



THE VISITOR

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for...

- ◆ Phyllis Swietzer, who is dealing with pain due to a compression fracture in her back.
- ◆ Jim Grieser and family, upon the death of his sister, Mel Nafziger, who entered eternal life on 11/21 at the age of 72.
- ◆ Finn Yoder, 8 year old son of Eric & Anna, who had outpatient hip surgery on 11/21.
- ◆ Buffy Riley and family, upon the death of her mother, Donna Wyse, on 11/4 at the age of 89.
- ◆ Rory Prigge, Katie Link's father, who waiting for follow-up appointments after spending time in the hospital due to heart issues.
- ◆ Mary Ellen Johnson, who continues to experience pain in her back.
- ◆ Debbi Russell, as she recovers from surgery to repair a broken elbow due to a fall.
- ◆ Shiela Short, who is in therapy at Rupp Rehab after a recent fall while on vacation.
- ◆ Dianne Wyrick, who is now home after spending an additional two weeks in therapy at a rehab center this month.
- ◆ Jack Stover, who is doing well these days and thankful for his healing!
- ◆ Monte Woolace, who continues to go through treatment for cancer.



Prayers for protection and for the increase of peace worldwide:

- ◆ PFC Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy/NSA) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH while at Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, South Korea (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law to Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



Please consider sending cards to these individuals letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer; and that He will guide, comfort, and sustain them through these times:

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502
Josephine Short, Room #405
Donna Buehrer, Room #402

Bryan Health & Rehab, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan 43506
Verlene Lovejoy, Room #203B

Genacross, 1032 S. Perry St., Napoleon, 43545
Audrey Smith, Room #403

Genacross, 1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon, 43545
Shirley Wyse, Room #214

Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St, Bryan 43506
Mike Meyer, Room #130

PASTORAL COLUMN

Six weeks ago I was driving home from small group when I had to slam on my brakes to miss the deer that suddenly appeared in the beam of my headlights. I was successful in missing the deer that night, but by the next day my right knee was feeling a bit sore. Unfortunately that is the knee I had totally replaced in May. After checking with the surgeon's office and waiting a bit to see if it would get better, I had an appointment this week and learned that I strained my MCL, the ligament on the outside of the knee. The new knee joint is fine, and now I know what is at the root of the pain and achiness. So if you see me wearing a leg brace for the next six weeks, you'll know why! I'm also having tests run on my neck as numbness and tingling is occurring once again, which led to my 2009 neck fusion.

I appreciated reading through this year's Advent Devotional as I proofed it before printing it or emailing it. Each day's reading offers blessed thoughts in this season of Advent. I especially was struck by what Leah Nafziger shared on December 8th and what Nancy Rupp wrote for December 19th.

My trials pale in comparison to what Leah has lived through these past few years. Living through difficult lessons, learning the hard way, Leah offers great thought for each of us to consider, and I am thankful for Leah's courage in being so open with us. Nancy writes about impatience and irritation, even the gritting of teeth until a "trial" is past, as she draws patience through Simeon and Anna.

I proofed the devotional the same day I received word about my MCL. Leah, Simeon, Anna and Nancy have reminded us about endurance and patience, waiting upon the Lord in all things. To treasure the deep meaning of Christmas – the Savior has been born, Jesus the Christ, who Isaiah prophesied about, who came that we would be blessed with good news.

Isaiah 61:1-2 "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn..."

Humbly offered,

ERICH

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND THANK YOU'S

Dear St. Johns family,

I am so thankful for my church family. Words do not begin to express our thanks for all the kind words, cards, and prayers my family has received during the time of my mom's passing. We appreciate the love and outpouring of support that has been given to us. May God continue to bless each one of you.

Buffy, Corrie, Kristen and Jay Riley

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND THANK YOU'S (CONT.)

St. John's Family,

We never know when life will change, but when it does, it is a great comfort being part of St. John's. Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, food, and acts of kindness. It is all greatly appreciated.

Jack & Barb Stover

Pastor Erich & St. John's,

My family and I want to thank you and your church for the impeccable manner in which you carried out my mother's memorial service. Not a glitch to be found. I think my mom, Bettie, would have found it to be a fun party.

Yours Truly,
Ron Rychener and Family

St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the use of your beautiful building for our music festival this year.

Music Teachers Association Group

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Isaiah 52:7 *"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"*

This prophetic verse highlights the blessing of Advent, a season of anticipation and preparation in praising God for the glorious birth of Jesus! Our God reigns!

Our Advent season schedule includes:

Sunday, December 10th: Second Sunday of Advent, Sermon in Music at 10:30AM service

Sunday, December 10th: Evening Advent Service at 7:00PM

Sunday, December 17th: Third Sunday of Advent, Children's Program during the 10:30AM service

Sunday, December 17th: Evening Advent Service at 7:00PM

Sunday, December 24th: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00PM

Monday, December 25th: Christmas Day worship at 10:30AM

Monday, December 25th: Christmas Day Caroling at Fairlawn, following worship

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

LOGOS

During the month of November, the LOGOS program has had 30-35 kids in attendance each Wednesday evening. Each night, the kids began the evening with a delicious meal prepared by our wonderful kitchen crew. They enjoyed pizza, corn dogs, chili and chicken noodle soup, and a full traditional thanksgiving meal (yum!!). The kids also worked very hard during the Worship Skills portion of the evening, preparing the songs that were presented in person at the November 19th worship service. Each evening ended in their Bible Study classrooms with their Bible Study teachers, learning about many stories in the Bible. Thank you to the many volunteers that help each Wednesday evening caring for and teaching the four year olds through 5th graders! Our last night of LOGOS for the fall semester will be on December 6th and the program will resume again after the holidays on January 10th.



Life Planning

In November, the Life Planning program packed 100 Operation Christmas Child boxes to send to children throughout the world. We then enjoyed a "hot dog" bar and some time of fellowship. On December 13th, we will be gathering for our annual Christmas potluck and White Elephant gift exchange at 6:30PM in the fellowship hall. We can't wait to see you there!



Third Thursday Senior Luncheon

December's Third Thursday Lunch falls on December 21st, beginning at 11:30am in the chapel. Following an always delicious meal, those present will enjoy singing some Christmas carols and some other Christmas themed activities!



Toledo Walleye Faith & Family Night

The Toledo Walleye have invited us back for their annual Faith & Family Night, which is scheduled for February 4th, 2024! The game is scheduled to begin at 5:15PM that evening and will include a pre-game worship and Q&A with the players and team chaplain like last year. We'll have additional details about exact times and prices in the coming weeks, but we need to reserve our tickets soon (plan on \$15-\$20 range per ticket). Please sign up on the office bulletin board no later than December 31st.



2023 Advent Devotional

The 2023 Advent Devotional booklet was emailed out to all active households on November 30th. Hard copies are available for pickup in the sanctuary narthex; however, please be sure to contact Jocelyn in the church office if you need to have one mailed to your home. We pray this booklet guides your hearts through this season as a church family together!

MISSION FINANCE REPORT

		Budget	Beg Balance	Donations	Disbursements	Balance	%
1	3103 Incidental Missions			170.00	170.00	-	
2	3105 AltLink (African Inland Missions)	2,500	20.00	2,758.00	2,703.00	75.00	108%
3	3110 Aroles	6,000	120.00	5,349.00	5,234.00	235.00	87%
4	3115 Back Bay Mission	7,000		5,709.00	5,709.00	-	82%
5	3120 Cherry Street	7,500		6,992.75	6,992.75	-	93%
6	3125 Christmas Cheer	4,500		15.00		15.00	0%
7	3135 Church World Services	2,000		2,773.13	2,773.13	-	139%
8	3145 Community Meal	4,500	176.95	1,206.44	1,291.45	91.94	29%
9	3150 Crossroad	5,000		4,752.30	4,752.30	-	95%
10	3155 CRU - Robert & Jenni McMahon	2,500		2,603.04	2,603.04	-	104%
11	3156 CRU - Vincent Ferry	2,500		2,500.00	2,500.00	-	100%
12	3157 CRU - Hannah Barnhart	2,500		2,622.62	2,622.62	-	105%
13	3160 CRU - Matt & Paige Waanders	2,500		2,350.00	2,350.00	-	94%
14	3172 Fairlawn Chaplain Ministry	2,000		2,000.00	2,000.00	-	100%
15	3175 Fish Pantry (Min. Balance \$800)	10,000	1,100.00	7,998.30	8,098.30	1,000.00	81%
16	3180 Growing Hope Globally	3,000		2,423.33	2,368.33	55.00	79%
17	3185 Franks, Tony & Leila (World Team)	13,000		470.00	435.00	35.00	3%
18	3190 Freedom International - Suons	3,000		-	-	-	0%
19	3200 Friendship House	6,000		6,000.76	6,000.76	-	100%
20	3201 Fulton County Christian Music Ministry	500		500.00	500.00	-	100%
21	3220 Habitat for Humanity - Fulton	2,000		2,051.54	2,051.54	-	103%
22	3220 Habitat for Humanity - La Porte	1,500				-	0%
23	3228 InterVarsity - Nicha Pimthong	2,500	5.00	1,500.00	1,505.00	-	60%
24	3229 JJ Safe House	1,000				-	0%
25	3230 Kajiado Childrens Home - Annual	12,000		11,932.30	11,932.30	-	99%
26	3230 Kajiado Childrens Home - Donation			59,654.08	59,654.08	-	
27	3235 Kajiado Sponsorships	2,500		5,798.00	5,798.00	-	232%
28	3241 LifeWise Academy	5,000		4,815.00	4,815.00	-	96%
29	3245 Operation Christmas Child	3,000		2,964.30	1,083.43	1,880.87	36%
30	3247 Orphanos - Suons			2,985.00	2,985.00	-	
31	3250 Outback	4,000		3,962.19	3,962.19	-	99%
32	3255 Pioneers - Doriot	2,500		2,500.00	2,500.00	-	100%
33	3260 Reach Global - M.N.	5,000		4,030.00	4,030.00	-	81%
34	3266 Reliant - Kyle Chase	5,500		6,534.30	6,534.30	-	119%
35	3267 Reliant - Matt Pardi	5,500		6,534.30	6,534.30	-	119%
36	3278 Shepherd's Circle	2,500		2,529.76	2,529.76	-	101%
37	3279 Sparrow's Nest	4,500		4,242.75	4,242.75	-	94%
38	3285 Toledo Gospel	3,500		4,060.28	4,060.28	-	116%
39	3290 Urgent Mission Outreach	4,500		3,650.00	2,750.00	900.00	61%
40	3300 Walk-in Assistance	2,500	7,925.71	6,069.58	9,483.11	4,512.18	379%
41	Totals	156,000	9,347.66	195,007.05	195,554.72	8,799.99	125%
42	Totals Less Kajiado Donation	156,000	9,347.66	135,352.97	135,900.64	8,799.99	87%
43	YTD Percentage Target						83%

COMMITTEES

Search Committee – for the Director/Minister/Pastor of Youth and Young Adults

The committee consists of the following volunteers: Nici Wyse (Co-Chair and Consistory Rep), Amy Baden, Ryan Christman, Mindy Gruenhagen, Gloria Lauber, Joshua Reeb, Molly Rutledge, David Stuckey (Co-Chair), Cayla Swisher and Pastor Erich.

Nici Wyse, David Stuckey and Pastor Erich have been having weekly Zoom calls with staff of Shepherd Staff, Justin & Gail. Justin is providing a weekly report on the process. The report includes a spreadsheet of the candidates Shepherd Staff is working with, from Stage 1 through Stage 3, with a fourth step of presenting a candidate to the search committee.

Total number of candidates reviewed has been 44, with 26 of those removed from the process, either by themselves or by Shepherd Staff. Shepherd staff is currently interacting with 16 candidates.

Once two candidates have reached the presentation stage, interviews will be scheduled for the search committee. Justin and Gail will be working with the committee to help the interview process go smoothly.

CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS | OCT. 16TH

Highlights of the Consistory Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2023:

1. Committee Reports
 - a. Personnel Committee (Laura Johnson) – Yearend discussion regarding Personnel Committee recommendations for staff positions.
 - b. Budget & Stewardship Committee (Betsy Redd) – financial reports were reviewed and approved; a new process for an annual audit was approved, to be conducted by three people of the congregation meeting with treasurer, Mary Zimmerman; the current contract for property and auto insurance expires on November 30th, Pastor Erich is working with Andres, O’Neil and Lowe on new quotes.
 - c. Building Committee (Darlene Steiner) – met with architects on November 17th; Betsy Redd is leading the interior design sub-committee; the group is working on the options for the pews; for construction planning, wedding planning and scheduling will need to be taken into consideration; exterior automatic door options are being reviewed; consideration is also being given for the placement of outlets in the sanctuary.
 - d. Church Safety & Security Committee (Eric Nafziger) – corrections and amendments to the safety policies were approved. Further policies and safety procedures are being created.
 - e. Mission Committee (Missy Warncke) – organizing a Campus Ministry Sunday for February 2024; funds from the Second Mile fund were distributed to: Back Bay Mission for their mobile housing units; Kajaido Children’s Home for their kitchen project; Fulton County Habitat for Humanity for their play house project, in conjunction with SYF painting and assembling a play house; Betsy Ducey and Missy Warncke visited Matt Pardi as the BGSU campus ministry; the committee approved becoming the sending church for M. N. with Reach Global. We will support her spiritually, financially, etc.
 - f. Search Committee (Nici Wyse) – announcements were made on Sunday regarding the search process; zoom meetings will be taking place on a weekly basis; there are currently 19 candidates being considered.
 - g. Spiritual Council Committee (Erich Christman) – Nomination Process: Elder – Looking for 6 nominations; have 2 so far; Deacon/Deaconess – Looking for 6 nominations; have 2 so far
 - h. Farm Operations (Karen Walker) – the committee met with Bob and Eric Reifer on 10/31. They have forestry degrees and expertise. They discussed the church’s woods and the need to have some of our trees/woods “harvested”. Trees will be removed and sold to bidders. There may need to be multiple sales. The church would get a percentage of the

sales (60%). The tops of the trees will be left in the woods. Consistory (and possibly the congregation) will need to determine where any proceeds will be directed.

- i. Fellowship Committee (Steve Walker) – the committee hosted 28 veterans and youth for the Veteran's Breakfast. The senior citizens banquet is being planned for December 14. The Home Restaurant is doing the catering. Judy Sears is working on the table decorations. Jan and John Lindsay are working on a Christmas Trivia game. The high school choir is being asked to perform.
2. Pastors Report (Erich Christman)
 - a. 2023 Buehrer Farm Report - information was provided to the group for review. The group discussed how the bids for the contracts take place. Consideration may want to be given to this process as we may be able to get more income. A suggestion was presented to consider and explore sale options related to the farmland for investment in future projects (especially with the increased value of farmland).
 - b. Five Year Ministry Plan – Pastor Erich's annual plan was shared.
 - c. Erich shared about new avenues in addressing homelessness in our area. He is part of a small group of interested community members.

Worship Attendance and Weekly Offering		
November 5	8am	47
	10:30am	133
	Live Stream Views	34
	Weekly Budget	\$11,227.58
	Offering Received	\$11,754.40
November 12	8am	56
	10:30am	127
	Live Stream Views	46
	Weekly Budget	\$11,227.58
	Offering Received	\$8,350.73
November 19	8am	48
	10:30am	168
	Live Stream Views	43
	Weekly Budget	\$11,227.58
	Offering Received	\$13,868.57
November 26	8am	57
	10:30am	140
	Live Stream Views	68
	Weekly Budget	\$11,227.58
	Offering Received	\$6,364.76

Operating Fund Year to Date Report:

As of November 30, 2023:

\$324,630	Donations Received to Date
\$356,862	Expenses Incurred to Date
\$-32,232	Expenses Greater than Donations

2022 Comparison

As of November 30, 2022

\$310,785	Donations Received to Date
\$339,822	Expenses Incurred to Date
\$-29,037	Expenses Greater than Donations

As of December 31, 2022

\$380,450	Donations Received to Date
\$369,178	Expenses Incurred to Date
\$11,273	Donations Greater than Expenses

MISSION CORNER

Mission-a-Month: Crossroad Child & Family Services

Since 1883, Crossroad Child & Family Services in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has been dedicated to the mission of creating promising futures for children and families. Today, the family directed programs focus on providing behavioral health treatment, education programs, and support services tailored to client needs and strengths. The organization has worked with thousands of young people and families over the years to help them learn, change, and thrive. Crossroads thanks us for our prayers and generous financial support over the years that has truly helped in changing the futures of young people. You can indicate a gift to Crossroad this month by filling out line 5 of your weekly offering envelope or by selecting "Crossroad" in the Breeze Online Giving "Give to..." drop-down menu.



Kajiado Children's Home 2024 Mission Trip

The Mission Committee is working with Gaye List of Hope4Kajiado to send a team to Kajiado Children's Home in June of 2024. Potential dates are June 6 to 13; June 12 to 22 and June 21 to 30. Potential costs of the trip, all inclusive, would be \$2,200. Anyone with questions may contact Missy Warncke or Nancy Rupp, chair and vice-chair of the Mission Committee. Applications for the trip are due by February 16, 2024 and can be picked up in the church office beginning this weekend.

MISSION THANK YOU'S

Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you for your most recent donations of \$435 and \$220. Because of faithful donors like you, our lights are on and our doors are open to help house those in need. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
The Friendship House



To the Saints in Archbold,

As I look toward a new year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude at your end-of-year giving! And even when the amounts vary, the consistency with which you gave throughout this year really blessed me from month-to-month. Because of your generosity, hundreds of Gen Z students are hearing the gospel and getting the opportunity to respond to Jesus. It is such a joy to be teamed up with you as we impact the gospel to the next generation together! Since you joined my Reliant Ministry Team in 2009, your prayers and generosity have also been instrumental in developing me as a person and as a pastor, an investment in my seminary education and now my doctoral work all while continuing in missionary work with college students. Thank you for these opportunities and more. Grace and Peace to you this Christmas season!

Philippians 4:17
Kyle Chase

MISSION THANK YOU'S (CONT.)

St. John's,

We are beyond grateful for your generous partnership with our ministry!

Love,
The Waanders



St. John's,

Thank you so much for your latest gift to support my ministry! Your generosity and increased support provides so much encouragement and helps protect us from the burn-out of financial stress. Students in New Mexico are so spiritually confused and are desperate for the life giving Gospel. Thank you for helping these students hear the Gospel!

-Vince Ferry



Additional Thank You's From...

- ♦ Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$1,793.
- ♦ Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$2,215.
- ♦ Hannah Lammers, for our gift of \$100.
- ♦ Jacob Lammers, for our gift of \$500.
- ♦ Matt & Paige Waanders, for our gift of \$50.
- ♦ Robert & Jenni McMahan, for our gift of \$100.
- ♦ Jonathan & Rachel Doriot, for our gift of \$1,500.
- ♦ Tony & Leila Frank, for our gift of \$110.
- ♦ Habitat for Humanity, for our gift of \$1,000
- ♦ M.N., for our gift of \$530.
- ♦ Kyle Chase, for our gift of \$2,134.30.
- ♦ Matt & MaryLynn Pardi, for our gift of \$2,1134.30.
- ♦ Youth for Christ, for our gift of \$1,000.

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- December 10 Second Sunday of Advent
 Advent Wreath Candle – The Prophets
 10:30am – Sermon in Music Sunday
 Scriptures – Isaiah 40:1-5, Mark 1:1-8
 Sermon – “The Good News is Here”
 7pm – Evening Advent Service
- December 17 Third Sunday of Advent
 Advent Wreath Candle – John the Baptist
 10:30am – Service Includes Children’s Christmas Program
 Scriptures – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, John 1:6-8, 19-29, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Sermon – “Who Was He?”
 7pm – Evening Advent Service
- December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Advent Wreath Candle – The Virgin Birth
 Scriptures – Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26, Luke 1:26-38, Romans 16:25-27
 Sermon – “The Gospel Account”
 7pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Advent Wreath Candle – The Christ Candle
 Special Music – Chancel Choir, Joshua Reeb
- December 25 Christmas Day
 10:30am Informal Time of Worship
 Scriptures – Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-9
 Sermon – “The Firstborn”
 11:30am Caroling at Fairlawn
- December 31 Memorial Sunday
 Scriptures – Isaiah 61:10-11, John 1:1-18, Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7
 Sermon – “The Word Had Become Flesh”



Memorial Sunday Observance

In the Reformed tradition of the church, an annual service is held in remembrance of people who have died in the course of the past year. Traditionally Memorial Sunday is held on the final Sunday of the year, which will be on December 31st this year. We will remember people of St. John’s who have entered into eternal life and remember family members and friends who entered eternal glory. Candles will be lit, bells will be tolled, and carnations handed out in remembrance of each person of the congregation who died, or whose funeral was held at St. John’s, or for whom our pastor shared in the memorial services.

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays: 8a Worship 8:30a Pause for Praise 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship	Mission-A-Month: Crossroad Elder of the Month: Jill Nafziger				1 8:30a Moms in Prayer	2
3 7:00p Advent Service	4 5:30p Parlor Reserved 6:30p Gym Reserved	5 9:15a Bible Study 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Community Meal 7:00p Mission Committee	6 10:00a Building Committee Interior Design Team 6:00p LOGOS/Confirmation 7:00p JYF/SYF 7:30p Chancel Choir	7 5:30p Gym Reserved	8 8:30a Moms in Prayer	9 7:40a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00a Sermon in Music Sound Checks
10 10:30a Sermon in Music 7:00p Advent Service	11 5:30p Parlor Reserved 6:30p Gym Reserved 7:00p Praise Team Rehearsal	12 9:15a Bible Study 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Community Meal 6:45p Property Committee	13 7:00p Life Planning	14 6:00p Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner	15 8:30a Moms in Prayer	16
17 10:30a Children's Christmas Program 2:00p Parish Hall Reserved 7:00p Advent Service	18 5:30p Parlor Reserved 6:15p Spiritual Council 6:30p Gym Reserved 7:15p Consistory	19 9:15a Bible Study 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Community Meal	20 7:00p SYF 7:30p Chancel Choir	21 11:30a Third Thurs Senior Citizen Luncheon 5:30p Gym Reserved 6:00p Girl Scouts	22 8:30a Moms in Prayer	23
24 8:00a & 10:30a Christmas Eve Worship Services 9:15a Adult SS Classes Only 7:00p Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	25 10:30a Christmas Morning Worship 11:30a Caroling at Fairlawn Church Office Closed	26 9:15a Bible Study Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28 5:30p Gym Reserved	29	30
31 Memorial Sunday 9:15a Adult SS Classes Only						

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|---|---|
| 1 Kenny Walker | 15 Crissi Stuckey |
| 2 Madison Bowers, Jeff & Stacy Rutledge | 18 Shiela Short |
| 5 Joyce Kinsman, Kassi Link, Betsy Redd | 20 Dawson Cover, Dax Cover |
| 6 Denny Hornish, Kim M. Walker | 21 Devin Bernath, Nici Wyse, Dean & Darlene Steiner |
| 8 Jim Liechty, JoAnn Short, Aiden Warncke | 23 Don & Charlene LaFontaine |
| 9 Scott & JoAnn Short | 25 Deb Schnitkey |
| 10 Alexa Martinez, Greg Walker | 26 Rod Kinsman |
| 11 Isaac Meyer, Doug Rupp | 27 Klaire Kern, Paul Lovejoy |
| 12 Paul & Joan Lovejoy | 28 Emma Krukowski, Josh & Kasey Grime |
| 13 Linda Heer, Tony MacDonald | 29 Maggie Enderle |
| 14 Kathy Bechstein, Peg Ehrman, Jean Stamm, Cullen Yoder, Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen | 30 Bob Vos, Corey & Jocelyn Walker |
| | 31 Alice Leatherman |

Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct.

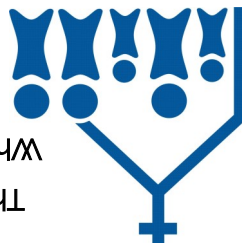
DECEMBER DAILY SCRIPTURES

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| 1 (IM)POSSIBLE STANDARDS-----JEREMIAH 35 | 16 YOU AND WHOSE ARMY? ----- JEREMIAH 50:29-46 |
| 2 RULERS BEHAVING BADLY -----JEREMIAH 36 | 17 STATUS CHECK-----PSALM 76 |
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| 5 PASSIVE POWER-----JEREMIAH 38 | 20 HIS WORD, HIS BOND-----JEREMIAH 52 |
| 6 RELATIONAL LOGIC-----JEREMIAH 39 | 21 YEARNING FOR YOU -----PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11 |
| 7 YET I WILL HOPE ----- JEREMIAH 40:1-41:15 | 22 WHAT MATTERS MOST ----- PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18A |
| 8 GO WITH GOD-----JEREMIAH 41:16-43:13 | 23 THAT BUCKET LIST! ----- PHILIPPIANS 11B-26 |
| 9 NOT WHAT WE DESERVE -----JEREMIAH 44, 45 | 24 STAND FIRM ----- PHILIPPIANS 1:27-2:4 |
| 10 DANGEROUS PRIDE -----PSALM 75 | 25 A SERVANT PRINCE -----PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 |
| 11 SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE -----JEREMIAH 46, 47 | 26 STARLIGHT----- PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18 |
| 12 SHARED ANGUISH-----JEREMIAH 48:1-25 | 27 MY FRIENDS ----- PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30 |
| 13 DIVINE GRIEF -----JEREMIAH 48:26-47 | 28 LEAVING THE PAST BEHIND-----PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11 |
| 14 BY THE SAME MEASURE-----JEREMIAH 49 | 29 RUN THE RACE----- PHILIPPIANS 3:12-4:1 |
| 15 LIGHT ON THE HORIZON -----JEREMIAH 50:1-28 | 30 CO-WORKERS IN DISARRAY ----- PHILIPPIANS 4:2-9 |
| | 31 GIVING AND RECEIVING----- PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23 |

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