

Prayer Needs

Young Family-loss

Stout Family-loss

Dorothy Wirth-health

Jason Wright-loss

MacKenzie Hornby

Bob Sharp-health

Matt Ellis-health

Daryl Hauck-cancer

Carol Henkelmann-loss

Larry Bucher-health

Cheryl Haecher-health

Sindy Vorderstrasse-health

Victor Pastor-health

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

December 26, 2020

Call to Worship	O Come, O Come Immanuel	115
Welcome & Prayer		Pastor Michael Halfhill
Gift from the Heart		Darrell & Tammy Daniel
Offering	Kansas Nebraska Advance	Alexa Hazelton
Children's Story		Carol Leonhardt
Announcements		Pastor Michael Halfhill
Prayer		Steve & Kaye Duden
Scripture	Luke 1:35	Pastor Nate & Maddy Elias
Sermon	The Baby Savior	Eula Key
Song of Dedication	Hark the Harold Angels Sing	122
Prayer of Blessing		Eula Key

Musicians: *Crystal Schaecher, Vanessa Schaecher & Renee Schaecher*

Calendar

Sabbath, December 26

(sundown 5:05pm)

9:30am-Adult, Youth & Children's Lessons

11:00am-Speaker: Eula Key

Wednesday, December 30

2:00pm-Bulletin Deadline

6:30pm-No Prayer Meeting

Sabbath, January 2

(sundown 5:10pm)

9:30am-Adult, Youth & Children's Lessons

11:00am-Speaker: Nate Elias

Tithe & Offering

12/26 KS NE Advance

1/2 Church Budget

Weekly church budget: \$3,349.00

December offering: \$13,311.02

Balance: \$275.94

Give online at piedmontparksda.org

Online Viewing

9:30am - Sabbath School lesson study

11am - Church Service and Livestream Service

View at [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/piedmontparkchurch) in our Channel: [piedmontparkchurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/piedmontparkchurch)

Announcements

Our Staff is taking vacation over the holidays, so if you have an emergency, please contact one of the pastors.

Junior Room Zoom Sabbath school class is on Saturdays. It's a recurring meeting for the next seven weeks. Below is the Link for the Zoom meeting and Meeting ID: 975 6273 7858 / Passcode: 040506

On November 30 our church in business session voted to remain online for church services until our Covid dial goes back to Orange. We also voted small groups could meet in the church building while social distancing and wearing masks. As a church we are tasked with finding new, creative, safe ways to do ministry and stay connected. If you would like a DVD or a hard copy of the sermon, please let the church office know. We can still glorify God as a church body by supporting one another and those around us. In hard times like this, encouraging words and understanding are needed even more.

Mission

With God's leading, we will create an atmosphere of Christian love and friendship, nurture spiritual growth and equip members for active involvement in ministry to our community and world.

Vision

We will, with God's guidance, introduce individuals to Jesus Christ and support their growing relationship with Him in preparation for the Second Coming.

Encouraging Message: Kendra Carlson

Here comes the time when people tend to set goals and ramp up their determination to fulfill those goals. Maybe the fresh start of a new year is inspiring to some, but I feel annoyed by all the resolutions. We need change, for sure, but new year's resolutions are notorious for *failing*. As bandwagons go, this isn't one I'm inclined to jump on.

What I *do* think we could all use, is a moment to look back and appreciate how we have changed. They say every cell in our body is replaced within the span of a year, so in a literal way, we are different people than we were a year ago. Chances are, you had some things you were striving for in 2020, whether you dubbed them a resolution or not. Maybe they went out the window in March, but there's no question this year has changed us. Many of us shifted down a gear to "just survive" facing new demands, new loneliness, new loss. In the midst of that downshift, many of us found more time for quiet pursuits our busy schedules don't always allow for.

I've found this year especially challenging in my efforts to find peace in the midst of clear evidence I'm not in control. This was always the case, but the pandemic is a constant reminder. This is hard on us because we were created to trust that loved ones would be with us forever and never die and we were meant to relax into the constant affection of a face-to-face God. So much of this situation feels off because it *is* when compared to God's original plan. So it takes effort to get quiet and feel the peace God can bring to us. That has been my biggest challenge this year.

While many of us would likely not claim to be experts and ready to check off anything we've worked on this year, progress is worth celebrating. I think I got better at being still so I could know God is God. This year also reminded me life is fragile and I want to be kind to people in any exchange I have.

What did you do in 2020? What giants did you face, voluntarily or otherwise? Take a quiet moment to notice and feel grateful Jesus brought us through. I know Jesus stood between me and my giants this year and will help me in 2021. While 2020 has felt like a throwaway year sometimes, it hasn't been. There are no wasted years with Jesus. He's with us all the way.

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Sundays
Bible Battles with the Halfhills

Mondays
Monday Blitz with Pastor Nate

Wednesdays
Weekly Thoughts with Pastor Michael

Thursdays
#tunefulthursday (special songs)

Sabbath
*9:30am - Adult Sabbath School
11:00am - Church Service*