



*Doing everything for Jesus...*

*We transform lives for Christ through joyful worship,  
nurturing faith, compassionate caring, and courageous witness.*

# NewcombNews

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*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly. . (Matthew 2:10)*



*For unto you is born this day in the city of David  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)*

## Life and Work of Our Church



**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH—DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN, BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN, IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN, IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN, AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN, TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN, AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.**

—JOHN WESLEY

### **SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH—JEREMIAH 29:11**

**FOR I KNOW THE THOUGHTS THAT I THINK TOWARD YOU, SAYS THE LORD, THOUGHTS OF PEACE AND NOT OF EVIL, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE.**

**GOLDEN AGE— WE WILL BE HAVING GOLDEN AGE ON THE 2ND SATURDAY ON DECEMBER 13 AT 11:30 AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. THE FRIENDS GROUP HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND! THE MEAL IS \$5, SO BRING A FRIEND AND ENJOY A GOOD MEAL AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP!**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ON DECEMBER 24 TH WILL BE AT 6:30 PM FOR A CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY.**





### **LOVE PACKAGES**

DEACONS WILL BE COLLECTING FOR LOVE PACKAGES AFTER THE NEW YEAR. LOVE PACKAGES IS A MINISTRY THAT SHIPS BIBLES AND OTHER CHRISTIAN MATERIALS OVERSEAS TO BELIEVERS HUNGRY FOR GOD'S WORD. THE OFFICIAL TIME TO COLLECT ITEMS WILL BE AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, BUT, WE KNOW MANY OF OUR SNOWBIRDS WILL BE HEADING SOUTH, SO WE WILL ACCEPT ITEMS NOW, ITEMS THAT MAY BE DONATED ARE: BIBLES (NEW OR GENTLY USED), DEVOTIONALS AND CHRISTIAN BOOKS, SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIALS. CHRISTIAN MAGAZINES, CDs AND DVDs. BRING ANY DONATIONS TO ANY DEACON AT CHURCH OR CALL SUE DOBBS AT 563-499-6823. LET'S PUT OUR UNUSED RESOURCES TO WORK WHERE THEY ARE REALLY NEEDED!

### **ENVELOPE BOXES**

THE 2026 ENVELOPE BOXES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE PEW IN THE WING. AS IN THE PAST, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DELIVER A BOX TO A MEMBER WHO CANNOT MAKE IT TO CHURCH, PLEASE DO SO. THE STATEMENTS REFLECTING YOUR GIVING FOR 2025 WILL BE MAILED OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY 2026. ANY CONTRIBUTIONS YOU WISH TO BE INCLUDED IN THAT 2025 STATEMENT SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY NEWCOMB CHURCH BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 AT THE LATEST.

—JERILYN JOHNSON

# This Christmas

mend a quarrel.  
Seek out a forgotten friend.  
Write a love letter.  
Share some treasure. Give a  
soft answer. Encourage youth.  
Keep a promise. Find the time.  
Forgive an enemy. Listen.  
Apologize if you were wrong.  
Think first of someone else.  
Be kind and gentle.  
Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.  
Express your gratitude. Gladden  
the heart of a child. Take pleasure  
in the beauty and wonder of the earth.  
Speak your love. Speak it again.  
Speak it still once again.

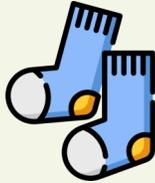
ANONYMOUS

Laugh, Laugh a little more and be kind..... See More



**THANK YOU**

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED ITEMS AND THEIR TIME IN MAKING THE CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE A BIG SUCCESS! THE FINAL TWO DAY TOTAL RECEIVED WAS \$1,146.09! GREAT JOB!



**SOCK DRIVE**

IN JANUARY WE WILL AGAIN BE HAVING A SOCK COLLECTION. WE NEED ALL SIZES OF SOCKS—MENS, WOMENS AND CHILDREN SIZES. THERE WILL BE A BIN IN THE WING. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!



**HAT AND MITTEN TREE**



WE ARE COLLECTING HATS, MITTENS AND GLOVES FOR ADA MS SCHOOL AGAIN THIS YEAR. THERE WILL BE A TREE SET UP FOR YOUR DONATIONS!



**2025 ELDERS**

**Fellowship**

Lilah Hughes

**Education**

Carol Kelly  
Steve Goyette  
Lilah Hughes

**Worship**

Lori Leipold  
Pam Hoos

**Business**

Greg Larrison  
Donna Goyette  
Phil Leipold  
Bill Lafrenz

**2025 Deacons**

Sue Dobbs  
Connie  
Hilsenbeck  
Jerilyn Johnson  
Mary Ann Kling  
Sandy Luse  
Art Searle  
Carey Smysor  
Karen Wilson



*A Program of Prison Fellowship*

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEARS PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE, THE PROGRAM GIVES INCARCERATED PARENTS A WAY TO PROVIDE A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THEIR CHILDREN AND HELPS CREATE A PATH FOR RECONCILIATION BETWEEN PARENTS, YJEIR CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES. WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM FOR SEVERAL YEARS THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS GIVING!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE GIFTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH, WRAPPED WITH THE CHILD'S ANGEL ATTACHED. WE HOPE TO HAVE ALL THE PRESENTS GATHERED BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 TH.**

**ANGEL TREE FAMILIES WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR KID'S CLUB ON DECEMBER 17 TO PICK UP THE GIFTS AND ENJOY PIZZA!**

**THROUGH THIS INVITATION, WE HOPE TO NURTURE A POSITIVE CONNECTION WITH THE CAREGIVER AND OPEN DOORS FOR FUTURE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE FAMILIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**





## **KID'S CLUB**

### **DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

**KIDS. YOUNG AND OLD ARE INVITED TO COME ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THROUGH ADVENT AND WE WILL FOCUS ON THE CHARACTERS OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY, THE LAST TWO WEDNESDAYS OF DECEMBER, SCHOOLS WILL BE ON CHRISTMAS BREAK, SO WE WILL NOT MEET. ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME JANUARY 7, 2026 WHEN WE CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR!**

**DECEMBER 3—WALKING TACOS**

**DECEMBER 10—TURKEY AND NOODLES**

**DECEMBER 17—PIZZA!**

**DECEMBER 24 & 31—MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**NO KID'S CLUB!**



**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE PRACTICE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**10-11:30 AM**

**CHILDREN WILL HELP WITH A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 TH. A DRESS REHEARSAL WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM IN THE SANCTUARY. PLEASE LET CAROL KELLY KNOW IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERVICE AND A PART WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM.**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 ST AT 10 AM.**

**THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU TO PASTOR KERRY, DONNA GOYETTE, LILAH HUGHES, DAVE HUTTON, DEB JOHAN, MARY ANN KLING, ART SEARLE, CAREY SMYSOR, AND CINDY TAYLOR FOR THEIR HELP WITH KID'S CLUB IN NOVEMBER. ALSO, THANKS TO LORA GOMEZ, CONNIE HILSENBECK, JERILYN JOHNSON, DONNA KRAFT, AND SANDY LUSE FOR PREPARING, SERVING, AND CLEANING UP OUR MEALS! THEY ARE ALWAYS DELICIOUS!**

**IN HONOR OF VETERANS**

**KID'S CLUB THANKED THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES ON NOVEMBER 5 TH. GARY ENGLUND, DAVE HUTTON, WAYNE KRAFT, BILL LAFRENZ. REX MCCRERY, BOB RILEY, AND PAUL THEISSEN WERE AMONG THE NEWCOMB VETS HONORED. STEVE GOYETTE, DOUG KUHL, TODD NIMS, DAVE RIXIE WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND. SPECIAL THANKS TO BOB RILEY FOR HOSTING THE EVENT, THE KITCHEN CREW FOR SERVING THE EXTRA GUESTS AND TO OUR GUEST VETERANS WHO PERFORMED THE FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY AND PRAYER.**



## Keeping in Touch

If you need to make contact with the church during the week, please call 563-391-7308 or email [newcombpres@outlook.com](mailto:newcombpres@outlook.com) The office is not staffed daily, but messages and email are checked frequently. **Pastor Kerry Jennings can be reached at 563-554-4425**

## In your prayers, please remember



Steve Goyette Ron McCalla Bill Lafrenz Allen Fields Tom Crosley  
Craig Kling (Mary Ann Kling's son) Dennis Dettman (Donna Kraft's brother

Paul Thiessen Lisa Chaney (Steve & Donna Goyette's daughter)

Mike McGuire (son of Jane Cochran) Don Marple (Joyce Marple's son),  
Cheryl McGuire (Jane Cochran's daughter-in-law), Terry Woolison (Joyce Marple's  
son-in-law), Barb Carston, Laura & Dave Bloom (friends of Connie Hilsenbeck), Alivia  
Hillyer, Randy Larrison( Greg Larrison's brother) Wanda McCartney, Kevin Kelly  
(Carol's husband), Caroline Kelly (Carol's daughter), Elaine Frevert, Janis Watt, Juli  
Hahn, Jim Fields (Allan Fields cousin), Merle Fisher (Joyce Marple's brother), Ken  
Danielsen (Jan 's husband), Craig & Merry Smith, Eleanor Pelosi (Liz McCalla's sister,  
and the family of Randy Larrison (Greg Larrison's brother)

## MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

### 52 YEARS

PHIL LEIPOLD

BEV LEIPOLD

### 48 YEARS

MARILYN BLACK

### 50 YEARS

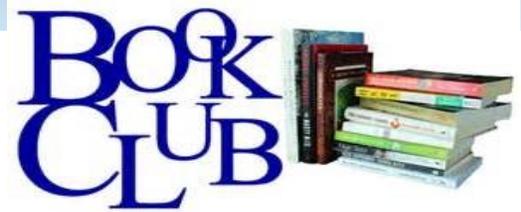
BARBARA LONG

### 25 YEARS

TIFFANY MCCRERY

RYAN MCCRERY





## BEYOND WORDS BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will hold it's annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 2 nd at 6:30 pm. Bring a snack to share while we watch the movie "Room".

We will rate December's book "James" by Percival Everett and get a list of new reads for 2026, The book for January 6 th will be "Here One Moment" by Leon Moriarity.

Please note that the December meeting will start at 6:30 instead of 7:00. The rating for November's book, "CUTTING FOR STONES" by Abraham Verghese was 4 1/2 stars out of 5.

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



### Financial Snap Shot

	October 2025	October 2024	October Budget
Income	8,536	9,627	10,615
Expenses	15,387	12,408	13,719
Net Increase (Decrease)	(6,851)	(2,781)	(3,104)
	<b>YTD 2025</b>	<b>YTD 2024</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
Income	117,293	135,488	114,791
Expenses	142,447	157,612	142,600
Net Increase (Decrease)	(25,154)	(22,124)	(27,809)



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 1—NADINE VOELKERS  
 DECEMBER 3—KERRY JENNINGS  
 DECEMBER 3—RON MCCALLA  
 DECEMBER 12—ABIGAIL MATH  
 DECEMBER 15—EILEEN BENSON  
 DECEMBER 17—GARY BURNETT

DECEMBER 17—JOYCE MARPLE  
 DECEMBER 21—CAROL KELLY  
 DECEMBER 25—PAUL THIESSEN  
 DECEMBER 29—DIANE RIOS  
 DECEMBER 30—ALLEN FIELDS



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