



November 27, 2022

On the Horizon

Advent – We begin the season of Advent this Sunday. Please join us for this special season of worship.

Christmas Decorating – Please plan to stay after the service this Sunday, to help decorate the church for Christmas.

Ladies' Night Out – Tuesday, December 13, beginning at 6:00 PM, at Panera Bread. Please bring a new ornament to exchange.

UGM Clothing Drive – Bring gently used coats, shirts, sweaters, & new socks.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, November 27

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, November 30

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 1

You are cordially invited by SPIRIT-Builders Co-Op to a musical play of The Wizard of Oz, at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

Worship Preparation

We begin the Advent Season this Sunday with the Hope candle, and look at long last to [Hebrews 11:1](#) as we consider the connection between hope and faith.

Pastor's Pondering

I have, from time to time, dug through the Pastor's Pondering archives when struggling to meet a deadline. It happened this week, as the idea I was trying to write was not working out for me. It was my hope to recycle an old post from some years ago that no one would recognize.

Unfortunately, I was not able to find an old Pondering that worked for today. They were fine Ponderings in their time, but they don't really fit for 2022. Besides, they don't sound like me these days. I have changed over the years, and the focus of my Ponderings has changed, too.

This is the way it should be in life. We grow and change. This is what our discipleship with Jesus should look like, too. The things that mattered in our early years should give way to weightier matters of faith, and that faith should mature and reflect Jesus more as we strive to live it out.

- Blessings, David

Advent Memory Verses

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

1 Corinthians 13:13

But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

James 1:2-3

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Physical Needs:

- Misty Heath is receiving chemotherapy (AC)
- Lavern Vandusen struggles w/dementia (DW)
- Jason is having pulmonary problems (LL)
- Jim may have back surgery (LL)
- Sharon Rollins for strength & general health
- Bob Shaw is recovering from hip surgery
- Mary Standfield is receiving radiation for heart cancer (AC)
- Chris is being checked for colon cancer (LL)
- Neal H. has upcoming gallbladder surgery (LL)
- Margarita Santos is recovering from a heart attack (HL)
- Vickie Collins' has upcoming arm surgery, concerns about recovery (CM)
- Brad Brigham's colon cancer surgery delayed due to contracting Covid (EH)
- Barb Jones is recovering from a broken hip (DW)

In the Hospital:

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Personal Requests:

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- Hilda Lapointe & Family
- People suffering from addictions
- Eric is having trouble with his son (LL)
- John needs a place to live (HL)
- Michael Dike is struggling with program (DW)
- Daniel Contreras has emotional struggle (CM)

Praises:

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Thank you for your prayers. We know that many of our praises are due to the prayers of our fellowship.

World Events:

- Christians and allies in Afghanistan
- War in Ukraine, for Christians to be faithful, specifically those believers in Chernivtsi
- All people affected by Hurricane Ian

Ministry Requests:

- Hailes Family in Nairobi, Kenya
- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus

In Nursing Care:

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Azle Manor)
- Ruth Corley (Springtown Park)

Families who have recently lost loved ones:

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Family members in the military:

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Drake Bowers - Army
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Stephen Cecil - Air Force
- Alexander Cole - Air Force
- Wesley Langley - Air Force

Special Days:

- Bonnie Jones' Birthday is on 11/28
- Bob Shaw's Birthday is on 11/29
- Dennis Bedford's Birthday is on 11/30

Please send new prayers or updates to office@embcmail.com. Thank you for keeping us accurate with your updates!

Giving Report for 11.20.2022**Offering****Last Week****Year to Date****World Missions Giving**

General Offering Needs: \$ 2,706.00

\$127,182.00

2022 Goal \$7,800.00

General Offering Actual: \$ 1,193.50

\$ 82,418.88

Nov. Goal \$7,150.00

Designated Offering: \$ 125.00

\$ 9,235.00

Last Week \$ 125.00

Total Offering: \$ 1,318.50

\$ 91,653.88

Year To Date \$6,285.00