

# Good News Letter

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Adeste Fidelis, laeti  
triumphantes  
Veniti, veniti in Bethlehem  
Natum videte, regum  
angelorum  
Veniti adoremus, veniti  
adoremus, veniti adoremus  
Dominum

These words are the Latin of one of the most famous Christmas carols in the world. Although there is, as always, a debate about authorship, one story is that an English refugee in France wrote these words while in exile, and later the lyrics were translated in England into the well-known words:

O come, all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye to  
Bethlehem  
Come and behold him, born  
the king of angels  
O come let us adore him, o  
come let us adore him, o  
come let us adore him  
Christ the Lord

And they are, of course,  
beloved even now. I am very  
much looking forward to the  
Advent season and the  
Christmas worship



celebrations when we gather to adore Jesus this year. Once again, after three years of waiting, we will have the Soup and Sing service and fellowship on December 10th. At 4 pm, we will gather in the sanctuary to sing carols and enjoy the music of the season.

Afterward, we will meet in the fellowship hall for soup and fellowship. It is our tradition to provide soup for the Place of Warmth at Zion UCC, and we look forward to that ministry again this year.



And again, after three years, we will meet at 6:45 pm on December 24th for a traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service. I am looking forward to seeing all of you as we prepare for and celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ this year. O come, let us adore Him.

Blessings,  
**Mark**



## Soup and Sing

Join us for an evening of  
Christmas carols and soup.  
Saturday, December 10th  
at 4:00pm



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Please join us for our Christmas  
Eve Candlelight Service.  
Preludes will begin at 6:45 p.m.

## December Panera Volunteers

Dec 1 Faulk  
Dec 8 Volunteer Needed  
Dec 15 Faulk  
Dec 22 Volunteer Needed  
Dec 29 Volunteer Needed

As you can see, there are many openings to be filled for December. We know it is a busy month, but the need for volunteers continues.

## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

On Christmas Eve, we will have our traditional candlelight worship service with preludes beginning at 6:45 p.m. On Christmas Day, we will have worship at 10:45 a.m., but will not have Sunday School.

## PERSONALS

-There were 14 people who came to Game Night on Oct. 29. Thanks to Erin for providing the "wrapped ball" game. A good time was had by all.

- Brennan Howe was named on the Merit Roll for the first quarter at Hayes.

-Candy Lee would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her son Tim. He is back home in Barberton now but still needs continued prayer because he has to walk everywhere he goes.

- Randy Turner would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Ben. He is back home now.

- Pastor Allison took a much needed vacation in November and was able to visit with family and friends and celebrate birthdays and Thanksgiving with them.

- On November 13, Dwight Davidson was our guest pastor. He expressed his joy to be there along with his wife Kari.

- Dr. Bob Caulkins fell recently and is currently at Sarah Moore for rehab. His room number is 254.

## Parish Council Planning

On Saturday, December 3rd, Parish Council will meet at 9 a.m. to fill out our planning calendar for 2023. If you have events planned for FBC in the new year, let a council member know so it can be added to the calendar.

## THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your generous spirit. You contributed \$1002.50 to the World Mission Offering and \$320.50 to the Change for Change Offering last month. Well Done!!! - Pam Faulk

Thanks to everyone to filled 40 Christmas shoeboxes for children.

- Darlene Caulkins

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### December

- 4 Erin Faulk  
Jim Snyder
- 8 Phyllis Beasley
- 11 Hannah Nace
- 12 Samuel Allison
- 17 Pat Gosser
- 25 Carol Grubbs
- 27 Jim & Jane Snyder
- 28 Sharon Baker
- 29 James Craig Reynolds  
Harold & Deb  
VanBroekhoven

*Please report any errors.*

## RMMO - FOR ALL THEY'VE DONE

This past year has been one of both recovery and enduring struggles for our American Baptist Church community -- a year that reminds us of all that pastors do for our churches, congregations, and the communities they serve. Our pastors are active. They baptize, marry, mourn, counsel, celebrate, and so much more. It takes a lot of energy to sustain a congregation through the ups and downs of life. We all remember the pastors or missionaries who made a difference in our lives, the ones who were with us in the big moments and small. With leadership, listening, wisdom, condolence, or just the right prayer when needed most, their selfless service has a lasting effect. The theme of this year's Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering is "For all they've done." This is a special way we can honor our retired pastors and missionaries, by supporting the RMMO. Our goal is \$900. Please prayerfully consider making an offering to honor our retirees. - Pam Faulk

## WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Saturday, December 17, at 11:30, the women will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck Christmas lunch. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. We plan to have some special activities after lunch, one of which will be an ornament exchange. Please bring a wrapped or bagged ornament. We hope that all the women will attend, even if you usually do not come to the women's lunch. Come for the fellowship and fun. Feel free to bring a guest.

## Mission/Outreach News

### Christmas Shoe Boxes

Thanks to Darlene Caulkins for organizing the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box collection this year. 40 boxes of gifts will make 40 children somewhere in the world have a Christmas gift this year. Thank you to those who donated \$10.00 per box for postage to send the boxes. Thank you for your generosity in filling the shoe boxes to bring God's love and a smile to a child.

### Rev. Jeni Pedzinski visits First Baptist

On Sunday, November 20th, we welcomed Jeni Pedzinski! She gave the message in Pastor Mark's absence. Jeni gave a wonderful powerpoint presentation of the work being done at New Life Center in Thailand. She told of how girls' lives are being changed by meeting their physical and spiritual needs through support and counseling. It was great to see her and have lunch with her after church.

Jeni will have a new position in her missionary journey beginning Dec. 1, 2022. A more detailed article about her transition is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

### Rev. Dr. Dwight Davidson Guest Pastor

On Sunday, November 13, Rev. Dr. Dwight Davidson served as our guest pastor for the first Sunday of pastor Mark's vacation. His message, "Persistent Imperfection, Unwavering Hope" is available on our website, [www.fbcdelaware.org](http://www.fbcdelaware.org).

## Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.  
Please send changes to Larry Faulk ([lfaulk01@aol.com](mailto:lfaulk01@aol.com)).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's sister Trudy	Health Issues
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay & Caldwell Lovell	Health Issues
Carol Serviss	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Linda White's mother	Health Issues
Condolences to the Faulk family on the death of Jim Faulk	

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

### Soup and Sing is Back!

Come to the sanctuary on Dec. 10th at 4p.m. to join in singing Christmas carols to celebrate the birth of Christ. After singing, we will enjoy homemade soup in the fellowship hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for you to list the favorite kind of soup you would like to make, cornbread, or cookies. We would love to have a variety of soups! Soup that is not used will be donated to Zion Church of Christ for their Place of Warmth for men who stay there when the temperature is below 20 degrees.

### THANK YOU

Thanks to Mike Reynolds and the Boy Scouts for the yard work on November 27.

### Christmas Offering

The offering in the Christmas envelopes will go to Andrews House.

### Dear Friends in Christ:

As is our custom, the Board of Deacons would like to present Pastor Mark with a **cash** Christmas gift from the congregation. We will be presenting the **cash** gift at the Christmas Eve service. You may give your **cash** contributions to me or to any Deacon. This has been an excellent year in the life of our church under Mark's leadership and we would like to express our appreciation.

Yours in Christ,  
Larry Faulk  
Chairman of the Board of Deacon

## Holiday Wish Program

FBC is again sponsoring gifts through the Holiday Wish Program of Jobs and Family Services. Below are the names of three children with their wish lists. Please consider helping fulfill a wish or two. Gifts should **not** be wrapped, just labeled. We will need to complete the program by Sunday December 11th. Please give any cash donations to me.

Thanks for your contributions.  
Larry Faulk, deacons.

### **Pheabe** – 9 year old female

Gift Wishes:

Barbie dolls and accessories  
arts and crafts  
size 7.5 roller blades  
Age appropriate toys  
Clothes girls size 12  
Gift Cards

### **Piper** – 10 year old female

Gift Wishes:

Clothing - girls size 14  
Barbie dolls and accessories  
arts and crafts  
Hover board  
Age appropriate toys  
Gift Cards (Barnes & Noble, Meijer, Walmart, etc.)

### **Aiden** – 15 year old male

Gift Wishes:

clothes size mens XL  
Patriots sportswear  
Age appropriate games  
books  
Gift Cards (Barnes & Noble, Meijer, Walmart, etc.)










## Peter and Sarah McCurdy Ministry Change

Peter and Sarah McCurdy are accepting new ministry roles. Peter has resigned from International Ministries(IM) as a Global Servant and is also stepping away from the MTS program after the January 2023 term. He has accepted a Senior Pastor position at First Baptist Church, jeffersonville, Indiana.

Sarah is staying with IM as a Regional Consultant for K -12 Education in Ibero-America and the Caribbean. We wish them well in their new roles.

A more detailed article about their transitions is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

**Note** - Even though Jeni Pedzinski and the McCurdy family are making changes, we will continue our level of support.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>December</b> <b>Mission Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RMMO offering</li> <li>Gifts for Foster Children</li> </ul>		November 29	30	<b>World Aids Day</b> 1  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	2	3  9am Parish Council Planning Mtg
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 4  9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service - Holy Communion <b>RMMO Begins</b> 	5	6  6:00 Board of Christian Education at Faulk's	<b>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</b> 7   Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 6:30 Choir Practice	8  8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	9	<b>Human Rights Day</b> 10   4pm Soup and Sing
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 11  9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Foster Kids gifts due <b>RMMO Continues</b> 	12  5:30 Deacons at Amato's	13	14  6:30 Choir Practice	15  8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	16	17  8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30 Women's Potluck Christmas Lunch at Church
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 18  9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service <b>Hanukkah Begins</b> <b>RMMO Continues</b> Jan newsletter deadline today 	19	20	 <b>Winter Begins</b> 21  6:30 Choir Practice	22  8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	23	6:45 pm <b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b> 24  
<b>Christmas Day</b> 25  10:45 am Worship Service No Sunday School  <b>RMMO Ends</b> Jan newsletter available today 	 <b>Kwanza Begins</b> 26	27	28	29  8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	30	<b>New Year's Eve</b> 31  