

## MX News and Prayer Concerns

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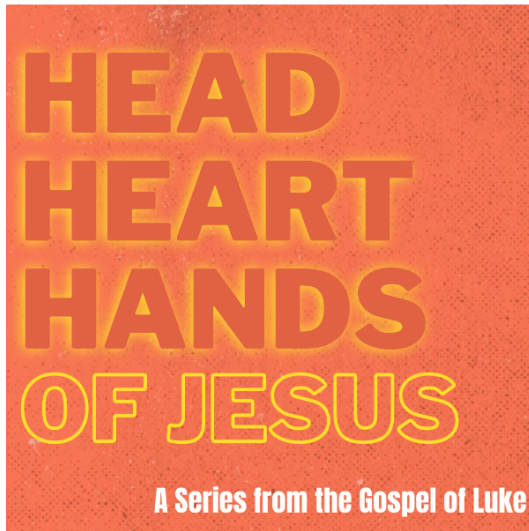
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**December 6, 2023**



[Current Sermon Series](#)

Join us Sunday in our Advent series,  
[MX Unplugged](#),  
for a special time of reflection.

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## Worship at the Building

**Worship at the building** is Sunday at 9:30 am.

**Bible classes** for all ages begin at 11:00 am.

**Shepherds are available for prayer** in Room 112a off the gym, 8:45 am.

### December Sunday Schedule:

**Sun. 12/10** - Worship, 9:30 am; Leadership Class, 11:00 am on the 4th floor.

**Sun. 12/17** - Annual Pancake Breakfast, 9:00 am in the gym; Worship and Children's Christmas Play, 10:00 am in the auditorium; No Bible classes.

**Sun. 12/24** - Worship, 9:30 am; No Bible classes; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 4:30 pm.

**Sun. 12/31** - Worship, 9:30 am; No Bible classes.

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## Streaming on YouTube

**Our Sunday worship service** is streaming live on YouTube!

<https://www.youtube.com/mxchurchstl>

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## Church Family Initiative

**mx youth**

# Church Family Initiative

**SPRING 2024**

\*Times and Dates are subject to change\*

- January 7 | 6-8pm (S.A.L.T.)
- January 21 | 6-7:30pm (THEO)
- February 4 | 6-8pm (S.A.L.T.)
- March 3 | 6-8pm (S.A.L.T.)
- March 24 | 6-7:30pm (THEO)
- April 21 | 6-7:30pm (THEO)

The graphic also features a vertical strip of six photos on the right side showing various church youth activities and group photos.

**Church Family Initiative** – The MX Youth Ministry is now looking for homes to host SALT (Student Action Leadership Team) meetings and THEO (Bible study) for Spring 2024. ***If you haven't had a chance to host us yet, we'd love to come over and get you connected to our students!*** By the time our students graduate, we want them to have 3-5 faith influences in their lives, and that could be YOU. If you'd like to host the youth group for a Sunday evening in the spring, contact our youth minister, Nathan Strickland (call or text 479-586-0533 or email [nstrickland@mcknightcrossings.org](mailto:nstrickland@mcknightcrossings.org)).

## 2023 End-of-Year Giving



**Giving 2023** – As we enter the last month of the year, please be mindful that all donations need to be received by the office or postmarked by December 31st in order to count towards your 2023 giving. The Finance Committee would like to thank you for your faithfulness in supporting this church and all that it does to care for our members, our neighbors, our community, and others throughout the world.

McKnight Crossings has always been committed to sharing the light of Jesus Christ through our ministries and supported missions. Please help us to continue our efforts by finishing out your 2023 giving strong.

You will receive a final end-of-year contribution statement in January by email. (Please be sure the office has your most current primary email address.) You may contact Elizabeth at [emcpherson@mcknightcrossings.org](mailto:emcpherson@mcknightcrossings.org) for any questions you may have.

May God bless you and your family this holiday season and always.  
--The Finance Committee

**Your support does important work for our church, the community, and beyond.**

Click here to make a PayPal donation: [DONATE](#).

## News & Upcoming Events

**Snowflakes for Warmth ends this Sunday!** Help us decorate the Christmas tree in the foyer with warm clothing (new scarves, mittens, gloves, hats, boots, and coats). Thank you

for helping us bless children and families at our partner schools this holiday season.

**Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership** – Jeff's class on leadership from the life of Moses will move upstairs to the 4th floor this Sunday at 11:00 am. The children are using the auditorium during Bible class for rehearsal of the Christmas play.

**Christmas Sing-Along** – Our neighbor, [L'Arche St. Louis](#), who creates community for adults with intellectual disabilities, would like to invite any of our congregation to join them in their annual Christmas sing-along on Tuesday, December 12, at 6:30 pm. This evening of singing together takes place during their regular monthly meeting time up on the 4th level of our church. Come get to know the L'Arche community that gathers in our building and help create a world where everyone belongs! Click [here](#) to learn more.

**The Annual Pancake Breakfast** will be on Sunday, December 17, at 9:00 am in the gym. Each year when December comes, we look forward to a pancake breakfast together served by our elders. After breakfast, the Children's Christmas Play will be incorporated into our time of worship at 10:00 am in the auditorium (note the late start time).

**A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held on Sunday, December 24, at 4:30 pm in the auditorium. Invite your neighbors and extended family to join us for our annual tradition of gathering on Christmas Eve to celebrate the warmth and light of Jesus! All are welcome!

**Mini Golf for Missions Update** – We had an amazing response to our efforts to raise funds to help Philip and Sara Matheny with their mission to provide formula for orphaned babies in West Africa to get the nourishment they need to survive. The net total amount raised by our congregation was **\$6,985.61**. Thank you to all those who attended the event, and those who could not but still donated to this worthy cause. Please read on for a special message from the Mathenys:

*"It's hard to put into words what an encouragement this event has been the last two years. Beyond providing life-saving funds for those little ones, our family feels very loved and seen by the church. May God continue to bless McKnight and the reach she has in sharing the Good News, in St. Louis and around the world."*  
--Philip and Sara Matheny

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**Our sympathy is extended to JT Taylor whose sister, Carin Forero**, passed away Saturday evening in her sleep, after her struggle with cancer.

**Steve Jones' mother, Florence Jones Rowland**, passed away on December 3. A visitation will be on Saturday, December 9, at 10:00 am followed by a service at 11:00 am at Maryland Heights Church of Christ, 107 Midland Ave, Maryland Heights, 63043. Our condolences go out to Steve and the Jones family.



**MX Kids Christmas Caroling** – On Sunday, December 10, at 6:00 pm, our kids ministry will participate with Steve Haupt and Valerie Creech in taking music to the independent living community at Bethesda Gardens. Several of our MX friends are residents, and we want to honor them during this holiday season. Meet us at [Bethesda Gardens](#), 420 S Kirkwood Rd, 63122.

**Our Christmas Play** is coming up on Sunday, December 17. The children have rehearsals during worship and Bible class on Sunday mornings. If your child is participating, please be sure to make all rehearsals so they are ready for the Big Day!





Wed. 12/6 - Christmas Cookie Baking with Peggy & Marion, 6:30 pm.

Sat. 12/9 - See You at the Cafe, 9:00 am.

Sun. 12/10 - Worship, 9:30 am; Bible Class, 11:00 am.

Mon. 12/11 - Churches on the Streets, 5:15 pm.

**Upcoming Events:**

Dec. 15 - A NextGen Christmas.

Jan. 12-15 - Youth in Action Conference.

[mxchurch.org/mxyouth](http://mxchurch.org/mxyouth) [linktr.ee/mxyg](https://linktr.ee/mxyg) [events](#)

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## ACTS Gift Matching

### ACTS Matching Gift Campaign for

**December** – A generous alumni supporter will match all donations to ACTS Campus Ministry in the month of December up to \$13,500 (for a potential total of \$27,000 after match) for 27 years of ACTS! If you'd like to help ACTS meet their campaign goal and double the value of your donation, you can donate [online](#), or send a check to McKnight Crossings Church of Christ, "Memo: ACTS Campus Ministry," to 2515 S. McKnight Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124.

Dec. 2023  
Matching Campaign

\$13,500 - Individual Donations  
+  
\$13,500 - Matching Donations  
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\$27,000 for 27 Years of ACTS!

Donate here:  
[www.acts-stl.com/support-acts](http://www.acts-stl.com/support-acts)

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## Weekly Events

**A Ladies' Bible Study** is being held on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am–11:00 am in the foyer for a study of 1 John. Contact [Michelle Blackford](#) (314-402-3092) if you are interested. All women are welcome!

**Pickleball** – Monday at 8:30 am, and Thursday at 9 am and 6:30 pm. This activity is for men and women of all skill levels (including beginner). Come join the fun! Paddles are available. Contact Ron Orick (479-653-8585) for more information.

**Women's Pickleball** is held Friday mornings from 9:30 am–11:30 am. Come try out this growing sport in a relaxed environment with your sisters in Christ! No experience required. Call Marion Earnhart (314-583-0658) for more information.

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## Food Pantry News



Christians Who Care  
Food Pantry

**Current Food Pantry Needs:** pork & beans, chili beans, canned pineapple.

**To Support Our Food Pantry:** pick up a "Top 10" card in the foyer or click here: [Top 10](#). You can also use this [Pantry Donate Link](#) to donate funds. To volunteer in the pantry, please contact Barb Eickele at 618-409-2392 or [chas.babs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chas.babs@sbcglobal.net).

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## Bible Studies & Devotionals

**YouVersion Devotional**, [The Book of Mysteries](#), starts Friday, December 8. Each day of this 14-day plan reveals a special mission to start you on a life-changing journey. Be sure to mark McKnight as "My Church" in the YouVersion Bible app. If you have not yet joined our YouVersion devotionals, please contact Betty Vaughn by text or email: [skincarehelp@yahoo.com](mailto:skincarehelp@yahoo.com); 636-222-0393.

**Right Now Media:** The 12-session series, [The Creators](#), weaves biblical truths into engaging stories with humor and the right dose of seriousness. Enjoy this light-hearted children's series that will make your kids laugh and leave you with important truths to consider together. If you do not have a Right Now Media account, email Jeff at [jkryder@mcknightcrossings.org](mailto:jkryder@mcknightcrossings.org) to receive an invite to join the MX account. Friends and Family of McKnight are also invited to join. ([Rightnowmedia.org](http://Rightnowmedia.org)).

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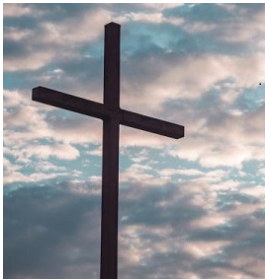
## Call to Prayer

**Click here** for the MX prayer memo relating to the December **Call to Prayer**. This memo highlights God's scripture, current MX events and priorities, relevant issues, and encouraging thoughts to help us communicate our hearts to our Father. It is updated every month.

*Gracious Heavenly Father, thank you for providing us with purpose and good works to do. We admit that at times those same good works which we do make us feel arrogant and better than others. Please help us see when we are guilty of that, and please forgive us. (based on Luke 18:9-14)*

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## Prayer Requests



**Brandi Sistrunk**, Steve and Gwen Walker's daughter, has recently been hospitalized as she continues to struggle with MS. Your prayers are appreciated.

**JT Taylor** in the loss of his sister, Carin Forero.

**Continue to Remember in Prayer:**

**The following MX Members:** Bob Connally, asbestos poisoning; W.C. Conley, kidney failure; Glenn Davania, recovery from head injury; Alice Ferry, multiple health issues; Austin Hollingsworth, multiple health issues; Tom & Maria Holmes; Lacoss-Arnold family.

**MX Supported Missionaries:** in Marseille and Mauritius.

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**Have a Prayer Request?** [Click here](#) to use the online Prayer Request Form.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Dec**

06 - Joyce Holmes

07 - LeGrand Strickland

08 - Sue Stevens

09 - Jae'la Hughes, Joe & Nancy Shelley

10 - Carrie Homeyer



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## For the Record

November Offering...\$56,198  
November Goal...\$60,746  
YTD (Nov.) Contribution...\$599,508  
YTD (Nov.) Goal...\$728,952

1 TIMOTHY 6:18-19, TO THOSE WHO  
ARE RICH IN THIS WORLD

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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## Always on Our Website [mxchurch.org](http://mxchurch.org)

- [Sunday Sermons](#)
- [Church Directory\\*](#)
- [Prayer Request Form](#)

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