

Parish News • Friday, December 4, 2020

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings! Monday I turned the page on my calendar from November to December. Generally speaking, I'm not eager to see time fly by, but with the kind of year 2020 has been, I won't be all that disappointed to see it in the rear view mirror as January 2021 arrives.

We are now fully into the church season of Advent, where we watch and wait with eager longing for Christ to come, to enter once into our hearts as he was born in a manger in Bethlehem. And also to come again in all his fullness to usher in a New Creation, the completion of the Kingdom of God, at the end of time as we know it.

Waiting is never easy, yet even as we long for the pandemic to be over, so to we watch with hope for God's kingdom to be on earth as it is in heaven.

Item #1: We invite you to tune in this Sunday to our worship service on Facebook Live. We're going to make one more small change to enhance the audio/video quality. Thank you for joining with us from your home, as we're unable to worship together in our sanctuary.

We're going to have communion on Sunday. If you wish you can join us from home by having bread and grape juice ready for that point in the service. There will be a few more brief instructions at the beginning of the worship service.

Please find an attachment with the worship service and hymns

for those who wish to follow along.

Item #2: Part of our Administrative Council discussion a week ago Wednesday dealt with plans for Christmas 2020 at our church.

Note: The information below is identical to what I wrote last week with one change. Last week we mentioned the deadline for ordering poinsettias was December 1st. We're extending the Deadline until December 11th for those who wish to purchase a poinsettia.

- We will have poinsettias again this year and are offering you a chance to purchase one in memory of a loved one(s). This cost for each plant is \$14.00. You can mail or drop off payment at the church with a note indicating whom you want the poinsettia to be in memory of. As with previous years you may take the poinsettia home after Christmas.
- Our Facebook Live Christmas Eve Service will be December 24th. Last week we announced the time would be 5:30 p.m. Watch for an update in weeks to follow as we heard second hand late this week there might be a community-wide bell ringing at 6:00, in which case we will move our service back to 5:00. We encourage you to have candles ready to light when we sing Silent Night near the end of the service.
- The Minnesota Annual Conference is producing a worship service for Sunday, December 27th and making the service available to all churches in Minnesota. We have decided not to hold our own service on the 27th and to invite people to stream this service led by Bishop Bruce Ough and other Annual Conference leadership. Watch for a link to the service as December 27th approaches.

Item #3: The First Presbyterian Church of Ely invites you and your family and friends to tune into WELY (94.5 FM) this Sunday, December 6th, at 5:00 PM for the Second Advent Family Radio Service of Advent 2020. Each Sunday in Advent this year at 5:00 PM, a short service will be broadcast and also streamed live on WELY.com for friends and family throughout the U.S. and abroad. Do join us for a unique seasonal devotion and time of reflection as we prepare for Christmas.

Item #4: A number of people have inquired as to memorial service arrangements for Andy Baker. Please find attached an obituary for Andy, complete with memorial service arrangements and a link to a video with pictures of Andy. Thank you to Marge Olson for passing this along.

Item #5: This week's Prayer Wall is attached.

With my appreciation ~ Pastor Craig

The Ely United Methodist Church ***Prayer Wall***

December 4, 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.

Philippians 4: 6



*“Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present
your requests to God.”*

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Mike and Gail Haney** – Mike is having consultations in Duluth for brain and lung cancer treatments
 - **Bruce & Carol Finley** – Deanie Kuehl requested prayers for her brother Bruce and his wife Carol who are both in the hospital with COVID-19. Carol is on a ventilator.
 - **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** – Open heart bypass surgery went well and Nigel is now recovering at home (see below)
 - **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
 - **Nigel Cooper** – Butch & Lucy Diesslin's brother-in-law, Nigel Cooper, had a heart attack and is scheduled for open heart surgery. Pray for Nigel and those involved.
 - **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** – Linda is still having some health issues. 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.
 - **Barb Niewierowski Family & friends** – Barb's husband, Bob - diagnosed with CIDP: Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy - passed away somewhat unexpectedly.
 - **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.

Obituary for Andrew Baker Sr.

Andrew Baker Sr., age 88, passed away on November 21, 2020. He was born in Columbus, Ohio on August 3, 1932 to the late Andrew Jackson Baker and Mary Josephine Posnanski. He was a US Army veteran who served in the Korean conflict. He is survived by his children, Andrew and Cynthia; grandchildren, Andrew, Derrick, Josh, Angie, Brandi, Michael, Christina, Misty, Kevin, Kyle, T.J.; great grandchildren, Peyton, Alyssa, Gary, Bralny, Josiah, Naomie, Jersey, Logan, June, Penelope, Landen, Carson, Ashlee, Aiden, Careena, Deanna, Gia, Calie, Carter, Melia, and Chase; many other friends and family. Friends may call at the NEWCOMER SOUTHWEST CHAPEL 3393 Broadway, Grove City on Friday, November 27, 2020 from 5:00

to 8:00 pm. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 10:00 am at Green Lawn Cemetery.

Services & Gatherings

Visitation: Friday, November 27, 2020 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Newcomer - Southwest Chapel

3393 Broadway

Grove City, OH 43123

(614) 539-6166

Graveside Service: Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 10:00am

Green Lawn Cemetery

1000 Greenlawn Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Interment: Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 10:00am

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