

**St. Martin's Lutheran Church**  
**203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, Ohio**  
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Sunday after Christmas + December 26, 2021

# SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26, 2021

*On this morning the people of God gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord. Luke recounts the familiar story of shepherds and angels; Matthew of the star and the wise men; John's gospel tells of the Word that dwells among us, full of grace and truth. But what about the other stories we have of Jesus after his birth?*

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Regular text is spoken by the Pastor or Worship Leader  
**Bold text is spoken by the congregation**

## PRELUDE

## BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** – *Based on Psalm 98*

Sing to God something brand new!

**For God has done wonderful things!**

God has not forgotten to love us all!

**Even the ends of the earth have heard!**

Make a joyful noise!

**Break forth in song!**

With strings and horns,

**sing praise to the Holy One!**

With the roaring sea and everything in it!

**With all the land and everything in it!**

The floods clap their hands.

**The hills sing for joy.**

Thank God! God is coming to set everything right:

**Justice for everyone, everything fair.**

Sing to God something brand new!

**For God has done wonderful things**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



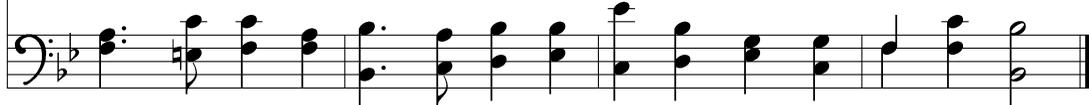
once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.



*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.



**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

All-powerful God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 60:1-6

- <sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
- <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons  
shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those  
from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the  
praise of the LORD.

Word of God come down to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

GALATIANS 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Word of God come down to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READINGS – *Please remain seated*

### *Luke 2:21-40*

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and

devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

A child has been born for us

### **A son given to us**

Authority rests upon his shoulders: and he is named Wonderful Counselor,

**Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** *Isaiah 9:6*

**READING: Matthew 2:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>Now after they [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

<sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you are blessed,  
**because the Spirit of God is resting on you.**

But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian.

**Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!**

*1 Peter 4:14-16*

**READING: Luke 2:41-52**

<sup>41</sup>Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Lord himself will give you a sign.

**Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son.**

And they shall name him Emmanuel,

**Which means, God is with us.** *Isaiah 7:14*

# MESSAGE

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

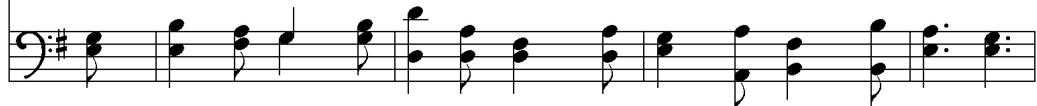
## "What Child Is This?"



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH** – *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Glory to God in the highest,

**and peace to God's people on earth.**

Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

**Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

**Have mercy on those who struggle,  
and all who suffer this day.**

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

**Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament  
that we may share your light to all the world.**

*Additional prayer petitions are offered here...concluding with:*

By your grace, transform our prayers from words to deeds. With Mary and Joseph, teach us to treasure in our hearts the birth of Jesus, and with shepherds and angels, lead us to praise his holy name.

**Amen**

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(We share God's peace with each other with the words "Peace be with you")*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*"The First Noel"*

*MacKenna Whitacre*

## \*THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, Creator of all and source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world. In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your sons and daughters.

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### \*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen**

### \*PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you kept the holy family in safety, guide us on our journey unfolding the way before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### \*BENEDICTION

May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.  
May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.  
May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.  
And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and always.

**Amen.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

### *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. - Romans 15:7 ESV

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## St. Martin's Worship Servants

Ministers of Worship

-Everyone Present

Acolyte

-Maddox Schneider

Organist/Pianist

-Deacon Steve Basselman

Vocalist

-MacKenna Whitacre

Lector

-Cory Erbskorn, Jade Whitacre

Usher Team Leader

-Mark Weaver

Sound System

-Bill Phelps

Altar Guild

-Sandy Thatcher, Janet Wyse

Offering Counters

-Jo Ann Liechty, Gwen Grisier, Robin Trudel

## **This Week at St. Martin's**

### **Today – December 26**

Worship, 9:00 am, No Sunday School,

### **Tuesday – December 28**

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonald's

Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, St. John Christian

### **Wednesday – December 29**

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm

Informal Worship, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday – December 30**

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:00 am, at Home Restaurant

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

### **Next Sunday – January 2**

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion

No Sunday School

## **Annual Congregational Meeting—January 23**

As called for in St. Martin's Constitution, the Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 23

- All reports from Network Team Leaders, written and financial, must be submitted to the Church Office on or before January 9th.
- The Report will then be available, January 16th for the Congregation to review.

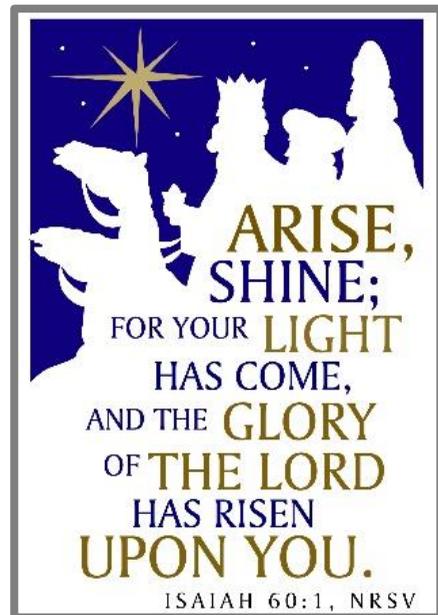
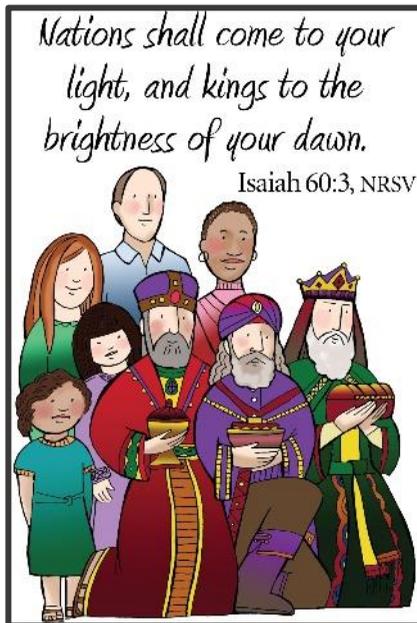
In short . . .

- Deadline for All Reports, January 9
- Report Available for Congregation, January 16
- Annual Meeting, January 23—format to be determined

# Last Week at St. Martin's. . .

Receipts Week of 12/19/2021 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$4,389.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,670.00
Benevolence Received	\$558.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$567.00
Other Designated Income	\$489.00	As of 11/30/2021	
Total Income	\$5,436.00	YTD Operating Received	\$238,520.82
Worship	92/19/111	YTD Operating Expenses	(\$197,104.16)
		Net Income/(Deficit)	\$41,416.66



## St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:  
All Believers as we look for the coming Messiah, may we be ready to see the Son of Man coming  
in a cloud with power and great glory

All in Need both body & soul that we might know the joy we have in the presence of our Lord,  
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King

Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Synod Staff members and all the office staff, that they may be  
supported in their ministry to the Church

The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, St. Martin's Companion Congregation, may they continue to carry  
out God's ministry and mission in Tanzania

Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer Lutheran, Toledo may they continue to carry out  
God's ministry and mission in the Toledo Area

St. Martin's congregation and all involved in the process of calling St. Martin's next Pastor  
All First Responders, Hospital Staff, Caregivers who have been in harm's way since the outbreak  
of the coronavirus, may we know the ever-present grace of God

All who have lost family members and friends to the corona virus, may we know the comforting  
presence of our Lord Jesus Christ

For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God

Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son

Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend

Jerry Geiger

Sharon Heckel

Pam Howell-Beach, sister of Dennis Howell, cancer treatments

Kirk Hummel, son-in-law of Carl & Becky Collins, cancer

Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia

Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney

Michael, Pastor & Linda Koch, friends of Melanie & Dick Nagel

Bonnie R. Lauber

Shannon Liechty

Steve (Bonnie) Meyer

Lois Miner, June Hayes' cousin

Samantha Nienberg, friend of Jan Delaney, cancer

Ann Ott

Stan Schmidt

Al Siewert

Joe Wyse

Steward Wyse

Our Shut-ins Rex Detwiler, Dorothy Huner, Louise Wyse

For those who need God's protection and the assurance that he is near

All St. Martin's Members as they prepare for Ministry

Our College students both close to home and far away

All members, family & friends who serve in our military, Steve & Sara (Delaney) Adams,

Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradley Nilsson (Pat Richards), Christopher Goertz,

Brendon Johns, Kasyn Schaffner, Spencer Short



Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's



(Note, we include a person's name with permission.)

## Christmas Poinsettia Donations



Clare Badenhop in memory of husband, Elden Badenhop

Pat Basselman in memory of husband, Rudy and sister, Carolyn

Jeff & Jo Ann Benecke in memory of Dexter & Janis Benecke,  
Melissa Benecke, Joe & Juanita Goubeaux

Linda & Bruce Bernath in memory of their parents: Russel & Roberta Opdycke, "Pup"  
Bernath and "Rosie" Carpenter

Michelle Collins in honor of Bridget Lovejoy and Jess Short

Jeff & Kristin Forward in memory of Til & Melba Schnitkey and Jason Forward

Steve & Bonnie Meyer in memory of Bob & Buzzy Meyer

Steve & Bonnie Meyer in memory of Wayne & Mabel Wyse

Dick & Melanie Nagel in memory of Karl & Mildred Nagel and Fred & Virginia Witte

Linda Parnell & David McDonel in memory of Dawn Cramer & Ada Thrasher and in honor of  
their children, grandchildren and great-grand children

Bill & Diane Phelps in memory of William & Olga Summers and Edgar & Katherine Phelps

Greg & Nona Rupp in memory of Steve Liechty and Suellen Rupp and their parents and in  
honor of their children & grandchildren

Keith & Cristie Sevey in memory of Elden Badenhop and in honor of all of their  
grandchildren, Owen, Benji, Nolan, Simon and Molly

Marilyn Sholl in honor of Nona & Greg Rupp, Louise Belden, & Brenda Shibler

Tim & Deb Smith in memory of Fred & Ginnie Witte, Harold & Marilyn Smith, Max Smith, Sr.  
and in honor of Ken & Michelle Collins & Family, Paul & Toni Thiel & Family and  
Tyson & Katie Smith & Family

Don Spohler in memory of Anna & Arthur Spohler, Esther & Paul Greene and Sandie  
Spohler

Scott & Sheryl Spohler in memory of Sandie Spohler, Anna & Arthur Spohler and Paul &  
Esther Greene and in honor of Don Spohler

Jim & Jane Stevens in memory of their parents, Herb & Mildred Stevens and Rodney &  
Claudine Arnold

Tim & Chris Ziegler in memory of Harriette & Jr. Eicher, Willie & Jim Ziegler & Alexa Pinter  
and in honor of their children & grandchildren