



Introducing the Galena Family

Scott and Sharon met in 1991 at Bear Valley Church, in Lakewood, CO. Scott is a Colorado native and grew up in the Denver Metro area. Sharon was born in Iowa and grew up in Rock Valley, a small

town located in the northwest corner of Iowa. Sharon moved to Colorado shortly after college in 1988 to explore what life "in the big city" was all about. Originally, Sharon planned to spend only a year in Denver but God had different plans. For the last twenty-three years, Sharon has worked in childcare as a nanny and as a preschool teacher around the Denver area.

After becoming close friends in a small group Bible study led by Scott, Sharon and Scott started dating in 1993. Six months later Scott worked up the courage to ask Sharon to be his wife.

Caught up in a momentary lapse of reason, Sharon said yes and they were married six months later on September 24, 1994. A few years after they married, in 1998, Scott and Sharon felt the Lord leading them to a new church home, Light and Life Community Church in Lakewood, CO (formerly Denver First Free Methodist Church). There, Scott received his call to vocational ministry.

In September of 1998, Scott became the Family Pastor at Light and Life. After two years of fruitful ministry, Scott felt the Lord leading him to become better equipped as a pastor. God deserves our very best. With Sharon's blessing, Scott resigned from Light and Life, accepted a part-time job with FedEx, and enrolled at Denver Seminary. For the next eight and a half years, Scott worked on his Master of Divinity degree while also working at FedEx and helping a friend plant a new church in Golden, Colorado, just west of Denver. Scott completed his Master's work at Denver Seminary in 2008. Along the way, God gave Scott and Sharon two beautiful children: a daughter, Kyler, born in 2002, and a son, Joseph, born in 2005.

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Events "at-a-glance"

Prayer Gathering

Tuesdays
6:00pm

Student Ministry

Youth Group (Students grades 6-12)

Wednesdays
6:45pm

Young Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 9th
7:00pm

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J. O. Y. Fellowship

Cherry Hill Singers Concert

Friday, December 9th
8:00pm

Women's Ministry

Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 10th
11:00am

see details on page 5....

Christmas Celebration Sunday

Sunday, December 11th
10:45am

Christmas Eve Candle

Lighting Services

Friday, December 23rd
Saturday, December 24th
6:00pm

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th

Worship Service
10:45am

No Sunday morning classes or Nursery

Giving Report

	Amount Budgeted per month	Given in October	
95% General Budget	\$33,087.34	10/2	\$6,214.00
		10/9	\$4,578.00
		10/16	\$5,169.58
		10/23	\$3,620.00
		10/30	\$3,556.60
		Auto tithes	<u>\$3,115.00</u>
			\$26,253.18
Faith Promise	\$1,083.34	10/2	\$292.00
		10/9	\$1,155.00
		10/16	\$171.00
		10/23	\$146.00
		10/30	\$285.00
		Auto tithes	<u>\$330.00</u>
			\$2,379.00

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the Church Office @
482-2055.*

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The DNA of Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church

Vision

As a Healthy Biblical Community, we aspire to WIN people to Christ, BUILD people in Christ and SEND people for Christ.

Mission

Equipping people to BE and MAKE disciples!

Core Values

- Biblical Integrity,
- Prevailing Prayer,
- Meaningful Impact,
- Authentic Spirituality,
- Multi-Cultural,
- Multi-Generational,
- Biblical Masculinity,
- Family Ministry,
- Significant Generosity

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Kyler is a beautiful and bright nine year-old. She loves shopping, spending time with friends, and is a voracious reader. Kyler is a self-professed city girl. Joe is a gentle and creative six year-old. He loves camping, fishing, and playing video games. Joe is an outdoorsman. Both Kyler and Joe love Jesus and were baptized by their daddy in 2010.

Most recently Scott served as the Associate Pastor at Meadowood Free Methodist Church in Aurora, Colorado, where Sharon also served in children's ministry. At Meadowood, Scott provided leadership to the children's ministry, the small group ministry, the prayer ministry, and provided pastoral care to the congregation. In November 2011, with Sharon's support, Scott accepted God's call to serve as Associate Pastor at Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church in Michigan.

We are so excited to join the Ypsi Free church family and cannot wait to see what God has in store. Praise the Lord!

New Young Adult Sunday Class

This will be a lecture/feedback type class contrasting the differences in pseudo-Christian religions and Spirit-driven Christianity, taught by Nate Walker. This class will be meeting in the library, Sundays at 9:30am, for post-high through 20-somethings.

Please **PRAY** for:

Known Prayer Needs:

Church Family—Shut ins and those in nursing homes.

Cheri Abston—father's health concerns

Nick Kolin—health concerns

Berniece Kreager—health concerns

Cora Marquis—health concerns

Al Michaels—health concerns

Todd Price—health concerns

The Rydberg family—loss of Dave and Marge

Glenn Shaw—health concerns

The Tyler/Church family—loss of Sandy

Church Families:

Dasil & Cleo Jackson, Leon & Diana Jackson, Lee & Dorothy Kelsey, Louis Kennedy, Lew & Miriam Kieft, Bill & Dorcas Kincaid, Josh & Jessica Kisia, Hal Klenk, Paul & Sandra Koch, Nick & Sherri Kolin, Berniece Kreager, Gary & Deana Liimatta

Missions:

Paul and Janet West - Jesus Film Project/StoryRunners, *Florida & the world*

Our Church Staff & Programs

The Galena family moving to Michigan

Leadership Team

As individuals and as a group:
Gary Liimatta, Gene McCollum, Dave Richardson, Bruce Rhodes, Tammy Walker, Scott Wiard & Adam Winters.

PRAYER CONTACTS:

Phone Prayer Chain Requests:

Monday—Friday 8:00 am—4:00 pm
Church Office (482-2055)

Monday—Friday, 5:00pm—8:00am
Saturday & Sunday all day
Eileen Owen @ 429-0051 or...

Email requests to:

prayer@ypsifree.org

Or go on-line at:

www.ypsifree.org

There is a **Prayer Gathering** every Tuesday evening at 6:00pm—come and pray for the needs of our church and church family. For more info on our **Prayer Ministry**, call **the church office** @ 482-2055.

Pastor's Corner

Thanksgiving Community Dinner Outreach

We're excited about the growing ministry impact our church is having in our community. 2011 has been a good year of ministering to individuals and families through our Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat and Community Thanksgiving Dinner events. We are seeing some of the same people in these various ministry activities and we are building positive relationships with them.

In the past, our church served more meals when we delivered them to people's homes, but we have come to believe that by hosting the event on-site, we would actually strengthen our ministry to people as a church by developing stronger relationships with them. By tweaking our strategy, we feel that we have an important "high-touch" ministry to people.

So, this year we fed 125-150 people a Thanksgiving dinner, thanks to the donations and ministry efforts of many people in our church. In addition to feeding them, we actually sat down with them, learned their names and heard their hearts. We invited them to share prayer concerns with us and we prayed for people in our prayer room. We also furnished winter clothing to many people through the clothing resource room on site.

Thanks to all who gave by sharing and serving in Jesus' Name! Way to Go Ypsifree!

Christmas Worship/Outreach Schedule

Pastor Bruce's Advent series is entitled: **Christmas Messages from Christmas Movies**. Each week we will use a popular Christmas Movie to launch into his Advent Message.

- On **December 11th**, our morning worship will be a **Christmas Celebration** service with special music, drama, children's bell choir, congregational singing and more.
- In an effort to provide a **Candle Lighting service** for more people in our own church family and community, we are offering two identical candle lighting services this year. These services will be at 6pm on December 23rd & 24th. This is a great opportunity to bring your friends and loved ones and introduce them to our church and...possibly...to the Savior whom Christmas is all about! Special invite cards will be available each week in the bulletin and lobby, starting December 11th.

Children's Ministry

Schedule of Events and Services for December

Sunday, December 11th - Christmas Celebration Sunday

Our children, preschool through Grade 5, will be performing during the 10:45am Sunday Worship Service. They will be rehearsing during the 9:30am Sunday School hour that same morning. During the worship service, children will remain seated with their families for the entire service. The Nursery will be available for children under 3 years old during Sunday School and the Worship service.

Friday-Sunday, Christmas Weekend - Candle Lighting services and Christmas morning

In honor of the holiday, the Children's Ministry would like to encourage families to celebrate as a whole and allow our dedicated volunteers to be able to celebrate with their families as well. As a result, there will be NO children's services this weekend.

Merry Christmas!

Be part of... **Youth Group**
Wednesdays, 6:45pm
Students 6th-12th grades

Student Ministry

Wednesday, December 14th
Youth Band
6:45pm

Wednesday, December 21st
Road Rally Christmas Party
6:45pm
Invite a friend!

Wednesday, December 28th
No Youth Group



► Thanks to all who have signed up for snacks this year—our teens have greatly appreciated them! Look for a new sign-up coming soon for next year.

January 27th-29th, 2012

SBC Youth Winter Retreat (Jr. & Sr. High). Brochures are available on the bulletin board. Reserve your spot - sign up now!





Young Adult

Christmas Party
Friday, December 9th, 7:00pm @ YFMC
 Come be part of a Murder Mystery, "The Santa Clause." Food and child care provided. Character profiles can be picked up ahead of time if you contact Krystl Tittyung. Costumes not required, but would be fun!

Every Wednesday Night!
Applebee's on Carpenter Rd. - 9pm for food and fun!

J. O. Y. (Just Older Youth) Fellowship

Upcoming Events:

- No December Potluck and Game Night
- **Friday, December 9th, 8:00pm** - Cherry Hill Singers Christmas Concert, Cherry Hill Theater, Canton, MI

Be sure to check out the bulletin board in the lobby for other events and sign-ups!

Women's Ministry



Events:

Women's Ministry Christmas Luncheon
Next Saturday, December 10th
11:00am-2:00pm

All ladies are welcome to come enjoy great food, music of the season and fellowship. Also, a White Elephant gift exchange - be sure to bring a wrapped White Elephant gift.

*If you are planning to attend this event, please sign up on the back of the **Connect Card** or contact the church office.*

Women's Ministry Team Meeting:

- December 12th @ 6:30pm, Room 116

Have an interest in helping with Women's Ministry? Come out for a fun time of planning for upcoming events!

Small Group Ministry

Our Small Group Ministry is up and running, with a variety of groups available. Some of these groups are brand new and others are groups that have continued to meet since our 40 Days of Purpose earlier this past year. New sermon-based application groups have launched and are designed to help us not just "hear" a message on Sunday but to learn how to "apply" that message to our lives. All information on our small group ministry is on our Impact bulletin board. Also, our group leaders are listed below:

Donny & Leslie Thompson - Book of Romans
Adam & Kristy Winters - Bible-based discussion
Dave & Carrie Richardson - *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn
Steve & Amber Moore - sermon-based discussion
Scott & Karen Wiard/Ron & Laura Pearson - *Just Enough Light For the Step I'm On*, Stormie Omartian
Paul & Marianne Stec/Rozalina Ebrahimian - sermon-based discussion
Jerry & Jackie Otto - topic TBD
Rick & Charma Travis - sermon-based discussion

If you would like to be part of a small group, please sign up on the bulletin board, contact a group leader, or contact Rick Travis @ 480-2868.

Daniel Rhodes has been deployed to Afghanistan again. He is on board a ship right now, and will be deployed for 7 months. He would LOVE to hear from all of you. Here is his address:

Sgt. Rhodes, Daniel W.
WPNS CO DET 1
1ST SECTION CAAT-1
UNIT 40240
FPO AP 96610-0240

Please feel free to send as many letters and packages as you would like. If you do send a package, use the flat rate boxes from the Post Office and you'll get a standard military shipping rate up to 70 pounds. You also have to fill out the customs form, PS Form 2976-A. He has asked for snacks and food mostly. Books, card games, anything to keep him busy are good, too. He will also love getting silly dollar store toys, and fun little things to make him smile. Feel free to send extra cards and packages for his fellow Marines if you feel called to - there are a few guys in his platoon that don't have family back home.

2012 Faith Promise Commitments

We are thankful for the nearly three dozen individuals/families that have made commitments to support missionaries through their "over and above" giving in the 2012 year. To date, faith promise commitments total \$18,120 for the upcoming year.

Since we have no Global Outreach Team Leader to date, the Leadership Team took responsibility for the task of determining which missionaries our church will support in the upcoming year. We considered four important benchmarks: our relationship with them as a congregation, evidence of fruitfulness in ministry, their financial need and whether or not they have been to our church to report within the past four years.

Based upon that information, we made the following financial commitments:

- \$3,000 each per year - Paul and Janet West, Jesus Film Project/StoryRunners; Dan and Hope Owsley, FM Missionaries to Brazil; Brian and Robin Langford, Campus Crusade for Christ at MSU.
- \$2500 per year - Brent Hoover, Asia
- \$2000 per year - Keith and Julie Winslow, Asia
- \$1200 each per year - Russ and Beth White, World Gospel Mission, Tenwek Hospital; Fred and Barb Adams, FM Missionaries, Philippines; Paul and Delia Nuesch-Olver, FM Latin America Area Director.
- Living Stones Community Farm - gift in kind

If you would like to be financially involved in this important worldwide work, just pick up and complete a Faith Promise commitment card located in the lobby and drop it into the offering or turn it in to the church office. Discover the joy of giving!

Salvation Army Update

In the fall of 2009, our church and The Salvation Army of Washtenaw County renewed an *investigative courtship* with the possibility of selling our Packard Road facility and turning over the site to the Salvation Army. During the months that followed into 2010, our church convened a Relocation Task Team to do some initial work in identifying our strategic steps for relocation at some future date. That task team ended their work due to the fact that the process seemed to be a long way off. For the past twelve months or so, the proverbial “ball” has been in the Salvation Army’s “court.”

In the fall of 2010, we shared updated information during our congregational meeting about the process and expected timeline being an estimated 3-5 year period. During that same time, the Salvation Army was in the quiet stages of their capital campaign. Today, with the initial phases of their capital campaign having been successful, the Salvation Army is now poised to move ahead with a large community campaign to raise the remaining dollars they need in order to bring a significant financial offer to our church in order to purchase our facility. In recently produced campaign materials, the Salvation Army is poised to publicly launch their funding drive. The goal of their campaign is “to expand and improve services in Washtenaw County by Centralizing Family and Social Service programs in one location.” The mailer piece identifies our church name and location as the site for their future work.

What does this mean for us now?

1. The Salvation Army still has funding deadlines they have to meet in order to go forward with their plans. Currently, they have to raise an additional \$800,000 by May 1st, in order to be in a proper cash position to make a financial offer to our church. We expect an offer to purchase our facility by mid-year 2012.
2. In January of 2012, our Leadership Team will be engaged in our annual all-day planning retreat. Since the Salvation Army’s speed has seemingly dramatically increased, we will be discussing how we can best respond to this process in a way that the Spirit directs.

We continue to call our people to faithful prayer to God, so that He superintends this process between our two Christ-centered organizations. We don’t have clarity as to His will but we know that the “waters are being stirred” and we want to be sensitive and unified around how He leads us in this ongoing process.



I would like to thank all those that stepped up to be van drivers. We have six new drivers. Once again, thank you - the van ministry couldn't work without your support. We drive people to church so they will ride with Jesus!

God Bless,
Greg Lister



Your Church Staff

Bruce Rhodes... Lead Pastor
Ty McCollum... Administrative Assistant
Tammy Walker... Administrative Assistant
Glenn Shaw... Building & Grounds Manager


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Check out our website
www.ypsifree.org

The Leadership Team of the Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church meets the third Tuesday of each month. These meetings are open to the congregation and meeting minutes are available through the church office.

Articles & announcements for the HILights must be submitted to the church office by the last Thursday before the last Sunday of each month by 10am for inclusion in the following month's issue.

Pre-service video/PowerPoint announcements, or Ministry Spotlight video/PowerPoint presentations, must be submitted, ready to run, by Thursday, 10am, for inclusion in the following Sunday's service. Submissions will be reviewed by technical and pastoral staff for appropriate format and content.



Needed: Gently used sofa for our Youth Group. The teens have expanded their space, and are in need of furniture to fill it! If you have a sofa that you can donate, please contact the church office @ 482-2055.



Tech Team

The Tech Team is currently seeking additional sound operators for worship services once a month.

If you are interested, please stop by the balcony after the service or contact Ken Owen at 734-429-0051 for more information.

“Faith comes by hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”

Romans 10:17

Thank you one and all for the lovely Thanksgiving dinner. I really enjoyed it.

God Bless and thank you,
Alyne Poindexter

CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

An easy way to deliver your Christmas Greetings to your church family

Just put your cards in the alphabetical boxes in the rack in the lobby for your friends to pick up (name of recipient on front - no address needed)!



Don't forget to check your box!