



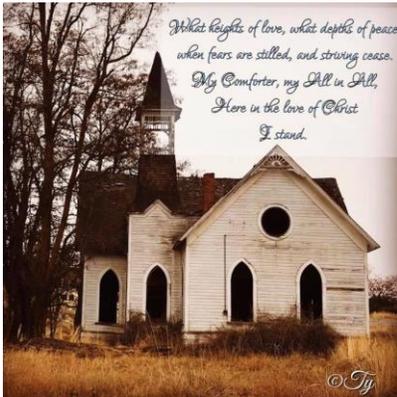
Our Little Messenger



December, 2019

Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church

#12-2019



As I write this, tomorrow (November 27th) marks 4 weeks since I had surgery that detached my Achilles tendon, removed the bone spur that had been growing into the tendon and had destroyed 40% of it, then had the top of my heel bone shaved off to prevent any more bone spur issues. The first two weeks I had to mostly stay seated with my foot elevated. These last two weeks I've been more mobile but still unable to bear weight on my left foot. I have two more weeks of not putting weight on it. Then I'll begin starting to put weight on it while I walk in a special boot for 6 weeks.

One of the biggest things I've learned in these last four weeks is how difficult it is for others when they are going through a similar experience. You see, we all know people who have had the same or a similar issue. We all know people who have been unable to be mobile or have had their mobility seriously limited. However, it is a different experience when it happens to you.

You can try to imagine someone else's reality and what they are going through but it is not really possible to empathize until you've been through a similar experience.

While I can empathize with many more people now, there are others that I still can't truly understand the emotional and physical trials they are going through. I have an extended-family member who can stand and take a few steps but most of the time he is bound to his wheelchair. I can't imagine what he has gone through these past 4 years.

It reminds me of what Paul was talking about in Hebrews 4:15-16, "15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." When we feel that somehow God is far off and doesn't understand what we are going through, remember that no one on earth faced greater trials than Jesus did. He empathizes with our situation because He has been here and He walked where we have walked. Jesus doesn't condemn us when we fall but rather calls us to reach out our hand to His so He can give us a hand back up.

I'll be celebrating Thanksgiving in two days and Christmas in a month and I'm thankful for the greatest gift we could have; a Savior who became and remains one of us that we can all be back together when He makes all things new.

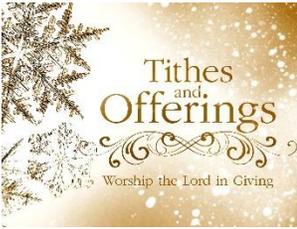
Pastor Brian, Terra, Leah, Simon, & Mark



Sunset

Friday	Sunset	Sabbath	Sunset
December 06	4:09 pm	December 07	4:09 pm
December 13	4:09 pm	December 14	4:09 pm
December 20	4:11 pm	December 21	4:11 pm
December 27	4:15 pm	December 28	4:16 pm





Offering Schedule
 December 7 – Church Budget
 December 14– Adventist Community Services (NAD)



December 21 – Church Budget
 December 28– UCC Share



Anniversary Milestones

- 16 Joel & Norma Stahl, (57 years)
- 30 Doug & Nona Diamond (29 years)
- 31 Bob & Linda Bolen (25 years)

Birthday Blessings



- 02 Joseph Palmer
- 04 Dennis Hauner
- 05 Gracie James (Washington)
- 05 Bonnie Smith
- 10 David Johnson
- 18 Bryson Cutshaw (5) (not in area)
- 25 Don Casey (Washington)
- 26 Bob Bolen

- 01 It's A Paint Party – 3 pm
- 01 Irrigon Christmas Tree Lighting, 5 pm
- 03 Family Closet – 8:45 am – 1 pm (volunteers)
- 03 Celebrate Recovery Roundtable, 6 pm
- 04 Elder's Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 04 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 07 Prayer Time, 8:30 am (Church Library)
- 07 Fellowship Potluck, 30 minutes after service
- 07 Hayride Caroling Social, 5 pm
- 08 Church Board, 10:00 am
- 10 Family Closet – 8:45 am – 1 pm (volunteers)
- 10 Celebrate Recovery Roundtable, 6 pm
- 11 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 14 Prayer Time, 8:30 am (Church Library)
- 14 Fellowship Potluck, 30 minutes after service
- 17 Family Closet – 8:45 am – 1 pm (volunteers)
- 17 Celebrate Recovery Roundtable, 6 pm
- 18 Bible Study & Prayer, 6:50 pm
- 21 Prayer Time, 8:30 am (Church Library)
- 21 Fellowship Potluck, 30 minutes after service
- 24 Family Closet CLOSED
- 24 Celebrate Recovery Roundtable, 6 pm
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 25 No Prayermeeting
- 28 Prayer Time, 8:30 am (Church Library)
- 28 Fellowship Potluck, 30 minutes after service



Bundle Up & join us as we sing Christmas Carols up & down the streets of Irrigon on a Hayride!
 December 7, 2019
 5 pm

