

►► Upcoming Events and Info

Today's Service: As we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent, we are honored to have the children of our fellowship take a special part in this worship service. Afterwards, everyone is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy some Christmas goodies!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Please come back and join us this coming **Saturday, December 24th at 4:00pm** for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Invite your friends and enjoy some hot apple cider before the service and bags of candy afterwards!

Christmas Eve Choir Practice: There will be a short practice **today** and again **Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7pm** for anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument as part of our Christmas Eve choir. Talk to Linda VanderSys if you have questions.

Sunday School Schedule: Note that there will be *no* Sunday School classes on December 25 and January 1; Sunday School will resume on January 8, along with our winter session of small groups (see insert).

Mid-Winter Adult Retreat: Friday evening through Saturday afternoon (January 27-28), we will be having a wonderful retreat at Cedar Springs for anybody out of high school and older. Our guest speakers are Jim and Jean Calman's daughter & son-in-law, Sam & Kristi Fowler. All the details can be found in the brochure at the Information Table. Sign up ASAP to reserve your spot.

Men's Breakfast: Advance notice that the next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 7, 7am at the Fairway Café.

Please Check Your Mailbox: Some of the mailboxes are overflowing with Christmas cheer, so you might want to check your church mailslot if you haven't done so recently.

Fasting Brochure: If you'd like more information about the "Daniel Fast", you can pick up a brochure with details at the welcome desk.

Christmas & New Year's Events Schedule

December 24 ~ 4:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25 ~ No Service

January 1 ~ New Years Day Service with Communion
(no Sunday School)

January 2 ~ Daniel Fast begins



Sharing & Caring

After nearly a year of being bed-ridden, Fred Pickett has passed away and is now in the presence of his heavenly Father. Lift up his daughter Donna, his son David and all their family and friends as they celebrate a life well lived and say their good-byes. Fred's memorial service is this afternoon at 2:30 here at CrossPoint.

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Begin asking God to guide you as you ponder whether or not to participate in our three week fast in January.

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Many folks are traveling this time of year. Pray for the safety of those you know who will be on the road and in the air this next week.

Prayer Postings

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Our World

Many missionary kids are finishing up their school semester and preparing for travel to be with their families during the holidays. Pray for safe travels and that the time they spend with their parents and other family members will encourage, refresh, and renew their spirits.

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We give glory to God that 157,003 new members were added to the Nazarene Church this year. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness! (These statistics were drawn from the Annual Church Statistical Report released this week for the 2010-2011 church year. The full report will be available for viewing later this week on the denominational Web site.)

Thanks to the Lord for the great evening of dinner and fellowship this past Friday evening! A special thanks to Norm and Eleanor Zahnow and the many others who spent numerous hours planning and preparing to make this evening a special event.

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If you've been waiting to invite a relative, friend or neighbor to church, the upcoming Christmas Eve Candlelight service provides a perfect opportunity. Ask God to lay on your heart the name(s) of someone who would enjoy this evening. Pray that God will use this service as a way to minister and touch the hearts of those who attend.

"But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." Galatians 4:4-5

Welcome!

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We are so glad you've decided to join us today. Please fill out the information below and let us know how we can be of service to you.

When you've finished, you can drop this card in the offering bag or give it to an usher.

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

► Check all that apply:

- I'm a first-time visitor
- I would like to know more about a personal relationship with Jesus
- Today I committed my life to Christ
- Today I rededicated my life to Christ
- I want to be baptized
- I am interested in joining a Community Group
- I am interested in becoming a member of CrossPoint Church
- I attend regularly, and would like to update the directory