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Sunday  
Worship  
Service  
9:00 am

Adult Sunday School  
10:15am Explorers Room105  
10:15am Devotions with Randy  
Room 208

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SECURITY

Dec 16th to 31st  
Steve Worstell

Jan 1st to 15th  
Bob Ridgley

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

25 Mickey Tabor  
27 Esco McCann  
30 Marge Jones  
31 Betty Robertson  
31 Stacy McCann  
31 Mike Resch

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/3 Phil & Tracy Inman  
12/14 Doug & Carol Creach



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Linda Grindstaff  
6 Gerald Johnson  
13 Ella Jane Anderson  
13 Toni Wiseman  
13 Walter Waugh  
15 Pam Ekey  
19 Cindy Jones  
29 Byron Swift  
30 Kendra Martin

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

Explorers Sunday School

The Explorers group will begin a new book study using Adam Hamilton's book "Creed" on Sunday January 12 at 9:15am in Room #105. They welcome new members so please see Kala Handley or Steve Worstell if you are interested in joining them. The books have been ordered and will cost about \$6 each.

Ponderings

Hey Church!

Our Advent series continues this week and next as we wait for Epiphany. I am grateful to still have these poems to instill a moment of worship and pondering for our season as we look at these words that bring us into this new year, this beginning that Christ gifts us.

May this poem give you a moment to pause, reflect, and ready your hearts for worship.

Holy & Unhindered – by Rev. Sarah Speed

Founding Creative Partner of A Sanctified Art

I am sure it is important to close your eyes, to pray on your knees, to filling yourself into deep reverence and even deeper humility. I am sure the Spirit is close when we dress up, when we sing the descant line, when we murmur the words with a sincere and hopeful heart.

And I am sure that when you moonwalk through your living room in soft wool socks, when you cackle loudly enough for the whole restaurant to hear, when you squeal into the phone and make pancakes for dinner, when you plunge your hands into the dirt and talk to the sparrows, when you make a mess of Communion breadcrumbs all around the Table, or when you allow yourself an undone, unhindered, unpolished sort of joy—that the Spirit loves that just as well.

The angel said, *Do not be afraid; I am bringing you joy.*

We humans have spent a lot of time focusing on the fear.

Don't forget: God is also in the joy.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Erika

December 29, 2024  
Week 5 of Advent  
Psalm 126:1-3  
"Don't Forget to Laugh"

*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.  
Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.  
Then it was said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.*

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PJ's, Hot Cocoa, and Cookies  
on Dec. 29

For this Sunday, Dec. 29, we invite you to wear pajamas for a fellowship before & after worship! It will be a fun and casual Sunday of Christmas carols, hot cocoa, and cookies! Not to worry, you are welcome to attend in your regular Sunday clothes as well!

Poinsettias  
Are Given  
in Honor of:

Poinsettias  
Are Given  
In Memory of:

Our Grandchildren  
by Rich & Pam Eaton

Our Family  
by Allan & Marge Jones

Betty Robertson  
by Nancy Jones

Faye Wallace  
by Nancy Jones

Our Children  
by Chuck & Susie McClain

Our Grandchildren  
by Chuck & Susie McClain

Our Great-Granddaughters  
by Chuck & Susie McClain

Our Angel Tree Ministry Team  
Vickie Lawrence  
Penny Kelly  
Angie Kormanec  
Tracy Inman  
by Cindy Jones

Donna Shoemaker  
by Cindy Jones

Larry Streiff  
by Annalou Streiff

Bob Wallace  
by Faye Wallace

James Allen  
by Jeanne Allen

Ken & Lela Handley  
Connie & Otto Burr  
Casey Casebier  
by Gary & Kala Handley

Bud & Marge Smith  
by Karen McLaughlin

Jack Ekey & Marilyn Ekey  
by Pam Ekey

Loved Ones Spending  
Christmas in Heaven  
by Donna Shoemaker

Keith Parks  
Abigail Estelle Brown  
Mary Ann Parks  
by Cathy Parks

In Memory of Loved Ones  
by Allan & Marge Jones

Les & Daphne Batchelder  
Bill Inman (Phil's father)  
by Phil, Tracy, & Ethan Inman

Art & Louise Polk  
Darrel & Ruth Draper  
by Mark & Lyn Polk

Tina Vinson  
by Joe Matson

Our Parents & Grandparents  
by Chuck & Susie McClain

In Memory of Family  
by Larry & Helen Thompson

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BEGINNING JAN. 5TH

WORSHIP  
TIME CHANGE

10:00 AM

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Musicians Wanted

We would love to get more people involved in the music department. If you would be interested in singing in the choir or playing the bells, please see Kim or any of the music people. And you don't have to be able to read music to ring the bells or sing! We welcome you to join us in this important element of our worship service!

Heart n Hand  
Food Pantry Items Needed

You can drop pantry items in our blue barrel at church or deliver them to HnH Program Center at 200 B St. (behind Scooters) from 10am to 2pm (Mon–Fri). Needed items are:

- Any non-perishable food donations, such as cereal, pasta, baking mixes, canned fruit, cooking oils, granola bars, oatmeal, instant potatoes, canned meat, juices, seasonings and condiments
- Gloves or hand warmers
- Pet food
- Coffee, creamer, and sweeteners

Thrift Store donation hours are 11am to 3pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

Prayers

PEOPLE  
IN NEED OF PRAYER

Mickey Tabor  
Darin Polk  
Mark & Lyn Polk  
Faye Wallace  
Kala Handley  
Carol Creach  
Phil Gronemeyer  
Caleb Kormanec  
Grayson Kormanec  
Ken Kluter  
JoAnn Arnold  
Betty Robertson  
Chris Harrelson  
Holden Batchelder  
Christina & Charleton Painter  
Doug Warren (Tish Warren's husband)  
Tiffany Hedger (Joe Matson's friend)  
Gabe Clutter (Nancy Clutter's great grandson)  
Don Jamerson (Toni Wiseman's nephew)  
Frank Medlin (Robert Berry family friend)  
Andrew Bowman (Vickie Lawrence's S-I-L's friend)  
Jake Minor (Vickie Lawrence's S-I-L's friend)  
Melissa Shipman (Vickie Lawrence's family friend)  
Robbie Robertson (Darren Rogers' friend)  
Lacinda Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter)  
Kayla Jackson (Vickie Lawrence's friend)  
Dave McGill (Randy Kelly's friend)  
Dawn Maksimov (Angie Kormanec's friend)  
Julie Reed (Angie Kormanec's coworker)  
Peggy Mullinix (Karen McLaughlin's friend)  
Brandi Price (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin)  
Amanda Brodfehrer (Vickie's daughter's cousin)  
T.J. Carr (Paul & Donna Carr's nephew)  
Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend)  
Charles Grimes (Joe Matson's friend)  
Thomas Pinckney Smith, Jr. (Gwen Roger's brother)  
Roseann (Wanda Carroll's friend's daughter)  
Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother)  
Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones' neighbor)  
Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend)  
Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister)  
Thelma, Joyce Noah (TOPS)  
Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)  
Greg Coy (Cherrie Fleming's brother)  
Shawn Burnam (Sharon Burnam's son)  
Sue Schindler (Sami Siems' mother)

GROUPS

Gladden Staff & Students  
Silver Angels  
Health Care Workers  
First Responders  
Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210

Submit Prayer  
Requests Here

Last Sunday's Service

If you watch our service online either on Facebook or on YouTube, please either comment on the video to let us know or let [Cindy](#) know to record your attendance.

CrossRoads Calendar

Friday, December 27  
9:30am-10:30am

"The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105

Saturday, December 28

NONE

Sunday, December 29  
9:00am-10:00am  
10:30am-11:00am  
10:15am-10:45am  
10:15am-10:45am

**Cocoa & Cocoa Fellowship**  
Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Choir Rehearsal in Room #210  
Devotions With Randy in Room #208  
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105

Monday, December 30  
9:00am-10:00am  
9:00am-4:00pm

"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village  
Creation Station in Room #205

Tuesday, December 31

**New Year's Eve**

Wednesday, January 1

Thursday, January 2  
8:45am-10:30am  
10:30am-11:00am  
11:00am-4:00pm  
6:30pm-8:30pm

TOPS Meeting in Room #201  
Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room  
Creation Station Quilters in Room #205  
Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Friday, January 3  
9:30am-10:30am

"The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105

Saturday, January 4  
10:00am-12:00pm

Bunco in the Multipurpose Room

Sunday, January 5  
9:00am-10:00am  
10:00am-11:00am  
10:15am-10:45am  
10:15am-10:45am

Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Choir Rehearsal in Room #210  
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