

DECEMBER, 2020 "REDEEMER REPORTER"



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Thursday, December 24 at 4 PM & 7 PM

Christmas Day Communion Service - Friday - December 25 - 10 AM

CHRISTMAS DECORATING - FRIDAY - DEC. 4TH – 6:30 PM

*It is coming up on that time again to decorate the Sanctuary for the **Christmas** Season and we would love to have everyone come join us as we do the work on **Friday evening, December 4th**, beginning at **6:30 PM**. Any Questions may be directed to **Kitty Davis**. Thank you.*

CANCELLED

HANDS OF LOVE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our Hands of Love Christmas Luncheon will be held on **Monday, December 21st, 2020** at **12 noon** at **Diane Turner's** house. Come for fun, fellowship, and lunch too. If you have any questions, call **Diane**.

DATE	TELLERS	
7	Marjie Sullivan, Cindy Galford, Jama Youngdale	
14	Ellen Benziger, Nancy Trout, Ross Morkal	
21	Vivian Heronemus, Sharon Morkal, Connie Howard	
28	Teddi Heinzman, Jane Brubaker, Eva Glatt,	
+	Marjie Sullivan, Cindy Galford, Jama Youngdale	
DATE	SANCTUARY STEWARDS	COLOR
6	Anna Gaunt & Cindy Sewell	Blue
13	Marie Harvath & Jane Sipe	Blue
20	Teddi Heinzman & Susie Yeakley	Blue
27	Abby Hobbs & Patti Stout	White

Going And Doing

There was a man who had two sons. He loved them dearly. At Christmas he gave them each everything they needed. Both sons loved their father also. The father noticed it had snowed over night. He asked the first son to shovel the snow but the son said he was too busy with his new gifts, but after a little while the first son went out into the cold and shoveled the snow. The father also asked the second son to shovel the snow. The second son said he would go at once and shovel the snow for his father but he never did shovel the snow as his father had asked. Now, which one of the sons do you think was pleasing to the father? The one who talked the right way or the one who did the father's will? (Loosely taken from Matthew 21:28-31)

The Father gives us everything we need and He asks us to be the active voices, the active legs, the active feet, the active fingers, the active backs, the active arms and the active hands of His church. Some of us actually do the work of the Father but some do not, though they said they would be active members of His Church. Which do you think is pleasing to the Father?

As we go through the Christmas season and the beginning of a new calendar year we start making choices of how we are going to use our time in the new year. We

have the gift of the Baby of Bethlehem and all the other things we

get at Christmas to make us feel so cared for. Why not carry that caring into the new year and do the work that cares for the heart and soul of people.

God gives His people the command to GO and DO not sit and watch. The church may need leaders but most important Jesus asks for us to be servants. Are you ready to serve the Father and His church this coming year? There are many ways to serve. Along with prayer and worship, try to put study of the Word and a little work for the Father into you 2021 calendar. I know when I pleased my earthly father and he approved I felt like all was right with me and the world. The same is true when I am doing work for my heavenly Father and you can have that feeling also.

Jesus came as a helpless baby and lived the life as human. Our God gave us a guide in the Words of Scripture. If we never look at the Word of God, how can we know how to please our Heavenly Father? Let us go into 2021 committed to be a Doer and Shaker for Christ here in Howard County. Please talk to a pastor, a staff member or any leader of our church about what you could DO to serve our Heavenly Father.

Wess Mechler, P.H.D., Jesus is Alive!

ONLINE CALENDAR:

https://www.lcorkokomo.org/full_calendar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER SENIORS



MARILYN MARSH
Dec. 3



WAYNE KINCAID
Dec. 6



TERESA KELLER
Dec. 13



BILL BARTON
Dec. 14



LOIS GROTRIAN
Dec. 14



CLARA BURNETT
Dec. 16



JOELENE BOYLES
Dec. 30

KOKOMO RESCUE MISSION GUESTS – DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Heather, Jeremy, Blaine, Frank, Tonya, Tommy

DECEMBER'S FEATURED BOOKS FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

"A Worthy Pursuit" by Karen Witemeyer

Stone Hammond is the best tracker in Texas. He never comes home empty-handed. So when a wealthy railroad investor hires him to find his abducted granddaughter, Stone eagerly accepts. Charlotte Atherton, former headmistress of Sullivan's Academy for Exceptional Youths, will do anything to keep her charges safe, especially the orphaned girl entrusted to her care. Charlotte promised Lily's mother she'd keep the girl away from her unscrupulous grandfather, and nothing will stop Charlotte from fulfilling that pledge. Not even the handsome bounty hunter with surprisingly honest eyes who comes looking for them. When Miss Atherton produces documentation that shows her to be Lily's legal guardian, Stone must reevaluate everything he's been led to believe. Is she villain or victim? Then a new danger forces Charlotte to trust the man sent to destroy her. Stone vows to protect what he once sought to tear apart. Besides, he's ready to start a new pursuit, winning Charlotte's heart.

Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo

"Do you remember the hospital, Colton?" Sonja said. "Yes, Mommy, I remember," he said. "That's where the angels sang to me." With disarming innocence and the plainspoken boldness of a child, Colton tells of meeting long-departed family members. He describes Jesus, the angels, how "really, really big" God is, and how much God loves us. Retold by his father, but using Colton's uniquely simple words, Heaven Is for Real offers a glimpse of the world that awaits us, where as Colton says, "Nobody is old and nobody wears glasses." Heaven is for Real will forever change the way you think of eternity, offering the chance to see, and believe, like a child.



We
find so
many ways
to say it. But
the old familiar words
are somehow always best;
the members of the church &
school staff pray that you will
have a blessed and Christ-centered
Christmas and for God's richest and
choicest blessings for you and yours both
now, as we pause with the world to remember
the birth of our Lord, and throughout every day in

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Christmas greetings to our members and friends!

Pastor Stout, Pastor Ludwig [interim pastors]

Bev, April, David, Florence, Juanita, Beth, Rick

Eric, Michelle, Sallie, Suzanne, Erin, Debbie, Alicia, Laura, Stephanie,

Angie, Melanie, Tina, Anna, Kathy, Carrie, Karen, Jim, Dora,

Conny, Becky, Liz, Elaine, Janie, Monelle,

Cara, Addrienne, Debby