



# FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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December 18, 2016

## Welcome to Faith Alliance!

From Pastor Trent's desk...



The last newsletter written ended with a verse from Psalm 34, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." This past Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday there were a lot of people from this area who had an opportunity to taste the Lord's goodness. This was my first year being involved in the Live Nativity from beginning to end, what a great outreach ministry! It was really neat to see so many little children and adults interacting with the story of Jesus' birth. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make it a success, there were many people involved. From making cookies, fitting costumes, characters willing to freeze each night, a group of people to set up the scene, a group of people tear down the scene (in the wind and two-degree weather), decorating the foyer, craft helpers, those who played music, car greeters and traffic control, people from the church lingering around to be hospitable, those who organized the animals, those who made signs, those who distributed invitations, and the list could go on - thank you! The body of Christ has many parts and many of those parts were working together well this past week, all for the fame of His name. Be praying that God will grow some of the seeds that were planted into the minds and hearts of unbelievers and those without a church home.

I'll invite all of you to think creatively about how we can continue to plant seeds in New Bremen and in other nearby communities. I believe God has called each of us to much more than trekking to church for a couple hours each Sunday to be renewed. God wants us to draw near, but he's also sending us into the world just as he sent his Son. This week spend some time praying and thinking about what doors God may be opening that would allow you to proclaim his goodness. Maybe it's in a coffee shop you visit weekly, maybe in your office, your school, to your unchurched neighbors, a parentless child, or a son or daughter who has wandered away. No matter the people or place that God puts on your heart, share his love boldly there, and know that if you need resources or encouragement, the body of Faith Alliance is here to support you in your ministry.

P.S. If you will be out of town next weekend, safe travels and Merry Christmas!

**Blue Night Worship...**

On Saturday, December 17, at 5:00pm, St. Paul's will be offering a Blue Christmas/Longest Night worship service in their main sanctuary. The service will be open to the community and will include scripture, song, and lighting of candles in memory of loved ones. Those who worship will be able to write their loved one's name on an ornament to take home. All are welcome to join!

**Contact Information...**

Pastor Tom and Pam want you to know that they can now be reached at the following email addresses: tomsager51@gmail.com; psager98@yahoo.com. Their mailing address is 980 Terry Dr., Troy, OH 45373. Their cell numbers remain the same: 419-953-7721 (Tom) and 419-953-5252 (Pam.)

**Thank You...**

A special thank you to everyone who helped out with the Live Nativity this year. It went extremely well and we cannot be more grateful to everyone who spent their time to make sure everything was prepared for those three nights. Thank you for braving the cold and sharing in the joy of getting to tell the story of Jesus' birth to so many.

**Reminder...**

Just a reminder service times will be changed due to Christmas and New Year's.

**Christmas Eve: One service at 4:00pm**

**Christmas Day: One service at 10:30am**

**New Year's Day: One service at 10:30am**

**Current Prayer Concerns...**

- Steve, Liz Fenter's brother-in-law, medical issues
- Sarah Benson, in hospital due to a fall
- Maya Schwieterman, daughter of Ryan and Angie, spinal issues
- Praise: the Live Nativity went extremely well, wonderful attendance

**Financial Report**

Offering December 11, 2016

General Fund: \$9,723

Building Fund: \$958

Great Commission: \$2,444

Local Missions: \$326

Tea House: \$10

Joel Meyer: \$50

Kitchen Fund: \$10

Youth Center: \$10

Deacon Fund: \$200

**Attendance**

Week of December 11, 2016

Early Worship - 165

Late Worship - 139

Kids - 19; Adult Workers - 5

Foundation Class - 6

Total Worship - 328

# YOUTH GROUP

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Doors open - 6:30p.m.

Jr. High Class - 6:30p.m. 7:30p.m.

Sr. High Class - 8:30p.m. 9:30p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December:**

21st: Christmas Break

28th: Christmas Break

## SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Class - 9:15am-10:15am

*(In Classroom 8)*

*Happy Birthday this month to*

Jackson Terpstra, Mariah Parlett

Calla Ferguson, Kira Bertke

Journey Boyle, Nathan Bear

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### Poinsettias for Loved Ones - "In Memory Of..."

**Josh & Missy Felver**

John & Mary Leopard  
Arthur Vagedes  
Carl & Margaret Felver  
Forest & Aileen Hileman

**Luan Louis**

Jeff Henschen

**Roger Dicke**

Joanne Dicke  
John Schneider

**Tim & Vivian Kilmer**

Carol Thompson

**Helen Tangeman**

Tony, Ron, & Harold Tangeman

**Jim & Kay Roeth**

Donald Denniston, James Roeth (Senior)



