

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry

The Word — Weekly Update

Week of February 14-20, 2022

Spiritual Food

Thoughts on Solitude

“To live a spiritual life
we must first find the courage
to enter into the desert of our loneliness
and to change it by gentle and persistent efforts into a
garden of solitude.

This requires not only courage
but also a strong faith.
As hard as it is to believe that the dry desolate desert
can yield endless varieties of flowers,
it is equally hard to imagine that our loneliness is
hiding unknown beauty.

The movement from loneliness to solitude, however,
is the beginning of any spiritual life because it is a
movement from the restless senses to the restful spirit,
from the outward-reaching cravings
to the inward-reaching search,
from the fearful clinging to the fearless play.

Henri Nouwen

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



MISSION SPENDING FOR 2021

Support for missionaries paid quarterly -

James and Kelly Mason (Frontier Ventures) \$4000

Ben and Diane Blackwell (Bridges International-Denver)
\$1200

Tracy and Martin Reeves (TMS Global - Peru) \$1200 + [this
year only - an extra \$300 to support their sabbatical]

Heather Jim (Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship - NM) \$1200

Other -

Marjorie's Food Pantry \$200

N.M. Dream Center \$200

Maua Methodist Hospital fund (UMC Global Ministries) \$250

AMOS Health and Hope (Nicaragua) \$250

Ellie Mouchet (Josiah Venture - Poland) \$300

CUMC Young Adult Ministries \$500

Heifer International \$400

UMCOR \$400

Cuidando Los Ninos \$400

East Central Ministries \$500

Lydia Patterson Institute (El Paso) \$250

Pure Water Ministries (Navajo Ministries) \$400

Personal Christmas gifts to Missionaries \$500

\$8800 was budgeted to Missions

\$3350 came from "Missions Special Giving"

Also - \$486.16 was spent on Teacher Appreciation Bags
(Emerson, Wilson and Whittier) and came from the Project
Hope Fund



What's Happening at the **SPOT**

Now on Mondays:

After School @ the SPOT

NO MEETING on the 21st due to Holiday



PRAYER LIST



- ✦ Carol Flint–has Covid
- ✦ Dick Chronister – recovering from surgery to repair his ankle; at home but no weight bearing for 6 weeks
- ✦ The Salazar family–Eddie’s father passed away on February 1; Kathy’s mom recuperating from Covid at home: Rachel is waiting for results of tests for ongoing health issues
- ✦ Mary Kay Garcia–recovering from vocal cord surgery and staying with her sister
- ✦ The family of Darrell Felty who passed away recently from Covid complications
- ✦ Eugene Kerr who passed away recently after a battle with Parkinson’s
- ✦ Bill Carter (friend of Aurora Gray)– praises that he is being released from the hospital but needs continued prayer for his breathing as a result of Covid
- ✦ Aislyn (friend of Sierra Genne)–has Covid and is struggling to breathe
- ✦ Carolyn Kinsey’s brother Dan Baxter – at home on oxygen–continued prayers as he heals
- ✦ Carolyn Kinsey’s nephew David Baxter – doing well after Covid
- ✦ Nancy Stewart’s family–nephew Jeff is now in a care facility but needs rehab – sister-in-law Connie may need to go into assisted living

New contact info for Deana Walter:

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A Life Well Lived

The Celebration of Life Service for Darrell Felty will be held on Thursday, March 3 at 2:00 pm in the CUMC Sanctuary. There will be a reception following.

News from Women's Ministry

- ✦ Needed: a list of people who would be willing to help set up tables in Fellowship Hall for any receptions
- ✦ Only one or two needed for each event. Call Ann Sharpe (505-977-0700) or the church office if you can help
- ✦ Women's Ministry will be doing a yearlong collection of items for Interfaith Bible Compassion Center
- ✦ First collection will be feminine hygiene supplies, brushes & combs, AND new or gently used bath towels
- ✦ Bins will be set out in the narthex for these items



Upcoming Birthdays

February 16
Virginia Mueller

February 19
Tammy Kincaid

February 27
Shelby Mason

March 3
Gene Childers

March 9
Pastor Dustin

Can YOU Help?

Suzy Bradley and Susan Chronister are looking for a third backup during Sunday school to take care of attendance. Training provided . If interested please contact Susan Chronister.

Church Women United

Church Women United, an ecumenical Christian women's group, will meet for **World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4th at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom**. The theme of the service is God's promise found in Jeremiah: "I Know the Plans I Have for You" which focuses on freedom, forgiveness, justice and God's peace. Our speaker will be Rev. Lynne Hinton, Director of the New Mexico Conference of Churches. In addition, she is currently teaching journaling at the Bernalillo County Behavioral Health Care Campus in the Crisis and Recovery Units. The Zoom link with printed program will be sent out 3 days before the event. If you would like to participate, please contact Marilyn Stoops at mstoops@swcp.com or call (505) 265-8358 and she will add you to the Zoom list. Please join us!



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