

ONGOING EVENTS

WEEKLY

- ★ **Walking Group – Wednesdays – Penn–Vassar Park**
10 – 11 AM (Weather Permitting) – Sonya Luna

MONTHLY

- ★ **Men's Breakfast – Second Monday of the Month**
9 AM – Leon's Family Dining
- ★ **SPARK Meeting – Wednesday, January 21**
6:30 PM – Conference Room
- ★ **Women's Breakfast – Third Thursday of the Month**
9:30 AM – Leon's Family Dining
- ★ **Food Pantry – Third Saturday of the Month**
9 – 10 AM

DEARBORN COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

THIRD SATURDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
FROM 9 - 10 AM



DONATION NEEDS:

- * CANNED FRUIT
- * CEREAL
- * PEANUT BUTTER
- * CANNED SOUP

WE SUGGEST PURCHASING TOILETRIES AT DOLLAR TREE WHERE MOST ITEMS ARE \$1.25.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church

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Office Hours — Wednesday & Friday 9 AM - 2 PM

Phones Answered — Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 2 PM

Good Shepherd
United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025



Light Can't Wait

Rev. Rachel Kain

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025 7:00 pm

Prelude: *Christmas Angels*, by Joel Raney

Julie Albaugh, flute; Dr. Larisa Soboleva, piano

Greeting and Announcements

Lighting the Candle of Love

Karen Smallwood & Michael Kain

***Carol:** *O Come All Ye Faithful*

UMH 234 vv. 1-3

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Call to Worship

One: If you are like Joseph, and you are seeking truth,

All: There is room here for you.

One: If you are like Mary, and you are seeking rest,

All: There is a seat here for you.

One: If you are like the wise men, and you are looking for a sign,

All: These candles are here for you.

One: If you are like the angels, and you cannot help but sing,

All: There is a melody here for you.

One: Come in. You are in God's house.

Love was born tonight, and there is love here for you.

All: Let us worship the God of love.

A Word of Hope: Luke 1:26-33

Special Music: *Love for Her Child*, by Lani Smith

Good Shepherd Choir

A Word of Peace: Luke 2:1-7

***Carol:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* vv. 1-4

UMH 230

A Word of Joy: Luke 2:8-14

***Carol:** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH 238

A Word of Love: Luke 2:15-20

Special Music: *The Gifts of Christmas*, by Lani Smith

Good Shepherd Choir

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-14

Meditation: Light Can't Wait

Offertory: *Away in a Manger and The First Noel*

Good Shepherd Ringers

Holy Communion

***Carol:** *Joy to the World*

UMH 246

***A Word of Praise:** *Christmas Carol*, by Paul Dunbar

***Carol:** *Silent Night, Holy Night*

UMH 239

As we sing we will pass the light of the Christ candle from one candle to the next. While Christ's light can't wait, please keep lit candles upright. Tip your unlit candle into the lit candle of your neighbor to light it.

Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude: *Christmas Joy*, by Joel Raney

Julie Albaugh, flute; Dr. Larisa Soboleva, piano

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org. All Scripture is from the NRSVUE Bible.



Holiday OFFICE HOURS

Christmas Eve – 9 AM – Noon
 Christmas – Closed
 Day After Christmas – Closed

New Year's Eve – 9 AM – Noon
 New Year's Day – Closed
 Day After New Year's – Closed



HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITY

In support of mental health needs, Good Shepherd will collect and deliver new adult clothing for patients at Beaumont Behavioral Health in Dearborn. Patients often arrive and leave without proper clothing.

Good Shepherd will collect and deliver these new, adult clothing items for men and women:

- Sweatpants (elastic waist, no drawstring)
- Sweatshirts (no hoodies or drawstrings)
- T-shirts
- Underwear
- Socks
- Sports Bras (no wires)

Donation runs through December 31st.

Although any size is welcome, larger sizes are preferable.



Tiny Homes Detroit TOURS

GUESTS WILL ENJOY SEASONAL TREATS ON THEIR TOUR!

RESERVATIONS: casscommunity.org

Join Cass Community Social Services for tours of the eight (8) new additions to the Tiny Homes Detroit community. Wander through each home, hear the story, and see the layouts and furnishings.

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 28TH**
2 PM – 6 PM

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 29TH**
10 AM – 6 PM

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 30TH**
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Please mark your giving envelope “Gardens of Hope #3066.”

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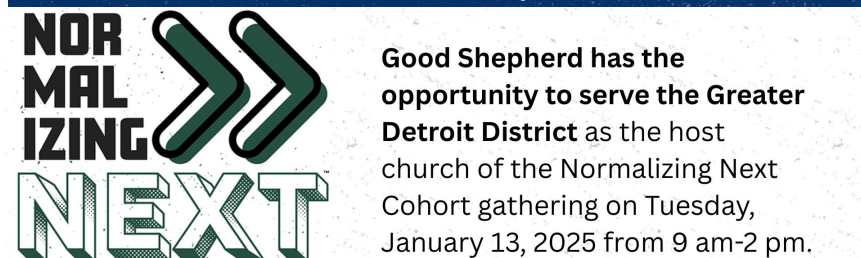
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