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#### **Our Mission Statement**

To help one another grow in Christian faith through worship, witness, fellowship, and service to our community and the world.

## January 17 Caller



## Prayer Concerns

#### In the hospital:

<u>Local Concerns</u>: Ed Viers, Marilyn Compton, Marvin Gregory, Mardina Gregory, Wayne

Sircoulomb

<u>Continuing Concerns</u>: Howard Svaty, Julie Lawson & family, Bob Compton, Alvin Robinson, Evelyn De Cou, Lois McBride, Bob & Jane Ellen Hutton, Diane Carver, Barbara Neill, Linda Shue, Doris Regan, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, Rose Cummings, Helen Smith, Louise Morrison, Jo Shue, Margaret Shinkle,

<u>Our extended family</u>: New Life CO-OP, Charles Kennedy, John Relph, Raymond Reutlinger, Barbara Baddy, Betty Bell, Laura Banning, Melody Billings, JR Schwarz, Emily Hudson, Justin Voorhies, Tye Libberman, Rita Renfro, Brenda Lockhart and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad. All the hurricane and wild fire victims.

<u>Please call the church office (378-4118) with</u> <u>information or updates</u> related to illnesses, hospitalizations, crisis, or immediate family deaths, so that care can be offered.

<u>Serving in the Military</u> with ties to this congregation are: Griffin Voorhies- Marines

#### **Attendance & Financial Report**

Sunday	Worship	General Offering
Jan. 07	65	\$ 2655.00
Jan. 14	70	\$ 1261.00



## **Happy Birthday!**

Jan. 18 – Aiden Harrelson Jan. 19 – Phyllis Leckey Jan. 25 – George Chapman

Jan. 30 – Terry Marr



## **Happy Anniversary!**

Jan. 25 – David & Clara McCluskey (54 Years)

Jeff & Terry Williams (23 years)

If your name is missing from the anniversary/ birthday list, or is incorrect, please call the office, 378-4118. We want to include you.



Thank you to Mike and Liz Jeffers for the box of yarn donated to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. It will certainly keep us going for a while.

Also thank you to Pastor Claude for delivering Prayer Shawls to the Veteran's Hospital.

Mardina Gregory & Lucine Reed



### Called to Serve Jan. - Feb.

#### Sunday, January 21

Table Elders: Marvin Gregory & Merlyn Ramsey

Home Communion: Carl Thornton Deacons: Cary & Derian Hutton

Deaconesses: Liz North & Reannan Hickey

Greeter: Nadine Dishman

Usher: Louise Kelsey AV. Merlyn Ramsey

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey Lay leader: Nancy Rogers

### Sunday, January 28

Table Elders: Mike Jeffers & Ed Viers Home Communion: Nancy Rogers

Deacons: Pat & Jess Reed

Deaconesses: Liz North & Reannan Hickey

Greeter: Delores Kempinger

Usher: Marilyn Compton AV. Ron Smith

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey Lay leader: Claudia Marr

#### Sunday, February 04

Table Elders:

Home Communion:

Deacons:

Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue

Greeter: Carol Bernauer

Usher: Claudia Marr AV. Cary Hutton

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader:



### FYI

Serving schedules will be mailed out as soon as I receive them from the

Captains of the Deacons and Elders.



## **Bulletin Covers**

April will be here before we know it. Eight bulletin covers still need a sponsor. Covers are available in April, May, June, July, September and October. Call (378-4118) or come by

the office to sponsor. The covers that remain are \$12 each.



Carolyn Viers congratulates Evelyn DeCou on her  $100^{th}$  Birthday. May she have many more and may we all get around as well as Evelyn does. Despite the cold weather many friends and relatives came out to help Evelyn celebrate her milestone birthday.



Evelyn loves Cardinals, which was evidenced by her Cardinal themed party. Shirley Freeman did an outstanding job decorating the cake.

#### **Faith**

Faith is the eye by which we look to Jesus. A dim-sighted eye is still an eye; a weeping eye is still an eye. Faith is the hand with which we lay hold on Jesus. A trembling hand is still a hand. Faith is a tongue by which we taste how good the Lord is. A feverish tongue is nevertheless a tongue. Faith is the foot by which we come to Jesus. A lame foot is still a foot. He who comes slowly nevertheless comes. `George Mueller



# A Message from Pastor Shue

I guess we all made it through the last cold spell of 2017 in one piece. I hope those of you who have been

under the weather are feeling a little better. I know that there are a number of different flu bugs going around right now, so if you don't have to go outside don't. Please if any of you need us (Mary and I) to get you something from the store we are only a phone call away. We can't help if we don't know what is needed, so let us know.

Just recently I got to spend a couple of days at Camp Tawakoni. We as a Kansas Region are so blessed to have this very special place. If you have never had the chance to visit it I would be happy to take you out there some afternoon and give you a tour or better yet plan a visit when the camp is going on. Either way us as The Christian Church of Kansas must continue to invest in the young people of our churches and communities to help them build stronger relationships with God. Being good Stewards means we make wise and prayerful decisions when it comes to using the resources we have been blessed with. I can think of no better use of our resources then using them to grow future Christian leaders in our Churches, in our communities, and in our world.

Speaking of our camp Tawakoni, I know I said I would not be directing any camp this year and that is still true, but I have agreed to be the Chaplain for the Discovery Camp which is for the children that have just finished Kindergarten and First Grade. This is just an overnight Camp (May 30-31) and I will also be the Chaplain for the Primary 2 Camp (June 11-13) which is for young people who have finished second and third grade. This camp is for two nights. I will write more about camp in a future newsletter.

I hope you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude



Our water project in Nicaragua includes climbing this mountainous terrain, digging, and connecting water pipe...



...so the village in the distance will have water.



Digging the trench is no small feat as it has to be dug by hand. At this time water that is not contaminated with strychnine has to be carried from a long distance. This pipeline will give the village easier access to clean water.



# The Meaning of the Snowflake

Every new snowflake comes to earth as a picture of our Savior's birth, because they are sent from up above and remind us of God's care and love.

Each one is intricate and small because Christ sees the details of us all, and just as two are never the same the Lord knows and calls us each by name.

Snowflakes gently cover the world in white and hide what's unlovely from our sight, showing us He covers our sin and gives us His grace when we come to Him.

So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind and may in every bit of white you find a reason to celebrate anew and a reminder of His Love for you.

~Holly Gerth

#### **New Year's Meditation**

Dear Lord, as I close the door on this old year I ponder on the things I've done;
On the things I've said & the joys I've had Then I wonder, have I lost or won?

I've thought of the new friends I've made
And the old ones staunch and true;
The path of the old year was made easier, Lord
Because I walked with you.

I think of all the many times
When my burdens were so heavy to bear;
And how my faith slipped away from me,
But somehow, You were always standing there.

Now as I open the door to this New Year
And carefully peek inside;
I wonder what it holds for me
But I'll throw the door open wide.

And whatever it brings to me and mine I'll meet with a heart so true;
I know that Lord whatever it may be You'll be there to carry me through.

#### **Never a Time**

There's never a thought God doesn't know,
And never an act He doesn't see.
Every moment of our lives,
He's looking after you and me.

There's never a pain He doesn't share, And never a joy He doesn't send, Never a cry He doesn't hear, And never a heart He cannot mend.

There's never a wrong God doesn't right, Or noble deed He doesn't bless, Never a worthless soul to Him, Though it may be clothed in shabbiness.

Never a dream He doesn't know, Never a hope He doesn't share, There's never a day when God forgets, And never a time He doesn't care!

~Grace E. Easley

Don't fret over what you would do with your time if you could live it over again- get busy and make the rest count!



### **On Our Calendar**

Jan. 17- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group

1:30 p.m. Thrift Shop Advisory meeting

Jan. 20 – 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Jan. 22 - 4:00-6:30- p.m. God's Praise Warriors

Jan. 23- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters

Jan. 24 -9:00 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Jan. 25– 6:00 p.m. Leaders Class Party

Jan. 29 - 4:00-6:30- p.m. God's Praise Warriors

Jan. 30 – 2:00 -4:00 Homeless Matters

Jan. 31-9:00 Prayer Group

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice New Caller

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