

NURSING	RETIREMENT
HOME	<u>HOME RESIDENTS:</u>
<u>RESIDENTS:</u>	Dorothy Kuhn
Jean Smith	George West
Vonnie Ashway	Louise Rotz
Joy Wessel	Ben Newcomer

SHUT-INS:

Donna Wagaman	Mae Duffey
Mary Florence	Dean Blubaugh

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Our Nation	Alyce Ann Pentz
Becky Bricker	All Covid-19 patients
Dennis Newsome (Pastor's brother)	Pastor & April Newsome
Catherine Pentz	Dave & Karen Kipp
Bob Bowders	Elva & Gary Pentz
Sam & Naomi Brelo (Belgium)	Louise Rotz (Covid)
Philip Drummond recovering from surgery)	Vivian Biser (the passing of niece Doris Yeakle)

**January 3, 2021**

## **W E L C O M E**

**We count it a privilege to have each of you in attendance today. May you experience God's presence as you worship with us! We ask our first-time guests to fill out the *CONNECT* card attached to your bulletin and drop it in the offering box at the back of the church.**

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### **A Word from Pastor Newsome:**

I trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas filled with the presence of Jesus Christ!

It was a different Christmas for many people including April & I. We both tested positive for COVID in early December. We came down with symptoms and went to the ER. I was admitted to the hospital and spent the next 9 days very ill with COVID and also pneumonia. I was released the Tuesday before Christmas and am home still recovering. Pray that my oxygen level will return to normal soon so that I can resume all my activities. April is doing much better and we so appreciate the many prayers and expressions of support to us during this time!! Other persons in our church family have also struggled with COVID and have been in our prayers. We will continue to worship only ONLINE until we feel it's safe to gather again and also what restrictions our government keep in place. I certainly miss seeing you in person and we hope it won't be long before we have in-house worship again. Thank you Andy Lyon (worship team) and Britt Miller for keeping the online services going!

As we close out an old year and enter a new year, I personally believe nothing can impact our spiritual growth more than to read God's Word on a daily basis! I encourage you to commit to reading either through the entire Bible or at least a portion of the Bible this year. There are many Bible reading plans available to assist you in this endeavor. Websites like [www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com) have several reading plans available. The booklet we make available ("God's Word for Today") is also a good resource.

As we ring in a new year, let's make a resolution that will last. We leave behind the parts of our past that cripple us and choose instead to remember all that God has accomplished. And we step out in faith knowing that God will sustain us – that throughout this next year, God will continue to move and work in our lives in a way that only He can. I pray that you have a blessed week!

“ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words. “

1 Thessalonians 4: 13–18