



Niles Discovery
Church

Happy
Halloween

OCTOBER
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THE BELL



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UPCOMING WORSHIP

October 4
"Brother Wind"
John 3:1-8

October 11
"Compassion"
Luke 10:25-37

October 18
"Collaboration"
Luke 10:1-11

October 25
"Creativity"
Luke 7:36-50

November 1
PLEDGE SUNDAY
"Empowerment"
Mark 10:46-52

To worship with us on Zoom on Sundays, register once at bit.ly/reg4worship.

United in God's love for everyone's journey ... no exceptions.

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The Poon Dahlia—Picture by Priscilla Taylor



OCTOBER TOWNHALL

We have scheduled a Town Hall Meeting for October 11 in the sanctuary and via Zoom following worship. The Finance Team will do a presentation to the congregation on our Church finances as of the third quarter of 2026. We will have a report from the Flea Market leadership team on the results of this year's Flea Market. There will also be time for Q&A. Please plan to attend.



ANNOUNCEMENT AND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS



Please send announcements and articles as you write them to the office administrator at admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. Your submission will be posted on our [News blog](#) as they are received, and will be used to create announcements (as appropriate), as well as submitted for the next edition of *The Bell* (if appropriate in terms of timing). The deadline for submissions for the November 2026 edition of *The Bell* is 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 15. In addition to typical newsletter news, we hope to fill each issue of *The Bell* with reflections, photographs, poems, and so forth by members and friends of the congregation.

CONTACTING THE STAFF

You can call the office 510-797-0895 to leave a message for office staff members. Our Office Administrator, Laurel Wallace can be emailed at admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. She is typically in the office on Mondays and Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our bookkeeper, Cecilia Le, can be emailed at cecilia@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. She is typically in the office on Tuesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and also does some work from home. Please use the pastor's Calendly app to make an appointment for a phone call, a Zoom meeting, or to meet on site (you get to pick); Pastor Jeff's contact information is to the right.

Pastor Jeff's contact info:

Office: 510-797-0895 x2

Mobile: 510-579-8851

Make an appointment:

calendly.com/revjss

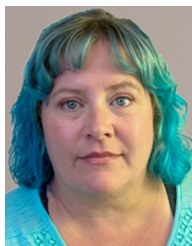
Email:

jeff@nilesdiscoverychurch.org

Absences: Pastor Jeff will be on Study Leave October 20 to 27.



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THE CHANGEMAKERS

Worship Series and Pledge Campaign Kicks Off October 11

By Pastor Jeff

A Changemaker is a risk-taker, someone who puts their faith into action to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Jesus was a Changemaker. The Good News is ... so are we. After all, we are made in the image of God, we share in the purposes of Jesus, and we are empowered by the Spirit. We are the "assets" we've been looking for. Our wealth lies in the Compassion, Collaboration, Creativity, and Empowerment that sustains us through change, for change, for the sake of a better world.

The Changemakers is the theme for our fall pledge campaign and for our four-week worship series that starts on October 11 and concludes on All Saints Sunday, November 1. Join us as we hatch new ideas and fly to new heights, risking something big for something good.

Our anchoring scripture for the worship services (and the campaign) is the story of Jesus feeding the multitude in the wilderness, as told in Mark 6. We'll hear it each week in worship from different translations to help keep it fresh. It will be paired with another gospel lesson to lift-up our four themes: Compassion,

Collaboration, Creativity, and Empowerment.

Our anchoring image (take a close look at the logo) is birds. Most are resting on the cross, though one bird has taken off. This is a wonderful representation of what this series is all about: claiming our passion for making change in the world and letting that energy move us in some way. So, come be part of "hatching new ideas" and nurturing fledglings so we, too, can take off.

During this pledge campaign, you will also receive a few letters, the last of which will include a pledge form on which you can put your financial commitment to support the ongoing ministry of our church in 2027. We hope you will bring this with you to worship on November 1 (or mail it to the church ahead of time if you're going to be worshipping on November 1 via Zoom). We are encouraging people to worship on site, if at all possible, that day because there will be a potluck during coffee hour that will include voting for animals to purchase with the generous offerings you made last month for Heifer International (see more on page 9).



PASTOR JEFF INVITES TOUGH THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

Do you have a theological question that's been nagging you? Pastor Jeff wants to know what it is. Pastor Jeff plans to preach on one or more of *your* theological questions on two November Sundays (November 15 and 22). If you have a question (or topic) you'd like to hear him reflect on, send it to him by October 12.





4 CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING FOCUSES ON A “BETTER TOGETHER” THEME

The Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ joyfully invites you to their 2026 Annual Gathering, where, for the first time, our Annual Gathering and Fall Gathering will come together as one inspiring, conference-wide event. The Annual Gathering will be held October 22 through 24, at City of Refuge United Church of Christ, 8400 Enterprise Way, Oakland.

Gathering around the theme “Better Together,” attendees will remember that God calls us into deeper relationship, faithful leadership, and shared ministry.

Better Together means making room for every generation including our youngest voices, so the Conference is welcoming the Sankofa Faith Initiative to the NCNC-UCC Annual Gathering. Sankofa believes children deserve spiritual experiences that honor their unique voices, needs, and cultural identities. Rather than viewing children as “not yet

ready,” Sankofa equips faith communities to create sacred spaces where children are deeply rooted in faith, affirmed in their identity, embraced in love, and recognized as vital contributors to the life of the church.

This is what being Better Together looks like: honoring the wisdom of our past, nurturing the faith of our children today, and investing in the future of the Church for generations to come. Come experience Sankofa at the Annual Gathering 2026 – and discover how we can build a Church where every generation belongs.

To learn more and to register for the Annual Gathering, go to nncucc.org/annual-gathering-2026/. Note: If you are registering a child, ages 8 to 17 only, for the Sankofa Faith Initiative program (which includes an overnight stay), there is a two-step process. Look for the directions on that page.



NO KINGS RALLY PLANNED IN FREMONT

The next nation-wide day of No Kings Rallies is Saturday October 17. A rally is planned in Fremont, at the corner of Paseo Padre and Walnut from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. One of the primary goals of this day of action is helping our neighbors create their individual voting plans – including plans to vote early. With the current federal administration working hard to disrupt voting access, it is important to make a plan and to make contingency plans. That’s one reason why there will be League of Women Voters people there: to register voters and to answer voting questions.

NOVEMBER TIME CHANGE HAPPENS OCTOBER 31

The November “fall back” on hour time change happens on the first Sunday of November, which is November 1 this year. That means we need to deal with it on Saturday, October 31, before we go to bed – at least with the clocks that don’t reset themselves. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep on Halloween night.



CHOOSING COMPASSION AND BALANCE

By Pastor Jeff



One of the things I love about this congregation is how committed you all are to embodied compassion. While changes in health and ability and while moving into a new season of life can call us to do fewer direct activities of compassion, we remain a compassionate community of faithful people.

I had a fantasy that, as I aged, I'd find greater stillness in my life and embrace the role of elder. It hasn't happened, at least not so far. It seems to me that life continues to move quickly and it can invite us into a state of exhaustion and overload.

We know what we should do to care for ourselves: rest, nourish our bodies, move regularly, set boundaries. Yet knowing and doing are not the same thing. We often find ourselves offering "reasons" for neglecting our well-being. I suspect, however, that many of those reasons are really excuses. Excuses are grounded in avoidance and fear, while reasons are grounded in truth and wisdom.

Life is precious, and wisdom teaches us to be good stewards of our time, energy, and health with intention. When we continually push ourselves to the edge, we are not practicing wisdom; we are practicing avoidance.

Learning to say "no," giving ourselves permission to rest, and treating ourselves with the same compassion we offer others are not selfish acts. They are acts of stewardship. They honor our bodies which are designed for balance.

Living a balanced life looks different for each person, though it always begins with intentionality. I found that focusing on small steps helps me make and maintain healthier habits, rather than trying to reach the ultimate goal in one step. Here are some ideas of small steps, one of which you or I could take starting today:

- ◆ Put an act of self-care into your calendar.
- ◆ Schedule one thing each day that brings you joy.
- ◆ Create a space – both a physical space and a space in your day – for quiet, reflection, meditation, journaling, or prayer.
- ◆ Identify one habit that drains you and decide you're not going to do it today.
- ◆ Move your body in ways that feel good.
- ◆ Speak kindly to yourself. What we say to ourselves shapes our souls.

Remember, these are not luxuries. These are necessities. Being compassionate with yourself is part of your call to be a compassionate person. It's never too late to take care of yourself. Choose to live with intention, grace, and balance.

POTLUCK LUNCH CELEBRATES GENEROSITY

By Katy Wharton

Celebrate generosity and our congregation's ability to be changemakers at a potluck lunch on November 1, in the fellowship hall following worship. All are invited to attend. Please bring a main dish, a salad, a dessert, or drinks to share.

During the potluck, we'll figure out which animals we want our September special offering (for the Heifer Project) to purchase. There will be time to promote your favorite animals and programs Heifer does internationally to change lives and communities. Then we will vote. This is a great way to conclude our Changemakers pledge campaign.





NEWCOMERS INVITED TO "SOUP WITH THE PASTOR" ON OCTOBER 18

People who are relatively new to the church along with people who are considering becoming members of the church are especially invited to "Soup with the Pastor" on Sunday, October 18, in the fellowship hall following coffee hour. Sandy Thomas is going to cook a soup that will be served sometime between 12:15 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. It is helpful to know how many Sandy should cook for, so please let Pastor Jeff know by October 14 if you plan to attend. Also, let him know if you need a vegetarian or vegan soup option. A free will offering is received to help cover food expenses (\$5 suggested) from those who can afford it.



ABOUT PRIDE PLACE OF BELONGING

Pride Place of Belonging is a secular program formed at Niles Discovery Church to support the LGBTQIA+ community, recognizing that there was no other location designated for the Queer Community in Fremont. Since Niles Discovery Church has been an Open and Affirming Congregation for over 30 years, we decided we are capable of creating a safe, supportive, and fun place for queer people to gather a couple times a month.



PRIDE PLACE OF BELONGING SUPPORT GROUP

Queer folk are invited to attend the monthly Pride Place of Belonging Support Group from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month (October 18, this month). This free support group, led by Pastor Jeff Spencer (with Cindy Sojourner substituting when Pastor Jeff is away), is a place for members of the LGBTQ+ community to celebrate achievements and support one another with life's struggles. It includes a time for check-in, and time to dig into any issues that need some extra support from the group. The support group meets in Room 3.

PRIDE PLACE OF BELONGING PRIDE RUNWAY

By Annika Linguist



On the fourth Sunday of every month, Pride Place of Belonging hosts their monthly social event. The October social event will be on October 25, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This month, Pride Place of Belonging is hosting a Pride Runway and Photobooth. At Pride Runway, attendees can show off outfits inspired by their Pride and are welcome to participate in the photobooth. Mocktails will be provided. The event is free and will be in the fellowship hall. Allies are welcome to attend as well.

Previous events have included a Queer Potluck and Trivia night in September and a Bobby Jo Valentine concert in July. A schedule of future Pride Place of Belonging social activities (through January 2027) is available on the [Niles Discovery Church website](#).



BACK-TO-SCHOOL WITH PUENTE

Making a Difference in the Lives of Children & Families

By Rich Gallegos

PUENTE

With help from the Niles Discovery Church, 170 children and youth associated with the farm worker support organization, Puente, have successfully returned to school for the 2026-27 academic year. In late July, the Ministry of Social Concerns Team, on behalf of Niles Discovery Church, donated \$500 in

support of Puente's Back-to-School drive. The Ministry of Christian Education Team also gave them a \$100 check from the School Supplies Special Offering. With help from Niles Discovery Church and Puente's many partner community organizations, businesses and individuals, scores of supported children, along with their families received badly needed backpacks, school supplies, and clothing for a successful school year.

Niles Discovery Church has long supported Puente, a farm worker self-help organization, located in the South Coast area of San Mateo County (Pescadero, La Honda & San Gregorio). Puente was co-founded by the Rev. Wendy Taylor, a UCC minister.

"THE BEST PLACE TO WORSHIP"

Niles Discovery Church was recognized by the *Tri-City Voice* as "The Best Place To Worship" in the Tri-Cities.

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BEST SERVICES



BEST ATTORNEY-BUSINESS
King and Thompson, APC

BEST AUTO BODY / COLLISION REPAIR
D&G Auto Body & Paint

BEST BUSINESS BANK
Fremont Bank

BEST CAR WASH
Autopia Car Wash

BEST CATERER
Massimo's

BEST CELL PHONE REPAIR
uBreakiFix

BEST COMPUTER REPAIR SHOP
uBreakiFix

BEST CONSUMER BANK OR CREDIT UNION
Fremont Bank

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE
uBreakiFix

BEST GARAGE DOOR COMPANY
Real Garage Doors

BEST GENERAL PRACTITIONER
Steven Curran, MD, Washington Township Medical Foundation

BEST HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE
Glover & Son Heating & Air Conditioning



COMMUNITY BANK Fremont Bank was founded in 1964 and is still owned by the same family.

BEST HOTEL OR LODGING
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Fremont

BEST LANDSCAPING COMPANY
Chrysalis Gardens

BEST LOCAL BUSINESS
Niles Canyon Railway

BEST LOCAL EMPLOYER
Washington Health

BEST OIL CHANGE SERVICE
Firestone Complete Auto Care

BEST PHOTOGRAPHER
Archana Rao Photography

BEST PLACE TO WORSHIP
Niles Discovery Church

BEST REAL ESTATE AGENT (AND AGENCY)
Joe Suryan, Coldwell Banker Realty

BEST WEDDING VENUE
Ardenwood Historic Farm

A Weekend with
the Artist

He Qi

October 10-11

First Congregational Church
of Palo Alto, United Church of Christ



Saturday, October 10

Art Exhibition and Reception, Meet the Artist
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall
Prints will be available for purchase

Sunday, October 11

"Sharing a Peaceful Message Through My Art"
A Talk by the Artist at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall
He Qi will also be guest preaching in our 10:00 a.m. Worship

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All events are free of charge



LARRY THE LIZARD

By Bill Palleschi



This is a cousin of Larry the Lizard. We call him Larry. It's easier to remember. The first Larry hung out on this wall during construction. Cousin Larry has found the wall by the av room in the sanctuary to his liking. Sunday participants may find Larry on the floor or wall. Do not be alarmed. Larry works for the Ministry of Property Team. He consumes nefarious insects for us. Larry is very shy and easily overcome by too much attention and Sunday perfume or cologne. Please keep your distance to not overwhelm him/her.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Día de los Muertos at Niles Discovery Church



NEW OPTION TO DONATE STOCK AND CRYPTO NOW AVAILABLE

By Mike Thomson



Gifts to the church can be made online by starting on the church's [website](#) and clicking the "Donate" button. This will take you to our page on the Vanco website. (Vanco is a third-party electronic gift processor for churches and charities.) You can also get to our Vanco page by going to nilesdiscoverychurch.org/give.

From this page, you can make donations toward your pledge, general unrestricted gift, and for our Special Offerings, etc., using a credit card. And new this year, you can donate stocks (companies, not mutual funds, etc.) and crypto to the church through this page. However, Vanco charges 4.5% for processing donations of company stock and crypto currency.

So, if you want to donate not only stock, but mutual funds, etc., to the church, we recommend the more

cumbersome and fee-free method of transferring stock to the church through United Church Funds. United Church Funds (ucfunds.org), associated with the United Church of Christ and our investment advisors/managers, will process the transaction. It is a service they provide free of charge, so the entire gift goes to the church. Unfortunately, it is not a simple click of a button on our website. Please contact Cecilia, our bookkeeper, if you have any questions or want to begin this donation process. It takes some time to process, so do it well before the end of the year.

You can always instruct your brokerage to sell the asset (stock, mutual fund, crypto, etc.) first, and then send the funds directly to the church,

without going through the Vanco or ucfunds.org. However, if the asset has appreciated in value, you may end up paying capital gains taxes on it. This is why transferring the assets directly to the church may be an advantage to you. Check with your tax advisor for tax implications on any of these methods.

Contact [Cecilia Le](#), our bookkeeper, for questions about any of our donation processes.



HEIFER'S MOST WANTED

Check out Heifer's Most Wanted — most wanted by struggling farming families around the world, that is! Each animal provides life-changing products like eggs or milk, helping families around the world lift themselves from poverty to self-reliance.

Animal	Alias	Crime	Bail
HEIFER	Alias: Milky Mama	Crime: Moo-ving families on a path to prosperity	Bail: \$500
GOAT	Alias: Billy the Kid	Crime: Clearing the path out of hunger	Bail: \$120
SHEEP	Alias: Woolly Wonder	Crime: Being a sheer delight for families in need	Bail: \$120
CHICK	Alias: Chickadee	Crime: Counting her eggs before they hatch	Bail: \$20
ALPACA	Alias: Spit Monger	Crime: Spitting in the face of poverty	Bail: \$150
PIG	Alias: Babe	Crime: Rooting up soil in the garden	Bail: \$120
HONEYBEES	Alias: Queen Bee	Crime: Taking away the sting of poverty	Bail: \$30

BAIL OUT YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL AT HEIFER.ORG/CATALOG.

This motley crew of criminals truly are some of the most wanted creatures on Earth.

Why?
Because they have the power to transform the future for struggling farming families. For the price of "bail," you send that animal to a struggling family around the world — giving them the resources, education and opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty.

HEIFER VOTING EVENT

By Beth Armstrong

The 2nd Annual All Congregation Heifer Voting Event will be held on November 1. New and improved rules will give individuals more than one vote. See which animal is the "Most Wanted." If you would like to campaign for an animal, please contact the Ministry of Christian Education Team at mce@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. (See "Potluck," page 5)



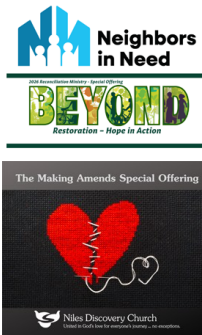
OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING: RECONCILIATION/NEIGHBORS IN NEED/ MAKING AMENDS FUND

Our October special offering is our social justice offering. It is split between two denominational offerings plus the "Making Amends Fund" of Niles Discovery Church.

The Reconciliation Ministry, sponsored by the Disciples of Christ, is an anti-racism and pro-reconciliation initiative. For more information, please visit reconciliationministry.org.

The United Church of Christ sponsors the Neighbors In Need offering. The funds from this offering support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. If you would like more information, please see ucc.org/nin.

Our Making Amends Fund supports the learning of our inherited history, addressing the suffering of Indigenous peoples and the injustices done to them.



This fund is used to engage in restorative actions and to plan for future endeavors that support the Ohlone people, the first inhabitants of the Tri-City area.

As with all our special offerings, you are welcome to give at any time. To donate, go to nilesdiscoverychurch.org/give and choose "Reconciliation/Neighbors In Need/Making Amends" in the "Select Option" frame; or mail a check to the church. With so many possibilities for special giving, you may need to choose which ones are most important to you. To see the complete schedule of special offerings, please visit NDCSpecialOfferings.

Many thanks to all that participated in our September special offering to Heifer International. We had collected \$720 by press time. The Congregation will decide what to purchase with these funds during a potluck lunch, after worship, on Sunday, November 1.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Members and friends of Niles Discovery Church are invited to submit short notices that may be of interest to the rest of the congregation. Note, no commercial notices or partisan political announcements are allowed. Niles Discovery Church makes no representations or endorsements about the events or services listed.



PFLAG Fremont/Tri-Cities has started a monthly support group for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ kids and family members (of all ages). The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month (so October 7 this month) on Zoom. Contact Pastor Jeff for the Zoom link if you would like to attend.

The League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark, and Union City will help explain the pros and cons of the major propositions appearing on the ballot on Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the sanctuary. After studying the material in depth, League members will present the most important information for you to know before casting your ballot.

Finding the Right Help at the Right Time - a program on the ins and outs of home care and home health care. Figuring out what care you need and

where to find it can be confusing and stressful, particularly when the need comes suddenly. Please join villagers from Greater Niles Village for a presentation that will give you a place to start when the need arises. Our speaker Jacob Sytsma, manager of Alameda Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), will explain the important differences between Home Health Care and Home Care, what services each provides, and when each type of care may be appropriate. Whether you're planning ahead for yourself, helping a loved one, or simply want to better understand your options, this is a great opportunity to learn what resources are available and where to turn when help is needed. Come join us, bring a friend, learn something new, and get answers to your questions on Saturday, October 10, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the

sanctuary at Niles Discovery Church. Call Greater Niles Village to RSVP, 510-458-7357

Three Cheers for Autumn, the season of Gratitude! And Booo to Slips, Trips and Falls! Did you know that 98% of participants in Spectrum's fun and friendly EnhanceFitness (EF) classes report increased confidence in their mobility, ease of performing daily activities, and/or fall prevention knowledge? Sign-ups for our Autumn series of EF are open! Join us Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00am or at 10:30am. Our classes are accessible to seniors of many different exercise levels. Voluntary contributions are welcome and no one is turned away for lack of funds. Seniors can call (510) 876-8809 to save your spot today! For more info, visit us at spectrumcs.org/senior-services/fall-risk-reduction.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To enhance the safety of your Zoom experience, we typically require advance registration for Zoom meetings held on the church's Zoom account. You only need to register once for a repeating event. Find the registration links in the descriptions of the scheduled events below.



MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY **No Bible Study on 10/26**

Monday Afternoon Bible Study continues to Zoom from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The scripture studied is typically the scripture for the coming Sunday's worship service. Everyone is welcome. You can register to join the Zoom meeting at bit.ly/MABSreg.



SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH **No Lunch Bunch on 10/18 or 10/25**

Join a small group that is in the habit of going to a restaurant for lunch with Pastor Jeff after coffee hour on most Sundays. This "Lunch Bunch" has a rotation of restaurants to eat at, and they head off to that Sunday's restaurant at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to join the Lunch Bunch on a particular Sunday, let Val Parker know by 12:10 p.m. that day so she has a headcount to bring to the restaurant. Look at the church calendar (the second to last page of *The Bell*) to see which restaurant the Lunch Bunch is going to.



LAP ROBE TYING GROUP **October 28**

Come tie lap robes on site on the fourth Wednesday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This month's meeting is on Wednesday, October 28. There will be a planned "potluck" lunch. Contact Marilyn Vermazen 563-608-4931 or mjvermazen@gmail.com for what you plan to bring to share, to be added to the group's email list, or if you have suggestions for organizations that might want donated lap robes.



GREEN TEAM MEETING **No meeting in October**

You're welcome to join the Green Team, a group leading our congregation's efforts to address the climate crisis. They typically meet quarterly, at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 2. For questions, contact Julie Ballard at jballard8858@gmail.com.



PUZZLE EXCHANGE

You're welcome to drop by the fellowship hall on any Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., to exchange a jigsaw puzzle. Some people stick around to work on a puzzle, just for the fun of it.



THE OUTING GROUP

You are welcome to join the Outing Group. We are a group of people that enjoy visiting places and doing things. We go to local museums, gardens, parks, and places of interest. We also enjoy going out to eat during our wanderings. If you would like to join us, please contact Katy Wharton at thewhart@comcast.net.



**PRAYERS FOR THESE PEOPLE (AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS)
BECAUSE OF THEIR HEALTH CONCERNS:**

Keith Moody;
Ken Rasler;
Marty Williams;
George Roeding;
Diana Roeding;
Bruce Roeding;
Amy Gunnerson;
Luke Boyer;
Carl Nordling;
Linda Boling;
Val Parker;
Glennnda Chui;
Wayne Fralin;
Margo Roletto;
Jim Roletto;
Karen Haughey;
Barbara Swint;
John Zlatnik;
Judy Zlatnik;

Ginny August;
Helen Boyer;
Hermann Attinger;
Diane Kindle;
Diana and George Roeding's son-in-law,
Mark Mendenhall;
Chris Boucher's sister, Kellen Hughes;
and for Kellen's colleague, Beth;
Margo and Jim Roletto's cousins, Ted
and Femmy Stannard, and John and
Marian Heidel;
Sharon Yool's friend, Moba;
Chris Keesis' mother, Suzanne;
The daughter of Brigitte Nichols (who
is a friend of the Boyer/Taylor clan);
Cecilia Le's spouse, Linda Carpenter;
Ann Finlinton's husband, John Cant;
Liz Musgrave's friend, Stephanie
Roden;
Peter Wilson's father;
Peter Wilson's mother, Laura Wilson;

Jasmine Zartman's mother, Karen
Trepte;
Shaun Moeller's brother, Dave Nyman;
Diane Harvey's sister, Linda;
Priscilla Taylor's friend, Richard Cavalli;
Priscilla Taylor's friend, Paul Folkestad;
Priscilla Taylor's friend, Jayne
Gallagher;
Priscilla Taylor's cousin-in-law, Michele
Arcelo;
Priscilla Taylor's friend, Michelle
Campbell;
Priscilla Taylor's father-in-law and
mother-in-law, Steve and Angie Taylor;
Rich Gallegos' mother, Esther;
Helen Boyer's sister-in-law, Marjorie
Boyer;
Michael Thomson's sister, Mary
Thomson;
Katy Wharton's mother;
Katy Wharton's sister-in-law, Hedi.

**THE SPOUSES, PARTNERS, CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE CARING FOR AND/OR JOUR-
NEYING WITH SICK, FRAIL, AND/OR ELDERLY LOVED ONES (ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE NAMED ABOVE).**

**THE PARENTS, CHILDREN, AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WISH THEY COULD BE DOING MORE TO SUPPORT THEIR
SICK, FRAIL, AND/OR ELDERLY LOVED ONES, BUT FOR WHOM DISTANCE AND/OR OTHER FACTORS MAKES THAT DIFFICULT.**

PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING, ESPECIALLY:

Chris Boucher and his extended family as they grieve the
death of his great uncle, Jack Cheney, on August 29;

the family of Pastor Emerita Sally Smith, who died on
August 23;

Iris Nicholson and her extended family as they grieve the
death of her brother, David, on May 22;

Bee Newell as she and her extended family grieve the
death of her younger brother, Bill Bolton, on March 21;

the extended family of Bill Parks as they grieve his
death on March 2.

**PEOPLE WHO ARE FEELING OVERWHELMED BY MULTIPLE PROBLEMS IN THEIR LIVES AND/OR PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD,
ESPECIALLY: CINDY SOJOURNER'S FRIEND, SAEMI.**

**PEOPLE (AND ALL OF CREATION) AROUND THE GLOBE SUFFERING FROM HUMAN-MADE DISASTERS AND FROM NATURAL
DISASTERS (OFTEN MADE WORSE BY HUMAN ACTION AND INACTION ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS).**

**PEOPLE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED AND UNDER-EMPLOYED, THAT THEY FIND EMPLOYMENT THAT FULFILLS THEIR HEARTS
AND SOULS. (PETER WILSON HAS ASKED FOR PRAYER ABOUT THIS.)**

THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING RENEWAL, REBIRTH, OR A NEW START.

CHRIS BOUCHER'S NIECE KELAYA DERRICKSON AS SHE PREPARES FOR HER BAPTISM ON SEPTEMBER 19.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL THE WAYS GOD BRINGS HEALING.

**PEACE THROUGHOUT THE EARTH, OFFERING THANKS FOR ALL WHO THROUGH NON-VIOLENT METHODS ARE BRINGING
GOD'S COMPASSION AND JUSTICE TO THE WORLD.**

A reminder about this prayer list:

If you have a prayer request that you'd like added to this list (or removed) please let Pastor Jeff know.

October 2026



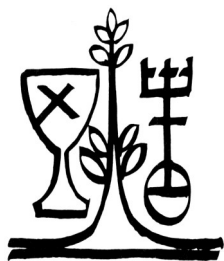
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