



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - procedure to clear a blocked carotid artery was successful; now healing
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Family of Sandy Gagnon - mourning the death of their loved one, Sandy, who passed away on Friday, December 18th
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck
- Connie Henderson - undergoing a continued regimen of chemotherapy which hopefully will eradicate the remaining cancer; currently experiencing a lot of pain; prayers needed
- Mayvella Knight (Connie's foster sister) - lost her husband to cancer recently: is hurting and angry with God; needs our prayers
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Becky McGarey (Terry & Betty's daughter) - being treated for a painful stomach ulcer
- Jim Miller— wound was re-opened & re-packed at wound center; healing is slow
- Joanne Neithercut - struggling with frequent serious bouts of depression
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Norman Roy - prayers are needed for him & his family as his health continues to decline
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis & arthritis pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer; prayers needed
- Erik Wuelper - (friend of George Cuvellier) -

## Misfits



Every year at Christmastime I enjoy watching the 1964 clay-mation movie Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Most of you probably know the story. Because of his bright red nose, Rudolph is not accepted by the other reindeer and is excluded from their activities. And an elf named Hermey isn't good at making toys and really wants to be a dentist. Together, they leave Christmas Town looking for somewhere to fit in. Along the way they meet a prospector named Yukon Cornelius who never seems to make a strike.

These three make their way to the island of misfit toys where, as misfits themselves, they seem to fit in. When granted an audience with the king, they request permission to stay on the island. Because they are not toys, the king denies their request. To which Yukon Cornelius replies: "How do you like that, even among misfits, we're misfits!"

As Christians, whose beliefs and lifestyle run directly counter to the world and its ways, we can relate to this. And we really don't need to flaunt our Christianity to bring about ridicule and ill feelings from those of the world. Because the godly man, by virtue of his righteous conduct and behavior, is a walking rebuke to those who are unrighteous (Proverbs 29:27).

While not always pleasant, being a misfit in this world is not a bad way to be. Because, although we are in the world, we are not to be of the world. Love of the world and its ways threatens our salvation (2 Timothy 4:10), and literally makes us enemies of God (James 4:4). As God's children, we are not to love the world (the world's ways - 1 John 2:15-16), but are to keep ourselves from being corrupted and polluted by it (James 1:27).

Walking in the light and living daily for Christ is sure to bring ridicule, exclusion and even persecution. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12). And if that's the case, so be it. Our Savior, Lord and Master whom we serve said: "Blessed —→

are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile (insult, slander, ridicule) and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!" (Matthew 5:10-12).— **Terry Schmidt** ✍



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

- Acts 16:30 -

**Hear the Gospel** - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17

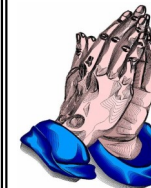
**Believe** [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31  
Heb 11:6

**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



## Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the church and the family of Sandy Gagnon as they mourn the death of their loved one, who passed away on December 18th. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength & comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. ✝



December 28th - Catherine Cuvellier



And the angel said unto her, "Fear not Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

-- Luke 1:30-33

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,153  
This Month: 21,705



## SNACKS!

Dec 20: Jan  
Dec 27: Betty

*Attendance & Contribution  
for December 20, 2020*

Attendance — 20  
Contribution — Not Available

## Order of Worship

December 20, 2020

*"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God,  
and Him only shalt thou serve."*

- Matthew 4:10 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—477

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song—397

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*  
~ John 11:30-36 ~

Song—56

The Lord's Supper:  
*George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry*

Song—62

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
~ Jesus Wept ~

Song—392

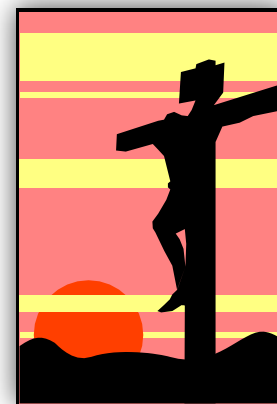
Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jason Kennedy*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

## December 20, 2020

### 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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