

Prayer of Confession

Most Merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free our selves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Lesson is Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

14 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

All who are able please stand for the reading of the Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

The reading is recorded in chapter 21:25-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

25 "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Exhortation to Watch

34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

One: Here ends the Gospel Reading. It is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.



Prayer List

Family Member/s

Karen Wagner

Ellen Goodyear

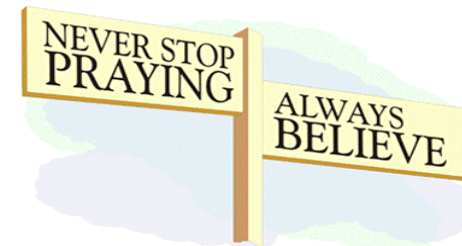
Nancy Brown

Friend/s

Jewel Fessler - friend of Kathy Grose

Suzanne Fritsch - mother of Stephen Fritsch

Suzie Wartluft's contact number is 717/866-5490. Please call this number with any and all prayer concerns. Feel free to leave a message if Suzie does not answer and she will follow up to ensure accuracy on the listing of concern. The updated list will be called into the church office by 9:00 am each Wednesday morning. Feel free to contact Suzie with any questions or concerns.



Announcements (cont'd)

Calendar:

December 2 – Worship with Communion by Intinction 9 am

Journey to Christmas: Following the Star hosted by Melanie Bennetch's Sunday School class in the Library.

December 5 – Journey to Christmas: Angelic Announcements 6 pm

December 9 – Worship: Healing Service, Choir 9 am

Journey to Christmas: Angelic Announcements hosted by Melanie Bennetch's Sunday School class in the Library.

December 12 – Journey to Christmas: The Trio to Bethlehem 6 pm

December 16 – Worship: (Sarah on organ) 9 am

Journey to Christmas: The Trip to Bethlehem hosted by Melanie Bennetch's Sunday School class in the Library.

December 19 – Journey to Christmas: Shepherds, Wise Men and a King 6 pm

December 23 – Worship: Choir 9 am

Journey to Christmas: Shepherds, Wise Men and a King hosted by Melanie Bennetch's Sunday School class in the Library.

December 24 – 6:30 pm, Worship with Orchestra, Choir, Service of Lessons and Carols

December 30 – Worship 9 am: (Garrett Book preaching)

The Message - 'Sign of the Times'

Hymn

My Lord! What a Morning

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The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Offertory

Greensleeves

Ralph Vaughn Williams

*Offertory Response

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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The Celebration of Holy Communion

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to the this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

Communion Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
(verses 1-2)

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The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(The pastor continues the prayer.)

The Words of Jesus and Prayer of Blessing

Proclaiming the Mystery

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

You are the savior of the world.

Sharing the Bread and Cup - Communion by Intinction

*Closing Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates* #176

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *Savior of the Nations, Come* #168
(verse 1)

Moments of Meditation (seated)

Postlude *Toccata on Savior of the Nations, Come* Paul Manz

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**Today: First Sunday of Advent Communion by Intinction  
Gift Card Orders due today - delivered next Sunday  
Poinsettia Orders due**

**Next Sunday: December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent Healing Service**

Worship at 9:00 AM Open Church - Bill and Betty Arnold  
Sunday School 10:15 am Greeters: Sara Zeller and Shirley Krall  
Lector: Charles Williams  
Liturgist: Sally Kulp  
Ushers: Ed and Candy Hibshman  
Terry and Suzie Schott  
Kenny Patrick

**Coming up: December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent Sarah Wagner, guest organist**

Worship at 9:00 AM  
Sunday School at 10:15 am

Announcements

**Upper Room Bible study meets each Thursday from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Library,** of the 2nd Thursday of the months when the Community Meal is being served. Please the bulletin for updated information. You may also contact Marcia Bicher at 717/866-6401.

**LCCM donation item for the month of December** is flour and instant or ground coffee. Please place donations in the box provided in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Williams at 717/866-9482.

The Elders will take turns being 'on-call' as listed in the following schedule:

**December 2 - December 8 Stephen Fritsch 610/406-7166  
December 9 - December 15 Marie Hibshman 717/343-3247**

If someone is hospitalized or has other needs, one of the elders could visit or assist in contacting Rev. Rick. Elders are also planning to visit shut-ins and offer communion to them. We could certainly use help. If you are not comfortable doing communion, would you be willing to make some visits, asking members what they need and telling them that the elders and Rev. Rick Luciotti are available?

**Rev. Rick's office hours this week and next:**

**December 4 1:00 - 6:00pm December 6 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

We are in need of someone willing to unlock the church on the second Sunday of each month. The church needs to be unlocked at 8 a.m. If interested, please contact Kristi Fields or Lee Ann in the church office. Thanks for the consideration!

**The Angel Tree is up and decorated.** Please pick an angel card and purchase the item that is listed on the card, bring it back unwrapped and in a bag along with the Angel tag. Gifts should be placed at the base of the tree in the Conversational area. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry.

**Community Meal:**

The Community Meal **will be served on Dec. 13., Mar. 14, Apr. 11 and May 9.** Note there will be no meals in, Jan. and Feb. **The meals will be served from 4 PM to 6 PM.** Note that this is a change in time. Mark Herr will be actively helping with the preparation along with a group of volunteers., as has been done in the past. If you have never helped and would be willing to help prep, cook or serve in several ways, please see Mark Herr or Carolyn Williams. Please consider supporting this mission by volunteering your assistance.

**As has been our tradition, we are requesting Christmas cookies for the December Community Meal.** If you are willing to donate at least 3 dozen cookies, please sign-up on the form on the Information Counter in the Gathering Area. Cookies can be dropped off in the kitchen between December 8th and December 13th. Thank you for your donations!

**Advent materials** are available on the Information Counter in the Gathering Area. For children and families, there are activity calendars, filled with Scripture verses, activities, thought starters and Advent images for every day of Advent. Each mini-meditation helps children focus on the coming Savior. For youth and adults there is a daily devotion called Living the Gospel Life. The daily devotions in this pocket-sized booklet highlight the message and themes of being sent, demonstrating faith in action and being mission-minded. These themes are applied each day of Advent to the activities and schedules associated with preparing our hearts, souls and minds to celebrate the birth of Jesus.