



# WHITE CREEK CHURCH

Independent Congregational

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Village of White Creek, Rural Adams County

Find us at: [whitecreekchurch.org](http://whitecreekchurch.org)

**December 31, 2023**

**Morning Service**

**Welcome to Worship**

Meet and Greet

Announcements

Hymn 500 "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

Devotional

Hymn 71 "Some Day!"

Offering

Doxology

Special Music

Testimonies/Prayer Requests

Message - THE SECOND ADVENT

Hymn 228 "We'll Work till Jesus Comes"

Prayer

## CALENDAR

- Sundays: Adult Sunday School - 9:15 A.M.  
Morning Service - 10:30 A.M.
- Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study - 10:00 A.M.  
Senior Housing Clubhouse, Adams
- Thursdays: Men's Bible Study @ Church - 5:30 P.M.  
December 31<sup>st</sup> - New Years Eve Gathering - 6 P.M.  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - HAPPY NEW YEAR  
January 18<sup>th</sup> - Country Jam - 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Adams Community Center (weather permitting)
- January 20<sup>th</sup> - Women's Gathering at White Creek

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies will meet in the Senior Housing Clubhouse, behind the Adams Community Center, on Tuesday, at 10 A.M

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday from 5:30 to about 7:00 P.M. the men meet for Bible Study. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. All men are welcome to attend.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please check the bulletin board in the Sunday School room. The top half is filled with greetings from Church folks. The bottom contains Season's Greetings from our missionaries.

## ADVENT PRESENTATION

We want to thank Nancy Burdick-Seelenbinder, and all those she recruited to help, especially the young people, for volunteering to lead us in observing Advent this year.

## CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS 2024

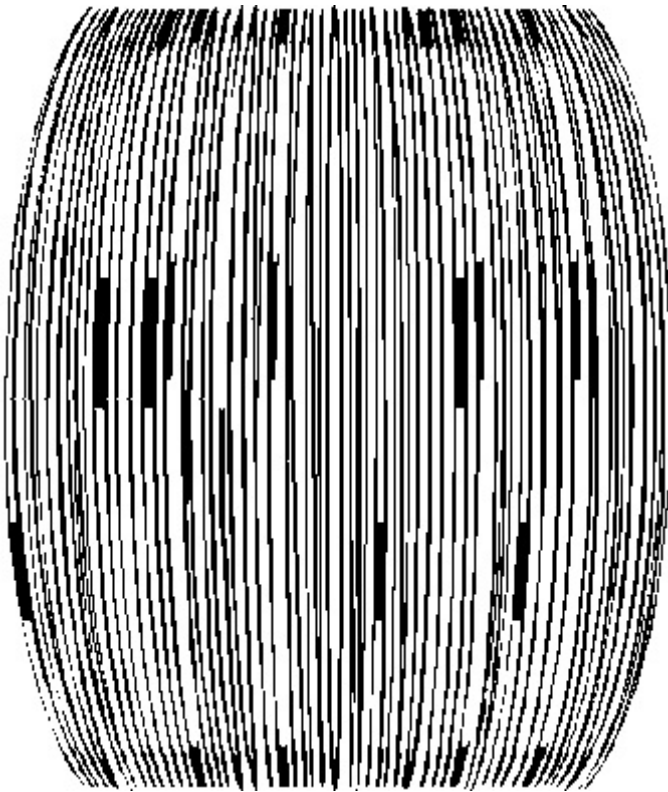
**Pastor:** Sam Downey  
**Clerk:** Pam Morse  
**Treasurer:** Meryl Lanphear  
**Deacons:** Martin Sytsma  
Stuart Burdick Moderator  
**Trustees:** Larry Smith  
Skip Collins  
David Seelenbinder

**Missions Director:**  
Beverly Downey

**Other Officers :**  
Custodian - Meryl Lanphear  
Sunshine Person - Anna Sytsma

If there is anything that needs consideration by the Church Board, please notify a Board member.

## THE PUZZLE PLACE



### REFERENCE:

#### January Birthdays and Anniversaries

December - Gary Bacon 30 - Remi Clausen 31

Meryl Lanphear 1                      Scott & Cheryl Carlsen 13  
Abigail Auten 3  
Norm Roberg 16  
Debbie Nordman 22

Please let us know about additions or corrections.

### NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE

We will have a service TONIGHT, New Years Eve, at 6 p.m. weather permitting. Come for an hour, or stay until next year! What a great way to start 2024!

## CONSIDER THIS

The New Year is upon us. What are we to do? We can join the masses at watering holes or public squares, and revel in the coming of more of the same stuff we have endured now for years, or, we can choose to get down to business with the God Who Created us, and called us to be His children. The world, in wild abandon, will follow the piper of money, power, ease, and pleasure, and miss the one thing that it truly seeks, peace. Not just World Peace, mankind needs to find peace within the individual.

We have lost the sense of what God created us to be. We have bought into the idea that we can become whatever we want to be, and have missed the Supreme purpose for which God made us, to become what God says we are. Those two ideas are polar opposites. In pursuit of the self-gratification, we have lost sight of the possibility of the peacefulness of fulfilment found in the other. We cannot get there from where we are, we can't even imagine what the Godly thing might look like. We have given up on the quest as impossible, which it is to ordinary man. There is not one chance in a million that we can attain to this ideal, yet we pay out that which we do not have to get a chance to win a fortune that we think will bring us peace and happiness. Chances of winning that lottery are far worse than one in a million!

Here we are, on the cusp of a new opportunity. A new opportunity to follow that Christ into a future filled with . . . Him! To become what God designed us to be, to see how God wants to work in us to accomplish His will and purposes. He could have forced this day on you before this, but He still wants you to choose Him, rather than worldly satisfaction. You are neither too old, nor too young. He has chosen you, do you now choose to follow Him? This is the difficult choice, and you know not where it might lead, except that it will always fill you with His Love, Joy, and Peace. You will find that combination nowhere else, but He still leaves the receiving of this Life up to you, if you are "Whosoever!"

*Pastor Sam*

### PRAYER LIST

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.." [Romans 8:26](#)

Susan Burdick                      Sonny and Patrick  
Kathy