



**Mariners: No meetings until further notice**

**Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 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** – Surgery Healing  
**Ron Cadruvi** – Blood Clots  
**Don & Suzanne Frantz** – Cancer  
**Jeff Qualls** – Cancer Treatment



## HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

*“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new”. 2 Corinthians 5:17.*

As we start a new year, the Bible tells us there can be hope for the future.

First, there is hope of a changed person. No matter how hard we try, we are incapable of ridding ourselves of the selfishness and greed that cause conflict and strife and war. Our only hope is a changed heart and Jesus is in the business of changing hearts.

Second, there is hope of a changed world. When we know Christ, He gives us by His Spirit a new love and concern for others. We can no longer be indifferent to their sufferings, and we’ll want to do something about them. Changed by Christ, we can begin to change our world.

Third, there is hope of unchanging eternity in Heaven. This world is not all there is. Someday all its pain and heartache will come to an end for those who know Christ (Revelation 21:4). Evil and death will be abolished and we will be safely in God’s presence forever.

As you read the headlines or look at your own life you may be wondering if there is any hope. The answer from the Bible is a resounding yes.

So take heart, trust God, embrace another year of opportunity to Glorify God and Serve your fellowman.



*Billy Graham and Pastor John*

## POSITIVE INSIGHTS

*“And the seventh angel sounded: and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.” Revelation 11:15*

A good friend of mine thinks of the world as “God’s tumbling barrel.” A tumbling barrel is an industrial device for smoothing pieces of metal. It’s a revolving drum into which workers put shaped metal pieces that have burrs or rough edges and an abrasive.

The barrel is then rotated. One piece tumbles against another, and the abrasive rubs steadily against them. After some time, the drum is opened, and the pieces are spilled out. The burrs have disappeared, the rough edges are gone. The metal parts are now in shape to function properly in a finished product.

In my friend’s mind, this ingenious process suggests the way human beings are tumbled in God’s world. As we move through life we tumble against each other and are rubbed by hardships and difficulties. All this friction smooths our rough edges, rounds our personalities, and forces us to use our minds and make ourselves better people.

**Life Lifter:** The tests of life are not to break you but make you. Stand up to your obstacles and do something about them. You will find that they haven’t half the strength you think they have.

*Norman Vincent Peale*



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



The Women’s Fellowship **hopes to meet outside** on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am. Please check the weekly bulletin insert for information and/or updates.

## 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 what it is?” One child blurted out, “Aces!”



## DECEMBER 2020 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 21

### **Giving:**

Local:	\$7,135.00
Sunday School:	0
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	0
Other:	812.40
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,947.40</b>



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## HOW TO COOK A HUSBAND

Quoted from the "Moravian Cook Book" published in 1910 by the Home Mission Society of the Moravian Church, Lancaster, PA



A good many husbands are utterly spoiled by mismanagement. Some women keep them constantly in hot water; others let them freeze by their carelessness and indifference. Some keep them in a stew by irritating ways and words. Others roast them; some keep them in a pickle all their lives. It cannot be supposed that any husband will be tender and good managed in this way, but they are really delicious when properly treated.

In selecting your husband you should not be guided by the silvery appearance, as in buying mackerel, nor by the golden tint, as if you wanted salmon. Be sure and select him yourself, as tastes differ. Don't go to the market for him, as the best are always brought to your door. It is far better to have none unless you know how to cook him.

A preserving kettle of finest porcelain is best, but if you have nothing but an earthenware pipkin, it will do, with care. See that the linen in which you wrap him is nicely washed and mended, with the required number of buttons and strings nicely sewed on. Tie him in the kettle by a strong silk cord called comfort, as the one called duty is apt to be weak and they are apt to fly out of the kettle and be burned and crusty on the edges, since like crabs and lobsters, you have to cook them alive.

Make a clear, steady fire out of love, neatness and cheerfulness. Set him as near this as seems to agree with him. If he sputters and fizzles, do not be anxious; some husbands do this till they are quite done. Add a little sugar in the form of what confectioners call kisses, but not vinegar or pepper on any account; a little spice improves them, but it must be used with judgment. Do not stick any sharp instruments into him to see if he is becoming tender. Stir him gently; watch the while, lest he lie too flat and too close to the kettle, and so become useless. You cannot fail to know when he is done. If thus treated you will find him very digestible, agreeing nicely with you and the children, and he will keep as long as you want, unless you become careless and set him in too cold a place.



*Let each person say: I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved that Jesus was glad to die for me. That is the essence of the Christian Message. Harold S. Martin*

## DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY

### ANNIVERSARIES

15<sup>th</sup> – Phil & Pam Franklin  
24<sup>th</sup> – Don & Pat Benton

### BIRTHDAYS

01<sup>st</sup> – Lloyd Fullmer  
02<sup>nd</sup> – Phyllis Caudle  
08<sup>th</sup> – Norma Lutes  
11<sup>th</sup> – John Vacca  
15<sup>th</sup> – Seth Lutes  
17<sup>th</sup> – Pat Benton

19<sup>th</sup> – Natalie Hartman  
20<sup>th</sup> – Johnathan Snyder  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Evelyn Hurlbut  
24<sup>th</sup> – Ivy Carter  
26<sup>th</sup> – Tanner Radcliffe  
Loretta Stein  
Zachary Snyder  
27<sup>th</sup> – Joy Slaybaugh  
Lori Ward



*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!*



# FEBRUARY 2021 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>1 Samuel 17:19-37</p> <p>Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex &amp; Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>John 12:44-46</p> <p>Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo Ben &amp; Jen Baker</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>2 Corinthians 1:3-11</p> <p>Ken Barklow Don &amp; Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>1 Kings 19:9-14</p> <p>Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi &amp; Fam. Ron Cadruvi &amp; Fam. Phyllis Caudle</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Hebrews 12:1-3</p> <p>Linda Carter &amp; Ivy Ashley Cooksey &amp; Fam. Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>Psalm 130:1-5</p> <p>Charlotte DeHart Chuck &amp; Wendla Dyer &amp; Family Jim &amp; Sue Eikenberry</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Matthew 22:34-40</p> <p>Pastor &amp; Teachers Zac Fear Pam Franklin &amp; Cherith Franklin Kerby &amp; Heather Frantz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>2 Timothy 3:10-17</p> <p>Lyndall &amp; Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas &amp; Patricia Guthrie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Psalm 145:1-9</p> <p>Harold Harger Clark &amp; Melanie Hartman Jack &amp; Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>John 5:1-18</p> <p>Ryan &amp; Kelly Heiny &amp; Fam. David &amp; Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin &amp; Deborah Hurlbut &amp; Family</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Luke 10:25-37</p> <p>Jay Irizarry Norman Johnson Randy &amp; Teri Johnson &amp; Fam.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>John 20:24-29</p> <p>Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott &amp; Fam. Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Philippians 4:10-19</p> <p>David &amp; Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes Gerri Masellis</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>1 Corinthians 3:6-9</p> <p>Pastor &amp; Teachers Ric Mason Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>Psalm 92:1-4</p> <p>Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish &amp; Fam. Tommie Parrish</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Ephesians 1:3-12</p> <p>Daymon &amp; Sarah Peterson &amp; Family Dennis Peterson Eileene Petros</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>1 Kings 19:1-5</p> <p>Oscar Phan Jason &amp; Kirsten Piazza &amp; Family</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>Luke 8:26-39</p> <p>Skip &amp; Kathleen Powell Jeff Price Jeremy &amp; Erica Price &amp; Fam.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>Leviticus 19:9-18</p> <p>Joel &amp; Susan Price &amp; Fam. John &amp; Kathy Price Nathan &amp; Kim Price &amp; Fam.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>Daniel 3:13-30</p> <p>Kay Qualls Mike &amp; Laura Radcliffe &amp; Family Mary Rariden</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>Psalm 19:7-11</p> <p>Pastor &amp; Teachers Charlotte Rice &amp; Fam. Lana Royer Keith Shafer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>Luke 14:15-20</p> <p>Vance &amp; Maria Shafer Vern &amp; Patty Shafer Troy &amp; Joy Slaybaugh &amp; Fam.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Matthew 7:7-11</p> <p>Marilyn Snider Tony &amp; Laura Snyder &amp; Fam. Gayle Stanfill</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>Matthew 25:31-46</p> <p>Glenn Stanford J.J. &amp; Soleena Storne &amp; Fam. Veronica Suderman &amp; Family</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>John 12:1-8</p> <p>Arthur Syverson Mark &amp; Amber Syverson &amp; Family Mike Syverson Natasha Towe</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>Psalm 139:7-12</p> <p>Carolyn Trent John &amp; Sue Vacca Tim &amp; Catherine Vaughn &amp; Family</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>Matthew 6:25-34</p> <p>Linda Ward &amp; Fam Roger &amp; Cynthia Welch &amp; Fam. Josh &amp; Heather Winchester &amp; Fam.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>Proverbs 2:1-10</p> <p>Pastor &amp; Teachers Derek Wyatt Don &amp; Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt</p>						













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# FEBRUARY 2021 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	3  8:00 am <b>Government Commodities Distribution</b>	4  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	5	6 <b>HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP</b> 9:00am-2:00pm
7	8	9  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	10	11  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	12	13
14 	15	16  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.	17	18  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	19	20
21	22	23  <b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY</b> 9:00am-Noon	24	25  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	26	27
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## EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour