

Decatur First Reformed Church

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WE BELIEVE - the Bible to be the infallible Word of God and, therefore, the final authority for faith and practice. WE BELIEVE - in Jesus Christ as the only Son of God, and the Savior of those who accept Him by faith. WE BELIEVE - in the forgiveness of sins through the work of Christ on the cross. WE BELIEVE - in the fellowship of the Church of Christian growth through regular worship.



First Reformed Church exists to reach the disconnected and grow the connected in Christ.

Our vision at Decatur First Reformed Church is a church on the GROW.

We will grow in our love for God and neighbor
We will grow God's kingdom
We will reach out with Christ's light and love
In two years we will

- 1) grow through focus on our families and our friends
- 2) grow through community outreach
- 3) see each unchurched person of this community as a potential member of this church
- 4) be known as the church that serves

Announcements - December 2, 2018

† The sympathy of the church is extended to the Mroczek family on the loss of Dan's father, Bruno, on Wednesday. A service was held at the Decatur Bible Church on Friday.

† Classis representatives Nate Bull, Esto Juarez and Mark Kraai will be here next Sunday along with Jonathan Lam for a presentation/Q&A session regarding an idea that would be greatly beneficial to DFR. Working with a house church idea, it's possible that DFR could become a part of a collegiate group of churches in the Classis known as Vanguard. Nate Bull is the ordained representative of Vanguard, which includes a group of house churches that operate independently yet under his guidance. We would be considered a house church with your own facility and the burden of Classis assessments would cease - we would not be considered an independent Reformed Church in the Classis but one of a group under the direction of Nate Bull and Vanguard Ministries. This alternative gives us some of the independence we desire yet provides the support DFR needs in moving forward in ministry in Decatur. Vanguard is excited at the possibility of keeping the Celebrate Recovery program intact and even expanding it, while finding ways to enhance Sunday morning worship. Nate and Esto (from the Edison neighborhood home church) are excited to come meet with DFR after the morning worship service on December 9. They will present their ideas to you and you could ask questions. This session will follow the morning worship service and lunch will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

† The Ministerial Association is once again sponsoring a Holiday Dinner today at the VFW Hall at 4 p.m. There will be a short service starting at 4 p.m. followed by the dinner. The dinner is free for everyone in the community, although donations would be welcomed.

† The Paw Paw Community Chorus presents "Christmas Anticipations" today at 4 pm, at the Paw Paw High School Performing Arts Center. All are invited to attend.

† If you would be willing to volunteer to lead an advent candle lighting one of the coming weeks, please contact Betty Boze or Loraine Houseman.

† We are having a Bible Study at the Prayer Room on Thursdays 10:00 am. Please consider joining this group for a closer look at God's Word.

† Do you shop at Family Fare? Save your receipts and deposit them in the white church on the table under the bulletin board in Social Room. This helps earn money for our church.

