



FIRST EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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*"To be known as a church that prays"
"To be a church that takes the word of Christ to others"
"To feel the love from Christ in a way that makes our heart rejoice"*

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Pastor Michael Lewis 330-606-2711
Jeff Cunningham, worship leader;
Rob Cowie & Pauline Long, musicians

Opening Praise/Greeting Time

** "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" #196

Announcements/Prayer

Worship

"We Three Kings" #288

"The First Noel" #265

"Go Tell It On The Mountain" #258

Prayer

Offering/Offertory

Message

Pastor Lewis

Closing Video

Those who are physically able, please stand

First Church Events This Week

"Your Word is Truth" (John 17:17)

This Week:

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 am.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Prayer and Praise 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Prayer Meeting 11:00 a.m.

Pastor's notes:

I hope all of you held onto "Hope" this past week. This week's advent candle represents love and some have shared with me that during Advent they use a "daily" scripture to meditate on.

This week, try to think about what it must have been like for Mary to experience an Angel coming to her and telling her that she would carry Jesus. What about how it must have felt to actually give birth to Him and then raise Him.

God planned this from the very beginning of time. God/Jesus went through the whole cycle of life just for us. God does want us to know Him!!!!

Jesus needed to be held, He had to be cuddled and kissed. Mary and Joseph had to feed Him and I could only imagine how much "LOVE" they had for Jesus.

When you read John 3:16-17, what goes through your mind?
16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Akron First Prayer Chain has 2 contacts. It can be accessed by calling Jim Dotson @330-703-4585 or email him @jimdotson7@gmail.com, or Mike Lewis @330-606-2711 or email him @bacrides10@gmail.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 7 - Mara Perch
8 - Paul Pryor

PRAISES

Pauline - Baptism
Tom Feola – his HOPE candle lighting
Steve & Sandy - Second Sunday of Advent – “LOVE”
Tom Baldt – Both sisters Donna and Marilyn doing well
Don V. Sherry’s husband Mark healing so quickly from Shingles.
Don V. Granddaughter Bethany recovering from Covid.
Avis – surgery went well
Jim D. – Riley getting better

WHO'S ASKED FOR PRAYERS

The family of Alma - Thursday was the graveside service
Alma's son Glenn - severe PTSD
Trish - Carol Collins final surgery for cancer
Mike - mom Carol having severe knee pain
Jim D - friend Al with pancreatic cancer & friend Al Brown,
cancer treatments
Pauline - son Don grieving

PRAYER NEEDS

Brett Faidley - relief from pain & upcoming testing
Pauline - healing from infection
Avis - thumb
John M - bacterial infection
Brenda - traveling
Barb, Roger & Joe - traveling
Shut-ins - Glenna Duffey, Marie Banic, John M.

ONGOING NEEDS

Deb P.-Katrina, Bill H.-Terice, Jim D.-Al Brown, Rob & Kim &
Robbie, Don V.-April, Leroy- Ben Mercer & Debbie, Jim D.-Frank
Wilkinson, Cunningham-Audrey & Nathan, Lewis-Hayleigh
Kinzel, Debbie Boser, Marilyn- Kathryn, Cunningham-Peg
Goldsmith, Jim Behringer, Avis-Nancy Roepke, Melissa

“Pray and Seek God's Answer”



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