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# *The Boulder Knoll Scroll*

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*May Peace and Joy be yours throughout  
the Holiday and New Year.*

*Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year*





## Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends—

Christmas 2020 will probably be missing some important traditions and, no doubt, some very important people in your life. But it will not miss the coming of Christ. Maybe, just maybe, if we make an effort to use this Christmas as an opportunity to cherish what is missed and look for new ways to experience Christ among us this year, future years will be enriched from our learnings.

For so many years we have questioned the consumerism of Christmas as a distraction from the real meaning of Christmas. This year you may find that putting special thought into gifts that will inspire real joy in the absence of being together, and will be more than just giving stuff. Think about what you give. How can it be special and lasting this year?

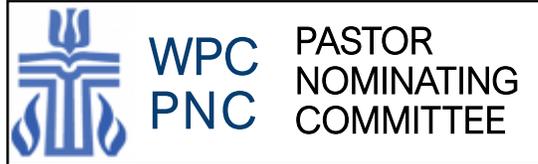
In the absence of routine, we may find new and creative ways to express our love for one another.

You will not see each other on Christmas Eve this year but can you think of some creative way to express your love and joy for church family? What about stepping into new territory in the chat at our streamed Christmas Eve Services. We will have pre-Christmas Eve service music for an hour before the 7PM Contemporary Service and the 9pm Traditional Service. During that time, you can chat with each other and exchange Christmas greetings.

We may not be able to have a cookie exchange this year, but could you deliver a plate of cookies to the porch of someone who may need a neighborly greeting in this time of isolation? Could you chalk a Christmas blessing on a neighbor's driveway or tape a Christmas wish for good health on someone's window? Or if you have a good voice, sing someone a Christmas Carol over the phone? When you do something like this you not only bring Christ into someone's life, but Christ you experienced Christ warm your heart.

There's an old proverb, "absence makes the heart grow fonder." What we miss this year may deepen our appreciation for the most important parts of Christmas. May Christ be in your Christmas this year in new and meaningful ways.

~ Lorne



***MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR LOCAL PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE!***

We have great news. After reading through around 100 PIFs (Personal Information Forms) from prospective pastor candidates, and having Zoom conversations with many of these persons, we are close to asking the congregation to call a candidate (that is, make a job offer). If successful, we could look forward to having a dynamic and skilled pastor by the spring of 2021, ready to lead Westminster in new and exciting explorations of our faith journeys--young and old alike!

However, we, the congregants of Westminster, have a concern, and it's not just the pandemic we are all suffering through. We realize COVID does have an effect on all of us, and in the way we fulfill our commitments. The greater concern is that some of us have not yet returned our pledges toward our 2021 church budget. Perhaps you are waiting to see who the new pastor will be ("*will we like this new person?*" and "*when will we return to normal?*") We thank those of you who have returned your pledges. It is *IMPERATIVE* that those you who have not, *DO so as soon as you are able!*

We thank you for your continued prayers, and please pray for Westminster as we endeavor to find our way through these challenging times.

--Jackie Hilfiker, vice chair, Westminster PNC

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***TIME TO RETIRE?***

If you or someone you know (from Westminster) is retiring or has retired this year, please let us know at [krisha@salemwestpres.org](mailto:krisha@salemwestpres.org). We would like to recognize your milestone.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25TH—CLOSED**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, DEC. 28TH—CLOSED**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1ST—CLOSED**



# 2020

We hope you will join us (virtually) as we celebrate the Birth of Christ! Similar to previous years, three separate services will be offered to accommodate your schedule....or, join them all! Prior to each service will be an abundance of music to help prepare us for Worship!

The Christmas Eve schedule is as follows:

**4:30PM - Tune in for our stream of Christmas music, which will lead into....**

**5:00PM - Family Christmas Eve Service**

*Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ with hands-on music and candle-lighting, plus experience the story through the children's Christmas Pageant featuring youth musicians. "Bring" your Advent wreath and Christmas Eve package if you received one at the Advent Craft pick-up, or bring a bell or other rhythm instrument and a glowstick/candle of your own so we can celebrate at home together!*

**6:00PM - Tune in for our stream of Christmas music, which will lead into....**

**7:00PM - Contemporary Christmas Eve Service**

*Join us in our Contemporary service as we experience the Birth of Christ through readings, stories, and music featuring musical leadership from our Westminster Worship Team!*

**8:00PM - Tune in for our stream of Christmas music, which will lead into....**

**9:00PM - Traditional Christmas Eve Service**

*Join us in our Traditional service as we experience the Birth of Christ through readings, stories, and music featuring musical leadership from our Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir!*

Find us at: [www.salemwestpres.org](http://www.salemwestpres.org)



## ***BRING YOUR COCOA, FACE MASK AND CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!***

Join the fun on **Wednesday, December 16th, from 6PM-7PM** as Westminster celebrates Christmas with an old-fashioned carol sing-a-long! We'll provide the words and Jeffrey and Ariana will be there to lead us in our favorite holiday carols. Lorne will bring us prayers for the season. ***YES, this will be outside***, so bundle up, and a flashlight may be handy if you need to read the words.

Of course, this is "weather permitting." Heavy rain or SNOW(!) may force us to stay at home. Watch the website for updates! But let's be optimistic, and look forward to singing together (at a safe distance) and spreading some holiday cheer. SEE YOU THERE!

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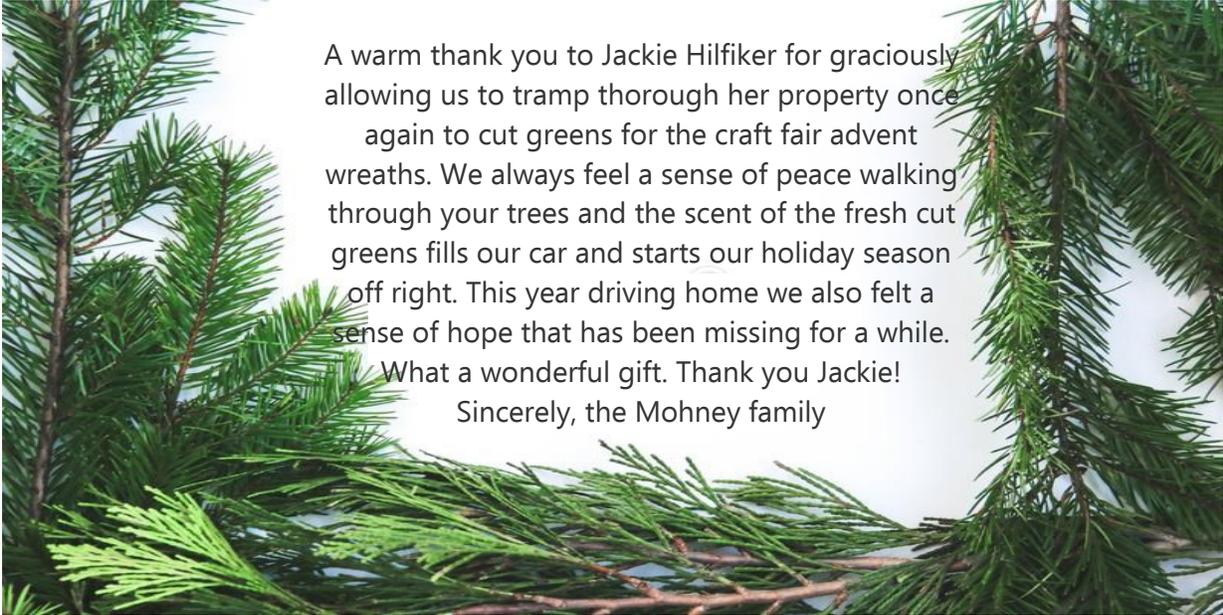
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ANNUAL REPORT

## **IT'S TIME FOR ANNUAL REPORTS**

Once again, it's time to compile your notes and compose your Annual Reports. Reports need to be submitted to Jean Severson (Office Manager) by the last week of December. Please submit them by email to: [jean@salemwestpres.org](mailto:jean@salemwestpres.org).

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A warm thank you to Jackie Hilfiker for graciously allowing us to tramp thorough her property once again to cut greens for the craft fair advent wreaths. We always feel a sense of peace walking through your trees and the scent of the fresh cut greens fills our car and starts our holiday season off right. This year driving home we also felt a sense of hope that has been missing for a while. What a wonderful gift. Thank you Jackie!  
Sincerely, the Mohney family

## ***A CHALLENGING YEAR EQUALS ABUNDANT GENEROSITY***

This year SalemWestPres, the congregants, the visitors, and the followers, have

**Filled** the Giving Tree with presents for Oregon State Hospital residents

**Contributed** a wealth of warmth - socks, hats, gloves, and blankets to Arches Warming Shelters

**Gifted** Women at the Well Grace House with sheets, wash cloths, paper goods and hygiene products

**Supported** the Santiam Canyon wildfire victims through Red Cross donations

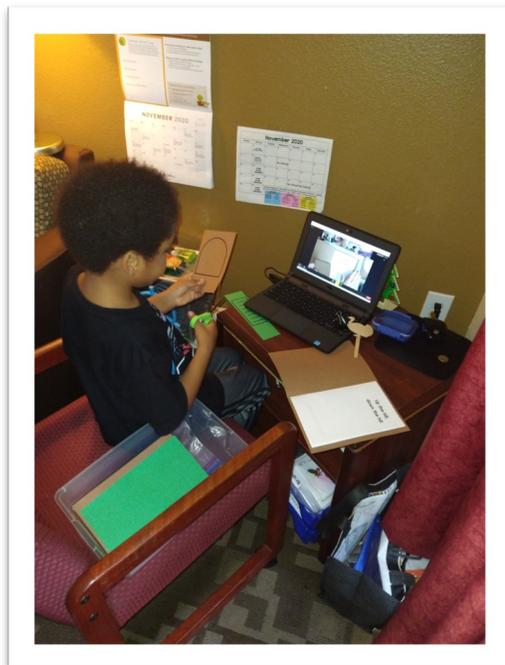
**Assisted** Church @ the Park's capital campaign to purchase the land they are using

**Purchased** computers for homeless students in the IHN/Family Promise program

And

**Financially** supported the following local social services

- ◆ Marion Polk Food Share
- ◆ Table of Plenty, Meals on Wheels
- ◆ IHN/Family Promise
- ◆ Housing, food, computers, games and activity books
- ◆ NW Family Services
- ◆ Salem Pastoral Counseling
- ◆ Safe Sleep
- ◆ Presbyterians for Earth Care
- ◆ Interfaith Power and Light
- ◆ Salem Peace Lecture @ Willamette University
- ◆ Salem for Refugees
- ◆ Church @ the Park
- ◆ Table of Plenty food pantry



A gift from Westminster helped IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) purchase and set up a library of computers and technology for their families to use.

The child in the photo is one of the first kids to make use of this invaluable resource!

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Some of the Thank Yous we have received are quoted below:

*'It was hard to get my son to be in school when we were living in a car, now he has his own space to be in class and he is doing good. I am so thankful.'*

*'Thank you for your support of Meals on Wheels and the Food Share's wildfire relief efforts. Your generosity gives our neighbors hope and relief during this challenging time.'*

*'Your financial gift helped people like Chris who hasn't had a safe place to sleep for over two years... When you have to keep moving every night, all night long, you get hopeless. These women, this place, it's changed my life'*

*'Thank you for giving me the tools to start my new life with the kids, to create our safe home and work to a better future where life is filled with love, laughter, and joy.'*

*'I love working with the Presbyterian Team! You have been able to help 264 people with housing and shelter. How cool is that?'*

And, most poignant,

*'This Thanksgiving I am thankful for everyone that contributed to the Family Promise program. My children and I have been homeless, living in someone else's car, for the past eight months. The week before I was accepted into the family Promise program, I was truly heartbroken and ready to give up on myself. I couldn't provide for my children - I wasn't a mother at that point. I was going to give custody of my children to my mother, at that point, ready to die.*

*Then Family Promise gave us a room to be together in a safe and warm environment. Shower, food, even a bed to sleep in. When I look at my children right now, I don't have tears of sorrow, I have tears of joy because once again I feel like a mother. I'm truly thankful for everything. Words cannot express how much I am grateful for everyone that contributed to this program. From the bottom of my heart and souls (sic) thank you. Sincerely, (name withheld)*

*Thank you congregation!  
From your Mission Peace and Eco-Justice committee.*

# BIG ISSUES

local focus

Your Mission Peace Eco-Justice Committee invites you to join us Sunday, January 17 at 6 pm online as we launch a new monthly series that we're calling "*BIG ISSUES: local focus*." We are hoping to introduce varying topics on BIG ISSUES in our world, with a LOCAL FOCUS on each issue.

We initiate our series by sharing and then discussing a conversation between two individuals (Ed Edmo and Lani Roberts) who grew up near The Dalles, OR. Ed is Shoshone Bannock, Nez Perce, Yakama, and Siletz and lived at the fishing village at Celilo Falls until its destruction in March 1957. Lani grew up just outside The Dalles, a descendant of an early European-American settler family. Although they grew up in the same area and are the same age, their lives were lived in parallel fashion because of the differences in their ethnic heritage. You may know one or both of the people in this conversation--Ed is a well-known storyteller, poet and author, and Lani taught philosophy at Oregon State University.

On January 17 we will gather on Zoom to view their conversation and to discuss how their lives differed and what it may mean to us in Salem in 2020. Click here to view the two-minute promo that introduces their conversation: <https://youtu.be/NtAvE7-khwQ?t=24>. This has also been published as part of a book, and the authors have graciously given us permission to share their chapter with congregation members who wish to read it (or to refer to it for clarity while watching). Contact Christine Speak at [christinelspeak0909@gmail.com](mailto:christinelspeak0909@gmail.com) to request the chapter or for more information. Zoom link will be available on the church website.



# WALTER MICHAEL FRIDAY

*January 6, 1940—December 12, 2020*



Walter Michael Friday died December 2, 2020. Walt was born January 6, 1940 in Yreka, CA to Walteena May Matthews and Frank Michael (Mike) Oro. He attended grade schools in Etna, CA; Callahan, CA; Copco, Ca, at times walking the 2.5 miles, and crossing the Copco No. 1 Dam both ways. He attended high school in Prospect, OR, and Yreka, CA.

While attending Prospect High School he played football and became involved in Scouting with Troop 19. He earned the Eagle Rank with three silver Palms, the God and Country Award, and 33 merit badges. During his Yreka schooling he boarded with a local family.

He attended Southern Oregon College in Ashland, Oregon as a pre-engineering student for three years. While at SOC he met Doris Anne Lamp of Shedd, OR, whom he married on July 1, 1962. In due time they added two sons, Michael and Kenneth, to their family. In 1961 he moved to Oregon State University, graduating in 1964 with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Summer jobs included hay hand, Copco righty maintenance, chemistry stock assistant, Copco line crew, construction labor, pear orchard swamper, cocker setter, public works inspector, and lab research assistant.

After graduation Walt went to work for the City of Salem in the Public Works Department. Jobs there included writing easements for the South Salem Sewer Project, drafting, building permit plan review, and administration of street design. After being licensed as a Professional Engineer he was appointed as Administrator of Salem Inspection Division where he served six years. In 1973 he joined the State of Oregon Building Codes Division. He initiated a new program in Oregon regarding structural and mechanical systems. Using the Uniform Building Code with Oregon additions, Walt completed and edited additions every three years for seven editions. During this time, he was one of the top three Structural Building Officials for the State of Oregon.

As a resident of Salem, Walt made many friends in his profession, as a Scout leader, and as a long-time member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Walter was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Doris of Salem, his sons, Michael (Barbara, their daughter Chrysta) of Salem, and Kenneth (Michelle, their children Isaac, Rebecca, Scott) of McMinnville; sister-in-law Judith Lamp; and niece Deb (Mo) Lamp.

A private family graveside service will be held with a larger memorial service when circumstances permit. The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made in memory of Walt to some of his favorite charities: Salem Union Gospel Mission, Marion County Food Bank, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Samaritan Evergreen Hospice.

# SANDRA JEANNE CHLANDA

*February 28, 1944—November 14, 2020*



Sandra Jeanne Chlanda, 76, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, November 14, 2020. She died at home surrounded by her loving family and friends after many years of Parkinson's Disease challenges.

She was born February 28, 1944 at Highland Hospital in Beacon, New York, the daughter of the late Bill and Norma (Hardesty) Bengé. She grew up in Clinton Hollow, New York graduating from Arlington High School in 1961. She went on to attend Dutchess Community College, graduating with a degree in nursing. Thus began a thirty-five year career in healthcare that would take many twists and turns.

On June 13, 1964 she married her sweetheart, best friend and the love of her life, Frederick Chlanda. They met at the age 12 and knew even then that they would be together forever. They returned to the cute little church where they had met for the wedding in Schultsville, New York.

She began her career in 1963 as a nursing aide while attending DCC. After completing her nursing program she received an AAS degree (nursing). She then worked in the obstetrical unit. She adored the babies and had two of her own while she was there. She considered it a blessing that she could be a stay-at-home mom while the children were young. She was active in all the activities that her children participated in, including being a den mother and attending many football and hockey games. After the two boys were grown she went back to work and began her career in hospital administration. She retired in 1997 as a director of management education. During that time she earned a BS in Healthcare Administration, an MS in Personnel psychology, and a PhD in Education.

Sandy was a devout Christian with a deep faith in God and His Word. She also believed that as long as there are people who are giving, caring, loving, and sharing, the world is still a place with possibility and hope. She was an inspiration to many people simply by the way she lived. She managed to maintain a welcoming attitude as she faced her many challenges and never once did anyone hear her say, "why me?" Mostly she believed we were to feed the hungry, to care for the fatherless and widows, and to live out our faith by being doers of the Word. She not only believed it, she acted on it. She was very active in her church (Westminster Presbyterian) doing work to help the homeless, new immigrants, veterans, abused women and children, and any other needy.

She survived 50 years of teaching Sunday school at the various churches she attended. She enjoyed playing bridge and reading to children as well visiting nursing homes and reading to the residents. While she was able, she had a beautiful rose garden that she generously shared with others.

Her greatest joy in life was being with her loving family, especially the grandchildren. During the pandemic, she wrote a story about how a house became a home it was made into a book to help the grandchildren remember their ancestry. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Fred Chlanda, sons Fritz (and daughter-in-law Angie) of Salem, Oregon, and Tom of New Jersey. Two granddaughters Tori and Katie. Three grandsons Luke in Salem, Oregon, and Tommy and Nicolaus in New Jersey. A niece Michele (Benge Villani) of New York, and a great-nephew Cole Villani. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved brother Larry.

# WEST PRES YOUTH

## *Christmas Selfie Scavenger Hunt*

TAKE A PICTURE OF YOURSELF WITH AS MANY OF THESE  
AS YOU CAN!

DRINKING HOT COCOA  
WRAPPING A GIFT  
NEXT TO A WREATH  
HOLDING A GIFT  
WEARING CHRISTMAS SOCKS  
WEARING A SANTA HAT  
WEARING AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER  
EATING A CANDY CANE  
HOLDING YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE  
HOLDING A STOCKING  
NEXT TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE  
WRAPPED UP IN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS  
HOLDING SOMETHING YOU BAKED  
WITH A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

USE AN APP TO GROUP YOUR PHOTOS TOGETHER. WE  
RECOMMEND "LAYOUT" OR "PICCOLLAGE"  
BOTH ARE FREE.

TEXT OR EMAIL YOUR FINISHED COLLAGE TO VIK BY  
12/20/2020

## ADVENT MEMORY

The sun is setting through the trees. It is 5:15 o'clock and getting dark. In the quiet, hear the geese flying overhead and all the night sounds as evening settles.

Listen. Follow. Breathe. Prepare.

This year would have marked the 30th Annual Advent Walk that Wilbur and Lela Jackson, long-time members of our congregation, brought to Salem after experiencing one in Bavaria. The walk provided a time of quiet contemplation in the beauty of nature to mark the beginning of Advent. As participants walked quietly through the darkness, a single voice would read this prophetic scripture from Isaiah. The words broke into the quiet, into the darkness, into the stillness. What a surprising prophecy it must have been! What a joyous scripture it is to this day!

As the season becomes increasingly hectic, let your thoughts return to a stillness and the anticipation of Advent. Find a quiet space in your life, your mind, your heart and return to this comforting message of the assurance of God's plan.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (KJV)

Prayer:

O Holy God,

Still my life, mind, and heart just now.

Help me to listen for You with expectation.

Help me to follow Your path, Your way.

In the busyness, help me to stop and just breathe.

Prepare my heart even as I bustle about preparing the hearth.

You are the Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. Amen.

Listen. Follow. Breathe. Prepare.

By Becky Johnson





# DECEMBER CALENDAR

<p><b><u>Sunday, December 13</u></b></p> <p>9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Online Only 9:45 AM Sunday School—Online 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship—Online Only 6:00 PM High School Youth Zoom</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, December 20</u></b></p> <p>9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Online Only 9:45 AM Sunday School—Online 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship—Online Only 6:00 PM Youth Scavenger Hunt—Online</p>
<p><b><u>Monday, December 14</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Monday, December 21</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday, December 15</u></b></p> <p>10:30 AM Pastor’s Bible Study</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday, December 22</u></b></p> <p>10:30 AM Pastor’s Bible Study</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday, December 16</u></b></p> <p>9:30 AM Women’s Bible Study— Eastminster 2:00 PM Handbell Class - Boulder Hall <b>6:00 PM Caroling Party!!!</b> 7:00 PM Session— Zoom 7:30 PM NA—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, December 23</u></b></p> <p>9:30 AM Women’s Bible Study— Eastminster 2:00 PM Handbell Class - Boulder Hall 4:00 PM Staff Meeting—Zoom 7:00 PM Deacons 7:30 PM NA—Fellowship Hall</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday, December 17</u></b></p> <p>9:30 AM Tea with Jesus—Eastminster 5:30 PM Mission Peace Eco/Justice 6:00 PM Mid High Youth Zoom</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve</u></b></p> <p>5:00 PM Family Service 7:00 PM Contemporary Service 9:00 PM Traditional Service *Every service is preceded by an hour of Christmas music, so be sure to tune in early!</p>
<p><b><u>Friday, December 18</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Friday, December 25</u></b></p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY—OFFICE CLOSED</p> 
<p><b><u>Saturday, December 19</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, December 26</u></b></p>
	<p><b><u>Sunday, December 27</u></b></p> <p>9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Online Only 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship—Online Only</p>

# Prayer Requests

## JOYS & BLESSINGS:

- Lucy & Bill Foster are pleased to announce their son Kevin is engaged! His fiancée is Eva Tweedie, daughter of a retired Presbyterian minister. They are thrilled!
- Nancy Crawford's grandsons appear to have milder cases of COVID than expected. Austin has a head cold and Ryley has a head cold and cough. No fevers. Thanks to everyone for their prayers.
- Cheryl Jewell's sister, Debbie, is recovering well from COVID. She is out of the hospital and out of quarantine. Thanks for all the prayers from everybody!

## OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

- Prayers for Cheryl Trussell, who is in the hospital undergoing tests.
- Prayers for Mary Snethen's brother, Tom, who is again suffering with heart problems.
- Prayers for Carol Richmond's father, who is still hospitalized with a number of problems.
- Long-time member Millie Duprau, who moved from Salem several years ago, is now in hospice. Her daughter, Jodie, has asked for prayers.

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Tim Holsten, Bill Hruska, Duff Kannier, Mark Lawrence, Mather's great-grandson, James Pratt and his parents, Linda & Dick Stephens, Cynthia Curran

- ◆ Daphine Russell (age 7), grandniece of Cindi & Bruce Chinnock, is slowly improving
- ◆ Sheila Powell and her husband Tom, as Tom continues to undergo treatment for cancer.

*PLEASE SEND PRAY REQUEST UPDATES TO JEAN SEVERSON ([jean@salemwestpres.org](mailto:jean@salemwestpres.org)). We strive to keep the listing as current as possible, and rely on your ongoing assistance to do so. Thank you.*

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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday:

8:30am—4:00pm (at the moment)

Friday:

8:30am—1:00pm

Until such time as it's safe to bring our BKS production team back together, our newsletter will be online only.

Articles may be submitted directly to the church office or by email to:

**[jean@salemwestpres.org](mailto:jean@salemwestpres.org)**

