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Upcoming Opportunities

There will not be Hanging of the Greens or chili supper this holiday season.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10:
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Program during Worship
Congregational Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15:
5:30 p.m. Day Care Board Mtg.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17:
1:30 p.m. CWF, Gleta's Home

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Christmas Sing
Along during Worship

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24:
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service presented online

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25:
MERRY CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

*Church Office Closed
December 24 - January 4*

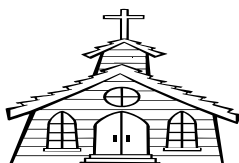
2021 OFFERING

ENVELOPES ARE READY

The 2021 offering envelopes will be ready for pick up in the narthex over the next few Sundays. **We ask that you please do not use the envelopes until after January 1st.**

If your name is not assigned to a box, please take an unmarked box and add your name to the corresponding line on the sign-up sheet. We appreciate your cooperation and help in maintaining accurate records.

Thank You



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Will be held on Sunday, December 13th following worship

Serving Schedule for December 13, 2020

Worship Leader
Stephanie Oliver
Communion Prayer
LaVerne Matthews
Offertory Prayer
Jack Maxwell
Van Driver
Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell
Communion Preparation
Stanley & Carol Pinkston

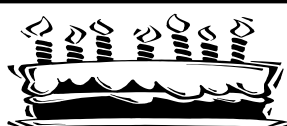
Sunday School Perfect Attenders October 2020

Steve Flower
Kay Gilbreath
Gleta Gorman
Ed Lewis
Jack Maxwell
Eva Kay Smith



Serving Schedule for December 27, 2020

Worship Leader
Lilly Oliver
Communion Prayer
Steve Fowler
Offertory Prayer
Pat Fowler
Van Driver
Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell
Communion Preparation
Jan Duffy



Look who has a birthday in December

Anne Roberts	4
Doris Chlastak	19
Todd Richardson	26
Matthew Clanahan	31

Serving Schedule for December 6, 2020

Worship Leader
Jack Maxwell
Communion Prayer
Anne Roberts
Offertory Prayer
Ed Lewis
Van Driver
Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell
Communion Preparation
Carlos & Glenda Hicks



Christian Women's Fellowship

*Thursday, December 17th
1:30 p.m., at Gleta Gorman's home
Hostess: Gleta Gorman
Program: Kim Waggoner*

Serving Schedule for December 20, 2020

Worship Leader
Dawson Oliver
Communion Prayer
Kathy Richardson
Offertory Prayer
Mark Richardson
Van Driver
Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell
Communion Preparation
Stanley & Carol Pinkston



Advent Schedule

The candle lighting will be a little different this year. The Advent wreath will be lit by Pastor Frank and the reading will be done by the Worship Leader on their scheduled Sunday. This will be on November 29th and end on December 27th.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be present on line only this year. Candles and communion cups will be available to take home ahead of time so everyone can participate at home.

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ATTENDANCE REPORT November 1, 2020	ATTENDANCE REPORT November 8, 2020
ATTENDANCE:	ATTENDANCE:
Worship 23	♦ Worship 14
Children's Church 0	♦ Children's Church 0
TOTAL WORSHIP 23	♦ TOTAL WORSHIP 14
SUNDAY SCHOOL	♦ SUNDAY SCHOOL
Elementary A/B 3	♦ Elementary A/B 0
Homebuilders 5	♦ Homebuilders 6
Men's Class 6	♦ Men's Class 2
Total 14	♦ Total 8

ATTENDANCE REPORT November 15, 2020	ATTENDANCE REPORT November 22, 2020
ATTENDANCE:	ATTENDANCE:
Worship 25	♦ Worship 18
Children's Church 0	♦ Children's Church 0
TOTAL WORSHIP 25	♦ TOTAL WORSHIP 18
SUNDAY SCHOOL	♦ SUNDAY SCHOOL
Elementary A/B 0	♦ Elementary A/B 0
Homebuilders 6	♦ Homebuilders 6
Men's Class 3	♦ Men's Class 3
Total 9	♦ Total 9

SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

"And you shall find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" proclaimed the Scriptures about the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas morning. Luke 2:12

Although this year's celebration of Advent and Christmas will be a little different than in the past, we want to make it as meaningful as possible. The four weeks of Advent begin on November 29th.

Each Sunday during the Advent season I will light the Advent Wreath. The worship leader for that Sunday will read the readings. I will light the candles of Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy. I will light the Christ Candle at the end of the December 22nd worship service and sing and we will sing "Silent Night."

The candles will tie in with the message for each Sunday.

On December 13th the youth will present a Christmas play during the time allotted for the sermon. The name of the play is "Honk the Hairy Angel Sing." Let's come out and support their hard work.

On Sunday December 20th just before Christmas we will have a hymn sing of your favorite Christmas carols and hymns. What is your favorite song of the Christmas season? I like "In the Bleak Midwinter."

Unfortunately we will not be able to have our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 11 PM this year.

We are going to do a online Christmas Eve Service and are asking each member or worshiper to have communion and a candle to light as we sing "Silent Night" at the end of the service at home.

We will have our communion service kits for you to pick up the Sunday before so that you may have it ready made for you.

You will need to get a candle for each person who plans to attend.

We know that this is not the traditional Christmas programs that we have at our church but we want everyone to have a joyous and safe Christmas season as we prepare for Christmas morning.

Due to the Covid-19 virus the annual decoration of the church by members and Chili supper has been canceled for this year. The Worship Committee will be decorating the church prior to Advent. Our Christmas Dinner has also been canceled. We look forward to the 2021 season when we will be able to come together as a church family to fully celebrate our faith.

We thank the Worship Committee for coming up with these ideas to appropriately celebrate this special time in the church calendar year.

We thank the Worship Committee for decorating the church for the Christmas season. Please share these opportunities to celebrate the season with your friends and family.

Merry Christmas to all!
Pastor Frank



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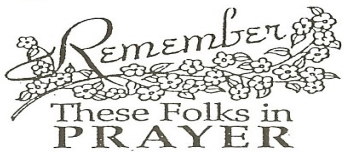
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Gene Roberts, Jr.,
Ramona Sutton

[Names will remain on our
Prayer Concern list until the
Church Office is notified to
remove them.]



Roy Parton
By: CWF
Gail Doss
Gleta Gorman

ATTENDANCE REPORT
November 29, 2020
ATTENDANCE:
Worship 24
Children's Church 0
TOTAL WORSHIP 24
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Elementary A/B 0
Homebuilders 5
Men's Class 3
Total 8

