

RUMC PRAYER LIST:

Larry Underwood
Zulla Russell
Rick Willis
Judy Scheuble
James Matthews
All those with COVID-19
All those caring for COVID-19 patients



Roy Sisk
Avis Kessler
Mac Kirkpatrick
Roger Daniels
the Brown family

Continuing Prayers:

For the sick. For those who grieve.
For all who serve and their families.
For God's People, The Church, and the World.
Prayers for our Nation.

If you know someone you would like to add to our prayer list, please forward your request to Judy Scheuble by email at: ljscheuble@aol.com, or by calling her at home.

RUMC CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Dennis Ponn, Friday, December 18th

Anniversaries

None

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

SPRC – Thu, Dec 17th at 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Worship – Thu, Dec 24th at 5:30 pm

Lighting of the Advent Candle

(adapted from the GBOM Advent Liturgy, 2011)

Leader: Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing!

All: We give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ.

(light the first and second Advent candles)

Leader: Exile is not just a historical thing – it's as real today as it has ever been at any time or place in the past. Exile can take many forms and shapes. It can be voluntary – such as when families break contact with one another for one reason or another. Exile can be forced – such as when governments build border walls, like the Iron Curtain in Germany, and the demilitarized zone in Korea, and the six-meter high apartheid wall in Jerusalem. When people depend on walls for safety instead of Almighty God, it hurts others and limits themselves. Jesus was sent into this world of walls and exile not to build more walls and exile more people – but to tear down walls and bridge the gaps between people. We build walls because we fear being hurt without thinking about the hurting we do to others in the building of those walls - walls that often divide families, and mute the weary and desperate voices of the least of these sisters and brothers.

All: Holy Spirit, break down our walls. Help us as we learn to work with people who are different; and give us hearts to love those who are trapped behind walls - let us hear their voices clearly.

Leader: O Lord, when you sent Christ into the world he invited all people to receive your Holy Spirit and to use their spiritual gifts to bless your kingdom.

All: Lord, help us discover the truth and joy of what we will do together when the walls between us are gone.

(light the third Advent candle)

Leader: Rejoice always!

All: The Child of Joy is coming!