

The Saline Psalter

HOLY FAITH CHURCH

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November/December 2014 & January 2015

THE PASTOR PONDERERS

Dear Faithers,

It feels like there is still so much to say, and yet here I am writing my final Pastor Ponders. I will try to cover the important things as best I can.

First, some news. At the time of this writing, our judicatories plan to furnish you with a supply pastor named Stan Eckerman through the end of 2014. He is a retired Lutheran pastor who has subbed for me in the past and is a wonderful guy: I think you will appreciate his kind, steady, experienced presence. Meanwhile, our two bishops are interviewing a candidate to be the interim pastor who will lead Holy Faith through its process of searching and calling a new permanent pastor. This process averages about a year or a little more. The Parish Leadership Team will need to interview and approve whoever this interim will be as well.

Second, I know that this transition time between announcement and final Sunday has seemed swift and, to many, surprising. I regret whatever pain this has caused and ask your forgiveness for any other "things done and left undone" that I could have handled better.

Third, I want to clarify that, for the good of the community, once I leave my pastoral role among you, that role is over. The church in its wisdom has found that a "clean break" enables a congregation to move through its transition process and build a new relationship with a new pastor in the healthiest possible way. It is only right for me to give you space and to let you and your new clergy leader work out that future without my interference. If, after an appropriate period of time has passed, I return for a funeral or other event, it would be as an attendee only.

However, and finally, I want you to know that you hold a very important place in my heart. I and my family will always be grateful to you for the wonderful ministry we've performed together, and for the beloved, welcoming community that you are. I believe that God is calling you to continue sharing this welcome and care both within *and* beyond the walls of the church. You are a light to the world in that way, and it seems to me Jesus had something to say about not hiding such a light under a bushel basket!

Thank you for all you have been and done for me—more than this full and grateful heart can name. May God bless you now and always!

With Love,
Pastor Ian



Dear Holy Faithers,

I am writing this at the first free moment I've had since my last day at Holy Faith. With recital season kicking into high gear at the University of Michigan School of Music, my days have been full of practice and rehearsals. When I'm not at the university, I've been teaching, preparing for performances and auditions, taking care of my two pets and working for Girls Rock Detroit. I'm incredibly blessed to have so much work and am very excited for all that the future months hold for me.

This past Sunday, my last day at Holy Faith, was an incredible experience. I was so overwhelmed with the collective display of love and gratitude, I truly didn't know what to say! (Somehow, I've always found it easier to express myself with music rather than with verbal communication.)

Thank you all for the generous gift (I'm excited to see some shows at The Ark!) and for the opportunity these past 3 years to make music regularly for such a gracious congregation. It is still sinking in that I will not be there every Sunday morning to see all of your smiling faces, but I know I will be back to visit when I can.

Many of you have asked how they can keep in touch with me to see what performances I have coming up. I have a professional page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/melissacoppolamusic) on which I post my upcoming events, but if you do not use Facebook, please email me at melissacoppola@gmail.com and I will add you to my e-newsletter that I send out periodically with information on my upcoming shows and recitals.

Thank you again. I cannot say it enough.
Warmly,
Melissa

DELONIS CENTER

Tuesday, December 30, 2014

Come help prepare or serve dinner to the homeless and/or hungry. Holy Faith helps at the Center in Ann Arbor in months that have a 5th Tuesday.

Sign up on the bulletin board to help prepare from 3:00 - 5:00 or to help serve from 5:00 - 7:00.

Our next service opportunity is March 31, 2015

SENIOR JOURNEY

Youth Group for 9th-12th grades

Senior Journey has 3 main components: monthly get-togethers on Sunday afternoons at coffee shops and other locations as announced, monthly service projects on Sundays and some kind of service to Holy Faith during Sunday worship (such as an usher, reader, acolyte, etc.). There is also the possibility of attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Baskets for SASS

Again this year Holy Faith will be preparing five (5) baskets for both Thanksgiving and again, for Christmas, to be distributed by SASS to families in our community. There is a sheet on the bulletin board for you to sign up for items needed to make those holiday dinners a festive event for a family.

Items for the Thanksgiving baskets need to be at church by 10am on Sunday, November 23.

Items for the Christmas baskets need to be at church by 10am on Sunday, December 21.

Thank you for your generosity.

Questions??

Rosemary Brodie, or Marianne & Brian Blevins.

**Please save your receipts for the items
you purchase for the baskets!**

Please put them in Joan's mailbox. Art Witbart will collect those receipts, send them in to Thrivent, and they will match the money we spend for an additional donation to SASS.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Baby Bonnet & Quilt Ministry has collected 110 baby bonnets! Alice Kitchen knitted over 75 herself! Also, Barbara Wyckoff has made 4 adult sized scarves and a hat for clients at SASS.

Marjorie Frank and Marcia Gridley will be at the Saline Farmers Market on November 29th with their recycled woolen mittens and gloves and felted hats. Barbara Arnold says they are lovely and warm—she knows because she has a pair of their mittens.

John Dindoffer (Sandy's husband) takes care of Holy Faith's lawn and snow and he does a beautiful job!! He is especially aware of details like a funeral or other large gatherings and makes sure the grounds meet his expectations. We are fortunate to have him.

Art Witbart (an 8 o'clocker) applies for the matching funds from Thrivent and then sends in the receipts so our favorite charities receive additional donations. The most recent recipients are the Paper Pantry (\$600), the SASS Thanksgiving baskets (\$300) and the SASS Christmas baskets (\$300).



Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve—Wednesday, December 24

5:30pm—featuring a “Paper Bag Pageant”.
Everyone is part of this pageant—your part will be handed to you in a paper bag!

9:00pm—featuring the Holy Faith Choir,

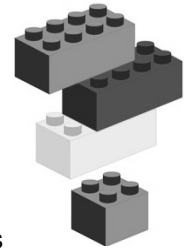
Sunday, December 28

8:00am—regular worship
10:00am—Lessons & Carols

Bricks 4 Kidz

*We Learn, We Build,
We Play with Legos*

**Day Camps for Kids
1st—6th Grades**



Holy Faith is hosting Bricks 4 Kidz this year. It is day camps for kids on Black Friday and during the holidays.

Fliers with days, times, fees and how to register are on the shelf under the bulletin board.



Lessons & Carols

**Sunday, December 28
10:00am**

Lessons, Carols and...Blood?

The day of our Blood Drive, December 28, we will be holding a worship service of Lessons and Carols. This is a lovely chance to revisit the Christmas story in readings and sing the carols we might not have gotten to on Christmas Eve—and it reminds us that the *material* aspect of Christmas may have passed, but *spiritually* we are still in Christmas season, still in wonder over the new life of God in the world in Jesus. If you are giving blood that day, you get a free pass to come and go from the service as needed!



*Holy Faith Church is again
Sponsoring a Blood Drive*

**Sunday, December 28
8am—2:30pm**

December and January are a critical time for blood donations. The need is great and supplies are quickly depleted. We are aiming to collect 40 pints this year and we need

everyone's help to achieve this goal.

Please tell your family, close friends and not-so-close friends, "WE NEED YOUR BLOOD"!!!! A sign-up sheet will be posted on the board in November. Also, we hope to have the information so you can sign up on-line.

Questions? please call Rick or Judie Wales
734-330-0325 or 734-944-7439

Greening of the Church and a Soup Supper

Saturday * December 6, 2014 * 4:00 PM

**Come and help decorate our church for the
Advent and Christmas Seasons.**

We will begin at 4:00 PM and end with a Soup Supper.

Sign up on the bulletin board indicating the kind of soup you will be bringing. Ann Mayers and Tish will be providing us with wonderful homemade breads.

Questions? Susan Cummings
734-429-5324 or a2pinkaster@gmail.com

Let's Begin the Season Together



If you can only join us for supper, plan to arrive about 5:30.

Even if you can't (or don't want to) bring a soup—come anyway, we always seem to have plenty!

Special Gifts Offering Nov. 2014

Friends in Deed

Since 1983 Friends in Deed has developed into an interfaith network of over 75 volunteers from 47 area congregations to provide for the needs of low income people in our community. While many of the requests they receive are distributed among the three big categories of housing, transportation, and utilities, there is another 4th category where they provide very special, unique services that other agencies can rarely address. Examples are water heater leaks and breakdowns, sewer backups, furnace repairs, and especially, emergency car repairs. Friends in Deed also arranges for delivery of furniture and larger appliances to people needing these items.

Please make your check out to Holy Faith and note "FID" on the memo line.

Special Gifts Offering Dec. 2014

SafeHouse Center

Safehouse Center provides support for those impacted by domestic violence or sexual assault. Their services are free and confidential for any person living or working in Washtenaw County. The services include emergency shelter for those in danger of being physically assaulted, counseling, legal advocacy, support groups, and especially HOPE. This is all possible because of community donors, business and volunteer partners, and grants. Over 5,000 survivors are served every year. The goal is to build a community free of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Volunteers provide many thousands of hours every year staffing the 24 hour response teams, shelter, the hotline, the children's program, and the Teen Voices program.

The help line (734-995-5444) is staffed 24 hours, 7 days a week. This is an important service organization in our community doing quiet but tremendous work serving our neighbors in their pain and fear. All donations are appreciated and well used.

Make your check out to Holy Faith and note "SafeHouse" on the memo line.

Altar Flowers are Given...

November 2 by Betsey Hubbard
In Memory of her Parents

November 16 by Betsey Hubbard
In Memory of Marianne & Howard Grant

November 30 by Barbara Arnold & Family
In Memory of Blake Arnold



Special Gifts Offering Jan. 2015

Saline Area Social Services

This month we will focus our special attention on Saline Area Social Services (SASS). This agency is very special to us and it is wonderful to let everyone know that their financial situation has stabilized with the help of many in the community and the crisis has lessened.

With the continued help from all of us there is hope that they will be able to continue and even grow their services to the more than 300 adults, children and families who depend on them every month, often in times of crisis.

You may also be interested to know that children make up 38% of their clients, and seniors on fixed income make up another 23%. SASS also has a new Executive Director. January has always been a difficult time for SASS as donations are less after Christmas, and needs are greater in the winter.

Please, as you are able, continue the Three on the Third donations and write a check to Holy Faith noting "SASS" on the memo line.

Purchase a Poinsettia for the Advent/Christmas Altar

It will be announced in the weekly bulletin and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board when we receive the pricing information from the florist.

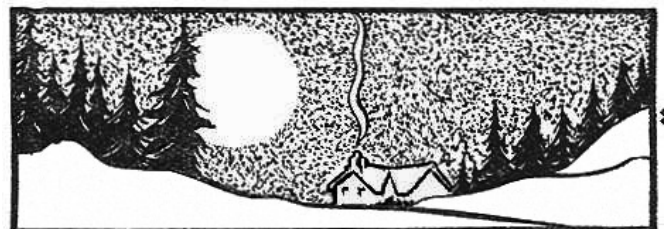


ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2015

If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar for specific Sundays, please indicate on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please note that altar flowers are scheduled for two consecutive Sundays. The cost for two vases is \$30. Flower selection is at the discretion of the florist. If you wish to make a special request, arrangements can be made with the florist, Maureen's Designs, at 429-0700. Maureen will quote on an individual basis at that time.

Payment for flowers is to be made by check to Holy Faith Church, memo: Altar Flowers

Questions? Please contact Jane Darling at 734-323-9486 or jldarling44@yahoo.com with questions.



November and December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						November 1
<p>2</p> <p>21 Pentecost All Saints Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>AA Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30am Adult Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>OA Mtg. 6-7pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>22 Pentecost Veterans Day Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour 12:15-2:15pm Catechism 2:30-4pm Senior Journey</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Lunch Bunch Noon Carrigan's</p> <p>AA Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30am Adult Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>OA Mtg. 6-7pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Paper Pantry 9:30am</p>
<p>16</p> <p>23 Pentecost Mission Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Mission Café</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>AA Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30am Adult Study</p> <p>PLT Mtg. 7pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>OA Mtg. 6-7pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Christ the King 8:00 & 10:00am Worship <i>Choir Sings</i> 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour 12:15-2:15pm Catechism</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>AA Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:30am Adult Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>OA Mtg. 6-7pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Bricks 4 Kidz 9am-9pm</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>1 Advent 8:00 & 10:00am Worship <i>No Sunday School</i> 11am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>December 1</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>AA Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30am Adult Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>OA Mtg. 6-7pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:00pm Greening of the Church</p>
<p>7</p> <p>2 Advent Healing Prayer 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour 12:15-2:15pm Catechism</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Lunch Bunch Noon Carrigan's</p> <p>AA Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30am Adult Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>OA Mtg. 6-7pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>3 Advent Mission Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>AA Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30am Adult Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>OA Mtg. 6-7pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Paper Pantry 9:30am</p>
<p>21</p> <p>4 Advent 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Bricks 4 Kidz 9am-4pm</p> <p>AA Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bricks 4 Kidz 9am-4pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Bricks 4 Kidz 9am-Noon</p> <p>Christmas Eve Worship services 5:30pm & 9pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Christmas</p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Bricks 4 Kidz 9pm-4pm</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>1 Christmas Blood Drive 8:00am Worship 10am Lessons & Carols <i>No Sunday School</i> 11am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Bricks 4 Kidz 9am-4pm</p> <p>AA Mtg 7pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Bricks 4 Kidz 9am-4pm</p> <p>Delonis 3-7pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bricks 4 Kidz 9am-Noon</p>			

Holiday Office Hours

If you plan to visit the church office between December 24 and January 5, please call first to see if the office is open. Otherwise, Joan may be contacted by email—she will be checking that very regularly.

Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 6.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		January 2015		Office Closed ¹ Catechism Sacramental Retreat <i>Happy New Year!</i>	Catechism Sacramental Retreat ²	³
2 Christmas ⁴ 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	Office Closed ⁵ AA Mtg 7pm	10:30am ⁶ Adult Study	⁷ OA Mtg. 6-7pm	⁸	⁹	¹⁰
Baptism of Our Lord ¹¹ 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour 12:15-2:15pm Catechism	Office Closed ¹² Lunch Bunch Noon Carrigan's AA Mtg 7pm	10:30am ¹³ Adult Study	¹⁴ OA Mtg. 6-7pm	¹⁵	¹⁶	¹⁷ Paper Pantry 9:30am
2 Epiphany ¹⁸ Mission Sunday MLK Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Mission Café	Office Closed ¹⁹ AA Mtg 7pm	10:30am ²⁰ Adult Study PLT Mtg. 7pm	²¹ OA Mtg. 6-7pm	²²	²³	²⁴
3 Epiphany ²⁵ Annual Meeting 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour 12:15-2:15pm Catechism	Office Closed ²⁶ AA Mtg 7pm	10:30am ²⁷ Adult Study	²⁸ OA Mtg. 6-7pm	²⁹	³⁰	³¹

Lunch Bunch!

Everyone is always invited to Lunch Bunch!
You just have to come!

2nd Monday of each Month
Carrigan's in Saline
Noon

(formerly My Favorite Café)

Please contact Betsy Hubbard or Barbara Arnold

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 25, 2015

We will conduct our annual church-wide meeting
after the 10am service

If you have not officially joined the church and
would like to have voice and vote at the meeting,
contact Joan Barbret about joining.

SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	All Saints Sunday November 3	22 Pentecost November 9	23 Pentecost November 16 <i>Mission Cafe</i>	Christ the King November 23	1 Advent November 30
8:00 Reader	Mary Fatchett	C. Johnson	Suzanne Buchalski/ Mike Centlivre	Art Witbart	Mary Fatchett
10:00 Asst. Min.	Jean Dodge	Harold Tinsey	Lisa Reifert	Ann Mayers	Katie Garvey
10:00 Reader	Lisa Reifert	B. Johnston	Tish. Dersnah	C. Schneider	G. Steude
10:00 Ushers	I. Smart D. Dubay	J & R Wales	T & S Jolliffe	Sam Proud	David Dubay
10:00 Greeters	B. Arnold T. Dersnah	A. Kitchen T. Dersnah	Jane and Larry Darling	C. Flewelling D. McGraw	A. Kitchen T. Dersnah
10:00 Acolyte	T. Custer	B. Amstutz	T. Custer B. Mitchell	T. Custer A. Schneider	N. Erickson
Coffee Hosts	Savage/Jolliffe	Baisch/Marr/Brown	Vaillancourt/ Kitchen	Schneider/English	
Altar Guild	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett
Counters	Carolyn/Kent	Harold/Milo	Steve/Mike V.	Rick/Fritz	Carolyn/Milo

	2 Advent December 7	3 Advent December 14	4 Advent December 21	Christmas Eve December 24	1 Christmas December 28 Lessons & Carols
8:00 Reader	C..Johnson	Suzanne Buchal- ski/ Mike Centlivre	Art Witbart		Mary Fatchett
10:00 Asst. Min.	M. Hilton	S. White	N. Milkey	5:30pm <i>TBA</i>	
10:00 Reader	N. Milkey	M. White	J. Dodge		
10:00 Ushers	Susan Jones/ Ingrid Smart	J & R Wales	T & S Jolliffe		Sam Proud
10:00 Greeters	N & H Tinsey	Katie Garvey Tish Dersnah	S & M White		N & H Tinsey
10:00 Acolyte	T. Custer	B. Amstutz	B. Mitchell	9:00pm <i>TBA</i>	A. Schneider
Coffee Hosts	Dodge/ Erickson/Garvey	Dubay/ Reifert	Tinsey/Braun		
Altar Guild	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett		Mary Fatchett
Counters	Steve/Harold	Mike V./Kent	Fritz/Rick		Steve/Milo

	2 Christmas January 4	Baptism of Our Lord January 11	2 Epiphany January 18	3 Epiphany January 25
8:00 Reader				
10:00 Asst. Min.	<i>TBA</i>			
10:00 Reader				
10:00 Ushers				
10:00 Greeters				
10:00 Acolyte				
Coffee Hosts	Francis/Smart	Davis/Johns	Dubay/Jones	Jolliffe Flewelling/McGraw
Altar Guild	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Counters	Carolyn/Mike V.	Kent/Fritz	Rick/Milo	Steve/Mike V.

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