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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

*In order to provide a meaningful worship experience during these difficult times, there will be a pre-recorded **Good Shepherd Christmas Eve Service** provided for you to watch on our YouTube channel any time after the afternoon of December 24.*

Please join your congregational family in celebration of our Lord's birth by clicking the link which will be found on our website, <http://www.gslc.com/> on December 24.

This link will direct you to the service, found on our YouTube channel.

☞ *To participate in the candlelighting part of the service, have a candle ready for you to use.*

☞ *As they have at Good Shepherd for over 35 years, members of the Taylor family, along with friends will be providing music for the service.*



☞ *In order for the sanctuary to look as much like Christmas Eve as possible for the service, we would like to have poinsettias given as usual. See the article on page 4 for more information.*

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called congregational meeting held on Sunday, December 6, 2020, at the 9:30 a.m. Drive-In Worship Services for the purposes of voting on a 2021 budget recommendation from our Congregational Council and two Board positions from the Good Shepherd Foundation. Plan to attend this important event in the life of our congregation. If you did not receive the recent mailing providing budget information, please contact the Church Office (803-787-4413).

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.

²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

²⁵ Beloved, pray for us.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-25

When Paul wrote these words to the church at Thessalonica in the late 40's or early 50's AD he was writing to a fledgling community of faith. Imagine what life would have been like in those early days of the church. Old paradigms and customs were being replaced by new realities. Threats loomed in the form of persecutions and interreligious strife. People were unable to gather with their loved ones—Paul himself wrote this letter from another city as he was called away from his Thessalonian friends and called to other work elsewhere. There was much to fear, much to lament, much cause for hopelessness. In some ways, this context sounds a lot like the year 2020, does it not?

Yet what command did Paul give to the Thessalonians at that time?

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.”

We know that our church is not without its challenges. Our lives contain plenty of struggles and opportunities to lose hope or lose focus. How are we to rejoice *always*? What does it look like to pray *without ceasing*? And how on earth can we possibly be expected to give thanks in *all* circumstances? If you are anything like me, you read words like these from Paul and you think to yourself, “Well, Paul didn’t know what I would be going through, so his words can’t possibly apply to me and my life.” Yet the Word of God often speaks to us most powerfully when things are not going so well for us. And there is a timeless quality to Paul’s words that still speaks to us even today.

The reminder to rejoice always, for example, is not an exhortation to pretend our problems don’t exist. Paul is not urging us to have a naïve or blindly optimistic outlook. Rather, he is urging us to take stock of what is truly important. Our joy in Christ far exceeds our worldly troubles. God’s rich blessings in our lives are worthy of rejoicing even when our daily circumstances are challenging.

Likewise, when he says, “pray without ceasing,” we may find these words impossibly demanding. Paul is urging us to make prayer a way of life. Indeed, prayer is communion; fellowship with God. We are to live in such a way that we are in tune with God and channeling God’s goodness and love in our lives.

And when our circumstances are hard, we are reminded to focus not so much on our hardships and instead to focus more on our blessings. This year is probably the hardest year I’ve ever faced, personally and professionally. In this year I suffered the loss of my father, I’ve buried far too many church members, we’ve been forced to live through a global pandemic that has radically changed our church and our lives, and I’ve had to become a part-time teacher to help our son James get through first grade. Yet through this all, as easy as it is to focus on the negative and as tempting as it is to lose hope, I am sustained by so many blessings—the gift of family, a steady income, relatively good health, a safe and comfortable home, the love and support of a dear congregation, and so much more. Even walking through the valley of the shadow of death this year, I was able to find gratitude and give thanks.

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Two last things I urge us to hear in Paul's words: First, he says, "do not quench the Spirit." I believe that will be critical in the coming months as we discern together where and how God is calling us. To quench a fire is to put it out. To quench thirst is to eliminate it. To quench a hot piece of iron is to dunk it in water or oil to cool it off. Wherever we see the Spirit burning brightly in our midst, let us not be quick to cool the Spirit off. Let us remain thirsty for the Spirit's work among us. Let us not extinguish that flame when it appears. Rather, let us welcome the Spirit's work among us as we discern the way forward together in the coming months.

And finally, Paul says this: "Beloved, pray for us." You all need to know how much I love and appreciate you. Despite the difficulties of this year, it is our love for one another that has sustained us and will sustain us, along with God's guidance and God's providing. And like Paul, dearly beloved church, I ask for your continued prayers for me and my family and our congregation's leaders. Your prayerful support means more to me than you will ever know.

Let us move into a new church year together ready to rejoice and give thanks, ready to follow where the Spirit leads us, and ready to pray for and love one another.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To the members of Good Shepherd. These are trying times for all of us. I never dreamed that my year as president would be dominated by discussions of a virus that has swept the world by storm. Frustration has begun to set in to our daily lives and our worship lives. As we approach Advent and Christmas, I understand there is growing concern that we are still not holding worship services in the church. I personally would love nothing better than going back into the sanctuary for worship on a regular basis. The Christmas Eve service has always been one of my favorite services at Good Shepherd.

In an effort to provide a meaningful worship experience during these difficult times, council voted to provide a recorded streaming video service for Christmas Eve. Everyone will be able to watch the Christmas Eve service with their family in their own home whenever they choose to watch. The video will be available on our YouTube channel beginning the afternoon of December 24. Links will be provided on our website when it is active. Is this ideal? Will it please everyone? Certainly not, but in light of all that is going on we felt this was the best option to provide worship for the majority of people this Christmas. The church will be decorated and lit for Christmas for the recording.

Let us all remember why we celebrate this season and not where or how we celebrate. If we have the right mindset, it should not matter where we are, celebrating the birth of Christ.

We ask for your continued patience, trust and faith in our task force, council and Pastor Andrew as we all continue to struggle with these decisions. Please help all of us by praying that we will be led in the right direction. If you have any questions, concerns or just want your voice to be heard, I welcome you to contact me. I can be reached by cell phone 803-261-0188 or email ed.beaman@scav.com.

Ed
President

CONGREGATION OFFICERS FOR 2021

President – Marcia Woodward
Vice-President – Don Caughman
Secretary – Anna-Marie Plyler
Interim Treasurer – Lauren Chandler

Christmas Opportunities

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE PROJECT DONATIONS DUE BY DECEMBER 6



Many of you took an Angel Tree reminder card at the Drive-In Worship Service. Many want to participate in the Angel Tree program. Dorcus Circle and Social Ministry are supporting Gift Cards for two shelters this year - the Providence Men's Shelter and the Women's Shelter on North Main Street. We are asking for \$25.00 gift cards from Walmart, Visa or MC. **Place these in a gift box, bag, or envelope and return to GSLC Drive-In Worship Service, the basket in the Narthex, or the church office.** There are extra greeting cards in the Narthex if you want to write a note of encouragement. There are about 75 residents in the shelters and for many this is their only gift. Please call Susan Uehling if you have questions. We are not buying gifts for schools and the Boys home this year but hope to do so in the future.



CHRISMON TREE DECORATING

Sunday, December 6, immediately following the Drive-In Service, members of all ages are encouraged to make weather-tolerant decorations for our OUTDOOR CHRISMON TREE, which will be decorated by all after the service on December 6. The Chrismon Tree will be decorated with the homemade decorations made prior to the event. Masks and social distancing will be required during this event in order to keep everyone safe. If you would like to make outdoor Chrismon ornaments, but are not able to attend this event, please leave your Chrismon ornaments in the FAB on a table that will be labeled Outdoor Chrismon Tree Decorations or in the area across from the church office. Contact Mitch Uehling at mitchuehling@gmail.com or 804-405-8908 for more information.

SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS

You can fill a stocking for a needy child again this year. The stockings with suggestion sheets and age labels may be picked up in the Narthex and must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 6. If you have any questions, contact Janet Lockhart or Don Caughman. **Some stockings will be handed out as you are leaving the Drive-In Worship Service.**



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

This year council has agreed to produce a recorded video streamed service for Christmas Eve. Our plan is to decorate the church as much like Christmas Eve as possible for the recording.



If you would like to donate a poinsettia to help decorate the Sanctuary, please contact the church office. The cost is \$14 each; fill out a Seasonal Flower Offering envelope and mail to the church office with your money by December 16.

We will list who the poinsettia is placed in honor or memory of in the bulletin as we traditionally have in the past. After the recording we will place the poinsettias in the Chapel for pick up.

PREPARING FOR 2021

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES GETTING CREDIT FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

The 2021 offering envelopes are being handed out at the beginning of the Drive-In Worship Service for each active Good Shepherd household.



Donations are effective only in the year in which they are offered. A check received in January 2021 cannot be credited for 2020 even if it is dated "2020." Make sure your **envelope is postmarked by December 31, 2020**. Then, even if it arrives in 2021, the check is still deductible for 2020.

The **best way to make sure your offerings are credited** to your account is to use the Good Shepherd numbered offering envelopes assigned to you. Using your assigned offering envelopes helps the offering tabulators and myself for record-keeping purposes and posting to the correct accounts.

Each Sunday while you are having lunch, a devoted group of your fellow members is processing your contributions. To help them do their job and make it easier for them, please do the following;

1. **Use your assigned offering envelopes or a pink special envelope.**
2. **Write your name on the envelope.**
3. **Write the amount on the envelope.**

The pink special envelopes are located on the table in front of the Chapel.

Thanks for your help and contributions.

Deb Embrey, Financial Secretary



SIGN UP FOR 2021 ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar for 2021 is available to sign up for the dates to offer either altar flowers, narthex flowers, or the altar rose for 2021. Altar flowers are \$60, narthex flowers are \$50, and the altar rose is \$10. We will only be ordering altar flowers at this time for the Drive-In Worship Service.

Please call the church office or sign up in the Narthex on the 2021 Flower Chart posted on the bulletin board if you want to offer flowers for a certain date next year. **Flowers not picked up by mid-day Monday will be taken to shut-ins.**



CONGREGATION CONTINUES TO SUPPORT SOCIAL MINISTRY

Despite the challenges brought on this year by the COVID-19 pandemic, congregation members have shown tremendous support for Good Shepherd's social ministry programs and activities through financial donations, in-kind contributions, and volunteer service.

Support of the monthly social ministry emphases and other financial donations from members have enabled Good Shepherd to make the following contributions this year through October:

The Woodyard Fund, which helps needy persons in the Midlands with utility bills -- \$345.

Transitions Meal Project, a Good Shepherd project which provides meals at the Transitions Homeless Shelter four times a year -- \$440.

Lenten Self-Denial Offerings, divided equally among The Family Shelter, Providence Home and The Women's Shelter -- \$3005.

Project Hope, a program of the Richland County Sheriff's Office which provides fans for needy elderly persons in the county -- \$760.

Veteran's Hospital Volunteer Services, which provides personal items and other needs for homeless veterans when they move into residences -- \$1000.

Happy Wheels, which provides toys and games for hospitalized children -- \$870.

Big Red Barn Retreat, which provides therapeutic services for veterans -- \$625.

Lutheran Disaster Response, a project of the ELCA which provides services for immediate and long-range needs for victims of natural disasters -- \$1460.

Harvest Hope Food Bank, which meets emergency food needs of people throughout the Midlands -- \$3,000.

Meals On Wheels, which provides delivery of hot meals each weekday to senior citizens and other homebound persons in Columbia -- \$500.

In addition, the congregation donated a carload of personal health care items and linens to **Epworth Children's Home** after a fire destroyed a warehouse at the home.

Support of Good Shepherd's annual **School Supply Drive** enabled us to give a variety of school supplies, including backpacks and book bags, for needy students at Bradley and Forest Lake Elementary Schools.

Ongoing Good Shepherd social ministry activities include our **Food Pantry** which, despite being closed for several months because of the pandemic, has provided 287 bags of food for 1109 persons through October. Our **Ramp Ministry** program has been able to resume activity and recently has completed two ramps.

Good Shepherd continues to provide volunteers for a regular **Meals on Wheels** route each week. Our route has 10 recipients each weekday, and nine volunteers from the congregation regularly deliver meals.

Our **Fun Fridays** program, which for more than 25 years has offered six Friday night activities each year for developmentally challenged persons, has been on hiatus during the pandemic. The program is being re-evaluated with an eye toward resuming activities when that becomes possible.

The social ministry committee has been active during the pandemic through internet communications, and the committee was able to have a person-to-person meeting in November to plan future activities. The committee thanks the congregation for all of its support during 2020.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FROM ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Looking for a Christmas gift for a hard-to-buy-for friend or family member?

How about a goat....or a rooster...or honeybees....or a water filter....or a vaccination for a child....or mosquito nets....or seeds and gardening tools?

These and many other gifts are available through the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. Donations to this program help needy persons in 77 different countries, including the U.S.



Gift cards are available for you to send to recipients to let them know gifts have been made in their honor. You also can send email greetings. Special occasion cards are available for Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day, as well as Christmas.

To check out gift possibilities and giving options, check the ELCA website at ELCA.org/goodgifts. If you'd like a hard copy of the gift order form, you may get a copy from the church office. For more information, contact Don Caughman at 803-318-0236, or at dodgerfan@sc.rr.com.

In previous years, Good Shepherd has supported the S.C. Synod's Gifts of Hope program. However, that program is not available this year and is being re-evaluated for future years.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In October, food pantry volunteers packed and distributed 27 bags of groceries serving 114 individuals.

Happy Thanksgiving from the GSLC Ramp Ministry!

Thought you would like to see some of the work we can accomplish in spite of the COVID19 virus.



DECEMBER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Back in March, I don't think anyone would have thought that we would still be in the middle of this pandemic 8 months down the road. As the re-opening task force, worship life, and council navigate how and when it is safe to re-open the sanctuary, the learning committee is continuing to try and offer a variety of resources so you can further your Christian education. Please take a look at the opportunities below.

Virtual and In-Person Adult Bible Study

Pastor Andrew will continue offering Bible study in the **FAB** on **Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.** Seating is social distance, and masks are required.

If you are unable to attend in-person, or feel more comfortable going virtual, Wednesday Zoom Bible Study will continue to be at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The topic is the Gospel lesson for the coming Sunday. A Zoom ID and password is sent in a weekly email. Pastor Andrew also sends a weekly Bible Study Guide, which is a great resource for members that do not prefer, or do not have Zoom capabilities.

Faith 5

A five step nighttime ritual that can instill a sense of security and optimism in children. This plan also helps parents nurture their children's faith, and create a caring, close-knit family unit. Pastor Andrew sends a weekly devotion via email that parents can use to start the process.

There are 5 Steps:

Share your highs and lows of the day/week.

Read a bible verse or story together.

Talk about how your Bible verse or Bible story might apply to your highs and lows.

Pray for one another's highs and lows.

Bless one another before saying goodnight

K-5th Grade Advent in a Box/Bag

Advent Boxes/Bags will be available on a table in the Narthex for families of children in K-5th grade. Please only take one per household.

Middle and High School Students

We encourage families with middle and high schoolers to continue using the Faith Lens Blog. It engages youth and young adults in connecting world events with the Bible, faith, and everyday life. You can find it at <https://blogs.elca.org/FaithLens/>.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL ITEMS

The Learning and Worship Life Committees are providing several special items to be used during our Advent season, which begins Sunday, December 1. These Advent materials are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take only what your family will use; materials are limited. We encourage you to use them to enhance your Advent season as we prepare and anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior.



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Meet in the FAB on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study.
Masks and social distancing required. See email from 10-1-2020 for more details.

SAVE THE DATE

Congregational Retreat 2022
When: February 11-13, 2022
Where: Lutheridge, Arden, NC

WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Bible Study will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.



Deadline to submit articles for December Newsletter is December 16.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	William Pope	14	Linda Van Duys	24	Chris Seay
	Tim Nance	16	Jackson Nabors	25	Jeff Inabinet
	Judy Rogers		Stephanee Seay	27	Clarissa Ferry
3	Una Rose Van Duys	17	Adler Inabinet	30	Gaye Tucker
4	Dave Shelton	18	Cheryl Christian	31	Bob Barnhill
6	Alyia Grosh		Marion Eargle		Andrea Keim
7	Devon Robinson		Michelle Isenhower		
9	Charlene Fink	18	Kelly Grace Lalumondier		
10	Delaney Uehling	21	Lula Camp		
11	David Hill		Adelaide Cannon		
12	Walker Bostic		Joey Lisowski		
	Victoria Houghton	24	Chuck Henderson		



LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 2020

DECEMBER 6 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 40:1-11

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. God will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for the sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of God.

PSALM – Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Righteousness shall prepare a pathway for God. (Ps. 85:13)

SECOND READING – 2 Peter 3:8-15a

This short letter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. The author of the letter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God.

GOSPEL – Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

DECEMBER 13 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Rejoice always," begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of God, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.

PSALM – Psalm 126

The LORD has done great things for us. (Ps. 126:3)

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul concludes his letter to the Thessalonians by encouraging them to live lives of continual joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. The closing blessing is grounded in the hope of Christ's coming.

GOSPEL – John 1:6-8, 19-28

John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.

DECEMBER 20 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God keeps the promise made to David to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."

FIRST READING – 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Instead of David building a house (temple) for God, God promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, God's anointed.

PSALM – Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

SECOND READING – Romans 16:25-27

Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because, in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.

GOSPEL – Luke 1:26-38

In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people from little known places. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in this gospel.

DECEMBER 27 – FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

The psalmist calls on the natural world, celestial bodies, fire and earth, creatures, and all humanity, to praise God. The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we tell of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 61:10—62:3

To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that God's salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth vegetation.

PSALM – Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

SECOND READING – Galatians 4:4-7

Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as beloved children.

GOSPEL – Luke 2:22-40

Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

WITH PRAYER



Mary Allen	Helen Derrick	Kitty Howard	Irene Poole
Rev. Russ Anderson	Sylvia Anne Derrick	Judy Hoy	Rebecca Silvia
Loujean Baker	Marianne De Werdt	Jeannine Jameson	Virginia Stephens
Gwen Barnes	Larry Evans	Lisa Lehman	Barbara Sutton
Trisha Benson	Doug Fleming	Sara Loyd	Ashleigh Taylor
Grace Boozer	Dot Gibert	Carol Mayfield	Nancy Taylor
Rosemarie Brown	The Gilbert Family	Doris McCaughey	Melvin Wicker
Rose Butterfield	Martha Haigler	Cathy Milejczak	Bubba Willis
Joanna Carpenter	Bonnie Hammond	Margaret Moody	Elaine Zornow
Betty Cox	Trisha Holman	Johanna Moore	Peter Zornow

PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST – Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact Deborah Mitchell in the church office at parishadmin@gslc.com or (803) 787-4413 to **renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month. You may call or email anytime to remove a name.**

Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker	Angela Powers—friend of Kappy Steck
Tara Baker—daughter-in-law of Loujean Baker	Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass
Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush	Harold Roach—father of Ashleigh Taylor
David Bostic—father-in-law of Katie Bostic	David Steck—father of Steve Steck
Howard Brotherton—friend of Don Caughman	Ann Summer—sister of Verna Sawyer
Luna Brown—2-year-old cousin of Amanda Snodgrass	Family of Faye Swetlik—friends of Dena Phillips
Schuyler Carter—grandson of Bonnie Hammond	Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison
Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox	Robin Traufler—friend of the congregation
Ruth Collins—friend of Dena Phillips	Mike Welborn—cousin of Anita Easter
Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass	Gerry Lynn Wells—niece of Frances Plyler
Jamie Fountain—step-brother of Laura Leigh Smith	Danny Young—brother-in-law of Cheryl Beaman
Beverly Fulmer—friend of Judy Rogers	Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow
Lucy Fusco—mother of Frank Fusco	
Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes	
Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow	
Madelynn Johnson—friend of the Snodgrass Family	
Leonard C. Jordan—brother of Bill Jordan	
Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker	
Matthew Kyzer—friend of Ed and Cheryl Beaman	
Greg Lehman—brother of Lisa Lehman	
Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman	
Tom Nolan—brother of Pat Roche	

EXPECTING OR BIRTH

Son Thomas Henry Cohl to Brian and Stacey Cohl

WITH SYMPATHY

The family of Curtis Easter.

The family of Nita Mercer, step-mother of Lyn Robinson.

Office Information

<http://www.gslc.com>

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CALENDAR



DECEMBER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

- December 6 Second Sunday of Advent
Congregational Meeting
9:30 AM Drive-In Worship Service
- December 13 Third Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM Drive-In Worship Service
- December 15 Executive Committee Meeting
- December 16 January 2021 Newsletter Deadline
- December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Food Pantry Sunday
9:30 AM Drive-In Worship Service
Council Meeting
- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship Service available by streaming
- December 25 Church Office Closed
- December 27 First Sunday of Christmas
9:30 AM Drive-In Worship Service
- December 28 Church Office Closed