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The Glades Gazette

From the Pastor's Porch:

JOY to the WORLD the LORD has COME!

It's December... Snow is on the ground. No wait...there is no snow! Christmas is right around the corner; are you ready? No, I don't mean do you have your house decorated, or do you have your special meals planned, or do you have your Christmas shopping done...that's not what I'm talking about, even though that is usually what occupies our list of things to do during December in order to get ready for Christmas, but spiritually we need to do the following:

- 1) Take time during Advent (the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas) preparing for the gift of Jesus Christ. Try taking on a new devotion during these next 4 weeks.
- 2) Take part in the many Advent and Christmas activities at Glades. (See throughout the newsletter.)
- 3) Slow down and take time in Bible Reading and Prayer. (Jesus was always going off alone to pray. Let's fill this Advent season with prayer and scripture.)
- 4) Say Merry Christmas! As Christians, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Let's not hide that or be ashamed. Don't let political correctness deter us from sharing the best news the world has heard... "Joy to the World, the Lord has Come!" Let us share that good news as Christians this holiday season.
- 5) Invite your friends and family to join you this Christmas at church. There are so many events this Advent Season that would be perfect to invite our friends to! What about our Live Nativity or a Christmas Eve Service? It was

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so great to see so many new faces at the My Hope event. Keep inviting people to join us for special fellowships and Advent/Christmas events at Glades. Christmas is a special time, just like Easter, where people are more likely to come to church. Let's invite them to join us here at Glades!

What if we spent more time this Advent season preparing our hearts for the coming of the King, more time on that than decorating, shopping, cooking and parties this year? How could that change our hearts and change our lives this Christmas?

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Upcoming Advent Worship Services:

Sunday, November 29th — Advent 1 — “Hope” — Jeremiah 33:14-22

Sunday, December 6th — Advent 2 — “Peace” — 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Sunday, December 13th — Advent 3 — “Joy” Choir Cantata

Sunday, December 20th — Advent 4 — “Love” — Luke 1:39-56

Thursday, December 24th — Christmas Eve 6 & 8pm — Lessons, Carols, & Candles



*Kristin and I continue to pray for you!
We love each and every one of you!*

Kristin and I invite you to our Christmas Open House on December 13th. Drop by our place (11480 Chipmunk Drive) any time between 3-5pm for fellowship and yummys. Just a tiny way to say MERRY CHRISTMAS and THANK YOU for being you! Hope to see you there. Everybody's invited!

Invite your family and friends to one of our two “Lessons, Carols, and Candles” Christmas Eve Services on December 24. We will be worshipping at 6 and 8pm!



NOTES FROM PEGGY:

DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR DEACON IS? IF NOT, LET ME KNOW!

The choir is always looking for folks that really want to praise God in song, let alone be with others that love to sing His praises. If this is something you think God is calling you to do, our practices are every Wednesday night at 7:30-9:00 and then we meet at the church for a mini practice before the service around 10:00 on Sunday. You will get your own music and robe...and you get to be up front of everyone. How cool is that! Come give it a try.

We had 55 Thanksgiving boxes for Boca Helping Hands!!!! Way to go, Folks! Thanks to Junior Achievement, too, for pitching in to this wonderful cause!

SECRET SISTER/BROTHER PROGRAM IS RUNNING PRETTY SMOOTHLY SO FAR. JUST A REMINDER: KEEP ON PRAYING AND GIVING SMALL TOKENS TO REMIND YOUR BRO/SIS THAT YOU ARE STILL DOING YOUR PART. IF YOU ARE HAVING A LITTLE BIT OF A FALLEN SISTER/BROTHER ISSUE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL GIVE THEM A LITTLE BOOST TO GET THEM BACK PRAYING. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. IT'S A WIN/WIN THING!

The Christmas Cantata is coming up... Sunday, December 13th at 10:30am. Come and invite others to enjoy the hard work of the choir and to listen to the message God is trying to send your way as well. - Christ is what it means!



If you haven't already, start following The Robinsons' Blog!
<http://robinsonscostalcallings.blogspot.com>.

GET INVOLVED IN A SMALL GROUP!

Tuesday Morning Women's Group is continuing through Revelation and Be Victorious by Wiersbe. They meet weekly at 9:30am. Contact Ellen Armstrong for more details.



Mondays: 4P Group is working through 4 Priorities at 6pm at Corner Bakery. Join these guys Dec 7 and Dec 21. In case changes occur, make sure to contact Paul Ghougasian for more info.

Circle of Hope: Wednesday, December 9 at 1pm in the Glades Prayer Room. Studying Encounters with Jesus - The Gospel According to Matthew. All women are welcome. Circle of Hope meets the 2nd Wednesday every month. Contact Dorothy Mathisen for more info.

Wednesdays: These men will meet Dec 2 at California Pizza and Dec 16 at Shane's Rib Shack...both at 6:00PM. Contact Mike Hoglund with any questions.

Walk in The Word is for both men and women: **Sunday, December 20th** at 6pm. Contact Mike Hoglund for more information.



Thursdays at 7pm: Dec 3rd at GGI Fridays and Dec 17th (Place to be determined). They will continue to study 6 Battles Every Man Must Win. Contact Brian Claxton for more details.

As we have continued to pray for Jim Roubian during his time of healing, we want to take a minute and say a HUGE THANKS to those who have stepped in as liturgist over the past several weeks: Mike Hoglund, Renee Sansaricq, Janet Cooper, Brian Claxton, and Brenda Romeo.

THANKS



ANNOUNCEMENTS GALORE:

Next Boca Helping Hands Event is Saturday, December 19th. Talk to Brian Claxton or sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested in serving.



ALL GLADES ADULTS: You are invited to the Glades Adult Christmas Party!

December 12th at 6pm

Bring a dish to share as well as a \$15-20 gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange. See you there!

Boca Helping Hands is in need of more cereal, pasta, and tomato sauce. If you are able to purchase any of these items, please place them in the Narthex.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ORDERING A POINSETTIA FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE ORDER FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATES NO LATER THAN DEC 13. (ORDER FORMS ARE IN THE NARTHEX AND IN SOME WEEK'S SUNDAY BULLETINS.)

Children's Choir will pick back up Sunday Mornings at 9:30am starting Nov 29 In the Sanctuary

Contact Gretchen with any questions.



Former Glades Member and long-term serving elder, Doug Lilak went on to be with the Lord. If you would like to reach out to his wife, Sally, and send a card,

her mailing address is

P. O. Box 884,

East Jordan, Michigan

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Any January Newsletter Announcements, etc need to be to Kristin Robinson via krobglades@gmail.com no later than December 15th.

BIG THANKS to Jackie Davis, who has vounteered and kept our Prayer Chain going over the years! Marilou Lehner is now graciously stepping into this role.



*Thanks for a fun baby shower full of lots of love and laughter
as we celebrated*

Baby Quinn, Erin, and Mark!



*We can't wait to meet the Deviny's
precious baby girl, Quinn!*



Mark your calendars
and start inviting
your friends, family,
and neighbors to our
Live Nativity on
December 19. It will
take place at both
6pm as well as 7pm.

Thank you to everyone
who donated to Operation
Christmas Child this year!
It was a great success. We
were able to pack and send
60 boxes to children in need.
Hopefully next year we can
send 100!

Thanks again!
Katie Ghougasian

*If you have any family, friends, and/or are aware of congregants who
have upcoming surgeries, are in the hospital, and/or need prayer, please
let Pastor Carter know. He and Kristin like to lift them in prayer and if
they are local, go visit them.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:14**

Birthdays

**3-Lisa Roubian
4-Avril Engelhart
9-Tara Martin
17-Christy Zaretsky**



Anniversaries

**18-Davila
21-Bower**



Take a moment to acknowledge those who have a birthday and/or anniversary this month. If your birthday/anniversary is not listed in your month, please contact the church office.



sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
		1 9:30a Women's Study	2 6p Men's Group 7:30p Choir	3 7p Men's Group 7:30p Choir Cantata Practice Lisa Roubian's Bday	4 Avril Engelhart's Bday	5 9a Greening of the Church
6 9:30a Children's Choir 10:30a Worship/ Communion and Children's SS	7 6p Christian Ed 6p Men's Group 7p Deacon 8p Outreach	8 9:30a Women's Study	9 1p Circle of Hope 7:30p Choir Tara Martin's Bday	10	11	12 6p Adult Christmas Party
13 9:30a Children's Choir 10:30a Worship/ Children's SS/ Christmas Cantata 3-5p Robinson's Christmas Open House	14 7p Admin 8p Programs	15 9:30a Women's Study	16 6p Men's Group 7:30p Choir	17 7p Men's Group Christy Zaretsky's Bday	18 Davila Anniv	19 9a-Noon Boca Helping Hands 6 and 7p Live Nativity
20 9:30a Children's Choir 10:30a Worship/ Children's SS 6p Walk in the Word	21 6p Men's Group 7:30p Session Bower Anniv	22 9:30a Women's Study	23 7:30p Choir	24 6 and 8p Christmas Eve Services	25 Merry CHRISTmas!!!!!!	26
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