



Sermon

"You Must Come Down to Meet Jesus" Rev. Virgil Knipp Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Worship9:30 ANSunday School10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES TAT Worship: 1/3/19 - 6; 1/10/19 - 9 Sunday Worship: 1/6/19 – 97; 1/13/19 - 93

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## THANK YOU

The Operation Share bell ringing for Christmas was a success, thanks to these additional people from our congregation who also rang bells:... Lesley Hipsher family & friends

Ben & Shari Ross – rang bells at 2 different locations.





#### SERVING IN JANUARY

Deacons: Verlin Snow, Trish Snow, Rhiannon Anderson

Bill Hackler, Kelsey Phelps, Kim More

Custodial Deacon: Melvin Hocking

Communion Preparers: Ginger Boewe & Mary Burkett

Acolytes: Emma Mayhue & Shelby Mayhue

| OFFERING—January 6, 2019 |            | OFFERING—January 13, 2019 |            |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| General                  | \$3,126.00 | General                   | \$1,771.00 |
| Sunday School            | 30.00      | Sunday School             | 20.00      |
| World Outreach           | 8.00       | Website                   | 100.00     |
| Cotner Music Fund        | 200.00     | New Sign                  | 10.00      |
| Ladies Room Décor        | 500.00     |                           |            |
| New Sign                 | 562.00     |                           |            |
| TOTAL                    | \$4,426.00 |                           | \$1,903.00 |

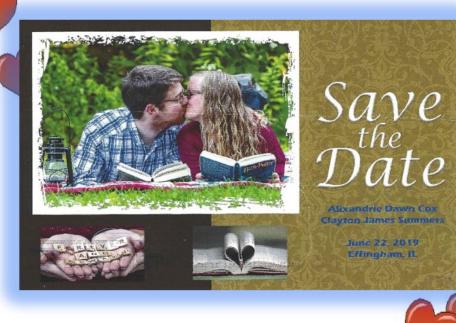


Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Bill & Pat Beesley, Doug & Mary Peterson, Don Tharp, Joan Hackler, Emily Ewald, Mary Faye Wyatt, Ralph & Jean Raber, Betty & Mike Foshee, Kim Minniear, Susan Lucio, Jean deGroot, Margott Beckerman, Steve Williams, Josh

West, John Lockhart, Ray Culver, Ron DeFoor, Frank Pixley, Leslie Glenn, Craig Lindvahl, Jeanne Tennis, Patti Frick Urbanski, Sylvia Spencer, Jama Hawf, Rev. Burley Herrin, Ann, Mick Newport, Jaxon Malcolm, Steve Draper, Refugee Crisis, and our country, its leaders, all servicemen and women and natural disaster victims.

\*The Prayer List is periodically updated. Let us know if someone needs to be removed or put back on. Please note that due to current privacy laws, you must have the permission of whomever you wish to include on the prayer list.

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Mark your calendar. Clayton Summers and Alix Cox are getting married June 22, 2019 at Camp Walter Scott with a reception following in Effingham, Illinois.

### Your Input is Important—help us tell our Story

The transition team will be meeting with groups, Sunday School classes and members of



the church in the coming weeks. As part of our transition toward a permanent minister we are taking the time to gather information on three important questions for the church.

Who are we?

Who is our neighbor?

What is God calling us to do?

This information will be compiled and given to the search committee for the permanent minis-

ter to help them answer questions from the prospects they talk with during the process. It also gives each of us a chance to pass along important information to them for their task,

We also plan to have a luncheon after church on a Sunday to share some of the great stories and information we gather. We have a great story to tell of the great things we have done and where we are heading in the next chapters of the church. Please let the church secretary know if you would like to be involved in the sessions.



### **Surrounded by Good Powers**

By: Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) Surrounded by good powers, faithful and still. Wonderfully protected and comforted-In this way, I want to live thee days with you and go into a new year. The old year still wants to torment our hearts; the heavy burden of evil days still holds us down. O Lord, give our frightened souls the salvation for which you created us. And if you hand us the heavy cup, the bitter one, of sorrow, filled to the highest brim, then we take it thankfully, without trembling, from your good and loving hand. Yet if you want to give us joy once again in this world and its sun's bright light, then we want to remember what has passed, and that our life fully belongs to you.

Today, let the candles glow warm and bright that you brought into the darkness, and if it can be, bring us together again! We know your light shine in the night. When now the profound stillness spreads around us, let us hear that full sound of the world that widens invisibly all around us. The high hymn of praise of all your children. Wonderfully secured by good powers. We confidently await what may come, God is with us in the evening and the morning, and most certainly in each new day.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident, and key founding member of the Confessing Church. He opposed the rise of fascism in Germany. Arrested by the Nazis in 1943, he was executed for treason after documents linked him with a failed conspiracy to assassinate Adolf Hitler in 1944. His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world have become widely influential, and his book The Cost of Discipleship has been described as a modern classic. Wikipedia



# JANUARY

- 2 Mike Parmenter 22 Julie Parmenter
- 7 Esther Calverly Larry Conrady
  - Tristan Lewis 23 Thomas Brooke
  - Maddox Ryan Calverly 25 Audrey Baker
- 8 Celisa Seybold 26 Mary Peterson
- 9 Camilla Joy Parr
- **13 Lynette Wiles**
- 14 Jaxon Smith
- **16 Bill Hackler**

Curt Hipsher

27 Shelby Mayhue

- 28 Ty Hipsher
  - **31 Ginger Boewe**
- 20 Brenda Sawyer

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Chuck and Lynette Wiles
- 31 Larry and Ginger Boewe

