

THE CORNERSTONE

Community Covenant Church

December 2009



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

### *"Is Jesus the Center of Your Christmas Season?"*

The season of Advent is upon us. Sunday, November 29 is/was the First Sunday of Advent (depending on when you are reading this) and Christmas is not far away. So I have just one question for you: "Is Jesus the center of your Christmas season?" I am not trying to be flippant when I ask that question. At times it is not easy to keep Jesus at the center. Between the cultural pressures and busy schedules, it is not always easy. We can talk about why it is so hard but I would rather talk about how to keep Jesus at the center.

It is very simple. You have to take some time and effort. Anything of real value takes some time and effort. Deep and meaningful relationships take time and effort. Becoming a good athlete takes time and effort. Academic excellence (mathematics, science, reading) takes time and effort. Artistic skills (music, art, poetry) take time and effort. Developing good moral character (learning from failures and seeking God) takes time and effort. Finally, keeping life in healthy spiritual order takes time and effort.

To be alive in Christ takes some time and effort. I am not speaking about the free gift of salvation that comes through God's grace. That is a gift. It is the actual gift of Christmas. One just has to accept God's free gift to receive salvation and eternal life. But what I am talking about is keeping your spiritual life alive and fresh after you have received God's gift of salvation. That takes time and effort. And the season of Christmas might be the hardest time to do just that. There are too many distractions and we are so very busy.

My invitation and encouragement to you is this: take some time and effort to be consistently present with God's people. All of the worship celebrations described below are meant to help you keep Jesus in the center of your Christmas season and to help you stay alive in Christ. It will take some time and effort. It will probably mean that you will have to say no to something else. But it is worth the time and effort. It will keep Jesus where he needs to be in your life...the center. So here are some times to do just this:



#### *"Community Advent Worship"*

*Thursday, December 3, 2009 6:00 – 6:25 p.m.*

at St. John Roman Catholic Church, East Bridgewater

*Sponsored by the East Bridgewater Clergy Association*

Come and join your brothers and sisters in Christ from the area as we celebrate the truth that the Light has come. His name is Emmanuel - *God with us*. At the end of worship, we will process to the East Bridgewater common for the traditional *Lighting of the Common*. As we process with our candles, we will give witness to the truth that the True Light has come and His name is Jesus.



#### *"Live Nativity with Narration and Song"*

*Third Sunday in Advent - December 13, 2009 11:00 a.m.*

During our worship celebration, the children will present a live Nativity scene, telling the story of the Christ-child through the words of The First Noel. Come and hear the message of Christmas as we see it through the eyes of child-like faith. Our prayer is that all of God's children (ages 1 – 100) will clearly know that Christmas is about the birth of the Christ-child; that Jesus is the center of Christmas. After worship, we will share cupcakes and cookies to celebrate Christ's birth.



#### *"The First Noel – a Christmas Worship Celebration"*

*Fourth Sunday in Advent - December 20, 2009 10:30 a.m.*

We will gather at tables in the Multi-purpose Room for coffee breads and beverages ("continental breakfast"). There will be no Sunday School. At 11:00 a.m., the choir will lead us in celebrating the Christ-child through familiar and new Christmas songs. If you are looking for a casual setting to invite your friend(s) to hear the Christmas story, this is the opportunity.

#### *"Service of Christmas Carols and Candles"*

*Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24, 2008 5:00 p.m.*



Come enjoy this beautiful worship service. We will sing several of the classic Christmas carols. The message is entitled *"Keeping Jesus as the Center of Christmas."* This worship is for all ages (children – adults). The worship will conclude with the candlelit processional of the Nativity scene by our Senior High School students as we claim the truth of this "O Holy Night."

P.S. Invite your friend(s) and invite them to make Jesus the center of their Christmas season.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Order on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> or Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

Poinsettias will soon grace our sanctuary as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. If you would like to make a donation, there will be envelopes available on the table in the Narthex on November 29<sup>th</sup>, and December 6<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made out to Community Covenant Church and designated for "Christmas Poinsettias." Thank you for helping to create a celebrative and worshipful sanctuary for the Christmas season.

## Covenant KIDS CLUB December 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Kids in grades 1-6 are invited on these two Friday nights in December to come to the Covenant KIDS CLUB from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We'll have song singing, game playing, snack eating and lesson learning. If you loved VBS, you'll love the Covenant KIDS CLUB. So, come along and bring a friend!!!!

Parents, if you have questions, please call Jolie LaValle at 508-577-9291 or email her at: [joliemorin@yahoo.com](mailto:joliemorin@yahoo.com)

## MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

### Men's Breakfast Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am

All men are welcome to attend this monthly breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. To RSVP, please call Tom Chiocca by Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## ENCOURAGING WORDS MINISTRY

### Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am

Would you like to make a small difference in someone's life within our church community? Are you able to offer encouragement and support to someone undergoing difficulty? How about giving someone a pat on the back for a job well done? Is that something you think you might be able to do for one hour per month?

The Stewardship Ministry Team is offering this opportunity on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:00 am in the Church Library. Our Encouraging Words Ministry sends cards to the above mentioned people and more. For questions, please talk to John or Beth Miltner. Hope to see you there.

## LADIES FELLOWSHIP

### Saturday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am

Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month. We meet from 9:00 to 10:30 am for refreshments, devotions, discussion, and prayer for one another. All women are welcome from any church or background. Those who regularly attend soon come to feel a bond with each other as well as the blessings of support and encouragement.

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

### Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>



Volunteers are needed to bake breads and mini-muffins for our continental breakfast which starts at 10:30 am on Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please bring items to the church on either Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 - 4:00 pm, or Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 9:15 am. Volunteers are also needed to help set up for the breakfast at 9:30 am.

Please see the sign up sheets for food and volunteers on the wall next to the Library door. Thank you.

*Erika LaFlamme*

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the January 2010 issue of the CORNERSTONE is **December 21<sup>st</sup>** at 2:00 pm. Items can be dropped at the church office, or submitted electronically by e-mailing to: [office@communitycovenant.com](mailto:office@communitycovenant.com)

If sending by e-mail, please save as word or text document with no formatting. *Thank you....*

## OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas, and on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER 2009



John Anderson	1	Nancy McCarthy	14
Axel Sandford	4	Nathan Gillis	18
Christopher Reilley	6	Beth Sawyer	19
Paul Halleran	8	Carole Wakeling	19
Laura Dube	10	Dottie Hallam	21
Bob Bergstrom	11	Charlie Dillingham	24
Sandy Peebles	11	Karl Smith	24
Phyllis Swirka	13	Stephen Gillis	28
Carol Hill	14		

## Community Covenant Church joins Stephen Ministries!

*“As more people experience greater stress and turmoil in life, congregations have a unique opportunity to reach out with Christ’s care. Stephen Ministry empowers congregations to meet people’s emotional and spiritual needs in an extremely effective way - through well trained lay caregivers called Stephen Ministers.”*

At the Congregational Meeting, on November 8<sup>th</sup> a **unanimous vote was taken to join Stephen Ministries**. In January 2010, we hope to send three people from our congregation (1 being Pastor Olson), to the 6 day Stephen Ministry Leadership Training. When the **Ministry Leaders** return home, they will be qualified to train **Stephen Ministers**, using a 50 hour course that will be accomplished over approximately 6 months.

**Stephen Ministers** are laypeople who go through specialized Christian caregiving training to learn how to provide one-on-one care and support to people who are experiencing grief, divorce, major illness, job loss, loneliness, a spiritual crisis, or countless other life difficulties.

Stephen Ministries is a non-profit Christian training organization based in St. Louis. Since 1975, Stephen Ministries has provided Christ-centered training and resources to more than 10,000 congregations from more than 150 denominations.

Stephen Ministries multiplies the care pastors can provide by organizing and equipping gifted lay people to share in the jobs and responsibilities of providing Christ’s care. One way to put it is that the Stephen Ministers are the **“After People”**:

**...after the phone call you hoped you’d never get**

**...after the lay off notice is served**

**...after the funeral**

**...after the last child leaves for college.**

If you would like to read more about this ministry you can go to: [www.Stephenministries.org](http://www.Stephenministries.org). Please pray for our church community as we grow spiritually and follow Jesus into service.

*Donna Halleran*

## THANKS FROM MISSIONS

To the volunteers who served at our third outreach to the **Table at Saint Paul’s** in November: Peter and Joyce Vacchi, Arvid Ohlen, Sandy Brown (there is much she can do with one hand), John and Beth Miltner (expert serving team), Dave Powers, Candi Keith, Janet Fredlund, Kyle Snow, Kevin, Jared and Jordan Fitzgerald, and Esther Garland.

Thanks also to all who made the great meatloaf (super recipe, Janet Cheney) and apple crisps, and who brought potatoes and vegetables. The meal was well received by about 109 guests.

To all who participated in **SoupFest 2009**, that is over 150 of you! Our reason to be has always been Covenant World Relief and you gave generously for that very worthy cause, \$570 from the Soupfest and more from soup banks. Will let you know final tally.

Thanks to all who cooked/baked soups, pies and breads. Everything was delicious.

And to those who helped set up, put down, cut pies, make coffee (sorry about the cold coffee), cut bread, stirred soups, did dishes (Denese), etc., you are very much appreciated.

## MISSIONS

*Look on the Missions bulletin board for full text of letters, photos and contact information.*

### PRAYER LETTER FROM JAY & ELLEN HAWORTH, COVENANT MISSIONS, JAPAN

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Several notable events during 2009 have encouraged us and pointed toward a slowly growing and maturing congregation. Kuki Grace Church sponsored the Alpha Course on the 4th Sunday of each month. Coupled with dinner and fellowship, this event became a central part of our new discipling/outreach strategy. Our people have enjoyed wonderful fellowship, sound teaching and training in sharing their faith. The next stage is to offer the program in one of our homes to non-Christians in our community.

Last year Ellen worked with several women, but that group is continuing to grow. Her Tuesday afternoon English class has become the platform for sharing faith on a very personal level. One of the women, Asako Miyamoto, was recently accepted into Aoyama University. Asako is the wife of a doctor in our community and wants to perfect her English so that she can translate her husband's books of poetry. Last week, Asako called Ellen and said that she had just received an assignment to read and comment on Matthew 5: 1-12. Ellen's class was going to a concert on Tuesday afternoon and Asako was hoping that Ellen could help her understand the meaning of this beautiful Scripture. She loves attending chapel and seems so eager to learn. Ellen is praying for the ladies of this class that the Lord will open their eyes to the treasure available to them in the Lord.

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### FROM BARB SWANSON, MISSIONARY TO BELGIUM AND THE MOSAIC PROJECT

My August newsletter shared a story about Multi Tone 7, which is the name of the hair dying product that introduced me to a new hair dresser and her husband, who said that ever since he was a little boy in Iran, he has known that he should follow Jesus. Yet this is not his faith tradition. I had given him details about our church, worship time, how to get there via public transportation, and I'll admit that I was disappointed when I never heard from them. (For the record, I didn't have contact info for them, since my hairdresser is a friend of a friend).

Fast forward two months, I need a hair update, so once again my friend takes me to see her friend. The husband is there again, tells me that his cousin, who now follows Jesus, will come with him to church on Sunday... And I surely could have cried with joy when the two men came to church... Recently Steve had the chance to hear his story of how he met Jesus. Again, as with so many stories that we hear about Muslims coming to Jesus, he had a dream. He sees a very bright light and a voice comes to him saying "come to me". H. asked the voice "who are you?" and the voice answers "I am Jesus"...

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Dear Karin and Community Covenant Church:

Thank you so much for all of the support from your church during my time in Cameroon. I can not begin to tell you how Blessed I am by all of the people who made it possible for me to serve the Covenant church and the long term missionaries in Cameroon. It was a life changing experience...

... First, I would say that the opportunity to play a part in the lives of so many missionary kids - to learn a little bit about what it means to be an MK and how that impacts them as they live in the mission field much of their lives - that was a privilege and I am so hopeful that I will be able to stay involved in their lives for many years to come. Second, I would say the opportunity to experience first hand how our career missionaries live on the field and to truly understand the sacrifices that they and their families make on our behalf as they give their lives to advance the Gospel ....

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*Janelle Johnson*

REFLECTIONS  
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C A M E R O O N

**COVENANT  
WORLD  
RELIEF**

Thanks for  
your  
generous  
giving!

Total received  
to date =

**\$3,681.80**

## FROM THE FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

### Finance Ministry Team Update

For those who were able to attend the congregational meeting on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>, you have already seen these figures. They are current through the end of October.

Income budgeted through 10/31/09	\$217,885
Actual income through 10/31/09	<u>\$205,611</u>
Amount below budget (income)	\$ 12,274
Expenses budgeted through 10/31/09	\$223,656
Actual expenses through 10/31/09	<u>\$208,823</u>
Amount below budget (expenses)	\$ 14,833

As has often been reported in recent memory, we have received less income than budgeted but have also spent less than budgeted. However, this is the first time this year that I have needed to report that we have spent more than we have taken in (by about \$3,200).

Please remember to keep church finances in your prayers.  
*Dave Sawyer*

### Sabbatical Fund created

Per request at the annual Congregational Meeting held on November 8th, a fund will be created for church sabbatical expenses. These expenses might include pulpit supply, interim pastoral expenses such as supplies and mileage reimbursement, and other expenses the church might incur while Pastor Olson is on sabbatical next summer. Should you wish to give to this fund, please designate "Sabbatical Fund" on your contribution.

Please note that this fund will not include any sabbatical offerings designated toward Pastor Olson's personal expenses. He and Gabrielle have indicated that they will not accept any personal sabbatical gifts, as they feel the time off during sabbatical is a huge gift from the church.

### An update about the on-line giving program through Vanco Services

We currently have four Community Covenant folks taking advantage of systematic giving. A few recent comments heard, and I quote, were: "It was so easy to sign up," and "I like knowing that even when I'm away the church receives my offering," and "I like not having to think when the offering is being taken, did I write that check before I left the house this morning?"

Yes, the idea of giving electronically is new to most of us and might, to some, seem a bit impersonal, and those facts won't change. Another way of looking at it is that no matter what, illness, vacation, weather or just a lapse of memory, your offering is being received.

So, just a gentle reminder that the program is up and working well for those participating and if you have any questions in regards to on-line giving, please don't hesitate to speak to either Dave Sawyer or Lee Stewart.

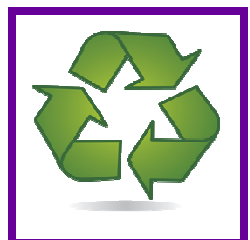
### CHURCH LIBRARY UPDATE



I have started reorganizing the church library. I am sorting the books and setting them up in the library in categories. My goal is to have the library up and running by January 2010. At this point I do NOT want donations; there are already enough books. Once those are catalogued I can better assess if we have room/need for more.  
*Carolyn Sheppard*

### RECYCLE OLD CELLPHONES

Please deposit used cell phones and chargers in the green and white collection box in the narthex to benefit the Good Deed Foundation. This group provides lasting solutions for women and families in poverty, and for climate change. Community Covenant Church women who attend next year's "Triennial Conference" will report back on the total number collected.



## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TAPESTRY

*[Beth Stewart's sister, Deb Warrender, wrote this "statement of faith" during her recovery following her car accident this summer. Since many people have been praying for her and might like to "hear from her firsthand," she gave permission for it to be printed in the newsletter. She and Beth also share the good news that Deb has progressed enough so that she was able to make the move to Virginia, which she had planned before the accident, on November 21<sup>st</sup>.]*



We are a tapestry woven by the Master. From our point of view, we only see the unfinished underside. He sees the picture unfolding and knows what he is creating. From our point of view, it can look like quite a mess. With our perspective, the events of our lives often do not look like the plans of a loving Master, but instead, they seem out of control, chaotic and driven of evil intent.

Like that day a few months ago when a white SUV raced across the median divider and hit the car I was driving head on - a loud crash and then blackness. Just so quickly the ordered events and plans of my life changed. To the passers by, rescue workers and family members, the picture was horribly twisted metal, blood and multiple trauma injuries.

In a situation that could have spiraled out of control so easily, there was a hand carefully directing each event *designed for my good!* To view the wreckage of my car, one could not believe that someone lived through that mess. Indeed several people we know passed by and made exactly that statement. But I did live. I don't remember much of anything until they pulled me out of the wreck. One thing I do remember, looking back, is that I felt no fear....instead I felt myself relax in a warm glow. I know there was an angel sitting in that car with me. I had no head injuries, no facial trauma beyond a bloody nose and no internal injuries. My glasses were found intact in the back seat!

One thing I don't remember is pain, not then and not at any time during this whole ordeal. Granted there are minor muscle cramps, stiffness and some tingling in my hand. My ankle will probably ache at first when I use it but no real pain at all. Medicine is partly responsible but there still should have been some. I have always been sensitive to medicines of all kinds. I can tolerate very little. It is called Multiple Chemical Sensitivity. But I tolerate the one medicine I need to take very well. God is taking good care of me.

When the ER doctor saw my injured foot, he thought that I would lose it. The surgeon said a guarded, "We will try to save the foot." But God gave me some of the best surgeons in this area. Not only did he save it, but apart from the scars, it looks about the same as the other one. I have no doubt I will be able to use it very nearly normally. My wrist and hand are also almost normal. For all the plates and pins and screws in me, that should not be the case - though maybe I should stay out of lightning storms!

When I was in the hospital awaiting my third surgery I began to do the inevitable mental gymnastics. What if..... I pulled myself up short and asked God to reassure me that he was in charge of all of this. The room I was in had a large picture window and I could see a large expanse of the sky. On this day, the sky was clear blue with almost no sign of a cloud. When I turned my head to look outside, which I did for long stretches of time, I saw from one side of the window to the other - a rainbow. I looked away and looked back several times. It remained there for about 5 minutes. Since I am well aware that one does not see rainbows in a clear sky, I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Holy Spirit was telling me it was going to be okay and He was there with me. A few days later, my daughter was telling a group of friends about my rainbow and one of them said, "I was driving through Worcester that day and I saw that rainbow in the clear blue sky!"



I spent a month in a rehabilitation facility. That should have been hard and lonely, but again, it was not. My roommates were all Christians and many people came from my church to visit me. That is not usually the case as I am not a popular person, but God put it on their hearts to do so. This was a time of restoring my faith in God's presence and in me.

My rehabilitation is progressing rapidly. Therapists have commented often about how hard I am working to achieve this. But that is not really the story. I have not worked hard at all. It has all been relatively easy. God has been healing me at a pace that one would not expect with the small amount of hard work I have put in. I don't think the therapists see his hand in this but I sure do.

I have been planning to move to Virginia to live with my daughter as I approach retirement. I wrestled with questions about what to do with my car, take it, sell it, ship it, drive it down.... I changed my mind almost weekly. Well, that is now a problem solved with no room for questions or 'second guessing' myself. The amount I received for that car will pay the interim COBRA insurance I must have because of pre-existing conditions. I didn't know how I was going to do that but now I have that answer as well.

I know that this 'tapestry' is not finished yet and I will not always see the hand weaving it or the picture he is creating, but I have seen his hand in this. That is why I can say that this has not only been a valley but also a blessing in disguise.

***"Though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil for thou are with me." Psalm 23***

## Highlights from the Congregational Meeting - November 8, 2009

The meeting opened with prayer by **Chairperson Frank MacLean**.

**Minutes were reviewed from the Annual Meeting** held April 16, 2009 and the **Special Meeting** held June 14, 2009. At the Special Meeting a motion was made to hire a **Child Care Coordinator** for the Toddler Room during Worship for 2 hours each week. Job postings went to 34 churches in the area, Bridgewater State College, Eastern Nazarene College, state employment website, and the Enterprise, as well as numerous other postings. Please continue to pray for this ministry as we still have not hired anyone for this position.

The other item from the Special Meeting was for the **Church Parking Lot Sealing and Striping**. This job was completed by Guidelines of Rockland, and our Properties Ministry Team members. The parking lot and signs look great! The estimated cost was \$6000; \$2700 was donated, \$1833 came from the Maintenance Fund, and the congregation approved to take up to \$1567 from the Estates and Bequest Fund. Only \$153.94 was needed from the Estates and Bequests Fund.

**Financial Officer, David Sawyer**, reviewed the year-to-date budget. The good news is we have spent less than has been budgeted to date for 2009. The reality is we took in less than expected and have used approximately \$3200 from undesignated funds. The **2010 Budget** was voted on and approved. The total budget for 2010 is \$267,651.00, an increase of 2.37% over the 2009 budget. The Leadership Team and individual Ministry Teams scrutinized each line item for a more accurate account of expenses.

We are sad to report we did not receive the Pastoral 2010 Sabbatical Grant from the Lilly Foundation. A motion was made and approved to establish a **Sabbatical Fund** to be used for church expenses during Pastor Olson's Sabbatical. The Sabbatical dates will be determined at a later date.

The **2010 Ballot** was approved. The new constitution calls for a leadership team made up of 7 people. Each position is a 2 year term; however, in order to rotate the positions some members will serve 1 year.

### Leadership Team

Chairperson	Frank MacLean	term 2 year
Vice Chair	Donna Halleran	term 2 year-will serve 1 year
Financial Officer	David Sawyer	term 2 year
Clerk	Carol Phelan	term 2 year-will serve 1 year
At Large	Phyllis Swirka	term 2 year
At Large	Susan Bolinder	term 2 year-will serve 1 year
Pastor	Pastor Olson	voting member

### Nominating Committee (previously Human Resources)

Pastor Olson	voting member
1 LT member appointed by Leadership Team	term 1 year
Candi Keith At Large	term 2 year
Tom Bolinder At Large	term 2 year
Dottie Hallam At Large	term 1 year

### Ministry Support Team

Pastor Olson	voting member
Vice Chair from LT	term 1 year
LT Member appointed by Leadership Team	term 1 year
Beth Stewart At Large	term 1 year
John Miltner At Large	term 2 year

The profit from the **Church Fair** was \$3,834 and will be used for Kitchen updates. Thanks to Phyllis Swirka for coordinating this successful event.

**Stephen Ministry** was presented and approved. Please read article in this issue of the Cornerstone.

# Prayer Calendar December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Pastor Olson Sunday School & Staff Nursery/Toddler Care Hi-League *1* Sunday	7 Missions and Outreach EB Food Pantries AA Meeting	8 Science with a Mission: Alynn MacLean Pilgrim Pines Al-Anon Meeting	9 People who are: • Homeless • Unemployed • In Need	10 Marion Schill Alice Lovell Marilyn Anderson	11 World Peace World Leaders Our US Military: James Adams	12 Abuse Victims Advocate National Director: Yvonne De Vaughn Robert Johnson
13 Pastor Olson Sunday School & Staff Children's Church "Bringing My World to Christ"	14 Committees: Human Resources Ministry Support Team AA Meeting	15 Leadership Team Church Co-Chairs: Donna Halleran Frank MacLean Al-Anon Meeting	16 Ministry Teams: Christian Education Finance Properties Fellowship	17 Ministry Teams: Congregational Care Evangelism Worship/Music Stewardship	18 Covenant KIDS CLUB Jolie LaValle Confirmation Class Violet Brides	19 Ladies Fellowship Health Advocate: Marie Sverson
20 Pastor Olson Christmas Music Festival "The Firm Nod" Search Process to Hire Child Care Coordinator	21 Pastor Was & Jean Mate, Koyuk, AK AA Meeting	22 Bernice Bond Pastor Swenson N.E. Seafarers Mission Al-Anon Meeting	23 Administrative Assistant: Donna Costa Prayer Chain Leader: Candi Keith	24 Christmas Eve Worship That many will hear the Good News	25 CHRISTMAS That Christ may be the center of our celebrations	26 Those ministered to in Honduras: Norma and Rosibel Government Leaders in Honduras
27 Pastor Olson on Vacation Mickey Sanchez Preaching God's Word for God's Children Shepherd's Rock	28 Cromwell Children's Home Welcome Baby Project AA Meeting	29 Hawthorn, Japan Cathy Campobello, Columbia Prudeis, Czech Republic Al-Anon Meeting	30 Dr. Jen Hall, Ivory Coast Bruckners, Alaska Roberts Peabody, Japan	31 Barbara Swanson, Missionary to Belgium & The Mosaic Project Sera Page, retired Jody LeVahn, retired		

Please take some time each day to pray for these people, ministries and needs.

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