

**Activities for the Week of November 22, 2009**  
**First United Methodist Church**

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OUR VISION: With God's Grace and Christ as our guide, we reach out with love and hope offering opportunities to develop a Christian family who will witness our faith to our congregation, community and world.

**Welcome Visitors!**

The people of First Church count it a blessing and privilege to have you worship with us today. Thank you for choosing this faith community.

***Everyone is invited to continue in Christian fellowship following the worship service today in the Fellowship Hall,***

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**STRENGTHEN YOUR  
PRAYER MINISTRY**

Meeting every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.  
in the church parlor by the fireplace.

**Bring your prayer concerns  
and let us join you in prayer!**

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**WEEKLY GREETERS**

Mason Door—Robert James  
Garrison Door—Kathleen Planta  
North Transept—Lorraine Murdoch

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP**

*(November 29, 2009)*

***"Begotten: Human and Divine"***

***John 1: 1-5, 14***

***Rev. Susan DeFoe Dunlap***

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*Living Well Fellowship*

**A SUPPORT GROUP EXPLORING  
HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHANGES**

***Join us every Tuesday at 5:30 pm in the Asbury Room***

\* no reservation needed \* no cost \* self-directed group

Questions?? Please call the church office and ask for Claudette or Gail

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**"CAN TEEN"**

Youth of the church have a mission project to help supply bed netting for children in countries where mosquitoes pose the threat of malaria. Returnable bottles and cans can be deposited in the big black trash cans marked "Can Teen." \$10 was recently deposited to the account. You are welcome to bring returnable bottles from home, or the youth will pick them up from home if you leave a message for Daphne Mitchell at the church (313) 563 5200 or e-mail [daphnemyd@aol.com](mailto:daphnemyd@aol.com).

Thank you.

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### **INGATHERING MONTH**

Ministry to the World will collect the non-perishable food items **\*\*\*TODAY, Sunday, November 22.** Food items may be left near the altar before the worship service or can be brought to the altar during the worship service.

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### **PAIRS AND SPARES**

#### **December 12, 2009**

Pairs and Spares will be attending the Dearborn Choral presentation on December 12 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center. Pairs and Spares will have dinner at Richter's Chalet at 5:30 p.m. before attending the concert. Everyone and their friends are welcome to join us for a festive evening.

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### **DECORATING THE CHURCH**

**Sat., Nov. 28 at 10:30 a.m.**

All are invited to join us as we prepare our sanctuary and church building for Advent and Christmas. There will be activities for the children to do as the adults do the trimming.

Please sign up in the church office if you plan on attending. Hope to see you there!

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### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ANGEL?**

We are in need of people who would like to volunteer to send notes, holiday and birthday greetings, and make phone calls to our homebound members and friends. Please see Lorraine Murdoch on Sunday morning if you would like to help out and she will explain to you the job of being an "Angel." If you already volunteer with Lorraine please let her know how your homebound friend is doing. Please remember our homebound for the holidays.

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### **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

On Friday, December 4 at 10:30 a.m., Church Women United will gather at Sharon 7th Day Adventist Church for a special Christmas celebration. A musical presentation will be given by the "Cass Ambassadors Choir." This group demonstrates their love of Jesus Christ through their music, no matter what circumstances their lives may be in.

Lunch will follow the program at a cost of \$5.00 and bring a \$5.00 exchange gift for the "Right Family Christmas" game.

We will also be collecting gently used or new sweaters (men, womens, or children sizes) for the Cass Community.

We invite everyone to come.

Sharon 7th Day Adventist Church is located at 28537 Cherry Street, Inkster. Their phone: (734) 722-2313.

Call Sharon Loftis if you would like more details.

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### **MINISTRY TO THE WORLD**

#### **200 YEARS OF SERVING**

**With**

**Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.**

Soon our church will be celebrating 200 years of ministry. We have reached out to others throughout the years and offered many opportunities for our members to extend hands of help and hope to others.

As we enter into this Advent Season and celebrate 200 years of service to others it is the perfect occasion to invite someone you know (or do not know) to church. In doing so you can give a lasting gift of hope and service.

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season now is the time to consider the gift of invitation. Just maybe through this invitation others will be led to lives of service, with hearts of love and hands of giving.

Inviting is Contagious,  
Bob McCain, Minister of Evangelism

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**MARY REBEKAH CIRCLE**

*The Mary Rebekah Circle  
will not meet in November.*

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**\*Mark your Calendar\***

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

Monday, December 21  
at 10:30 a.m. in the Wesleyan Parlor.

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*Flowers on the Altar*

*Are given in*

*Loving Memory*

*Of*

*Adelaide M. Switzer*

*The gift of her son,*

*Ron Switzer*

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**The Warm and Fuzzy Trees**

This year we will have two Warm and Fuzzy Trees. One will be located by the Welcome Center and the other will be located by the Wesleyan Parlor. Children and adults can decorate the trees with scarves, mittens, hats, gloves and warm socks etc. Warm and fuzzy items will be delivered to Cass Ave. UMC on December 20, 2009.

The Warm and Fuzzy Trees will remain up through January for other needy family programs.

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**The Giving Tree**

A holiday tradition continues for First United Methodist Church of Dearborn to give at Christmas to economically needy children. Contact Person-Shelley Hruska.

Children's Village will be furnishing a list of 55 children. Without our help, these 55 children will not have presents for Christmas this year. The Giving Tree will be in the church parlor. Paper tabs with children's names, ages and wish list items will be on the tree. Simply pull one of the tabs and purchase gifts of a maximum of \$25 for your chosen child. Bring in the un-wrapped gifts, with the child's name and age clearly marked on the container, no later than Sunday, December 13 to the Church Parlor and place under the tree.

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**FIX-IT LIST**

The Trustees want everyone to know that there is a list for reporting building maintenance and custodial needs. This list is posted outside of the church office so that you may write down any of your concerns.

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**QUILT SHOW MISSION DISBURSEMENT**

Camphor Mission in Liberia	\$ 300
Dearborn Pastoral Counseling Center	300
FUMC Pastoral Discretionary Fund	300
Methodist Children's Home	300
Red Bird Mission	200
Cass Community Scott Center	1,000
Bethlehem Bible College - Israel	200
Baldwin Center - Pontiac	400
Staff Assistance	100
Apportionments	700
First Step	500
Heifer Project	<u>300</u>
TOTAL	\$4,600

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**The new Email Directories are now available in the  
Church Parlor.  
Please be sure to stop by and pick up your copy today.**

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**THANK YOU**

Thank you for the lovely prayer shawl on my baptism day.

Love,  
Tristian Lahay

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**MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS - Received November 15, 2009**

Jane Norris - Jane lives in Taylor and worked for Burroughs UNISYS where she retired after 40 years. She is treasurer of our exercise class and enjoys Bible studies. She is also the leader of our Mary Rebekah Circle. She enjoys decorating in her spare time.

Erika Lynch - Erika is a homemaker which is a full time job. Erika and her husband, Kian, live in Dearborn Heights with their three children. Erika enjoys cooking and baking.

Jeff Walsh - Jeff is self-employed at National HR Solutions located in Ann Arbor. Jeff and his wife live in Dearborn. He enjoys Bible studies, photography, and nature.

We welcome Jane, Erika, and Jeff to our congregation.

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**NOISY OFFERING  
St. Francis Family Center  
November 22, 2009**

Today's Noisy Offering will be used to help the children of St. Francis Family Center. These funds will be used for desperately needed shoes and boots. Many of the children entering foster care through the center often come with only the clothes on their back. You will be able to donate to the charity through December 13, 2009. Please indicate St. Francis or SFFC on your offering envelop.

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## **FAITHLINK**

### **The Session at a Glance**

This week we will celebrate Thanksgiving. What is the history of Thanksgiving? How and why does our culture celebrate it today? How can Christians reclaim the value of giving thanks to God

*Leader: Nelson Stieper*

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#### **\*ADULT CHOIR\***

The Adult Choir will sing TODAY at Oakwood Common at 2:00 p.m.  
Ask Marcus for details.

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**NEXT SUNDAY** - Special Music will be provided by the Praise Band, "LEGACY," before and during our service. Please come at 9:30 a.m. to enjoy some pre-service praise and worship music.

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#### **THIS WEEK**

##### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

*Thanksgiving In-Gathering Housing the Homeless*

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Group—Church Parlor
- 9:00 A.M. "Soundings" Study Group—Asbury Rm
- 9:15 A.M. Orff Ensemble—Chapel
- 9:15 A.M. Praise Band Rehearsal  
—Near Worship Center
- 9:30 A.M. Prayer & Preparation Time
- 9:30 A.M. FUMCoD Praise Band—Sanctuary  
—Wesleyan Parlor
- 10:00 A.M. Worship Service—Sanctuary  
\*\*Nursery - Infants through 3 years old\*\*  
*\*Youth Dessert Fundraiser Delivery\**
- 11:20 A.M. Video Bible Study—Sarah Gwynne Rm
- 11:20 A.M. Faithlink Bible Study—Asbury Room

##### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

*Housing the Homeless*

##### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

*Housing the Homeless*

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast—Panera Bread
- 8:30 A.M. Women's Breakfast—Leon's Restaurant
- 10:00 A.M. Bible Study—Sarah Gwynne Room
- 11:15 A.M. Chair Exercise—Wesleyan Parlor
- 5:30 P.M. Living Well Fellowship—Asbury Room
- 6:00 P.M. Prayer Shawl—Sarah Gwynne Room
- 7:00 P.M. Exercise Class—Wesleyan Parlor
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

##### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

*Housing the Homeless*

##### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

*Housing the Homeless*

\*Staff Holiday\* Happy Thanksgiving

##### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

*Housing the Homeless*

\*Staff Holiday\*

##### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

10:00 A.M. Homeless Week Ends  
10:30 A.M. Decorate the Sanctuary  
Children Working on Christmas Crafts

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

*United Methodist Student Day*

9:00 A.M. Prayer Group—Church Parlor  
9:00 A.M. “Soundings” Study Group—Asbury Rm  
9:15 A.M. Orff Ensemble—Chapel  
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