



## From the Pastor

## Monthly Church Events

Prayer Awakens Expectation (P.A.X.)

Teams are Forming Now!

As we enter into Advent, we look forward to Christmas with certain expectations. For me, I expect krumkake cookies sprinkled with powdered sugar. I expect way too many gifts under the tree. I expect chaos in a flurry of torn paper on Christmas morning, as well as that sinking feeling that our kids are less than grateful. I expect things from my relatives, from my wife, from the weather, from the Amazon truck bringing packages. But what do I expect from God? Another re-hashing of the Christmas story? What does God expect from me? What do I expect from myself?

It is a sad thing to function with no expectations. We all need to be called to achieve a higher standard or dig a little deeper. We all need some sort of goal. How good it is to exceed expectations!

I believe God can and will exceed our expectations! So we need to ask: What do we expect from God? Often, I think our answer is simply to expect more of the same. If we haven't seen a miracle in a while, then we won't expect one now. If we have not been moved by his presence lately, then we don't expect for it to happen today.

Let me remind you what the apostle Paul says in Ephesians 3:20, "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us." I believe God wants to awaken our expectations! We should not expect more of the same. We should be allowing the Holy Spirit to fire up our imaginations and coming before God in faith that He can and will do more than we ask of Him.

This is where our P.A.X. teams come in. If we can come together in prayer and allow God to work his power in us, we will find that, not only will we expect more from God, but he will exceed those expectations.

We want to be people of prayer here at Forest Hills Church! This Advent season is a great time for us as church to lift up to God the things that we expect of Him. As we do so, we will come to find out what it is that he expects of us! Join up with a P.A.X. team! P.A.X. teams meet throughout the week to simply pray and allow God to awaken expectation in us. Check the available groups and jump in on one that works with your schedule.

<b>Dec 1</b>	10:00am - PAX - Sue 7:00pm - PAX - Julie (Zoom)
<b>Dec 2</b>	8:00am - Grow Group
<b>Dec 3</b>	9:00am - United Methodist Men
<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> 10:00am - Worship 11:15am - MISSION TRIP 6:00pm - Women On Fire
<b>Dec 5</b>	8:00am - Monday Morning Men - Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy Hansen
<b>Dec 7</b>	4:00pm - Confirmation 4:00pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Meal Served 6:15pm - Evening Programs 8:00pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
<b>Dec 8</b>	12:00pm - Sarah Circle Christmas Party Pot Luck
<b>Dec 9</b>	8:00am - Grow Group
<b>Dec 10</b>	5:00pm - Adult Fellowship STELLA'S ON 97
<b>Dec 11</b>	10:00am - Worship Service
<b>Dec 12</b>	8:00am - Monday Morning Men - Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy Hansen
<b>Dec 13</b>	6:45am - Breakfast Club 5:30pm - UMW Christmas Party KEYS

If you feel led to head up a group during a day or time that is not offered, please contact the office and we can talk through potentially setting up another one.

“LORD, in the morning you hear my voice.

In the morning I lay it all out before you.

Then I wait expectantly.”

Psalm 5:3

For the King,

**Pastor Andrew**

## HELLO FROM ECHO

Our time is going by so quickly and I hope the kids are having as much fun as I am. We just finished a 3 week study on Rahab and Jericho. We learned that “Nothing can stop our God.”

Also, we tackled an obstacle course to learn that “With Christ we can overcome all obstacles.”

Starting on November 30 we will be studying the meaning of Advent and that will take us to Christmas.

As we continue to tackle learning the books of the Bible I encourage all of you to ask the kids how many of the books can they remember. But, be prepared they are supposed to ask you a question regarding the books of the Bible.

Merry Christmas

Miss Sue

## CHRISTMAS CAMP

Christmas will be here before you know it. Along with that comes school break and for Forest Hills that means Christmas Camp! This will be a 3 day camp December 27, 28, and 29 and we are asking for your input on if we should do a half day or full day camp.

You can get to the survey form here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8pfr29> and express your preferences on which time would serve our community best.

Also, I would ask that you please prayerfully consider volunteering for our 3 day Christmas Camp.

If you have any questions please contact me at

[foresthills.children@gmail.com](mailto:foresthills.children@gmail.com).

Miss Sue

Director of Children’s Ministries

<b>Dec 14</b>	11:00am - Romeos & Juliets 4:00pm - Confirmation 4:00pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Meal Served 6:15pm - Evening Programs 8:00pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
<b>Dec 15</b>	10:00am - PAX - Sue 7:00pm - PAX - Julie (Zoom)
<b>Dec 16</b>	8:00am -Grow Geroup 2:00pm - Unload Food Truck
<b>Dec 17</b>	7:00am - Food Distribution
<b>Dec 18</b>	10:00am - Worship
<b>Dec 19</b>	8:00am - Monday Morning Men 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 9:00am - Birthday Breakfast - PERKINS 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX- Tracy Hansen
<b>Dec 20</b>	10:00am - Rebecca Circle
<b>Dec 21</b>	4:00pm - Confirmation 4:00pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Meal Served 6:15pm - Evening Programs 8:00pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
<b>Dec 22</b>	7:00pm - PAX - Julie (Zoom)
<b>Dec 23</b>	8:00am - Grow Group
<b>Dec 24</b>	4:30pm - Family Worship 11:30pm - Candlelight Service
<b>Dec 25</b>	CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00am - Worship
<b>Dec 26</b>	OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Dec27</b>	6:45am -Breakfast Club
<b>Dec 28</b>	4:00pm - PAX - 8:00pm -Sanctify Rehersal
<b>Dec 29</b>	810:00am - PAX -Sue 7:00pm - PAX - Julie (Zoom)
<b>Dec 30</b>	8:00 - Grow Group

## Youth at Forest Hills Confirmation & Youth Group Update

This fall has been off to a good start with the confirmation students and youth group. We have some new faces making appearances on Wednesday. Stop by the teen table during dinner and say hello.

We are just finishing up our series on 1 & 2 Chronicles. This week Amanda Lucas is talking to the youth group about knowing the difference between Fact or Fiction in Christianity. This will be a fun night of study and trivia for the teens.

Then the following week we will be starting our Advent Series. This series will borrow from the movie Vantage Point, these messages look at the same Christmas story from multiple perspectives—the wise men, the shepherds, and Mary—and find practical principals in each.

During Christmas break we will be helping out with Christmas Camp, see the other article for more about this. Dec. 28th will be a youth and young adult game night at 7pm.

Blessings

Pastor Cassi

## Fall Grow Groups

Thank you to all who participated in the fall grow groups. Our next session of groups will start in February. Look for signs up starting in January. If you are interested in leading a group please talk to Pastor Cassi.

After dinner on Wednesday nights, join us for the Off Season! Grow groups will start up again in the spring. In the meantime, Pastor Andrew will lead us through a study entitled “This Thing Called Church”. Come for a fun and engaging time of discussion and bible study as we think through how the bible defines this thing called church.

Blessings,

Pastor Cassi



## December Birthdays

May your special day be blessed and filled with joy! If your birthday isn't listed, please call the office and let us know so we can add you to the list!

Lillian Truax	12/3	Marilee Leonard	12/3/56	Matthew Berglund	12/4/09
Lynn Ruter	12/7	Cathy Sanderson	12/8	Misty Thoen	12/9
Cassi Betker	12/11	Noah Bonsell	12/11	Donna Gustafson	12/19
Tracy Hansen	12/20				



**U.M.W.  
ADOPT - A - FAMILY  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**PICK A GIFT - PURCHASE THE GIFT - WRAP & LABEL GIFT**

See the board outside the sanctuary for gift information.

Bring the gift and join the UMW ladies for dinner at  
Keys Café on Tuesday December 13th at 5:30pm

RSVP required for dinner - see sign up sheet

The gifts will be collected on the 13th and delivered to the  
school for the adopted families.

