

**HEALTH CONCERNS**

**Members:**

Rita Barger (unable to walk—knee issues)  
 Jeff Briggs (health issues)  
 Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)  
 Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)  
 Ginger Clark (health issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)  
 Konnie Conrad (spinal fusion soon)  
 Lucy Dillon (health issues)  
 Faye Hodges (resident at Kerner Ridge, Phone No. 336-817-5989)  
 Bernie Krecklow (health issues)  
 Hamp Langdon (health issues)  
 Donna Myers (recuperating and Hospice palliative care at The Manor at Countryside Village where they live in Stokesdale)  
 Bob Myers (heart issues)  
 Jean Nitkin (recuperating at home)  
 Gerry Sharp (health issues)  
 Millie Vernon (health issues)  
 Rodgers White (health issues)

**Friends & Family:**

Bolen R.D. Marshall (quintuple bypass); Marie Tuttle (breast cancer); Brett Tuttle (health issues with a brain tumor); Faye Dean Watson (cancer treatment); Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)  
 Budkey Mary Carter (friend—hospitalized with COVID); Ralph Criscoe (death of 2½ yr. old granddaughter); Heather Camp (Retired Executive Director of The Shepherds Center—living with daughter and recuperating from broken femur); Patricia Kennedy (Joy’s aunt—end stages of condition)  
 Gonzalez Jeff & July White (COVID)  
 Kerr Marla Kerr-Lawson (Kerry’s sister—on dialysis)  
 Maxwell Clara Maxwell Yarber (breast cancer)  
 Myers Keith Downs (Bob’s nephew—cancer)  
 Nicholson Diane Nichols (friends since childhood—hospitalized in Lexington, MO with COVID—improving); Ralph Nichols (Diane’s husband—released from hosp.—at home with oxygen therapy)  
 Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—health issues)  
 Pruitt John Fair (organist—cancer); Julian Pruitt (John’s father—health issues)  
 Roudabush Daughter-in-law’s mother (bladder cancer)  
 S. Sharp Marli Correa (Paulo’s mother—cataract surg. on Oct. 26)  
 Thach Hope Border (23 yr. old who has had two mini strokes)  
 Amelia Summers (YMCA employee—diagnosed with Lymphoma)

**SPECIAL CONCERNS**

Bolen Catherine Bolen  
 Budkey Barry Rush’s family (Joy Lynn’s brother—loss of home due to fire)  
 S. Sharp Paulo Correa (Brazilian brother—waiting for job transfer to new location)  
 Vernon Prayers for family members  
 Watts Matt Wiggins (son-in-law—injured Achilles tendon—may be out of work extensively)

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

S. Sharp Paulo Correa (Brazilian brother—successful move)

**SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO**

**The Family of Burch Idol** (a long-time member who passed away Saturday, 9/18)  
 Bolen The family of G.G. Marshall; The Family of Imogene Fields  
 Budkey The family of Mary Carter (passed away 9/13)



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September 26, 2021—18th Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. Happy are those who find delight in God’s law.

**People: God is always nearer than our next breath. We gather to become more aware of that presence.**

Leader: Knowledge of God is a delight to the righteous. They seek to grow in wisdom and understanding.

**People: There is always more to discover than we know. God is our teacher, helper, and judge.**

Leader: Put your trust in God as you prepare to serve. Learn to be peaceable, gentle, and merciful.

**People: We seek to do good and not harm all our days. We will open our hands to the poor and needy.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

#### \*HYMN NO.14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, God, for our complacent attitudes and self-serving comforts. We do not relish the thought of sacrificing for some larger good we cannot see, for people with whom we find it difficult to identify. We compare ourselves favorably against many who seem less attuned to your purposes than we, forgetting that our true standard is Jesus Christ. We ask you to take away all the bitterness, envy, and anger that stands in the way of your reign. May all we ask of you be for the common good of all your children. *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

### KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God, who tries our hearts and minds, judges righteously, hears our prayers, and forgives and upholds us. In our daily meditation, God meets us, and in our encounters with one another, God's presence is revealed in unexpected ways. Friends, believe the good news...

**People:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

### \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 124

Mark 9:38-50

### SERMON

*"What Are We Missing?"*

Rev. John Pruitt

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## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 306

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

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### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The Apostles' Creed"*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN NO. 300

*"We Are One in the Spirit"*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Sep 26)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Lynn Budkey, Jim Ingram

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#### Next Sunday (Oct 3—World Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Skip Smith, Millie Vernon  
Element Prep: Nancy Sharp, Lynda Self  
Assisting Elders: Rusty Sudderth, Kerry Kerr  
Dee Barham, Nancy Sharp

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