

- Terri Hudak's aunt in California who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery February 2nd.
- The Vivona family as they grieve the loss of Ben.
- Jeanne Johnson, friend of Laurel Partrick, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Steve Bowers, who is now on dialysis and has been added to the transplant list.
- Anne Meehan's nephew, Scott, whose brain tumor was found to be malignant, but treatable.
- Roberta Buddle's niece, Cindy, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Roberta Buddle's niece, Wendy (Cindy's sister), who had a double mastectomy.
- Laurel Partrick's cousin, Cynthia, is facing her third recurrence of cancer.
- Emily Nixon's cousin, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Marlene Davis' son, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Kay Jones' niece, Sherri, whose cancer has returned.
- Jan and Gene Parsons' friend, Brad, whose cancer has returned.
- Sue Sterling's cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
 at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
 at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Fellowship Hall

Mon., Feb. 9 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary

Tues., Feb. 10 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:00 pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Trustees in Fellowship Hall

Wed., Feb. 11 at 2:00 pm Something for Seniors in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall
 at 7:30 pm "The Mix" in Sanctuary

Thurs., Feb. 12 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food
 at 3:30 pm Confirmation in Library
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Ed Center board in Fellowship Hall

Sat., Feb. 14 at 5:00 pm Spaghetti Supper in Fellowship Hall

Sun., Feb. 15 at 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
 at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
 at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School
 at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
 at 2:00 pm Nominations and Lay Leaders in CR
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Conference Room

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

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song

song

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song

contemplative moment

song

old testament lesson

isaiah 40:21-31

page 668 in the old testament in your pew Bible.

gospel lesson

mark 1:29-39

page 35 in the new testament in your pew Bible.

the word of God for the people of God.

thanks be to God.

presentation of the offerings

children's message

message "discovering reverence" rev. paul a. fleck

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special thanks to the open door service participating scouts:

alex slater, life scout

jack walsh, webelos ii

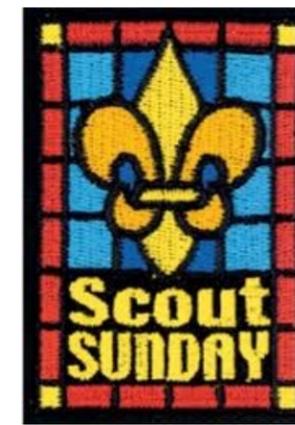
9:30 a.m. Ushers — Gene and Jan Parsons

11:30 a.m. Usher — Caroline Dion

**The Open Door
 Contemporary Worship**

11:30 am

...in a religion born in a barn,
 an open door goes without saying



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 Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader
 Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 9:30 am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
 and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!

*Whatever your gender, age, race, religious background,
 economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness,
 we greet you as a beloved child of God.*

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Prelude

Announcements

Processional "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN
Hymn #139

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

But they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

God calls us together to worship this morning. From our work and play within the world, God gathers us to give thanks for creation's goodness, for the strength to labor, for the wisdom to relax.

From amidst our friends and family, God brings us here to participate in a community of faith, Christ's people, a new family. From everyday conversations, talks, and chatter, God invites us to engage one another in dialogue, to speak in truth from the depths of heart and mind, to pray freely. Let us heed God's call and rejoice in what God enables.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, creator of a new reality just now coming into view, we have come today to see and touch and know your presence here among us. Be with us as we listen for your call.

**Help us hear afresh the good news:
 that power and steadfast love
 arise from you, our rock and our salvation. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Page 668 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Isaiah 40:28-31

Psalm

Page 582 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel readings.

Gospel Lesson

Page 35 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Mark 1:29-39

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All Sit.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The children are invited to come forward and sit at the chancel with the pastor as the congregation sings the first verse of Hymn 191, "Jesus Loves Me."

Children's Sermon

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Please stand for the Doxology

Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

All Sit.

Anthem

"On Eagle's Wings"

WAGNER

The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Anthem.

Prayer

Powerful God, from the very beginning you blessed creation. You have loved and shielded your people through all joys and trials of life. We come to you this day, rejoicing in the many blessings you have given to us. We open our hearts again to hear your word for us and to gather strength and joy for service in your world. Be with us and bless us again, we pray. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn #57

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

Introduction of Scouts

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted. We treat the world with callous indifference, using its resources carelessly and with little regard to the future. We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on people in need, the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst. We always believe that someone else will care for those in need. How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become! You have given to us all that we need. You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who came so that we might learn how you would have us live, in honor and peace. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

Jesus calls us to repent and draw near to him, to share the realm of God and the peace that passes all understanding.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

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During Passing of the Peace we ask, during cold and flu season, that you greet your neighbor verbally.

The congregation joins in repeating Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in your sight, Lord,
my strength and my redeemer.

Sermon

"Discovering Reverence"

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

Scout Litany

Leader: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (Psalm 25:10)

Scouts: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. (Psalm 33:12) My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. (Proverbs 3:1-2)

Scouts: On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law—and the Law is this: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Leader: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all

your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39) Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

Scouts: On my honor I will do my best to help other people at other times.

Leader: Remember also the Golden Text: And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31) Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

Scouts: On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

Leader: Wisdom is the principal thing: Do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Get wisdom; get insight. (Proverbs 4:5) How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word. (Psalm 119:9)

Scouts: On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:7)

Please stand, if you are able, to sing the hymn.

Hymn #126

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

SENDING FORTH

A special thank you to the following scouts for participating in today's service:

Aedan DelMonte, 2nd Class

Shawn Martin, Eagle

Ashton Ivey, 2nd Class

Henry Oliver, Star

Sidney Martin, 1st Class

Kevin Stowell, Star

JOYS AND CONCERNS

our prayers are with:

- Marlene Davis and family as they grieve the passing of Walter.
- Lyle, grandson of Ann and Tom Tibbatts, who is in Nepal with the Peace Corp and has a difficult assignment as well as health issues.
- Barbara Williams, who has pneumonia.
- Bonnie Knapp's sister-in-law, Linda, who is experiencing kidney problems.
- Dean's Perry's sister-in-law's sister, Claire, who passed away at the age of 58.
- Tim Poeti, who is recovering from his surgery.
- Tyler Poeti, who is recovering from surgery.
- Terri Hudak's cousin, Julie Spence in Virginia, who is battling cancer.