



# STROMSBURG COV NEWS

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Brennan Manning was a Catholic priest and theologian, a noted speaker later in his life, and I heard a sermon of his while in seminary. He dared to challenge people to imagine a God that was proud of his followers, a Heavenly Father that could look at all the bad stuff in our lives and get beyond that and envision us as people with the great potential to impact the world.

Johnny Wooden was a former college basketball coach at UCLA, winning eight national titles in a stretch of 10 years before retiring in 1974. When I was a sports reporter in San Diego during the mid-1990s, I interviewed him over the phone about the relationship he'd had with two of his players, whose kids I'd watched during our area's high school basketball season. And his wisdom and care for me during that interview was meaningful and what he added to my story was priceless.

There are people that become part of our lives – for whatever reason – that make profound impact on us even if we never meet them face to face. Maybe it's by reading one of their books or seeing how they portray a meaningful character in a movie. Perhaps it's just hearing about their amazing lives via the stories told by a family member or a tribute given in an obituary.

The Apostle Paul wrote a significant letter to a church that we can find in the New Testament of the Bible, but it's highly likely he never had the opportunity to come to that place, as we know he was probably in jail in Rome while formulating this letter. Still, he'd had contact with at least one leader in that church who knew of the needs of that congregation, so he wrote an epistle we know as Colossians, which was earmarked for one particular congregation, but was likely read to a pair of others that were located near the one in Colossae.

Imagine, if you will, knowing of someone whom you'll probably never meet, but you've heard good things about, and you want to impart some encouraging wisdom to them before you die. That's probably the context in which Paul wrote this congregation. And I believe what's communicated in Colossians has a great deal of wisdom to impart to us in 2021 as a church, so I thought I'd preach my winter sermon series using that book as my primary source. I'll begin on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and finish on February 14<sup>th</sup>, then head into Lent and work off texts related to that season in our church year as we culminate with an Easter sermon April 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to peruse an upcoming sermon text before coming to church, the dates and passages are listed on the right. For your calendars, please note that we hope to offer an Ash Wednesday worship service on February 17<sup>th</sup>, but we'll keep you posted to see if that can be done.

One last thing...in our December Leadership Team meeting, we decided that we'd have our annual church business meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>, so we wanted you to have an early alert about that.

In Christ,

Pastor Craig



## Upcoming Sermon Texts:

Jan. 10 – Colossians 1:1-14  
Jan. 17 – Colossians 1:15-29  
Jan. 24 – Colossians 2:1-23  
Jan. 31 – Colossians 3:1-14  
Feb. 7 – Colossians 3:12 – 4:1  
Feb. 14 – Colossians 4:2-18

## Sundays in Lent—Tentative schedule:

Feb. 21 – Mark 1:9-15  
Feb. 28 – Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9  
Mar. 7 – I Cor. 1:18-25  
Mar. 14 – Numbers 21:4-9  
Mar. 21 – Jer. 31:31-34  
Mar. 28 – Mark 11:1-11  
April 4 (Easter Sunday) – John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

**Strengthen Faith, Cultivate Community, Care for Neighbors**



Donna Gerdes	Jan 1
Dianne Nielsen	Jan 1
Craig Pinley	Jan 2
Brittani Platt	Jan 5
Bob Johnson	Jan 6
Dennis Nuttelman	Jan 6
Dale Hennessy	Jan 8
Sue Rosenbaum	Jan 9
Phil Pelc	Jan 11
Linda Pelc	Jan 11
Judy Hanson	Jan 12
Anastasia Bowerman	Jan 13
Tucker Platt	Jan 18
Vicki Platt	Jan 19
Charles Noyd	Jan 23

## JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

### Sunday, Jan 3

No Sunday School

Worship with Communion, 10:30 am



Women's  
STUDY  
GROUP

### Tuesday, Jan 5

Bible Study Fellowship resumes—7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, Jan 7

Bible Study Fellowship resumes—9:30 am

### Sunday, Jan 10

Undecorating the Church—right after worship service

Lead Team Meeting, 6:30 pm



### Friday, Jan 15—REPORTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING BOOKLET DUE!



**Thursday, Jan 21:** Rescue Mission Meal, 5:30 pm

### Sunday, Jan 24

Annual Business Meeting—right after worship service with meal



THANK  
you.

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the Christmas love offerings, gifts and goodies. We so appreciate your love and care for our family. We love you!  
Love, Pastors Pinley and Ellie

## FINANCIAL UPDATE:

2020 Budget Summary (1/1/20 through 11/30/20)

Needed Income:	\$118,039.16
Actual Income:	\$ 87,652.58
Deficit:	\$ 30,386.58

Budgeted Exp:	\$118,039.16
Actual Exp:	\$114,251.04
Under Budget:	\$ 3,788.12

ONLINE GIVING: To make a one-time or scheduled recurring gift to our church, please visit:

[www.stromsburgcov.org](http://www.stromsburgcov.org) and click on ONLINE GIVING.



## MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS:

**Lead Team:**  
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**Worship Ministry Team:**  
Sue Rosenbaum  
402-560-6759

**Fellowship & Hospitality:**  
Pat Everingham  
402-764-0345

**Christian Formation:**  
Judy Hanson  
402-764-6681

**Outreach:**  
Dave Schram—402-710-8858  
Shayla Hier—402-764-0261

**Properties:**  
Kent Erickson  
402-765-6721

**Prayer Concerns?** Please contact Connie Nuttelman to have a request go out on the prayer chain or to be included in the bulletin. Connie's number is 402-366-9045 or you can send an email to [prayerchain@stromsburgcov.org](mailto:prayerchain@stromsburgcov.org).



## MINISTRY PARTNERS

**Sunday, Jan 3, 2021**

*Coffee:* Pat Everingham

*Scripture:* Mary Pinley

*Worship Team:* Dennis & Connie Nuttelman, Craig & Mary Pinley, Sue Rosenbaum

*Audio/Visual:* Kohen Hier

**Sunday, Jan 10, 2021**

*Coffee:* Linda Johnson

*Scripture:* Bob Orsborn

*Worship Team:* Craig & Mary Pinley, Sue Rosenbaum

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, Kohen Hier

**Sunday, Jan 17, 2021**

*Coffee:* The Hier Family

*Scripture:* Mary Wadell

*Worship Team:* Craig & Mary Pinley, Dianne Nielsen, Sue Rosenbaum

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy

**Thursday, Jan 21, 2021**

*Rescue Mission Meal:* TBD

**Sunday, Jan 24, 2021**

*Coffee:* Annual Meeting Meal

*Scripture:* Dianne Nielsen

*Worship Team:* Craig & Mary Pinley, Sue Rosenbaum

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, Kohen Hier

**Sunday, Jan 31, 2021**

*Coffee:* Pat Everingham

*Scripture:* Neeli Noyd

*Worship Team:* Craig & Mary Pinley, Neeli Noyd, Sue Rosenbaum

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy

# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6:30 pm—Grief Share (Every Monday at Osceola UMC)	7:00 pm—BSF (every Tuesday at Stromsburg Cov)		9:30 am—BSF (every Thursday at Stromsburg Free)	1 	2
3 No Sunday School 9:30 Worship Team 10:30 Worship with Communion 11:45 Fellowship	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 8:30 Worship Team 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship 12:00 De-decorate 6:30 pm—Lead Team	11 	12	13	14	15	16
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