

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Traci Stengl Ghaffarian - was diagnosed with Leukemia in August. Her recent test results show that she is in remission! She can now move forward on receiving bone marrow in January. Pray for strength for her whole family during this difficult journey.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Dimetrio Lopez - went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 12th after a difficult battle this year with cancer. His family is missing him terribly. Pray for peace and comfort for all his loved ones. A service will be held on January 4th at 11am in Monschke Hall.

John Symons - beloved and adored father of Judge Ariadne "Ari" Symons, passed gently into the good night December 12. John loved the music at Twin Lakes, especially the children's choir. A service will be held on December 21st at 11am in Monschke Hall.

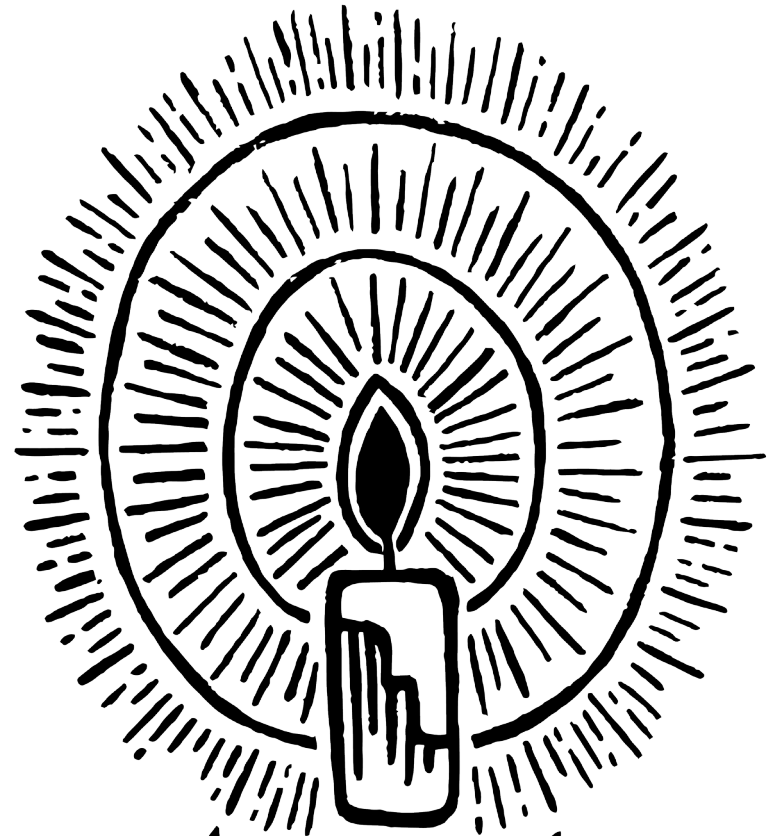
Ruth Peery's mom - passed into the presence of the Lord last week. After suffering from Alzheimer's she is now completely free.

Bola Taylor - A memorial service will be held here in Monschke Hall on Tuesday, December 29th at 1pm with a reception following. Bola served faithfully for 18 years in Japan alongside her husband Ken.

Karen Mittan - passed into the presence of the Lord on December 17th after a courageous battle with cancer. Pray for the family as they go through this very difficult time together.

If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



Advent

A THRILL OF HOPE

UNTO **YOU** IS BORN THIS DAY A SAVIOR

RENÉ SCHLAEPFER DECEMBER 19 & 20

**THIS IS THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF DAVID...
MATTHEW 1:1**

THREE SURPRISING LESSONS IN JESUS' FAMILY TREE

1. GOD'S GRACE _____

...**Judah** the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was **Tamar**...
Matthew 1:3

The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his. Genesis 49:10

2. GOD'S GRACE _____

...Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was **Rahab**... Matthew 1:5

"Rahab the harlot..." Joshua 6:17,25 (But! See Hebrews 11:31, James 2:25)

3. GOD'S GRACE _____

...and Jesse the father of King David. **David** was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife... Matt. 1:6

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a **house** for you... I will raise up your offspring to succeed you... I will establish his kingdom... I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son." 2 Samuel 7:11-14

There were shepherds out in the field... And an angel of the Lord appeared to them... "For **unto you** is born this day in the **city of David** a Savior..."
Luke 2:8,9,11

BIG IDEA: God's grace is greater than _____

For Matthew it was _____

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. Matthew 9:9

"Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Matthew 11:12

"...I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:13

CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT GOD _____
TO THOSE WHO HAD _____

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MEDITATIONS

For daily advent meditations that help prepare you spiritually for Christmas, please pick up our free book **Advent: A Thrill of Hope** in the lobby or online.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

12/23 • 5:30 & 7:00pm

12/24 • 3:00, 4:30, & 6:00pm

NEW THIS YEAR: REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

If you are grieving a loss this holiday season, join us in Monschke Hall for this intimate, brief service to light a candle for your loved one and reflect on the love of Jesus for you.

12/23 • 6:30pm

12/24 • 5:30pm



GREATER

Dec 26/27 GREATER SERENITY

Jan 2/3 GREATER INFLUENCE

Featuring Bill Butterworth, author of "Everyday Influence"

Jan 9/10 GREATER COURAGE

Jan 16/17 GREATER JOY