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to you is born this day,

LUKE 2:11

in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hurry up and wait. Phrasing I learned in the Army. Maybe applicable to Advent as well. Prepare for the coming of Jesus, however, it may be a while before he returns. Hurry up and wait.

It seems the early church had an expectation that Jesus bodily return was imminent and yet we have yet to experience the Parousia (second coming). The Scriptures are clear that no one knows when Jesus will physically return to earth even though many have tried to predict the time and date, all have been wrong. I will not add to the list of failing predictions.

Hurry up and wait. Is appropriate for us because there is an urgency to Advent even if Jesus doesn't return this season. The hurry up portion is the need for all people to know "to you is born this day, in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) We decorate, we sing, we give gifts, we serve, we share the joy of Christmas with the hope that others will see and believe, that others will know the truth of Christmas and the birth of our Savior Jesus. All people need Jesus and they need him now so there is no time to waste.

We hurry up. We hurry for, now is the time to proclaim, to proclaim through celebration that Jesus has come, that in him there is life and life eternal. But, what about wait.

We wait. We wait with patient productivity. Each moment is opportunity to live in the grace of God and to share the good news of Jesus with others. We wait in hope. Our waiting increases our desire for the fullness of the kingdom so that we more and more seek to do the kingdom work in the world today; it deepens our gratitude for the kingdom at hand and the kingdom to come more able to see God's gracious and good will and guidance; and it strengthens us in a sure and certain hope if life everlasting.

Hurry up and wait. Be quick to share the good news, to witness through word and deed, be patient and know that God is always at work to bring about what is good and right, and be hopeful for the fulfillment of the kingdom is promised for us and all of God's children.

May urgency, peace, patience, hope, and the blessings of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you throughout this Advent season and always.

Yours In Christ<>
 Pastor Sean



It's the holiday season again!

Upcoming at First English



Ministry & Events



to: any and all! Please join us in celebrating the holidays this season.

from: First English Church

Join us on Sundays at 9:30am & 11am for Advent Worship

November

17th - Giving Tree Thanksgiving Food Drive items due

23rd - Christmas Crafternoon at 12:15pm

27th - Thanksgiving Worship at 7pm

Happy Thanksgiving

December

7th - Carol-A-Long:

3:45 Crafts

5:00 Spaghetti Dinner

6:15 Carols & Children's Pageant

7:00 Cookies with Santa

14th - 1 service Music Sunday at 10am, Congregational Meeting, & Cookie Walk

15th - Women's Advent Service at 7pm

24th - Christmas Eve Services:

4:00pm, 7:00pm & 10:00pm



Christmas Decorating

Thanks to the Boy Scouts Troop 1984, the **Christmas trees** are up and ready to be decorated! If you've "adopted" a tree, please stop by sometime before **December 5**th to decorate.

Sanctuary decorating will take place at 6:00 PM on Friday, December 5th.

Join in on some festive fun!

Carol-a-Long

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

6:15 PM
CAROLS AND CHILDREN'S PAGEANT



4:00 PM CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN

Choose from a variety to do as a family or on your own. Drop in anytime but we cleanup at 4:45.



5:00 PM SPAGHETTI DINNER

Pasta, meatballs, a variety of sauces, and salad will be served. Free-will donations are appreciated.



7:00 PM COOKIES WITH SANTA

Celebrate the birth of Jesus, our humble and glorious Savior, with the spirit of generosity himself!



TIS' THE SEASON FOR GIVING

A BIG thank you to all who purchased food or donated funds for our Thanksgiving food drive. And, special thanks to our Social Action elves – Penny Damore, BJ Decker, Pat Milne, Diann Ohman, Shawn Vinson, and Cheryl Quinlan – who packed those bins in under 2 hours! Great workout, ladies! (You can all have an extra piece of pie on Thanksgiving!) Better still, our Giving Tree families will be able to enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving with loved ones thanks to your generosity.

-Board of Social Action

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CALLING ALL FELC ELVES!



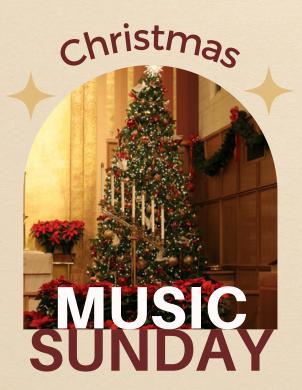




Our Giving Tree tags are on the bulletin board. Have you decided which child will have his/her best Christmas ever? What brought you the most joy at Christmas? Toys, games, clothes, sporting goods, stuffed animals? Needs/wants are indicated on each tag. We suggest something practical and something fun. Smiles are free and abundant for giver and receiver.

Gifts are due back at church by Sunday, December 14th, so our SA elves can sort and pack and check to make sure 86 Detroit area children will be shouting with delight on Christmas morning.

Ready, set, open your heart and spread the joy!



December 14th

Attention all singers 16 and older!

You are invited to join us in rehearsing for our Christmas Season Music Sunday. We will rehearse this music every Thursday at 7:30 in the choir room.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Will need homemade cookie donations, to be dropped off before the 10am service.

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CHRISTMAS

Ho ho ho! Join us for a festive Christmas party on Thursday, December 18, at 11:45 AM, right after Bible study.

We've got all the holiday fun lined up: a Christmas gift exchange game (bring a wrapped gift worth \$10-\$15), a tasty lunch (surprise menu) with a yummy holiday dessert, and Christmas trivia with fun prizes! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater and get ready to celebrate!

Sign up on the bulletin board or stop by the lounge during coffee hour on Sundays to sign up.

Rake & Pray



On Nov 16, we went door-to-door, offering to rake leaves and pray for each resident—no payment or donations accepted. Many thanks to the parents and youth who shared God's love with our neighbors!

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a Women's

Advent Service:





followed by light refreshments

In quiet and candlelight, come for an evening of word and song to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

JOIN OUR

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MEETS ON MONDAYS AT 11AM
IN THE CHURCH LOUNGE.

JUST SHOW UP WITH YOUR NEEDLES AND YARN, OR WHATEVER PROJECT YOU'RE CURRENTLY WORKING ON! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.



It's that joyful time of year again when we ask for the congregation's help in decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Services!

Poinsettias are \$11.00 each and may be placed in memory or in honor of a loved one. The flowers may be taken home after the Christmas Eve services on Sunday, the 28th. Those remaining will be delivered to our homebound members.

Order forms should be placed in the "Poinsettia Flower Box" in the church office by Monday, December 22nd.

Please make checks payable to: FELC-ALTAR GUILD

Total # of Plants @ \$	11 each Total: <u>\$</u>			
Name				
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Will you be taking your flower(s) home on Sunday, the 28th or leaving them to be donated to a homebound member?				
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BE A SPONSOR BRING HOPE

When you sponsor a Workcamp project, you will

- provide building materials for a neighbor in need
- support the work crews, who donate their time and expenses in order to serve
- BRING HOPE to our community, the work crews, and all who hear their stories

Sponsor Levels

\$250 patch & paint 3 rooms

\$500 paint whole exterior

\$1000 porch, steps, & railings

\$2500 wheelchair ramp

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Workcamp is July 13-17. Contact us or scan the code to give today!







Gifts of Discipleship, Living Our Baptism

11/30 Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through Word and Deed

12/7 To Serve All People, Following the Example of Jesus

12/14 To Strive for Justice

12/21 To Strive for Peace

Bible Study:

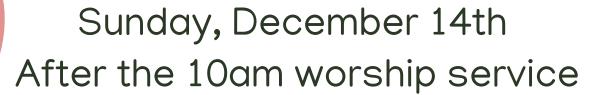
Thursday mornings at 9:30am. Listening to God speak through the prophet Isaiah.





Congregational

MEETING





2026 Calendars for Sale

All profits go to Faith Circle.

Purchases can be made in the main office by cash or check.





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Melanie Horbal Aaron Rao	15	16	Kelley Bidigare Susan Mancani	Lilly kline Allie McIntyre Morgan McIntyre Barrett Nelson Douglas Ulmer	19	Emma Wereley
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28	Tyler Nelson	30	Kathy Gates Dave Link	1 B	tappe	y

Council Meeting Minutes

October 2025

Attended by: Patty Foster, Diann Ohman, Claudette Momenee, Cindy Jevons, Scott Norlin, Pastor Sean Motley, Amy McIntyre, John Nyquist, Waynette Hostetler, Patrick Quinlan, Rose Bush President

John Nyquist called the meeting to order at 12:19 PM.

Pastor Sean Motley led an opening prayer.

SECRETARY REPORT - John Nyquist moved to approve the September 2025 council meeting minutes, 2nd by Amy McIntyre and the motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT -Cindy Jevons shared the August financial statements. Cindy Jevons moved to accept the August financial statements, 2nd by Claudette Momenee and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - No report.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Claudette Momenee reported that the Board is nearly finished with finalizing the Church budget for the year. Claudette further reported that there was a surplus of donations for the stained glass repair of approximately \$4700, and she proposed that this money be applied to a principal payment to the church mortgage. Council discussed this and recommended that a notice be published to notify the congregation prior to using these funds towards the mortgage, to allow anyone who may have an objection to voice this by the first Sunday in November. Claudette Momenee moved to apply these funds to the mortgage after notifying and receiving approval from the congregation, 2nd by Patty Foster and the motion carried.

CHURCH PROPERTIES - No report.

EVANGELISM - Patrick Quinlan shared an updated October Critical Path for our Grow 300 efforts and moved that Council vote to accept next steps in the Critical Path, 2nd by Rose Bush and the motion carried.

SOCIAL ACTION - Diann Ohman expressed a thank you to all members who donated socks to the sock drive, which totaled 475 pairs. Fall food drive began October 5 and runs through November 16 for 30 Giving Tree families, with food bins being packed on Sat. November 22. Information was provided for GP Memorial Furniture Drive on October 25. Giving Tree tags for families from LifeBuilders and Detroit Urban Youth will become available on Thanksgiving Eve, November 26, with gifts due December 14, pack up date to be determined and pick up date on December 22.

Council Meeting Minutes



FELLOWSHIP - Rose Bush reported there will be 3 events before the end of the year: Thanksgiving Eve pie social, Senior Luther League Christmas party and Carol-A-Long. PARISH ED & YOUTH MINISTRY - No report.

WORSHIP & MUSIC - Patty Foster reported that Music Sunday will be one service at 10 AM on December 14. Patty Foster moved that the annual Church meeting be held on December 14 as well to promote attendance at the meeting, 2nd by Amy McIntyre and the motion carried.

ENDOWMENT - No report.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - Waynette Hostetler reported that Grace Circle will be hosting a Cookie Walk on December 14

PASTOR'S REPORT - No report.

Old business - None presented.

New business - None presented W

aynette Hostetler moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Diann Ohman, and the meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM. Meeting ended with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Mark your calendars-Next council meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 12:15 PM.