



THE VISITOR

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for...

- ◆ Dale Grime, who is healing from double hernia surgery on 11/28.
- ◆ The family of Wayne Spiess, who entered into eternal life on 11/27 at the blessed age of 97.
- ◆ Phyllis Miller, who has been moved to Fairlawn.
- ◆ Larry Miller, Dorothy's son, who sustained serious injuries in a car accident on 11/21.
- ◆ Family of Karen Roth, who entered eternal life on 11/8, including Kim M. Walker, Brian Roth, Brad Roth and their families.
- ◆ Eric Yoder and family upon the death of his step-mother, Arda Raatz, on 11/8.
- ◆ Barbara Chapman, who had a procedure on 11/8 for a compression fracture in one of her vertebrae due to another fall.
- ◆ Jack Hurst, who had shoulder surgery on 11/7.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who is improving week by week after learning she has a fracture in the tibia, just below the knee, a fracture in the heel, and three potential fractures in the three bones around the heel, all on her left leg, the same one she had ankle surgery on earlier this year.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, as she and Erich praise God for the effectiveness of the chemo so far – the tumor has been reduced in size by 50%. Weekly chemo treatments began this past month.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who started hyperbaric treatments in addition to receiving 31 injections in her head, neck, and shoulders this past month. Let's pray this is what will bring her healing.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as scans have showed the chemo treatments are working, so she will continue with the medication and await scans in January.



Prayers for protection and for the increase of peace worldwide:

- ◆ PFC Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Jordan (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH while at Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, South Korea (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law to Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

Please consider sending cards to these individuals letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer; and that He will guide, comfort, and sustain them through these times:

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502

Dean Beck, Room #154A
Josephine Short, Room #405
Donna Buehrer, Room #402

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Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

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Velma Overmier, Room #501-1

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Audrey Smith, Room #403

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Shirley Wyse

Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St, Bryan 43506
Mike Meyer, Room #130

PASTOR'S COLUMN

We are in the midst of the Season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Advent is a season of reflection and preparation: 1) reflecting on the deep meaning of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah; and 2) preparing for the expected return of Christ in the Second Coming.

Our times of congregational worship feature scriptures, music and themes focused on these activities of reflection and preparation. For those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, Advent is a blessed time to reflect and prepare, to enjoy daily devotionals and sing or listen to the many carols of Christmas.

I am currently engaged in a new endeavor to share the true meaning of Christ's birth, and his death and resurrection, with children. LifeWise Academy is a program with a vision "to positively impact students, schools and communities by providing a Bible-based, character-focused Released Time Religious Instruction program."

I first learned of LifeWise through a pastor colleague in the Evangelical Association. I was intrigued enough by his talking about LifeWise at one of our pastor's meetings, that I met him one day in May of 2021 to visit a LifeWise classroom in Payne, Ohio. It was the final day of LifeWise for that school year and I was truly blessed to watch and listen to the 25 elementary students recite from stories of the Bible as they reviewed their year. The pastor told me that at least half of the children did not attend any church activities.

After sharing LifeWise with the Archbold Area Ministerial Association (AAMA) in the fall of 2021, the AAMA spent the following months learning about the program and hosted a LifeWise representative at their October 2022 meeting. Since that meeting, work has been and continues to be done to raise community interest: a kick-off meeting was held and a steering committee was formed. The work of the steering committee is focused on presenting a packet of information to the Archbold Area Schools for their consideration in approving a LifeWise program to start at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

LifeWise is a biblically-grounded program with a very organized team of staff and volunteers. Their work of preparation and publicity has been amazing to witness. Though I have stepped back from various ministries outside the congregation as Lynne undergoes treatment for breast cancer, I felt compelled to be a part of the LifeWise steering committee. Compelled due to the reality of God's direction in connecting me with LifeWise in the first place. Compelled due to the fact that once I expressed my interest to LifeWise, I received an email from Ron Ritticheir, a launch coach with LifeWise. I did some checking of my records, due to Ron's last name, as I had met him when I conducted the funeral services for both his father-in-law and his mother-in-law. Based on direction from the AAMA, we've been in contact with the superintendent of Archbold Schools as we lay the ground work in our area. As part of AAMA, there is a steering committee doing the same work in the Pettisville School district, too.

Preparations! A lengthy list of processes and steps, all for God's glory in sharing the good news of the gospel. In this season of reflection and preparation, I encourage you to explore LifeWise at lifewise.org and pray for the work of the local steering committee.

In the peace of Christ,

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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & THANK YOU'S

Dear Church Family,

As many of you know, the past year of my life has been a struggle. I have fought through chronic pain, passing out, and multiple different hospital stays due to concussions. Each day I wake up in the morning not knowing what I will have to deal with throughout the day. If there is one thing I have learned from this time in my life, it's to trust God throughout the uncertainty. There are times in life where we have no idea what's coming next. It can be easy to worry about the future, and it can be even easier to forget that our God has everything planned out for us. He is the only one who knows what our future looks like, and it's our job to trust in His plan. One verse that helps me through the uncertainty of the future is Philippians 4:6, saying "Do not be anxious about anything, but by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

I have also learned how God works for the good. When I was basically forced to quit sports, I found myself upset at God. I found myself asking God "why me." I was upset and confused as to why God would put me through something like this if I didn't have the endurance to fight. At the time, I thought I wasn't strong enough to fight through not only the physical pain, but the mental pain too. As time went on, I realized that God works for the good. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him." God will work for the good of any bad situation. Once I realized that my God has something amazing planned for me, my view of my struggles changed. I have done my best to change my mindset to focus on the positive, not the negative. Each day, I find small amounts of joy to be thankful for. Good or bad, God will help us through any situation we are placed in. I want to say thank you to my Church family for your constant prayers, thoughts and cards. I appreciate everything you all have done for my family and I.

Thank you,
Leah Nafziger

Thank you St. John's Christian Church family for all of the cards, prayers, texts, and phone calls over the past five months. We are thankful for Rod's healing after surgery and know it is through the grace of God.

Blessings!
Rod & Joyce Kinsman



Madison Sue Bowers, daughter of Brittany and Braden Martinez and Adam Bowers, was baptized in the Chapel on the evening of Friday, October 28th surrounded by the loving support of her family.

Congratulations to Andee Grime, daughter of Josh and Kasey, and Carson Glover upon the birth of their daughter, Sawyer Sparks on October 26th at 5:48am. Sawyer was 8lb., 10oz. Both mom and baby are doing great!



Dave Walker celebrated his 60th birthday on November 5th. Happy Birthday, Dave!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & THANK YOU'S (CONT.)

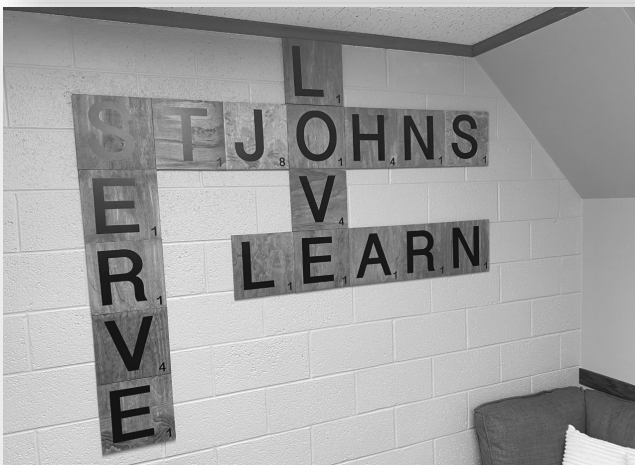
Family Movie Night “Under the Stars” - Sunday, December 11th

A family night will be held here in the church on Sunday, December 11th at 4:00PM in the Parish Hall. Escape the chilly weather with an (indoor) outdoor camping experience and movie night! The hall will be decorated like a forest and the evening will feature camping games, pizza and popcorn, and the nativity movie, “The Star” underneath the stars! Come in your pajamas if you wish, bring your friends, camping chairs or a sleeping bag, and join in an evening of fellowship and fun outside of the cold!



Confirmation Room Updates - Thank You!

We would like to extend an heartfelt thank you to Kim S. Walker and Jen Hurst for their work on redesigning and redecorating the upstairs Confirmation classroom! And an additional thank you to Dave Miller and Dave Walker for their time and detail in painting the room! The Confirmands are loving the new space!



MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Children's Advent Celebration - Sunday, December 4th @ 9:15AM

Children ages 4-years-old thru sixth grade are invited to a Children's Advent Celebration on Sunday, December 4th at 9:15AM in the Parish Hall! The morning will be filled with games, crafts, and snacks hosted by the Fellowship Committee and will replace our regularly scheduled Faith Village programming. We hope to see you there!



Children's Christmas Program Rehearsals

The Children's Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 18th during our 10:30AM service of worship! Any and all children are invited to participate in rehearsals and during worship on December 18th; however, please be sure to let Pastor Erich know if your child will not be here for worship on December 18th. Rehearsal information for the two age groups are below:

Preschool - Kindergarten

Rehearsals will be held during the Sunday school hour on December 11th & 18th at 9:15AM in the Preschool Classroom.

1st - 6th Grade

Rehearsals will be held the next two Wednesday evenings (December 7th & December 14th) at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary; and on December 18th at 9:15AM in the Sanctuary.



Senior Christmas Dinner Thursday, December 8th @ 5:30PM

The Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, December 8th at 5:30PM. Due to the blessed number of RSVP's received, the event will be held in the Parish Hall. If you are no longer able to attend, please let the church office know so that we can notify the Fellowship Committee. Dinner will be provided by Das Essen Haus and Christmas games and activities are being coordinated by the Fellowship Committee.

GIF Gals

B-11... BINGO!!! If you were in the church on the afternoon of November 13th, this is what you would have heard coming from the Fireside Room. The GIF Gals had assembled there for lunch, fellowship and a rippin' good time playing BINGO. Gloria Lauber did a great job calling out the numbers and everyone was eager to win a prize, as Judy Grime supplied us with a large choice! By 2:30, we had enough stress waiting for that one number we all needed. Everyone agreed it had been a fun afternoon and must do it again.

The next outing for the GIF Gals is Sunday, December 11th. The Gals will be attending the play "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Broadcast" at the theater in Ridgeville. Those who have signed up should plan on meeting at the church by 1:45PM that day.

We have already decided on some fun and interesting programs in 2023. Please make room on your calendar and come join us!



Life Planning

Life Planning will be having their annual Christmas celebration on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. Youth and mentors are asked to please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. As in years' past, we will also have our white elephant gift exchange! Drinks will be provided.

Merry Christmas to all and a blessed and safe New Year!



Third Thursday Senior Luncheon - For Senior Citizens and Any and All!

December 15th will be the next luncheon, starting at 11:30am with lunch and then a program to follow. These gatherings are attended by both members and friends of the congregation. The program will be a festive time of Christmas music and trivia!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



Saturday, December 24th @ 7:00PM in the Sanctuary

St. John's is excited to once again hold our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary with overflow space available in the Chapel. The St. John's Evangelism Committee has requested your help in welcoming any and all to our beautiful service of worship! As we invite our community to "follow the lights" and luminaries to St. John's that evening, we will need a handful of volunteers for the following areas:

- **Worship Service Greeters** - Evening of Christmas Eve @ 6:00PM: We are in need of 6-8 individuals or families who can serve as greeters for the Christmas Eve service, welcoming church families and guests alike, and helping visitors find their way around our church
- **Luminary Preparation** - Friday, December 23rd @ TBD (afternoon or evening)
- **Luminary Setup** - Saturday, December 24th @ TBD (evening)

A sign-up sheet is posted on the church office bulletin board under "Ministry Events" section if you feel led to serve in any of these capacities. If you have questions about the volunteer aspects of this service, please contact Karen Walker or the church office. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you and your family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus in this St. John's Christmas tradition of worship!

CONSISTORY

Annual Congregational Meeting – January 15th, 11:00am

As the Church Constitution stipulates that an annual Congregational Meeting shall be held in January, no later than the third Sunday of the month for the transaction of regular business and for the election of officers, the Consistory has scheduled the annual meeting for Sunday, January 15th at 11:00AM.

We will have one service of worship that morning, beginning at 10:00AM followed by the meeting, with a congregational meal provided by SYF afterwards (free-will donation).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Income and Expenses of the Operating Fund as of November 29, 2022:

Income_____	\$310,784.89
Expenses_____	\$322,677.13
Net:_____	- \$11,892.24

Income and Disbursements of the Mission Fund as of November 29, 2022

Income_____	\$141,541.64
Disbursements_____	\$144,446.68
Net_____	-\$2,905.04



Year-End Gifts

All giving intended for the 2022 calendar year must be dated and received in the church office by December 31st. Due to IRS rules, we cannot add any gifts received after December 31st to 2022 giving statements. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Zimmerman at maryzimmerman@outlook.com. Thank you!



2023 Offering Envelopes

If you or your family would like a box of offering envelopes for 2023, please contact the church office and we'll gladly get one to you. As a friendly reminder, please refrain from using 2023 envelopes until January, as helps our offering assistants stay organized on Monday mornings. Thank you!

MISSION CORNER

Mission-A-Month: Crossroad Child & Family Services



Since 1883, Crossroad Child & Family Services in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has been dedicated to the mission of creating promising futures for children and families. Today, our family directed programs focus on providing behavioral health treatment, education programs, and support services tailored to client needs and strengths. Crossroads has worked with thousands of young people and families over the years to help them learn, change, and thrive. Your prayers and generous financial support truly helps change the futures of young people.

Flickering for Fairlawn

Join us as we help Fairlawn “Light Up the Night” on December 11th. Flickering for Fairlawn is a luminary event that will raise funds to assist in the purchase of a new nurse call system for the Care Center and also remember all those that need our help as they age. Each kit has 10 luminaries. Order forms can be found on the Fairlawn Facebook page or pinned to the “Community Events” section of the church office bulletin boards. This is the one and only fundraiser of the year for Fairlawn (in place of the annual spring auction). Let’s show how much we care.

MISSION THANK YOU’S

Hi Friends,

It is a profound privilege to be partnered with you in this ministry. You have invested much in my life and work, and you continued to do so during my sabbatical. Over the last 6 months my recurring support held steady at 82% of my overall goal each month, but last year’s generous end-of-the-year giving made up every shortfall so that I was fully funded during my sabbatical. I cannot thank you enough. Truly, I can’t.

A sabbatical is a rare privilege, and I hope I have stewarded mine well. By God’s grace, I do feel sharpened, enlivened, and envisioned for the work of pastoral ministry for years to come, and I am more excited than ever to have the University of Michigan Campus as my mission field. I feel called to even greater creativity there in this next season. It is time to build again.

In all my travels and reflections, one lesson is clearer than ever:

It is still worth it to worship and follow Jesus.

He who has ears, let him hear!

Kyle Chase

A SABBATICAL OVERVIEW

Season 1 (5/1-6/2): Rest and Reflection

Season 2 (6/3-8/3): Adventure and Travel

Season 3 (8/4-10/31): Distillation of Lessons

WHAT DID I DO?

- **Studied Scripture:** Luke, John, Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah, Hosea, Micah, Nahum, and Habakkuk
- **Read 12 books**
- **Re-read 12 Journals** (covering 7 years of pastoral ministry)
- **Filled over 350 pages of new journals**
- **Published a book of poetry and songs**
- **Played a live concert of original songs** (Farmington, MI)
- **Learned to read/write basic Hebrew**
- **Enrolled in final 2 classes for my Master’s Degree**

- **Traveled Extensively:** El Salvador, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Washington, Oregon, California, North Carolina, Texas, Ohio, Michigan coastline, Philadelphia, and D.C.

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Sunday Worship 8:00AM and 10:30AM

MISSION THANK YOU'S (CONT.)

St. John's Church,

What a blessing it is to partner in Gospel work with such a generous church! Thank you for your openness to work together, use the building and bus when available, financial support and volunteer hours poured into teaching Christ to kids!

Much Love,
Eliot Nofziger

Dear St. John's Christian Church,

The important ongoing support of donors makes an important difference for the children and families we serve. You have been such true and faithful givers to help these kids for almost 140 years! Bless you!

Sincerely,
Kyle Zanker, Chief Development Officer
Crossroad Child & Family Services

Additional Mission Thank You's from...

- ♦ Tony & Leila Frank, for our gift of \$2,055
- ♦ Vincent Ferry, for our gift of \$505
- ♦ Hannah Barnhart, for our gift of \$105
- ♦ Matt & Paige Waanders, for our gift of \$255
- ♦ Cherry Street, for our gift of \$57.50
- ♦ Sparrow's Nest, for our gift of \$57.50
- ♦ Crossroad for our gift of \$110
- ♦ M.N., for our gift of \$1,000
- ♦ Jenni McMahan, for our gift of \$500

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DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- December 4 *2nd Sunday of Advent - The Candle of Peace*
 Sermon in Music (10:30AM)
 Sermon - "Preparation Time"
 Scripture Readings - Matthew 3:1-12; Romans 15:4-13
 St. John's Chancel Choir - Cantata "Candles and Carols"
 Special Music - Norm Fether, "Mary, Did You Know?"
- December 11 *3rd Sunday of Advent - The Candle of Joy*
 Sermon - "Jesus Is the One"
 Scripture Readings - Matthew 11:2-11; James 5:7-11
 All for Him Quartet
 Special Music - Scott Reeb, "Joseph's Song"
- December 18 *4th Sunday of Advent - The Candle of Love*
 Children's Christmas Program (10:30AM)
 Sermon - "Jesus Christ Our Lord"
 Scripture Readings - Matthew 1:18-25; Romans 1:1-7
 10:30AM Praise Team
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:00PM
 Sermon - "The Glorious Good News"
 Scripture Reading - Luke 2:1-18
- December 25 Christmas Morning Worship - 10:30AM
 A simple service of worship to celebrate Christmas morning!



Memorial Sunday Observance

In the Reformed tradition of the church, an annual service is held in remembrance of people who have died in the course of the past year. Though traditionally held on the final Sunday of the year, which would be Christmas Day this year, and since the following Sunday is New Year's Day, we will share in this annual memorial service on Sunday, January 8th. We will remember people of St. John's who have entered into eternal life and remembering family members and friends who entered eternal glory.

Candles will be lit, bells will be tolled, and carnations handed out in remembrance of each person of the congregation who died, or whose funeral was held at St. John's, or for whom our pastors shared in the memorial services.



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December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 2:00p Visitation for Wayne Spiess	2 11:00a Celebration of Life in Memory of Wayne Spiess 12:00p Funeral Lunch- eon	3
4 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:15a Children's Advent Celebration 10:30a Sermon in Music 6:00p Seekers	5 3:30p Gym Reserved 5:00p Gym Reserved 7:00p Gym Reserved	6 9:15a Bible Study 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Community Meal 7:00p Mission Com- mittee	7 8:30a Moms in Prayer 6:30p Children's Pro- gram Rehearsal 7:00p SYF	8 5:30p Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner	9	10 7:40a Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00a Parish Hall Reserved
11 3rd Sunday of Advent 4:00p Family Movie Night	12 3:30p Gym Reserved 5:00p Gym Reserved 7:00p Gym Reserved	13 9:15a Bible Study 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Community Meal 7:00p Property Com- mittee	14 8:30a Moms in Prayer 6:30p Children's Pro- gram Rehearsal 7:00p Life Planning 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15 11:30a Third Thursday Senior Luncheon 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Gym Reserved 6:00p Girl Scouts	16	17
18 4th Sunday of Advent 10:30a Children's Program 2:00p Parish Hall Reserved 6:00p Seekers	19 3:30p Gym Reserved 5:00p Gym Reserved 6:15p Spiritual Council 7:00p Gym Reserved 7:30p Consistory	20 9:15a Bible Study 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Community Meal	21 8:30a Moms in Prayer 7:00p SYF	22 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Gym Reserved	23 Archbold Area Schools Christmas Break Begins	24 Christmas Eve 7:00p Christmas Eve Service
25 Christmas Day 10:30a Christmas Day Worship 11:45a Christmas Carol- ing at Fairlawn	26 Church Office Closed	27 9:15a Bible Study 5:00p Community Meal	28	29 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Gym Reserved	30	31 New Year's Eve



Birthdays and Anniversaries



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| 1 Kenny Walker | 15 Crissi Stuckey, Pastor Ryan Volkman |
| 2 Madison Bowers, Jeff & Stacy Rutledge | 18 Shiela Short |
| 5 Joyce Kinsman, Kassi Link, Betsy Redd | 20 Dawson Cover, Dax Cover |
| 6 Denny Hornish, Kim M. Walker | 21 Devin Bernath, Nici Wyse, Dean & Darlene
Sauder |
| 8 Jim Liechty, JoAnn Short, Aiden Warncke | 23 Don & Charlene LaFountaine |
| 9 Scott & JoAnn Short | 26 Rod Kinsman |
| 10 Alexa Martinez, Greg Walker | 27 Klaire Kern, Paul Lovejoy |
| 11 Isaac Meyer, Doug Rupp | 28 Emma Krukowski, Phyllis Miller, Josh & Kasey
Grime |
| 12 Paul & Joan Lovejoy | 29 Maggie Enderle |
| 13 Linda Heer, Tony MacDonald | 30 Dean Beck, Bob Vos, Corey & Jocelyn Walker |
| 14 Kathy Bechstein, Jean Stamm, Cullen Yoder,
Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen | 31 Alice Leatherman |

DECEMBER DAILY SCRIPTURES

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can pick up a copy in the church office. Suggested donation is \$6.

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| 1 Walking with God -----Malachi 2:1-9 | 16 Choose What You Wear-----Colossians 3:12-17 |
| 2 Faithful to God -----Malachi 2:10-16 | 17 Who Are You Serving?----- Colossians 3:18 - 4:1 |
| 3 Sitting with the Silversmith ---- Malachi 2:14 - 3:5 | 18 Where Do You Stand?----- Psalm 26 |
| 4 The King is Coming-----Psalm 24 | 19 Ready to Wrestle?----- Colossians 4:2-18 |
| 5 An Unchanging God ----- Malachi 3:6-18 | 20 Ready, Willing and Able ----- Luke 1:1-17 |
| 6 Frolic like Calves -----Malachi 4:1-6 | 21 The Sign of Silence -----Luke 1:18-25 |
| 7 Always Thankful ----- Colossians 1:1-8 | 22 No Fuss Required -----Luke 1:26-38 |
| 8 A Life Worthy----- Colossians 1:9-14 | 23 The Future Beckons-----Luke 1:39-56 |
| 9 It's All About Jesus ----- Colossians 1:15-23 | 24 What's in a Name? -----Luke 1:57-66 |
| 10 All the Treasures----- Colossians 1:24 - 2:5 | 25 Thy Kingdom Come -----Luke 1:67-80 |
| 11 Where Is Your Hope?-----Psalm 25 | 26 Filling in the Blanks -----Luke 2:1-7 |
| 12 Fullness, Nothing Less----- Colossians 2:6-15 | 27 Signs and Wonders----- Luke 2:8-21 |
| 13 Reality Is Found in Christ ----- Colossians 2:16-23 | 28 A Promise Fulfilled -----Luke 2:22-35 |
| 14 Set Your Course ----- Colossians 3:1-4 | 29 In the Temple -----Luke 2:36-40 |
| 15 Put On the New You ----- Colossians 3:5-11 | 30 Howdy Partner-----Philemon 1:1-11 |
| | 31 No Longer a Slave----- Philemon 1:12-25 |

Holy Communion:
New Year (1/2), Ash Wednesday (3/2), Maundy Thursday (4/14), Pentecost (6/5), Mid-Summer (7/24), World Wide Communion (10/2), First Sunday of Advent (11/27)

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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