



# Union News...



## SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (JANUARY 24):

10:30 a.m. Parking Lot Worship (see page 2)

We welcome Melanie Corn, Youth Director of CMR and Candidate of NALC Word & Season, sharing the Word with us today!

5:00 p.m. Quest Youth Zoom Meeting

**2021 Offering Envelopes** are available to pick up in the Sanctuary. Please pick up offering envelopes of family members or friends that you plan to visit with.

*OUR LOVE and SYMPATHY is extended to Richard Lyons, II, and Family on the death of his mother, Margaret Lyons, in their time of grief. "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1).*

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Tues., Jan. 26	Bible Course 101 at home (Acts)
Wed., Jan. 27	Bible Course 101 at home (Acts)
	Confirmation Class at home
Fri., Jan. 29	5:30 p.m. Friday Game Night
Sat., Jan. 30	2:00 p.m. Mary Brady Family Private Funeral Service

## NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (JANUARY 31):

10:30 a.m. Parking Lot Worship (see page 2)

*All those interested and participating are invited to a meeting following worship on **Sunday, January 31**, to discuss how to assist with worship services with the **Sound System and Technology** of Union Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

5:00 p.m. Quest Youth Zoom Meeting

*In January, the church office will begin working on the **2021 Church Yearbook**. If you have any changes in your primary contact information (phone, address, email, etc.) please contact the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!*

# Welcome

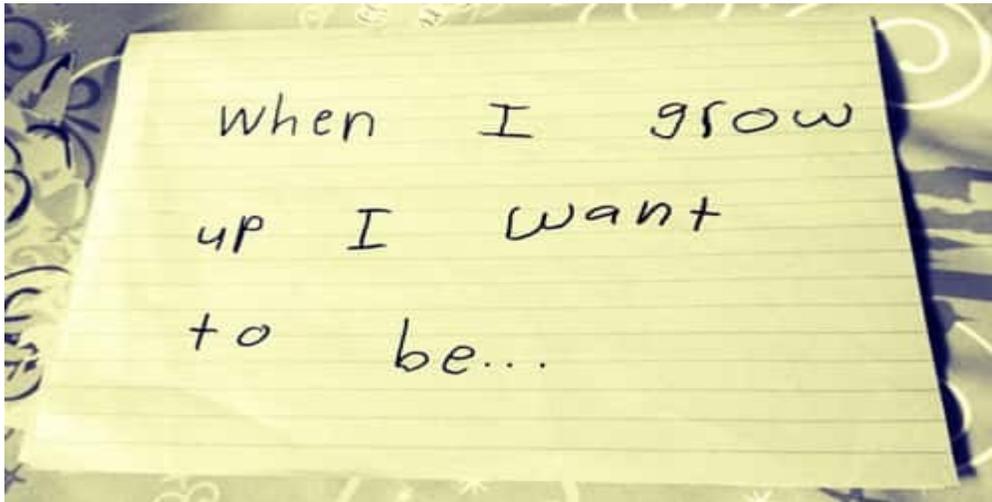
## 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

10:30 a.m. Parking Lot Worship

*Please turn your radio to Station 103.9 FM*

*Offering will be received as bulletins are handed out.*



## UNION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally-Grounded - Congregationally Focused*

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)

10:30 a.m. Parking Lot Worship

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Aus der Flotenuhr (Flute- 1772)*

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## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The Liturgist leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

L In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

L Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

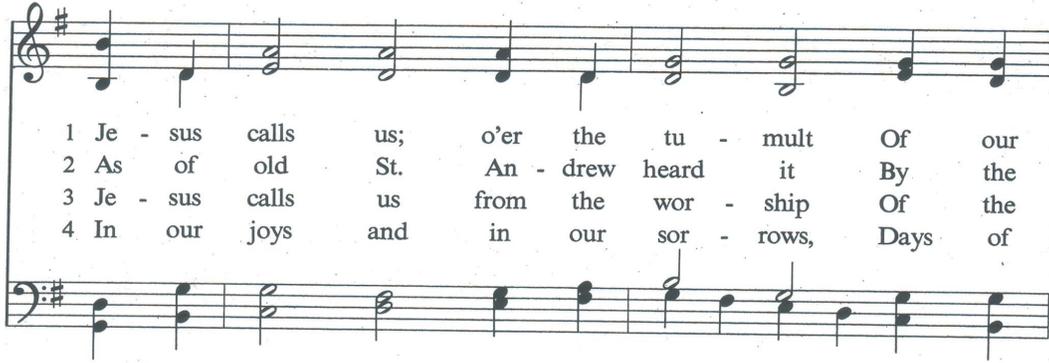
*The Liturgist stands and addresses the congregation.*

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

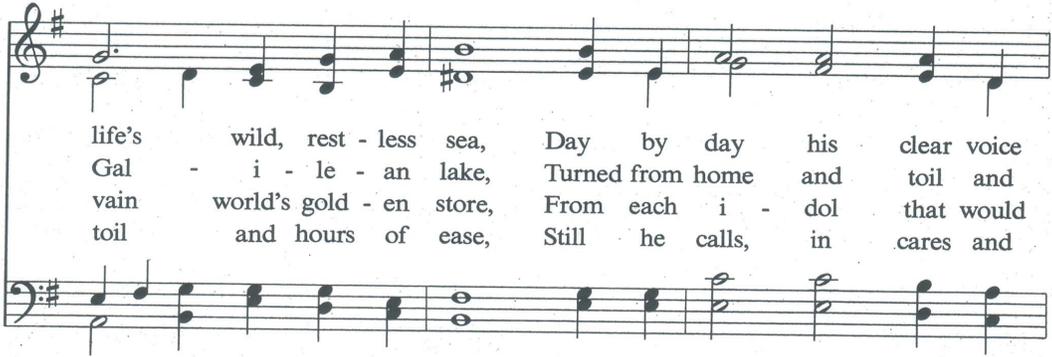
C **Amen**

# Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

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1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult Of our  
2 As of old St. An - drew heard it By the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of



life's wild, rest - less sea, Day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and



sound - ing, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."

## GREETING

*The Liturgist greets the congregation.*

**L** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

KYRIE is omitted during Epiphany.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



## THE SALUTATION

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

## FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

## PSALM 62 (spoken in unison)

<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
from him comes my salvation.

<sup>2</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

<sup>3</sup>How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together,  
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

<sup>4</sup>They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor;  
lies are their chief delight.

<sup>5</sup>They bless with their lips,  
but in their hearts they curse.

<sup>6</sup>For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
truly, my hope is in him.

<sup>7</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

<sup>8</sup>In God is my safety and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>9</sup>Put your trust in him always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

<sup>10</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,  
 even those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
<sup>11</sup>On the scales they are lighter than a breath,  
 all of them together.  
<sup>12</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
 though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.  
<sup>13</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
 that power belongs to God.  
<sup>14</sup>Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,  
 for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 7:29-35

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. <sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup>I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

Lay Reader                      Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSEPL: Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,  
<sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” <sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON TOPIC

*What do you want to be when you grow up?*

Ms. Melanie Corn

# I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*Here I Am, Lord*

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Chords: G, Em, Am<sup>7</sup>, G, C, Am, G, C, D

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Chords: D, G, Gsus<sup>4</sup>, G, C, G

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

Chords: Am<sup>7</sup>, G, C, D, G, Gsus<sup>4</sup>, G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Chords: C, G, Am<sup>7</sup>, D, G, Gsus<sup>4</sup>, G

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## THE PRAYERS

**L** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**L** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**L** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

# BLESSING

*The Liturgist blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.*

- L The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen

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## In Thee Is Gladness

1 In thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my  
2 If he is ours, . . . We fear no pow - ers, Not of earth or sin or

heart. By thee are giv - en The gifts of heav - en, Thou the  
death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis - tress - es; He can

true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; Our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto - ry Tell of his

break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly Has built se - cure - ly  
glo - ry With heart and voic - es; All heav'n re - joic - es

Hymn Continued on page 12

And stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
 In him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing To see thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing,  
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love him and praise him

To thee are cleav - ing; Naught us can sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 And still shall raise him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

**THE SENDING**

*The Liturgist may dismiss the congregation.*

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Next Week's Readings (January 31):**  
 Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

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**Worship Services Opportunities during the month of January**

**Parking Lot Worship at 10:30 a.m.** with radio broadcast 103.9 FM. This worship service is structured specifically to prevent the spread of COVID-19 but still celebrate the communal aspect of worship.

During COVID-19 we are offering the following if you do not feel comfortable worshipping in person you can: 1. Worship online by visiting our webpage (<https://ulcsalisbury.org/worship/>) 2. Connect with us on Facebook Live (<https://facebook.com/ulcsalisbury>) 3. Request a worship DVD

*Altar Flowers in February are open for reservations. Please sign up in the Narthex and contact the church office.*

**Bible Course 101** will continue to meet during the month of February on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. except on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

*Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m. The committee will be reviewing financial reports and discussing other financial matters.*

**Confirmation Class** will meet on Wednesdays, February 3 & 10 at 6:00 p.m.

**Worship Services Opportunities during the month of February**

*Sanctuary Worship at 10:30 a.m.* We gather weekly on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate God's Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and to hear and experience God's creative and redeeming love for the world. Children are welcome and are invited to attend worship and come forward for the Children's Message.

**Friday Game Nights** will continued in February on **Fridays, February 5 & 19, at 5:30 p.m.** Depending on numbers the group will meet in either the Old Pine Center or Dutch Meeting Hall to practice social distancing.

**Good Timers**

**Thursday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m.**

*Good Timers will meet in February on Thursday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m.*

*Our program will be "Stump Your Neighbor" then "Show and Tell." Please bring with you an item (or items) that you may have inherited from your parents or grandparents, or even something that you yourself used to use and don't use anymore – something that is NOT commonly used today. We will put all these items out for a guessing game, and then each person will "show and tell" about the item(s). You may bring more than one if you wish. So check around the house for those items that you think will stump your neighbor . . .let's plan on having a lot of fun.*

*Due to COVID-19, we will not yet go out for lunch, but be patient, that day is coming!!*

*See you February 11 at 10:00 a.m. – weather permitting!!*

The Property, Cemetery, and Columbarium Committee will meet on Thursday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m.

**Who doesn't love breakfast for dinner?!?**

Join us at Union Evangelical Lutheran Church for a community wide pancake supper sponsored by our youth, as we celebrate **Shrove Tuesday, February 16**, – Mardi Gras before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. From **5:00PM – 7:00PM** dinner will be served, so feel free to stop in any time during that time frame to enjoy dinner in the Old Pine Center. All are welcome!

The menu will include but not limited to: pancakes, sausage, and bacon.

A basket will be available for donations. Funds raised will go towards helping our youth. Please make checks payable to Union Lutheran Church.

\*Please Note | Take Out will be available for those not staying to eat\*

**Ash Wednesday**

February 17 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

As we navigate how to best observe **Ash Wednesday, February 17**, with concerns about space and social distancing, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church will be offering two services at **10:00 a.m.** and **6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

The first service will be a prayer and Imposition of Ashes and the second service will be worship and Imposition of Ashes.

**February Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.**

Sunday School is a wonderful time to be with your friends and to make new ones in a smaller setting where you can connect the Word of God to your daily life, learn of Gods' love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and grow in faith together. Sunday School meets at 9:30 AM, and there are age appropriate classes for children, teens, and adults alike.

During COVID-19 the Sunday School Teachers will take turns teaching classrooms for all ages.

Please remember to practice social distancing.

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.**

**February 7** Called to Testify - John 1:37-51; 4:25-42

**February 14** Called to Support - Romans 4:13-25; Mark 15:45; 16:1-9; Luke 8:1-3; John 20:10-18

**February 21** Called to Explain - Colossians 4:7-15; Acts 18:1-26; Romans 16:3-4; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19

**February 28** Called to Serve - Psalm 33:1-12; Acts 16:11-15, 40; 1 Corinthians 1:26-30

Beginning on Sunday, February 21, at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Heidi, will focus during the sermon time on the importance of building Healthy Relationships.

**Mid-Week Lenten Series PLACES of the PASSION**

**Two ways to be able to participate:**

**3:30 pm – Bible Study (masks required) 6:30 pm – Worship (CDC guidelines followed)**

The scenes of Lent are familiar. The upper room, the garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, and the hills of Golgotha. These are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord's passion.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

**Nursing Home Residents** - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jane Peeler, (Autumn Care), Jean Ray (Brookdale), Grace Morgan (The Laurels, Room 411A– cards are appreciated), and Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

**Homebound Members** - Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Frances Norris, Zarah Plyler, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** - Kathleen Agner, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky, Bill Broadway, Ashley Deaton, Kiki Deaton, Bob Goodwin, Linda Hartley, Steve Hutchens, Tommy Kerns, Nancy Kesler, Pat Kluttz, John Knight, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Gladys Morgan, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, Karen Plyler, Rev. Dawn Rister, Patti Vallandingham, and Effie Vellines

**Continual Prayer** - Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Arnold Cauble, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, Sally Honeycutt (sister of Janie Lesley), Teresa Kesler, David Mitchell (friend of Pete Nguyen), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Dusty Morgan Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Hong Nguyen (mother of Pete Nguyen), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Steven and Malynda Peeler, Steve Pless (friend of Pete Nguyen), Larry Shepherd, Jamie Troutman (nephew of Lynn Coughenour), and Union Fire Department #76

*Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!*

