

Parish News • Friday, December 11, 2020

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings! We are another week further into the church season of Advent, as well as another week closer to Christmas Day 2020.

In some ways things don't seem so much different from other years – on the one hand there are Christmas lights in people's yards and in downtown Ely, Christmas music is on the radio, and lots of Christmas shows are on TV, Netflix, and Amazon Prime. But on the other hand, there aren't any Christmas programs up at school, Christmas parties around town, and our church choir isn't practicing for our Christmas Eve service.

It's not a normal year by any stretch of the imagination, but the baby Jesus will still be born again in a manger in Bethlehem and the Risen Lord will enter into human hearts as John describes in the First Chapter of his Gospel: "He came to his own home, and his own people received him not, but to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:11-13)

Item #1: We have decorated the front of our sanctuary in the same beautiful manner as in previous years. We've also added a lovely Christmas tree outside as a witness to people driving by our church that "the Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (See attached pictures – online version only.)

Item #2: Susan Germek has researched masks that will allow choir members to sing in a Covid-19 safe manner. She will be in the sanctuary this Sunday, December 13th from 11 until noon to hand out choir masks for those choir members who want them.

Item #3: Please find attached the worship service for this Sunday. The online version will include copies of the hymns we'll sing.

Item #4: Our Church Conference this year will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30. If you would like to attend from the comfort of your own living room you must have Zoom installed on your computer or I Pad. Please email me at sandpointhabes@gmail.com to receive a Zoom invitation. Please find attached a file including all 2020 Church Conference Documents.

If you receive Parish News via US Mail please contact the church office and we'll pass along a copy to you.

Item #5: The church recently received a Thanksgiving card from Northwoods Partners. The front of the card reads: "We are Giving Thanks for You. Happy Thanksgiving from Northwoods Partners." The inside of the card reads: "In this Season of Gratitude we pause to say Thank You for your Support and wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving." (Signed) Dave Nichols, Lisa, and Candy.

Item #6: Please find attached a list of Poinsettias purchased this year in memory of loved ones.

Item #7: This week's Prayer Wall is attached.

Hear now a portion of the words of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, in announcing to her that she will give birth to a child, the Son of God. And then hear Mary's response.

Gabriel: *"And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible."*

Mary: *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."*

With my appreciation
Pastor Craig

**Ely United Methodist Church
Poinsettia List
2020**

Person	In Memory of
Butch and Lucy Diesslin	Ruth Barnes
Jay and Jeanne Tomlinson	Their Parents
Craig Haberman	Dwight Haberman
Bob and Pat Olson	Roger Salo
Bob and Pat Olson	Cody Olson
Norm and Donna Rusco	Grandson Justin Rusco
Vicki Wagner	Richard and Laurette Reinhardt
Vicki Wagner	Elmer and Inga Knudston

The Ely United Methodist Church
Prayer Wall

December 11, 2020

This is a guide for prayer this week. The *Prayer Wall* is a reminder of those needing prayers during devotional times. Thank you for dedicating some of your personal prayer time to lift up these requests.

Mark 11: 24



“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Steve Norvitch family & friends** – Sheila Shultz’s nephew, Steve, passed away from COVID-19
 - **Brett Janeksela** – Donating a kidney to his cousin Jerilyn Montgomery on Dec 11, 8 weeks to recover
 - **Augie Richter** – Working in the Twin Cities as a medical transcriptionist in the hospital and has seen so much death due to COVID-19. It’s been hard on him and the support staff. Please pray for his Spirit.
 - **Mike and Gail Haney** – Mike is having consultations in Duluth for brain and lung cancer treatments
 - **Bruce & Carol Finley family** – Deanie Kuehl’s brother Bruce passed away from COVID-19. His wife, Carol, who was still in the ICU with COVID-19 and on a ventilator passed away a few days later.
 - **Sheila Shultz** – Is thankful for all the prayers, cards and calls and her ankle is now fully healed
 - **Jerilyn Montgomery** – Jerilyn is having a kidney transplant surgery on December 11
 - **Bonnie Zupancich family, friends & especially her husband Jimmy** – Bonnie died from COVID-19
 - **Nigel Cooper** – Butch & Lucy Diesslin’s brother-in-law’s open heart bypass surgery went well and Nigel is now recovering at home
 - **Emma Smrekar** – Carolyn Fendt’s great granddaughter is getting chemo treatment for stomach cancer
 - **Robin** – Heather and Marshall’s niece, a nursing home nurse where there is a dramatic uptick in COVID-19 cases in both residents and staff, is working multiple shifts with very little sleep.
 - **Andy Baker’s family & friends** – Andy passed away in Columbus, OH, on Saturday, November 21
 - **Emily Wahlberg Family & Friends** – Emily passed away Dec 20, be in prayer to her family & friends
 - **Abbey** – Linda Gass’s 8 yr old granddaughter is having brain surgery on December 14 to reduce seizures
 - **Linda Williams** – Is having health issues & is recovering in the BWCC. Please keep her in your prayers.
 - **Steve White** – Charlie Berglund’s nephew is battling colon & liver cancer and after his bout with COVID-19 is now having surgery to remove half his liver. Pray for successful surgery and healing.
 - **Health care workers and residents of Ely Carefree Living** – Those who have tested + for COVID-19
- **Those who have contracted the COVID-19 Virus and Family Members**
 - **All essential health care workers exposed to the COVID-19 virus**

We include all the United Methodist Churches and Pastors, both active and retired, in our MN UMC Annual Conference as we work in extraordinary ways to keep our congregations and communities free from infection by the COVID-19 virus.

Prayer requests are compiled from our church prayer chain, from our Sunday morning church congregation using the prayer request forms located in the pew welcome pads, and the North Star District Prayer List. Prayer requests will remain on the Prayer Wall through four weeks unless removed earlier because the prayer is known to be no longer necessary. People may ask that prayers be renewed on the list for subsequent 4-week periods. The Prayer Wall is finalized each Thursday for the Sunday morning service.

Ely United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 13, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Prelude Susan Germek
Welcome

Opening Hymn #238 Angels We Have Heard on High Verses 1,3, and 4
Opening Prayer (BCP – Advent III)

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Jay/Jeanne Tomlinson

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:1-4 Jeanne Tomlinson

Children's Time
Gospel Reading John 1:6-8, 19-28 Pastor Craig

Hymn # 242 Love Came Down at Christmas All Three Verses

Meditation Pastor Craig

Prayer Wall
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offertory
Doxology

Closing Song #216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming All Three Verses
Ringing of the Bell
Benediction
Postlude

Leading worship: Pastor Craig Haberman
Accompanist: Susan Germek
Liturgist: Jeanne Tomlinson
Song Leader: Bev Johnson

238 Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav-en - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

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WORDS: Trad. French carol; trans. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862, alt. (Lk. 2:6-20)
 MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937;
 harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

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242 Love Came Down at Christmas

1. Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly, Love di - vine;
 2. Wor - ship we the God - head, Love in - car - nate, Love di - vine;
 3. Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine;

Love was born at Christ - mas; star and an - gels gave the sign.
 wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where - with for sa - cred sign?
 love to God and all men,* love for plea and gift and sign.

*"neighbor" may be substituted for "all men"

WORDS: Christina G. Rossetti, 1885
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by David Evans, 1927; alt.
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243 De Tierra Lejana Venimos

Unisono (Unison) (From a Distant Home)

1. De tie - rra le - ja - na ve - ni - mos a ver - te,
 2. Al re - cién na - ci - do que es Rey de los re - yes,
 1. From a dist - tant home the Sav - ior we come seek - ing,
 2. Glow - ing gold I bring the new - born babe so ho - ly,

nos sir - ve de gui - a la es - tre - lla de O - rien - te.
 o - ro le re - ga - lo pa - ra or - nar sus sie - nes.
 us - ing as our guide the star so bright - ly beam - ing.
 to - ken of his power to reign a - bove in glo - ry.

WORDS: Trad. Puerto Rican carol; trans. by George K. Evans (Mt. 2:1-12)
 MUSIC: Trad. Puerto Rican carol

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216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in
 3. O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as those of old have
 mind; with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er
 air, dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery -

sung. It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the
 kind. To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 where. True man yet ver - y God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, 15th cent. German; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1894; st. 3 from
The Hymnal, 1940 (Is. 35:1-2)
 MUSIC: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1609

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