



Weekly News

Greetings Church Family!

First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020
Online Advent Worship Service

Advent Sermon Series: "Company Is Coming!"

Sunday Theme: "This Place Is a Mess!"

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9

New Testament Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

IMPORTANT WORSHIP UPDATE!

*Important new pandemic guidance from Bishop Laurie Haller and the Iowa Conference
Appointive Cabinet*

In light of worsening Covid-19 positivity rates, the crisis faced by our healthcare systems, and out of an abundance of caution and love for our neighbor, **Bishop Laurie Haller and the Appointive Cabinet is directing clergy and churches to cease in-person indoor worship and church activities through and including January 10, 2021.**

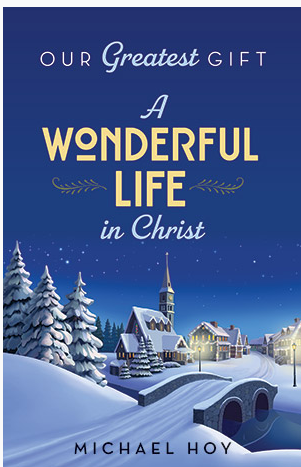
Breaking News:

Pastor Steve has joined the Peanuts Gang!

Online Children's Message and Sunday School



This just in: Pastor Steve has joined the Peanuts Gang! Each week in a children's message during online worship, Pastor Steve will explain the special meaning of the season. Then each Sunday afternoon, he will upload an online Sunday School lesson via a special video on Facebook and YouTube for the kids. During online Sunday School, Pastor Steve will teach the children by explaining a unique Advent activity. **It all comes with a special Sunday School packet! If you would like a packet for your child, just e-mail Pastor Steve at PastorSteveBraudt@gmail.com**



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY FOR INTERESTED ADULTS and YOUTH TUESDAYS at 7:00 P.M.

You are invited to join us online for Pastor Steve's Advent Bible study, "Our Greatest Gift: A Wonderful Life in Christ."

Based around the scenes and themes of the beloved Christmastime film "It's a Wonderful Life," we will explore what makes our life precious.

The study will be held on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning Dec. 1.

Wilton Christmas Angels Community Project

This holiday season the Wilton Christmas Angels will be helping families in the Wilton Community School District area.

For the safety of our families, this year we will be accepting monetary donations.

Through the month of November if you would like to send a donation, please mail it to:

**Wilton Christmas Angels
c/o Wilton Area Churches
PO Box 723
Wilton, IA 52778**

Please make checks payable to Wilton Christmas Angels. Deadline is December 1st. If you have any questions, you can call [563-732-2704](tel:563-732-2704) or [563-732-3208](tel:563-732-3208)

Building Status:

The church building is closed for public use.

The church office is working from home.

No groups are meeting in the church, and all necessary committee meetings are held online

Mission Trip 2021

The Mission Committee is planning a trip to the MWDC at Chatham from August 1-6, 2021. Please let Jill Akers know if you are interested in going on the mission trip. Her email is jnjakers@netwtc.net or text/call 319-269-8966. She no longer has a home phone. You may also call the church and leave your name. More details to follow next year.

Other News:

If you know of someone who does not have Internet and would like to join us in virtual worship, please let me know. I will contact them about being on the rotation for a digital player. Please keep a close watch on our [Facebook page](#), as I post important communications there on a regular basis.

Thank you for your prayers and steadfast faithfulness during this time. God loves you, I love you, and there's nothing you can do about it!

***Peace in Christ,
Pastor Steve***

Prayer - Joys and Concerns November 29, 2020

• COVID-19 Prayers

- Jill and Orville Randolph who has been diagnosed and in recovery
 - Jim Lincoln who has been diagnosed and in recovery
 - Terri Denkman who has been diagnosed and in recovery
 - Jill Proctor who has been diagnosed and in recovery
 - Don and Lorna Hartman who are in quarantine after Don's hospital visit, Don is now home
 - For the school staff
 - COVID-19 Spike in Iowa, almost 95,000 current cases! There are over 1,500 current cases in Muscatine and Cedar Counties
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- Prayer for Judy Whitmore as she continues to recover from surgery is now home from a second surgery and is recovering
 - Carolyn Tharp who is now home & continues her treatments
 - Diane Budding who is back in the hospital
 - Rick Steffens and his treatments – good news the tumor is smaller!
 - Marcia Hetzler and her treatments
 - Prayers for Meagan Thompson's mother Vicki who is facing some challenging medical issues
 - Rita Sloan who is now home & continues her Physical therapy
 - Mike & Lanette Morgan who have had eye surgery
 - For those fighting the west coast fires and those recovering from storms
 - Prayers for our Nation

Care Centers residents: Liz Martz, Gladys Cole, Glenda Johnson, Jean King, Nelda Lauser, Kathy Luethye, Frank & Rita Dvorak, Vivian Chapman, Margaret & Ralph Duffe, Jerry Davies.

Homebound: Glenna VanAtta, Chad Morgan.

Church Family/Friends dealing with health issues/recoveries: Diane Budding, Marcia Hetzler, Ed McCallister, Carolyn Tharp, John Lippincott, Catherine Brown, Rick Steffens, Julie Gehrls