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WINTER YOUTH RETREAT AT BETHEL YOUTH CAMP

Friday, January 20 – Sunday, January 22

For grades 7 – 13

The time is NOW to register for our annual winter extravaganza at Bethel Youth Camp. The Youth group will travel to Bethel in lovely Hawks, MI January 20-22. There will be weird games, Boy Ball in the heated indoor pool, tubing on the huge hill, feats of strength and, of course, thought-provoking lessons led by the Youth Leader Team. All students in 7th-13th grades are invited for one of the best events on our calendar. Cost is \$60 and there are lots of scholarships available.

Please return your registration forms to Ryan, Jeremy, or any member of the Youth Leader Team as soon as you can. And be sure to sign up your friends. You do not want to miss the great indoor and outdoor experiences. We will also continue our study of The Story and enjoy great food and games.

RISK MANAGEMENT CLASS

12:30pm Sunday, January 8 in the Dining Room

Join Ryan and Autumn and other members of the church staff in this VERY IMPORTANT annual class to protect our children and youth and all the volunteers and staff who work with them. This is an enjoyable class with great people to help all of become fully knowledgeable in safe practices when teaching and serving our children and youth. Those who have already taken the class in previous years are not required to attend, but we encourage them to take it again as a refresher

whenever possible. We also invite and strongly encourage parents to attend. A delicious lunch will also be served.

Everyone in our church who wishes to volunteer at any time in programs that are directly involved with minors is required to take this class at least once. Please feel free to contact Autumn, Melissa, Ryan, Megan, Erin, or Pastor Jim if you have any questions.

JESUS AND ME CLUBS BEGIN AGAIN JANUARY 9

The JAM clubs at Roscommon High School and Roscommon Middle Schools are starting up again after Christmas break. The high school clubs meet during the A and B lunches, the middle school club meets immediately after school. All clubs meet every Monday.

CHRISTMAS EVE ATTENDANCE AT MARKEY CHURCH

5:00pm	48
7:00pm	148
11:00pm	65
Total	261

Christmas Day:	
11:00am	62

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WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT

We have dedicated this school year at Markey Church to reading through the entire Bible by using The Story. We have been doing a great job, distributing more than 500 copies of the Story. All of our LIFE Groups, Sunday Study groups, BLAST groups, in fact every group in the church is participating in this study. We are all excited to begin again on January 8 after an enjoyable Advent/Christmas/New Year's break.

I have been actively involved in churches for the past 57 years. In all of this time I have never experienced an opportunity anything like what we have with The Story. Never have I seen such a concerted effort by an entire church to study the whole Bible and do it in a way that is possible for everybody to participate and understand it, and complete it in a reasonable amount of time.

So as we get re-started, let's review why it is so important for us to learn how to read and understand the Bible:

1. The Bible is our one and only authoritative document of God's involvement in Creation.
2. The Bible possesses everything necessary for us to understand in order to establish a genuine relationship with the living God.
3. The Bible we read today is exactly the same as was read by the ancients. Archaeology has established that there have been no significant alterations.
4. We have never had as much access as we have today to

outstanding English translations and affordable Bible study tools.

5. The Bible is consistent with, and provides a lens for, understanding the last 3000 years of history.
6. Your children and grandchildren will have NO opportunity at all to learn the Bible if it is not provided in your family or in your consistent church attendance.

Please read #6 again. Now please read it again.

This is the year we have the chance to really learn the Bible. This is the year we can learn how to teach it to our kids. This is the year we can make sure our kids get the chance to get a basic understanding of the Bible and the nature of God and God's love.

This is the year that can change everything.

This is the best chance we have ever had to save our kids.

Let's not let it slip away...

P.S. Please go back and read #6 one more time.

KENTS' TO TEACH AT NORTHERN SEMINARY

Kathy and Jim Kent will be teaching at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Lombard, Illinois (22 miles west of the downtown Chicago loop) this month.

On January 6 - 7 they will be conducting a marriage enrichment event for eleven student couples on the campus. The theme will be, "Trading Places," based on the book of the same title by Dr. Les and Leslie Parrott.

Jim will return to Northern January 23 - 27 to teach 15 students beginning their pursuit of a Doctor of Ministry degree. This will be their first class in the program and Jim will be helping the students identify and sharpen their gifts in professional ministry and focus their passion and skill in using them. He will be working with other faculty members to introduce them to the seminary and its resources. During the week he will help the students to personalize their doctoral program and curriculum and begin the long road to the creation of their dissertations.

Please pray for Kathy and Jim and their students, and especially for safe winter travel. Northern Seminary is one of nine theological seminaries related to the American Baptist Churches in the USA, and the seminary where Jim received his Master of Divinity degree in 1975. Jim received Northern's Alumnus of the Year Award in 1994.

THE STORY

THE STORY CONTINUES
SUNDAY JANUARY 8
8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship

If you'd like access to more or additional resources for The Story go to www.thestory.com
Click on Church Log In (upper right corner of page) and log in:
User: TheStory Pass: TheStoryNow

STORY books are available. You can pick books up in the church office — adult, youth, and three ages of children's books are available.

It's not too late to join in on the journey through "The Story" – a novel approach to understanding the Bible.

The Story is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically that reads like a novel. During this unique 31 week experience, every member of the family reads their own version of The Story. Come discover together with us how OUR story is found in GOD's story!

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

The Story books are available in the Church office. There is a version for adults, Youth, and children. All we ask is that you fill out a contact form for each book you take. This information will help us to keep track of how many books have gone out, how to contact you with more information about groups and other fun activities, and which versions of the books we may need to re-order. The books are free, but if you are inclined to make a donation just drop your gift in the offering plate (suggested \$7.50/book).

"The Story" sermon series for January:

Jan 8 Chapter 14: *A Kingdom Torn in Two* (Rehoboam/Jeroboam) 1 Kings 12-16

Jan 15 Chapter 15: *God's Messengers* (Prophets)

1 Kings 17-19, 2 Kings 2, 4, 6,
Hosea 4-5, 8-9, 14, Amos 1, 3-5, 9

Jan 22 Chapter 16: *The Beginning of the End* (Fall of Israel)

2 Kings 17-19, Isaiah 3, 6, 13-14,
49, 53

Jan 29 Chapter 17: *The Kingdoms' Fall* (Fall of Judah)

2 Kings 21, 23-25, 2 Chronicles 33,
36, Jeremiah 1-2, 4-5, 13, 21,
Lamentations 1-3, 5, Ezekiel 1-2,
6-7, 36-37

NeXt Connect with Ryan Madis

3:00pm Tuesday, January 3 at HLHS (in Mr. Blanchard's room)

2:45pm Wednesday, January 4 at RHS (in Ms. Young's room)

NeXt Connect is a monthly meeting with High School students designed by Ryan and Pastor Jim to help students make excellent choices now to prepare them for college and improve their study skills. The meetings last 45 minutes. We are currently working on the dates for the late winter/early spring college trip.

January Prayer List

Extended Care

The Brook—Houghton Lake

Jerry & Diane Ball
Dorothy Lee
Shirley Martin

The Brook—Roscommon

Agnes Bruckman
Mary Jo Oppy's mom
Norma Price
Esther Yaksich
June Torok
Bethesda Gardens
13825 Cave Creek Road
#324
Phoenix AZ 85022

Markey Church ABC

Missionaries

Dan Buttry, Peace and
Conflict Resolution
Dan and Sarah Chetti,
Lebanon
Bill and Ann Clemmer, DR

Congo

Rick & Anita Gutierrez,
South Africa
Katherine & Wayne Niles,
DR Congo

Recovering

Doris Brotherton
Tom Edwards
Jack & Arlette Harris
Jim Kent
Donna Kozak
Evie Kurzhals
Mary Link
Dr. Ruth McDonald
Melissa Miller-Cochran
Don Moore
Clara Moss
Isaac Postma
Sharon Serviss
Toni Shores
Bob Thompson
Al Watts

Markey Church

Ministries

20something Group
American Baptist Women
Caregiver Group
Holy Grounds Coffee House
(Wed. January 31)
LIFE Groups
Markey Angel Network
Men's Prayer Groups
Mom to Mom
Sunday BLAST
Sunday Study Groups
Sunday Worship Services
The Story outreach
Youth Winter Retreat @
Bethel Youth Camp
(Jan 20-22)

Military Personnel

Andria Alvarez
Levi Balcom
Brian Bowars
David L. Bulley
Peter Gross
Travis Hickey — *In Iraq*
Scott Katalenich
Robert Tyler Link
Elizabeth Reicks
A.J. Palmerton
Rodger Papenhagen
Mike Richardson
Matthew Schorr
Michael B. Shores — *USS George Washington*
Nathan Stover
Gregory Strite
Keith Tegman — *In Germany*
(Candy Klein's son)
email: divineshadow86@yahoo.com
Ronald Youngblut



Thanksgiving & Christmas Offerings

You have been very generous in 2011 in your gifts to the various special offerings we have highlighted during the year. The Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings were no exception. Here is the breakdown of your gifts:

Thanksgiving Offering (½ to Markey Benevolence Fund and ½ to One Great Hour of Sharing): \$3,441.54

Christmas Offering (½ to Markey Benevolence Fund and ½ to AB Youth "Immerse" trip): \$8,714.24

- Our church uses the Benevolence Fund to help people we know who have financial needs or crises. We use it in conjunction with other local charities to give our people the most efficient and effective short term assistance possible. Since the economy has been so bad, we have been amazed at how many of our recipients have paid us back over time!
- This summer we will be sending our high school students to a national gathering of American Baptist youth in Washington, D.C. They will be traveling with the Michigan delegation on charter buses to this once-every-four-year opportunity, which this year is named "Immerse." They will be joining 1500 youth from all over the country doing mission projects in the DC area and spending time in worship, Bible Study, and outstanding activities and sight-seeing. Your contributions to our Christmas Offering may help a student attend who otherwise might not be able to afford this great opportunity.
- One Great Hour of Sharing helps people around the world who have been displaced due to natural and/or man-made disasters. 12 Christian denominations in the USA give to OGHS. The money is pooled together and is administered wisely and prayerfully for needs in the US and around the globe.

PEOPLE NOTES



PEOPLE NOTES is taking a break this month ... it seems the P.N. author has had extra duties caring for a certain in-house patient with the initials J.K. People Notes will be back next month with DOUBLE the newsy news!

Markey Christian Ministries Board Meeting

6:00pm Wednesday, January 11

The next MCM board meeting is scheduled for 6:00pm Wednesday, January 11 in the Markey Church Friendship Room. We are currently recruiting new board members from Markey Church.

Currently the board is making plans for our annual St. Patrick's Day party at Coyles Restaurant on Wednesday, March 14. We are also planning to install a small garden and flower beds at Country Village. For more information, please contact Pastor Jim.

MCM is very grateful to those who contributed to our end of year fund drive. So far we have received a total of \$1,215 in gifts.

Council of Elders Meeting

12:30pm Sunday, January 29

In the Parsonage

The Council of Elders is currently working on fine-tuning the immediate goals of our church and finding excellent ways to evaluate our progress in achieving those goals. Please feel free to contact Paul Kamprath, Sara Patti, Jeff Redmon, Joyce Zeneberg, or Pastor Jim with your ideas, input, or needs.

Sunday Night BLAST at Markey Church

Sunday Night BLAST will start back up on Sunday, January 8.

Supper each week will be served at 5pm and groups will meet from 5:30 to 6:45pm.

There are groups for infants/preschoolers, K - 3rd grades, 4th - 6th grades, 7th - 8th grades, and 9th - 13th grades.

Pastor Jim and Kathy are facilitating a group for parents and grandparents.

All the groups will continue working their way through The Story together. We will be especially teaching kids and parents how to read their Bibles and pray together.

For more information contact the church office or see Pastor Jim.



Markey Church is online!

Look For Markey Church on Facebook.com

Be sure to click the "LIKE" button.

You can "Follow" us on Twitter.com

Podcasts are available on iTunes

Our church website is www.markeychurch.org

PEOPLE PAGE



Happy Birthday

January

- 1/2 Janice Balcom
- 1/3 Rodney Patterson
- 1/3 Elizabeth Mahlmeister
- 1/11 Bill Ashworth
- 1/12 John Colvin
- 1/12 Betty Granzow
- 1/13 Esther Rumminger
- 1/13 Jenni Emmons
- 1/14 Ann Fick
- 1/19 Mary E Smith
- 1/19 Murphy
- 1/20 Judy Rupp
- 1/20 Merlin Walworth
- 1/23 Sue Lundy
- 1/23 Wilma Hendrixson
- 1/24 Dale McDonald
- 1/25 Viola Moore
- 1/26 Nathan Oppy
- 1/28 Mary Jo Oppy
- 1/29 Jill Schoenrock
- 1/30 Crystal Pilto
- 1/31 Mark Montei

SHOP AT THE HABITAT ReSTORE!

The Roscommon County Habitat for Humanity ReStore, located on M-55 (across from Curves), Houghton Lake, is a retail outlet where quality used and surplus building materials are sold at a fraction of normal prices. Materials sold by the ReStore are usually donated from contractors, demolition crews or from individuals who wish to show their support for Habitat. In addition to raising funds, ReStores help the environment by rechanneling good, usable materials into use. Proceeds from the Roscommon County Habitat Restore will raise enough money to build a house this year.

If you need building supplies, large or small appliances, windows, doors, etc. check out the Habitat ReStore FIRST!



Monarch Center Counseling

4736 Flint Road, Roscommon, MI 48653
989-225-1269

Murphy
Limited Licensed
Professional Counselor
Certified Spiritual Director

Sharon Ashworth
Licensed Professional
Counselor
Trauma & Loss Consultant

Happy Anniversary

- 1/9 Merlin & Betty Walworth
- 1/23 Ray & Doris Segorski
- 1/23 Gail & Mike Herzberg

**Interested in Being on
the Markey Email
Prayer Chain?**

MARKEYPRAYERLINK
Call / fax / email the church
office with your name and
email address.

VIP Wall of Honor

For the Markey 80+ years
young crowd

Are you about to turn 80 years
young? Plan to have your pic-
ture taken for the VIP Wall of
Honor. Contact Chris Schicker,
821-5389 and/or Ron Howell,
821-9371

SUNDAY STUDY GROUPS FOR ADULTS

10:00am

- Lamplighters' Class (Friendship Room)
- Adventurers (Dining Room)
- Mustard Seeds (east wing 4)
- The Story Group (east wing 3)

You're welcome at any of these Sunday groups!

Do We Have Your Birthday/

Anniversary Date?

Please fill out the form below and drop off in the church office to have your special dates included in the Markey Mailer.

Fill out for your family

Name _____ Birthday _____
Name _____ Birthday _____
Name _____ Birthday _____
Name _____ Birthday _____

Anniversary Date _____



Kids Crossing News- January



Happy New Year!! We had a very exciting December. The children did a wonderful job singing at both services at the beginning of December. Operation Lovies was a success!! Thank you to everyone that donated stuff toys and funds that made it possible to ship the Lovies and blankets to South Africa. We also had a wonderful time at One Starry Night.. Thanks so much to all that helped with all the preparations, all who worked the event, and everyone that helped clean up. The 5:00pm Christmas Eve service went well and Pastor Jim was able to help a bit.

The Children's Ministry Team is planning some exciting events for January and February. On January 8, 2012 we will hold a Risk Management session in the dining room at 12:30pm. Lunch will be served. If you are interested in helping with Children's Ministry or Youth Group you need to have risk management training once a year. If you have any questions regarding risk management please contact Ms. Autumn at (989) 745-3151. Thank you again to everyone who helps make Markey Children's Ministry a success. May you have many blessings in 2012!

Ms. Autumn, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Erin, & Ms. Megan



Visit us on
Facebook

Check out our Facebook Page:

[facebook.com/MarkeyChurchChildrensMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/MarkeyChurchChildrensMinistry)

M2M

Markey Church Mom to Mom

Wednesday, January 11 & 25 in the dining room

6:00 pm potluck supper

6:30 - 7:30 pm meeting

FREE child care is available, so bring your kids, a dish to pass, and a friend to join us as we learn and grow as moms.

Markey LIFE Groups

There is room for YOU in a LIFE Group. Contact a leader for more information.

MEETING DAY	TIME	LOCATION	LEADERS
SUNDAY	3:00pm	In the church dining room	Bob Gillespie (821-8909) Tom Zeneberg (821-6408)
MONDAY	7:00pm	Redmonsø7280 W. Birch Road, West side of Higgins Lake	Jeff Redmon (821-9227) Russ Bennett (821-07511)
TUESDAY	7:00pm	Roscommon Brook (Norma Price's apartment)	Carolyn Black (275-4165)
TUESDAY	7:00pm	Tom Rowell 107 Larkmoor Lane, South of Markey Church, off Flint Road	Tom Rowell (989-220-4219)
WEDNESDAY	6:30pm	Reicksø6394 E. Higgins Lake Drive, Northeast side of Higgins Lake	Pam/Brian Reicks (821-8244) Linda Remsing (821-7712)
FRIDAY	10:00am	Country Village 2nd Floor Lounge	Mary Link (821-9676) Betty Granzow (821-8426)



DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE MARKEY CHURCH FITNESS CENTER

Open during church office business hours

The Markey Church Fitness Center is set up in the East Wing, room 5. Equipment use guidelines are posted and the equipment is ready for use! Come and try it out ... and start working toward a healthier you! If you're under 16 we ask that you come with a parent or guardian.



Markey Angel Network

This is a special group of Markey members who volunteer to be angels whenever they are needed. They might prepare a meal for a shut-in, take a non-driver to the doctor's office or just make a phone call when necessary.

Many wings have been distributed already and we have wings in all sizes for those who might still want to volunteer. Contact the church office if you desire to become an angel or would like an angelic visit!

TRAUMA DOLLS

Megan Taylor is spearheading a 'fabric drive' to collect material to make Trauma Dolls. The dolls are given to children to have as their own, and doctors use them to help explain to the children what is happening to them and where the pain this; this is to help children understand and take away some of their fears. Megan is putting together an event for the community to come together and make these dolls for the Grayling, Clare and West Branch Hospitals. Megan is looking for donations of scrap fabric to make the gowns, stuffing, and muslin to make the actual dolls. There will be a tub out in Grand Central for anyone who is able to donate to this cause



The big sewing night will take place on Wednesday, January 11, location to be determined. If you are a sewer and are interested in helping at this event or have any questions please contact Megan at 989-714-1950 or email her at blondy1195@hotmail.com

You Are Invited to ...

Holy Grounds Coffeehouse



Wednesday, January 25

7-9 PM in the Church Library

Join us in the Library on the final Wednesday of every month for great coffee, snacks, a wonderful theme, and the Markey artist of the month. Contact Valli Smith if you would like to be the artist of the month at one of our upcoming coffeehouses.

For more information contact Valli Smith, 745-3848 or the church office.



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