

# Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshipping with us today!  
If you, or others you know, have a need  
that we may help you with, please let us  
know. No matter what the situation, there  
is hope in Christ Jesus and it is our goal to  
Share him here.

# Visitor Information

Please take a minute to fill out the  
information below & return to greeter.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Children: \_\_\_\_\_

How may we serve you? (please circle)

1st time visitor	New to Area
Returning visitor	Would like a visit
Place membership	Want to know more

Prayers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Those to Keep Wrapped in Your Prayers:

Shut-ins	Military	College Students
Delores Bolte	Nova Deckman's Brother:	Jacob Duncan
Amanda Larson	Billy Harris	Ethan Leinen
Eunice Peoples	Mike & Glenda Petersen's Son:	Luke Martin
	Nate Petersen	Evelyn Fulmer
	Deb Elam's Son & Daughter-in	Mason Ogle
	-law: Jon & Lynn Kinney	

# Areas to Serve

Today January 21st	Next Week January 28th
Greeters Rick Ogle Deb Ogle	Greeters Troy Kinney Caronna Kinney
Parking Lot Chris Adams	Parking Lot Jack Loftus
Call to Worship Troy Kinney	Call to Worship Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer Bob Helton	Opening Prayer Cody Jackson
Song Leader Parker Seilstad	Song Leader Troy Kinney
Table Talk Dylan Ford	Table Talk Mitch Dollen
Table Prayers Jake Sola	Table Prayers Roman Perez
	Dick Sladky
Table Servers Rick Ogle	Table Servers Chris Adams
	Austin Hunter
Closing Prayer Thad Kinney	Closing Prayer Matt Ogle
Announcements Jonah Leinen	Announcements David Montague

# Elders & Minister Deacons

Troy Kinney/Elder	402-510-5267	Jonah Leinen	712-314-2198
Bill Leinen/Elder	712-325-8234	Rick Ogle	402-515-7785
Brian Deckman	918-809-0681	David Montague	402-613-1827
/Minister		Dylan Ford	531-301-4252

# Ministries

Benevolence	Jack Loftus	Media	Parker Seilstad
Facilities & Safety	Keith Smith Rick Ogle	Outreach & Missions	Justin Leinen
Children	Jonah Leinen	Secretary	Nova Deckman
Discipleship	Bill Leinen Brian Deckman	Teens	Dylan Ford
Education	Bill Leinen	Worship Services	David Montague
Finance	Troy Kinney	Woman's Ministries	Andrea Leinen

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# McPherson Ave. CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are a Bible centered, unified family of believers called to an ever-deepening relationship  
with Christ. We will pursue Christ through study, prayer, and fellowship. We recognize  
that we are sent to the larger community surrounding us to plant the seed of the Gospel and  
to demonstrate God's love and Christ's life.

JANUARY 21ST, 2024



Sundays	Wednesdays
Bible Class All Ages 9am	Bible Class All ages 7pm
Worship 10am	
All Church Potlucks 2nd Sunday	Thursdays
Woman's Bible Study 2nd & 4th/7pm	Men's Bible Study at the Madison & Bennett Hy-Vee 7am

Love Outpoured

Sometimes we may not know the best way to show love to others or even how we can be loving in a particular situation. Proverbs 17:17 says that a “friend loves at all times.” We should love others, not only during good times, but always. Here are a few ways to love at all times:

- 1. Carry Each Other’s Burdens  
Carrying each other’s burdens might not look the same in every situation. Some people might just want a listening ear. Others might need physical help, such as help with yard work or cleaning. Still others might just want to know someone is there for them if they need it.
- 2. Be Present in Rejoicing and Mourning  
Often, in order to love people, we must be present in what they are experiencing, whether it be joy or hardship. Romans 12:15 says, “Rejoice with those who rejoice.” When someone is finding success and going through happy times, we may feel jealous or question their happiness instead of rejoicing with them. However, we are told to rejoice with them and be happy in their celebrations as this shows the love of Christ.  
However, we are also told to mourn with each other. In times of grief, sadness and hurting, it may seem easier for us to avoid the pain of others, rather than to comfort them through their circumstances. However, we are called to show love to our brothers and sisters in Christ in the good and the bad times.

- 3. Forgive One Another  
Forgiveness is powerful. Yet, love and bitterness cannot coexist. Colossians 3:13 tells us to forgive as the Lord forgave us. His forgiveness is perfect. Even though we do not deserve it, He freely offers it to us, and we should do the same for others.

**Congregational Scripture Reading**  
**Romans 5:5**  
God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the holy spirit, who has been given to us.

Love Outpoured Continued...

1 Peter 4:8 says, “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”

- 4. Care About the Needs of Others  
Another way to show love at all times is to care about the needs of others. This can be need for physical items, such as the need for food or clothing.  
However, there can also be other needs that may not relate to possessions. For example, maybe you notice that a mother seems tired lately and offer to babysit her kids for a few hours so she can have a break. Or perhaps a friend has seemed down lately, so you schedule a time to talk and hang out to help fill that need.

Family News & Updates

**Life Groups**  
The Montague Life Group will be meeting today following services in the fellowship hall.  
The Leinen life group will be meeting the 28th following services. Pizza will be provided please bring sides and desserts.

**Planning Session/February Luncheon**  
Our 2024 planning session and February luncheon will be Feb 4th. Following the meal we will make plans for our activities and outreach events for our community.

**Prayer Requests**  
Please remember the following brought forward last Sunday: Austin Hunters fathers health; Jake Sola’s brother in law starting Chemo. Carol Pantoja has also asked for prayers as she has come down with covid.

**January Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
26th Ashton Nalley  
26th Deb Ogle  
26th Eric Newton  
31st Marge Ricketson  
**February**  
10th Sarai Schulenberg  
14th Cindy & Joel Scheffler

Use our church QR code for a quick and easy option to give for weekly contributions. Earmark a donation by adding a note under your donation amount.



Please Pray for

Elaine Torneton	Thankfulness friends/family
Marge Rickertson	friends health/stroke
Austin Hunter	Family friend cancer
David Montague	Stint placement surg
Keith Smith	brother in law lost both parents
Amber Felt	foot surgery/guardian
Jake Sola	brother in law cancer
Carol Pantoja	friend Shirley cancer
Mitch Dollen	Surg recovery bronchitis
Evalina Holcomb	Health
Marv & Sue	Doris Blood cancer
Aubry & Blaine	Father fractured back
Jack Loftus	Son Randy cancer
Adams Family	McKenzie hm stability
Brian Deckman	Chemo & dialysis
Mason Ogle	Strength & health
Ryan S	Father cancer/radiation
Delores Bolte	Health
Jason Leinen	Protection & health
Ukraine church	Protection
College Students	Military
Shut-ins	Eldership

Prayers Requests & Announcements

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