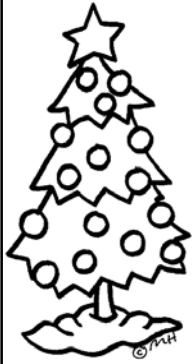


# FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS



## City Church Christmas Party

Everyone in the City Church family is invited for a night of Christmas celebration! Sunday, December 11, 6:30—9:00 pm, at City Church. Come and go throughout the evening and enjoy a potluck dinner, board games, bingo, Christmas cartoons, crafts and even Karaoke and carol singing! Something for everyone to enjoy.

Bring a generous dish for potluck and sweet Christmas treats to share.



## Christmas Caroling at the Boston Store

Three Madison area churches will provide caroling groups to help lift the spirits of holiday shoppers at the East Towne Boston Store.

Everyone is invited to come to any of the following days and show support and encouragement by being a part of the audience.

Thursday, Dec. 8, 7:30-8:30 pm—Fountain of Life  
Sat., Dec. 10 and Sat., Dec. 17, 1-3:00 pm—City Church  
Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6:30-8:00 pm—Bethesda Church



Once again *River Food Pantry* will provide Christmas presents for the Packer/Northport neighborhoods. **Stop by our table in the hallway and select a child, an adult or a family to bless. Gifts are due this week! They can be dropped off at the church office.**

**HELP NEEDED: Names are still available!! Pick up one today!**  
Call Andy or Jenny Czerkas at 268.6342 with any questions.

## connections 2012

**Needed: Connect Group Host Homes.** Connect Groups are a vital way of being connected to a smaller community. If you would like to host a Connect Group next year twice a month, February—November, please fill in the tear-off section of the bulletin with your contact information and drop it in the giving box or contact Joel Alberti at 221.1528 or jalberti@mail.citychurchonline.org.

**Communion: Wheat free/gluten free crackers available**  
Wheat free/gluten free communion crackers will be available in the balcony on one of the tables as well as on the platform.

## Is Christmas History or Myth? Tonight at City Church

Pastor Tom will be teaching on "The History of Christmas" on Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 pm in the City Church Sanctuary. Many people in our culture have questioned the Christmas narratives found in scripture. During this evening of teaching, Pastor Tom will address those questions and discuss the history and apologetics related to the Christmas Story.

## Tuesday Night Prayer—Focus on Healing

If you are in need of prayer for healing and freedom, please plan on coming out to the weekly worship & prayer meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall (come early for devotional worship from 5:30-6:15). If you would like an extended time of personal prayer for healing, please meet in Pastor Tom's office from 5:30-6:30 pm.

## December Women's Connection Newsletter & Questionnaire

Please pick up a copy of the December newsletter at the Women's Table in the hallway. Take a few minutes to fill out the women's questionnaire. We'd love to get your feedback. This will help us in planning for 2012 women's events.

## TnT (Twenties and Thirties) Group

TnT potluck today after the 2nd service (1 pm) at Robb Peebles home, 209 Yarrow Hill Dr, Cottage Grove, after the second service. The Friday night, Dec. 9, TnT event is laser tag at Ultrazone at 6:30 pm. For more info go to citychurchtnt@googlegroups.com.

## Food Ministry Helpers Needed

Helpers needed: 1. Pick up bagel/donut donations on Saturdays in Middleton on a monthly basis AND bring them to church on Sunday morning. 2. People to consolidate and replenish food as needed between services 3. People to wash and put dishes away after second service. Please contact Kristy Rewey at 608.764.2019 or pcflacres@frontier.com for further info.

## Winter Women's Retreat

"Dying to Live?" Women's Retreat will be held January 21-22 at Green Lake Conference Center. We'll be joining this area wide retreat hosted by our friends at New Crossing Church. Please pick up a brochure at the Information Center. Registration and full payment are due by January 1, if space is still available.

## All Alone?

Stephen Ministers are compassionate, confidential care givers, trained to support those who are broken, hurting, or lonely. Do you need someone to support you through a tough time right now? For more information, please contact Sarah Binger at 608.516.3256.

## One Year Bibles Available

Are you looking for Christmas gift that keeps on giving? The One Year Bible will never stop giving to the reader. They are available at the Information Center for \$8.00 each.

## Congratulations to The River Food Pantry

The River Food Pantry is the winner of AARP Foundation's Hunger Hero contest. The River will receive a \$15,000 donation from the AARP Foundation.

To find out about opportunities, ministries and this week's events, check out our website at [www.citychurchonline.org](http://www.citychurchonline.org)

## Features at the Information Tables this Week

- December Newsletter
- City Church Christmas Party Info
- People Need People (extra events, classifieds, & missions updates)
- Missions Update
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing

## Assistance for the Hearing Impaired

If you or your guests have difficulty hearing the messages, please pick up a personal radio/headset from the Information Center in the foyer. Get today's message on station 95.5 FM. Return radio after service ends.

## Worship & Prayer Meetings - Join us each Tuesday

From 5:30-6:10 pm, join in for an early time of prayer and worship. Our regular meeting will run as usual from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. These nights are significant as we partner together with God asking for His will to be completed in our church and this city.

## Connect Groups

Get connected into a smaller community where you can establish a deeper relationship with God and with your spiritual family. Pick up a listing at the information racks or contact Pastor Joel at 698-0172.

## Financial Update

Budgeted Weekly: \$33,000.00	Last Week's Giving: \$21,451.10
Debt Reduction: \$505.00	Benevolence: \$121.54
Missions Budgeted Weekly: \$3,119.23	Last Week's Missions Giving: \$2,402.00

We do not pass a plate to receive tithes and offerings, but provide giving boxes which are located between the doors on the main floor and in the center of the balcony. We will give reports on the church, school, and daycare finances at our periodic Family Meetings.

## Communication Card

### Connect Group Host Home

Yes, I'm interested in helping! (Please list your name, phone and email below, and someone will contact you soon.)

### PRAYER REQUESTS/TESTIMONIES

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Please briefly write out your request or testimony and place in the giving box. We'll be sure to pray for your request this week. Feel free to include your name on the reverse side of this card.

Sunday, December 4  
8:30 am & 11:00 am Service Times  
Today's Message by: Tom Flaherty

**"Understanding God's Heart"**  
*Matt. 1:1-6; 16-23*

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