



The Leavenworth Christian

Sowers' Seeds

January 6, 2021

Dear Friends,

“Alexa play SiriusXM Holiday Traditions.” That was the command that I called to my Alexa speaker when I came home for lunch yesterday. Because I have both an Amazon Alexa speaker and a subscription to SiriusXM radio I have the ability to do that. The application for satellite radio has stations that are playable only from its app. I called out for that station because I thought it would be enjoyable to listen to as I had my lunch, and because we are still in the midst of the Christmas Season. The season reaches its full culmination with the arrival of the Wise Men on Epiphany Day on January 6th. I feel a sense of sadness knowing that while it may be Christmas during my lunch hour, for many, Christmas has been put away with only lingering thoughts of paying off the credit card bills associated with the holiday. Many of my friends posted celebratory pictures of their living rooms with all the traces of Christmas packed away saying things like, “Finally my Christmas decorations are down and put away for another year.”

I mourn for what may be underneath the packing up and putting away. It is as if Christmas is the old story in the news cycle that we have heard too much about. The news outlets want to maintain their viewers or get more clicks so they go on to another story and quietly drop the “old news,” even though that story may still be present and every day for the people who are experiencing it. We have ceased to hear about the tornados in Kentucky, but the rebuilding will be years long. There will be those in other parts of the country who will actually forget about Kentucky, because they cease to hear about it or do not know anyone closely connected with the event. Should we really forget about Christmas in the same way we forget about yesterday’s news. The notion and promise of Christmas is not that God changed just that moment in time, but that it is a pivot point on which all human history and relationships with God were transformed. In no uncertain terms the distance between the infinite and the finite were forever compressed, and a relationship that was broken and fractured was renewed and reborn. Why would we want to forget that as we busily put away our trees and our garland, but I have a notion sometimes we do. It is never out of season to marvel at what God has done, is doing, and will do in the world. What is more, it is never out of season to ask how we as individuals will be a part of that renewal and rebirth. That is, what will it mean for the way we lead our lives and the choices we make?

I ask you, and myself, what are things we can do in our own lives to leave the promises of Christmas up and out all year round. That is, we may undecorate our homes, but what are the things we need to do so that we don’t undecorate and declutter our hearts and minds? For me, it is listening to Holiday Traditions, keeping up one nativity scene a year, and making a pact with myself that I don’t want Christmas merely to be a buying season, but a way of life, living, and engaging the world. May it be that our hearts are always lodged in Christmas and ready to engage with the God who seeks relationship and always to do a wonderwork of transformation.

All the Best and God’s Blessings,
Pastor John



Praises!!!

Praise for our devoted team of ***Pastor John, Penny, Steve, Gary Kenton, Gary Phillips, and Bob Euler***. Thank you so much for doing what you do. *Lois Steineker*

Vic Young is home already!

Prayer Ministry

Pray that we find night nursing support for ***Luke Euler. Danielle Euler***

Our Nation: pray for our country and its people.

Covid

Residential Communities- dealing with Covid.

Prayers for ***School Systems & Colleges, Teachers, Support Staff & students.***

Pray for ***Those with the Covid-19 virus, First Responders, those offering Care & a Cure.***

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Ongoing Cares & Concerns

Steve Martin, Sandy & Alice Bushman, Marilyn Vance, Noah Kincaid, Bill Wilson, Kathy Ramirez, Rose Marie Theel, Ruby Corbet, Don Bohnsack, Winnie Henderson, Brian Onasch, Danielle & Doug Euler & Family, Ann Crum, Bill Cass, Linda Kesinger, Jim Snell, Brooke Gilfert, Barb Kessler, Marji Dickson, Larry Phillips, Ruth Kenton

Pray for our out-of-town Active Duty Personnel

Melissa Van Valkenburgh, Hannah Bond, Rob Widmyer, Jim & Rachel Sullivan, Nelson Hanson, Cameron Brown, Christin Collins, Nickalas Derringer, Rose Uy, Edison & Faviola Urquiza, Jeremy Bower, Tyler Kowalewski, Brandon Williams



Children's Moment

Lord, Keep Me Safe

The world feels big, and I feel small.
Still, God, You listen when I call.
My soft words whisper in Your ears,
And then You come to ease my fears.

You calm me when I feel afraid
And help me to be very brave.
You stay beside me day and night
And always keep me in Your sight.

You calm me when I feel afraid
And help me to be very brave.
You stay beside me day and night
And always keep me in Your sight.

Thank You, God! Your love, I know,
Protects me everywhere I go.



The New Year can be an exciting and challenging time. School will be starting again soon and we will start being busy with all our activities. We are so blessed to know that through all seasons, whether it is the beginning or ending that God is forever by our side walking with us. Have a blessed week and a wonderful start to the New Year!!

Mrs. Danielle Euler

January 9th

Teacher: Sue Hubert

Helper: Jim Bliss

- Precious Moments, Little Book of Prayers c. 2013 Thomas Nelson



A Note From Tennyson Center

I just wanted to let you know we received the gift cards and say a HUGE thank you! I was blown away with the generosity and how many gift cards were donated. We were able to distribute to many families who expressed financial needs and struggles at Operation Santa and many were in tears when we gave them the gift cards.

Santa Shop was a wonderful day. We served over 150 families (some with up to nine children – including foster, bio, kinship, etc.) and many families in tears with gratefulness over all of the donations. We had one single mom who receives family therapy through Tennyson come shop that just got custody of her three nieces (in addition to her own two children) due to abuse they were facing in their home. She had told them they would not be able to have Christmas this year so they didn't even put up their tree. After she came to Santa Shop and got gifts for all of them, herself, and a giftcard to help with food and diapers, she was so excited to go home and put up the tree and surprise the five kiddos with presents. Thank you for helping to bring Christmas to this family!

Thank you again! **Cydnee Dossey,**
Community Engagement Coordinator



Worship Schedule

Watch last Sunday's Service now

www.LeavenworthChristian.com



click on "Sermons" on the upper Right of the Homepage

Here are 3 ways you can connect to Sunday Worship at 9:30am

***On your Computer - Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/6823543423?pwd=cWRSTVQ3TGhGK2JIQTR5N1JTdG9GZz09>

Meeting ID: 682 354 3423

Password: 838807

*You can also reach Zoom through a link
on our Website: www.leavenworthchristian.com

*Home phone (no video)

Dial any of the following numbers:

833 548 0282 US Toll-free

877 853 5257 US Toll-free

888 475 4499 US Toll-free

833 548 0276 US Toll-free



Book Study

Our Book Group is reading

"Anxious To Talk About it"

(Helping White people Talk Faithfully About Racism)

Mondays 4pm in the Kitterman/Zoom

The author of the book is Carolyn B. Helsel. This is the second edition of the book.

Missing Item!

If you borrowed the clear plastic Beverage Dispenser from the Fellowship Hall Kitchen, please let us know and return it. Thanks!!!

Poinsettias



In Remembrance of

By

*Tom Powell, Helen Nowlan
William Nowlan, Donna Powell*

Kathy Powell

*Dan & Fyrne Nicodemus,
Denise Wempen*

Dea & Terry Nicodemus

*Lila & James Williams
Alex Williams, Lyle Williams*

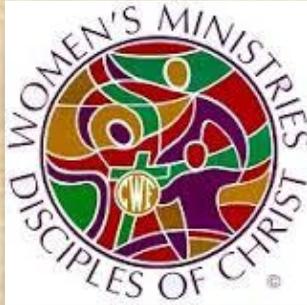
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Installation of Officers

**Sunday, January 9th
During Worship**

First Christian Info

Leavened Bread
Tuesday
January 11th
8:00am



alive
Tuesday
January 12th
7:00pm

Attendance
January 2nd

On-Line: 37



January 6th
Krystal Francis

January 8th
Emily McCracken

January 11th
Max Matousek
Michael Reed

January 12th
Don Bachtel
Margaux Porter

Your Giving Dec 26, 2021

General	\$3,695.00
Christmas	165.00
WOC	60.00
Backpack Buddies	45.00
Total	\$3,965.00

Please remember your commitment to the church by mail or through eGive:

www.leavenworthchristian.com



First Christian Calendar



January 5-17, 2022

Wednesday, January 5th

Prayer Group *Kitterman* 8:30am
Mary/Martha *Kitterman* 5:00pm

Thursday, January 6th

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Sunday, January 9th

Installation of Officers

Worship *In-Person & Zoom* 9:30am
Seekers Sunday School *In-Person* 10:45am

Monday, January 10th

Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's* 6:30am
Book Study *Kitterman /Zoom* 4:00pm
Pat Barnhardt *Kitterman* 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 11th

Leavened Bread *Pullman's* 8:00am



Wednesday January 12th

Prayer Group *Kitterman* 8:30am
Lois Steineker *Kitterman* 1:00pm
aliVe *Kitterman* 7:00pm

Thursday, January 13th

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Sunday, January 16th

CWS Blankets Offering

Worship *In-Person & Zoom* 9:30am
Seekers Sunday School *In-Person* 10:45am

Monday, January 17th

***Martin Luther King Day* (office closed)**

Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's* 6:30am
Book Study *Kitterman/Zoom* 4:00pm



Servers January 9th

Elder: Lois Steineker
Diaconate: TBD

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