

## Welcome to River Terrace Church

Today at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

Third Sunday in Advent

Series: Christmas Surprises

*"Who's Needy"*

Based on Matthew 1:18-25, esp. v. 21

Message by Pastor Brent Wassink

Special Offering: Nigeria Partnership

### Sunday School at 10:10 AM for All Ages

Age 3 to 12th grade: Lower Level

Adult Forum: Gym

Linda Hundt, pie competition winner, cookbook author, TV personality, founder and owner of Sweetie-licious Bakery Café in DeWitt will share her artistry of baking.

Next Sunday: December 23, at 10:00 AM

Family Christmas Service

Series: Christmas Surprises

*"God's Speed"*

Based on Matthew 1:18-25, esp. v. 22

Message by Pastor Brent Wassink

Special Offering: Sparrow's Nest

### Questions for Groups or for at Dinner

1. Describe (not in too much detail) a time you were ill and went to a doctor. How effective was the doctor's treatment plan?
2. How common is it to see the sins of others as the main problem? How do you sometimes do this?
3. "We need God to save us from other people's sins." What's right about this statement? How is it inadequate?
4. Could it be that you are what's wrong with the world? Explain.
5. "...he [Jesus] will save his people from their sins." What does this mean to you? For where we focus our criticism?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ignite Event: Christmas Road Rally:** Our final Sunday night program of 2018 will be a fun one! Ignite students and friends, grades 6 to 12, join us for a Christmas-themed Road Rally TONIGHT from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes the team competition, dinner and prize to the winner. Dress for the weather and come ready to have fun!

All children are invited to be part of telling the **Christmas Story in costume at the Dec. 23 Family Service** at 10:00 AM. Rehearsal is today after the second service.

**Giving Envelopes for 2019** are available in the gathering hall today.

**Note:** The church office will be closed on **Monday, December 24.**

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS and PRAYERS

Herm Geers is a patient at Sparrow Hospital.

Our continued prayers are appreciated for **Kim Emery, Herm Geers, Lucille Kuiper, Ron Lankerd, Barb Mosher, Jane Outslay, Margie Stephenson, Lynn Stewart, and Jean Wallin.**

### THIS WEEK

**Christian Service Brigade:** Tues., Dec 18, 7:00 PM, Boys, gr. 1-12.

**Men's Sunrise Bible Study:** Wed., Dec. 19, 6:45 AM, Mtg. Room.

**Prayer Gathering:** Wed., Dec. 19, 12:30 PM, Prayer Room.

**Christmas Choir Rehearsal:** Wed., Dec. 19, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary.

**Breathing Space Yoga & Prayer:** Thurs., Dec. 20, 7:00 PM, Quad.

**Breathing Space Yoga & Prayer:** Sat., Dec. 22, 9:00 AM, Quad.

## SERVICE and GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

**Meals on Wheels** is in immediate need of four volunteers to deliver meals to community seniors just once a month during a weekday noon hour. The route begins and ends at church. Choose any day of the week that works for you, and we'll make it work for scheduling. Ride along training and support is provided. Contact Char Meyer at 449-9288 or meyerchar@hotmail.com (East Lansing route) or Tom Bolt at 927-1974 or tcbolt@att.net (Lansing route).

The Missions committee is again offering the **Nigeria Partnership Christmas Gift Catalog** this year. We will be in the gathering hall between and after the services this Sunday to answer questions, receive donations and provide certificates to include in your Christmas cards to friends and loved ones.

**Reminder:** If you volunteered to deliver a **Christmas basket**, please call your family to arrange delivery between December 18-21. If there are any questions you can contact Beth Bonsall at 517-410-8651 or by email at bduiserbonsall@gmail.com.

**Giving Box:** Hats and gloves and mittens. All sizes. New or freshly washed and in good repair.

**Community Assistance Program:** Christmas Meal Foods – Boxed mashed potatoes, pie fillings, pie crust, brownie, muffin and bread mixes, cake mixes, frosting, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned fruits, vegetables, etc.

**Apartment Needed:** See the information that is posted on the bulletin in the gathering hall for more information.

### **Christmas Services at River Terrace Church**

#### **Next Sunday - Family Service at 10:00 AM**

Children's choirs and presentation of  
the story of Jesus' birth by the children  
Message by Pastor Brent Wassink  
Special Offering: Sparrow's Nest

#### **Monday, December 24 – 7:00 PM**

#### **Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 PM**

Featuring adult choir, organ, brass, piano, oboe, guitar  
Message by Pastor Wassink  
Special Offering: Lansing Food Bank / City Rescue Mission