

# TOGETHER IN FAITH



Saved by Christ, Connected by Love, Called to Care



*"The theme for the third Sunday of Advent is "Joy." Today we look briefly at God's call to the prophets of old to make his name and plans known, with the hope of turning hearts back to God. We are also called to do the same with great love."*

## This Week at SCC

**December 13th:** AA Meeting, 8:00 PM

**December 14th:**

- Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM
- Children's Program Practice, 10:00 AM-Noon
- Women of Worship Lunch at The Social House, Noon

**December 15th:** Children's Program during the service

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th VOLUNTEERS

**Lay Leader:** Bob Hemmingsen

**Reader:** Julie Gage

**Praise Team:** Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger

**Singers:** Melody Dotson, Terri Powers, Jim Lóser, Chris Roberts, Virgil Biggs

**Tech Team:** Todd & Carly Rosenberger, Dave Washburn

**Greeters:** Dale Hice, Jr. & June Seiler

**Ushers:** Ed Culver & Robert Williams

**Advent Candle Lighting:** The Bush Family

**Nursery:** None (Children's Program)

**Children's Program:** Connie Biggs, Natalie & Jacob Bush, Ed Culver, Charlotte & Reed Darby, Breia & Brent DeVries, Carter & Dawson Downs, Georgie & Cece Dotson, Abbie & Dale Hice, Jim Lóser, Matthias & Hezekiah Powers,

Rhyley Reffitt, Joshua & Micah Tews, Jacob Walter

**Refreshments:** JoAnn Reagan & Nancy Benjamin

### Sunday Service

*"Through Israel's History: The Prophets"*

Pastor Ethan Tews  
15 December 2024  
10:00am

### Readings:

- Habakkuk 3:2, 16-191
- Isaiah 25:1, 6-8
- Jeremiah 31:31-34

### Music Selections:

- Many Traditional Christmas Songs to compliment the Children's Program

### Bible Studies

#### Sundays:

- Men's Bible Study, 8:30 AM

#### Tuesdays:

- Women's Bible Study, 6:00 PM

#### Wednesdays:

- Ladies Bible Study, NOT meeting until Jan 8th!

# Congratulations!

## On the baptism of Bud Provonche & the Addition of New Members!



New Members, L-R: Andy Dennis, Tracie & Bud Wright, Sue and Bud Provonche, and Patsy Veenstra

L-R: Andy Dennis, Patsy Veenstra, Tracie & Bud Wright, Bud and Sue Provonche

# FYI...

Kid's Busy Bags are on the coat rack by the Welcome Center  
Please return them to the gray basket when done!



## December

17th	Margaret Chadwick
21st	Tom Westbrook
24th	Jim Lóser

The Advent Devotionals  
Available at the  
Welcome Center!

Thanks to Mike & Tina Hooper  
For printing them!

Popcorn \$5.00

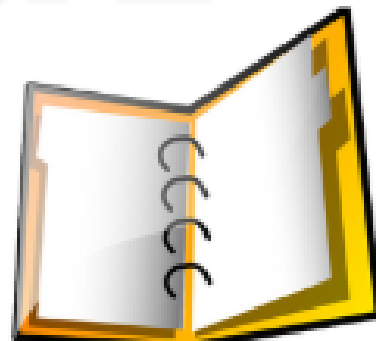
- Cheese
- Caramel
- Toffee with peanuts

All proceeds go to the DR Missions Trip  
See Connie Biggs or Sharon Darby

## Opportunities TO SERVE

Nursery Volunteers  
Needed!

Sign up at the Welcome Center!!



For more information, feel free to contact  
Sarah Downs and/or Lynn Kaufman.

Additional opportunities can be found in  
the 3-ring binder at the Welcome Center!



# Ongoing Prayers



## Cancer:

Dan Bowers  
Paula DeYoung  
Brad Edwards  
Chris, Pastor Tews' mother  
Jim Plotts  
Christopher Poff  
Craig Schiller  
Robert Shepherd  
Lenny Venneman  
Stephanie Voland  
Teresa, co-worker of Bob H.

## Medical Needs:

Kelley Becker	Kevin Hielman	Karen Taylor
Sawyer & Daxton Blain	Stan Hagemeyer	Patsy Veenstra
Catherine Cove	Dana Lepien	Stephanie Voland
Emma Dawson	Christopher Piché	Carol Washburn
David & Nancy Downs	Sharon Ross	Dave Washburn
"Micki" (4-year old with leukemia)	David Seymour	Randalyne Westbrook
Mela Dotson	Jess Spychiger	Colin Williams
Valerie Emelander	Harvey & Estelle Stark	Scott Zeeryp

**UPDATES:** This list reflects current needs that we are aware of. Please contact the office if your name (or the name of your loved one/friend) should be on the list. Also let us know if names can be removed. (We will need permission prior to posting any prayer requests.) THANK YOU!



## Military Friends

Riley Bedard	Tyler Johnson	Brian Swiger
Zach Bevington	Ben Littlejohn	Conor Talcott
Kristin Carl	Andy Lytle	Cody Westbrook
Jasmine Chadwick	Ian Manion	Robert Westover
Kameron Conroe	Trey Matthews	Jim Whittum
Tyler Gorby	Charlie Miller	Jayne Wilson
Landon Hall	Patrick Miller	Bryant Zander
Audra Hawkins	Maverick Musser	
Kyle Hill	Jon Powers	
Levi Jackson	Richie Sands	
Jared Johnson	Mitchell Simmons	

# Current Events



**NEW**

**Women's 10 Week Bible Study:  
Luke (Lydia Brownback)  
Tuesdays at 6 PM starting Nov  
5<sup>th</sup>. (Contact Julie Gage)**

Purchase your copy of the book, "Luke: Great News of Joy" at: <https://a.co/d/73xHCMz>

**Ladies Bible Study  
Not meeting until  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup>!**

**Men's Breakfast  
(rescheduled)  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM**

**Christmas Food Pantry  
December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 PM  
Volunteers needed for  
prepping, Dec 18: Noon-2 PM &  
Pantry day: 1-4 PM**

Christmas Food Pantry will be open on Thursdays, Dec. 12 & 19, 2-4 pm. Volunteers are needed for prepping Weds Dec 11 & Weds, Dec 18, both from 12 noon - 2 pm. Volunteers also needed on Pantry days, from 1-4 pm. Please sign up on the board in the narthex near volunteer counter. Thanks to all for taking time to help this season as well as all year long!



**Advent Candle Lighting**  
December 15<sup>th</sup>—The Candle of Joy  
The Bush Family

**Women of Worship:  
Lunch at  
The Social House  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

**Christmas Movie Event: Hosted by the  
Christian Formation Commission!**

- December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM
- Candy and popcorn provided!



Ice Age Mammoth Christmas



Veggie Tales Merry Larry  
and the True Light of  
Christmas

# Upcoming Events

## Men's 2025 Breakfast Topic

Starting on **JANUARY 4th** and for the next couple of months, we'll be exploring the 7 churches of Revelation with presentations titled "The 7 churches, then and now." We'll see some of the largest archaeological sites in western Turkey and in some cases, the current cities that surround them. This series will also include a few surprise side trips to other Turkish destinations. Don't miss out. Men's breakfast, 8 AM the first Saturday of the month.

### Reminder:

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 PM**



**AED & CPR Training  
Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Sign up at Welcome Center**



## PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!

One way we can stay Connected by Love is thru prayer! As James 5:16 says  
“...confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.  
The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”



### This Week's Prayer Needs

Christine Tews, Carly Rosenberger,  
Sharon Farrel, Diane & Christopher Poff (friends of Perry Cook)  
Glen Gage, Susan Carter's niece  
Peace for the USA, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, & the Middle East

(If prayers have been answered and therefore someone needs to be removed from this list above, please let the office know.)

**Special People of the Week:** Teresa McCarty & Dorothy McMaster

**SCC Leaders of the Week:** Lynn Kaufman, Chair of Christian Formation Commission

**Community Group of the Week:** Knutty Knitters for providing hundreds of hats, mittens and dish cloths for charity

**Government and Military Friends around the world**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCC

**December 21st-Jan 1st:** Jim Lóser will be out of the office

**December 22nd:**

- Advent Candle Lighting: Love
- Bart, Jennifer, & Marlene Denny

**December 24th:** Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 PM

**December 25th:** Merry Christmas!

**January 1st:** Happy New Year!

**January 2nd:** Food Pantry, 2:00-4:00 PM

**January 4th:**

- Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM
  - Topic: "The 7 Churches, Then and Now"

**January 14:**

- Joint Council Meeting, 5:30 PM (ALL members of Council attend) followed by the Council Meeting

If you are NOT receiving weekly announcements and/or prayer chain information and would like to, please complete the form located in the church office or contact Jim Lóser at the email or phone number listed under "Contact Information."

## Contact Information

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