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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH PARK
CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 2022

A BLANK SHEET

As we enter 2022, the 365 days that will come and go are currently a blank sheet just waiting for each of us to add content to the page based on what our life includes in the coming year. While I agree there are some things we will have no control over appearing on our sheet of paper, there will be a number of items—successes and failures, joys and sorrows, births and deaths, life changing events, spirit moving opportunities, difficult decisions, milestones, mistakes, hope, and despair that will be recorded on our 2022 sheet of paper.

What will you do with your blank sheet of paper? How will you choose to fill it? Will prayer be written in bold print on the bottom of your page and serve as a foundation upon which 2022 will develop? Will service to God and others be clearly seen at the top of your page? Will love, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness be found written in each corner of your page? Will quality time with family be included? Will spiritual growth be evident in what is written on your page? Will things like criticism of others, apathy, complacency, and complaining be found on your page as the year progresses or will your page be full of goodness, commitment, service, and unity?

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How much space on your 2022 sheet of paper will worshipping God occupy? Will the names of those you encourage in 2022 be proudly displayed or barely visible? Will you have specific goals for 2022 or just take life as it comes? When 2022 comes to an end, will your page receive God's stamp of approval, or be labelled "unsatisfactory" in red ink?

So much of what we write on our 2022 blank sheet as individuals will carry over to the blank sheet of paper we are given for 2022 as a congregation. What would you like to see written on North Park's 2022 sheet of paper by the time next year comes to an end? How much of what you want to see written there will be influenced by items written on your own 2022 sheet of paper?

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience

Colossians 3:12

The spiritual fire found at North Park will depend on each member's spiritual fire. The brightness of the light that North Park holds out to the community will depend on how bright each member's individual light shines. Will we continue to be welcoming and loving and giving as a church? Each of us will contribute to that or detract from that.

Solomon wrote in **Proverbs 21:21**, "*He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.*" Will we be dedicated to the pursuit of righteousness in 2022?

As we close out 2021 and get ready to turn the page to the blank sheet that is 2022, what will each of us add to our blank sheet? Take a few minutes to read **Romans 12:9-21** before the clock strikes midnight on the year of 2021. Perhaps it will provide us with the purpose, the dedication, and the energy to fill 2022 with love, compassion, righteousness, faith and godliness as individuals and as a church.

ATTENTION: If you are listed to serve and are unable to, please contact Wayne Morris to let him know as soon as possible.

Those to Serve –January 2, 2022

Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Opening Prayer: Scott Siegrist
Preside: Simon-Peter Broughton
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins
Scripture Reading: Marcus Price
Greeters: Pat Williams, Brenda Mohler
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady
Usher #1: Scott Weir
Usher #2: JJ Whaley
A/V Booth: Jordan Siracusa
Church Mailbox: Joan & Jeanne Wadsworth

Those to Serve –January 9, 2022

Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa
Opening Prayer: Scott Weir
Preside: Ron King
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins
Scripture Reading: Ken Maupin
Greeters: Kim & Holly Bertram
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern
Usher #1: Ron Willis
Usher #2: Jaye Lavern
A/V Booth: Ken Maupin
Church Mailbox: Joan & Jeanne Wadsworth

Those to Serve –January 16, 2022

Worship Director: Sid Long
Opening Prayer: Tim Firm
Preside: Jerry Gibson
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins
Scripture Reading: Ron King
Greeters: Joan Schmidt, Vikki Hatcher
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady
Usher #1: John Castree
Usher #2: Justin Reese
A/V Booth: Scott Weir
Church Mailbox: Joan & Jeanne Wadsworth

Those to Serve –January 23, 2022

Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Opening Prayer: Justin Reese
Preside: Stan Gregory
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins
Scripture Reading: Scott Siegrist
Greeters: Ken & Sara Maupin
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern
Usher #1: Jeremy Schulz
Usher #2: Marcus Price
A/V Booth: Tim Barton
Church Mailbox: Joan & Jeanne Wadsworth

Those to Serve –January 30, 2022

Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa
Opening Prayer: JJ Whaley
Preside: Chris Youssi
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins
Scripture Reading: Tim Barton
Greeters: Tim & Cathy Firm
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady
Usher #1: Mark Murray
Usher #2: Jeff Hagerman
A/V Booth: Adam/Tyler Zomok
Church Mailbox: Joan & Jeanne Wadsworth

DIRECTORY UPDATES

With the new year comes a new church directory. Please take some time over the next couple weeks to check your info in the current directory and, if it needs to be changed, get those changes to Ashley no later than January 30th. If you would like a new picture, please email that to Ashley and well and she will also be available to take a new picture of your family after church the 16th and 23rd of January.

*** If your address/phone number has changed at all since the last Directory was printed (January of 2021) please get that change to Ashley even if you've already given it to her. The Directory from her office with some of those updates in it disappeared so don't assume that she has a record of the new info

Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
Cameron Maupin	815-978-3362	Ken Maupin	815-262-1487
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Maxine Byrne	815-494-2512	Liz Willis	815-494-0595
Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
Pat Seifert	815-871-7236	Tim Firm	815-914-1782

Prayer List

Jason Willis

Helen Holland

Brandi Ostergard – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer

Michelle Hutchison – Tammy Weir's sister in law, undergoing cancer treatment

Mike Trank – Melanie Lavern's dad, being treated for cancer

Kevin Sircloumb – tumor on his brain stem, is back in the hospital

Gregory Willis – Ron Willis's brother, diagnosed with Myeloma

Earline Nipps – has started chemo treatments

People of Haiti – please continue to keep Haiti in your prayers as the political strife in the country continues

Santos family – relatives of the Castrees whose youngest daughter was diagnosed with DIPG, a rare type of brain cancer

Lucy Chamberlain – trying to schedule time with a heart specialist

Leota Mann – Katie Schulz's grandmother, recently hospitalized after a TIA

Lindsey Farley – friend of Katrina Whaley's, recovering after a bad car accident

Jan Lavern – recovering after surgery to repair a broken femur, back at home now

Donna Fincher – back at home

Deckard family – friends of the Morris/Zomok family who are going through a lot after a cancer diagnosis and a job relocation

Ken Lynch – awaiting results for tests on his heart

Adam Zomok – found some blockages that they are hoping to treat with medication

Bonnie Cole – going through a lot of major life changes and could use our prayers as she adjusts

Linda Lynch – broken shoulder

Myrtle Williams – recovering from surgery

Sheila Peck – at home now, doing much better

Family of Larry Borrison – Larry recently passed away

David Morris & Family - many members of his family have covid

Greg Jines - friend of the Morris's who is being treated for stage 5 kidney disease

Sherry McKuen and Dr. Rigsby - two of Lisa Warkins' friends who were recently diagnosed with cancer

Doug McClain-Smith - Doug has been hospitalized for treatment for Covid-19

Jan Morris - doctor is working on reducing swelling in her feet

Chuck Miller - hospitalized with sepsis, numbers are improving

Mary Ann Sircloumb – has been quite ill

Daniel Batha – Sally's husband, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Dennis Floyd – awaiting transfer to Champaign for heart surgery

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NO PANTRY Rick Comstock's bday
2 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	3 ROMEO Club	4	5 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Devol/Singing Julie Cavallaro's bday	6	7 Jason Willis's bday	8
9 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship LIFE Group Sunday	10	11 Blanket Ministry workday @ 9am RCC Board Meeting @ 6pm	12 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Devol/Singing HHP Food Delivery Wayne Duckmann's bday	13 6-7 pm Pantry	14	15 Pantry 10:00am
16 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Joan Schmidt's bday	17 Ryan Gregory & Wayne Morris's bday	18 Alma Smith & Leanne Douglas's bday	19 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Devol/Singing	20	21	22
23/30 10:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship 23rd LIFE Group Sunday	24/31 24th Jodi Long's bday 31st Dean King & Mary Riley's bday	25	26 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Devol/Singing HHP Food Delivery	27 6-7 pm Pantry	28 Brittany Garcia's bday D/J Nicolas's ann.	29



NEWS & EVENTS

- If you would like make a donation to RCC to help with raising funds for the cabin siding, you can write a check made to RCC or you can go to this website <https://rockfordchristiancamp.org/cabin-keepers/>
- The final Simply Give campaign of the year will run from October 3rd - January 1st. The cards are available on the rack by the women's bathroom
- Every Wednesday: Bible Study at 10 am Devotional & Singing service at 6:30 pm
- Ashley will not be keeping any regular office hours through the end of the year. If you have anything church related that is time sensitive and can not wait, please call or text her.
- The teens will be selling candy bars after church to help raise money for their trip to Winterfest
- We continue to struggle to have enough ladies volunteering at the pantry. If you are at all able to help on the 1st or 3rd Saturdays of the month, please come. Note: we are not open January 1 for the holiday. Also, if you are able to help during the week with some sorting work in the old pantry, please talk to Gloria Gregory about arranging a time that works.
- Sometime in January, a Bring/Teach/Keep class will begin. It will be at the Sunday morning Bible Class time, 9:30 a.m. Stay Tuned for more details.
- As a reminder, please do not give out the personal phone numbers of anyone from church without speaking to that person first. If you know someone who could use help with anything, please have them call the church building (or the pantry, if it is pantry related) and Ashley will coordinate getting the person's information to the appropriate person

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The North Park Church of Christ is committed to sharing Jesus with our community and the world; while encouraging the spiritual development of our youth, strengthening the bond of our families, and serving the needs of our senior adults to build a church known by its love and message that flows from the very heart of God.

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