

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

I saw a news story telling that Utqiagvik, Alaska, formerly Barrow Alaska, will have daylight again for the first time in 65 days. Hard to imagine what it would be like to go without seeing the sun for 65 days. I have seen various news stories talking about a variety of mental health issues that can be associated with winter here in Ohio and what can be extended periods of time with little sun, but I do not think we ever come close to 65 days. Makes you wonder how the people of Utqiagvik, Alaska cope?

For some who read this, you wish the season of darkness had only been 65 days. Covid is stretching into its third year and the messaging is confusing, if there is an end in sight. Your loved one received a difficult diagnosis, and you have loved beside them for a long time. Your child was born with special needs, and you have learned to love in amazing ways. You child has made some poor decisions that complicated life, and you

have learned to love in amazing ways. Lots of life stories fit here. "Darkness" may well be the wrong word for some of these situations, and for some not strong enough.

If you live in Utqiagvik, Alaska, you know darkness is coming around mid-November and the sun will return late January. No one knows when darkness may come or how long it will last.

God told us in His word that in this life you will have trouble. Well, look at the rest of the

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verse... **John 16: 33** "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

As we seek ways out of our season of darkness, I pray we will

Serving in February

Prayer Warriors:

Teresa Gambler & Kim Snavelly

Elder Schedule:

6—Dave Beerbower

13—Jon List

20—Jim McPeak

27—Mark Rhodes

Nursery:

6—1st-Angie & Eric Murphy

SS—Kelly & Barry Von Deylen

2nd—Stacie & Jessica Arend

13—1st—Ryan & Stacie Beerbower

SS—Cody & Ashley Grimm

2nd—Stacie & Sharon Blinzler

20—1st—Ryan & Stacie Beerbower

SS—Ryan & Stacie Beerbower

2nd—Stacie Beerbower

27—1st—Jon & Kristi List

SS—Beth & Terence Clingaman

2nd—Ashley & Nathan Knep-

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Children's Church:

6—Ryan Beerbower

13—Ryan Beerbower

20—Ryan Beerbower

27—Jon List

Birthdays & Anniversaries



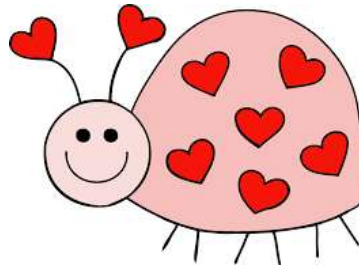
14 Maxton Sprow

21 Esther Krill

24 Miles Manges, Edith Wag-
ner

25 Melissa Beerbower

27 John Altman



2 Vince Girardot, Sawyer
VonDeylen

7 Jacob Manges

9 Carole Cramer, Esther
Rosendaul

12 Cassidy Hughart



5 Ron & Karen Roose (50)

14 Tom & Cindy Horton
(36)

26 Barry & Kelly
VonDeylen (5)

Family News

Congratulations!





♥ The church family celebrates the safe arrival of Jolie Marie Arend who was born Wednesday, January 19th. Jolie weighed in at 9# 2 oz. **and is 20.5". She joins big brother, Jack, and big sister, Juliana. Maternal grandparents are Doug & Julia**

Haase.



Attention Senior Saints: Given the current situation with COVID, we are still feeling cautious about Senior Saints Activities. We will try Lunch Bunch on January 25 at 11:45 AM at Pizza Hut. No transportation will be provided. We'll see how it goes after that.

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:45 Supper 6:15 MOPS/ MOPS Next 6:30 Club 225/356 6:30 Adult Bible Study	3	4 6:30 Prayer Night	5
6 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	7 9:30 Senior Seekers	8	9 5:45 Supper 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Club 225/356 6:30 Adult Bible Study	10	11	12
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Office Hours: Monday—
Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM

Facts & Figures

January 2

Attendance 29	Worship 31/66
Offering	\$2,422.66

January 9

Attendance SS NC	Worship 35/51
Offering	\$2,910.11

January 16

Attendance SS NC	Worship 42/81
Offering	\$5,333.00

January 23

Attendance SS 26	Worship 41/36
Offering	\$2,918.65

Needed for Budget \$5,091.46

Love All

Our Service Personnel:
Lindsey Carter (FL), Patrick Rendleman (GA), Josh Severs (AL), Braxton Singer (NC), Katie Sparks (PA)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Diane Altman, Joyce Bailey, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Brad Berg, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Jennie Case, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Mark & Carrie, Tim Mavis, Chloe Merri-let, Rexann McCrary, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary

Pinckley, Anna Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Steve Ringer, Sue Se-coy, Elizabeth Shetler, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Snavelly, Amy Tobin, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman. *Other Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Arlene Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Gene Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, Keely Strouse, Carson Strouse, Gene Crawford, chil-dren's ministry, **Danny Hull**, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Ramon Alpaugh, Kathy Moog, Marsha Fisher; Marty, John

Fry, Jackson Wolph, Shawn Roose, Jerry Hug; Kyle Hugg, Fran Mavis, Brigitte Kusz-maul, Josh Schwartz, Roger Jones, Nathan Ray, *Shut Ins:* Brookview Healthcare: Shirley Bard, *Fountain Park:* Esther Krill; *SKLD:* Gloria Wright; *Home:* Barb & Ramon Alpaugh, Annie En-gel, Charlene Gambler, Ron & Linda Lewis, Marilyn Lundy, Leona Puff, Edith Wagner Hawthorne Glen: Roy Koerner.





MOPS and MOPS Next is coming to FCC beginning Wednesday, September 1st. MOPS is an international organization for mothers with chil-

dren of any age. The group will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 6:15-7:30 PM. A nursery will be available. All women in the community are welcome. Stacie Beerbower leads this group.

A ladies' Bible study will be available on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Kim Snively is leading a study on hope.

hear the counsel of the one who made us and loves us. The light we seek is found in Christ alone.

Destined to Win,
Larry Snively



**"I AM THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD."**

WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER
WALK IN DARKNESS,
BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE."
JOHN 8:12

Chili Fellowship Lunch

Everyone is invited to join us for a chili fellowship lunch on Sunday, February 13th, immediately following 2nd service. Chili will be provided. Bring corn bread, salad or dessert to share. Games will follow lunch.

