

PRAYER LIST: (New prayers should be given to Denise in the Church Office.)

- **Sympathies to the Family of Stephanie Baldrige, whose Grandfather passed away on Saturday, Dec. 16;**
- **Sympathies to the Family of Sylvia Page** (Winston's Wife) who passed on 11-20-17, age 80; services were 12-1-17, with Elder Jim Boggs officiating;
- **Sympathies to the family of Candy Coldren** (Karen's friend) passed away on 11/25/17 after being ill and in hospice care for a long while;
- **Keep Jim Boggs' Mother & Father in prayer; Jo Boggs is now in a Skilled Nursing Facility – address forthcoming;**
- Courtney Carroll (Natalie Wildman's friend) leukemia/transplant;
- John Conrad (Anna & Elise's Grandpa) in permanent nursing care;
- June Conrad (Anna & Elise Conrad's Grandma) had a mild stroke / testing done, results pending / staying with the Conrads;
- Dena (Wandersleben's friend) Melanoma / highly aggressive;
- Ronald Farioli (Leslie Crawford's bro.) Pacemaker clean / tests continue;
- Layla Goodwin (Fred Goldstein's co-worker's granddaughter), 4 yrs. old, with esophageal issues from allergies / may need a feed tube;
- Kim Howard's Father (Sarah Bailey's Friend), head, hands and arms severely burned due to house fire / at OSU hospital / months of recovery;
- Claudia Johnston (Tom's wife), fell and fractured her ankle / now at Wesley Ridge Care Facility, Room 102 (Call Karen or Tom before a visit) – You may send cards to home address;
- **Greg McKee, homeless;**
- Kayla W. (Celler O'Toole's friend) recovering from intestinal surgeries;
- Kenny (David O'Toole's uncle) ICU w/Heart Failure, critically ill;
- Phil Kourim (Jamie Bowlby's brother) recovering from a stroke;
- **Norma Kraft, fell and brok her right wrist, after she recovers she promises to write to everyone!;**
- Bob Lutz (Karen J.'s brother) ICU/ cancer spread throughout his body;
- Charlene Martin (Celler O'Toole's friend) heart procedure 11/29;
- Shelby Mullins (Kathy Wallace's friend) 16 yrs. old, blood clot in leg;
- Helen Mock (Larry's daughter-in-law), blood clot;
- Wanda Neudorfer Pack (Linda Glenn's friend) cancer;
- Edith Smith, now home and doing well;

Church Family & Friends with Cancer

Bruce DeHart, Chris Farley, Wanda N. Pack, Jon Thom, Jane Wildman

Church & Family Members at Home/Care Centers

Connie & Victor DeRose, Howard Efav, Faye Hammond,
Anna Jane Justice, Claudia Johnston, Anne Nixon

Olde First News – December 24, 2017

Childcare offered 9:30 – Noon in the Lower Level Nursery.

If you are visiting today, we thank you for your visit and hope you enjoy the "Welcome Packet" provided by our Church Greeter.

Please call the Office or an Elder for any prayer needs and emergencies. Call the office at 740-927-4796 and leave a message for changes in the weekly prayer list, updates or announcements. PLEASE NOTE: Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship. If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

After Worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall,
for coffee & light refreshments!



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School 9:30 a.m. / Worship at 10:45 a.m.
MONDAY: Clogging, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Cub Scout Pack #4021, (2nd & 4th Mondays), 6-8 p.m.
WEDS: Karate Class, 6:30 to 8 p.m. – Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.
Illumin8 & Adult Bible Study – Every other Week, 6-8 p.m.
THURSDAY: Girl Scout Troop #386, 6 – 9 p.m. (Every Week)

*** SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES ***

- The Church Office will be closed Dec. 22, 27, 28, 29 for Holidays
- Saralee Etter will be on Jeopardy, January 2, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Giving Totals for Sunday – December 17, 2017

Deacons \$50 Flowers \$17 Missions (Local) \$150 (Codex) \$200
P. Gift \$150 Street Fair \$6 Plate \$4,379

Past Attendance & PLATE Offering - Budget needs \$3,700 weekly

11/26: 54/\$2,957.62 12/3: 45/\$5,001 12/10: 43/\$4,303.33 12/17: 64/\$4,379

THE 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
BACK OF THE SANCTUARY! Please remember to retrieve yours!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Ralph Stock | 7 | Angela Hammond |
| 11 | Fran Hungerford | 16 | Fred & Linda Goldstein |
| 21 | Joey Crawford, Jason Kean | | |
| 22 | Owen Bowlby, Sarah Gundler, David Zeller | | |
| 23 | Jack Witt, Pat Landis, Marshall & Linda Glenn | | |
| 26 | Wyatt Nathan Harvell | 28 | Tabitha Boggs-Hernandez |

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve Morning Service

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 24, 2017 Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Gathering of God's People

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME: *Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.*

GREETING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*As God has greeted us with his peace,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Also See Old First News Bulletin Insert)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP (Please sign & pass the black pew pads)

PRELUDE: "Salve Regina – Gregorian" *arr. Charles Callahan*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 11

In the days to come, says the prophet Isaiah,
The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down
with the kid,
The calf and the lion and the fatling together,
And a little child shall lead them.
For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters
cover the sea.
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise No. 165: "Good Christian Men Rejoice"

Lighting of the ADVENT CANDLES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You shower gifts on your people, O God, and forgive their
faults. We keep accounts and settle old scores. You make
peace, sending Christ as a sign of reconciliation and hope. We
make war and call it peacekeeping. You give us a source of

confidence as your Spirit is sent into our midst. We cause
others to be restless, in our anxiety and self-concern. Have
mercy upon us, forgive, and free us, that we may be renewed to
serve your people with goodwill. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Proclamation of God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

By Genie Dixon

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-14

SERMON: "A Child is Born"

By The Rev. Gary M. Brose

*Hymn of Response No. 162: "Lo How a Rose E're Blooming"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

(Christmas Creed from Latin America)

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the gospel,
which began in Bethlehem. I believe in the one whose spirit
glorified a small village, of whose coming the shepherds saw the
sign, and for whom there was not room in the inn. I believe in the
one whose life changed the course of history, for whom the kings of
the earth had no power, and who was not understood by the proud.
I believe in the one to whom the poor, the oppressed, the
discouraged, the afflicted, the sick, the blind, the leprous gave
welcome and accepted as Lord and Savior. I believe in the one who
with love changed the hearts of the proud and with his life showed
that it is more important to serve than to be served and that the
greatest glory is giving your life for others. I believe in peace, which
is not the absence of war, but justice among all people and nations
and love among all. I believe in reconciliation, forgiveness, and the
transforming power of the gospel. I believe that Christmas is
strength and power, and that this world can change if with
humility and with faith we kneel before the manger. I believe that I
must be the first one to do so.

Response to God's Word

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY: "Thy Little Ones, O Lord are We"

arr. G. Winston Cassler

*DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly
host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

Lord God, thank you for the blessings
you have given us year after year.
Help us to wisely use the time you have given us.
Lead us, while we remain here on earth,
to serve you through all the people around us
who are in need. Amen.

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS of the CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

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.

Go Out as God's People in the World

*Closing Hymn No. 158: "Angels We Have Heard On High"

*Benediction

*Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

Please invite an individual or family to church for
Christmas Eve's Evening Service. This could be a co-worker, a
neighbor, or even a family member. Your choice!
Invite them to share the Light of God's Love this Season!

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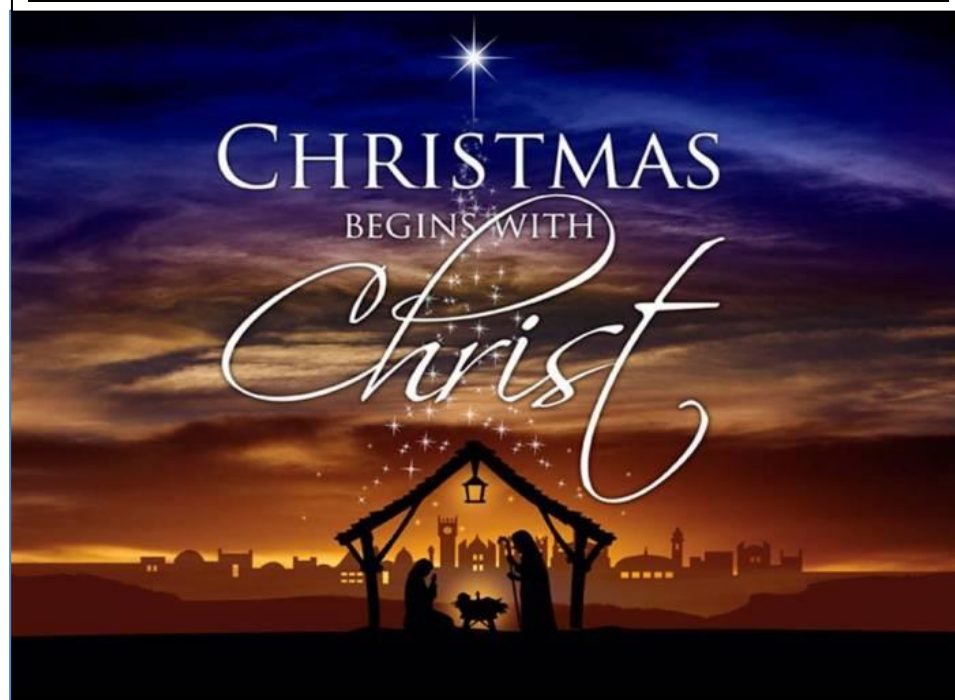
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Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Morning Dec. 24, 2017



CHURCH STAFF

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Nursery Attendant: Linda Flowers
Organist: Dr. Thomas Veregge Secretary: Denise Kelling
Elder Assisting Today: Tom Johnston