

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF 2022 ANNUAL NORTHERN LIGHT CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will be holding our annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 9, 2022 following our morning worship service, beginning at 11:40.

During this meeting, we will be electing/reelecting Trustees, sharing 2022 budget information and updating the congregation on 2021 finances.

Our meeting will be formatted differently than we have in the past few years. The 2021 accomplishments for the areas of Education, Fellowship, Missions, Outreach and Worship will be shared before the meeting in our bulletins (see below). If you have questions about a particular ministry, please contact the Group Lead listed.

On Monday, January 3, all of our members will receive an invitation to a private "Zoom" meeting on Sunday, January 9 at 11:40 a.m. You are welcome to attend the meeting in person, as always, or you can attend via Zoom. This will be a closed meeting intended for members.

Dave Ward will present the building and property, support and development and finance reports for 2021. He will also give us the update on budgets for 2022. After his presentation, we will have a question and answer period.

We will then elect or reelect our Trustee. Ralph Weber's Trustee term will expire this year.

Education Ministry Group (Group Lead: Melissa Ward)

The addition of Zoom and Facebook video streaming has opened up new possibilities for those who can't drive at night, can't attend due to work schedules, and even those throughout the country. We have people from coast to coast viewing and/or participating in our classes! Our traditional Sunday morning Bible classes for children and teens began again in September.

Fellowship Ministry Group (Group Lead: Emem Akpan)

A positive thing, which was necessitated by COVID, is that each person is warmly greeted as they come through the door. The welcome team continues with greeting members/visitors as they come through the door. The back to Church celebration was successful. Moreover, we have continued our support to the Flaming Pine Youth Camp (FPYC).

Missions Ministry Group (Group Lead: Emem Akpan)

Though the year is unprecedented, the harvest for the kingdom is still plentiful and so is the need for support of our mission workers. We continue to support African Transformation Network, Mission Para Cristo in Nicaragua, Cameroon, Liberia, and St. Paul Urban Ministries. The following is a thank you message from Mision Para Cristo on the national giving Tuesday: "From the congregations and preachers we serve with, our Medical Clinic, Kingdom Kids-Nicaragua, Kingdoms Kids- Honduras (EBS-Escuela El Buen Samaritano), Casa Materna, our construction team, Sustainable Living, and our administrative team we say...thank you, we love you, and we pray we get to see you back with us in 2022." We also continue to support other missions work as opportunities arise.

Outreach Ministry Group (Group Lead: Jim Hinton)

Here are some of the highlights from 2021. You are to be commended for your generosity!

- FMSC monthly packing events continue
- March FoodShare efforts raised \$ 1,040 for food needs in our area
- 49 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were donated
- Orphan Sunday - \$520

During 2022, we plan to continue these same efforts and hope to be able to add others in as the opportunities arise.

Worship Ministry Group (Group Lead: Dave Ward)

It's been a year of change and growth for our worship. We've continued to meet "virtually" and as well as together in person. Thank you very much to everyone who has been so flexible and understanding during this time. We just recently installed a new permanent video camera and complete multi-media system for "live-streaming" our class and worship services. The continued in-person and "virtual" attendees views has been very encouraging! We have several new members who have been attending in person very regularly and have people across the country who are also viewing Jim's messages. We have continued using the Praise and Harmony DVD's for our singing as this has been one of several positive changes we have made. We plan to continue meeting in person and also livestreaming our service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Helen Bassett—Helen is now home and on the mend after her foot surgery

Eliza Flowers—her great grandson, Roman Flowers, is hospitalized with Kawasaki Disease

Ruthie Dallas – her daughter, Tiffany, they are still trying to dissolve her pulmonary embolism

Libby Family — Peyton Libby no longer has Covid! Jim's assisted living facility is still experiencing short staffing.

Patti Hodge—severe back pain

Vicki Haugen—has COVID and is at home with oxygen

Mike Harrison—twisted his neck and quite uncomfortable

Those fighting cancer:

Steve Tarnowski—test results showed no metastases—the tumor was only in his esophagus!

Amanda Latrelle - Rebekah Heldt's children's cousin

Phil Johnson

Autumn (Weber's grandsons' mom)

Mark—June's brother

Jennifer – Mike Harrison's sister

Mark—Rebekah's daughter Kelsey's adoptive father has stage 4 pancreatic cancer

Thanksgiving:

Mark Smith—Nate Henry, an old friend, was baptized!

Other Needs:

Our Servicemen and women, police officers, fire fighters, and all first responders

Our Missionaries

Travelers

Covid concerns

Mark Novak—his niece & nephew are moving back to MN from NY—safe travels for their move

Our Bible Class and Message Schedule



Wednesday 7:00 PM Study will be on Zoom. Each week an invitation will be emailed to you and available on the church Facebook page. All you have to do is click on the link and join the meeting!



Sunday morning bible classes and messages will start at 9:00 and between 10:25 an 10:40 AM on Facebook Live on the church Facebook Page. They can also be viewed anytime after that on our Facebook Page. For those of you who are not on Facebook they can also be viewed on our website.

December 19

Contribution \$ 3015.00
Operation Christmas Child 10.00

December 26

Contribution \$ 3,744.00

Weekly Budget \$ 3,400
YTD Actual \$ 205,971.33
YTD Budget \$ 176,800.00

We also accept contributions through



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Ralph Weber ~ Community 763-425-1331

Do you have a suggestion or idea that you'd like to discuss?

A concern or burden that you need to share?

We invite you to come to any of us and to share whatever is on your heart.
We have an open door policy and we welcome and value your input and feedback.