

***Let each of you look out not only for his own interests,
but also for the interests of others.***

Philippians 2:4

There is a Yiddish proverb that says, "If each one sweeps his own door, the whole street is clean."

That makes sense, doesn't it? But is that the way life works? Not really. If you have ever seen a street where all the houses were pretty much linked together and front doors opened onto the sidewalk you can get the picture of what the proverb is saying. On any given day you might see several people outside their doors making sure everything is tidy in front of their own house. Often there is even competition to "outshine" the neighbors. Some flowers in the window box, a little paint around the door and even on the step, but at least get out the broom and sweep the step and sidewalk in front of your own house.

Now, take a look down the street again. Notice that one or two of the neighbors just don't seem to be doing the job very well? Their doorsteps have not been swept in days, never mind beautified in any way. What a shame! They are letting the whole street down!

Well, does it really matter about the whole street? As long as my part is up to scratch, why should I worry about the rest of it? It is the old conundrum that has troubled mankind since sin first entered the world. "Am I my brother's keeper?" We want to be with the group, but we don't want to be responsible for the group. Christians struggle with that in a big way. Jesus made it clear that nothing is more important than loving one another.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34,35

Paul also goes to great lengths to encourage the church to look out for one another.

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body---whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free---and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many.

1 Corinthians 12:12,13

So, when you look down "your street" as you get ready to clean your part of it, do you see somebody's house that looks neglected? Perhaps they are unwell, or they have gone away, or they may be discouraged for any number of reasons.

You know what? Your broom will work just as well on their place as it does on yours. 😊

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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30pm

All the churches of Christ greet you.

ROMANS 16:16

***Today's Sermon: Like It or Not, We All Hang
on His Word***

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Scripture: Psalm 119:93-103

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class:** There will be no ladies class on Tuesday because several of us will be away or busy. We should be back at class on the following Tuesday, May 1st to study Day 3 of Chapter 4.
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing @ Horseheads,** next Sunday, April 29th, 4:30pm.
- **Housewarming Celebration-** Thursday, May 31st- Sunday, June 3rd. Speakers so far are Don Myers from Montgomery, AL, Larry Krause from Kittanning, PA, and Steve Connors from Horseheads, NY., Orrin Nearhoof from Kentucky, Bill Garrett from Lewiston, PA.

Next Potluck: May 20th



- **Arthur has started knocking on doors in this neighborhood to introduce us and hand them a leaflet asking them for ideas about how we can use our building for community events.**
- **Lani** has accepted a new job in Texas, so she will be leaving us in early June. It was wonderful to finally meet her parents, Gwenna and Lewis last week.
- **Ruthie and Patty left yesterday with their friend Richard Miller on their way to FL to visit their brothers Stanley, who is suffering from lung cancer, and Jim (and his wife Deborah), and their sister Marcia. Patty's daughter, April, also lives in Orlando.**
- **Darlene** recently celebrated one year being cancer free!

PRAYERS...

- We pray that our **door-knocking**/leafleting campaign to introduce ourselves to the neighborhood produces fruit and Bible studies.
- Pray for safety for **Ruthie and Patty** on their trip to FL and a happy reunion with their family.
- **Praise God for Connie Altieri's decision to be baptized! We also pray for Connie to have a successful interview for a full-time job this week.**
- Please pray for **Sam**, who is studying and working many long hours every day of the week.
- **Dara**, Darlene's sister, is searching for employment, as both of her current jobs have been cutting back hours.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**. Pray for her comfort as she is having trouble breathing. Also pray that she will reconsider Bible study.
- **Lori Kashorek** continues with experimental chemo treatments, and we pray it will keep her lung cancer in check.
- Pray for **Vicki Joice** as she continues Herceptin treatments until June. She has 2 left to do. Also, pray that she doesn't become discouraged dealing with lymphedema on a daily basis.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer. Pray for her comfort and that she will want to learn the truth about Christ soon.
- **Emily Barry** will have thyroid surgery on Tuesday here in Sayre. Pray for peace for her as she is afraid.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- Also, please pray for **their sister in law, Deborah**, who is suffering pain in her jaw and has just been in hospital for an infection.
- **Ruthie's** friend and former colleague, **Nancy Black**, has had her foot amputated because of complications of diabetes. She is living at Elderwood in Waverly. She is very grateful for prayers offered on her behalf.
- **Don Myers** back surgery was not successful. He is suffering pain from a swollen nerve and is trying a new medicine for that.
- **Dave and Lynne Laton's daughter Natalie** has been diagnosed with Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma. She had good news that the tumor shrank after her first round of chemo, which takes 3-4 days of infusions. She has begun her second chemo now.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry: barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.