



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Corring (Connie's daughter) - white blood cells and platelets too high; some aggressive cancers have already been ruled out; having a bone marrow extract this week in order to determine a specific cancer; prayers needed
- Cote Family - personal & financial struggles
- Diane Cote - recently suffered a minor stroke; also has kidney disease & health concern
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - has pneumonia and many other health issues; has requested our prayers
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with physical issues and health concerns
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Doreen Jadwick (Erik's Aunt) - suffering with mental illness for the past 3 months, with little or no improvement; prayers needed
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - recently diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer which has spread to her liver and gall bladder; in treatment
- Jim & Pat Miller - request our prayers for health concerns and financial struggles
- Joanne Neithercut - undergoing therapy at The Cedars rehabilitation center in Portland due to a recent stroke and brain surgery
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - suffering with Lyme disease
- Wayne Sampson - surgery on right shoulder on 12/17 was successful; now doing PT; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today

The Greatest Gift of All!

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" – 2 Cor 9:15

Iwonder how we would feel on Christmas Day if we were to receive, from a friend or relative, a leftover gift from a previous year? And let's emphasize the fact that you would *know* it was a "recycled" gift. How would this make you feel? What is it that gives a gift worth, value, or meaning? In Proverbs 3:9 we are told to honor the Lord with the "first-fruits" of our increase. This means we are to give God our best. We honor God by the act of sacrificing and offering to Him the very best we have.

The Apostle Paul teaches that we are to offer ourselves as "living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God" (Romans 12:1). King David, in 2 Samuel 24:24, affirmed that he would not offer to the Lord that which had cost him nothing. I wonder, are we guilty of this? Are we, as "living sacrifices," offering to God that which requires no sacrifice and really doesn't cost us anything?

During this holiday season with its admirable emphasis on giving, let us be reminded that *each day of the year* we are to give God our best—a sacrifice that costs us something—a gift that's worth giving.

After all, God gave His best for us: Jesus Christ our Savior—the greatest gift of all! Merry Christmas. And have a joyous and blessed holiday season!

— Terry Schmidt ✍

Teaching Resources for You!



On the back table are many pamphlets, booklets, tracts and DVD's covering various biblical topics of interest. Please take some time to look these over and feel free to take one or two to study yourself, and then share them with your family, friends and neighbors. These are excellent resources which can be used as teaching tools for anyone showing an interest in God's word and Christ's church.

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning" (Proverbs 9:9). 📖

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus — John 14:6

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card before you depart. Have a great week!



~ Announcements ~

- **Next Potluck Fellowship:** Sunday, January 12, 2020 after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

December Birthdays

28th - Catherine Cuvellier

Points to Ponder

Our lives are like a window, through which others see Jesus. Or, do they?

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me!"
(Galatians 2:20)

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 5,288

This Month: 15,259



SNACKS!

December 22: Terry K
December 29: Betty

Contribution & Attendance

for December 15, 2019

Attendance — 19

Contribution — \$312

Order of Worship

December 22, 2019

*"Seek ye the LORD while He may
be found, call ye upon Him
while He is near"*

- Isaiah 55:6 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—563

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—590

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Ephesians 3:8-11 ~

Song—197

The Lord's Supper:
Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song—144

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Greatest Gift!"

Song—642

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

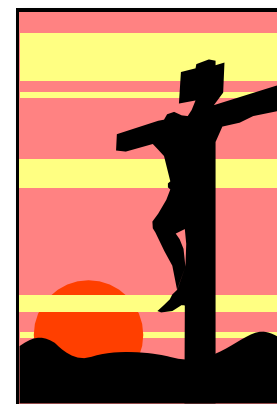
Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*  
- 1 John 4:19 -

## December 22, 2019

### Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

### Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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