

-Announcements-

68th Annual Groundhog Day: The Olivet United Methodist Church invites you to their pancake/sausage meal on Wed., Feb. 1st, serving from 11am to 7pm. Free will donations will be accepted for the meal.

Prayer Requests: There is a "Box" on the Information Cabinet in the Narthex to leave prayer requests. These requests will be prayed for during our Thursday Noon Prayer time and/or our 8:30 am Sunday Morning Prayer Time.

Incllement Weather: If services need to be canceled, we will notify the congregation through: Prayer Chain, SS Phone Tree, Church Website.

Opportunities to Serve: We are in need of individuals willing to place the flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings during 2023. All months from February through December are available. Please consider taking one or two months. We also need a few months to be filled to do the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Please sign the appropriate sheets on the Information Cabinet in the Narthex if you are willing to help. Thanks!

Heidelberg Catechism Question #55:

What do you understand by the 'communion of saints'?

Answer: First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and all His treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and cheerfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

- ***Marvin Goehring**, as he is back home and continues to recover.
- ***Erna Zeeb**, as she is now a resident at M/OCC for rehab and recovery.
- ***Ruth Breeding**, as she has been in the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls for the past two weeks.
- *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.
- ***Marvin Goehring**, ***Lonnie Herrboldt**, ***Willow Mae**, ***Larry Zeeb**, ***Marilee Hauck**, ***Ken Wintersteen**, ***Bill Headley**, ***Diane Bendt**, ***Jan Nebelsick**, ***Oliver Hollinsworth**, ***Lonnie Graber**, ***Jennifer Bierle**, ***Glenda Walker**, ***Delmar 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, and giving them strength!
- ***Travis Gramkow** (U.S. Navy - Virginia), ***Aaron Helgerson** (U.S. Navy - Rhode Island), ***Katie (Schultz) Paulsen** (U.S. Air Force - Texas), ***Patrick Ireland** (U.S. Army Chaplain - Ft. Bliss, TX), ***Tyler J. Brandt** (U.S. Army - Georgia), ***Logan Schmidt** (U.S. Navy - Ft. Travis, CA), ***Troy Heckenlaible**, ***Derek Fischer**, ***Dan Wonnemberg**, ***Katie Huber**, ***Trevor Bertsch**, ***Chad Boettcher** (Army National Guard), ***Lee Heckenlaible**, ***Carmen Taylor**, ***Jennifer Masterson**, ***Brett Andersen**, ***Evan Wintersteen** (Air National Guard), ***Corbin Auch**, ***Travis Brandt**, ***Jayme Schaaf** (U.S. Army), ***Jake Haider** (U.S. Army - Florida), ***Alex Olson** (U.S. Navy), ***Alex Ulmer** (U.S. Marines), ***Cameron Christensen** (U.S. Army - Belgium, Germany) - **we pray for God's protection over all in who serve in our Military!**

"APPLYING THE BENEFITS OF THE PROMISES"

TEXT: II Peter 1:1-11

**HOW DO I GET TO WHERE I AM _____ ,
TO WHERE GOD WANTS ME TO BE?**

I. GOD GIVES US _____ WE NEED TO GROW!

II Peter 1:3 - "His divine power has given us _____ we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness."

Paradox: A statement that seems to _____ itself, but when explained further, proves to be true!

II. _____ WE CAN TAKE TO GROW! (___ Virtues to be Pursued)

A. _____ :
NKJ/ESV = **Virtue** AMP/NLT = **Moral** _____

B. _____ :
- growth in our knowledge of God and His _____ .
- King _____ : II Chronicles 34:14 and on

C. _____ :
- the ability to _____ ourselves from sinful desires.
- originally this term was used in reference to _____ .
(I Cor. 9:27)

D. _____ :
ESV = Steadfastness
- to stay faithful over the _____ haul.
- endurance in doing what is _____ .

E. _____ :
- living a _____ life! Reverence! Someone who _____ God!
(I Tim. 4:8)

F. _____ : AMP/ESV = **brotherly _____**
'phileo'; _____ is the City of Brotherly Love

G. _____ :
'agape'; the unconditional love of God

_____ is the Foundation; _____ is the Culmination!