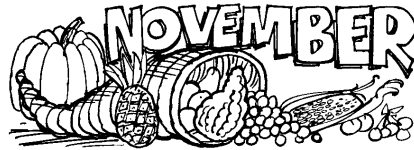


ANNOUNCING



Mariners: To be announced

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, November 21, at 9:30am.

EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	As Scheduled	6:00 p.m.
General Board	As Scheduled	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Mariners	3rd Friday	1:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

The "Social Group" meets at 1:00 p.m. every Friday (except the 3rd Friday of the month when the Mariners meet) for dinner, which will be a potluck in the Fellowship Hall, including fellowship and games. Everyone is invited to participate. Please join us.

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The Power of Forgiveness

The power of forgiveness.

I found what can conclude our thoughts on forgiveness.

It comes from **Dr. Edwin Cole's** Book on the *Uniqueness of Women*.

It is in the section on forgiveness and how it releases us and others when we forgive.

It takes the Holy Spirit to be able to forgive as God forgives and as we pray in the **Lord's Prayer** that we may be forgiven as we forgive others.

It goes this way: Are you holding something against someone? Do you need to forgive yourself? Others? God? You can receive the Holy Spirit to enable you to pray right now. By forgiveness you release; by unforgiveness, you retain.

You can be released and you can release others by the ability of **God's Spirit** through the authority of **His Word** now. **Pray this prayer.**

Father, I come to You now, in the Name of Jesus. By faith, I ask You to forgive and cleanse me of all my sins. You said unless I forgive, You would not forgive me.

So right now, I ask You to forgive me and cleanse my heart and mind of all sin.

By faith, I receive the power of the Holy Spirit into my life. By the ability of Your Spirit and the authority of Your Word, I forgive those people who have sinned against me. I release their sin out of my life.

Thank-you Lord, for what You are doing to make me free from my own sin and the sins of others.

Pray that prayer in your own words, in your own way, and allow the **Holy Spirit** to make you free. You know you are free when you can remember what happened but not hold it against anyone anymore.

Be free!

Live free!

Now and forever more.

If the unforgiveness is set deep within you it will take a constant and continual effort to allow this to happen.

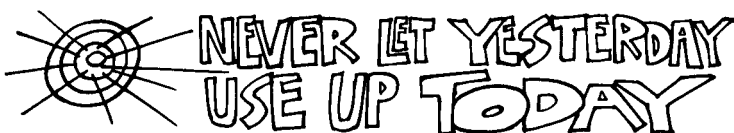
We must forgive until God has taken the unforgiveness from us and we have truly and completely forgiven.

This applies to any and all who have offended you. Parents, relatives, friends, associates, anyone that you have ill feelings toward.

The results of such forgiveness are amazing.

Try it you will like it, I guarantee it! And so does Father God, Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit!

Pastor John





THANK YOU!

The **Disaster Fair** netted **\$578.50**, and the **Shed Sale** made **\$402.00**. Attendance was not heavy, but we made money to donate to the disasters!!! **Thanks to all** who helped, especially to **Pam Franklin** for a wonderful lunch and **Kathleen** for all her work finding "gently used" Christmas items to sell.

LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "And she turned into a telephone pole!"



GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

DID NOAH FISH

A Sunday School teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"

HIGHER POWER

A Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful Kings and Queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?" One child blurted out, "Aces!"

mailed to us by Jeffrey Price

MESSAGE FROM LINDY AND LOIS



Lindy and I no longer have a home phone. If you need to contact us, please call our cell phone numbers: **Lindy: 209-605-6559 • Lois: 209-604-8027.**

SEPTEMBER 2017 STATISTICS

Average Attendance:	33
Giving	
Local:	\$5,973.00
Sunday School:	66.00
Youth:	8.00
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	85.00
Other:	2,205.00
Total:	\$8,337.00

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pat Benton – Back Pain

Angie Martin – Knee

Marilyn Snider – Nerve Pain

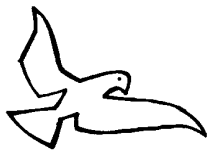
Larry Ward – Mobility & Health Issues





WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DISASTER FAIR

The **2017 Disaster Fair** was a wonderful success with great food and many wonderful things to buy. The atmosphere was fun for all who worked and shopped, with twinkling lights and festive table decor. **Kathleen Powell** pulled many wonderful Christmas and collector items from the shed to sell, and **Pam Franklin** made a wonderful lunch of pulled pork, salad, beans and yummy cookies. **Norma Lutes** and **Linda Elliot** sold handmade aprons, table cloths, Christmas decorations, and crocheted items. **Carolyn Trent** brought beautiful handmade jewelry, and **Cheryl Leib** sold her wonderful peach, apricot, and pomegranate jam and chipotle sauce. **Sue Vacca's** daughter-in-law, **Alexis Vacca**, sold Lu La Roe clothing. There were a many yummy baked goods for sale including cookies, brownies, cakes, muffins and candy. **Mary** and **Jim Martinez** brought **SERRV** items to sell to support crafters in third world countries. The Fair earned **\$578.50** for disaster relief in our state and around our nation.



YOU COMPLETE THE CIRCLE OF GIVING

How you're making a bigger difference than you think

Chris recalls a time when he was young and his family faced sudden hardship. "I lost my father," he says. "He had cancer, and finances got tight quickly. My mother worked, but it wasn't covering the bills." Chris knew the family was struggling. So, when Christmas approached, he assumed there wouldn't be much.

But on Christmas morning, there was a big bag of gifts for each of the children - Chris, his two sisters, and his brother. "I was very grateful for my gifts," Chris remembers, "But even more so for the gifts my brother and sisters received."

It wasn't until he became a Salvation Army soldier that he realized where those gifts came from. "I recognized the tags on the bags from the gifts, and then I knew," Chris recalls.

It really struck me how many of the kids who receive these gifts have no idea where they came from," he continues. "They only know they're having Christmas because someone cares."

Now, it's Chris's turn to show he cares. Chris, who aspires to become a Salvation Army officer, participates in many of our programs, from working with kids to community outreach.

"The thing I love about The Salvation Army," Chris says, "is that they don't stop. They just step in and do so much. I'm just a small part of the Salvation Army, but I can see the impact I'm having."

Without you, none of this would be possible. Your ongoing support is a blessing to our neighbors in need.

Please visit volunteer.usawest.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

14th – Jerry & Amy Stokes

BIRTHDAYS

01st – Heather Winchester
02nd – Ken Barklow
03rd – Wendla Dyer
05th – J.J. Storne
08th – Erica Price
10th – Candice Arellano
11th – Merle Snider

18th – Clark Hartman
Tim Vaughn

20th – Jerry Goodman
Harold Harger

22nd – Mary Rariden
25th – Uriah Winchester

26th – Glen Davisson
Geri Masellis

30th – Laura Snyder



If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates. Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary. You are important to us!



NOVEMBER 2017 PRAYER CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1] Psalm 78:1-7 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres	2] Matthew 19:16-19 Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley Don & Pat Benton	3] John 15:9-17 Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Family	4] John 14:1-7 Ron Cadruvi & Family Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy
5] Psalm 147:1-9 Pastor & Teachers Ashley Cooksey & Family Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp	6] Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 Karen Davis & Family Glen & Jean Davisson Gary & Charlotte DeHart	7] 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zack Fear	8] James 5:13-16 Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz	9] Luke 11:5-13 Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie	10] John 12:20-26 Betty Harms & Family Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield	11] 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Marvene Hilkey Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Family David & Evelyn Hurlbut
12] Romans 5:1-11 Pastor & Teachers Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Norman Johnson	13] Psalm 103:1-5 Randy & Teri Johnson & Family Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Family Eunice Lasater	14] Psalm 1:1-6 Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes Gerri Masellis	15] 1 Samuel 16:1-12 Ric Mason Edna May Miller Josephine Moore Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune	16] 1 Peter 4:8-11 Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Family Tommie Parrish	17] Isaiah 53:1-12 Daymon & Sarah Peterson Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson Eileene Petros	18] Matthew 8:23-27 Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell
19] Luke 9:1-6 Pastor & Teachers Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price & Family	20] 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Joel & Susan Price & Family John & Kathy Price Nathan Price & Family Kay Qualls	21] Numbers 13:26-33 Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Family	22] Luke 10:38-42 Lana Royer Vance Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Family	23] Psalm 34:17-22 Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder & Family Gayle Stanfill Glen Stanford	24] Matthew 22:34-40 Loretta Stein & David Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family Jerry & Judeen Stokes	25] Psalm 119:9-16 J.J. & Soleena Stome & Family Veronica Suderman & Family Arthur Syverson
26] Luke 24:13-35 Pastor & Teachers Mark & Amber Syverson & Family Mike Syverson Natasha Towe	27] Exodus 4:1-12 Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family	28] Isaiah 40:28-31 Linda Ward & Family Bev Welch Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family	29] Luke 10:25-37 Josh & Heather Winchester & Family	30] Matthew 6:9-13 Derek & Laura Wyatt & Family Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt		


















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NOVEMBER 2017 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1]  7:00 am Government Commodities Distribution	2]  4:15pm Christmas Choir	3]  1:00pm Social Group at Ridgeways	4] FIRST SATURDAY  9:00am - 2:00pm
5]  Daylight Savings Ends 2:00am (Set clock back one hour) Coffee Hour	6]	7]  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	8]	9]  4:15pm Christmas Choir 6:00pm Board Meeting	10]  1:00pm Social Group at La Parilla McHenry Village	11]  Veterans Day
12]	13]	14]  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	15]	16]  4:15pm Christmas Choir	17]  1:00pm Mariners To Be Announced	18]
19]  Harvest Dinner following Church	20]	21] EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon  9:30am Women's Fellowship Meeting	22]	23]  Thanksgiving Day Church Office Will Be Closed	24]  Social Group NO MEETING due to Thanksgiving Holiday	25]
26]	27]	28]  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	29]	30]  4:15pm Christmas Choir		

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School
10:45am Informal Worship
11:00am Worship Hour