



Mariners: La Morenita at 1:00pm

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 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	1:00 p.m.
Mariners	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Friday Fellowship gathers at 1:00 p.m. every Friday for dinner. Mariner's meet at 1:00 p.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: 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 – Healing from Surgery
Don & Suzanne Frantz – Cancer Healing
Josephine Moore – Strength
Kathy Price – Left Leg Stump Healing
Mike Syverson – Strength and Healing



All the girls still being held captive in Nigeria and their families

THE ONLY POWER WORTH SERVING

Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant.

These words are the bull’s-eye that **Jesus** insists his followers work at hitting 100 percent of the time. It is the only goal worth aiming for: being a servant filled with the power of the **Spirit**, intent upon ransoming the many sinners, the many who do evil, and the backwash of personal sin. To be suffering servants goes against everything they have hoped for or wanted. It is time now for the disciples to decide. Do they go now into Jerusalem, the place of the confrontation with power and the death of the prophets? Or do they subtly and even unconsciously begin to withdraw and renege on their commitment to being his disciples and friends? They, we, must learn to pray to **God** from the position of Jesus, who serves God alone and so suffers in this world because of that single-hearted choice. The prayer of the psalmist is a good place to start, to remember our priorities and absolute need for God as the only power worth serving with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. *“You will free me from the snare they set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God.” Psalm 31:4-5* These are some things that we can only learn from God. The Spirit teaches us to pray and to know the steadfast love of God.

These words were written by **Megan McKenna** from *“Reflections and Stores on the Daily Readings”*. Megan is an author, theologian, storyteller, and lecturer. She has taught at a number of schools, including **Fordham University** and the **Washington Theological Union**.

Pastor John

POSITIVE INSIGHTS

*“Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded.”
11Chronicles 15:17*

I believe the faithful following of these five rules will revolutionize the life of any person.

First: Be bold and mighty forces will come to your aid. The person who is afraid cuts himself off from the flow of power, but when you venture boldly, there comes a flow of power in response.

Second: Deny adverse conditions. Don't go around saying or thinking: “Conditions are against me.” Face facts, but realize it often happens that a person is defeated not so much by the facts of the situation as by his negative interpretation of the facts. In every problem there is an inherent good. Believe that.

Third: Picture good outcomes. By envisioning good things you actually bring good influences into play, both within yourself and in the world around you.

Fourth: Pray for every person you meet with by name, that he or she may benefit from the dealings you have with him or her.

Fifth: Practice Christian love toward everybody.

Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for the greatness, the ruggedness, and the power in Christianity. Bring us near, we pray, to Jesus, who frees us from defeat and fear and makes us strong. This we ask in His name. Amen.

Norman Vincent Peale



ONE DARK NIGHT



Two men were walking home after a party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones.

“Holy cow, Mister,” one of them said after catching his breath, “You scared us half to death – we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?”

“Those fools!” the old man grumbled. “They misspelled my name!”

AUGUST 2019 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 33

Giving:

Local:	\$5,392.00
Sunday School:	51.00
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	53.00
Other:	20.00
Total:	\$5,516.00



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IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER

By Erma Bombeck – written after discovery of her terminal cancer

I would have eaten the popcorn in the “GOOD” living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment realizing that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, “Later, now go get washed up for dinner.” There would have been more “I love you's” . . . more “I'm sorry's” . . . but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute . . . look at it and really see it . . . live it . . . and never give it back.

Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us.

Anxiety is contemplating your future without God in it.

*When God's Word is honored,
We become World Changers.*

DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

02nd – Jeremy Price

05th – Jerry Stokes

08th – Torrie Slaybaugh

09th – JoAnn Lusk

Joshua Winchester

13th – Earleen Cadruvi

19th – Jessica (Stokes) Wagner

22nd – Arlene Cupp

27th – Nathan Lemmings

30th – Pauline Bert

Laura Radcliffe

Benjamin Price



*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!*



OCTOBER 2019 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 Philippians 4:10-13 Pastor & Teachers Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano	2 Genesis 28:10-22 Candice Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker	3 1 Timothy 6:6-16 Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley Don & Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert	4 Judges 7:1-8; 8:11-12 Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam. Helen Campbell	5 Galatians 5:16-25 Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam. Naomi Covey
6 1 John 1:1-4 Pastor & Teachers Arlene Cupp Gary & Charlotte DeHart	7 Romans 8:31-39 Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zack Fear	8 Luke 10:25-37 Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz	9 Micah 6:6-8 Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie Harold Harger	10 John 15:1-8 Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam.	11 Luke 10:38-42 David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Jay Irizarry Norman Johnson	12 Galatians 6:1-10 Randy & Teri Johnson & Fam. Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Fam. Eunice Lasater
13 Jonah 1:1-3, 3:1-10 Pastor & Teachers Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes	14 Psalm 31:19-22 Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Edna May Miller Josephine Moore	15 1 Corinthians 10:8-13 Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker	16 Hebrews 12:1-31 Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family	17 Ephesians 2:1-10 Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson Eileene Petros Oscar Phan	18 Psalm 55:1-8 Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price	19 Matthew 18:21-35 Jeremy & Erica Price & Family Joel & Susan Price & Fam. John & Kathy Price
20 Psalm 25:1-7 Pastor & Teachers Nathan & Kim Price & Fam. Kay Qualls	21 Matthew 25:31-40 Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer	22 Psalm 31:9-16 Vance Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider	23 John 18:25-7 Tony & Laura Snyder & Fam. Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford Loretta Stein & David	24 Genesis 33:1-10 Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family Jerry & Judeen Stokes J.J. & Soleena Storne & Fam.	25 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Veronica Suderman & Family Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family	26 2 Timothy 3:10-17 Mike Syverson Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca
27 Matthew 8:14-17 Pastor & Teachers Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family	28 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Linda Ward & Family Bev Welch	29 Ephesians 6:18-20 Roger & Cynthia Welch & Fam. Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	30 Mark 5:24-34 Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt	31 Romans 12:9-13		












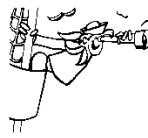









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OCTOBER 2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	2 7:00 am  Government Commodities Distribution	3  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	4  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Velvet Creamery McHenry Ave.	5 FIRST SATURDAY  9:00am-2:00pm
6  Communion Sunday All Church Potluck, Finger Food Only		8  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon		10  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	11  1:00pm Mariners at the Church	
	14  Columbus Day	15  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.		17  4:15pm Christmas Choir 6:00pm Board Meeting	18  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at La Morenita Turlock	
20  All Church Coffee Hour		22  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon		24  4:15pm Christmas Choir	25  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Golden Bowl Hughson	
		29  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon		31  4:15pm Christmas Choir		

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour