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Left: Michael Morris, left, 18, and his brother David, 20, right, both of Milan, talk with Santa Trump supporter Jeff Hoover, of Plainwell, outside the Kellogg Arena ahead of President Trump's Merry Christmas rally on Wednesday in Battle Creek. Right: On the day the House of Representatives votes on articles of impeachment, Laura Mitchell from Spring Lake protests Donald Trump's "Merry Christmas" rally on Wednesday at Kellogg Arena in downtown Battle Creek. The rally is a campaign stop for the 2020 election.

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TRUMP COMES TO BATTLE CREEK

Thousands of people lined up outside Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek Wednesday to attend a historic rally with President Donald Trump, held on the same night the U.S. House of Representatives was voting to approve articles of impeachment against Trump.

For full coverage of the rally and the protests and counterprotests outside, go to www.battlecreekenquirer.com.

The House headed toward a vote to impeach Trump with parties firmly divided

On a somber day on a deeply divided Capitol Hill, the House approached a history-making evening vote to impeach President Donald Trump.

See story, page 8A. For full coverage of the vote, go online to usatoday.com.

Olivet man charged with embezzling from church

Megan Banta Lansing State Journal
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CHARLOTTE – An Olivet man has been charged with stealing from his church.

Prosecutors say Douglas Hammond took money from Olivet Assembly of God Church, where he was pastor, over a

nearly 6-year period.

Hammond, 67, faces one charge of embezzlement for \$100,000 or more for allegations covering actions between January 2014 and last month.

If convicted, he could face up to 20



Hammond

years in prison, a sizable fine of either \$50,000 or three times what he's accused of taking or some combination of imprisonment and restitution.

Hammond, currently lodged in the Eaton County Jail on a \$10,000 cash or surety bond, is due back in court twice in the next month.

He'll next appear before Eaton Coun-

ty District Court Judge Julie O'Neill at 9:30 a.m. Monday for a probable cause conference, then at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 6 for a preliminary examination — a hearing to determine whether he'll stand trial on the charges.

Contact reporter Megan Banta at (517) 377-1261 or mbanta@lsj.com.

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