

Welcome to River Terrace Church

Today at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

Second Sunday in Advent

Series: Christmas Surprises

"Joseph Davidson"

Based on Matthew 1:18-25

Message by Pastor Brent Wassink

Special Offering: Community Assistance Program

Sunday School at 10:10 AM for All Ages

Age 3 to 12th grade: Lower Level

Adult Forum: Gym

Dr. David Stowe, Professor of U.S. Culture Studies at MSU

Next Sunday: December 16, 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

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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.

Questions for Groups or for at Dinner

1. What comes to mind when you or others think of Joseph?
2. What might Joseph's plans and dreams have been before he heard of Mary's pregnancy?
3. In Joseph's shoes, how do you think you would have reacted to Mary's pregnancy?
4. Do you think most people see mercy as part of obeying God--as part of being a righteous person? Explain.
5. How is God challenging/encouraging you through Joseph's life?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ignite Sunday Night: Middle school (4:15 to 6:00 PM) and high school (5:30 to 7:30 PM) students are invited to our weekly youth group meetings TONIGHT. Join as we eat dinner, play games and finish our discussion on The Lord's Prayer. Friends are always welcome!

Ignite Guys' and Girls' Groups meet on Friday, December 14. Once a month on a selected Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Ignite guys and girls are invited to take part in special groups. Each one includes a devotional, activity and plenty of snacks. This month, the girls will be doing Christmas cookie decorating. RSVP for the location of your group! Students are encouraged to invite their friends.

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 on December 16 after the second service. Contact Shalom to sign up.

All Children's choirs are practicing for Christmas. Join us in the Music Room today and Dec. 6 from 10:40-11:05 AM. They will sing at the 10:00 AM Family Christmas Service on Dec. 23.

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

You are invited to the **Christmas Concert of the Arts Chorale of Greater Lansing** on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:30 PM at River Terrace Church. The program includes music by Bach, Britten, Rutter, and others, accompanied by strings, timpani, harp, oboe, handbells, piano and organ. Free will offering. A holiday reception follows in the gym.

THIS WEEK

Campus Edge Fellowship: Mon., Dec. 10, 7:00 PM, 1518 River Terrace Drive. Grad students, join us to look at Jesus' sending out the disciples to *not* bring peace. This is our last study of the season.

Midnight Breakfast: Mon., Dec. 10, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Christian Service Brigade: Tues., Dec 11, 7:00 PM, Boys, gr. 1-12.

Men's Sunrise Bible Study: Wed., Dec. 12, 6:45 AM, Mtg. Room.

Pastor's Bible Study: Wed., Dec. 12, 10:00 AM, Quad.

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

Youth Bible Study: Wed., Dec. 12, 6:00 PM, Youth Room.

Christmas Choir Rehearsal: Wed., Dec. 12, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary.

Council Meeting: Thurs., Dec. 13, 6:00 PM, Quad.

Breathing Space Yoga & Prayer: Thurs., Dec. 13, 7:00 PM, Youth Rm.

Breathing Space Yoga & Prayer: Sat., Dec. 15, 9:00 AM, Quad.

SERVICE and GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for your donations of fresh fruits for the Homeless Angels.

Thank you to **Bob and Renee Leonard (22), Toni Ward (10), Sara Smith (6), and Rod and Jan Reed (20+)** for their years of service delivering Meals on Wheels. All have found it necessary to step down. Great job, folks. We'll miss you!

Meals on Wheels is in desperate 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, 449-9288 (call or text), or meyerchar@hotmail.com

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 on the next two Sundays 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.

C.A.P.: 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.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS and PRAYERS

Our sympathy is extended to **Brendan and Krista Stevens and family** in the death of Brendan's father, Brad Stevens. Funeral services were scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Our continued prayers are appreciated for **Kim Emery, Lucille Kuiper, Barb Mosher, Jane Outsley, Margie Stephenson, Lynn Stewart, and Jean Wallin.**