

*“There was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7*

Once again he comes to knock at the heart  
of the world he made. . .  
Time and again he comes to our hearts —  
the Creator in search of his own.

**December 8, 2018**

*Welcome! We're glad you are here.*

**There is no dinner after worship today**, but please stay for the Vegan Challenge Christmas Potluck on DEC 22.

**The Spanish Adventist Group of Toledo** meets each Sabbath in the Fellowship Room from 9:00am - 12:15pm. Please keep hallway and kitchen noise to a minimum.

**Don't miss Toledo Junior Academy's Christmas program!** It's this Thursday, DEC 13, at 6:30pm.

**Adopt a Grandparent** — Please sign up at the bulletin board to fulfill a Christmas wish for a resident at Genesis HealthCare. Gifts are due at church next Sabbath, DEC 15.

**Lost & Found items** are above the coat racks on the west side of the foyer. Please take your dishes/cookware left in the kitchen as well.

**Campanas Cristalis** will perform at The Art Loop Downtown on DEC 20 at 6pm in the Imagination Station Lobby.

**TJA is collecting** slipper socks with grips on the soles for seniors in nursing homes. Contribute socks or \$\$ this week.

**From the Ohio Conference - Year-End Giving Impact:** Although together we have accomplished much this past year, there is still much to be done as we continue pressing on to make disciples in Ohio and grow younger. Multiple giving options are available. Visit [www.ohioadventist.org/giving](http://www.ohioadventist.org/giving)

*Your week at a glance:*

**Sunday** ~

**Monday** ~

**Tuesday** ~ Church office is open 9am - 4pm

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**Thursday** ~

**Friday** ~ Free Panera Bread available, 9:30 - 10:30am.

Come to side door under canopy

**Next Sabbath** ~ Sabbath School Sing @ 9:30am in the sanctuary for all ages followed by Sabbath School & Worship;

**Next Church Business Meeting:**

**Sunday, January 20, 2019, 10am**

*All members are encouraged to attend.*

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**Our Toledo First Family**

*Welcomes*  
**You**

**December 8, 2018**

*Mission Spotlight*

*Welcome & Prayer ~ Gary Swackhamer*

*Children's Story ~ Katie Swackhamer*

*Worship and Praise ~ Shirly Heiney*  
*“Angels We Have Heard on High” #142*  
*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” #204*  
*“If that Isn't Love”*

*Scripture Reading, Romans 12:16*

*Offertory*

*Sermon “Piously Pretending” ~ Pastor Mike*

*Closing Hymn “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” #121*

*Blessing*



**Please remember in prayer:** **Denny Kajfasz**, had heart surgery NOV 28, **Sharon Crosby**, 19 stitches from a fall, **Bill Ashley**, recovering from TIA, **Kay Ostrander**, **Robert Willey**, quadruple bypass surgery Oct 18 - doing well (husband of Dolly-friend of Deb Bening), **Cathie Heath**, surgery on knee, **Anonymous**, God knows the need, **Dave Balnaves**, Jenny E's dad, **Leona Cottrell**, Jim Wilson's sister-had serious car accident, **David O.**, liver problems (son of Mary S. friend, Mona) **Jim B.**, kidney failure, **Maggie**, for job at local hospital, **Allan C.**, cancer, **Victor Dass**, Gracy's son, for healing of feet & ankles and successful job hunting, **Jonathan**, Cathie Heath's son-for the Lord to strengthen him, **Ariel Richardson**, **Laura Frey**, for full recovery from hip surgery **Steve Rumsey**, for healing, good circulation & health of heart and lungs (Dianna's brother), **Bob Evans**, cancer, **Julie Herman**, asthma, **Bobby Nadeau Sr**, chest pain & shortness of breath, **Bob**, back trouble (George), **Evalynne**, 7-month old grand-niece of Cathie Heath - pray that hearing loss will be reversed, **Josh**, Jenny E's brother, **Dr. Paul Wilson**, **Cindy Larimore**, **Rosemary Maehre**, **Jack Miller**, abdominal problems-and his wife, **Karen Miller**, Rosemary's sister, **Dick Green**, Crosbys friend - pancreatic cancer, **Sara, Danara & Dennis**, Dawn Fryman's syblings, **Doris Thomas** and her sister **Helen** (George Jenkins), **Richard Lohr**, cancer (Kay K), **Lorraine Poulin**, **Luanne Bills**, **Betty Kizer**, health concerns, **Thomas Ford**, Betty's grandson, **Skylar**, classmate of Alec Leibengood, injuries from auto accident, **Dr. Burgess Bills**, **Tim Ward**, cancer, **Mary Snowberger**, COPD, **Schimmel family**, financial hardship (Kay K), **Tammy L.** congestive heart failure @ age 38 (Kay K), **Diana Osterman**, cancer (Kay K), **Tristan**, (10-year-old) 2nd bout with cancer, **Relic Harris**, 3-yr. old-breathing & heart problems-Rosemary's grand-nephew, **Glenn Horvath**, Craig's brother, **Gloria C.** for spiritual well being (Kay K), **Pat Ten Eck**, heart problems-friend of G Jenkins, **Christine Nadeau**, mental strength & well being, **Janet**, Tom Wilkins' sr. - breast cancer, **Karen Conkle**, **Joanne**, Rosemary's sister; **Robert Hannon**, MS-Sara Rios' son-in-law.

*Thank you, church family, for all your prayers and support. We both feel blessed. The flowers are beautiful. Thank you, In Bloom! Please continue praying for smooth recovery. —Kathy & Denny Kajfasz*

**Community Christmas Eve Service** will be here at Toledo First from 5 - 6pm. Include this in your Christmas plans.

**Six Weeks Groups — Women's Prayer Group** with Arsenia Uckele meets after worship in the front right corner of the sanctuary. **Entrance to TF Church Bible Study** class with Pastor Mike continues today at 5pm in the church office and is scheduled for 12/15, 1/12 and 1/26. **Bible Study Group meets Sundays, 10am-12noon at church** with Regina Davis. Everyone is invited.

**Membership Transfer from Toledo First:** Second Reading - Christopher Atkins to North Valley SDA Church, Roanoke, VA. (This transfer and all transfers from TF are voted at Business Meeting. The next one is JAN 20, 10am)

**There will be a memorial** tomorrow, DEC 9, at 3pm at the Metro SDA Church, 15585 Haggerty Rd. (near Six Mile), Plymouth, MI for Jack Kovalski's mother, Patricia Ann Kovalski, who passed away in Tennessee on NOV 4. Our sincere sympathy to Jack & Leslie and their family.

*We are saddened to report the death of Nancy Green. Her funeral was Friday at 11am at Newcomer/Heatherdowns. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family & friends.*

<b>DEC RECEIPTS</b>		
Monthly Goal	\$12,612	<i>"I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands that I still possess."</i>
Received for Budget	3,976	
Difference	\$ 8,636	
Received for School Bldg Fund	355	<i>Martin Luther</i>
Lambs' Offering	55	
Scholarship & Worthy Student	433	
<b>YEAR TO DATE (for Local Budget)</b>		
YTD Goal	\$151,340	
Received for Budget	125,193	
Difference	26,147	

# Our Welcome

*We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, y no habla ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or could afford to lose a few pounds. We welcome you if you sing like Andrea Bocelli or can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's baptism. We welcome service dogs and their handlers. We welcome Muslims, Jews, politicians, and sinners like us. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, or you're down in the dumps, or you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too. If you blew all your offering money at the casino, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, who work hard, don't work, can't spell, or come because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts . . . and you.*

*"The early Christians did not rejoice because of better things to come. They rejoiced because Christ had come. God's unspeakable gift was not provisional. They rejoiced because it was final." —Handel H. Brown*