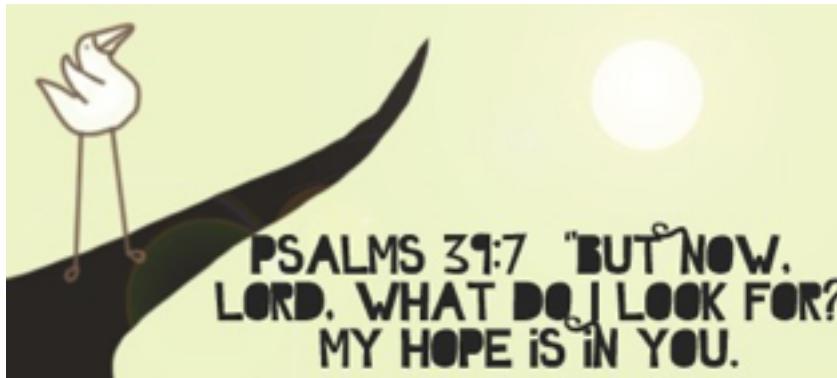


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Broken and Loved, Saved by Jesus, Freed to Live



Living with Hope

Optimism and hope are radically different attitudes. Optimism is the expectation that things—the weather, human relationships, the economy, the political situation, and so on—will get better. Hope is the trust that God will fulfill God's promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom. The optimist speaks about concrete changes in the future. The person of hope lives in the moment with the knowledge and trust that all of life is in good hands.

All the great spiritual leaders in history were people of hope. Abraham, Moses, Ruth, Mary, Jesus, Rumi, Gandhi, and Dorothy Day all lived with a promise in their hearts that guided them toward the future without the need to know exactly what it would look like. Let's live with hope.

- Henri Nouwen

This devotion is from Henri Nouwen's daily e-devotion -- a reflection I receive each day. I'm thankful for the chance to begin the day with God's word -- it gives me hope and changes my heart to see the presence of God in the people I meet and the situations I encounter throughout the day. The Daily Texts have arrived -- and there are just a few left! Christ in Our Home is available near the guestbook. Give yourself a gift in 2017 -- reading a devotion or Bible passage -- or sitting in silent meditation -- or praying -- can fill your heart and spirit along the way. In Christ, pk

This Week

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TODAY

9:00 Worship
10:15 Coffee & Conversation

MONDAY

Tom's Day of Rest
1:00 Quilters

TUESDAY

10:00 Staff Meeting
PK Out of the Office

WEDNESDAY

2:00 Text Study
3:45 Faith Ad & Confirmation to the Care Center
5:00 Community Café

THURSDAY

10:00 Food Pantry
5:00 Food Pantry

FRIDAY

4:00 Stafford / Stevens Wedding Rehearsal at LP

SATURDAY

3:30 Stafford / Stevens Wedding

SUNDAY

9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee & Conversation
Annual Meeting Packets Available

Announcements



Community Café resumes Wednesday, January 25th, 5 - 6:30 pm. Shake off your cabin fever and meet new neighbors! Volunteers have lots of fun -- contact Pat Carlson at patwally@centurytel.net



Volunteers are needed to assemble the Annual Meeting packets on Friday, January 27th at 10 am. Thanks for your time!



HOLDEN VILLAGE June 16 - 22, 2017

Holden Village is a beautiful retreat center nestled in the Cascade mountains of Washington State. Holden is the ultimate experience in "getting away from it all" -- guests arrive by boat as there are no roads to the village.

Every guest plans their own experience each day -- rest, read, hike, sip coffee, attend bible studies or learning events, try pottery or weaving, or fish.

To learn more about Holden Village, including weekly rates, check out www.holdenvillage.org

The village is opening after years of mine remediation. If you're interested, register soon. Please call PK for more info.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF HEALING

Mark, Brandon K, Bradley L, Hannah, Camille, Mai Yang, Brad, Ray, Janice, Kathy, Curt D, Bob J, Tom C, John N, Meg, Jackie G, Cory S, Bruce O, Darlene S, Mike, Mary B, Marj K, Jim S, Steve W, Erin, Jennifer S, Sandy, Dorothy B, Caitlin, Jerry M, Larry W, Bill F

PRAYERS FOR CARE CENTER FRIENDS

Alice T, Ann B, Barb S, Pearl B, Muggs, Lorene, Alfred

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

for everyone who worked to remove snow and ice from our roads and sidewalks this past week!

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION

for the marriages of Kellie Kosok & Mathew Heath and Rhonda Fenstermacher & Bruce Pederson

THANK YOU FOR ...

SERVING IN WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY TEAM EIGHT

Mary & Peter Deneen, Anne & Dan Murray, Martha Winter,
Lona Sandberg

NEXT SUNDAY TEAM ONE

Dorothy Bjork, Dorothy & Jason Peters, Pat & Greg Sandstrom,
Stephanie Stephens



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be Sunday, February 5th following worship. We'll meet for worship upstairs and have our meeting in the lower level. Thanks for joining us to give thanks for the blessings of 2016 and to hear God's call for Immanuel in 2017. Packets will be available for pick-up on Sunday, January 29th.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to serve on the council -- please complete a nomination form today so they can be included in the packet.

Council and Ministry Team reports are now past due.

If there is inclement weather, the meeting will be held 2/19.