

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Traci Stengl Ghaffarian - was diagnosed with Leukemia in August. Pray that her next test results will show that she is in remission so that she can move forward on receiving bone marrow as she recently received word that she has a donor! Pray for strength for her whole family during this difficult journey.

Roseann Llewellyn's husband, Mark - had back surgery and is in rehab at Dominican. Pray for continued recovery.

Katie Taylor - had kidney transplant surgery on Dec 2nd at Stanford. Pray for complete healing.

Connie Maschutes - transferred from Dominican to a rehab center in Los Gatos because of a broken pelvis. Pray for her health and her transition.

John Bauer - is in the rehab at Dominican. Pray that he gets strong enough to be home for Christmas.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Whitney Silva - went home to be with her Lord on November 28th after a short battle with cancer. Her small group had a memorial service in the Pursell's home on December 2nd. Please remember her sister, Carol in your prayers.

Bola Taylor - A memorial service will be held here in Monschke Hall on Tuesday, 12/29 at 1 pm with a reception following. Bola served faithfully for 18 years in Japan alongside her husband Ken.

BIRTHS

Lacy and Christian Warne - welcome into their hearts and home their new baby daughter Sage Kennedy born on November 27th. Proud grandparents are Ward and Anne Pitman.

Thank you to all who delivered poinsettias to our shut-ins. They felt so blessed! If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 or care@tlc.org.

If you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



A THRILL OF HOPE

WHEN THE FACTS ARE CONTRARY TO THE PROMISE
MARK SPURLOCK DECEMBER 5 & 6

On coming to the house, the Magi saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, **they returned to their country by another route.** Matthew 2:11-12

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. **"Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."** Matthew 2:13

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. **And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."** Matthew 2:14-15

*Joseph, when he had heard these things, was not offended, neither did he say, "The thing is hard to understand: Didst thou not say just now, that He should 'save His people'? And now He saves not even Himself, but we must fly, and be far from home, and be a long time away: **the facts are contrary to the promise.**"*
 -John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Gospel of St. Matthew*

THREE THINGS I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON...

1. _____

GOD DOES!

2. _____

GOD DOES!

3. _____

GOD DOES!

BOTTOM LINE: The "facts" always change, but God's _____ never change!

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ... Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

Want to help improve the "facts" for present-day refugees?
 Go to: worldreliefmodesto.org
 And, **in the lobby today:** Dresses made by refugees in Jordan.
 All proceeds support these women!

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. Psalm 130:5

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MEDITATIONS

Get our free book **Advent: A Thrill of Hope** in lobby or online

IN ONE WEEK:

"Miraculous Hope" Community Christmas Concerts at TLC
 Pick up invite cards in the lobby

12/11 • 5:30 & 7:30pm
12/12 • 3, 5:30 & 7:30pm
12/13 • 11am, 3 & 5:30pm



IN THREE WEEKS:

Candlelight Services
 You don't want to miss these special services that include beautiful candle-lighting, an inspiring devotional and Christmas music featuring:

- TLC Children's Choir
- Violin Trio featuring Trent Smith and his children

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 even as you grieve.

12/23 • 6:30pm
12/24 • 5:30pm