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ABC-MI HIGH SCHOOL CONVENTION NOVEMBER 4-6 IN ANN ARBOR

Markey Youth, along with American Baptist Youth from all over Michigan will "Occupy Ann Arbor" November 4-6 for the annual ABY Senior High Convention. This year we'll work through the "Game of Life" as we enjoy games, workshops, music & lessons relating to all parts of life. Two of our own, Cody Stewart and Megan Taylor, helped plan the event as part of the Youth Cabinet. Please pray for our 9th - 12th graders during this wonderful weekend. Contact Ryan if you'd like more information.



ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE 7:00PM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN

An All Saints Day worship service is being prepared by the LARC Fellowship and will be hosted by the Messiah Lutheran Church at the corner of Maplehurst and Murphy Roads near Roscommon. Pastor Jim will be preaching on the theme of how the great Christ followers in the past have been such a powerful, positive influence on the Christ followers today. We hope you will be able to join us for this beautiful, one hour worship experience.

MARKEY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC. BOARD MEETING

6pm Wednesday, November 2

in the Markey Church Friendship Room

The MCM Board will be having our regular meeting in a new place. Please note our change of location to the Friendship Room. MCM is the nonprofit corporation founded by Markey Church along with St. James and St. Hubert to provide affordable senior adult housing in Roscommon County. It is the nonprofit partner in the partnership which owns and operates Country Village Senior Adult affordable apartments next door to the church.

BUTTERFLY RELEASE AT WALSH FUNERAL HOME 2:00PM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year are cordially invited to a service in their remembrance at the Walsh Funeral Home in Roscommon. Pastor Jim will be speaking as we encourage families and offer encouragement as we prepare for the holiday season ahead.

NeXtConnect at Roscommon High School 2:45pm Tuesday, November 2

RHS students are invited to join Ryan and Jim for our monthly meeting. NeXt Connect helps high school students prepare for life beyond high school, especially in regard to college. At this meeting we will be reviewing our recent College Trip and talking about how to select a college that is a perfect fit for you. Please come and bring your friends. NeXt Connect is open to freshmen through seniors.

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ANNOUNCING THE END OF THE RECESSION

Be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus. ~1 Thessalonians 5:18

I am delighted to be the very first one to make this announcement. The recession is coming to an end! There. Now you've heard it for the first time. The media keeps warning us of the opportunity of a "double dip" recession. That sounds more to me like an ice cream cone. And I am quite fond of ice cream cones. Even in November!

So why not go for it? Let's bring the recession to an end right now. We know that much of what causes recessions is emotional overreactions to bad news. Our Bibles give us the remedy, and it is simple: Give thanks! The Apostle Paul instructs us to give thanks in all circumstances... including recessions. And this is the perfect time of the year to make our thanksgiving a way of life. Living a life of giving thanks is the perfect way to address the sad sacks of our media and culture. Giving thanks is the method God gives us to keep from being overcome by the darkness which likes to think that it is in charge of things. But we know that God is ultimately in charge, not the darkness.

So, thank God, the recession is over. We can declare it to be so and it then it no longer has any influence on the way we view our lives and the things we expect.

When I was younger I had a hard time understanding how to give thanks in all circumstances. Now that I am an older dude I am starting to figure it out. In the words of what we are studying in The Story, we know that God is actively at work in the Upper Story, which is God working to get his good purposes fulfilled. Sometimes we get mired in the Lower Story, the circumstances and situations of real life, and forget that all the time God is working for good in our behalf. And here's the news flash: God wins!

So at times like these, when things just don't seem to be going our way, God is going our way all along. We will learn and grow from the hard days and the sad days. And we know that God will ultimately prevail. So I have decided to announce it now.

Let the thanksgiving begin. And continue. And continue.



READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



Christmas Tree Lighting At the Markey Township Fire Hall 7:00pm Saturday, November 26



Everyone is invited to help our community usher in the Christmas season as Santa Claus arrives in Markey Township on a fire truck to light the township Christmas tree. Be sure to bring your children and grandchildren so they can meet with Santa and receive a gift bag from the firefighters. There will be great music and refreshments for everyone.



THE STORY

**THE STORY CONTINUES
SUNDAYS
8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship**



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!

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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 November:

- Nov 6 Chapter 9: *The Faith of a Foreign Woman* (Ruth) Ruth 1-4
- Nov 13 Chapter 10: *Standing Tall, Falling Hard* (Saul) 1 Samuel 1-4, 8-13, 15
- Nov 20 Chapter 11: *From Shepherd to King* (David) 1 Samuel 16-18, 24, 31, 2 Samuel 6, 22, 1 Chronicles 17, Psalm 59
- Nov 27 Chapter 12: *The Trials of a King* (David) 2 Samuel 11-12, 18-19, 1 Chronicles 22, 29

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 | Norma Price 5840 E. Pinewood, East of Roscommon, off M-18 | Norma Price (275-8594) |
| 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) |



November Prayer List

Extended Care

June Torok
Bethesda Gardens
13825 Cave Creek Road
#324
Phoenix AZ 85022

Recovering

Jerry & Diane Ball
Doris Brotherton
Russ Carrick
Tom Edwards
Kathleen Glover
Mary K. Gray
Colette Hamlin (Preuss)
Arlette & Jack Harris
Candy Klein
Evie Kuzhals
Dorothy Lee
Mary Link
Melissa Miller-Cochran
Mike Mol
Don Moore
Clara Moss
Dave Pepperman
Isaac Postma
Norma Price

Toni Shores
Bob Thompson
Al Watts
Esther Yaksich

Military Personnel

Andria Alvarez
Levi Balcom
Brian Bowars
David L. Bulley
Peter Gross
Travis Hickey — *In Iraq*
Scott Katalenich
Jennifer Lang
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 Afghanistan*
(Candy Klein's son)
Ronald Youngblut

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

Markey Church

Ministries

ABC-MI High School Conven-
tion in Ann Arbor, Nov. 4-6
20something Group
American Baptist Women
Caregiver Group
Holy Grounds Coffee House
(Wed. November 30, 2011)
LIFE Groups
Markey Angel Network
Men's Prayer Groups
Mom to Mom
Sunday BLAST
Sunday Study Groups
Sunday Worship Services
The Story outreach



Thanksgiving Offering

During the month of November we will be promoting our annual Thanksgiving Offering. What better way to say thank you to God than to give to others in need? So this year our Thanksgiving Offering will be divided evenly between our church's Benevolence Fund and the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Our Benevolence Fund is used to help local people in financial crisis. Most of it is used to help with food, housing, and utilities. The One Great Hour of Sharing is a program supported by eleven Christian denominations to establish a fund which is available in advance to address crises and chronic poverty in the USA and around the world. Gifts are given in the name of Christ. The wonderful thing about OGHS is that there is almost no overhead and no expensive TV commercials. More than 92 cents of each dollar reaches its destination. You can't beat it.

We hope you will give generously to show your thanks to God. (We actually receive this offering all during the year, but in November we promote it)

PEOPLE NOTES



Well, as far as I can tell the end of the world predicted by Harold Camping did not occur on October 21st. What does this mean? It means you will have to pay your credit card bill and refill your prescriptions after all. As for the website that so proudly published all these end of the world dates? It has decided to get out of the terminal prophecy business even I could have seen that one coming! For those of us who choose to think things through and refuse to subscribe to reactionary theology, predictions such as these are frustrating. As Christ followers we understand the importance of the integrity of our words but find ourselves continually getting lumped together with the Campings of this world who taint the truth and assume to speak for God. I sometimes think if everything we say were captured in the speech bubbles of cartoon characters we might watch our words much more carefully! And speaking of integrity many thanks to **Sue Mires**, **Ryan Madis** and **Jim Kent** who took a dozen high school kids on a college tour to CMU, Alma, MSU, U of M and SVSU in 31 hours and 400 miles! This group was very prompt and so good at asking questions they earned themselves a free dinner from the SVSU staff who was mightily impressed with these kids. I have it on good authority that the Harvest Gathering at **Valli Smith's** was a great success and **Jenni Emmons** did a hootin' stompin' good job of calling the dances in place of that regular hillbilly who usually does it. The food was once again plentiful

and fantastic and the hay rides were adventures worthy of Disney! **Dennis Lee** maneuvered a stuck tractor and wagon out of a muddy ditch without spilling a single human. The **Lamp-lighters and Company** group enjoyed a wonderful fall color tour ride on the Au Sable River Queen in Oscoda after a hot dog blow out at the **Kents' cottage**, and were able to celebrate with **Bob and Mary Link** who have tightened the knot on 49 years of marriage! And now, a commercial message from your sponsor if you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, now is the time! Flu is now confirmed in the state of Michigan. Back to our regular program Did you know **Ginna Wenger** is heading for Costa Rica for the months of December through February to brush up on her Spanish language skills tener un tiempo maravilloso! On one trip over to the church this past month I saw **Bruce Ogden** in a pink dress and wig, **Valli Smith** with wings, **Gerri Smith** and **Joyce Redmon** looking a lot like Dr. Seuss' Thing One and Thing Two, **Linda Remsing** with an eye patch and mustache, **Carol Bates** in a clown suit with big bazingas and a Spice girl (**Judy Barbour**)! No, I was not eating magical mushrooms I was at the Masquerade themed October Coffee House. I thought it had to be a dream when Dennis Lee appeared in a Superman suit, but no, these vampy visions were real! Just think of what you missed if you weren't there. Currently we have some very serious prayer concerns, so here's a reminder of just a few people who need our love, prayers, cards, and visits: **Don Moore** has been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of cancer near the

prostate gland and is awaiting surgery at U of M. We are praying for both **Don and Vi** as they navigate the treatment options and deal with **Don's** pain. **Toni Shores** had serious back surgery and is home recuperating under the capable hands of her husband who says she will be mowing the grass again+real soon. **Candy Klein** is recovering from another foot surgery. **Mike Mol** had painful sinus surgery at the same time he is dealing with persistent back issues with more back surgery planned so we are praying for healing that will last. **Jack Harris** is awaiting prostate biopsy results soon and **Mary K. Gray** is recovering downstate with a new hip. The ability to pray for someone is really a gift when you consider that we cannot always be physically present to help, comfort and support. When we just don't know what to say or do, we can always pray. Sometimes it's easier not to think about the fact that there are hurting people all around us, especially at times when the pain, loss and heartache don't hit close to home. Never forget that some of those people you encounter each and every day may be suffering and your prayers for them will absolutely make a difference. God assures us that he listens and responds. No prayer ever goes to waste. Ever. Can you imagine the difference we can make if we remain faithful pray-ers?

Kathy Kent



PEOPLE PAGE



Happy Birthday

November

- 11/1 Monica Lytle
- 11/9 Tony Maiani
- 11/11 Gary J Serviss
- 11/13 Donna Parr
- 11/13 Levi Balcom
- 11/13 Rachael Oppy
- 11/17 Brian Reicks
- 11/20 Erin Murphy
- 11/21 Chad Lytle
- 11/22 Shirley Youngblut
- 11/23 Doris E Brotherton
- 11/24 Heidi Foster
- 11/25 Andrew Kolka
- 11/27 Derek Reicks
- 11/28 Erma Jean Stone
- 11/29 Patricia Moore
- 11/29 Doris Segorski

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

- 11/18 Don & Betty Horn
- 11/23 Kyle & Donna Parr



MEN'S PRAYER GROUPS

6:30am Mondays at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Roscommon
6:45am Tuesdays in the home of Bill & Sharon Ashworth

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 picture 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)

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-Kids Page –November 2011



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY**

Things are going well in Kids Crossing! The Story curriculum is going very well and all the children seem to be enjoying it.

Advent calendars for families will be available the last week in November, be sure to pick one up.

Plans for our Christmas celebration are underway so mark your calendars for Saturday, December 10th from 4:00pm-7:00pm in the gym. Join us for One Starry Night!

Nursery-Miss Megan

Things are going well in the nursery

Preschool-Miss Erin

All is good in the preschool class.

K-3rd Grade- Mrs. Autumn

The Story lessons are going smoothly. We are learning the books of the Bible during Sunday Night Blast, if you need a list to study from please see Ms Autumn.

4th-6th Grade- Miss Melissa

Kids Day Out for 4th-6th graders!! Markey Baptist Church 4th-6th graders are invited to attend a Kid's Day Out at the Kalkaska Kaliseum pool. Saturday, November 5th at 12:45-6pm, \$5 per child plus money for McDonalds after swimming. Please RSVP with Miss Melissa by October 30th at 366-1620.



Visit us on
Facebook

Check out our Facebook Page:

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

MOM

Markey Church Mom to Mom

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 and moms.

November 2nd: The Story - Chapter 7-9

November 16th: Speaker, Dr. James Kent, Pastor, Markey Church

November 30th: The Story - Chapter 10-13

Discuss Christmas Adopt-A-Family



THANK YOU

A Huge thank you to everyone that helped out with Trunk or Treat on October 29. We had many that donated supplies, passed out candy in the parking lot, ran games, set up, decorated, cleaned up, and prayed for this great party. Thank you to each and every one of you for helping make this event a huge success!



**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.



The American Baptist Women
Have a few cookbooks left from their 2010
sale. They are available for \$10 each

They make great gifts!

Contact Wilma Hendrixson, 275-4705 or Betty Granzow,
989-281-8426 to purchase.

**Sunday Night
BLAST at Markey
Church**

Sunday Night BLAST continues at Markey Church at a new time. 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 be 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 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!



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

You Are Invited to ...

Holy Grounds Coffeehouse

Wednesday, November 30, 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.

