

When I say, "I am a Christian"

by Carol Wimmer

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"

I'm whispering, "I get lost!  
That's why I chose this way".

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak with human pride  
I'm confessing that I stumble –  
Needing God to be my guide

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success  
I'm admitting that I've failed  
And cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I don't think I know it all  
I submit to my confusion  
Asking humbly to be taught.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect  
My flaws are all too visible  
But God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain  
I have my share of heartache,  
Which is why I seek His name.

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I do not wish to judge  
I have no authority...  
**I only know I'm loved.**

# Joyful Noiz

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's  
journey, you are welcome here.*

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### **January 12** **11:00am**

USHER	Tom Kaufmann
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Dave Hunt

### **January 19** **11:00am**

USHER	Sirius Hunt
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Joyce Coy

### **January 26** **11:00am**

USHER	Dave Hunt
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Sirius Hunt

### **February 2** **11:00am**

USHER	Howard Ross
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Renea Starkey-Hunt

### **February 9** **11:00am**

USHER	Tom Kaufmann
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Dave Hunt

### **February 16** **11:00am**

USHER	Sirius Hunt
FLOWERS	Flower Fund
LAY READER	Joyce Coy

## Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

BY ROBERT FROST

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

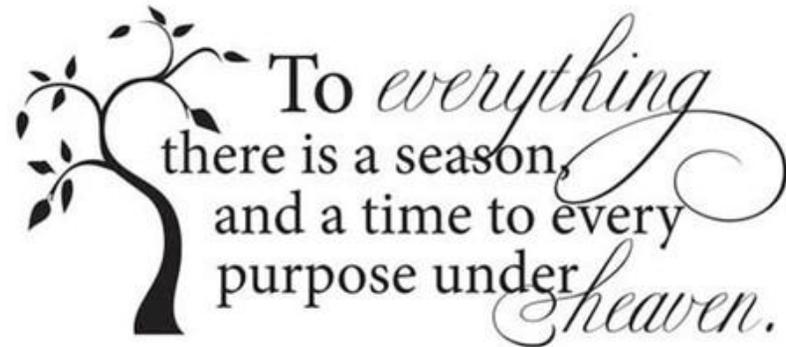
The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

**Elaine and Al Panyi** would like to extend their gratitude for the basket of goodies they received from the church for Christmas. Elaine said they truly felt like kids on Christmas! It was appreciated and enjoyed!

### LENTEN LUNCH

We are going to bring back our Lenten lunches this year! This is one of our most popular events! Beginning Ash Wednesday, **February 26<sup>th</sup>** and continuing every Wednesday through **April 8<sup>th</sup>** join us from **11:00 AM-1:00 PM**. If you would like to donate a dessert or if you can help in anyway, please contact the church office.



### *Pastor's Pen*

With a new year coming it is always good to think about what can be done better. Looking back it is always easy to remember our losses of the old year. Those things that can't be changed, our loved ones we have lost, but they are always with us in our hearts and minds and the things we can't change we can learn from.

Joyce just got done reading this book that she said was very enlightening. It is called **The Seventeen Second Miracle by Jason R. Wright**. Without giving too much away for those of you who might read it, it is about how seventeen little seconds can totally change your life, for the better or put it in devastation. After it did devastate this one man's life he decided to have all the next seventeen second intervals make a difference for everyone he met and you know it totally changed his life and his family's life also.

That is what this New Year can be for all of us. Seventeen seconds of helping someone, saying something nice, just a smile, carrying a bag, shaking a hand, calling to say how are you or I was thinking of you. Seventeen seconds of writing a card to someone.

In this book it says to keep a journal of miracles you do, miracles you witness others doing, and miracles done to you. You may say these are just everyday things they are not miracles, oh

but they are and in this day and age it takes all these little things to get the world back on track.

We need to take notice that these things are being done to appreciate the people around us. It is easy to notice the terrible seventeen seconds they hurt us in our hearts. So we need to start to train our eyes and ears to recognize the little seventeen second miracles that happen or notice that they aren't happening and start to pass them on.

This year let's pass the love of our Lord and Savior on to all we meet. If the whole year seems too long a job just do it seventeen seconds at a time.....Happy New Year!

Rev. Coy



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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

If you haven't checked out our website, take a look!

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*God is still speaking,*

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



### IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Mary Hoover, Bill Bertram, Janet Davis, John Rhueff, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Barb Mottice, Al Panyi, BethAnn Postlewait, Pat Loyszczyk, Vern McCamic

➤ If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.

### PASTOR COY CELL PHONE

If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy his cell number is **330-301-0551**. Pastor Coy's office hours are **Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9am-3pm**.

### COUNCIL MEETING

The next council meeting will be **February 2, 2020, after worship**.

### CONDOLENCES

Deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Thelma Cook** who passed away **January 1**. Thelma was a longtime member of Zion and she always had a kind word and smile. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.