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The celebration of the birth of our Savior has always been a season of immense joy. This joy flows from the greatness of God's gift of grace in Christ. As our families gather to share this time of rejoicing, we want to extend to each of our relatives and friends the blessings of our Lord, and wish them a Very Merry Christmas.



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*Christ is Born and is Revealed, Good
Tidings to You and to Us*

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekly

Choir Practice, Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service, Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School, Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Children's Library, Every Sunday
Youth Group, Friday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Monthly

Children's Message, (First Sunday of the month. Parents bring your children into the worship service.)
Community Groups, (2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m.)
Adult Bible Study, (1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.)
ACC Women's Fellowship, (Second Sunday of the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.)
Board of Trustees Meeting, (Third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.)
Board of Deacons Meeting, (Last Sunday of the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.)
Prayer Meeting, (Third Sunday of the month following the worship service).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Program

Please join the Sunday School on December 18 for this year's Christmas Program. The program begins after the church service, with a complimentary luncheon to follow by the ACC Women's Fellowship. All are welcome.

Daily Bible Reading E100 Challenge

The Essential 100 Challenge is an exciting church-wide Bible reading program. The Challenge is based on 100 carefully selected short Bible passages, 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament that help you get the big picture of the Bible. Pastor Mak is looking for ACC members who will join him in taking the challenge.

Youth Ministry Weekend



On Friday, November 11 through Sunday, November 13, 2011 the Armenian Congregational Church held its Youth Weekend with AEYF Eastern Region Youth Pastor Ara Jizmejian speaking and leading the weekend, guests from the Armenian Evangelical Church of Toronto youth group, and Chicago joined us for the weekend.

Christmas Eve Service



The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Saturday, December 24th at 7:30 p.m. Following the service, there will be a fellowship hour with refreshments and desserts sponsored by the A.C.C. Women's Fellowship. We invite you all to join us and bring family and friends for this very special service.

ACC Youth Group Christmas Party

The ACC youth group Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education room at the church. We invite all the ACC youth (13-17 years) to join us for a fun evening. The party will include dinner, singing Christmas carols, games, and gift exchange.

Fall Congregational Meeting Approves Budget and Elects New Board Members

On Sunday November 6, 2011 the Fall Congregational meeting of our church was held immediately following the morning worship service. The members acted upon the following:

1. Approved the 2012 budget presented by the Board of Trustees.
2. The election of the Board members serving 2012-2014.

The newly elected members of the board are:

Board of Trustees

Mr. Christopher Banerian 1st term, Mr. Garo Koundakjian 1st term.

Board of Deacons

Mrs. Frances Garabedian 1st term, Mr. Aram Kakousian 1st term.

The ACC would like to thank the outgoing members of the Board of Trustees: *Mr. Mark Kadian and Mr. Ed Garabedian*. And Board of Deacons: *Mrs. Gayaneh Kachadourian and Dan Haroutunian*, for their service and would like to congratulate the newly elected members.

Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, January 22, 2012, immediately following the Morning Worship Service, we will remain in the sanctuary for our annual meeting. At that time, we will review the events of the past year and look ahead to the upcoming year and the future of our church. All chairpersons of boards please submit your written reports.

2011 Stewardship

As the end of the year is approaching we kindly ask that if you have not submitted your 2011 pledge, please do so. It is with your help and donations that the church will be able to continue its ministry.

Important Dates

December 16 ACYF Christmas Party
December 18 Christmas Program
December 24 Christmas Eve Service
January 1 Communion Sunday
January 22 Congregational Meeting

Your Suggestions Matter

The ACC Board of Deacons has placed a Suggestion Box at the entrance of the fellowship hall, if you have any suggestion or concerns that you would like to bring to the attention of the Board please write them down and place the slip in the box.

Christmas Calendar



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24 – 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Sunday

Sunday, December 25 – 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Service – Communion

Sunday, January 1 – 11:00 a.m.

Food Bank

On your next trip to the store, or your pantry, collect some non-perishable food items to share with the needy people of Oakland County. Please bring your contributions to the Food Bank box in the foyer.

Reminders!

Is your anniversary, birthday or graduation approaching? Why not share your celebration with the church family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or call the church office.

OAKLAND COMMUNITY CHORUS

PRESENTS

Messiah



George Frederic Handel

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Saturday, January 14, 2012 - - 7:00 p.m.
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Admission \$15

For R.S.V.P call church office 248.352.0680



Missions

Christmas Joy Package

Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia and Karabagh through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee. You can make checks payable to ACC. Or you may mail the check directly to AMAA. The forms are available in the hallway.

Angel Tree

Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship started by Charles W. Colson. Your support will help bring joy to the children of prisoners by giving them a Christmas present, letting them know they are not forgotten, and telling them about the love of Jesus. If you would like to make a donation please make checks to Angel Tree, P.O. Box 1550 Merrifield, VA 22116. For more information please talk to Pastor Mak.

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