

**Mariners: Potluck at the church**

**Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, July 16, 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	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday Fellowship	Friday	5:00 p.m.
Mariners	2nd Friday	5:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Friday Fellowship gathers at 5:00 p.m. every Friday for dinner. Mariner's meet at 5:00p.m. on the second Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome to both. Please join us!

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."  
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91, vs. 1-6*

### IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

### PRAYER CONCERNS



**Pat Benton** – Lung Function & Healing  
**Helen Campbell** – Foot Healing  
**Don & Suzanne Frantz** – Cancer Healing  
**Kirby Frantz** – Cancer Healing  
**Cheryl Leib** – Healing from Knee Replacement Surgery  
**Dennis Peterson** – Healing from Eye Surgery  
**Jeff Qualls** – Cancer Healing



### HARD LOVE

**Luke 6:27-38**

We like love, we like to love, we like to be loved. But **God** and God through **His Son Jesus The Christ** has a different attitude about love; who to love and how to love. When we first think about love we think of romantic love. Most likely because of Hollywood. But there is much more to love than Hollywood displays. Love, to love, is a verb. Not a feeling. How about a definition of love that goes something like this: ***Love is doing good things for others.*** Like laying down your life for your friend. Like serving those you would rather avoid. Or, as we find in the **Luke 6** passage, loving your enemies. Do you even have enemies? Known enemies? It is rather rare for us to have known enemies. **Satan is our enemy**, and he uses people to come against us to inhibit our ability to be God's person. Do you know of anyone who is actively working against you? I have experienced this when I was in grade school and it went on into High School for a year to two. It is not a pleasant experience to have someone telling others how bad of a person you are. I even experienced some of this for a time here as your pastor. God took care of both instances for me. We are not responsible for the actions of others. We are responsible for our actions. And our actions are to be based in love. **Agape love.** Love that serves others and puts them ahead of our self interests. The Luke 6 passage begins with the words, "***But I tell you who hear me***". How well do we hear God? Lord give us the ears to hear and the eyes to see you in all we do. Jesus goes on, "***Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you***". Then he goes on to describe how to react to being persecuted, such as, turning the other cheek, giving to the one who wants to take from you. Giving to everyone who asks. If someone takes from you do not demand it back. I do not live this out in my life very well, do you? I work hard for what is mine. I have it because I worked for it and want it. Why would I be so willing to let it go to a person who just takes it? I guess God has a different economy than I do. It does not say that God will make it right like he did for **Job**. It just says that people are more important than things. Loving those who love us is not a credit to us. Lending to those who can pay it back is not either. Love our enemies, do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then our reward will be great, and we will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as our Father in Heaven is merciful. One last comment. ***Have you ever wondered how it is to lay up for yourself treasures in heaven? The answer is what you just read!!***

*Pastor John*

## POSITIVE INSIGHTS

*“Give therefore my servant an understanding heart to judge thy people; that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?” 1 Kings 3:9*

A man once gave me an insight to overcoming problems. “My mother,” he told me, “used to say, ‘When you have a problem and you’ve worked as hard as you can at it and still haven’t solved it, the thing to do is just walk away and think about God. But don’t talk to God about the problem. Tell Him how much you love Him, thank Him for all He has done for you, tell Him you want to be His faithful follower. Have fellowship with God and with Jesus.’”

How wise that woman was! An irreligious person might advise you to put the problem aside and play a game of golf. But there is a vast difference between playing a game of golf and talking to Jesus – Jesus lifts you way up, so that when you go back to the problem you have grown and the problem shrinks. Then prayerfully you can break it open and find the answer.

**Life Lifter.** Our Heavenly Father, we are very grateful that there has never been a time when you have departed from us. We admit that there have been many times when we have departed from You. But even this You forgive, and when we came back humble and contrite You take us once again to Yourself. You are wonderful, O Lord. Amen

*Norman Vincent Peale*

### JUNE SHED SALE



**God is Good!** Thanks to all: **Nathan, Kim, Butch, Suzanne, and Don** for coming early to set up. Thanks to **Pam** for starting us out with \$100.00 donation. **Carolyn**, thanks for being willing to take care of the money and customers. **Cheryl and Evelyn:** a **BIG THANKS** to our *Drive Thru Prayer* – 17 people came by! Cheryl, thanks for the work doing signs and set up. K.P. always loves the cookies.

**Total sales: \$300.00!**

*Kathleen*

### MAY 2019 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 33

#### **Giving:**

Local:	\$5,644.85
Sunday School:	48.00
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	72.00
Other:	2,595.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,359.85</b>



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# MIRACLES

By Howard E. Kershner

*In Christian Economics, January 7, 1958*

Some people do not believe in miracles, but human life is the greatest miracle of all and no one doubts it.

What greater miracle than the thinking power of a few pounds of grayish protoplasm in our skulls that can remember the past, plan for the future, make decisions and carry them out? If you can believe that, and who doubts it, almost any other miracle looks simple.

No wide-angle camera lens can take in nearly 50 per cent of the sphere around us as can the human eye. Some might regard color television as a miracle, but the eye can do it and with instantaneous development.

Regeneration of the soul, changing the apparently hopeless alcoholic, the helpless victim of narcotics, or the fierce criminal into a kind and loving husband, a thoughtful, conscientious parent, a good neighbor and a pillar in the church, is a miracle. The transmutation of hate to love by the grace of God is a miracle. No one who has observed these phenomena can doubt them.

The atom is so small we cannot see it, even with the finest instruments, but locked within it is the power that keeps the sun blazing in the heavens millions upon millions of years. That's a miracle, and no informed person doubts it.

Why stumble or quibble over miracles? They are all around us. How does a baby eel find its way from the central Atlantic up the tiny fresh water creeks and after reaching maturity some years later, go back to the same place in the ocean where it spawns and dies? How does the bird, after wintering in the south, find its way to the Arctic lake where it spends its summer? Or how does the bee find its way through fog or darkness back to the hive?

God's universe is filled with miracles. It does not require faith to believe them but only sufficient intelligence to recognize the facts.

"I believe in the whole Bible, not a Bible full of holes."

## THANK YOU

On behalf of **Jonah, Wyatt, Rachel and Sam Price**, we would like to thank the church for the support and donation to our education. It is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank everyone who gave me a card or gift for my graduation. I am truly blessed to receive all of your wise words, encouragement, and generous gifts!

*Sincerely, Rachel and Sam Price*

## MERLE'S ADDRESS

**Merle Snider** is not doing well. He has been given a month or so to live. Here is his address for cards and well wishes: Merle Snider, 700 Rocking Chair Lane, Oldtown, ID 83822.

## DATES TO REMEMBER IN JULY

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

20<sup>th</sup> – Roger & Cynthia Welch  
28<sup>th</sup> – Skip & Kathleen Powell

### **BIRTHDAYS**

01<sup>st</sup> – Bailey Price  
02<sup>nd</sup> – Natasha Towe  
06<sup>th</sup> – Glenn Stanford  
13<sup>th</sup> – Pat Shafer

17<sup>th</sup> – Jen Baker  
18<sup>th</sup> – Sheryle Knott  
Carolyn Trent  
20<sup>th</sup> – Pam Franklin  
17<sup>th</sup> – Kathleen Powell  
24<sup>th</sup> – Cynthia Welch  
29<sup>th</sup> – Veronica Suderman



*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!*



# JULY 2019 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Exodus 17:9-13  Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres	2 Colossians 3:1-12  Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley Don & Pat Benton	3 Matthew 5:11-16  Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam.	4 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24  Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam.	5 Genesis 1:20-27  Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Gary & Charlotte DeHart	6 Psalm 34:1-8  Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zack Fear
7 Ephesians 5:15-17  Pastor & Teachers Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz	8 Jeremiah 29:1-14  Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie	9 Psalm 104:10-24  Betty Harms & Fam. Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	10 Matthew 25:31-40  Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut	11 Romans 5:1-6  Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Jay Irizarry Norman Johnson	12 John 10:1-14  Randy & Teri Johnson & Fam. Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Fam. Eunice Lasater	13 Matthew 18:1-5  Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes
14 Psalm 46:1-3  Pastor & Teachers Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Edna May Miller Josephine Moore	15 1 Samuel 3:1-10  Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker	16 1 Timothy 1:12-16  Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family	17 Psalm 18:1-6  Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson Eileene Petros Oscar Phan	18 Romans 8:38-39  Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price	19 Philippians 4:4-7  Jeremy & Erica Price & Family Joel & Susan Price & Fam. John & Kathy Price	20 Luke 10:25-37  Nathan & Kim Price & Fam. Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family
21 Psalm 139:13-18  Pastor & Teachers Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Roye Vance Shafer	22 Isaiah 41:1-10  Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider	23 John 14:1-7  Tony & Laura Snyder & Fam. Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford Loretta Stein & David	24 Isaiah 55:10-12  Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family Jerry & Judeen Stokes J.J. & Soleena Storne & Fam.	25 Psalm 27:1-14  Veronica Suderman & Fam. Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family Mike Syverson	26 Ephesians 1:3-14  Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family	27 Deuteronomy 31:5-8  Linda Ward & Family Bev Welch Roger & Cynthia Welch & Fam.
28 Matthew 11:1-6  Pastor & Teachers Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	29 2 Corinthians 5:1-10  Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt	30 Psalm 147:1-11	31 2 Timothy 3:14-17			













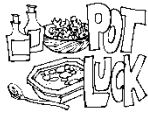











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# JULY 2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	3 7:00 am  <b>Government Commodities Distribution</b> 6:00 pm  <b>Bible Study</b>	4  <b>Church Office Will Be Closed</b>	5  5:00pm <b>Friday Fellowship at La Parilla McHenry Village</b>	6 <b>PARKING LOT RUMMAGE SALE</b>  <b>8:00am-3:00pm</b>
7  <b>Red, White &amp; Blue Coffee Hour</b>	8	9  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	10  6:00 pm <b>Bible Study</b>	11  4:15pm <b>Fellowship Singers</b>	12  5:00pm <b>Mariners at the Church</b>	13
14	15	16  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon 9:30am <b>Women's Fellowship Mtg.</b>	17  6:00 pm <b>Bible Study</b>	18  4:15pm <b>Fellowship Singers</b> 6:00pm <b>Board Meeting</b>	19  5:00pm <b>Friday Fellowship at Black Bear Diner 3050 Tegner Rd, Turlock</b>	20
21  <b>Coffee Hour</b>	22	23  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	24  6:00 pm <b>Bible Study</b>	25  4:15pm <b>Fellowship Singers</b>	26  5:00pm <b>Friday Fellowship at Golden Bowl Hughson</b>	27
28	29	30  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	31  6:00 pm <b>Bible Study</b>			

## EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour