

Office Hours

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 9	9:00 AM	Sunday School "Ordinary Day" study
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
	3:00 PM	Youth Group
Wednesday, 12	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Saturday, 15	3:00 PM	Models Club

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 16	9:00 AM	Sunday School "Ordinary Day" study
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Choir Info Meeting
Monday, 17	1:00 PM	Newsletter Deadline
Wednesday, 19	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 20	6:30 PM	Ad Council meeting

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS

We are wanting to have the children more actively involved in mission projects throughout the year.

Here are some of the suggested mission outreaches for 2020 the children of our church can be involved with:

- Law Enforcement dinner – the children will meet, prepare a meal, and deliver it to our local Police and Fire Departments.
- Cleaning Hawthorne Park
- Animal Shelters
- Nursing Homes



Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please stop by the chart in the Narthex and reserve your special date(s) to reserve for flowers.

WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY

Dawn Ruge, head of the food pantry, would like to extend her gratitude to everyone for your continued support throughout the year. The pantry recently received a very generous donation and they are currently well stocked. **We will begin collecting again for the pantry next month.**

QUARTERLY MISSION: VNA PHOENIX CENTER

We are in the midst of collecting for our first quarter's mission of the **VNA Phoenix Center**. This is an outreach of the VNA targeted towards helping children and young adults who have lost someone in their lives who need help processing their grief.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

We are continuing our "Ordinary Day" adult study class that will focus on learning how to use our Bibles everyday. **We meet during the Sunday School hour each week at 9 a.m. in the kitchen.**

YOUTH GROUP MEETS TODAY

Attention all youth ages 6th grade and up! We will be having our 1st gathering in the fellowship hall this afternoon at 3 p.m. This is a place for kids to make friends, learn, and have fun...all while growing in their relationship with God. We hope you can join us for some food & fun later this afternoon. Invite your friends!!!

WE ARE IN NEED OF LITURGISTS

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help lead our worship services as a liturgist. In dreaming of warmer weather, we are in need of volunteers to help during the summer months. Thanks.

NEXT AD COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Ad Council is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. If any committee chairs have something they would like to have on the agenda, please make sure to contact Council Chair Marcia Wood so it can be added as an item to be discussed.

Spiritual Pathways: Connections

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Sunday, February 9, 2020

PRELUDE Anna Kalbe

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Judy Reales

Brief Announcements

PASSING THE PEACE: "Greet those around you" All
(The collection supports VNA Phoenix Center.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Judy Reales

L: The Lord is the sower of the seeds of love and redemption.

C: But we have not always been ready to receive these seeds.

L: Today we hear again the scriptures that remind us of the awesome generosity of God.

ALL: Help us be good soil, O God, prepared to receive Your love and to grow in that love.

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #593

"Here I Am, Lord"

***OLD TESTAMENT READING** Judy Reales

Proverbs 2:6 - 15, 20 - 22

followed by "GLORIA PATRI" UMH #70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Liz Lahaie

MESSAGE: Mark 4:4 - 9 Pastor Liz Lahaie

"Spiritual Pathways - Connections"

TIME OF PRAYER Judy Reales

*Congregational Prayer (In Unison)

Lord, forgive us when we doubt your mercy and your love. We are so caught up in getting everything that we want; and we want it all right now. We have trouble waiting and remembering that it is in the waiting that we might hear your voice. It is difficult for us to believe that we can be fruitful, good soil for your words and work. We find

excuses not to be attentive to you, but to focus instead on our own desires. Slow us down, Lord. Remind us again of your mercy and your love; for we offer this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Receiving Joys & Concerns Pastor Liz Lahaie

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Liz Lahaie

WORSHIP OF GIVING: Tithes, Offerings & Gifts All

"In Christ Alone"*** Screen

followed by "The Doxology"* Screen

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH #577

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

- Closing Words & Benediction -

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING All

POSTLUDE Anna Kalbe

*Indicates **STANDING** if you are able.

** Video presentation

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Joys:

Judy Reales is thankful for her mom's beautiful memorial.

We're thankful to see the bright sunshine!

Jim & Linda Green made it safely to Florida.

Thanks to **Jim Frieske** for raking the leaves.

Thankful that **Melissa Mackey's** (friend of Shelley's) cancer has not returned; it was calcium deposits.

Recent Prayer Requests:

Cindy Smyth (Judy's sister) - released from hospital

Tony Reales - prayers that doctors will find cure/treatment for the coronavirus that's spreading worldwide.

Bob Kremke - prayers for upcoming testing

Marcia Wood - prayers for continued healing

Kara Lahaie - prayers for the Adam Loftmer family

Prayers for the men & women in our military, & families.

Kim (Joyce Craig's friend & neighbor) - recovery

Dolores Slater - prayers for Cy's niece & her husband

Audrey (Linda Green's friend) - test results indicate mass in lung; prayers for guidance with her medical team.

Cindy Copollo - health concerns

Aleta Ailes - Resale Shop customer needs a new kidney

Leslie Roberts (Anna's friend) - recovering from a stroke

Bruce & Cheryl Bartholomew (friends of Chuck & Sandy)

Continue Prayers for:

Brenda Brueckheimer, Amy (Karla's friend), **Zach Fulton's grandma, Gary Rich** (uncle of Mark Lucas), **Kitty Chaplin,**

Rachel (Marcia's niece), **Darlene** (Marylou's friend),

Matthew (Judy Hoffman's son-in-law), **Arin Scott**

(Deanna's cousin's daughter) - all are battling cancer

POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

God hears your cries and heals your wounded hearts. God is preparing you for good things to come. Place your trust in God who has always loved you and will always love you.