

Prayer Concerns

Virgil Holdren recovering after knee replacement 12/9
Mark Reay.....tests
The Erchick Family prayers
Lori Schneider..... no surgery yet, more tests
Cheryl Ott..... prayers
Zach Peters..... returned to U.S., Camp Lejune. Praise!
Lisa Furry (Betty Rush)home recuperating
Emily Deack (Sharon's dau-in-law)radiation completed, wait 3 month for results
Jan Evans ear surgery went well, must wait for results
David Goldman eye infection healed-prayers
Janet Vick leg wound
Jeannette White medical prayers
Steve and Jane Kimes prayers
Infant Jonah (Eve) home and eating every 3 hours-therapy to begin soon
Bryan (Teeter's son in law) 3 months of chemo
Elizabeth Marriner (Eve).....broken jaw after fall-2 more weeks wired shut
Kerrie Mowder.....at diDonato's home for recupion and hyperbaric treatments
Dale & Rose Matthews .Dale -blood clot & bact' infection-Rose stomach issues
Stella (11 yr old-Colleen Gantz granddaughter)concussion & nerve damage
Glady's Hall now residing at Canton Christian Home,
Tom Hallhome recuperating after triple bypass surgery
Dave Gill.....seeing neurosurgeon soon
Walter McNuttCanton Regency Assisted Living
Edna Teetersreversed shoulder replacement Jan 13
Savanah Cavasos (Beth Siefke) 17 yr old - prayers
Braden 17 yr old (Deb Skubiak's grandson) prayers
Mike Hilles (Jeff Day)stroke
Dana Ray (Jeff Day) leukemia-treatments
Steve Tuck (Janet Vick) health concerns
Elaine Burger (Eve) chemo begins 11/18
Kasey-27 yrs old (Eve Lacher).....just finished round 5 - 7 treatments to go
Austin Salters (Jana Hager) 29 year old - aggressive stage B lymphoma
Pat Summers health concerns
Darleen Packey BelAir main bldg for leg wound care
Barb Holdrenhome from Woodlawn, home therapy
Joe Stavely (Nancy's son)Hodgkin's Lymphoma
Sharon (Becky Bacorn's sister)in Oklahoma ICU-kidney problems
Sue Akers (Beth Day's friend) hospitalized from stroke
Kay Hobbspain continues
Hurricane victims
Nicole Muhamed (diDonatos) pregnancy/genetic defect
Rory Smith-4 years old (Cunninghams) immunotherapy
Dave Strub continued prayers
John & Vicki Stucky prayers
John & Cindy Williamsmany prayers
Geneva and Benji Kirven (Jana Hager) Alzheimers
Baby Bruce Rush (Betty) blood disorder-blood transfusions
Unrest and hatred within world
Tommy Hall (Milly Keller's nephew) doing well with immunotherapy
Those with anxiety
Jen and Justin Burkholder family missionaries

9:00 Casual Service

❖ Stand as you feel led

Welcome

❖ Opening Praises "Joy To The World (Joyful Joyful)"

Invitation to Children Worship & Wonder
(3 years – 2nd grade)

Good News & Prayer Requests Pastor Steve Smythers

Lighting the Candle of Joy Kathryn, Donald and
Fiona Penny

Song of Praise "O Come All Ye Faithful
(His Name Shall Be)"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Pastor Steve Smythers

Scripture John 16: 20-22
Message **"Sorrow Turned to Joy!"**
Pastor Steve Smythers

Invitation to Church Membership Pastor Steve Smythers

❖ Invitation Song "Angels We Have Heard On High"

❖ Confession of Faith Pastor Steve Smythers

*"I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God,
and I accept Him as my personal Lord and Savior."*

Invitation to Offering/Prayer Pastor Steve Smythers

Offering Song instrumental

Invitation to Communion/Prayer Charlie Sampson, Elder

*All believers in Jesus Christ are invited to receive the
bread and cup as they are passed. Please partake as
you are served.*

Communion instrumental

❖ Closing Song "Hark The Herald Angels Sing/
King Of Heaven"

❖ Benediction Pastor Steve Smythers

You are invited to come to the Christ Candle
in front of the sanctuary after the benediction
of the service for personal prayers.

11:00 Service Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
Paul Manz

INTROIT "How Great Our Joy"
Chancel Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Steve Smythers

❖ Stand as you feel led

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY Jeff and Jill Grewe

OPENING PRAISE "Joy to the World"
pg. 92 (vs 1, 2, & 4)

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Steve Smythers

ANTHEM "A Christmas Mosaic"

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE John 16: 20-22
"Sorrow Turned to Joy!"
Pastor Steve Smythers

INVITATION TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Invitation to accept Christ or join church

❖ INVITATION HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
pg. 101

❖ CONFESSION OF FAITH Pastor Steve Smythers

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Steve Smythers

OFFERTORY

instrumental

❖ DOXOLOGY “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

❖ PRAYER DEDICATION Charlene Duro, Elder

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Charlene Duro, Elder

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and cup as they are passed.
Please partake as you are served.

HYMN “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”
pg. 118 (vs 1 & 4)

COMMUNION MEDITATION Pastor Steve Smythers

COMMUNION PRAYER Charlene Duro, Elder

❖ CLOSING HYMN “Good Christian Men Rejoice”
pg. 98 (vs 1 & 2)

❖ BENEDICTION Pastor Steve Smythers

❖ POSTLUDE “Swiss Noel”
C.L. Daquin

PASSING THE PEACE

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the sanctuary after the benediction of the service for
personal prayers.

NOTES:

Week of, December 15, 2024

TODAY		JOY
	9:00	Casual Service
	9:15	Children Worship & Wonder
	9:15	JUNIOR CHURCH
	10:00	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11:00	Traditional Service
	1:00	Gym-Pickleball
	5:00	Scouts Court of Honor
	6-8	YOUTH GROUP
	8:00	AA Meeting
MON		
	5:00	Volleyball Parks
	6:00	AA Group
TUE		
	10:30	SR Exercise Class
	1:30	Informal Worship & Snack – FH
	4:00	Outreach Mtg
	6:00	Power of Positive Prayer CHRISTMAS PARTY
	6:30	Scouts
	7:30	Praise Team
WED		
	9:15	Pickleball
	11:00	Home School Group-Gym
	4:30	Evangelism
	6:00	CMF
	6:00	LNO @ Chives
	6:00	Open Gym-Pickle Ball
THU		
	8:00	Guys' Breakfast
	10:30	Senior Exercise
	5:00	CHRISTMAS BASKET DISTRIBUTION
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir
SUN		SUNDAY OF LOVE

POSITIVE PRAYER CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:00 PM, the Positive Prayer Group invites YOU to join this group of powerful pray-ers for a party! It's a pot luck gathering with ham provided and whatever else you bring, along with a silly gift exchange.

The group meets weekly and prays for our church, our country, and many individuals. Mort has led the group for about 10 years, and we've seen God work as we've prayed. Join us as we praise the Newborn King!

Week of, December 15, 2024

STILL TIME TO FILL THE GIVING TREE...

Fill the giving tree with paper and cleaning products for the Alliance Food Pantry—tissues, TP, wipes, and more! Drop them off any time or bring them with you next week!

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Know a family in need? Contact the church with their name, phone number, and who will pick up the basket. Pickup is Thursday, Dec. 19, at 5 PM.

**Donations to support this outreach are always welcome!
Please mark your envelope "Christmas Food Baskets."**

POINSETTIAS & MINISTER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

This is the FINAL WEEK to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary on Dec. 22 and Christmas Eve! Choose pink, red, or white for \$11.25 and let us know your bulletin dedication. You can take your poinsettia home after the 7 PM Christmas Eve service or donate it to a shut-in. Call or email the office to place your order.

You may also donate to the Minister's Discretionary Fund to help members in need. Donations can be made in memory or honor of a loved one and will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – DEC. 24

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

5:00 PM – Family Candlelight Service

A special message by Pastor Steve, music by Dave Sampson (guitar) and Elizabeth McCune (keyboard), and an unrehearsed children's Christmas pageant.

Nursery available, and children (ages 3–2nd grade) can enjoy Christmas Wonderland.

7:00 PM – Traditional Candlelight Service

A meaningful message by Pastor Steve, communion, and music by Nancy Stavely (organ), the chancel choir, and the bell choir.

Both services include lighting of the Advent wreath and Christ candle, a candlelight closing, and a special gift for each household from the Men's Fellowship.

Scripture: John 16: 20-22
Message: "Sorrow Turned to Joy!"
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LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who
trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
And the power and the
Glory, forever.
Amen.

We are thankful for each and every one of you who blessed us with your presence today.

Pastor.....Pastor Steve Smythers
Christian Ed Director..... Jennifer Lewis
Youth Director..... Allison Lacher
Praise Team DirectorDavid Sampson
AccompanistElizabeth McCune
Organist Nancy Stavely
Choir Director Charlene Duro
Office ManagerEve Lacher
Ministers..... Everyone

SUNDAYS
9AM Casual
11AM Traditional

TUESDAYS
1:30PM Worship Service
6:30PM Positive Prayer Group

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