

– **Announcements** –

W.O.C. Christmas Program: Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help plan the Women of the Church Christmas gathering.

Poinsettias in Memory of Loved Ones: During the Advent Season we have the opportunity to place poinsettias in the sanctuary in memory of loved ones. Please contact the florist of your choice if you desire to place a plant this year. The first Sunday of Advent is November 28th!

Chili Cook-Off: The Olivet UMC will be holding its 12th Annual Chili Cook-Off TONIGHT at the Menno High School Gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. **Surplus Floor Buffer:** We will be offering the old floor buffer by Silent Auction Bids, starting today through November 28th in the Social Hall.

VBS Directors: Please contact the church office if you would like to direct our 2022 VBS. It's time to begin ordering materials and begin planning. This can be a team effort of a few individuals working together.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

***Congratulations to Alton & Myrna Herrboldt**, as they celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary tomorrow, November 22nd!

***Aaron Call**, (nephew of Ann/Pastor Mike) was in a serious motorcycle accident this past Wed. evening in Tempe, AZ. He remains in the hospital, unresponsive at this time.

***Michael Nusz**, as he recovers from surgery this past Wednesday to repair some tendons around his knee.

***Austin Pillsbury**, as he recovers from surgery this past Tuesday to repair a fracture below his thumb.

***Bill & Deb Block Family**, at the unexpected passing of their son, Joe. We pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to them during this time.

***Family of Leonard Frey**, as he passed away this last week Thursday. We pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to them during this time.

*We pray for all of our **Care Center Residents and Assisted Living Residents** as well as the **Staff** who work so hard in caring for them.

***Oliver Hollinsworth**, ***Marvin Goehring**, ***Amos Schultz**, ***Bill Headley**, ***David Walloch**, ***Jennifer Bierle**, ***Nancy McCoy**, ***Glenda Walker**, ***Lee/Pat Pommerville**, ***Les Mehlhaff**, ***Delmar/Betty Janke**, as these individuals are in various stages in their battle against cancer and/or other health struggles. We praise the Lord for His Power that is mightily at work within each one, giving them strength day by day!

***Travis Gramkow** (U.S. Navy – Virginia), ***Aaron Helgerson** (U.S. Navy – Florida),

***Katie (Schultz) Paulsen** (U.S. Air Force – Brussels, Belgium), ***Patrick Ireland** (U.S.

Army Chaplain – Ft. Bliss, TX), ***Tyler J. Brandt** (U.S. Army – Korea), ***Logan Schmidt**

(U.S. Navy), ***Troy Heckenlaible**, ***Derek Fischer**, ***Dan Wonnemberg**, ***Katie Huber**,

***Trevor Bertsch**, ***John Neth**, ***Chad Boettcher** (Army National Guard), ***Lee**

***Heckenlaible**, ***Carmen Taylor**, ***Jennifer Masterson**, ***Brett Andersen**, ***Evan**

***Wintersteen** (Air National Guard), ***Corbin Auch**, ***Travis Brandt**, ***Jayme Schaaf**,

***Jake Haider** (U.S. Army), ***Alex Olson** (U.S. Navy), ***Alex Ulmer** (U.S. Marines) – we

pray for God's protection over all in who serve in our Military!

"SOMETHING BETTER FOR US"

TEXT: Hebrews 11:35–40

I. GOD WILL MAKE A WAY!

Vs. 29 – When you feel TRAPPED! (Red Sea)

Vs. 30 – When you face a MOUNTAIN! (Jericho)

Vs. 31 – When you feel like you have FAILED! (Rahab)

Vs. 32 – When your own STRENGTH is not enough. (Gideon) **Vs. 32** – When He Uses Unlikely Heroes. (All of Us)

II. HE HAS PROMISED US SOMETHING BETTER! Hebrews 11:39,40

NOTE: Vs. 39 – "THESE, THEIR, THEM" = Old Testament BELIEVERS **Vs. 40** – "US, US" = New Testament BELIEVERS.

A. Old Testament Believers Were COMMENDED for Their Faith

Hebr. 11:2 – "This is what the ancients were COMMENDED for." **Hebr. 11:4a** – "By faith Abel was COMMENDED as a righteous man."

B. None of Them Lived to See the MESSIAH

Hebr. 11:39 – "These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been PROMISED ."

NOTE: Expectancy was HIGH before/when Christ was born!

Lk. 2:11 – Shepherds; Lk. 2:26 – Simeon; Matt. 2:2 – WISEMEN;

Jn. 1:29 – John Baptist; Jn. 1:41 – Andrew/Peter; Jn. 4:25 – MESSIAH

C. God Planned Something BETTER For Us!

Hebr. 11:40 – "God had planned something BETTER for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect."

NOTE: The Greek word used for BETTER in **Vs. 40** (#2909 – 'kreitton') is used 18x's in the New Testament. 13 of those are found in Hebrews!

NOTE: The O.T. Saints were looking FORWARD to Messiah's COMING. As N.T. Saints, we look FORWARD to the finished work of Christ on the CROSS, and we look forward to the 2ND COMING of Christ!

(See Phil. 3:20; I Cor. 1:7; Titus 2:12,13; Jude 1:21; II Peter 3:13)