



First Church of God Mature Adult Ministry, 2627 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085 - [myfirstchurch.com/prime-timers](http://myfirstchurch.com/prime-timers) - 269.983.1524

## Start the Holidays With a Festival of Candles & Carols



GOSHEN COLLEGE  
A FESTIVAL  
OF CAROLS

Start your Christmas Celebrations right by attending the *“Festival of Candles and Carols”* in the beautifully decorated concert hall at Goshen College in Indiana.

On Sunday afternoon, December 6, we will travel to Goshen, Indiana to relax and be inspired by the students and faculty of Goshen College as they share a beautiful program of Christmas music and congregational caroling. This promises to be an outstanding time of Christmas celebration that will inspire and lift your spirits!

We will leave the First Church parking lot at 2:00pm on December 6. The Festival program and transportation will be \$17.00 per person. We will stop at Cracker Barrel in Elkhart on the way home for a bite to eat (dinner is on your own) following the program.

Please register and pay your \$17.00 by November 23 to reserve your seat. This will be a final deadline, as we must release any un-sold tickets back to the college at that time. So, be sure to mark your calendars and register by paying your \$17.00 per person and placing your registration / payment in the silver *“Registrations”* mailbox at First Church, or stop by the church office and give it to Jennifer.

## Stayed upon Jehovah

Don't miss the presentation of the Prime Time Choir fall musical, *“Stayed Upon Jehovah,”* directed by Len Baldwin.

As we focus on our Rock of Serenity and Source of Peace, this musical will give you calm in this midst of a world of violence, senseless crime, and financial turmoil.

### Area presentations include:

Oct 11 -Crystal Springs COG (6:00pm)

Oct 13 - Whitcomb Towers (6:30pm)

Oct 18 - First Church of Nazarene (5:00pm)

Oct 25 - First Church of God (6:00pm)



*Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.  
The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation. -- Isaiah 12:2*

# What About Your Kidneys?

Kidney disease is reaching epidemic proportions in our country. On **Friday, October 16, 6:00pm, Dr. Katherine Westin Kwon**, a board-certified nephrologist from Lake Michigan Nephrology in St. Joe, will come to First Church to speak in layman's terms about the function of the kidneys, risk factors for kidney disease, and the two simple questions you should ask your doctor to make sure your kidneys are functioning properly.



Her informative talk will follow a **potluck harvest dinner. Bring your favorite dish.**

Sign-up for this dinner through the First Church office by **Monday, October 13.** Cost is \$2/person.

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## Fall Tour & Frankenmuth

The bus is full! On Monday, October 12, we will be leaving at 7:30am on a comfortable chartered bus to travel through the beautiful fall colors of Michigan to Frankenmuth where we will enjoy shopping and lunch at Zehnders. Call the church office if you would like to be on the waiting list.

## Book of Philippians Study

Patty Needles is continuing her popular Bible Study sessions on Tuesdays with the Book of Philippians.

Sessions are held in the Community Room of Glen Aire Mobile Home Park on Glenlord Road, St. Joe, every Tuesday, 10:00-11:30am. The Community Room is located just inside the gate of the park.

Call Patty Needles for more information: 429.3345.

## Living With an Older Man

Join us on **Friday, November 13, 12:00pm**, as Mary Ellen Behrle shares the humor she has gleaned from life while learning to experience its richest blessings.

Behrle, a breast cancer survivor, has served as a nurse, was head of the Intensive Care Unit at St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend, was a regional sales manager, and started her own company, "*Miss Fit USA.*"

**Cost for a delicious turkey & dressing dinner is \$8/person. Register no later than November 8.** For more information, contact Carol Smith at 269.556.0513.

You Are Invited to the

**Ordination Service for  
*Mary Shawl Ranke***

**Sunday, November 22**  
at First Church of God

Watch for the time and more details.

## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC



**Sunday, Nov 1**

**10:30-11:30am**

Room 5

First Church of God

# Living Legacy Journal Workshop

Thursdays on October 15, 22, 29 and November 5 & 12.

Offered mornings (10:30-noon) OR evenings (6:30-8:00pm)

Have you yearned to share your memories and experiences with your children and grandchildren, but didn't know where to start? The *Living Legacy Journal Workshop* will help! Your life story is a treasure for future generations, and a story that only you can really tell. It is a priceless gift of meaning and understanding to your family.

Led by Pastor Bob Confer, this 5-session workshop will give you hands-on guidance as you compile your life stories and memories for your children/grandchildren.

*"It is my hope to provide you with a meaningful resource journal and to encourage you in a heartfelt desire to share your life story with your children, grandchildren, and subsequent generations,"* states Pastor Confer. *"We each have an important story to tell our families, and I encourage you to accept the challenge of writing, preservihng, and giving your story to your loved ones."*

**Two identical sessions each Thursday allows you to catch-up if you must miss your regular session.**

**Sign-up** for this class by calling 269.983.1524 or online at [myfirstchurch.com/livinglegacy](http://myfirstchurch.com/livinglegacy). A mandatory workbook (\$15) is available at The Good Word Resource Center, located in the Gathering Area of First Church of God.



## Looking Ahead...

**December 8, 6:00pm**  
**Christmas Dinner!**

Bump & Nancy Enders will be our guests at our annual catered Christmas dinner. Sing along as they lead us in Christmas carols! Bump is a member of the St. Joseph Municipal Band & of Southshore Concert Band.

**January 15, 12:00pm**  
**Soup's On**

After a hearty soup luncheon, Cliff Tallman (educator, not salesman) will exhibit and explain devices and equipment for the hearing impaired. This will be a very informative luncheon!

## Flu Shot Clinics



**Sunday, October 25**  
**10:45am-12:45pm**  
**FCOG Fellowship Hall**

Seasonal flu shots will be given at this clinic. Cost: \$30. Medicare is accepted. Bring your card and a copy of both sides of your card.

You cannot receive this vaccine if you are allergic to eggs, chickens, or chicken feathers or Thimerisol (preservative in flu vaccine), or if you have Guillian Barre syndrome, or are running a fever.

**Monday, Nov. 2 (3:00-7:00pm)**  
**& again Monday, Nov. 30 (3:00-6:00pm)**

Free H1N1 (Swine) flu shots will be given in two parts at these clinics. Watch for details.



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## The Final Word

### OPERATION: CHRISTMAS CHILD

Christmas is just around the corner, and there are many children whose only gifts will be the ones that arrive in a shoebox.

A gift-filled shoebox through the Samaritan's Purse program, *Operation: Christmas Child* for a child in a troubled land provides hope, joy and the message of



God's love. Prime Timers will be collecting gift-filled shoeboxes the weekend of October 17.



You can wrap the box separately, but it is not required. Please include a donation of \$7 (to cover shipping) for each box you prepare. (Make checks payable to "Samaritan's Purse" Note "OCC" on the memo line). Place in an envelope and tape it to the top of the gift items inside your box.

**Bring shoeboxes to our collection table at any service the weekend of October 17.**

Feel free to use your imagination and heart in choosing gifts. Remember, no war items (these children have seen enough of war), perishable foods, breakable items, or used/damaged items.

Contact Janet Mack (429-1302) or Sharon Kuhns (925-2847) for more information.

### Prime Time Leaders Annual Planning Retreat: **Monday, Oct 26, 8:30am**



Prime Time leaders, call the church office to make your reservation at our annual planning retreat to be held at **Lakeland Hospital's Conference Room on the main floor**--down the hall from the main entrance. **If you have ideas for places to go, speakers, topics, etc., please let Pastor Bob know before the meeting.** Sign-up by Friday, October 16.

Also, if you are a current leader and are unable to serve in 2010, please call Pastor Bob as soon as you can. Thanks!