

**HAPPY**  
GROUNDHOG DAY



# Weekly Connector

For Sunday, January 31, 2021



**Trotwood Church of the Brethren**  
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Pastor Jen was on vacation last week and Dave Shetler was our guest preacher. The following scripture was the topic of his message.

## **Luke 2:41-52 (The Message)**

<sup>41-45</sup> Every year Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up as they always did for the Feast. When it was over and they left for home, the child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents didn't know it. Thinking he was somewhere in the company of pilgrims, they journeyed for a whole day and then began looking for him among relatives and neighbors. When they didn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem looking for him.

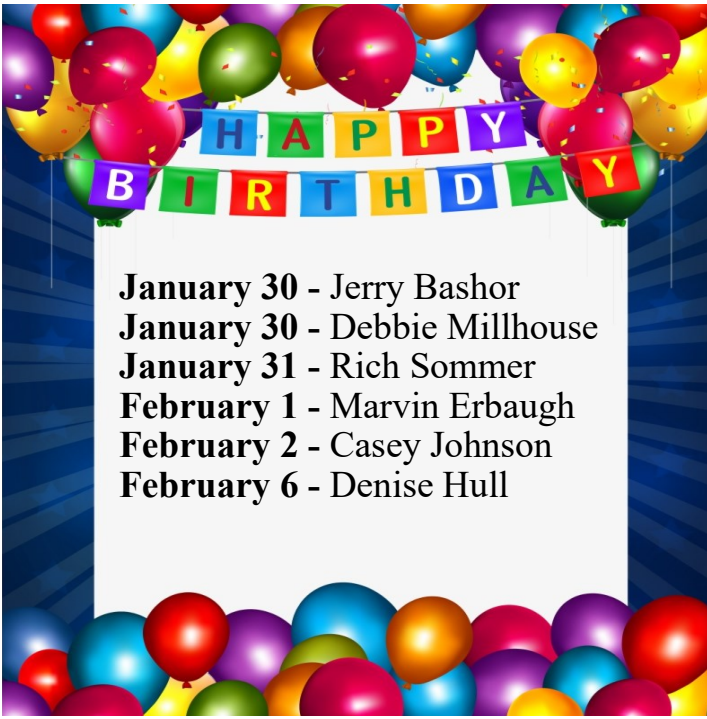
<sup>46-48</sup> The next day they found him in the Temple seated among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. The teachers were all quite taken with him, impressed with the sharpness of his answers. But his parents were not impressed; they were upset and hurt.

His mother said, "Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you."

<sup>49-50</sup> He said, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?" But they had no idea what he was talking about.

<sup>51-52</sup> So he went back to Nazareth with them, and lived obediently with them. His mother held these things dearly, deep within herself. And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.





***Upcoming Scriptures for Worship:***



**January 31 - Mark 1:21-28**  
**February 7 - Mark 1:29-39**  
**February 14 - Mark 9:2-9**

**WANTED**

**Scripture Readers**

We have loved hearing the voice of our people read scripture the last few weeks!

Would you like to read scripture?

If so, you can call or text Gloria Landis at 937-430-9605.

If you're worried about the tech of it all - don't be. Pastor Jen's got ya covered.



Altar Flowers

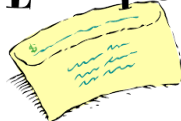
Although everyone isn't worshipping together in the sanctuary of the church on Sunday mornings, we are giving everyone the opportunity to place a bouquet of real flowers on the altar or virtual flowers in the Weekly Connector.

They can be placed in memory of a loved one, in honor of an event, or to the glory of God.

There is no charge for the virtual altar flowers, but if you choose to have real flowers on the altar, make a check out to the church for \$25 with "altar flowers" written in the memo line. You will be able to take those flowers home with you after the worship service that Sunday.

Please contact Judy in the church office at 937-837-6604 or [office@trotwoodcob.com](mailto:office@trotwoodcob.com) to sign up on the flower calendar.

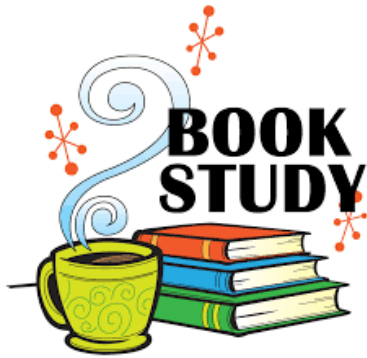
**Offering Envelopes**



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At this time, because most church contributions are being mailed, many people are not using offering envelopes.

However, we have plenty left over from previous years so if you wish to use them, please notify the church office with the quantity that you need and they will be provided.



Please join us for a book discussion of *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo led by Dawn Wojcik and Roxie Ballard.

This book which challenges white society to understand the structural nature of racism and the resulting effects was one of the resources suggested after our Sermon Talk Back after the killing of George Floyd. We hope by discussing this book we can explore issues that are affecting our neighbors and help us to better engage in issues of race.

Saturday mornings  
at 10:30 via Zoom

If by computer:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82501371536?  
pwd=WnE2WUNQQ2IHMjZHOTNzd1YrTzBpZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82501371536?pwd=WnE2WUNQQ2IHMjZHOTNzd1YrTzBpZz09)

If by Phone: 1-646-558-8656  
Meeting ID: 825 0137 1536  
Password: 968698

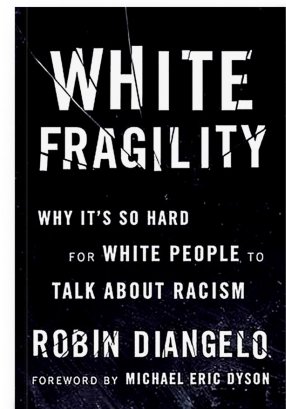
The book is available from the library and many other places including Brethren Press:

[https://www.brethrenpress.com/SearchResults.asp?  
Search=White+Fragility&Submit=GO](https://www.brethrenpress.com/SearchResults.asp?Search=White+Fragility&Submit=GO)

The price for an individual book is \$12.60 plus shipping.

Choose USPS shipping for only \$8.70.

The price of the book with shipping is still a very fair price.



**You have *three* options to worship with us at  
Trotwood Church of the Brethren**

1. You can view Pastor Jen's online YouTube service at your convenience.  
(This link is emailed out on Sunday morning).
2. You can join a Zoom worship group at 10:45 on Sunday morning with Pastor Jen to watch the service together and discuss it afterwards.  
(That link will also be emailed on Sunday morning).
3. Join us in the sanctuary for in-person worship which will include live music, shared joys and concerns, Pastor Jen's YouTube video presented on the large screen, etc. Masks and social distancing are required.

***You can choose any option, any week, to match your comfort level!***

## Friends who would love to hear from you!

**Eddie Morgan,**  
Friendship Village, Room 340  
5790 Denlinger Road  
Trotwood, Ohio 45426  
937-469-0806



**Stephanie Wright**  
Canterbury Gardens  
1001 South Kingston Street, #56  
Aurora, Colorado 80012  
937-272-9451

**Karleen King**  
(c/o Susie Rose)  
3094 Louise Avenue  
Grove City, Ohio 43123  
937-681-5228

**Carol Armstrong**  
507 Newport Drive  
Lompoc, California 93436  
530-592-5387

**Johnny Perdue,**  
442 Waynoka Drive  
Lake Waynoka, Ohio 45171  
937-776-0758



## Join us in a Zoom meeting!



**Lunch Time Lectio!** Tuesday mornings at 11:00

If by computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/957454887pwd=ZjNGU2RBLzFTby95Ri9RMmt6eWN4dz09>

If by Phone: 1-646-558-8656

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**TCoB Social Hour via Zoom** Every Wednesday evening at 6:30

If by computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/458797909?pwd=dHNLdmNKb25wbm5iVkhOTTRodm90UT09>

If by Phone: 1-646-558-8656

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**TCoB Book Study via Zoom** Saturday morning at 10:30

If by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82501371536?pwd=WnE2WUNQQ2lHMjZlHOTNzd1YrTzBpZz09>

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**TCoB Sunday Morning Worship via Zoom** Every Sunday morning at 10:45

Pastor Jen will send out an email on Sunday morning around 8:00  
with the link to join this Worship group.



**Every Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 pm,  
the Homefull Mobile Grocery truck will be set up at  
Trotwood Church of the Brethren parking lot.**

Stop by and say “Hi” and maybe pick up a few groceries.  
*Masks and social distancing is required.*

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Each week, cones need to be placed around the parking lot to help guide traffic and keep the parking lot safe for customers. The responsibility would be to set out the cones at the beginning of the event and pick them up afterwards.

The city will train us on where the cones will go and then the cones will be stored in our building between Fridays.

**If we get enough volunteers, each volunteer  
may only be needed one Friday a month!**

What do you say?

Donate a few minutes of your time to help support this vital ministry?

Give Pam Jones a call at 937-854-1104 for more information.



## *Lord, Hear our Prayers*



for the people that have been affected by Covid-19

- \*Yvonne Wages (Glenn Timmons' sister)
- \*Gabrielle Berrera (Lloyd & Nancy Denlinger's granddaughter)
- \*Susan Wible
- \*Anna Wible
- \*Keith Smith (Dr. Bob's son and Annette Sommer's brother. He is doing much better!)
- \*Gene Hunn (Gloria Landis' brother)
- \*Brittany Russell (friend of Tom and Paula Bowser's daughter)
- \*Sarah and Mike Reilly
- \*D.D. and her family (relatives of Gloria Landis)

- \*Amy See (Sally Frigo's sister)
- \*Doug Reiter (relative of Laura Phillips)
- \*Ed Snyder (Laura Phillips' brother-in-law)
- \*Doug Snyder (Laura Phillips' nephew)
- \*Chip Baker (Laura Phillip's great-nephew)
- \*Chloe (Bob & Roxie's grand-daughter)
- \*Christopher Collins, Jr.
- \*Clark Pleasant (Pam Jones' brother)
- \*Kathy Loveless (friend of Jim & Janet Shafer)
- \*All those working to keep us well and healthy



# Lord, Hear our Prayers



for the week of Sunday, January 31, 2021

## Seeking health and hope:

- \*Jazmine Phillips (has been diagnosed with diabetes)
- \*Doug Medlar (Tom & Alice's son who is recovering from knee surgery)
- \*Shellie Miller (friend of Rich & Annette Sommer who is struggling with advanced breast cancer)
- \*Donetta Clay (has pneumonia in one of her lungs)
- \*Karen Burgess (suffering from shoulder pain)
- \*Melanie (Marvin Erbaugh's ex-wife who fell and broke her ankle)
- \*Ashley (Ken & Gloria Landis' grandson's wife who had an appendectomy)
- \*Carol (Nancy Flory's sister who broke her thigh)
- \*Tremon (Nancy Flory's brother-in-law who is in the hospital for dehydration)
- \*Alexander (Nancy Flory's grandson who was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes)
- \*Cynda Hayney (friend of Rex & Peggy Miller who has been diagnosed with breast cancer)
- \*Mary Haldeman (Pastor Jen's grandmother who is recovering from a stroke)
- \*Bill Denlinger (recovering from a broken hip)
- \*Melissa Phillips (suffering from digestive issues)
- \*Lynn Lawson (recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer)
- \*Don Riegel (friend of the Shafer's and the Timmons' who will need heart surgery)
- \*Frances (Marvin Erbaugh's cousin who suffered a mini stroke)
- \*Mr. Phillips (Marisha Randolph's teacher's husband)
- \*Terrilyn's mother (from Lower Miami CoB who is recovering from a recent stroke)
- \*Miss Lacey (Jill Jackson's para who is recovering from a recent stroke)
- \*Robin Bohannon (wife of former TCoB pastor, Ron Bohannon, who has been diagnosed with Lymphoma and is going through Chemo treatments)
- \*Chris Parris (friend of Roxie Ballard)
- \*Marge (Karen Burgess' mother)
- \*Nathan Tincher (relative of Gloria Landis)
- \*Phyllis Wood

## Praising God for:

- \*John Kinsel (Susan Fitze's brother, recovering from open heart surgery)

## Condolences for the families of:

- \*Dr. Judy Royer
- \*Jim Shand (former organist at TCOB)
- \*Gene Bashor
- \*Murl Huffman
- \*Jim King

## Continuing prayers for:

- \*Mike Gallon
- \*Denise Hull
- \*Sally Frigo
- \*Bill Landis
- \*Eddie Morgan
- \*Lynne Brumbaugh (Jonathan Scarr's mom)
- \*Chris Collins, Sr.
- \*Stephanie Wright
- \*Karleen King

## Those serving our country:

- \*Health Care workers
- \*Christian Peacemaker Teams
- \*Brethren Volunteer Service volunteers
- \*Jared Bush, serving in the US Army
- \*Everyone serving in the military

## For Our Community:

- \*Those who are hungry and lonely
- \*Trotwood Neighborhood Transformation (TNT)
- \*Neighborhood Watch groups
- \*Our First Responders
- \*City Council

## Stony Creek Church of the Brethren

is the congregation to pray for this week.

*If you have requested for a person to be placed on the prayer list, and their prayers have been answered, please let the church office know so they can be removed them from the list.*

**Are you missing the message on the back of our bulletins? We thought so!**

Well, you're in luck! It will now be in the Weekly Connector for you to enjoy!

## **Treasure and Give Thanks**

There is a piece of art in my office that is always in my line of vision as I lift my eyes from my work. Since you can't see it, I would like for you to imagine it as I describe it here.

There are two small kitchen tables and one chair at each table. The first table is what I call the table of grace. It is overflowing with a feast of foods - fruits, vegetables, prepared meat, desserts, whatever you might envision as your ideal feast. This table is so full and piled high that if you would slightly bump it, something would fall off. Yet there is just one chair for one person to sit in.

While sitting at the table of grace, you can see a second table in your peripheral vision. This table is only about one-fourth of the way covered with garbage. It's the kind of garbage that a pet would drag into your house, something you would want to remove quickly before it starts to stink or contaminate things. You would never think of putting it on your kitchen table! There is one chair at this table of garbage, and this chair has its back to the table of grace. The one who chooses to sit at this table will only see the garbage in front of them, accepting this as their reality.

The works of the Lord are great; they are to be desired and treasured. We have been given a table of grace at which to reside that is overflowing with the blessings of God. Sitting at this table, we can still see the darker, challenging circumstances in our life, but this is not where we reside nor what we choose to dwell on.

May today be a day to recognize and treasure the works of the Lord in your life. Give thanks. You are loved! Return to the table of grace and reside in the blessings of God, as you experience the gift of life that has been given to you in such a time as this.

~ Brody Rike  
Eaton, Ohio

**Text for today:** "Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. *Great are the works of the Lord*, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty in his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him, he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness" (Psalm 111:1-8, *NRSV*)

**Bible Readings for today:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111 (2); 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.

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