

JANUARY 2024

Monday, January 22

9:00 a.m.—Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, January 23

9:30 a.m.—Al Anon Group

10:00 a.m.—W.M.U.

1:30 a.m.—Al Anon Group

Wednesday, January 24

5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner

6:30 p.m.—Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity Service

Thursday, January 25

9:30a.m.—joyous Singers Rehearsal

Saturday, January 27

9:00 a.m. Korean School

9:30 a.m.—AARP Tax Aide Training

Monday, January 29

9:00 a.m.—Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, January 30

9:30 a.m.—Al Anon

1:30 a.m.—Al Anon

Wednesday, January 31

5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner

6:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting



So far in 2024, the weather is playing it rough on us. Between the cold and snow, many of you have not felt comfortable getting out and coming to services.

We don't blame you. We would rather have you safe and healthy.

While you cannot be with us on Sunday, you can still participate in worship by joining us live on-line on Facebook®, or YouTube®.

Of course, the weather not wrecks havoc on our attendance, it hurts our finances. Certain fixed expenses—personnel, utilities, insurance, etc.— don't wait for the weather to return to normal. So we encourage each of us to continue our regular giving.

If you miss a Sunday, please catch up on your giving the next time you attend; or you can mail your gift or drop it off by the office.

During Covid, we also set up a way for you to give on-line. Follow the link below to use this tool (you might also consider upping your contribution by 3% to cover the fees).

<https://giv.li/b1qdk4>

Thank you for your faithfulness.



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Week of January 21, 2024

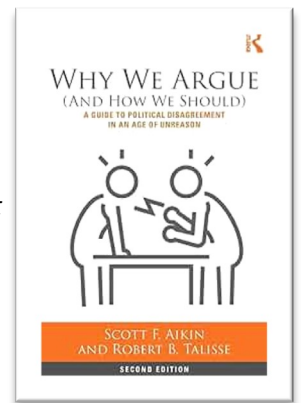


Jim's Jottings

Last week I came across two different social media posts that both disturbed and intrigued me.

The first was a Facebook® post from a Steve Harmon who teaches at Gardner Webb University. Steve shared that beginning this month, he would be teaching an 'Intro to Philosophy' course. The text he chose for the course was Why We Argue (And How We Should), by Scott Aikin who teaches philosophy at Furman.

My comment on Steve's post was: *This should be an interesting experience. Wish I could be a fly on the wall. My experience teaching college students recently is that they seem averse to arguing, largely because they don't know how to argue. They tend to see arguing as basically devaluing or diminishing another's viewpoint or personhood.*



As I pondered the premise behind Aikin's book, I had to admit that I often fall into the same mode of thinking of many of the students I have encountered; i.e. I have incorporated into my worldview the notion that arguing is divisive, and thus a negative. We should live in harmony with one another—"why can't we just all get along?"

But is arguing really a negative? Is the problem with arguing per se, or is it with the way we go about arguing?

We are different people, who come from different places, and who have had different life experiences. We are going to see things differently. As hard as it may be to conceive, arguing is one way we come to understand each other and to learn to live with each other.

Perhaps the most destructive thing we can do is to avoid arguing, to avoid dealing with the real differences. Papering over those things does not make them magically disappear. Well, hmm.



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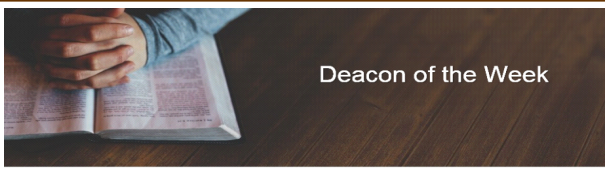
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Sound– Lindsey Harris

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Camera– Addie Brownell

Sound– Ray Powell



Deacon of the Week

Priscilla Mullins

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Birthdays

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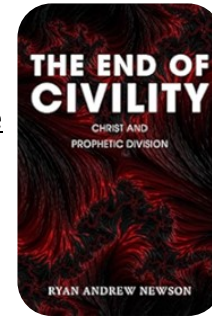


As 2024 begins the Health Ministries Team has been considering opportunities to provide information and care for our church and community. One of the ideas we are developing is to schedule Lunch and Learn events quarterly on relevant topics, offering resources that will support the physical, emotional, and spiritual life of our community.

With that in mind, we are interested in hearing from our church community ideas for topics and resources we might use in developing these events. Lunch and Learn events are opportunities to become familiar with important resources and to enhance our quality of life. We look forward to hearing from you.

Jim's Jottings continued from Front Page

The second social media post was actually a podcast from *Word & Way*, an independent Baptist journal. Brian Kaylor, editor of the journal was interviewing Ryan Andrew Newsom who is Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics at Campbell University, who has published a book entitled, The End of Civility: Christ and Prophetic Division.



Newsom contends that the call for civility in our national and religious discourse could actually be damaging to the harmony and unity we are trying to achieve. Urging people to be civil, he argues, often stifles necessary and important debate over crucial issues by encouraging people to place harmony and peace over truth and justice.

He points out that Jesus, as well as John the Baptist and the prophets, were anything but civil in their confrontations with the powers that oppressed people. He points out that Jesus' overturning the merchants' tables in the Temple was anything but a civil act. It was an intentional act designed to create conflict and dramatize the problem of a corrupted religious system.

As one who has often advocated for civility, I will admit I struggled with his argument, and I look forward to exploring it further by reading his book. At the same time, I can understand what he is saying. Often times our demand that people engage in so-called "civil discourse" is just another version of asking people to deny their feelings or passions. Because we cannot handle the passion people bring to the table, we shut down the whole process. By doing so, we only push the differences underground where

they only intensify to erupt later in more damaging ways than they might have if we had dealt with them in a healthy way.

And this is where the connection to Aikin's book on arguing comes into play. We need to give ourselves permission to argue, to contend with injustice and oppression, to deal with and work out our differences. We cannot hide behind so-called civility as a way to avoid dealing with those things can keep us from seeing ourselves as part of a common human community and working for the welfare of everyone.

I am looking forward to digging into both books. Stay tuned.

On another matter—a matter that I wish I did not need to address, because not only does it affect the ministry of our church, but it impacts the life of a family we have grown to love.

This week we say good bye to a valued member of our staff team.

In order to more closely align our projected income with projected expenses for 2024, we had to eliminate our Administrative Secretary position.

This means, that, as of this Friday, January 26, Jiyoung will no longer be a full-time member of our staff.



She has been a wonderful edition to our staff. Her positive, friendly, spirit, combined with her willingness to do whatever she could will be missed by all of us.

I am saddened by these circumstances and wish her the best in the days ahead. I am profoundly grateful for her time with us.



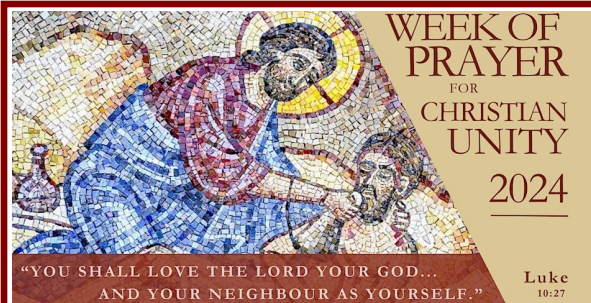
SCRIPTURE READERS

Jan 21

Lindsey Harris

Jan 28

Gary Hicks



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Prayer Service at Lyndon
on January 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

After a three-year hiatus due to Covid, we are excited to resume our Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with St. Margaret Mary Catholic and Assumption Greek Orthodox Churches. The service will be at Lyndon at 6:30 p.m.

As we have in past years, we will gather for a soup and salad meal involving all three congregations. This offers a wonderful time of fellowship and informal sharing.

Following the meal, we will gather in the sanctuary for a prayer service focused on the theme: "You Shall Love The Lord Your God . . . And Your Neighbor as Yourself.."



SUNDAY

10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship on Facebook®

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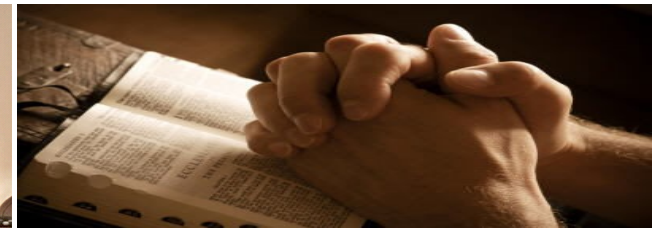
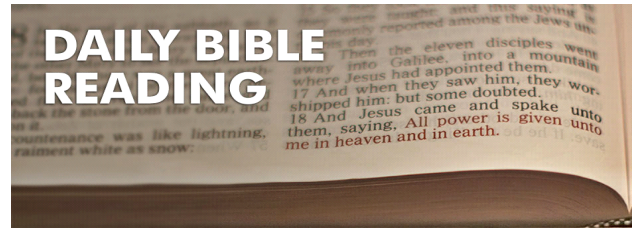
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PRAYER GUIDE

January 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in our service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday – Psalm 46; Genesis 12:1 – 9; I Corinthians 7:17 – 24

Tuesday – Psalm 46; Genesis 45:25 – 46:7; Acts 5:33 – 42

Wednesday – Psalm 46; Proverbs 8:1 – 21; Maek 3:13 – 19a

Thursday – Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 3:23 – 29

Friday – Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 12:28 – 32; Revelation 2;12 – 17

Saturday – Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 13:1 – 5; Matthew 8:28 – 9:1

Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 18:15 – 20; I Corinthians 8:1 – 13; Mark 1:21 – 28

PRAYER FOR CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Despite being thought of as a predominantly Christian country, the Central African Republic (CAR) is a difficult place for biblical disciples to live today.

Since 2012, Islamic rebel groups, often called the Seleka, have caused civil unrest. And fighters opposing the Seleka, known as the anti-Balaka and considered to be mostly "Christians," have carried out brutal revenge killings.

While 70 percent of the CAR's 5 million people identify as Christians, only 30 percent are thought to be committed followers of Christ. These believers are increasingly attacked, driven from their homes and even killed.

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Pray for the Central African Republic using this information from the Voice of the Martyrs.

**Fellowship
Dinner
Menu**

January 24

Soup and Salad Meal
(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

January 31

Grilled Pork Chops
White Beans
Broccoli
Salad

Please make or change your reservation by
NOON on MONDAY
so we can give the caterer an accurate count:

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

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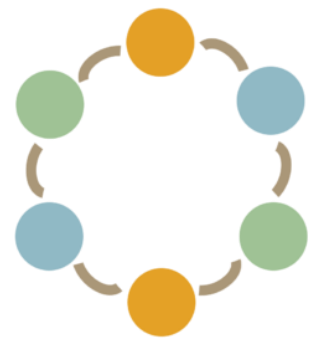
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Congregational
Care Care for each ONE
by everyONE

Prayer for Family and Friends

Evelyn Adiputra

Friend of Ruth Holladay

Rylan Applegate

Grandson of Steve and Ann
Sturdevant

Liz Aulino

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Kyp Bellinger

Family of Jim and Ruth
Holladay

John Biesel

Father of Lindsay Harris

David Brinkley

Nephew of Jane Hasty

Brian Bullock

Friend of Barbara Whitley

Paul Christiansen

Family of Madge Garwood and
Merri McDonald

Billy Compton

Son in Law of Dickie Cox

Alex Delano

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Erin Ford

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Randall Ford

Family of Marty Hamilton

Kevin Frantz

Family of Barbara Whitley

Ronald Furguson

Father of Addie Brownell

Lisa Gilmore

Friend of Derek Harris

Nelson Gruppe

Cousin of Diana Flemister

Ray Hicks

Son of Gary and Victoria Hicks

Teresa Holsclaw

Cousin of Connie Black

Melvin Horne

Brother of Raeburn Horne

Emily Janowik and Family

Friend of Lindsey Harris

**Deb Jennings and Jordan
Hahn**

Family of Sandy Hahn

Sara Beth Lowe

Friend of Derek and Lindsey
Harris

Jean Moberly

Friend of Jack and Laurice
Rogers

Forrest Morehead

Brother-in-Law of Sharon Wood

Donna Prim

Friend of Gary and Victoria
Hicks

Sean Ruwe

Son of Vera Ruwe

Jenny Sidert

Friend of Connie Black

Gladys Smith

Family of Addie Brownell

Mark and Amy Snyder

Family of Sandy Hoover

Gloria Waltemyer

Aunt of Shaunna Hoover Gragg

John Taylor Webb

Family of Becki Sikes

Jessica Weisenfels

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Maggie Westwood

Friend of Lindsey Harris