriate groups. Both parents are asked to volunteer at least one time for every 3 times they participate in this activity. With the help of those parents staying in, we can provide an awesome night for our kids and a great time out for the parents who need it!

The next date is **December 8**. So if you are interested, sign up near the nursery or contact Abby Kammann at abby@pfumc.org.

Operation Christmas Child

The collection date for Operation Christmas child will be Sunday, November 19, by Noon! Keep filling those shoeboxes with NEW school supplies, small sports equipment, little stuffed animals, and toiletries. Brochures are available in the Church Narthex. Continue to pray that the response at PFUMC will be exceptional this year! Any questions?

Call Amy Fitzsimmons at 734-891-3052 or Cindy Crecelius at 734-416-0369.



PRAYER TIME FOR ALL

Through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Dr. Klump has called us to gather on Sunday mornings for prayer. All are invited to be part of pre-service prayer time for our pastors, congregation and morning worship. Meet in the Parlor at 8:30 A.M. and feel free to come every time you are available. Join in the "new thing" God is doing in our midst.



Fellowship Hour needs help with Upcoming Sundays.

Please prayerfully consider signing up your small group, committee or friends and family to host an upcoming Fellowship Hour.

Please support our Fellowship efforts to build lasting relationships in love and having a greater sense of belonging and being a family.

Call Jim Soltau 734-455-2941

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5th Annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza

Saturday, November 11th, 10:00 - 4:00 PM
Fellowship Hall - Admission \$1.00



Shop from over 30 vendors/crafters
Bob's Sloppy Joes (11:00 - 2:00)
Bake Sale
Prizes
Silent Auction

Proceeds to benefit the Chancel Choir Outreach Tour.

Invite your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers!

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