

Mariners: Potluck at the church at 1:00pm

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, January 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	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

THIS MIGHT HELP YOU HAVE A BETTER 2020

Teach Us to Pray “Thy Kingdom Come” Fr. James Martin, SJ

How many times have you prayed the **Our Father**? Hundreds, thousands, perhaps tens of thousands of times over your life? Yet many parts of the prayer may still seem mysterious. Take the phrase, “*Thy kingdom come.*” Sometimes during a serious illness our personal crisis people tell me that they are trying to pray for **God’s will** to be done. Often, I am tempted to say that God’s will is going to be done whether or not we pray for it. And I may say that it’s noble to pray for that, but it’s also okay to pray for what they desire: healing or peace of mind. At the same time, **Jesus** himself prays for God’s will to be done in the Garden of Gethsemane. What, then, does mean to pray in the Our Father not only for God’s will to be done but for his kingdom to come? The New Testament scholar **Daniel J. Harrington, SJ**, calls that phrase the “*central concern of the entire prayer.*” It expresses the desire for a future kingdom, or reign, in all its fullness, in which God’s will is realized: “perfect harmony . . . Between the way heaven and earth run.” Expressing our desire for that realization may help us to actualize it on earth. In other words, ask: “What can I do to bring God’s reign to earth?” You’re not God of course, but you still can do your part. Can you be more loving, more forgiving, more generous? Allow God’s reign to enter your heart, and you will help to bring it about on the earth.

Pastor John

POSITIVE INSIGHTS

"I know they works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." Revelation 3:15-16

Charles M. Schwab, one of the great American industrialists, said: "A man can succeed at almost anything for which he has unlimited enthusiasm." My friend Raymond Thornburg gave me a wonderful quotation from Anatole France, who said, "I prefer the folly of enthusiasm to the indifference of wisdom." George Matthew Adams said, "Enthusiasm is a kind of faith that has been set afire." Sir Edward V. Appleton, the Scottish physicist whose scientific discoveries made worldwide broadcasting possible and won him a Nobel Peace Prize, was asked the secret of achievements. Now what would you think a scientist of that caliber might say? Well Sir Edward V. Appleton answered, "It was enthusiasm. I rate enthusiasm even above professional skill." It is a fact that people who do not have the skill of the professional, but have enthusiasm that the professional lacks, achieve things. They have the motivational force.

Life-Lifter: *The secret of successful living is to get turned on with self-repeating enthusiasm, and to keep the positive principle going. If you are out of enthusiasm, get reborn spiritually. It will make you come alive.*

Norman Vincent Peale



MARINERS

Mariners will meet on Friday, January 10th, at 1:00pm. Florecita is preparing the meal. Bring a salad or dessert, if you like.

Kay Qualls

GOOD STUFF CORNER



If you want to see a person talk about Heaven and Hell then find: **Mary K. Baxter Explains her vision of Heaven and Hell.** Jesus shows her 40 nights of Hell. I watched it on YouTube.

Pastor John

NOVEMBER 2019 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 35

Giving:

Local:	\$5,526.00
Sunday School:	49.00
Youth:	278.00
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	57.00
Other:	115.00
Total:	\$6,025.00



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A SIMPLE LESSON

Author Unknown

A rat looked through a crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package. What food might it contain? He was aghast to discover that it was a rat trap. Retreating to the farmyard the rat proclaimed the warning; "There is a rat trap in the house, a rat trap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Excuse me, Mr. Rat, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The rat turned to the pig and told him, "There is a rat trap in the house, a rat trap in the house!"

"I am so very sorry Mr. Rat," sympathized the pig, "but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured that you are in my prayers."

The rat turned to the cow. She said, "Like wow, Mr. Rat. A rat trap. I am in grave danger. Duh?"

So the rat returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's rat trap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house, like the sound of a rat trap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife.

The farmer rushed her to the hospital. She returned home with a fever. Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

His wife's sickness continued so that friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well. She died, and so many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide meat for all of them to eat.

So the next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it does not concern you, remember that when there is a rat trap in the house, the whole farmyard is at risk.

TO START A NEW YEAR

Anonymous

"A new year is unfolding – like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good – with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible – with Your help and guidance."

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

08th – Michael Best

09th – Don Benton

14th – Nicole Knott

15th – Eileene Petros

19th – Abigail Winchester

20th – Ron Cadruvi

Don Frantz

22nd – Kelly Olsson



*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!*



JANUARY 2020 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Psalm 90:1-12 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano	2 Ephesians 4:25-32 Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker	3 Matthew 13:1-9 Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley Don & Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger	4 Lamentations 3:19-26 Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam.
5 Luke 21:1-4 Pastor & Teachers Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam.	6 Matthew 5:13-16 Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Gary & Charlotte DeHart	7 Philippians 4:4-7 Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zack Fear	8 Romans 8:12-17 Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz	9 John 4:7-15 Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie	10 Ephesians 6:10-17 Harold Harger Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	11 Luke 15:1-10 Ryan & Kelly Henry & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Jay Irizarry
12 Matthew 3:1-12 Pastor & Teachers Norman Johnson Randy & Teri Johnson & Fam. Darlene Kennard	13 Romans 12:4-8 Sheryle Knott & Fam. Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib	14 Psalm 139:1-6 JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes Geri Masellis Ric Mason Edna May Miller	15 Matthew 26:36-41 Josephine Moore Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker	16 Revelation 21:1-7 Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family	17 1 Corinthians 12:8-27 Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson Eileene Petros Oscar Phan	18 1 Kings 18:41-45 Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price
19 John 14:1-14 Pastor & Teachers Jeremy & Erica Price & Family Joel & Susan Price & Fam.	20 Ephesians 3:16-21 John & Kathy Price Nathan & Kim Price & Fam. Kay Qualls	21 Psalm 103:8-14 Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer	22 Psalm 21:1-7 Vance Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam.	23 Matthew 11:28-30 Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder & Fam. Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford	24 Genesis 32:22-30 Loretta Stein & David Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family Jerry & Judeen Stokes	25 Psalm 150:1-6 J.J. & Soleena Storne & Fam. Veronica Suderman & Family Arthur Syverson
26 James 5:13-18 Pastor & Teachers Mark & Amber Syverson & Family	27 1 Peter 5:6-11 Mike Syverson Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca	28 Mark 16:9-20 Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Fam. Bev Welch	29 Acts 8:26-39 Roger & Cynthia Welch & Fam. Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	30 2 Corinthians 12:6-10 Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt	31 Psalm 33:6-9	






















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JANUARY 2020 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1  Church Office Closed	2  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	3  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Huckleberry's 3191 Geer Rd. Turlock	4 FIRST SATURDAY  9:00am-2:00pm
5  Coffee Hour	6	7  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	8  7:00 am Government Commodities Distribution	9  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	10  1:00pm Mariners at the Church	11
12	13	14  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	15	16  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	17  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Golden Bowl 7144 Hughson Ave. Hughson	18
19  Coffee Hour	20	21  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 8:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.	22	23  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	24  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at Olive Garden 2200 Plaza Parkway Modesto	25
26	27	28  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	29	30  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	31  1:00pm Friday Fellowship at La Morenita 1667 E. Hatch Ceres	

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour