# Project Help of Steuben County

#### 711 East Harcourt Road, Angola, across from the YMCA

Project Help is a strategic partner with FMC in helping meet the practical needs of the underresourced people of Steuben County. Even though Pastor Norm is Chairman of the Board of Project Help, Project Help is not a ministry of FMC.

In October 2013, Project Help's food bill at the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne was \$7,000. Because Community Harvest Food Bank sells to food pantries at approximately 20 cents on the dollar, that \$7,000 translates into \$35,000 of food at retail prices, all distributed to Steuben County people in one month's time.

After donations of food from many generous organizations in Steuben County, Project Help will still spend approximately \$3,000 to purchase food from the Community Food Bank to provide Thanksgiving meals for underresourced people of our county. Thanksgiving meal distribution is Monday, November 25, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Would you like to help with it? Please call 665-9697 to volunteer.

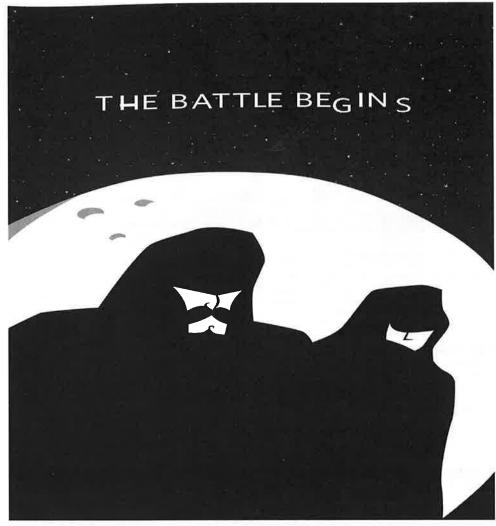
Hunters, have you shot a deer and don't want the meat? You can donate it to Project Help. Here is how: Anstead Butcher Shop, 7245 N 925 E, Fremont, 495-7632, will process it for Project Help. You take the deer there. They are a state licensed check station too. It costs the hunter nothing to have the deer processed, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry pays for it all. The deer is processed into ground burger and when Anstead Butcher Shop gets approximately 300 pounds of meat they call Project Help to come pick it up. In short, you shoot, you deliver to Anstead, they process it for Project Help, people get fed and all the processed meat stays in Steuben County.

Christmas help at Project Help is done through underresourced families being "adopted" by others. Adoption lists will be available some time this week. If your small group/small church, etc. would like to adopt a family or several families, leave a written note at the Connection Center and someone will contact you in about a week.

We are all getting Christmas catalogues in the mail. Project Help's Christmas catalogue is available in the FMC literature rack across from the mailboxes. Included in the  $8\ 1/2\ x\ 11''$  one sheet black & white brochure is the need for a commercial freezer which costs \$4,000. Thank you for your generous giving.

Project Help is always looking for volunteers - just show up.

The Resale Store has sold many coats in the last few weeks. Check it out: Monday through Friday, 10 am-6 pm and Saturday 10 am-2 pm.



# **Fairview Missionary Church**

#### A special welcome to our first time guests.

We invite you to go to the Guest Reception Center in the foyer to receive a special gift. Pastor Joel and Pastor Norm welcome your response to your experience at FMC today. Contact them by e-mail: joel@fairview-missionary.org or norm@fairview-missionary.org, land mail: 525 E 200 N, Angola, IN, 46703, or by phone: 665-8402.

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#### This Week at a Glance...

#### Sunday, November 17

9 & 10:30 am Worship Services

9 & 10:30 am Adult Small Churches - A list of Adult Small Churches and their locations is available at the

Connection Center.

9 & 10:30 am Children's Sunday School

9:00 am Teens Sunday School

5:00 pm Singspiration - For those who love to sing the old hymns of our faith, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Room \$103

#### Tuesday, November 19

6:15-7:30 am Prayer time in the sanctuary.

All invited.

9 - 11:30 am Ladies Bible Study-at Kim Ladig's 455 Ln 200, Lk James, 833-4922.

9 am-12 noon **Scrabble** - If interested, please call Vicki Sharp, 665-2013, so she can have enough boards. Open

to everyone. Fireside room. 7:00 pm Men's Basketball, in the gym

#### Wednesday, November 20

5:30-6:30 pm Fairview Grill - in the gym

5:45-6:30 pm Kids Christmas Musical Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 pm FSM - Fairview Student Ministries
Grades 6-12. In the teen rooms

at the Connection Center.

6:45-8:00 pm Nursery through adult classes A list of classes is available

8:05-9:30 pm Worship Rehearsal

#### Thursday, November 21

5:30-6:45 am Early Morning Men's Bible Study, room \$102 (choir room)

10:00 am Young Moms/Klds Play Group
Meeting at different inside locations. Please call or text Amber
Shipe or check the Facebook
page for details each week,
574-315-7671.

#### Friday, November 22

6 - 8:00 am Men's Bible Study, Fireside room

#### Contact Information for Ministry Staff

Glenn Flint 260-665-0083

Jake Shipe 574-315-7671

Jessica Bonner 419-889-7900

Joel Greenwood 260-668-6734

Jonathon Geyer 260-223-2687

Norm Fuller 260-665-6975

#### Children

Children's Ministries -

Nursery through 5th grade & Sundays 9 and 10:30 am Wednesdays 6:45 to 8:00 pm

Where do my kids go on Sundays and Wednesdays?

<u>Nursery & Toddler</u> - Hallway to the gym, across from the mailboxes

Preschool - Children's Ministry hallway

K-3rd grade - Kids worship room

4th & 5th grade - Room C120

Sundays - upper level of children's hallway Wednesdays - upper level behind gym

Jessica Bonner, Director 419-889-7900 \* jessica@fairview-missionary.org



Fairview Student Ministries

Grades 6-12

Sunday School 9:00 am Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm In teen rooms upstairs behind sanctuary

Jon and Erin Geyer, 260-223-2687 jon@fairview-missionary.org

#### UGLY Christmas Sweater Party Wednesday, December 11 6:30-8:00 pm in youth room

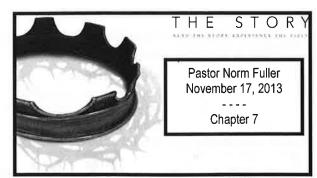
(Sweaters can be found in any thrift store... or, possibly, a family member's closet!)

#### For 6th-12th Grades - 3DYC (3 District Youth Conference)

Sat-Mon, December 28-30, 2013
3DYC, in Ft. Wayne - a time to grow closer to God and grow closer as a youth group!
\$200 (all meals included).
Sign up in the teen room.

Check web site for updates: www.fairview-missionary.org

Registration Deadline: November 24



# The Battle Begins

- 1. Courageous faith speaks about what has not happened as though it has already happened.
- 2. Courage is not the absence of fear it is moving forward in spite of fear.
- 3. Courage is doing what God called you to do even though you do not know how it is going to turn out.
- 4. Do you focus on your smallness or do you focus on God's bigness?
- 5. Courage is fear that has said its prayers.
- 6. Five new words to help you have courage and overcome the walls in your life:

Some of the Scriptures used to form this message:

 Genesis 15:16
 Acts 19:9
 Isaiah 55:9

 Joshua 1:1-9
 Deuteronomy 20:16-18
 1 Samuel 17:47

 Joshua 6:1-5, 15-19
 Deuteronomy 18:9-12
 Isaiah 40:12

 Genesis 19:24
 1 Corinthians 6:13-20
 Isaiah 66:1



#### **Operation Christmas Child** RISTMAS NOTE: The collection deadline has been extended...

You may still drop off boxes through tomorrow, Monday, November 18. 236 boxes were put together

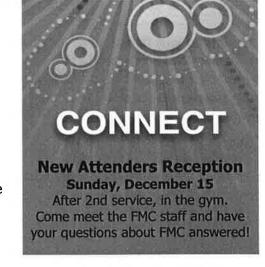
by the children's department at their family packing party last Sunday. Watch next week for the grand total of boxes donated!

672 boxes in - 28 to go!



#### **Christmas Decorating**

Many hands are needed (men and women) to help decorate the church for Christmas! Monday and Tuesday, November 25 and 26. Beginning at 8:00 a.m.





#### Sunday, December 22

Either service. Pick up information from the literature rack and return the form by Thursday, December 19.

Retta Lewis will make a 45-60 second slide show of your child if you provide her with 15-20 of your favorite pictures on or before Wednesday, December 18. You can e-mail them to her at rettajolewis@yahoo.com

#### **Free Thanksgiving Dinner** Thanksgiving Day

Samantha's Restaurant, Angola 11:00 am - 3:00 pm and Lake Missionary Church 9030 U.S. 20, west of Angola

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### **Sunday Speaking Schedule**

Pastor Norm
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### In the family...

#### Fairview Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers and cards during the loss of my step-father, Richard Tinney. Jean and I appreciated your support.

Pastor Glenn

#### Christmas Help

If you and your family are FMC regular attenders and need help with Christmas, please drop a note to Pastor Norm and the church will help you.

Wanted: Kids football shoulder pads for FMC's kids Christmas musical. If you have any we could borrow, please put your name on them and drop them off at the Connection Center. We need them by next Wednesday, November 20.

#### Men to Men

Mentoring training for men who want to help other men grow in Christ. Mondays, November 18 and November 25, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fireside room. Not only is this for men who want to invest in the lives of their peers, but this is also for men who want to equip their sons to be mighty men of God! Conducted by Pastor Jake.



The FMC Meals Ministry provides meals for new moms and people recovering from surgery. Would you like to be on the calling list to provide a meal once in a while? Please sign up at the Connection Center.



Ladies Coffee, Cake & Conversation

This Thurs., November 21, 9 am

I will provide the coffee (or tea, juice) and coffee cake, you come help provide the conversation! Please join me at my house.

900 Northwood Drive, Angola

for this time of fellowship with other ladies. I just need to know who is coming so I have enough coffee cake prepared. RSVP by calling me, Linda Fuller, 665-6975 or email me at lindafuller6@gmail.com. Hope to see you!

#### **FMC Thanksgiving** Dinner

This Wednesday, THANKSGIVING November 20 5:30-6:30 pm in the gym You may attend whether you normally attend the Wednesday Night Grill or not! Please sign up at the Connection Center so we know how many to plan for.



#### Men's Basketball Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

For all men post-high school. ?s, call Dave Huffman, 316-4986. and

**Ladies Basketball** Monday, November 25, 6:30 pm

For all girls high school and up ?s, call Jessica Bonner 419-889-7900.



#### **NOTE** new time.

We have been encouraged to continue the Singspirations during the fall/ winter months. We will meet in rooms \$103/104. Come out and sing your favorites and stay for food and fellowship with your friends!



There are 40 small group, small church and fellowship flock type gatherings at FMC. They meet weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc. There is one for you too! If you are not now in a small gathering and would like to be in one, please contact Pastor Norm, 665-8402 or norm@fairview-missionary.org.



FMC is in the process of working on a picture directory. Our goal for completion is early summer of 2014. In order for us to reach that goal we will need your help, so please keep your eye out for future announcements concerning this. If you would like to get us a new picture of your family right now, that will help us get started. You can drop one off at the Connection Center or send it electronically to michelle@fairview-missionary.org. Please be sure to identify each person in the picture.

#### Bethlehem Marketplace Week Schedule December 4 - 10, 2013

Wednesday: 8:00 am, prepare for BMP set up - bring in carpet, remove kitchen

items, get gym ready

6:30 pm, begin setting up walls if you are not in a class

Thursday: 8:00 am, continue setting up walls, spread sand, bring in props, etc.

3:00-8:00 pm, continue setting up props in booths, putting greenery in

walls, etc. Both men and women still needed.

Friday: All day, finishing touches - ladies are especially needed this day!

6:30 pm dress rehearsal

Saturday: 1-5 pm, BMP

Sunday: 11:45 am, lunch served for first shift BMP workers, 1-5 pm

Monday: 8:00 am, tear down BMP, remove sand, clean the whole church

**Tuesday**: 8:00 am, finish cleaning church



## ridge Event

FMC is always trying to build a "Bridge" to the unchurched in our community. One of the ways we do this is through Bridge Events. These are specially designed events that the general community would feel comfortable coming to. At these events FMC does its best to put its "Best foot forward!" The goal behind these bridge events is to welcome the community into the FMC facilities as their first step toward coming to church. These events also help FMC attenders to invite their unchurched friends to a non-threatening event.

#### **Bethlehem Marketplace**

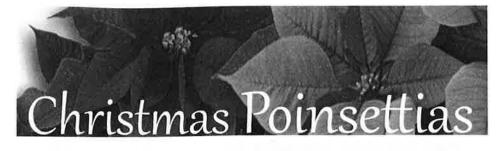


Our 24th Year
Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 & 8
1:00 - 5:00 pm
Sign up is underway in the foyer!
Be praying about where God would have you involved. Visit the table in the foyer for more information or to secure your spot.

- This event takes a cast of 250! Sign up for 2 hour shifts, from 12:30 3:15 or 3:00 5:30 pm for Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8 it is preferable that you do the same shift both days.
- There is a lot of publicity at the bulletin table help yourself.
- ♦ Want to know more about BMP? Pick up the booklet from the literature rack "Questions & Answers Bethlehem Marketplace, an FMC Bridge Event" that includes sample schedules and a whole lot more.
- BMP is a bridge event designed to help people take their first step toward Jesus and help people take their first step to becoming an attender of FMC. Over the last 23 years about 75% of those who attend BMP are first time attenders. Other bridge events are: Children's Resale, Easter Musical, July 4th Patriotic Musical, Kids Fall Festival, Community Craft Show and others.
- Please review the Bethlehem Marketplace Week Schedule on the opposite page to see what area of opportunity would work for you!
- Questions? Please call Cindy Cairl, 665-8402, 316-7318 or Pam Doty, 316-7263.

# Holiday Schedule 2013

Wednesday	November 20	5:30 p.m. Special Thanksgiving Meal
Sunday	November 24	Last day for teens to sign up for 3DYC. See Pastor Jon.
Sunday	November 24	12:30-2:30 p.m. Kids Christmas Musical Rehearsal (No Preschool Rehearsal)
Monday/Tuesday	November 25/26	Decorate Church for Christmas (could use 10-15 people)
Wednesday	November 27	No Wednesday evening ministries. Enjoy family time.
Thursday/Friday	November 28/29	Office and Daycare closed
Tuesday - Friday	December 3 - 6	Set up Bethlehem Marketplace, 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. Need 10 people each day with a special appeal to contractors Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. to set up walls.
Friday	December 6	6:30 p.m. BMP Dress Rehearsal (not music rehearsal)
Saturday/Sunday	December 7 - 8	BMP, 1-5 p.m.
Monday	December 9	8:00 a.m. Tear down BMP. Special appeal to cleaning crews, 3 - 9 p.m.
Tuesday	December 10	$8\!:\!00$ a.m. BMP detail cleaning crew. Need 10 $$ people. We clean everything in the church twice.
Sunday	December 15	12:30-2:30 p.m. Kids Christmas Dress Rehearsal With Preschoolers
Wednesday	December 18	7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas program. All teen and adult ministries join in the sanctuary to watch the program.
Sunday	December 22	Family Christmas worship services and child dedication. No children's programs, no teen or adult small churches. Infant and toddler rooms staffed.
Tuesday-Wednesday	Dec. 24-Jan. 1	Daycare closed
Tuesday	December 24	6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, usually the largest attended service of the year. Communion.
Wednesday	December 25	No Wednesday evening activities, church office closed
Saturday-Monday	December 28-30	3DYC in Fort Wayne
Monday	December 30	Undecorate the church
Wednesday	January 1	No Wednesday evening activities, church office closed



Each year we decorate our sanctuary and foyer with poinsettias that people have donated in memory or honor of a loved one. If you would like to remember or honor your loved one with a poinsettia, please fill out the form below and return to the Connection Center with \$15.00 for each plant requested.

Plants will arrive right before Bethlehem Marketplace and be used to decorate for Christmas during December. You may take poinsettias you ordered home following the Christmas Eve service on December 24.

I want to HONOR:

I want to REMEMBER:

Your Name:

How many plants? \_\_\_\_\_

Requests with payment must be received by today, November 17.



# Different ways FMC attenders generously give to God's work.

- 1. Cash and checks. This is the most popular method. Put your cash or check in an offering envelope provided in the backs of the pews and drop it in the offering. If you want a year's supply of offering envelopes you may pick them up at the Connection Center or under the mailboxes. Need a giving number? Write a note and put it in the offering basket or leave it at the Connection Center and a note will be put in your church mailbox. We keep record of your giving for tax purposes only if you have a giving number.
- 2. E-giving from your checking or savings account. There are 25-30 families who currently give with this method. No need to write a check any more, funds are transferred electronically from your account to the church's. Pick up a form in the literature rack across from the mailboxes and have your tithes and offerings automatically transferred on a schedule you choose in the amount you set.
- 3. Electronic giving. Several families do their giving this way. For those who do all their banking online, the bank writes the check for you and mails it to FMC. This is handled entirely between you and your bank.
- 4. Debit card / credit card: We make this available because people have asked us to. There are FMC attenders (usually the younger set) who do almost everything by debit or credit card and they do not carry much cash. Many of them do not even order checks if they have a debit card. Giving with your Visa or Mastercard can be done on a recurring basis as another form of e-giving or on a one-time basis as desired. For information on credit card giving contact Michelle at 665-8402 or michelle@fairview-missionary.org. Or, visit our website at www.fairview-missionary.org and click on the "giving" tab.
- 5. Foundation or Trust. From time to time we receive special gifts from family foundations and family trust funds.
- 6. Stock. FMC has received gifts of stock from individuals. This is a good way to make a gift to the church while avoiding capital gains tax at the same time. Because our financial needs are ongoing, we usually sell the stock right away and use the proceeds for ministry needs.

- 7. Bequests from wills or estate settlements. Former FMC attenders who have gone on to heaven have remembered the church in their estate plans.
- 8. Tangible property. Most often the tangible property gifts received by FMC are cars donated to the CARS Ministry but over the years we have received land in Florida (which we sold), speed boats, tires, jewelry, frozen meat, and books. Some items are sold and the money used for ministry; some items, such as meat, are passed on to others in need, and books are made available to the ministry staff or placed in the library.
- 9. Gift Cards. We occasionally receive gift cards from businesses in the area. Gas cards are usually passed on to those who need gas to get to and from work. Meijer, Wal-mart, and other retail cards are used for benevolence cases. Menards cards are usually used by the church for special projects, Easter, or Bethlehem Marketplace.
- 10. For those who are over 70 1/2, you are able to give directly from your IRA. The amount you give does not have to be claimed as income and you do not have to pay any taxes on it.
- 11. Some unusual ways that people have tried to give but we were unable to use their gift some of these we believe were dropped in by mistake: checks made payable to other businesses, a cancelled check made out to Wal-Mart, a blank check (we thought that the person was being very generous to let us fill in the amount but they forgot to sign it too. Oh well!), lottery tickets (they were worthless), foreign coin and currency.

However you choose to give, thank you for being a generous congregation. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness in this area of worship.

#### **Coming in 2014...**

Sunday lunch with the Fullers and Greenwoods.

Once a month in the Fireside room.

Sign up will be coming in a few weeks.

It's part of the transition plan.