



Caring & Connected

First United Methodist Church
120 S. State St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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This page comes to you as "news" from around our congregation and as a prayer list, in the hopes that it will enable us all to be caring of and connected to one another.

Pray for our Confirmands...

We lift up the following youth and their families as they begin their journey toward Confirmation in June:

Hannah Cole	Kristine Meader
Matthew Cole	Jeremy Punch
Laura Gee	Lydia Savatsky
Aerron Grosshuesch	Peter Slotten
Isaac Kaczor	Jessica Sparks
Madeline Libs	John Xydis
Sterling Martin	Emma Young
Grant McLean	

Pray for our Kenya Mission Team...

In mid-February, the following people will travel to Africa to continue our on-going mission work with our brothers and sisters in Meru:

Drew Angotti	John Houghton
Chelsea Bertram	Heather Jue-Wong
Maria Bertram	John Kline
Terry Bertram	Hannah Kline
Ted Brokaw	Lydia Kline
Tess Chamberlain	Kathy Macdonald
Emily Desmet	Gary McClusky
Dixie Edwards	Rachel Metz
Meredy Grupe	Ann Oldani
Barb Higdon	Jeff Punch
Sarah Higdon	Jerry Robbins
Bill Houghton	Julie Roesch
Debbie Houghton	Rose Wall

Baptism Announcements...

Dominic Scott Bradshaw, son of Scott and Calli Bradshaw was baptized January 15.

Wedding Anniversaries...

John Getsoian & Sue Salo - 35 years on February 4
Paul & Amy Jo Herndon - 40 years on February 5

Our Sympathies...

To James Schlee — his sister, Barbara Langolf, passed away on January 17.

To the DeHart family — Wilbur DeHart passed away on January 24.

On the Move...

Suzanne BeDell to 578 Massachusetts Ave #4, Boston, MA 02118

Brandt & Jill Coultas to 430 Junction Trak, Roswell, GA 30075

Shannon Emery to P.O. Box 935, Lakeland, MI 48143

Bill Lawrence to 100 Silver Maples Dr. #3112, Chelsea, 48118

Tim & Sandy Longnecker to 21993 Crescent Ct., Farmington Hills, 48335

Ruth Schieb to 805 W. Middle St. #415, Chelsea, 48118

Jay & Lacy Thompson to 12517 Pacato Circle South, San Diego, CA 92128

Also in our thoughts and prayers...

Phil & Elaine Alexander, Bob, Bob's family in his passing, Bev Bole, Letitia Byrd, Janene Centurione's parents, Jessie Christensen, Elaine Christman, Roger & Joan Craig, Mary Crichton, Jesse DeWitt, Karen Ensminger, Phyllis Foster, Bob Fuller, Jan Hile, Jim & Elizabeth, Barbara Hoffman's parents, Gini Hunt, Mike & Jane Johnston, Chuck & Dorothy Jones, Hebert & Betty Jones, Jordan, Larry Jose, Doris Kraushaar, Dale Luick, Marion Lutz, son Michael, Ruth Michaelis, Karen Pender, Ruth Scheib, Bob & Carol Spaly, Staterly boys, Stella Steiner, Pat Wilson, Muriel Wong, and the family of an infant who passed away.

And we pray for...

Those visiting our church for the first time... Parent/child relationships... people recovering from illness or addiction... neighbors at Alpha House... those grappling with financial stress... those affected by job loss... expectant mothers... teachers... homebound members... people grappling with devastation from natural disasters and those providing assistance...

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A Financial Update

A lot of work and ministry was done in 2011. We did spend about \$40,000 more than we brought in on the operating budget, but there was also about \$45,000 of pledge commitments that people weren't able to keep. So, kudos to our finance team who so accurately can forecast our financial position.

The reality is that we need to carry \$20,000 of that deficit into the 2012 operating budget. The finance committee also had to struggle with developing a 2012 budget that would again accurately estimate our projected income. To do so, they had to eliminate over \$100,000 from the proposed budget. The vast majority of those cuts came from the Trustees budget. The problem with that is that Trustees have a remaining budget that covers just the basic utilities and maintenance; and yet we have some major structural issues that need to be addressed this year.

We also have a mortgage that comes due this year. It is the perfect opportunity to reduce the principal as much as we can with the potential of saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest.

So here is the bottom line: Leadership Council set our 2012 operating budget at \$1,368,622. This is made possible because of your generosity and is an accurate projection of funds we expect to receive. But over \$100,000 of structural work that needs to be done is not included and we hope to greatly reduce our mortgage this year.

Therefore, we will work hard these next few months to articulate, inform and raise the extra funds we need to be good stewards of our ministry and buildings. This church has always been generous. We regularly raise over \$200,000 a year outside of our operating budget to fund mission and ministry beyond ourselves. That is a wonderful legacy we wish to continue. And, this year, we also need to work hard on the "base camp" so that we may continue to move out into the world with the grace of Jesus Christ.

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