



Faith Community Church (UMC)
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...as it was written in Isaiah the prophet: "I send my messenger before you to prepare your way, a herald's voice in the desert, crying, 'Make ready the way of our God. Clear a straight path.'" — Mark 1: 2-3

Dear FCC family,

As we enter the season of Advent, I want to invite you to reflect on the "Gift of Being Present". Being present means fully aware of God's presence in our lives, in our relationships, and in our world. Being present means being attentive to the needs and joys of others, and being willing to share our own. Being present means being open to the surprises and blessings God has in store for us, even when they are different from what we expect or plan.

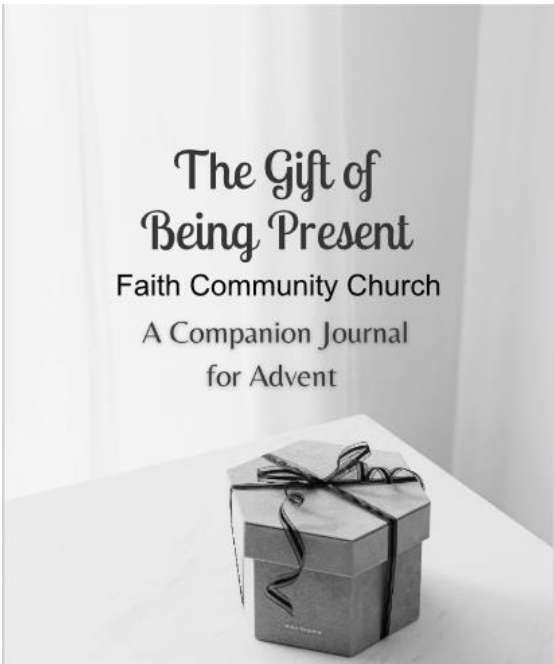
Being present is not always easy. We live in a busy and distracted world, where we are often pulled in many directions. We may feel anxious about the future, or regretful about the past. We may struggle to find time and space for prayer, worship, fellowship. We may miss the signs of God's grace and love around us.

But being present is also a choice. It is a choice to slow down, listen, and pay attention. It is a choice to trust God, to surrender our worries and fears, to embrace the moment. It is a choice to celebrate the gift of life, the gift of faith, the gift of hope. It is my desire to bring a little bit of presence to your life, which will be easy to choose.

This Advent, I encourage you to make that choice. To be present to God, to yourself, and to others. To be present to the wonder and mystery of the incarnation, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. To be present to the joy and peace he brings.

May God bless you and your loved ones this Advent season, and may you experience the gift of being present in new and meaningful ways.

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love,
Pastor Coleen



To assist everyone in "Being Present" this Advent season, pick up your Advent Journal at church or contact the church at our email address to have one sent

It's that time again!

Faith Community Church

Annual Christmas Cookie Sale

Saturday, December 9th
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

12821 S. Warner Road, Perry, MI

Proceeds will support mission projects



Coming January:
Bread, Bath and Beyond Series
*Jan 7th will be a service of Bread and Bath-
Communion and Remembrance of Baptism*

December Messages and Scripture:

Dec 3rd - Being Present with Hope
Dec 10th - Being Present with Peace
Dec 17th - Being Present with Joy
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Dec 21st - Being Present with Love
Dec 24th am - Being Present with Light
Dec 24th Candlelight Service
Dec 31st - Being Present with Assurance

Psa 80: 1-2, 1Cor 1: 4-7, Mark 13: 37
Isa 40: 1, 2 Pet: 3: 13-14a, Mark 1: 2-3
Isa 61: 1-3a, Ps 126: 1-3, Luke 1: 46-
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Psalm 89: 1-4, Luke 1: 26-31
Isaiah 9: 2, Luke 2: 8-12
Luke 2: 25-32, Gal 4:4-6

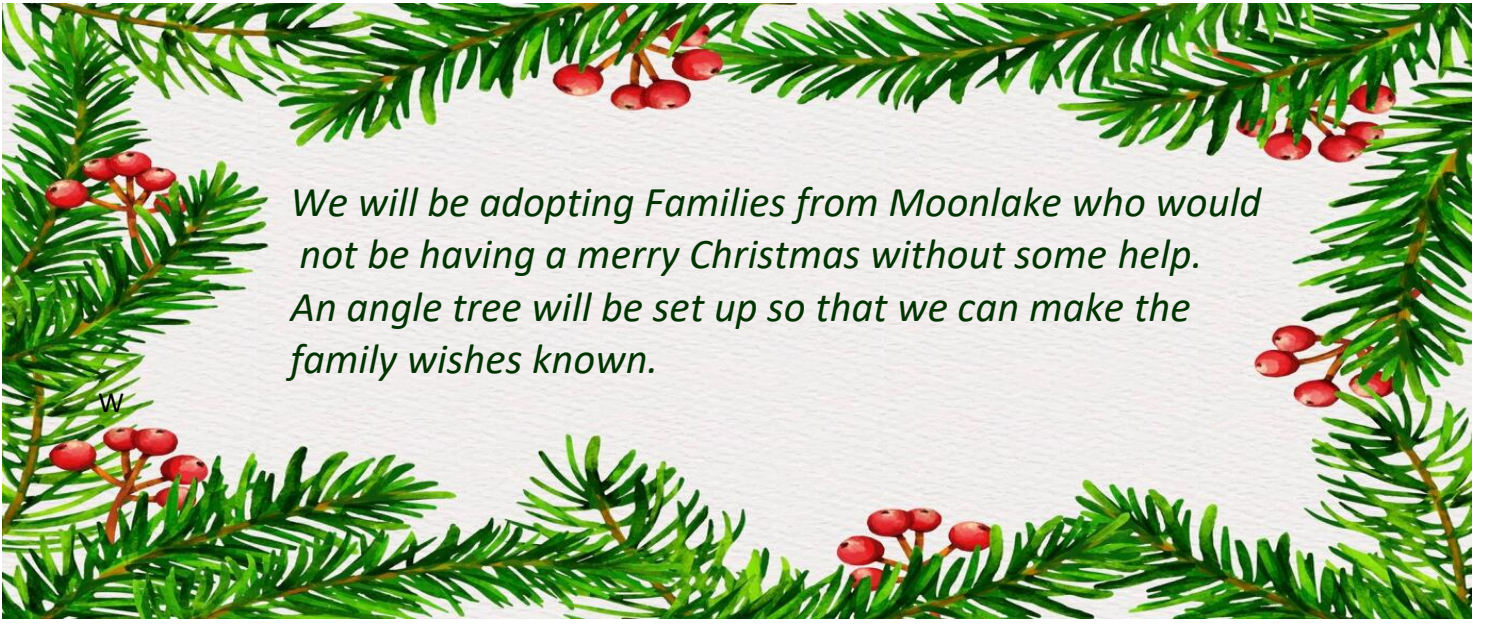


December 2023

Greeter: Bill Anderson
Liturgist: Laura Sayles
Music Prelude: Sue Hamond
Food Box: Debbie Kline
Meet & Greet:
12/3 – Simple Spread
12/10 – Laura S
12/17 - Potluck
12/24 –
12/31 –
Flowers:
12/3 –
12/10 –
12/17 –
12/24 –
12/31 –

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <i>Men's Breakfast 7:00 am cooking 8:00 am Eating</i>
3 Trustees 9:00 am <i>Worship 10:00 am</i> <i>Communion</i> Sunday School 11:15 am	4	5 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	6	7 Vision Meeting 6:30 pm	8	9 <i>Cookie Walk 9 am – 1pm</i>
10 <i>Worship 10:00 am</i> Noisy Change – Haiti Childrens's Project Sunday School 11:15 am	11	12 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	13	14 Ad Council 7:00 pm	15	16 Game Night – Jimmy 5:00 pm
17 <i>Worship 10:00 am</i> Potluck (No Sunday School)	18	19 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Worship 10:00 am</i> Noisy Change – Missions Sunday School 11:15 am <i>Christmas Eve Service 11:00 pm</i>	25 Christmas 	26 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Worship 10:00 am</i> Noisy Change – Missions Sunday School 11:15 am						



We will be adopting Families from Moonlake who would not be having a merry Christmas without some help. An angle tree will be set up so that we can make the family wishes known.

Mission Opportunity

Do you have a heart for Mission and feel God’s tug to do more? We are looking for someone to lead our Mission team. This does not mean you do everything; we want someone to gather and lead the troops. If you paused and thought it about it, contact Pastor Coleen and she can help you pray and consider this step.

Missions meeting dates TBA



At Jimmie Carroll’s at 5:00 pm ~ December 16th ~ 9493 Colby Lake Rd.

If you would like to become more involved in church activities and/or committees and have questions, please see Pastor Coleen.

PRAYER CHAIN


Did you know that Faith Community Church has a Prayer Chain? If you would like someone or something lifted up in prayer, please contact Shelly Nyquist @ shelly.nyquist@gmail.com or 517-285-5514 and she will notify Circle members of your request. If you would like to become a member of this important



Sunday December 24, 2023
join us for a Christmas Eve
Service at 11:00 pm.
Celebrate Birth of The King!



Facebook Page

Check out Faith Community Church's page by clicking on the link below (it's recommended that you have a Facebook account and be logged in). Once there, look for the search bar button (with the eyeglass) near the upper right of the page. Click on the  directly below the search bar, then click 'follow'. By 'following', you'll receive all information posted to FCC's Facebook page. The page will include weekly Sunday service recordings, special event announcements, etc.

Website

Our website has been updated. One important new feature is an up-to-date monthly calendar, with changes made in real time. You can visit the website by using the following URL:

<https://wearefaithcommunitychurch.weebly.com>

Faith Community Church

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

12821 S. Warner Rd. at Lansing Rd.

Worship: 10:00 a.m. Christian Education: 11:00 a.m. (during the school year)

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