**2022 Directory:** We are planning to create a new directory for the year 2022. There is a draft at the back of the chapel. Please check to make sure that your information is correct and if we don't have your information, please fill out a sheet. Martha will be bringing her camera to take your photo every Sunday in December so bring your smiles. ②

<u>Library Note:</u> We have a great library of books and DVD's downstairs. All are welcome to use it. Donations are accepted. Thank you Ron and Vurra for looking after it.

# **A Christmas Story:**

A woman was Christmas shopping with her two children. After many hours of walking down row after row of toys and after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on those many shelves, she finally made it to the store elevator with her two children in hand. She was feeling what so many of us feel during the holiday season time of the year, getting that perfect gift for every single person on our shopping list, overwhelming pressure to go to every party, every housewarming, taste all the holiday food and treats, making sure we don't forget anyone on our card list, and the pressure of making sure we respond to everyone who sent us a card.

Finally the elevator doors opened revealing a crowd in the elevator car. She pushed her way in and dragged her two kids and all her bags of stuff in with her. As the doors closed she couldn't take it anymore and blurted out, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up, and shot."

From the back of the car, a quiet calm voice responded, "Don't worry, we've already crucified Him."

The rest of the trip down was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. Don't forget this year to keep the One who started this whole Christmas thing in your every thought, deed, purchase, and word. If we all would, just think how much better this world would be.

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# December 2021

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Our Mission....to teach the inspired Word of God, to encourage our congregation to worship, serve, and proclaim salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Sundays this Month:**

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship time 10:30 a.m. -socially distant please

Family Bible Hour 11:00 a.m.

Date	Speaker	Chair	Piano	Jr SS	Greeters
Dec 5	Tim Harden	Bob	Chris	Bev	Laverne
Dec 12	John Aldom	Jim	Laura	Martha	John
Dec 19	John Bennett	Chris	Bob	Laura	Carling
Dec 26	Bob Heywood	Jim	Laura	Anne	Jim N
Jan 2		Bob	Chris	Bev	Laverne

**<u>COVID Update:</u>** Exeter Bible Fellowship encourages everyone to follow public health measures to keep our community safe.

We ask that when we gather be sure to do the following:

Stay home if you are sick. Read the screening questions upon entrance. Maintain 2 meters physical distance from anyone outside your household You will notice that the seating has been set out for social distancing.

#### **Coffee Time Snack:**

Social distancing rules are in effect during coffee/snack time. Please maintain a distance of at least two metres when you are downstairs. Wash your hands before and after having coffee/snack.

December – Jean January -- Martha

# **Upcoming Events:**

Wednesday Evenings: Prayer and Bible study at the chapel every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We have started a video series on "Heaven" It is a 12-week video series led by Dr. Robert Jeffress. We are excited about this study as we all have many questions about heaven and this series is sure to encourage and challenge you. Please join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 for prayer time followed by a video lesson by Dr. Robert Jeffress and then an interactive question and discussion time. Come with your questions! Remember you can also join by Zoom. We hope to see you there! Zoom Info: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/ 7053366289?pwd=

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Passcode: 4AcRi9

We can email you the link if you like.

December 5 -- Hymn Sing - Dec 5 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an

evening of Christmas hymns with Tim Harden.

<u>December 24 -- Christmas Eve Service</u> – There will be a Christmas eve service, Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please join us. <u>December 25</u> -- Christmas Day – Have a blessed day with loved ones

#### Praise:

Gary Beaver has had a good report back from the oncologist. Gary is very thankful for your prayers and concern for him

Eileen Parker would like to give Praise for His healing power in restoring her back to good health since her blood clot. Also a heartfelt thank you to those who were praying for her and Bev.

Jack is feeling much better after his treatments.

#### **Prayer Requests:**

There is a prayer box at the back of the chapel. Prayer cards are located in the chairs.

Pray for our nation and the world as we all go through this pandemic.

Jack and Mae as Jack continues his cancer treatments in Sault Ste Marie.

Greta Zwaan

Elsie Ennis

Gerry & Mary DeBoer

Mary Gardiner

Anne Finlay

Garry Kline

Marilyn Dykeman

Famela Baruado-waiting for her daughter Louellah Francheska (Franky) to get clearance to come to Canada from the Philippines to join her here. As of the printing of this bulletin, the waiting continues.

#### **December Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Dec 8 - Happy Birthday John Zwaan

Dec 15 - Happy Birthday Shirley Postill

Dec 17 – Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lucas & Kelsey Seeberger

Dec 26 – Happy Birthday Justin Neil

Dec 27 – Happy Birthday Garry Kline

Dec 29 - Happy 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gary & Eleanor Beaver

Dec 29 - Happy Birthday Anne Neil

Dec 30 - Happy Birthday Jack Correll

Dec 30 - Happy Birthday Jean Flynn

# Food Bank

Again this year the chapel has purchased several turkeys and hams for our local food bank. Any other food donations are greatly appreciated.

# Calling all Volunteers!

Please, please, please consider helping out with chapel duties in the year 2022. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs, and you can sign up to help out with snacks for fellowship time, chairperson, music, greeter, video ministry or Sunday School teaching. Thanks in advance!