

Lincoln Park Church of Christ

APPRECIATE THE GIFT

I have always loved Christmas. I remember how much trouble I had growing up falling asleep on Christmas Eve. I was practically begging myself to GO TO SLEEP so I could wake up and open my presents. It usually didn't work until about 4AM, which is a form of torture to a young boy. And then, finally, I would wake up and open my presents and it was all worth it. They made me so happy that I would endure 462 picture requests from my mom. I even happily wrote the thank you notes that she required us to write . . . most of the time. And I'm glad she did. I think, though those notes, she was teaching me a valuable lesson: don't treat gifts with contempt.

This lesson would serve me well as I grew up and learned about the gift of Jesus. "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15). A gift, by definition, is something freely given. However, a certain kind of response is usually expected (or at least hoped for) by the giver. If the gift brings you joy and thankfulness the giver is happy. If the gift is quickly tossed aside and ignored that would bring the giver grief. If the gift is appreciated the giver is encouraged to give more gifts! If you fail to express this appreciation then next year you get a pair of used socks.

God is the giver of all good gifts, and the greatest of these is the indescribable gift of Jesus. I would encourage you not to treat this gift with contempt. Do not ignore the gift. Do not reject the gift. Do not fail to be inspired by this gift. Does Jesus motive you to become more giving and forgiving yourself, "or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience" (Romans 2:4)? I have an idea - why not take a moment to tell God thank you? Why not be filled with wonder and appreciation at the riches of God's grace? Why not love because He first loved us? I think treating God's gift with appreciation instead of contempt would bring joy to the greatest Giver there is.

AM Sermon: Respect This Gift (Romans 2)

Reading: John 3:16

PM Sermon: Running to Win the Crown

Sunday A.M.

Dec. 24, 2017 Dec. 31, 2017

Song Leader	L. Montgomery	Chu. Middleton
Prayer	D. Thomas	P. Danz
Communion	D. Smith	R. Bone
Assist	E. Stewart	P. VanHorn
Pass	Cyl. Middleton	D. Boze
Pass	T. Raupp	T. DiCarlo
Scripture	Z. Thomas	C. Fussell
Usher	R. Alexander	B. Mullins
Usher	T. Brooks	B. Samu
Prayer	S. Danz	S. Lance

Sunday P.M.

Prayer	B. Smith	J. Fussell
Communion	R. Coss	L. Montgomery
Prayer	S. Fiori	M. Perry
Bible Time	No Bible Time	C. & A. Middleton

Wednesday Midweek Bible Study

Dec. 27, 2017 Jan. 3, 2018

Song Leader	D. Smith	L. Montgomery
Prayer	P. Danz	T. Brooks

ON THE CALENDAR AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SAMARITAN GROUP: Every Wednesday at 10 am. All are welcome.

MEN'S GROUP: Tuesdays at 7:00 am at the McDonald's on Allen & Goddard in A.P. and Thursdays at 4:00 pm at the Tim Horton's on Allen & Goddard in Taylor.



ORPHANS LIFELINE: Donations are due on Sunday, December 24 to Gina DiCarlo.

5TH SUNDAY SINGING: Sunday, evening December 31.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Sunday, December 31 after the evening service. Bring appetizers, desserts, and drinks to share and games to play. Donations for pizza can be given to Jim Fussell. Sign the list at the back of the auditorium if you are attending.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, January 13 at 9:00 am at Charlie's and song leading class at 10:00 am at the building.

E&D MEETING: Sunday, January 14 at 4:30 pm

HELPING HANDS: Monday, January 15 at 10:00 am.

MCCY WINTER CAMP: Our weekend for Winter camp is January 26-28. Cost is \$64 for students & \$29 for adults. Teens and families with little ones are welcome.



METRO DETROIT YOUTH CHORUS CONCERT: Sunday, January 28, 2018. Please contact Barb Raupp if you can help with food to feed the chorus. Our chorus members are Sidney Williams and Elitta Middleton.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please sign the lists at the back of the auditorium if you are able to help with communion prep, care of baptismal clothing, or closing the building for 2018.

WINTER QUARTER BIBLE CLASSES

SUNDAY

Auditorium: Christians, Wake Up by J. J. Turner

Teachers: Steve Lance, Randy Coss, & Ed Stewart

WEDNESDAY

Auditorium: Men's Class - Too Busy Not to Pray

Teachers: Elders

Fellowship room: Ladies' Class

Teachers: Diane Middleton & Barb Raupp

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

ROSIE MANDERNACH

YVONNE IBARRA

BILL HOFFMAN

VAL TOBY

SOPHIA LANCE

MARK ZIMBALATTI

Judy Stewart's AUNTIE M

MARY JANE JOHNSON'S great-granddaughter, ADDALYN



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CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Randy Bone, Doug Clay, Paula Colburn, Jimmy Colburn, Martha Davidson, Michael Davidson, Elaine Dimtson, Laura Farr, Brenna Fry, Fay Gallagher, Dennis Johnson, Linda Johnson, Yolanda Joiner, Jerry Lance, John Loera, Pat Longoria, Don & Rosie Mandernach, Randy Mathews, Gil & Glenda Maldonado. Rita McGreevy, Matt Nasceif, Mae Perry, Al Petrovich, Faye Porter, Sheryl Prosis, Kenzie Smith, Timothy Stevers, Rebecca Vaughn, Leila Wallace, Jerry White

ELDERS' EDIFICATION & ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

"Nearer, My God, to Thee" is a 19th-century Christian hymn by Sarah Flower Adams



CALL TO WORSHIP

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be nearer, my God, to Thee,
Chorus: Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee,
Chorus: Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear steps unto heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me in mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee,
Chorus: Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee,
Chorus: Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Or if on joyful wing, cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upwards I fly,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee,
Chorus: Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:8-11 KJV

SCRIPTURE READING

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

This hymn is about the joy and comfort found in being close to God. The first stanza introduces the theme of the hymn, with the repeated phrase "Nearer, my God, to thee." The second through fourth stanzas are based on the story of Jacob and the ladder to heaven, found in Genesis 28:10-22. God's close connection to Jacob in this story is seen as a way of relief from the darkness (st. 2) and "stony griefs" (st. 4) of his human journey. The last stanza looks forward to the time when we will come to stand before God in eternal song.

This hymn has also been associated with several famous people and events. It is reported to have been a favorite of Queen Victoria and her son King Edward VII of England, and of U. S. President William McKinley and his successor, Theodore Roosevelt. It is also associated with the sinking of the RMS Titanic, as some survivors later reported that the ship's string ensemble played the hymn as the vessel sank.

SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

SERVING THE LORD IN DECEMBER



Communion Preparation: Patrick & Leslie VanHorn

Care of Baptismal Clothing: Leslie VanHorn

Closing the Building: Patrick VanHorn

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Office Hours

M - F 9:00 am—2:00 pm

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MINISTER

Doug Wells

ELDERS

Russ Bone Randy Coss
Chuck Middleton Louis Montgomery

THEME

“Commit to the Lord in 2017”

DECEMBER

Birthdays

Bryanna Williams
Butchie Montgomery
Moira Clay
Linda Weick
Dick Leimstoll
Tony Jarvis
Judy Stewart
Annalise Middleton
Pat Longoria
Doug Clay



Anniversaries



Barb & Tom Raupp

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

- 1) 1 Corinthians 12-14
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15-16
- 3) 2 Corinthians 1-4
- 4) 2 Corinthians 5-8
- 5) 2 Corinthians 9-13
- 6) Galatians 1-6
- 7) Ephesians 1-3
- 8) Ephesians 4-6
- 9) Philippians 1-4
- 10) Colossians 1-4
- 11) 1 Thessalonians 1-5
- 12) 2 Thessalonians 1-3
- 13) 1 Timothy 1-4
- 14) 1 Timothy 5-6
- 15) 2 Timothy 1-4

- 16) Titus/ Philemon
- 17) Hebrews 1-5
- 18) Hebrews 6-9
- 19) Hebrews 10-11
- 20) Hebrews 12-13
- 21) James 1-5
- 22) 1 Peter 1-5
- 23) 2 Peter 1-3
- 24) 1 John 1-5
- 25) 2, 3 John/Jude
- 26) Revelation 1-3
- 27) Revelation 4-8
- 28) Revelation 9-12
- 29) Revelation 13-16
- 30) Revelation 17-19
- 31) Revelation 20-22

CONTRIBUTION

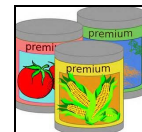
WEEKLY BUDGET

\$3,400

- 12-03-17 \$2,855
- 12-10-17 \$3,610
- 12-17-17 \$2,498
- 12-24-17
- 12-31-17



FOOD PANTRY



Needed items

- Canned chicken & tuna
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pork & Beans
- Canned fruits
- Mac & Cheese