

Mariners: No meetings until further notice

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, November 17th 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	Temporarily postponed until further notice	
Mariners	Temporarily postponed until further notice	
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, Friday Fellowship and Mariners have been temporarily postponed until further notice.

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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 – Pain & Leg Circulation
Helen Campbell – Recovery from Stroke
Suzanne Frantz – Tumors
David Hurlbut – Strength Concerns
Colette Spencer – Life Stress
Jeff Qualls – Cancer Treatment



A REFLECTION: WHEN PULLED ONE WAY AND ANOTHER

Some days we simply want to sit quietly, leaving the phone calls and e-mail unanswered. Some days our minds are so full of the cares of life that we cannot form prayer, though we earnestly desire to hear and follow God's call. Rather, we are like unattached kites, the wind pulling us one way and another.

Finding ourselves in times of spiritual flightiness, when we become stale and prayer seems reduced to utterances, there is a simple mantra we can recite: Take my thoughts, dear Lord, and straighten their path in me. For me, the mantra becomes a personal conversation with God, its meaning richly embedded with submission, reverence, appeal for guidance, and purity in action.

Take my thoughts: I humbly submit to you, Lord, who know my inner heart. I offer you my thoughts, asking you to claim me for your own. Take my will and mold it to yours.

Dear Lord: I sing praises to you, I come to you with reverence and the love of a child for a parent, awed by your perfect love for me.

Straighten their path: Left on their own my thoughts jump and turn from moment to moment, subject to subject. I ask you, God to realign my thoughts, centering them on your will for me. Let me be a source of joy and healing.

In me: Move me to action. Help me open my heart to love others, to see you in the strong and weak. Help me see the face of Christ in others and act accordingly. Help me open my arms in tenderness and self-giving.

E. Jane Rutter, Seasons of the Spirit.



POSITIVE INSIGHTS

“Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing o the church unto God for him.” Acts 12:5

When faced with a difficult problem – whether it be a health problem, a money problem, a domestic problem or whatever – walk around it prayerfully. Now that phrase is not my own – I only wish it were. It was given to me by one of the greatest Christians I ever knew. He used to say, “Let’s lay the problem out there on the table, boys, and walk around it prayerfully.” And he would tell us there is no problem in this world that doesn’t have a soft spot somewhere. “Walk around it prayerfully,” he would say, “poke at it until you find the soft spot.”

“Well,” you say, “that may be all right, but you don’t know my problem. My problem is a hard one.” I know. Sure, your problem is a hard one. Just walk around it a little more – prayerfully – and you’ll get your answer.

Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wonderfulness of Jesus Christ and for all the incredible things that can happen in human experience when we get out of the realm of the material and deeply into the area of the spiritual. Help us to put our lives and whatever is bothering us into the hands of the One who can really give us the power to change, to overcome, to grow and to be. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Norman Vincent Peale

ADVANCED CASE

Doctor: “I’m sorry Mr. Smith. We’ve been especially busy today. I hope you didn’t mind wating so long.”

Mr. Smith: “It’s okay, I guess. I just wish you could have seen my illness in its early stages.”



DON'T ASK

1st tourist: “Good to meet a fellow countryman. Did your hotel overlook the sea?”

2nd tourist: “Yes, but it also overlooked comfortable beds, good food and very nearly everything else.”

SEPTEMBER 2020 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 20

Giving:

Local:	\$5,303.00
Sunday School:	0
Youth:	0
Messenger:	14.50
Mariners:	0
Other:	46.24
Total:	\$5,363.74



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LITTLE PRAYER ROCK

Author Unknown

I'm your little prayer rock
and this is what I'll do,
Just put me on your pillow
till the day is through,
Then turn back the covers
and climb into your bed.
And WHACK, your little prayer rock
will hit you on the head.
Then you will remember
as the day is through
To kneel and say your prayers
as you wanted to.
Then when you are finished
just dump me on the floor.
I'll stay there through the night time
to give you help once more.
When you get up next morning
CLUNK, I stub your toe,
So you will remember
your morning prayers before you go.
Put me back on your pillow
when your bed is made,
And your clever little prayer rock
will continue in your aid.
Because your heavenly Father
cares and loves you so,
He wants you to remember
to talk to Him, you know.



“They say the seeds of what we will do are in all of us, but it always seemed to me that in those who make jokes in life the seeds are covered with better soil and with a higher grade of manure.” *Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)*

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

18th – Clark Hartman
Tim Vaughn

20th – Jerry Goodman
Harold Harger

22nd – Mary Rariden

25th – Uriah Winchester

26th – 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 2020 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<p>1 Psalm 139:1-14</p> <p>Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano</p>	<p>2 2 Corinthians 5:18-20</p> <p>Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo</p>	<p>3 2 Kings 5:1-14</p> <p>Ben & Jen Baker Ken Barklow Don & Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger</p>	<p>4 1 John 3:16-24</p> <p>Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam.</p>	<p>5 Psalm 1:1-6</p> <p>Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam.</p>	<p>6 Isaiah 6:1-7</p> <p>Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Charlotte DeHart</p>	<p>7 1 Peter 4:1-11</p> <p>Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zac Fear</p>
<p>8 John 13:31-35</p> <p>Pastor & Teachers Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz</p>	<p>9 Psalm 23:1-3</p> <p>Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie Harold Harger</p>	<p>10 2 Peter 3:8-18</p> <p>Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam.</p>	<p>11 2 Kings 2:1-12</p> <p>David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Jay Irizarry</p>	<p>12 Isaiah 41:8-10</p> <p>Norman Johnson Randy & Teri Johnson & Fam. Darlene Kennard</p>	<p>13 Ezekiel 2:8-3:3</p> <p>Sheryle Knott & Fam. Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib</p>	<p>14 Matthew 14:13-21</p> <p>JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes Gerri Masellis Ric Mason</p>
<p>15 Genesis 2:4-9, 15</p> <p>Pastor & Teachers Edna May Miller Josephine Moore Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune</p>	<p>16 Exodus 35:20-35</p> <p>Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommie Parrish</p>	<p>17 Philippians 2:3-11</p> <p>Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family Dennis Peterson Eileene Petros Oscar Phan</p>	<p>18 Hebrews 10:19-25</p> <p>Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell</p>	<p>19 1 Peter 4:12-19</p> <p>Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price & Fam. Joel & Susan Price & Fam.</p>	<p>20 Exodus 13:17-22</p> <p>John & Kathy Price Nathan & Kim Price & Fam. Kay Qualls</p>	<p>21 Psalm 103:1-13</p> <p>Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer</p>
<p>22 Colossians 3:1-11</p> <p>Pastor & Teachers Keith Shafer Vance & Maria Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer</p>	<p>23 James 4:13-17</p> <p>Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider</p>	<p>24 Matthew 22:34-40</p> <p>Tony & Laura Snyder & Fam. Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford</p>	<p>25 Philippians 3:12-14</p> <p>J.J. & Soleena Storne & Fam. Veronica Suderman & Family</p>	<p>26 Luke 17:11-19</p> <p>Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family Mike Syverson Natasha Towe</p>	<p>27 2 Corinthians 12:6-10</p> <p>Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Fam</p>	<p>28 Psalm 121:1-8</p> <p>Roger & Cynthia Welch & Fam. Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.</p>
<p>29 Matthew 1:18-23</p> <p>Pastor & Teachers Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt</p>	<p>30 John 21:15-17</p>					













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NOVEMBER 2020 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1  Daylight Savings Ends 2:00am <small>(Set clock back one hour)</small>		3  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	4  8:00 am Government Commodities Distribution	5  4:15pm Fellowship Singers		7 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
8	9	10  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	11	12  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	13	14
15	16	17  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.	18	19  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	20	21
22	23	24  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	25	26  Thanksgiving Day Church Office Will Be Closed	27	28
29	30					

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour