



# WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

3020 North Barnes Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803; 417-866-0915

December 23, 2018

## Order of Worship

### Greeting

**Song Leader**  
Jon Ewing

#220  
#861

**Opening Prayer**  
John Mahon

#203  
#876

**The Lord's Supper**  
Adam Barton

**Our Contribution**  
Adam Barton

#900  
#543

**Message**  
Bill McFarland

#784

**Announcements**  
Scott Barton

#516

**Closing Prayer**  
Byron Nichols

## Serve Communion

Andy McFarland  
Jerry Milligan  
Travis Morrison  
Colton Orum  
Eddie Sanders  
Aaron Schwartz  
Jerry Stockdale  
Jonathan Pendergraft  
David Grimm  
Mike Ussery

## Welcome to our Guests

We are honored that you joined us. We hope you will be blessed by your time with us. We have an attended nursery, a cry/training room and a nursing mother's room for your convenience if you have small children. Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the pew so that we may thank you for your visit.

## Greetings, Gratitude, and Goodwill

We express warm greetings to all of you during the holiday season and through the closing days of the year. We hope there will be enough of a sense of gladness, enough togetherness, and enough stillness in your life throughout this time to make it a joy and blessing to you and yours.

Speaking of blessings, we express our gratitude to all of you for the wonderful cards, the thoughtful and encouraging sentiments, and the kindnesses (often sweet!) with which you have blessed us. We thank you. We also give thanks for you—for your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope—and for the privilege of being your coworkers in the Lord's service.

We look ahead with a spirit of goodwill toward you and toward everyone. We do not know all the changes the new year will bring in our lives, but we know there will be many. "Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love."

—Bill, Adam, Johnnie, and Tim



You are invited to  
the 60th Wedding  
Anniversary  
Celebration for  
Jackie & Virginia Buck  
on December 30 from  
3 - 4:45 p.m. at Water Mill.

- ◆ Ladies Bible Class and Quilters/Sewers will not meet again until January 10.
- ◆ Help yourself to the free magnetic calendars on the Information Desk from Fair Haven.
- ◆ Contribution Envelopes are still not in. Hopefully they will be in by next Sunday.

If you are in town Wednesday evening,  
December 26, please join us for a combined  
special devotional period.





Steven and Karen Ashcraft are leaving for West Africa at the first of February.

Karen is starting some Bible school classes for the kids and for the soon to be preachers' wives. It's all brand new to them; the Bible, the stories, the lessons, the going to church; they could use some encouragement! This is an opportunity for our kids to show some global, Christian love! We plan to write the African kiddos notes, pictures, letters, of encouragement as they start their bible lessons. Karen said it would be really helpful and some other congregations here, in the states plan to do the same. Let's make this a fun, educational, and uplifting event that might broaden our minds and hearts to be more thoughtful and prayerful for our brothers and sisters in the Lord worldwide. On January 6 we will meet after Sunday morning services, eat a quick lunch and get started. Perhaps we could find a short video or story book we could read about Ghana to familiarize ourselves a bit with that area of the world and it's people. Maybe we could even learn a Ghanaian word or phrase to write in the letters. We can take pictures of our kids to send in the letters they write and the pictures they draw. Mrs. Ashcraft suggested explaining to the kids in Africa that we study the Bible, too and we love it, enjoy it, have fun learning new stories, our favorite is \_\_\_\_\_, you can do it, you will have so much fun, God loves you, Jesus loves you, things like that. I'm excited for our families to take a small part in this work and hopefully encourage our kids (and ourselves) to be more mission minded and thankful and prayerful for Christians all over the world!

## SERVICE ROSTERS

### THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** John & Lisa Stayton  
**Van Driver:** Tucker Jobs/894-0826  
**Nursery:** Jenny Carroll/Tina Orum

### THIS EVENING

**Song Leader:** Jon Davis  
**Opening Prayer:** Devin Carroll  
**Lesson:** Bill McFarland  
**Closing Prayer:** Tom Easterly  
**Communion:** Josh Luna/Gene Lund  
**Nursery:** Michelle Hulett/Lisa Stayton

### Wednesday, December 26

**Devotional:** Combined Devotional  
**Song Leader:** Jeremy Thurlkill  
**Prayer:** Jason Luna  
**Van Driver:** Charles Crum/840-2632

### NEXT WEEK, December 30

	AM	PM
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Kerry Cole/Jon Ewing	Jon Davis
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Brendan Carroll	Barry Hannah
<b>Communion:</b>	Randy Blackburn	J. Luna/G. Lund
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Tim Bowling	Bryan Hannah
<b>Greeters:</b>	John & Lisa Stayton	
<b>Van Driver:</b>	Kevin Wuench/833-6134	
<b>Nursery:</b>	AM: Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland	PM: Lora Luna/Kirsten McFarland



Continue to remember Rachel Lilly, Ron & Marsha Bower, Ola Jean Fenney, Jeanetta Hardy, Susan Crum

- ◆ Ruth Reaves has been moved to James River Nursing & Rehab, room 410, 3550 Battlefield Rd, 65809 for rehab.
- ◆ Elizabeth Lilly is recovering at home from complete left shoulder replacement.
- ◆ Clarence Feeney is having some cardiac issues and being referred to a cardiologist for a consult & possible pacemaker.
- ◆ Randall Cox is recovering slowly from his recent accident.

#### Friends & Family

- Christine Davis, former member and Sheryl Low's sister-in-law, is in Cox South ICU. She is showing slight improvement. Doctor has ordered NO VISITORS.
- Bill's mom, Pauline Redmon, is not doing well; she is at Care Manor, 804 Burnett, Mountain Home, AR 72653.
- Kerry Cole's brother Tracy's father-in-law, Harold Scott, is suffering from severe respiratory problems.
- Julie Alexander's friend, Scott Plaisted, is in the hospital in Memphis with heart problems.
- Susan Green, Oran & Nadean's daughter-in-law, is in Cox South Neuro Trama. She has a feeding tube, an insulin drip & of course fluids running. They believe it is all related to diabetes & thyroid.
- Jan Bowling's dad, Russell Harber, is dealing with health issues.
- Continue to remember Lowell Kennemer (friend of the Lunas); Neal Rosenburg, Debra Davis' daughter-in-law's father; Danielle Horton's mom as she deals with serious issues; Frank Cunningham, Elizabeth Lilly's dad, as he deals with health issues.



The new Bible Reading Schedules for the First Quarter of 2019 are available on the Information Desk.



Carolyn and I are especially thankful to the Blessings group and Cindy Hannah in particular for the wonderful bag full of goodies which we received today. Also I personally thank the 126 birthday greetings which I received last week from so many of you. Getting older is really not that bad when you have so many who remember you. Dennis and Carolyn Smith

Thank you sweet ladies for my Christmas bag of gifts. I loved every one of them and I love all of you. Bonnie Cole



### December Anniversaries

27 Allen/Carol McCann 61 yrs.  
 30 Barney/Debbie Crawford 46 yrs.  
 31 Eddie/Linda Currier 47 yrs.  
**Happy Anniversary!!**

### Birthdays

24 Linda Tracy  
 Greg Donoho  
 27 Josiah Downing  
 28 Eddie Currier  
 29 John Dutton  
 30 Lynn Luallin  
 1/1 Alice Daniels  
 Teresa Mahon  
 4 Kenna Taylor  
 Olivia Downing  
 Abigail Davis  
 5 Gloria Luallin