



Down by the River

News from the River of Life Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Let's Shower the Shut-ins with Cards!

(All kinds, not just Christmas cards.)

Please help us shower our shut-ins with cards. Individual cards for the following people may be sent to the church. They will be collected and delivered in a bundle.

Due Dates will be December 7th, and December 28th. Please feel free to contribute to both showers. The cards do not need to be long or fancy. Something as simple as, "Thinking of you," or "Your church family misses you," would be plenty.

Cyndy Gentry
Norma Harris
Dee Hiatt
Bill Hipsher (Home)
Joan Hipsher (Woodbridge)
Shirley Horn
Allen Parrett

Thank you for helping extend the love of Christ to these individuals. They speak fondly of their days of involvement at our church.

Pastor Betsy

Advent Meditations

During this holy season, Cary and I will be preaching on the themes of the Advent wreath candles. Cary will be preaching on Hope on the first Sunday of Advent; his newsletter article will offer a selection of scriptures about Hope. We invite you to look up these scriptures as you prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ child.

The Second Sunday in Advent we light the candle of Peace. I invite you to read: Luke 2:10-14, Matthew 6:25-34, John 14:25-27, Romans 8:31-39, and Isaiah 2:10-14.

The Third Sunday we light the candle of Joy. Please consider Matthew 2:10, Matthew 3:16-17, Luke 1:44-53, Luke 2:10-11, and Isaiah 61:1-3.

The Fourth Sunday we light the candle of Love. There are a multitude of choices; some of my favorites are: John 3:16, John 21:15-17 and Luke 15: 11-32.

I would love to hear from you about your favorite scriptures!

Wishing you a blessed advent of preparation and peace.

Pastor Betsy

Hope

My recent sermon for the first Sunday in Advent focused on hope. In this newsletter I want to provide a few scriptural passages that focus on hope. Please read these passages and do just that: focus on hope.

Ephesians
1:18-19

18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

Romans
5:3-5

3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace
Romans 5:1—with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we
2 have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we
stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans
12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Psalm 33:18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those
who hope in his steadfast love,

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again
to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
1 Peter 1:3–5 the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and
unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are
being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed
in the last time.

The source of our hope is Jesus Christ and the salvation He makes available to each of us.
My prayer is that you will keep your eye on Him and be filled with hope this Advent season.

Cary J Green

*Oh, the
Gentle Spirit
and Peace of a
Child*





December Announcements

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. led by Cary Green on Zoom
(Information for Zoom will be sent out to join)

CONVERSATION & COLORING: Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom
(Information for Zoom will be sent out to join)

CARAVAN OF CARING: November 22nd has been cancelled.

CONGREGATION MEETING: Sunday, December 6th following worship on Zoom

DONATIONS TO EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY: We are encouraging you if you want to drop the donations at Emmaus Mission please feel free to do so

November 29: Peanut butter or crackers

December 06: Cereal (box/bag, dry) or cereal bars

December 13: Ready to eat soups

December 20: Pasta, spaghetti sauce

December 27: Canned fruits (pull tab opening) or individual fruit cup packages



From the desk of Connie Kiesling, Broad President:

Dear River of Life Congregation,

A Zoom congregational meeting is planned for Sunday, December 6th, following worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Officially affirm Betsy Arnold as the pastor of ROLCC
2. Reaffirm Cary Green in his position.
3. Suspend Constitution (adding a rider) in regard to the election of officers and budget due to uncertainty caused by the Covid crisis.
4. Election of officers - Officers will remain in place for the time being (probably all of 2021)
5. Budget will continue as prepared with emphasis on essential needs.

At the Board Meeting November 9th this was approved by the Board and thus is for the approval of the congregation.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to vote at the congregational meeting or by stating your support prior to said meeting.

Sincerely,
Connie Kiesling
President of the Board





JOYS:

Beth Chapman is feeling better and playing

CONCERNS:

Frank and Alice Hibbard

Doctors, Nurses, 1st Responders, Essential Workers, Teachers and Students

Skip Perry

Jane Kollmar's, Aunt Marydean Foreman and cousin, Paula Ritchey and her husband, Ron in ICU

MaryAnn McIntire's friend's husband, Jerry McLeland, in hospital in Indy

Beth Chapman

Yvette and Mike Sims

June Zinn

Chad & Chelsea Dixson & baby girl born 2 months early

Marge Ingmire

John Flickinger

Matt Hughes, Connie nephew is still in need of prayer

Jason's Crittendon's father and mother

John Shanks

James Drake and his wife, Pam

Neil Myers

Ann Hanson

Teachers and students

Mark and Rita Uchida

Phil McIntire

Jim Cooke

Dick Smith

Bonnie Uchida

Ben Ashby

Katrina Cook

Mitchell Ashby

SHUT-INS:

Joan Hipsher (Woodbridge)

Dee Hiatt (Chase)

Marge Ingmire (McKinney Place, 152)

Cyndy Gentry (McKinney Place)

Norma Harris (Millers 203)

Shirley Horn (Cass Plaza Apts)

Allen Parrett (Bloom Assisted Living, Unit 202, Kokomo)

Bill Hipsher (Home)

Eva Logan (Home)

Susie Spencer (Home)

Jonathan Brown (Home?)

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Serving in December

Praying at the Table 12/06 Jane Kollmar
12/13 Martha Brown
12/20 Ken Uchida
12/24 Connie Kiesling
12/27 Julie Jones

Worship Leader: 12/06 Dennis Kollmar
12/13 Jason Crittendon
12/20 Martha Brown

12/27 Ted Jones

December Birthdays

12/01 Yvette Sims
12/03 Eva Logan
12/04 Terry Logan
12/06 Howard Lhamon
12/16 Alicia Iles
Jane Kasting
12/18 Frank Hibbard
12/23 Nell Green
12/23 Martha Johnston
12/31 Sandy Kincaid

Anniversaries

12/26 Greg & Mary Bell
12/29 Jim & Martha Brown
12/31 Phil & MaryAnn McIntire

Senior Pastor: Rev. Betsy Arnold betsy.kayak@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant: Martha Brown martha.rolcc@gmail.com phone:574-732-4494

Keyboard: Beth Chapman

Treasurer: Cindy & Sandy Dalton

Financial Secretary: Beth Chapman

Custodian: Ken Uchida

Choir Director: Jason Crittendon

Child Care Provider: Alice Snider

Church Phone: 574-753-3332

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Please feel free to call or text anytime:

Jane Kollmar: 574-721-4981 (call or text)

Dennis Kollmar: 574-721-4980 (call or text)

Connie Kiesling: 574-721-5145

Ted & Julie Jones: 574-398-1971 (call or text)

Ken Uchida: 574-721-5863 (special occasions)