In Stitches Group

If you do any kind of handwork (stitching, knitting, crochet or whatever) you are invited to come each Wednesday at 10:00 am. We meet in the Church Parlor to enjoy good fellowship and have a wonderful time.





Prayer Meeting

Each Wednesday, we meet at 5:30 pm in the church parlor for prayer. If you have a private prayer request, please put it in writing and put it in one of the offering envelopes found on the back of the pews.

These will not be opened and no one will read these but we will pray over them and then they will be burned.

God's blessing on these groups



Grab Your Hats

This group stays busy visiting our shut-ins or members in the hospital so grab your funny hat and join

Them. They meet the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm at the church and spread joy wherever they go!



group meets at 11:00 on
Tuesdays to study God's word
then, we go to lunch afterward.
We also change the paraments
on the altar at the appropriate
seasons. This is a wonderful
group of women and everyone is
invited to come join us.



DECEMBER, 2019 NEWSLETTER



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Our Church is led by *Rev. Christopher Yanker*

Our Mission

We invite and welcome all into the community of faith and, empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve Jesus, to go out and share God's Love.

We observe open communion to all those who believe in the real presence of Jesus' body and blood, in the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins.



Grace to you and peace from our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

December, 2019

Greetings in the name of the Father, and the son, and the Holy Spirit! For a couple of months now, I have not been able to contribute to this all important monthly Newsletter. It has largely been due to the sickness of my wife Catherine. To that, I ask that you accept my humble apology.

The year 2019, has been a very challenging year. I lost my brother in January and four months after I lost my Sister. In August, my wife's foot was amputated. The Topic of my article I wanted to write before my wife got sick was "Where is God when it pains?". Within this period of reflection, I came to the conclusion that, "I know that my redeemer lives."

I want to thank God for who He is, and what He means to us! Catherine has come a long way from being in critical condition in the hospital and still has a long way to go. I want to thank you all for your care and concern you have shown to us in different ways, through cards and calls, which have served as a source of motivation to her and to me. Catherine is improving every day, one day in October she told me in all sincerity that "God answers prayers". As a sign of improvement Catherine wrote the following on her face book and the Caring Bridge site.

"Dear friends, it has been a long time since I've posted. This is Catherine. I am still in the acute care hospitals. They are taking very good care of me. I'm improving every day. I've come a long way. Today, for the very first time, I am sitting in a chair. I move from the bed to the chair by using a board called a sliding board. But there is no sliding, it is inching. But I did it after a week of learning. I got to sit here two hours. We are looking for a skilled nursing facility until I am ready for full rehab. I am going to need a lot of accommodation but I am working on my new normal to be strong. Thank you for all the caring cards. They helped more than I can express. Especially thank you for your prayers. I was close to death but now I am very much alive. I am ready for my long journey. This one leg thing takes getting used to. I have a phantom leg where I once had the real leg. This is so weird. Thank you friends".

Yours in his service

Rev. Christopher Yanker

EXCERPTS FROM THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

- I The meeting was called to order by Gary Pearce
- II Sandy Johnson gave the devotional.
- III. The minutes from the October meeting were accepted a written.tion. Motion carried,
- IV Darlene Craddock presented the October financial report. The Treasurer's Report was approved and will be filed for audit.
- V. Pastor reported that Catherine is doing well. He thanked everyone for their prayers. He is taking communion to those who are unable to attend services. He will begin a new study for Sunday School.
- VI. Ministries reports were given
- VII. Old Business There was discussion on the Young Life proposal. approval to move forward with the Young Life proposal. Darlene Craddock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

We continue to ask everyone to pray for our members, family members and friends who are in need of God's helping and/or healing hand.

Community Outreach

We are still saving Pennies for Prescriptions to help Interfaith Outreach with their prescription medication program. The bottle is outside Pastor's office.

There is also a box under the table outside Pastor's office for your old glasses.

The Food Basket is in the hallway of the Fellowship Hall and all donations are welcome. If we have special requests they will be in the weekly bulletin.

We will be sure to let you know when we will have our next Campus Ministries \$1.00 Lunch at MSU.

If you have anything for the Newsletter or the new Webpage, please contact either Chris Bybee, Community Outreach or Patty Lawrence.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!
WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR A JOYOUS NEW YEAR!

December, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ADVENT Sunday School 9:00 am Worship	2	3 Bible Study 11:00 am	In Stitches 10:00 am Prayers 5:30 pm	5 Grab Your Hat 1:00	6	7
10:15 am			_			
8 ADVENT Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	9 WF Sewing Guild 1:30	10	In Stitches 10:00 am Prayers 5:30 pm	WF Sewing Guild 1:30	13	14
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22 ADVENT Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	WF Sewing Guild 1:30	24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 First Sunday in Christmas Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	30	31				



December	1	8	15	22	24	25	29
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	Jeff Hams	Elaine Dubray	Amber Craddock	Jim Lawrence	Elair Dubr		Chris Bybee
Sunday Surprise	Cindy Pearce	Jan Ramsey Gail Deason	Jim & Patty Lawrence	Frank Schneider			Potluck Christmas Luncheon
Lay Reader	Jeff Hams	Elaine Dubray	Amber Craddock	Jim Lawrence	Elair Dubr	-	Chris Bybee
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We will have our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight this year on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm. We will celebrate this glorious season and welcome our Lord and Savior's birth.

Lectionary Lessons for month, 2019

December 1, 2019 – First Sunday in Advent	
Isaiah 2:1-5	
Psalm 122	
Romans 13:11-14	
Matthew 24:36-44	Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden,
	turbulent event that will bring about deep
	change to our normal day to day lives.
	Therefore, he urges [people to stay awake, be
	aware and wait expectantly because the Son of
	Man will come unannounced
December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday in Advent	
Isaiah 11:1-10	
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	
Romans 15:4-13	
Matthew 3:1-12	Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend
	their ways and speaking of a powerful one who
	is to come
December 15, 2019 – Third Sunday in Advent	
Isaiah 35:1-10	
Psalm 146:5-10	
James 5:7-10	
Matthew 11:2-11	John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring
	God's judgment upon the earth (Matt.3:11-12).
	From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is
	the one who will do this. Jesus' response
	indicates that God's reign is indeed being
	fulfilled already through healing and restoration.
December 22, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Advent	
Isaiah 7:10-16	
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	

Titus 2:11-14	
Luke 2:1-20	The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others
December 29, 2019 – First Sunday of Christmas	
Isaiah 63:7-9	
Psalm 148	
Hebrews 2:10-18	
Matthew 2:13-23	In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the Jealousy of Herod

Happy Birthdays in December

12-01 - Thomas Sabin

12-02 - Janette Sorenson

12-07 - Glenda Splinter

12-09 - Patty Lawrence

12-18 - Vernille Tiemann

12-21 - Gail Deason

12-23 - Christopher Yanker

12-24 - Gary Pearce

12 - 28 - Brian Whitelaw

12-29 - Jennifer Hams

Our Sunday Services are broadcast live on our Face Book page. Check it out.