

**WE WELCOME YOU** to worship this morning! We are glad you are here, and we invite you to worship with us regularly! If you are a visitor, or if you have a prayer or pastoral concern, please use the appropriate card in the pew rack.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** – Duane Dean, Phil Carpenter, Paul Smiley, Larry Staples, Betty Hull, Brittany Martin, Bill Sellers, Betty Ott, Sondra Moore, David Hickey, Marcie Wisman, Gary Knott, Fred Smiley, Don Hall, Nan Brown, Christopher Showalter, Patsy Shull, Bobbi Harmon, Benjamin Arneson, Janie Hudkins, Marie Wood, Philip Carter Jr., Shirley Shomo, Billy Ruleman, Lenwood Shiflet, Ruth Rathburn, Carol Toney, Rachel Brown, Ruby Durham, Guy Smiley, Raymond Cline, Geneva Mader, Buddy Wright.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Amelia Mader, whose brother, Guy R. Boyd, died on December 30, 2013.

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES** to Amelia Mader, who will be 85 on January 20.

**THANKS TO TODAY'S GREETERS:** Charles and Vicki Drumheller; Bobby Drumheller and Kelli Whitescarver. Next Week: Donna Kirtley and Jan Botkin; Hilda Dundas and Mildred Brown.

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2014**

TODAY	<i>Epiphany Observed: The Lord's Supper</i>	
	9:55 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Hebron Youth Group
MONDAY	<i>Epiphany- Christ revealed: end of Christmas season</i>	
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available for pick-up on the table in the Session room. Please pick up yours today and thank you for continuing to support Hebron.

**LAST FOUR WEEKS' OFFERINGS:**

<u>Dec 29</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Dec. 15</u>	<u>Dec. 8</u>	<u>Dec. 1</u>
\$5,029	\$4,682	\$6,390	No Church	\$5,184



**Holiday greetings to you and your loved ones from your Hebron family. May each of your treasure God's blessings throughout the New Year!**

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| Phil & Maxine Carpenter | Nan Brown             |
| Jean & Dick Miller      | Robin Ruleman         |
| Martha & Philip Sieck   | Elva Tuttle           |
| Hilda Dundas            | Peggy & Junior Hewitt |
| Nancy K. Cook           | Pasty Shull & family  |
| Nancy & Tom Cook        | Joann Weikert         |
| Meredith & Jon Arneson  | Frank & Elaine Wyche  |

**A WORD ON CHURCH GROWTH** – Prayer is the starting point for church growth. Many people search for a program, an activity or some special project that they hope will bring new members to a church. There is no such thing. If there were any single program, activity or project guaranteed to increase church attendance or membership, then every church would use it, and no church would have attendance or membership problems. Unfortunately, membership and attendance are problems in the vast majority of churches. Just ask your family, friends and neighbors about membership and attendance in their churches, and you will hear that most churches are concerned about membership and attendance.

We must always remember that the church does not belong to us, but it belongs to God. It is God's church, formed in response to God's call on us to worship and serve God. If we are to be God's church, we must be in line with God's will and God's plans for God's church in this place. The starting point for that is prayer. We are called to pray in order to draw closer to God, and to seek God's will for us, because the strength of a church is found in its faith and commitment. We should first pray for God to make us his faithful people. We should pray for stronger faith and deeper commitment. And we should pray for revival and renewal. Then we should listen for God's guidance.

*Pastor Frank*