

The Heartbeat

FATHER'S HEART
FAMILY CHURCH



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December to Remember

December is busy! It's chaotic, overwhelming, and can bring up many different emotions. With all these feelings flooding through us and the hustle and bustle of Christmastime, it can be easy to forget why this holiday even exists in the first place.

We need to use December to remember! I am preaching to myself with this one! I'm a huge Christmas fanatic. I love the "magic" of the season. The twinkle lights. The shopping. The ugly sweaters! Even the Christmas Elves (I wanted to be one...still do!) So to take the time to stop and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas can be difficult sometimes. There's just so much to do!

Use December to remember!

Remember that Mary was a virgin! She basically woke up one day and God told her she was pregnant. And not just pregnant, but pregnant with OUR SAVIOR.

That is a miracle!

That baby was named Jesus and He was GOD IN HUMAN FORM. Who later died for our sins and ROSE AGAIN.

Another miracle!

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God put these events into action all because He loves US and wanted to bring us hope. He knew how flawed we would be. The sins we would make. And He still performed these miracles for us. For you!

I want us all to remember these things. Remember this season and always! Not only that God gave us the miracle that is Jesus Christ, but that He is STILL performing miracles today.

The same God that allowed a virgin to have a baby is the same God today!

And Jesus, the son of God and God in human form, is the same yesterday, today, and forever! (Hebrews 13:8)

So pause this season. Take a breath. And when you see those glistening trees and sparkling ribbons, remember that this is a season of miracles. He did it before. And He'll do it again.

Use December to Remember... He is the God of miracles!

Love to you this Christmas season!

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Have a testimony to share? Email
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Department Highlight: Food Pantry



Father's Heart Outreach has maintained a food pantry for approximately 25 years to help with the food insecurity of the citizens of Erie County. In each year, we have given out more than 250,000 pounds of food and other non-perishable items and served over 17,000 community residents in need this year. Families depend on our ability to provide them with food for their families when they are not able to do so for themselves. Families with children and the elderly look to this food bank for their weekly as well as monthly needs when they run out of money to purchase the basic necessities to survive. To be able to continue to provide fresh fruits and vegetables every Friday and food boxes that includes canned goods and fresh meat along with non-perishable items monthly, we look to our community partners to help us each year. People can donate by sending checks or cash to the church specifying it's for the food pantry. If people want to donate food, they can ask for Danielle Vice through the Church. The drive thru pantry is every last Sunday of the month from 3-4 except May 18, Aug 24, Nov 16, and Dec 14, 2025. This month you can attend the drive thru pantry on Dec 15th, 2024 and every Friday morning receive produce at 8am!



Question of the Month!

Have you ever experienced a miracle?



I have witnessed a miracle in my second son, Logan. He was born almost 2 years after my brother-in-law passed away and looks identical to him; hair and eye color. God brought my brother-in-law back through him.

- Catrina Farrar



I've had a few miracles that I definitely didn't do in my own power! By His strength He helped me with homelessness, addiction, WALKING AGAIN, and putting joy back into my life; without Him these things wouldn't have been possible!

-Ashley Kreimes



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Impact Youth (Youth Ministry) 7th-12th grade:

Youth are asked to sit in the back pew during Worship and are released around 11am to class!
-Youth Christmas Dinner is December 22nd at the 10:30 service!

Children's Ministry: Verse of the month is "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior - Luke 1:46-47

This month we transition into the New Testament and get into Jesus's story.

-December 15th we will have a Christmas Party!
-No classes on the 1st, 22nd, 29th. This is to give our volunteers a break and start the new year refreshed. Thank you.

-The 22nd we will only have nursery to 5 year olds.

Mens Ministry: Mens breakfast begins at 9:30 am on December 14th.

Food Pantry: The drive thru pantry is December 15th from 3-4. Also every Friday morning produce is available starting at 8am. Donations for canned fruit and cereal are needed and can be put in the donation box in the lobby.

Women's Fellowship:

Women's Ministry and Secret Sister Reveal Party, "A Vintage Christmas", is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th at 5pm.

New sign up sheets will be available if you want to participate in Secret Sister for 2025. Return forms by January 5th, 2025!

Join us for a Women's Ministry "Souper Saturday" on January 18th from 1pm-4pm. Bring a pot of soup to share.

Recording Studio: Our video and audio recording studio is now operational! Have a Christ-centered podcast you want to start? Looking to make content to advance the kingdom of God? Now's your chance! We're actively seeking those that want to make content for the glory of our God. Contact Jeff Lusher at 419-656-4073 to set up a time to discuss your vision. We are also actively working to allow for music recording as well, so stay tuned if you're interested.

Prayer Chain: All of us on the FHFC prayer team are sincere, confidential and committed in helping you bring your request before the Lord. In another newsletter, we will explain more on how to communicate your prayer request to us. Keep your eyes and ears open! - Hannah Jordan

Clothes Closet: Every first Saturday of the month from 10am-1pm and every third Friday of the month from 8:30am-11:30am during produce giveaway. Donations for clothes and hangers welcomed! Clothes can be dropped off on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10am until noon. Do not leave outside as we will not be able to accept the items. Also donations for tubs to store clothes are needed!

Let's Talk women's group: Meetings will resume January 7th 2025

Wednesday Morning Men & Women's Bible Studies:

Every Wednesday at 9:30am-10:30am. Women meet in fellowship hall, Men meet in conference room. Women have breakfast fellowship the 4th Wednesday of each month!

"The Table" discussion group- Meets every Wednesday starting at 6pm. ALL are welcome as we cover the tough questions!

Dance and Drama: Please sign up in The Foyer. Or see Shirley Clark. 419-271-8236.

Young Adult Bible Study: Meeting on every other Thursday in the Youth Ministry room. 5:30pm refreshments, 6pm Bible study.

Evening Service: Every Sunday at 6pm. In need of more musicians for worship! Contact Ben Hall for more information!

Upcoming Events

December 22nd- Christmas Program

December 29th- Candlelight Service in place of "Family Sunday"