

**OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF 2024 ANNUAL NORTHERN LIGHT CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

We will be holding our annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 14, 2023 following our morning worship service, beginning at 11:40.

During this meeting, we will be electing/reelecting Trustees, sharing 2024 budget information and updating the congregation on 2023 finances.

Our meeting will be formatted as we have in the past few years. The 2023 accomplishments for the areas of Education, Fellowship, Missions, Outreach and Worship will be shared before the meeting in our bulletins. If you have questions about a particular ministry, please contact the Group Lead listed.

On Monday, January 8, all of our members will receive an invitation to a private "Zoom" meeting on Sunday, January 14 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 2023. He will also give us the update on budgets for 2024. After his presentation, we will have a question and answer period.

We will then elect or reelect one Trustee. Gene Tarnowski's Trustee term will expire this year.

Education Ministry Group (Group Lead: Melissa Ward)

Zoom and Facebook video streaming continues to open 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 Sunday morning Bible classes for adults and teens continue.

Fellowship Ministry Group (Group Lead: Emem Akpan)

Each person continues to be warmly greeted as they come through the door and we have continued our support to the Flaming Pine Youth Camp (FPYC).

Missions Ministry Group (Group Lead: Emem Akpan)

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. 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 2023. You are to be commended for your generosity!

FMSC monthly packing events continue

Maui Relief— \$1,686

Orphan Sunday - \$ 1,042

PRISM food drive

Hats and Mittens

Warm Winter Clothing for 5 children (3 families)

Christmas Gifts for 8 children (5 families)

During 2024, 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)

We've continued to post Sunday messages and classes online as well as holding Wednesday night classes on Zoom. Thank you very much to everyone who has been so flexible with the changes. The continued in-person and "virtual" attendees views have been encouraging! We still have new participants who have been attending regularly online and have people around the country who are viewing Jim's messages. We have continued using the Praise and Harmony streaming for our singing and we plan to continue posting messages and classes online to include those not able to attend in person.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SPECIAL MOVIE EVENT

We will be having a special movie event on New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31. We will have a very Short worship time beginning at 9:00 am where we will have prayer and communion—we anticipate this will be around 15—20 minutes. Immediately following, we will begin the movie.

If you would like to assist with finger foods/snacks for during the movie, please see Evelyn Turner or June Harrison.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Harrison Family - their neighbors' grandson, Nolan, continues to heal. His skull was replaced this week and he is doing well.

Ann Ladd—has Covid and is doing well so far

Hinton Family—Jim's dad, Paul, is experiencing A-fib

Ongoing/Long-term Health Concerns:

Mark Novak, Jeryl Smith, Vicki Haugen, Linda Bagley, Dickey Joe Turner, Mayency Blowers' family: Jose', Mayra and her mother, Doris Davis, Darrell Davis, Ruthie Dallas, Linda Doerr

Those fighting cancer:

Linda Smith, Steve Tarnowski, Roy Alston, Betty Campbell, Mr. Juxtock, Dr. Sandy Rebrovich, Mario Corveillo, Kayla Hendrix, Lynn O'Gara, Cory, Bob Watkins, Mark (June's brother), Mark (Rebekah's daughter Kelsey's adoptive father), Christy Novak

Other Concerns:

Cannon Family – asking for prayers for Amir to find a job

Holte Family—horrible accident at Michelle's day care and issues around it

Royal Oak CofC—2 of their members died in hospice care on Tuesday.

Outreach Updates

Thank you Northern Light Family! We've asked for a lot this fall and received more than we ever anticipated.

We've participated in a food drive for Prism; purchased hats, coats, snow pants, boots, mittens and other winter clothing for 5 children in need; donated huge quantities of hats and mittens; and provided Christmas presents for 8 children. Here are a couple of pictures, but they can't convey the gratitude and appreciation of those on the receiving end of these gifts. You have truly shown God's love in a very tangible way.

THANK YOU!!!!





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 can be viewed on our church Facebook Page each Sunday by 3:00 p.m.. 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 the following week.

Contribution Information

December 17

Regular \$ 5,053.00
FMSC \$ 25.00

Weekly Budget \$ 3,650.00
YTD Actual \$ 196,030.90
YTD Budget \$ 189,800.00

December 24

Regular \$ 2,557.00

We also accept contributions through



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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.