

Waukee Christian Church

December 2020

HAT / SCARF / MITTEN TREE

“Tis the Season!”
for hats, mittens, and
scarves for our donation
tree located in the foyer.
A large basket is provided
for overflow items
once the tree is filled.
Items will be donated to the
Waukee School System
and/or
The Waukee Christian
Food Pantry
for distribution to those
who need to stay warm
this winter.
for your convenience, just
drive by and drop off.

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Women of Waukee Christian Church

There will be no annual cup-o-cheer in 2020.
WOW will meet **Sunday, December 13** after the service to
assess plans going forward for **2021**.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

It's that time again... the Reverse Advent Calendar

- Just use the list for each day, take an item from your pantry, and put it into a box or a basket.
- Bring your items to church and put them on the advent tree located in the Fellowship Hall.

Let's help the food pantry refill those shelves for the new year.



Homebound Members

Here is a list of our friends homebound or in care facilities. These friends need your prayers but also would welcome cards or visits (in person or by phone). Their days are so long with many hours to ponder why none of their church family visits (cares). They are a special part of our church family. A few minutes out of your day would mean so much to them!

~ Pastor Julie

- Lois Bannister
Kennybrook Village
200 SW Brookside Drive #20
Grimes, IA 50111
- Orville Bannister
Trinity Center at Luther Park
1555 Hull Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50316
- Bethalene & Alan Finestead
13240 NW 102nd Ave
Granger, IA 50109
Home: 515-999-2367
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- Leonard O'Hair
Legacy Pointe- The Springs
1645 SE Holiday Crest Circle
#213 Waukee, IA 50263
515-421-3033
- Barry Snover
Legacy Pointe — Memory Care
1505 SE Laurel St — Apt. #8
Waukee, IA 50263



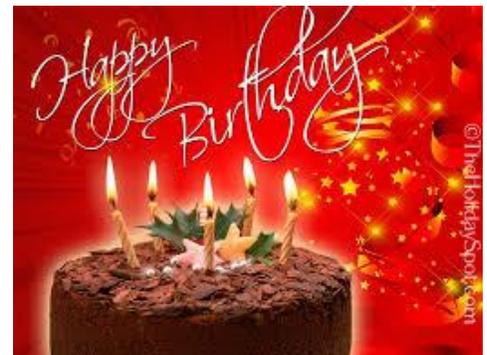
Your giving is important to the future ministry of God's church in this place. Please give generously and with a cheerful heart.

	October	November
Receipts	\$11,741.53	\$ 3,575.00
Expenses	\$6,998.98	\$ 4,556.43
Difference	\$ 4,741.55	\$ (981.43)
Money available for expenses	\$28,661.04	\$ 27,679.61



**IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO LIGHT ADVENT CANDLES.
YES, WE ARE NOT MEETING IN PERSON, SO IT WILL BE DONE
FROM YOUR HOME AS A REPRESENTATION OF THE SEASON. IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE LIGHTING OF THE
ADVENT CANDLES, PLEASE LET PASTOR GRAY KNOW.**

12/2- Lanita Cavanaugh
12/12- Matt Hansen
12/16- Mary Lou Harris
12/23- LaNelle Bentz
12/25- Kayson Taylor



12/6- Jim & Rosalie Pfeifer
12/27- Alan & Bethalene Finestead
12/27- Barry & Christy Snover

eGiving

We still have the eGiving option that is really encourage individuals and families to sign up for and embrace. It is secure, easy to use, and more efficient for both you and the church. We will have four options people can use to donate to the Church: Online, Phone App, Text or Card Reader device. We are currently ready to accept donations via the Online or Phone App options at this time.



GIVE PLUS⁺
MOBILE

You have the option to create an account or donate as a guest. If you create an account, you will be able to setup recurring donations, access donation history and setup various methods of payment.

You can donate via an ACH directly from your bank account or via a credit card.

The link to access our church giving page is [here](#)

(just click on blue word).

Congregational Meeting



Sunday, December 6, 2020 we will be having a virtual congregational meeting right after the service.

On the agenda: 2021 Church Officers

2021 Church Budget approval



In 1957, Elvis Presley recorded a rendition of the song *Blue Christmas*, originally written by Billy Hayes and Jay W. Johnson in 1948. The charming and slow, yet somber tune was a hit, and can be heard every year on Christmas music radio stations around the country.

*I'll have a blue Christmas without
you
I'll be so blue just thinking about
you*

Why did it become so popular? What's the appeal? Isn't the season supposed to be joyful and filled with jubilation?

Why are you raining on Jesus' parade, Elvis???

Although the Christmas season is a time of great celebration for most of us, *Blue Christmas* recognizes that truth that so often goes unnoticed: for many of us, the loss of a loved one overshadows the festive spirit of yuletide. As the weather gets colder, so many of us find ourselves without that loved one to wrap our arms around.

In 1948, when the song was originally written, Americans were still reeling from the losses of World War II. Countless families struggled to conjure merriness without their sons or fathers to share with them. The radio said they had won the war, but that victory might as well have come from a fairy tale. Their reality was only full of loss, and their season was full of loneliness.

This year, as we move closer and closer to 300,000 Americans dead from a pandemic,

there are more empty spots around the tree than ever. There are more quiet spaces that would be occupied by laughter; more vacant place settings around the Christmas table. There are stockings that will remain unstuffed and mistletoe that will prompt no kisses.

*Decorations of red on a green
Christmas tree
Won't be the same dear, if you're not
here with me*

Blue Christmas sings to those mourning hearts, whose longing is so at odds with the twinkling lights and loud big band celebrations on every channel and in every storefront. Those left behind are often alone in their grief, unsure where to place it, or where it's appropriate to unload. Their tears are kept quiet and behind closed doors as they seek to cater to everyone else's moods. "But who caters to mine?" they wonder in silence.

"We do," says the church.

On Tuesday, December 22, at 6:00PM, I invite you to a quiet, solemn Christmas service over Zoom, where you are free to grieve and express your longing for those whose absence in the season can never be replaced. You will be allowed to share as much as you like, even if it's not at all. This is a safe space to cry and bring your sorrow to God.

God sees you, and God loves you, and God mourns with you. You are the church, and you are never alone. Come and be comforted.

Pastor Gray

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	 	1	2	3	4 Santa's List Day 	5
6 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 2 nd Sunday of Advent- Peace St. Nicholas Day	7  Write a Letter Day	8	9 Christmas Card Day	10 	11	12  Poinsettia Day
13 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 3 rd Sunday of Advent- Joy Christmas Offering International Children's Day	14  Ice Cream Day	15	16  National Chocolate Covered Anything Day	17	18  Bake Cookies	19
20 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 4 th Sunday of Advent- Love Christmas Offering Go Caroling	21  First Day of Winter	22	23 Office Closed 	24  CHRISTMAS EVE	25 Office Closed 	26
27 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Make Cut Out Snowflakes 	28 	29	30  HAPPY HOLIDAYS	31 New Year's Eve Pray for a Better 2021		

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00-9:45 Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service



PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR REVITALIZE PLEDGES AS CURRENT AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF THE STATUS OF YOUR REVITALIZE PLEDGE, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.



WOW IS MEETING AND MASKS ARE BEING WORN WHEN SOCIAL DISTANCING CANNOT TAKE PLACE.

...OUR STAFF...

PASTOR: GRAY FREDERICKS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: PASTOR JULIE CORNELIUS
ADMIN. ASSISTANT: KATIE DE JONG

...PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS...

TUESDAY-FRIDAY
7:00AM - 10:30AM

... CHURCH OFFICE ...

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
7:30AM - 12:30PM
