

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:15am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30am	ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	DW	Nursery / Kids Ministry / Youth Ministry
11:00am	DW	Worship Service
11:00am	DW	Nursery / Kids Ministry
11:00am	DW	Seeker's Bible Study - Meeting Room
5:00-7:00pm	DW	Journey to Bethlehem - door 4*

MONDAY • DECEMBER 11

TUESDAY • DECEMBER 12

10am-2pm	DW	Food Pantry
5:30-7:00pm	DW	Food Pantry
6:00-7:30pm	DW	Middle School Youth Group - end door

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 13

10:00am	DW	Sing and Play - Nursery - door 4*
10:00am	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting Room - door 4*
6:30pm	DW	Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY • DECEMBER 14

5:30pm	DW	#BeTheChurch Event - Gym - door 5*
--------	----	------------------------------------

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 15 - Office Closed

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 16 - Building Closed

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 17

3rd Sunday in Advent

Giving Tree Gifts due back today

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:15am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30am	ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	DW	Nursery / Kids Ministry / Youth Ministry
11:00am	DW	Worship Service
11:00am	DW	Nursery / Kids Ministry
11:00am	DW	Seeker's Bible Study - Meeting Room
3:30-5:00pm	DW	High School Skating - meet at Munn

Key: DW—DeWitt; SJ—St. Johns; ON—Online; All—Both Campuses

*Door numbers refer to the large white numbers on the building's exterior, above each outside door.

enews Would you like to receive our weekly enews? Keep up with what's happening, sign-up for our weekly enews. Contact us at: office@dewittredeemer.org



ONE CHURCH. TWO LOCATIONS.
www.myredeemer.church

DeWitt (Main Office)

13980 Schavey Rd
DeWitt, MI 48820

517-669-3430

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-4:30pm

Sunday Services:

8:15, 9:30, & 11:00am

Online: 9:30am (FB & YouTube)

St. Johns

200 E State St.
St. Johns, MI 48879

989-224-6859

Office Hours:

Tue & Wed: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Sunday Service:

9:30am

FOLLOW US



[facebook.com/
myredeemerchurch](https://facebook.com/myredeemerchurch)



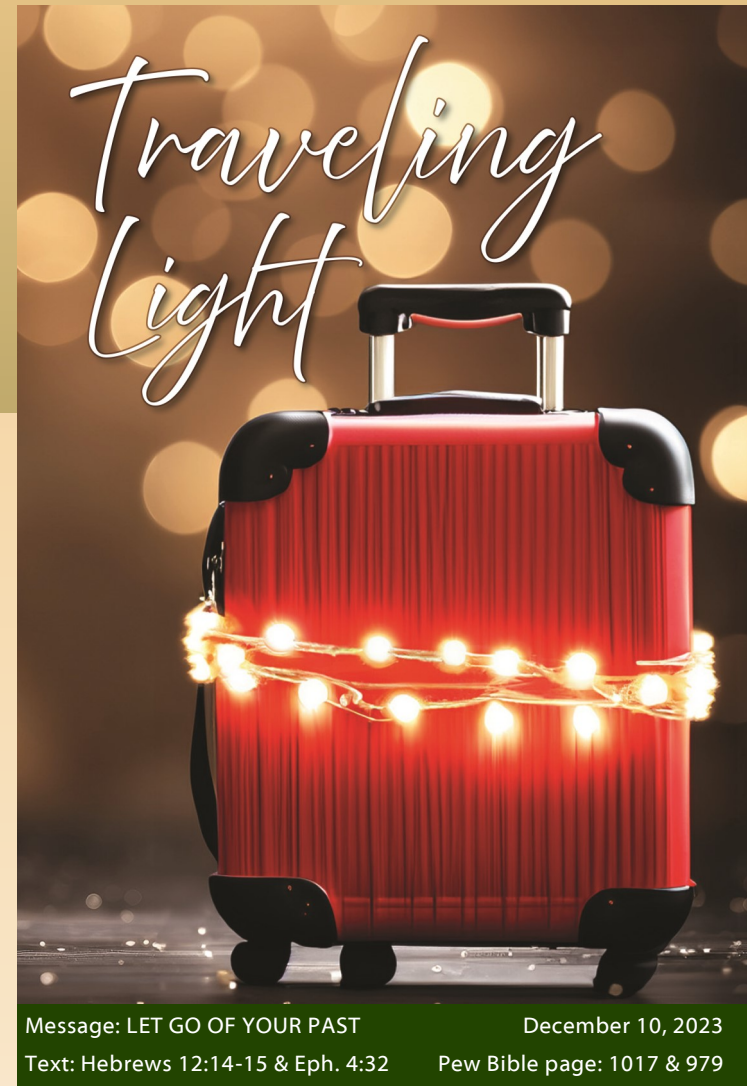
[/redeemer.church.mi](https://redeemer.church.mi)

Download the Redeemer app



www.myredeemer.church

GIVE TO REDEEMER
online | App
myredeemer.church/give



Message: LET GO OF YOUR PAST

December 10, 2023

Text: Hebrews 12:14-15 & Eph. 4:32

Pew Bible page: 1017 & 979

CHECK IN

You are important to us. Guests and members, let us know you are here or leave a prayer request by filling out the connection card in the pew and dropping it in one of the boxes in the back of the worship center. You may also check in online through our app or by scanning this QR code or by visiting: myredeemer.church/connect



WELCOME TO REDEEMER CHURCH

check in! →

Whether you're at one of our campuses, online, new, or here all the time, be sure to sign-in on a pew card or on the Redeemer app! You can also share prayer request, ask questions, and more.



TONIGHT!!

Take a step back in time to Bethlehem, on the night of Jesus' birth. With a Christmas concert by our Redeemer Kids Chorus to start our evening - you'll be sure to feel the joy and wonder as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

- A fun family night! (crafts are geared toward toddler to 5th grade)
- Invite a friend



INVITE SOMEONE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

- DeWitt - 3, 5, & 7pm (Afternoon only)
- St. Johns - 9:30am (Morning only)

NEW YEAR'S EVE | DEC 31, 2023

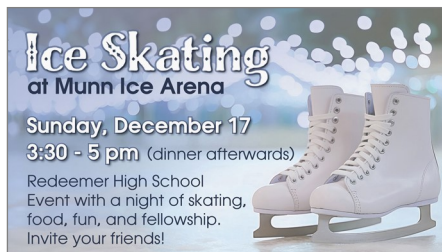
- DeWitt - 8:15 & 9:30am
- St. Johns - 9:30am

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would be willing to serve as:

- Greeter
- Usher

please sign-up at the Information Center or email SANDY.



Redeemer High School Youth is hosting a night of skating, food, and fun at MSU Munn Ice Arena on Sunday, December 17, with skating from 3:30 – 5pm and dinner afterwards at Brody Hall. Bring your friends!

- Meet at Munn Arena
- Skate rental available at Munn
- All fees for the evening will be covered by Redeemer

2023 YEAR END GIFT

The end of the year is a perfect time to reflect on our many blessings including God's greatest gift to us, His Son, Jesus Christ. Why not make a special effort to honor Him in your giving – it may be the most important gift you give. All year-end gifts received or postmarked no later than December 31, 2023, will be entered as a charitable gift for 2023. Please note the church office is closed on Friday, December 29, but donations can be dropped off to the office until Thursday, December 28, before 4:30pm.

To make a gift, simply use any envelope in your monthly mailing or mark any pew envelope with 'Year End Gift'. A gift can also be made through the mobile app or under the [GIVE TAB](#) on our website. Thank you for your support.



Thank you for joining us to provide Christmas blessings for 41 local families!

- Monetary donations are still being accepted to help cover the cost of Christmas breakfast and hams through our [GIVE TAB](#).
- Please return all gifts (wrapped with tag attached) by next Sunday, December 17.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

We have several Christmas events this year. Please see the signup under [#BeTheChurch](#) to join us!

- Clinton County Toys for Tots (Mon, 12/11)
- Moving Giving Tree Gifts (Fri, 12/15 at 3pm)
- Handing out kid Christmas bags at the Cardboard Prophet Christmas (Sat, 12/16)
- Distributing Giving Tree Gifts (Thurs, 12/21)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We will be going to Greater Lansing Food Bank during school break for seed sorting! All ages 14 on up can signup to join us. Great NHS hours! Signup under [#BeTheChurch](#).



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Each year in December, Redeemer Church invites members of the congregation to give to the Christmas Offering...a gift over and above their regular tithe. This year, our gifts will be dedicated to two separate organizations who care for individuals and families in the moment where they are facing their greatest needs.

[THE CITY RESCUE MISSION OF LANSING](#)

- Bringing hope, love, and Jesus' redemption to those in need
- In ministry for over 110 years
- Serving men, women, and children
- Food and shelter, a place of safety, and a sense of dignity

[THE UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF – UMCOR](#)

- Assisting United Methodist churches to become involved locally, regionally, and globally in direct ministry to persons in need.
- UMCOR serves those who suffer from disasters of all types
- Offering help and hope to the most vulnerable, unable to recover on their own



MESSAGE: LET GO OF YOUR PAST

NIV VERSION

Hebrews 12:14-15; Eph. 4:32

PEW BIBLE PAGE 1017 & 979

BIG IDEA: YOU CAN CONTROL HOW YOU RESPOND TO OTHERS

GETTING STARTED

What is the pet peeve that most frequently causes you to become frustrated with people?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. "You can't control what people do, but you can control how you respond." How does this statement affect how you relate to others?
2. Read Hebrews 12:14-15. When has bitterness been a temptation in your life? What are some bitter roots you could take care of before they grow up to cause trouble?
3. Do you know someone who could be bitter but isn't? How do you think he/she does it? How challenging is compassion and forgiveness when someone has hurt you?
4. "If you can't let go of the past, you can't embrace the future." What are some of the most important components to learning from or healing from your past to move forward?
5. Think about your past self and your present self. Does it seem like two totally different people, a little different, or about the same? How have you grown and changed through the years? How has God's grace been a part of that journey?
6. How can you use compassion and forgiveness (if needed) to bring your family closer when you gather for the holidays?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank you for saving us from our past so we can step into our future. Show us any roots of bitterness in our lives. Give us strength to show compassion and forgiveness to people who have hurt us. In the name of Christ, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Ephesians 4:17-5:2. Of all the commands given here for Christian living, which seems to be the major command God is challenging you with in your life? Where do you feel you are making progress in your Christian life?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

DECEMBER 10, 2023

"Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many." Hebrews 12:14-15 (NLT)

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV)

MY NOTES: