

OUTLOOK

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"Enriched in every way."
- From I Corinthians 1:5

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COMFORT

"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God." (Isaiah 40:1)

Isaiah 40 speaks first and foremost of comfort. We all need comfort, comfort in uncomfortable times. The word for comfort in Isaiah has its root in the idea of breathing deeply. God's people are invited to breathe in the comfort of God. In the Bible "comfort" is something good that takes care of bad things. Comfort does not always take away the bad things. Sometimes comfort makes us strong enough to endure the bad things and to keep on going. Sometimes comfort dries up our tears and sometimes it makes us strong enough to cry things out. God's comfort allows us to keep moving forward even after bad things have happened to us.

"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God." The people of Jerusalem needed to hear those words. The many Judeans in exile, praying to return to their country and to have their temple restored, needed to hear those words. God's word of comfort still needs to be heard today by those who suffer broken dreams or broken hearts. These words need to be heard by those who feel friendless, who feel alone. These words need to be heard by those who carry the heavy burden of guilt or shame. These words need to be heard by those who have lost their financial security, lost their way. These words need to be heard by those who health is fragile, whose loved one's health is fragile.

"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God." God is coming to you. You are not alone, anymore, because our God is coming to you. Understand that the word of comfort comes to "my people." Rev. Paul Nielson reminds us that this covenant language here. 'Let MY PEOPLE go.' 'I brought MY PEOPLE out of Egypt.' 'You shall shepherd MY PEOPLE.' Nothing can separate 'your God' from 'MY PEOPLE.' 'Not tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword.' 'Says YOUR GOD.' "I am the Lord YOUR GOD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.' 'You shall be MY PEOPLE and I will be YOUR GOD.'

You are God's people. And God's word for God's people today is first and foremost comfort. May you breathe in the comfort of God.
Comfortably, Thomas

SUNDAY, APRIL 5— We will meet via Facebook live stream again next Sunday, April 5 at 10:00.

GIVING



Please remember the ongoing financial needs of the church. Thank you for your generous response. You may continue to mail in your gifts or drop them at the church. There is a link on our website to electronically donate. You can also call Gerald if you would like to set up automatic withdrawals from your checking account.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 2 - Max Henson | 10 - Billie Wickstrom | 20 - Elena Tonkin |
| Trey Lepper | Pam Youngquist | 22 - Staley Hansen |
| 3 - Earl Dill | 11 - April Oaks | 23 - Herb Thomas |
| Debbie Goodwin | Paul Popa | 24 - Kandi Julian |
| Carly Johnson | 12 - Braxton Koontz | Linda Shanton |
| Becky Wells | Tara Moore | Sidney West |
| 5 - Colton Woodford | Zia Plapp | 25 - June Jennings |
| Kenneth Woodford | Ken Woodford | Joe Mahler |
| 6 - Brandon Harms | 13 - Scott Smith | Rachel Shanton |
| Kennedy Julian | 15 - Isaac Melton | 26 - Justin Roddy |
| 7 - Terah Doster | 16 - Jackson Dugger | Ernie Owens |
| Margaret Reese | John Todd | 28 - Gabe Neubert |
| Ray Shular | Judy Woodson | Becky O'Berry |
| Catie Woodruff | 17 - Jacy Cunningham | 30 - Derick Shular |
| 8 - Jon Allmon | 18 - Hannah Noll | |
| Diana Jones | Matt Thomas | |
| Norma Cardwell | 19 - Ron French | |
| 9 - Stephen Shanton | 20 - Taylor Gency | |



OUR STEWARDSHIP PICTURE - MARCH 29, 2020

9:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A.M.

2020 BUDGET

	\$572,377.00
Needed Weekly	11,007.25
Given March 22 & 29, 2020	18,465.00
Given by March 22 & 29, 2020	121,323.84
Needed by March 22 & 29, 2020	143,094.25
Under budget	21,770.41

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 5: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27.
HOSPITAL: David Level, Tennova North Select

EVA'S MEALS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1



Our own Eva Myers will provide meals again this week. This week the meals will be offered on Wednesday. The menu will be chicken casserole, veggies, rice, dessert. Prices are: individual meal: \$5; family meal: \$50; entrée only: \$25. Please place your order by Monday, 3:00 p.m. by calling or texting: Eva at 803-3721 or Anna 423-618-5011. For pick-up, between 4-5 p.m., drive up to the entrance of fellowship hall. We will put your meal in your car (safe distancing)!

DVDS AVAILABLE - Worship service DVDs are available. Contact the church if you want one.

EASTER LILY SIGN-UP— We will not be taking anymore orders for Easter lilies.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

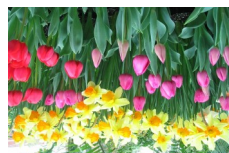


The Membership Directory is being updated, member by member. Our volunteers are working very hard to get everyone in and information listed correctly. So if someone calls you to verify this information, or should they leave a message, please respond to make their job easier. If your phone number has been changed and we can't reach you, please call the office with your updated number. Thanks for your help.

YOUTH SECTION

CANCELLED: The Jr. High Spring Retreat set for April 17-19 at Camp John Speer has been cancelled. Hopefully, it can be rescheduled for the fall.

Just like last week, we will have our Youth gathering via Zoom on Wednesday night at 6! Look for a link to the meeting around lunchtime on a Wednesday. . . . **Billy**



MARCH 30, 2020

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