

DECEMBER 12, 2021 - ADVENT 3

CROWN HILL NEWS



December 12

Preaching: Thomas Dunn

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7

Sermon: Joy, Taken Out of Context

November 28 Offering

General: \$2510.00

Announcements & Upcoming Events

- On December 11th at 7pm Crown Hill will host a Sonnenberg Station Christmas concert, directed by our own Tim Yoder! The Leadership Team along with the members of the choir felt it best if we did not pack out our sanctuary like we have for previous Sonnenberg Station concerts. This concert is for the people of Crown Hill and local family members of Sonnenberg Station.
- If you would like to bless the Gassers with a meal please get in touch with Julie (330-988-06190), Keith (330-466-0724) or Thomas (330-317-5587) as all of them will be making frequent trips to Akron in the coming weeks. Arrange a time to drop your meal off with Julie, Keith or Thomas and they will drop the food off with the Gassers. Thanks for your support!
- WSC will meet Tuesday Dec. 14. The December project for WSC is Stock a fishpond for \$20.00 for MCC. From the WSC treasury a \$350.00 donation is being given as a start up fund for a fishpond for Cambodia. Help farmers in Cambodia supplement their income from growing rice by raising fish. Cash or checks made out to Crown Hill WSC can be given to Eldina, the WSC treasurer.
- The Lighthouse has an exciting matching gift opportunity! From now until December 31, every dollar given to the Lighthouse will be matched dollar-for-dollar (up to \$11,500), doubling your impact! Please prayerfully consider giving a gift to help us reach our goal of raising \$35,000 to meet our budget. Your partnership in our work and your investment in the children living in our SE Canton neighborhood means the world. You can give a gift easily at www.cantonlighthouse.org/donate or by mailing a check to the Lighthouse at 1931 3rd St SE, Canton, OH. 44707
- Christmas Eve Service Dec 24, 6:30pm. We will celebrate Christ's birth with a traditional Lessons & Carols Service, finishing up with candle lighting.
- Sunday, December 26th we will have a "Finger Food Carry-In" during the Sunday School hour. Church will start at 9:30am as usual, but instead of Sunday School we will fellowship together with all the tasty treats you bring in!



Pastoral Note from Dan

When I'm traveling in a car or truck, most of the time I prefer to have my hands on the steering wheel. And when that's not possible, like on a long trip when I'm too tired to drive, I find it hard to be just a passenger. I'm wondering if this is a bit like it feels for someone who has lived long and is no longer able to take care of everything for themselves. Perhaps it just doesn't feel right to be forced to ask for help and rely on others.

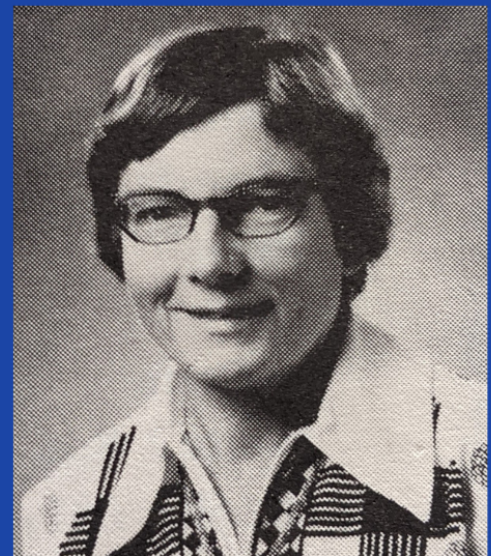
I think I get that. And I've seen people respond in different ways. Some are so determined to keep their hands on the wheel that they become resentful toward people trying to be helpful. These folks need to be gently encouraged to let go.

Others have given up. They realize their "driving" days are over. In disappointment, they refuse to do what little they still could. These folks need to be gently encouraged to hang in there.

For those giving or receiving care, the 59 (give or take) "one anothers" in the Bible can help. The Holy Spirit knew we would need a guide. Here are just a few: "...love one another deeply, from the heart (1 Peter 3:8), encourage one another (1 Thess 4:18), and love one another as Jesus loved (John 13:34)."

Prayer Requests

- Continue to lift up the Ramseyer family in your prayers.
- Please continue to pray for the safe release of the remaining Christian aid workers who were kidnapped in Haiti on Saturday, Oct. 16. Three more were released this week.
- Pray for Austin Zuercher in Costa Rica who we support through EMM.
- Pray for Kaitlyn & Spencer as they are caring for their newborn Andrew Jeffrey.
- Remember our people in nursing homes: Patt (&Earl), Suzan, Martha Carolyn & Win. Suzan returned to the Apostolic Home on Tuesday. Win has cast removed and is working on her physical therapy. Last week Win tested positive for COVID19 and thus far her symptoms have not been severe.
- Pray for our shut-ins: Pete Stauffer, Paul Troyer, Elmer Richard, Mary Nussbaum, Ila Zimmerly, Brady Murray and Fred's mother Doris Hoffman.
- Please be in prayer for the Manor board. Due to the difficult season the Ramseyer family is facing there is going to be a significant turnover on the Manor board. Pray that new leaders would emerge and that God's vision for the Manor can be pursued.



WHO'S THAT?