

Covenant NEWS



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December 2014 -
January 2015

Pastor's Perspective

Rev. Kenneth J. Anderson, Interim Pastor

We are fortunate in the Church because we have the four weeks of Advent all to ourselves. The rest of society is already well into Christmas: stores have been decorated since October; advertisers are going full-force for your Christmas gift buying; I have seen several homes with outdoor decorations and lights in full color before Thanksgiving. (I can understand putting up the lights during the warm weather of the first 11 days of November, but turning them on for passersby could easily wait until December.)

We have Advent, a time of waiting. While the Church tries to cling to a few weeks of preparation for Christmas, the world rushes on ahead. But that's alright; we have Advent to ourselves. Society does not look kindly on waiting; we have been socialized to think that waiting is a waste of time and must be avoided. What is the rush to get on to Christmas? We, in the Church, should value the few weeks of our lives that are set aside for preparing ourselves for the coming of our Savior.

The Scripture readings for the Sundays of Advent are rich in both the anticipation and fulfillment of God's promise to send a Savior. We are taken back to the time when God broke into history and the glory of the Lord was revealed (Isaiah 40:5). We already are aware that the Word became flesh in the Bethlehem barn, yet we wait and prepare during these weeks of Advent for that wonderful Good News of Christmas.

I encourage you to read and reflect on the Lectionary's Old Testament and Gospel lessons for the four Sundays of Advent (Advent 4 has a New Testament text).

- **Advent 1, November 30: Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37:**

Prepare to meet the Lord as we would prepare to greet the new day.

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Save the Date!

Wednesday, 11/26, 6:30 PM:
 Southeast Clergy Council
 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve
 Service at the Old Baptist Church on
 Bedford Commons

Wednesday, 12/3, 11:30 AM:
 Women's Bible Study

Friday, 12/5, 7:00 pm
 United Handbell Choir performs at
 Gallery One. See page 8.

Thursday, 12/11, Noon:
 Retirees' Luncheon
 Call the Church Office to sign up for
 lunch! See page 7.

Friday, 12/2, 6:45 - 8:30:
 St. Nick Nite children's event.
 See page 7.

Thursday, 12/18, 9:30 AM:
 Bible Brunch

Thursday, 12/18, 6:00 PM:
 Covenant-Hope Community Meal

Wednesday, 12/24, 7:00 PM:
 Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, 12/28 9:00 AM
 Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, 12/28 10:45 AM
 Sunday School
 Interactive Christmas Program

Office Closed

After an Advent season which is
 sure to be blessed, and memorable,
 but also busy at Covenant, the office
 will be closed beginning
 Wednesday, December 24 and
 reopen on Friday, January 2.
 As always, in the case of pastoral
 emergencies, you can reach
 Pastor Anderson on his mobile phone:
 216-233-4418.

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- **Advent 2, December 7: Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8**
 Isaiah and John the Baptist speak of the powerful one to come.
- **Advent 3, December 14: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1:6-8, 19-28**
 Exiled people of Judah return; merciful deeds reflect God's reign, not judgment.
- **Advent 4, December 21: Romans 16:25-25; Luke 1:26-38**
 Human attempts at security fail; God comes with good news for ordinary people.

The Advent readings point to our needs—to that in which we have faith, that for which we wait—yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Advent is a season that is so profoundly countercultural because of its emphasis on *depending* and *trusting* and *waiting*. We wait because it is the appropriate thing to do. We wait because we have needs. We wait because we have faith that those needs will be met when our Savior comes. And every day we can pray the first line of the Prayer of the Day for the first and fourth Sundays in Advent: *Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.*

Blessings as you wait during this Advent season,

Kenneth J. Anderson, Interim Pastor

Please note, there was a typo on Pr. Anderson's email address in the October-November Covenant News. Please use: prkjanderson@sbcglobal.net



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee met on Wednesday, November 19 with Synod representative Deaconess Judy Hoshek to review their progress with the Synod worksheets for calling a pastor.

The Call Committee still has some pieces to complete for the ministry profile, which will be finalized in December. This profile is based on information gathered during the committee meetings and at the November 2 Assembly Meeting.

The next meeting with the Synod is set for January 7, at which time the Synod will present the Committee with potential interview candidates.



First Sunday of Advent

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Keep awake! Stay alert! Advent is the season of the church year when we focus on Christ's coming into our lives and are called to fully engage in that coming. The disciples can't seem to stay awake in this gospel text. They keep falling asleep. Perhaps they weren't stimulated enough in that garden or were genuinely tired after the ministry tasks alongside of Jesus.

For us, the challenge might be just the opposite. We are bombarded by hoards of information and entertainment. There is always noise, and it's easy to become a spectator, instead of a participant. But Paul reminds the Corinthians (and us) that they have indeed been given the gifts to actively wait for Jesus' coming.

What experiences have alerted you to Christ's love and presence in the world? What gifts have you been given that you can use in your personal and social life to awaken Christ in others?

Reflections on

The Gifts of Advent



You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:7)



Third Sunday of Advent

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Clear the path! Point to Jesus! Life in Christ is both rich in metaphor and specific in practices of faith. John the Evangelist draws upon the image of Christ as light. Light helps us to see everything that is present, from obstacles in the road to clearings in the path. Spiritual light allows us to move beyond illusions to trust the truth that is both in Christ and in ourselves. Living in the truth of Christ, we are moved to action.

Paul instructs the Thessalonians in the concrete ways of faith. The light of Christ allows us to give thanks in all things, rejoice always (even when the path seems dark), and refrain from evil. When we actively participate, we clear paths that point to Jesus.

Where are the places that seem the darkest to you? Where are the places that are most full of light (physical and spiritual)?

Resources for Discussion & Reflection
from the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission



Second Sunday of Advent

2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Keep watch! Be on you guard! Sometimes the greatest gifts we receive come through people. Disguised in camel's hair and behind that breath of locusts, John the Baptist is a gift that announces the coming. He prepares people's hearts and minds to experience the message and person of Christ.

John is watchful, scanning the horizon for both lurking danger and tremendous promise. His proclamation draws from the traditions, history, and scripture of the church. John points to Jesus. He boldly tests everything, using the Lamb of God that he announces as his lens.

What people have announced Christ's coming in your life? What resources (traditions, scriptures, scriptural readings) help you in encountering the lurking dangers and tremendous promises in everyday life?

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Behold! Don't fear! When Gabriel greets Mary, he addresses her as 'favored one.' This name is not given in isolation; it is in deep relationship with God. Mary is most favored as she receives the precious gift of Jesus. Mary doesn't gloat upon receipt of this gift, nor does she withdraw from community in unworthiness. She responds with great humility and remains always the handmaid of the Lord.

Our life in Christ is never in isolation. We remain in relationship and are named Children of God, Handmaids of the Lord. The gifts we have been given are to be used for the proclamation of Christ now. Keep awake. Keep watch! Clear the path! Behold! Our active participation does indeed proclaim Christ among us.

How do you feel, knowing that you are favored in the sight of the Lord? When you receive a gift that you really like, how do you respond?



The 2015 Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship Drive Temple Talks at the Saturday and Sunday Services on November 8-9, 15-16 and 22-23 featured presentations by Marie Zahn, Barb Gaglione, Gwen Susaneck and Dick Ptak, with help from Board of Finance Chair Maud Wright. Pledge forms are being collected now. Please contact the church office if you need one. This year our budget planning has been complicated by the pastoral call process. Having a budget in place allows the Lutheran Church of the Covenant to plan and carry out its ministries. Thank you all for being cheerful givers. The Temple Talks were inspiring, so we have provided the transcripts below.

Week 1:

When the Board of Finance asked me to help them with the stewardship temple talks, I did not hesitate because I know how important it is to have this annual conversation about the finances of our church. This fall we must also consider our ability to call a pastor. Many of us are feeling apprehensive about the future of Covenant, but we must prayerfully think about how we each can contribute going forward. We have risen to many challenges in the past, and by joining forces and working together we can do it again. The future of Covenant is in our hands and these temple talks on Stewardship are our way of making sure the importance is not forgotten as we transition into 2015. By the way, the doors have been locked to ensure that no one escapes these Temple Talks.

Covenant has been standing in this community for some time, and we must continue to show our love for God and our neighbors. For our neighbors, we operate a Farmer's Market, provide community meals, offer children's programs and we also minister to our shut-ins. Faithfully carrying out these duties and showing up for worship services, indicate that we want to remain a vibrant religious community. We also fulfill a responsibility to the larger church by pledging to support the ministries of the evangelical Lutheran church of America (ELCA). We are blessed to have the guidance of Pastor Anderson, but our finances will play a huge role in how we proceed.

Last year, our budgeted offerings were approximately \$96,000 and to date we have struggled to reach that goal. With inflation, our expenses will probably increase next year so our offerings for 2015 need to mirror our expenses. In addition to showing the Lord our appreciation, our treasurer would appreciate it if we lessened the anxieties that come from robbing Peter to pay Paul. Please take a look at your individual finances and see where it might be possible to give a little more to the running of Covenant. We Lutherans believe that "Christian discipleship is Christian stewardship," and being good stewards is our way of advancing God's work, so although we may not stress tithing, it should not be off the table. Remember also that the operations of the church do not take a break....so our giving must also be done regularly. There are ways to be sure the offerings make it to church even when we can't....The Board of Finance will make house calls.

Your homework for next week is to review the handout(s) from today including the inspiring testimony of a member who tithes faithfully. Next week we will provide the pledge forms for completion after you have had a chance to prayerfully review your budget to see how you can support Covenant's transition into 2015. 2 Corinthians:9, reminds us that, "whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." And that "God loves a cheerful giver." So, let's keep that in mind as we consider our giving for 2015.

Week 2:

Adapted from *Fresh Bread & Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment*, by Joyce Rupp

November is the time of year that is associated with Thanksgiving Day, harvest, awareness of blessings, and gratitude for gifts that we have been given. I don't think that it is a coincidence that November is also the time for stewardship programs in the church. As we consider how we will contribute our time, talent, and money to Covenant for the coming year, it is necessary to reflect on all that we have been given. God is very generous to us, none of the gifts that we have been given are earned, they have been given to us freely. What about our own generosity? How generous have we been with others in our lives? Do we freely give of our treasures? Do we have the heart of God in our giving? Do we cherish all that we are and all that we have been given? Do we hold that love with open hands, so that it is easily available to others?

Economic problems are not new, we are afraid that we will not have enough. Unknowingly, this fear can turn to greed and smother our generosity. We hold on to "things" for ourselves. But, how much is enough? What is the difference between what we want and what we need? Those are questions that we can only answer for ourselves.

Life, love and time are three of our greatest gifts and it is easy to be stingy with them too and keep them to ourselves. The more time we spend on material aspects of our lives, the less life, love and time we will have to share with others. Have you found yourself saying, I'm sorry I haven't called you in such a long time, or I can't help with that I am just too busy? Are we afraid that there is not enough life, love and time left for us? We struggle with being generous and caring for ourselves.

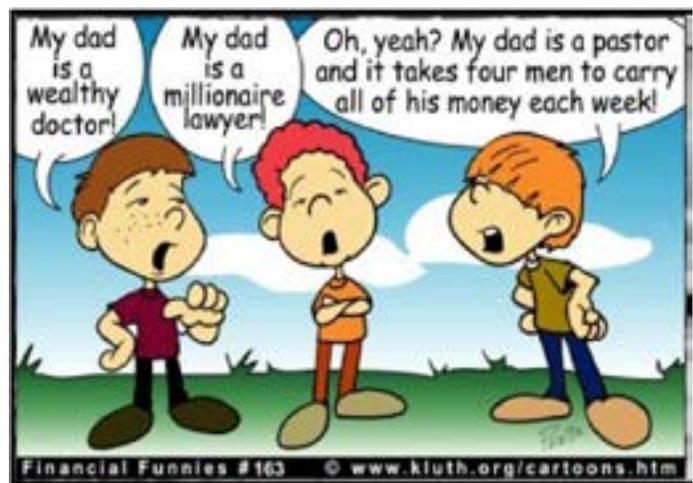
A generous heart freely gives and can live without some of the material things that we think are so desperately needed, a generous heart can also freely give gifts of compassion, understanding, patience, and forgiveness.

We do not need to fear being generous, if our priorities are centered on the gospel, our needs will be met. Generosity encourages us to rely on God. Anne Frank once wrote "no one has ever become poor by giving".

While you are considering how you will give back to God during the coming year, it is a good time to remember and to thank our generous God. Reflect on our gifts and our call to share them gratefully. Take time each day to pray with open hands.... place in your open hands all the gifts that you have been given by God, knowing that you can give away any of these gifts knowing that God will provide what you need.

Practice being generous in small ways... Take time to reflect on the people in your life who are special gifts to you. Choose one who might need to hear how much they mean to you. Give away something material that you cherish, give away some non-material thing that you hold dear—Give them away with no strings attached.

As you reflect on all the ways that God has been generous to you and as you give away what you cherish and hold dear, may your heart grow to be generous and giving.



Fall Harvest Festival

On October 11, the Board of Evangelism hosted Covenant's fourth annual Fall Harvest Festival. As with the summer farmers markets, the offerings included fresh produce, bakery, grilled sausages, and soft drinks as well as many other seasonal goodies. On this breezy, sunny October Saturday, the participants enjoyed making scarecrows, riding on Vince Besednjak's tractor, having their faces painted, and all-around fun and fellowship. Many thanks to all who donated bakery or scarecrow wardrobe supplies, and especially to all who came to help at the festival.



The Blessing of the Animals in celebration of The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

On Saturday, October 11, at our Saturday Evening Eucharist, we celebrated the Blessing of the Animals. The congregation included four friendly dogs and one nervous cat. This custom was conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. The animals (and their humans) were so very well behaved (even though ol' Honeybun Wright wanted to aim his tail at Pastor during his blessing). St. Francis would have been proud!



"That's the right end, Honeybun!"



Bible Study Sessions

The Berean Bible Group meets Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 in the kitchen overflow area for morning coffee/goodies, and extensive conversation combined with laughter. The Group is open to anyone; those who have been attending tend to be of the AARP age range.

Currently, we are reading and discussing the book, *Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life, 7 Gateways to Spiritual Growth..* The authors are Jane Marie Thibault and Richard L. Morgan. Dr. Thibault is a clinical gerontologist and emerita clinical professor in the Dept. of Family and Geriatric Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Louisville, Kentucky. She has written extensively and conducts seminars and workshops on aging issues, specializing in the spiritual dimensions of aging. Rev. Morgan is a Presbyterian clergyman and national leader on issues of aging and spiritual autobiography. He has conducted numerous workshops and seminars on aging, and writes a weekly blog, "View from Eighty."

We are reading and discussing how we live as we age within the context of the book's title. The term, *Pilgrimage*, implies a life of meaningful intent and spiritual intensity, a vital way to look at one's last years of life. The *Last Third of Life* is considered to be from age 60 to 90+ when physical and mental health often predict and define quality of life until death. The *Seven Gateways* refer to time-tested ways in which we can open ourselves to God and the abundant life God offers the older person. If these topics are of interest to you, you are welcome to join the Berean Bible Group.

The Bible Brunch will meet on Thursday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen overflow area. We gather around a meal and then are fed by the word of God. The Pastor's Bible study will be on the Gospel of Mark.

All are welcome! Come and share with your brothers and sisters in Christ as well as deepen your faith in the study of Holy Scripture.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month through May. Mark these next few dates on your calendar: December 18, January 15 and February 19.

We look forward to gathering together in faith, fellowship and study. See you at brunch!

The Women's Bible Study group meets on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is December 3, and then we'll be on a break in January and February. Please join the discussion at 11:30 a.m. in the kitchen overflow area. Come join us and grow in God's Word!

Retirees Luncheon!

The next Retirees Luncheon is set for Thursday, December 11 at noon in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars!

If you have an idea for a guest speaker, or a topic you would like to learn more about, please talk to Pastor Anderson about it.

Blessed Birthday

Wishes to...

A blessed birthday to each of the following Covenant members born in

December:

- 4th - Shirley Ingham
- 6th - Laura Bewsey
- 8th - Mary Kaye Bernardo
Gwen Susaneck
- 9th - Madison Prikryl
- 14th - Jane Gradert
- 15th - Peggy Smith
- 18th - Heather Lasher
- 20th - Kara Constant
- 24th - Olive Evanofski
- 26th - Courtney Wright
- 28th - Carol Dorman,
Dick Ptak, Mark Gay
- 29th - Sheila Werner



January:

- 5th - Linda Wright
- 10th - Maud Wright
- 12th - Joshua Reddig
- 14th - Kelly Bhatnagar
- 16th - Rebecca Werner
- 17th - Phyllis Nemeth
- 18th - Erica Sansavera
- 20th - John Werner
- 22nd - John Ingham, Alivia Kyle
- 24th - Bryan Treichel
- 25th - Janet Wilkens, Karen Zack
- 28th - Jean Smith
- 29th - Jean Rusher

Happy Anniversary

Wishes to...

- 12/4 Belinda &
John Arnold



Adopt-A-Turkey

**Southeast Clergy Hunger Center
Thanksgiving Food Drive**

The Southeast Clergy Hunger Center continues to feed families and individuals in increasing numbers. Because the U.S. Department of Agriculture is giving less food to the Cleveland Foodbank, the Hunger Center's funds don't go as far.

As a result, the Center is asking member churches to consider an "Adopt-a-Turkey" drive to provide turkeys for the families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

To that end, Covenant has established an "Adopt-a-Turkey fund".



On average, turkeys run from \$12 to \$14 dollars each.

If you are so moved, please make a contribution to the Southeast Clergy Hunger Center, either directly or through the Lutheran Church of the Covenant.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Special Events

The ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod is hosting an Open House honoring Deaconess Judy Hoshek and Charlene Saurman on their retirements & The Rev. Laurie Miller, AIM, Mary Ann Schwabe and The Rev. Christine Thompson for their years of service.

The open house will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. with a Rite of Farewell and God-speed at 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2121 6th Street, Cuyahoga Falls.

Join the celebration and give thanks for over 50 years of combined service in leadership and faithful ministry to the Northeastern Ohio Synod.

The United Handbell Choir is performing at Gallery One on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 pm.

All are welcome to come enjoy the holiday music in this lovely art gallery setting.

Gallery One, 7003 Center Street (Route 615) between Rt. 2 & I-90, in Mentor, 44060.

Worship Services in German at Bethany English Lutheran Church
15460 Triskett Road, Cleveland
216-941-7880

On June 8th, the two congregations of St. Thomas, Cleveland and Bethany English, Cleveland became one. As a result of this merger, Bethany is continuing the St. Thomas tradition of holding monthly German language worship services with Holy Communion. These services are held on the second Sunday of the month at 2:00pm at Bethany. In addition we will be holding a German language Christmas Day service at 11:00am.

The winter schedule:

* 2:00pm services on: November 9, December 14 (with a holiday reception afterward featuring gluehwein and German bakery), January 11 and February 8.

* Froehliche Weihnachten service on December 25 11:00am.

Board of Education Update

*Sunday School
Christmas Program*

on Sunday, December 28

Attendance in the children's Sunday School classes is dwindling, but the spirit of Christmas is not!

The Board of Education is planning an audience participation Christmas program during the Sunday School Hour on December 28.

Come and celebrate the meaning of Christmas and participate in the Christmas program! No rehearsals necessary, just the spirit of Christmas. See you there!

*Potluck and a Movie:
Jan. 18!*

The next Potluck and a Movie event hosted by the Board of Education will be on January 18 beginning after the Sunday Eucharist.

The feature film is an "Oprah Winfrey Presents: *For One More Day*" written by Mitch Albom (the author of *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Five People You Meet In Heaven*).

Synopsis: A suicidal former baseball player is granted one more day with his deceased mother.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

DECEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 11:30 am Women's Bible Study in Parlor	4	5 7:00 pm United Handbell Choir at Gallery One	6 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
7 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour 5:00-8:00 Confirmation Class-Church of the Master	8	9	10 7:00 pm Call Committee Mtg. in Parlor	11 12:00 Retirees Luncheon 7:30 Lion's Club Meeting in Parish Hall	12 6:45 pm St. Nick Nite	13 12:00-2:00 Living Witness Ministry 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
14 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	15	16 7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor	17	18 9:30 am Bible Brunch-Kitchen Overflow 6:00 pm Covenant-Hope Community Meal 7:00 pm Board of Ed. Mtg. in Parlor	19	20 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
21 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	22	23	24 7:00 Christmas Eve Service Church Office Closed	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27 NO Saturday Evening Eucharist
28 9:00 am Service of Lessons & Carols 10:30 am Sunday School Interactive Christmas Program	29 Church Office Closed 11:00 am Bd of Managers - Conf. Rm.	30 Church Office Closed	31 Church Office Closed			

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

JANUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Church Office Closed	2 Church Office Open	3 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
4 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	5	6 7:00 pm Bd. of Worship & Music - Pastor's Office	7 7:00 pm Call Committee Meeting with Synod	8 7:30 Lion's Club Meeting in Parish Hall	9	10 12:00-2:00 Living Witness Ministry 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
11 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour 5:00-8:00 Confirmation Class at Advent - Solon	12	13 7:00 pm Council Meeting in Parlor	14	15 9:30 am Bible Brunch-Kitchen Overflow 7:00 pm Board of Education Mtg. in Parlor	16	17 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
18 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	19	20 7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor	21	22	23	24 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
25 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	26 11:00 am Bd of Managers - Conf. Rm. 7:00 pm Mutual Ministry - Pastor's Office	27	28	29 6:00 pm Covenant-Hope Community Meal	30	31 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant
proudly presents its annual

St. Nicholas Festival

Friday, December 12, 6:45-8:30 pm

The St. Nicholas Festival is free & open to all children of the community along with their parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents & friends, who are welcome to assist the children with crafts & activities. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

and is limited to the first 40 children, ages 3yrs-8th grade
Call (216) 662-0370 to register.

Festivities Include:
Fun Advent Crafts, Christmas Music, The Story of St. Nicholas,
Light Refreshments of Cookies & Punch

Those Who Serve

	Asst. Min	Lector	Crucifer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Greeters
12/7	Nel Lanese	Maud Wright	Katie Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susanek	Arlene Lasher
12/14	Dick Ptak	Allan Treichel	Ethan Lockmiller	D. Schirmer, K. Frajter, S. Dobush	J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susanek	Alex and Paula Hohenstein
12/21	Madeline Ptak	Steve Dobush	Katie Garberich	M. Garvin, B. Zahn	C. Frajter, J. Garvin, P. Treichel, M. Zahn	Mary Kay Bernardo
12/24	Nel Lanese	Ted Lockmiller	Katie Garberich	S. Senderak, V. Besednjak, M. Garvin	C. Frajter, J. Garvin, P. Treichel, M. Zahn	TBD
12/28	Multiple readers for Lessons & Carols service: TBD		Jody Bernardo	S. Senderak, V. Besednjak	C. Frajter, J. Garvin, P. Treichel, M. Zahn	Alex and Paula Hohenstein
1/4	Maud Wright	Nel Lanese	Katie Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	TBD	Rosemary Linert

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The newsletters are always available our website CovenantMapleHts.org.

**On Wed., November 26,
The Southeast Clergy Council
is hosting an ecumenical**

**Community
Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**at the Old Baptist Church
on Bedford Commons.**

**The service begins at
approximately 6:30,
following the ceremonial
lighting of
Bedford Commons,
which begins at 6:00.**

**Please plan to join in on all
the festivities.**

Covenant Recycles!

Bring your paper & cardboard each time
you come for worship or events.

Covenant earns money for each ton we collect.

And we help the Earth too!

Did you know? An average tree can yield 2,700 copies of an
average-sized daily newspaper.

Be sure to recycle all those copies!

Items accepted:

- * Newspapers * Mail * Phone Books * Magazines*
- * Office & School Paper * Catalogs * Brown Paper Bags*
- * Hard & Soft Bound Books * Cardboard*

(Please put shredded paper in a tied bag
so it doesn't blow away in the wind.)

Items not accepted:

- * Any type of Plastic (bottles/bags) * Styrofoam * Glass *
- * Trash * Aluminum * Metal *

Take your recyclable paper to the green dumpsters
at the back of the parking lot any time!