



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Winter Love Letter



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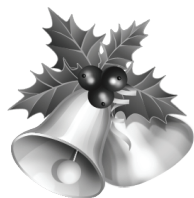
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2010 Newaygo Area Community Christmas Concert Sunday, December 12th 6:00 p.m. at the Grant Fine Arts Center

Please join us as our community comes together this Christmas Season for an evening of praise in music and song. This is a great opportunity to attend a Christmas Concert for you and your family. The Concert will feature an area-wide adult choir and a children's choir as well as various vocal and instrumental numbers. The evening's offering will benefit the Love INC Home Repair Ministry (building materials to help with home repairs for families in need), Love INC Growing Hope Financial

Ministry (to help with financial management classes, mentoring, and personal growth class materials), and Vera's House (a health, wellness, counseling and education center serving our community in Christ's name). Come and enjoy the sounds of the Christmas Season. Your heart will be blessed!

***"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men"***



Soup's On!! is back for the Advent Season!

During the seasons of Advent and Lent, the Newaygo Ministerial Association sponsors soup and bread luncheons for the community. The semi-annual event provides opportunity for community members to share a meal, fellowship together, and hear a short devotional message from one of our local ministers or ministry leaders. A free-will donation is accepted at each meal, with the funds being used to assist families in our community. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please join us for one or all four of the noon meals.

Lunch Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Devotional: 12:45 p.m.

Dates and Locations:

- ◆ **Wed., Dec. 1:** St. Bartholomew Church (599 W. Brooks, Newaygo)
Devotions: Father Pete
- ◆ **Wed., Dec. 8:** River Valley Community Church (53 E. 88th St., Newaygo)
Devotions: Shelley Zimmerman
- ◆ **Wed., Dec. 15:** Family of God Community Church (90 Quarterline Road, Newaygo)
Devotions: Pat Bromberek
- ◆ **Wed., Dec. 22:** Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ (432 Quarterline Rd., Newaygo)
Devotions: Bill VandenBosch



Our mission is to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.





This Christmas Give a Gift That Keeps on Giving...

With so many families in need this year, please consider giving a lasting gift in honor of your loved ones...a gift that brings help and hope to others. If this kind of gift giving interests you, we have a few suggestions....

1. Make a donation to Love In the Name of Christ in honor of a loved one. Each donation comes with a card and envelope for you to give to that special person or persons in your life. In honor of your loved one, wheelchair ramps will be built, eye glasses will be received, food will be purchased, heat will be provided, Christ will be shared....hope will be passed on. Please send donations, with your check made out to Love INC, to 11 W. 96th Street, Grant, MI 49327. Please include the number of cards/envelopes you will need to pass on to your loved ones.

2. Donate to the Love INC Community Food Pantry through Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank and receive a tax credit! Did you know that you can make a donation to the Love INC Community Food Pantry through **Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank** and receive a **50% Michigan Tax Credit**, up to \$200 per married couple? The money received on our account (#2215) allows us to buy food from Feeding America, for our pantry, at 16¢/lb or less. To take advantage of this credit, simply send a donation with your check made out to Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank and note in the memo area of the check and in your letter that you would like your donation to be placed on the Love INC - Newaygo Pantry Account: **#2215**. Feeding America's mailing address is: 864 West River Center Drive, Comstock Park, MI 49321.

3. Donate to the Love INC Endowment Fund through the Fremont Area Community Foundation and receive a **50% Michigan Tax Credit**, up to \$200 per married couple. To take advantage of this credit, simply send a donation with your check made out to the Fremont Area Community Foundation and note in the memo area of the check and in your letter that you would like your donation to be placed in the Love INC Endowment Fund. The Foundation's address is: P.O. Box B, Fremont, MI 49412.

4. Purchase gift certificates to the Love INC Resale Store. Each gift certificate comes with its own envelope and may be used to purchase goods in our resale store. Not only will your loved ones be able to shop for great gifts, but the money raised through the purchase of the gift certificates directly benefits community members in need.



Thank You! Providence Christian High School Students!!!

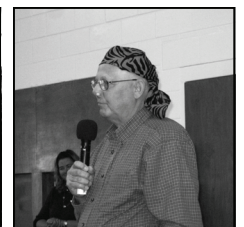
On Friday afternoon, October 1, several students from PCHS came out to the "Growing Love Garden" site to help our gardeners clean up their garden plots. It was a beautiful day and a lot of clean-up was done.

Our garden ministry program offers a garden plot and plants/seeds to families who have a desire to learn to garden and may not have a garden area where they live. They are given the opportunity to plant, weed, care for, harvest and preserve their own garden produce. It is quite a job to clean up the garden plots in the fall. PCHS students were able to come along side of the gardeners to help. THANKS MUCH!!!



Annual Volunteer Harvest Dinner - A night of family, food and beautiful music!

On the evening of October 19th, more than 200 of our wonderful volunteers gathered at the Grant Reformed Church for our Annual Harvest Dinner. This event is one way Love INC board members and staff can say "THANK YOU!" to our faithful volunteers who give of their time and talents to help families in need in the Newaygo County Area. After dinner, we enjoyed a concert by the River Valley Strings. It was an evening of blessings: fellowship, food and music. We would also like to thank the Bailey Christian Church care group for serving our meal!



Thank You, Love INC Volunteers!

Love Stories and Thankful Hearts

The Power of Prayer

Dear Kathy,
 Thank you for praying with me yesterday. I was blessed with calmness immediately after. The love of our Lord amazes me every day. Thank you again. -R



Love INC,
 Thank you for the donation for funeral expenses. It is very much appreciated. God is good. Praise Him for His followers.

Friends in Christ, G & F



A couple came to Love INC for some help with managing their finances. While speaking with them, the husband commented that he desperately needed dental work done, but there was no way they could even think about paying for that with all the other obligations. You see, several teeth had been pulled, but the replacement teeth were not in; he was very self-conscious and very sad. We prayed with them that God would meet their needs. We also agreed to look into assisting with some of the dental once they brought us a cost estimate. Four days later, we spoke with the husband and he said, "The strangest this happened, after we met with you, we received notice that our dental is going to be reinstated and my dental work will be covered 100%!"

That's God!

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 1 John 5:14

CROP Hunger Walk Update

Love INC is sending out **A BIG THANK YOU** to all those who participated in the 2010 Newaygo/Grant CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 3rd. This year **191 walkers** raised over **\$12,825** for world and local relief. 25% of all funds raised will be given to our Love INC Community Food Pantry. In addition, that 25% will be matched \$1/\$1 by the Fremont Area Community Foundation! In total, the pantry will receive about **\$6,415** to purchase food and pantry items.

Thank you to our walkers and donors for giving of your time and treasures to feed the hungry. Thank you Newaygo United Methodist Church for hosting the soup and bread meal prior to the start of the walk. And, thank you also to the Fremont Area Community Foundation for your generous matching grant. We could not feed over 800 families each month without help from each and every one of you!

Families served through the pantry June through October 2010:

- June: 882
- July: 822
- August: 840
- September: 822
- October: 840



Welcome to Love INC Laurie!



Laurie Plakmeyer joined the Love INC Staff in October of this year. She is the new Love INC Relational Ministry Coordinator, overseeing our Growing Hope Money Management Program.

Laurie has a lot of experience working with the public and has a real desire to help families in need and show them Christ. She and her husband, Phil, have worked and lived in our community most of their lives. They are members of Grant Christian Reformed Church.

Please join us in welcoming Laurie!



Love INC Annual Auction
March 26, 2011
It's a great time to donate your items!

Each year the Love INC Annual Auction brings fun, food, and fantastic deals to our community while allowing us to raise money for the ministry. How can you help?

- **Donate** antiques, collectibles, books, furniture, etc. for the auction to our resale store. *Please make certain when dropping auction items off that you let our volunteers or store manager know that they are for the auction. Last year we auctioned off a used car! ☺*
- **Local Businesses** can donate goods or services to be auctioned off (hotel stay, haircut, products, restaurant coupon, etc.). Such items are very popular at the auction. *Last year a hot air balloon ride was auctioned off!*

For more information on how you can donate to or become a volunteer for the Love INC Auction, please contact Peg Breen, Resale Store Manager, at 652.4099 x13. Please remember to leave your name and contact number so we can get back with you. Thank you!

Join us for the Fourth Annual Love INC Live Auction and Bake Sale this coming March....it's a fun day for all!





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2010 Love INC Hours of Operation

Resale Store

M, W, Th, F: 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Food pantry

M, W, Th, F: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Tues. Eve: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
We will register people to use the pantry until we reach the limit we can serve by closing time each day.

Office and Clearinghouse

M - Th: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tue. Eve (as needed): 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Love INC Staff

Michele Zimmerman, Executive Director
Rita Astras, Clearinghouse Coordinator
Laurie Plakmeyer, Rel. Ministry Coord.
Kathy Kuperus, Clearinghouse Assistant
Dick Ringlever, Clearinghouse Assistant
Sue Black, Program Assistant
Tracy Conley, Food Pantry Coordinator
Kathy Fehsenfeld, Food Pantry Assistant
Peggy Breen, Resale Store Manager
Amanda Hughes, Asst. Store Manager



Love INC Core Values:

- * We are Christian. Everything we think, say and do is in the Name of Christ.
- * Prayer is an integral part of who we are.
- * We follow Christ's example of valuing those in need.
- * We value unity of the Body of Christ.
- * We value transformation in the lives of people and communities.
- * We value churches living out the two great commandments to love God and love their neighbors.
- * We value building Christ-like relationships.
- * We value connectedness of the Love INC movement.
- * We model excellence.
- * We value continually maturing in our capacity to meet people's needs.

2009/10 Financially Supporting Churches of Love INC:

Aetna Calvary Church	Kent City Baptist Church
Amazing Grace Acres Church	New Community Church—Newaygo
Bailey Christian Church	New Life Fellowship Church
Bible Study Church	Newaygo United Church of Christ
Chapel Hill United Methodist Church	Newaygo United Methodist Church
Christian Life Center of Fremont	North Casnovia Baptist Church
Church of the Living Christ	Northland Church of Christ Missions
Croton Community Church	Pine Grove Community Church
Croton Trinity Bible Church	Redeemer Lutheran Church
Ensley Baptist Church	Reeman Christian Reformed Church
Family of God Church	River Valley Community Church
First Baptist Church—Fremont	Sand Lake United Methodist
First Christian Reformed Church	Second Christian Reformed Church
First Congregational Church	Seventh Day Baptist Church
First Reformed Church	South Ensley United Methodist
Fremont Christian Church—DOC	St. Bartholomew Catholic Church
Fremont United Methodist Church	St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Fremont Wesleyan Church	Trinity Christian Reformed Church
Grace Bible Church	Victory Fellowship Church
Grace Community - Howard City	White Cloud United Methodist Church
Grant Christian Reformed Church	
Grant Reformed Church	
Grant Community Church	
Grant Wesleyan Church	
Hesperia Baptist Church	



♥ Thank You ♥

Shelley's Spot



Have you ever read or heard something that became life-changing for you? This has happened to me a handful of times over the years. I recently finished one such book by Randy Alcorn called **"The Grace and Truth Paradox"**. This little book takes an in depth look at John 1:14, which talks about Jesus being "full of grace and truth". Some churches and Christians tend to stress grace over truth while others do

just the opposite. Jesus Christ did neither. He was filled with both. I encourage you to pick up a copy of this little book, but in the meantime, I'd like to leave you with a couple of quotes from it.

"If we minimize grace, the world sees no hope for salvation. If we minimize truth, the world sees no need for salvation. To show the world Jesus, we must offer unabridged grace and truth, emphasizing both, apologizing for neither."

"Grace and truth are both necessary. Neither is sufficient...We who are truth-oriented need to go out of our way to affirm grace. We who are grace-oriented need to go out of our way to affirm truth. "Hate the sin, but love the sinner." No one did either like Jesus. Truth hates sin. Grace loves sinners. Those full of grace and truth do both."

May God bless your Thanksgiving and Christmas season. May we all show grace and truth in the Name of Christ.

Love,

Shelley Zimmerman ♥