

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) now home/ 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 Efaw, Faye Hammond,
Anna Jane Justice, Claudia Johnston, Anne Nixon

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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 ***

- 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 |

1st Sunday after Christmas Day Worship For the Lord's Day

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 31, 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: "The Old Year Now is Gone"

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 63

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of God most high.

Because of all that the Lord has done for us, according to the abundance of God's love.

It was your presence that saved the house of Israel, your love and pity redeemed them.

We join with them as your people, O God, your children who sing you our praises.

*Hymn of Praise No. 160: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." 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 61:10-62:3; Luke 2:22-40

SERMON: "New Year's Resolutions"

By The Rev. Gary M. Brose

*Hymn of Response No. 163: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into death. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Response to God's Word

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY: "Bright and Glorious is the Sky" *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. 166: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
- *Benediction
- *Postlude

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CHURCH STAFF

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