

## PACE Newsletter 1/14/2026

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### PACE NEWSLETTER

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#### SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

**Romans 8:18** — For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.

#### QUOTE

*"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."* — Dolly Parton

#### UPCOMING LESSON

This Sunday, Jan. 18, Greg Ellis will present the second of three sessions on The Wesley Challenge, "21 Days to A More Authentic Faith." We will reflect individually and collectively on the 21 questions that John Wesley's "Holy Club" used to develop a sustainable union with God through every-day practices. The questions for this week are: Am I proud? - Am I defeated in any part of my life? - Do I go to bed on time and get up on time? - Do I grumble or complain constantly? - Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits? - How do I spend my spare time? - Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?

#### CONCERNS: Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

**Jan Etheridge:** Her brother, Jim died last week.

**Bill Bush:** His friend, Daryl Willbanks, broke his hip in three places.

**Ford and Susan Griffith:** Their close friend, Lee Schmidt, suffered a stroke on Dec. 17 and another one of Jan. 8. He has been affected mostly in his vision and will undergo tests this week to determine if recent heart issues may have caused the strokes.

**Jean Spencer:** long-time church member passed away on Friday. Her service will be held in the church sanctuary at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 23.

**Marvin Petsel:** His cousin, Dorothy in Cedar Rapids IA, has leukemia and heart problems, and is in a rehab to gain strength so she might have a coronary stent done.

**Barb Petsel:** Her cousin, Joe in Oklahoma, has metastatic cancer but is not yet choosing hospice as he wants to get a weekly blood transfusion. Joe's nephew, who is in his 20s, has juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. He fell off his scooter at home and broke both femurs.

#### Also be mindful of those with ongoing concerns:

**Joci James** on palliative care, with congestive heart failure. **Gerald Haygood** with extended hospice; **David Mather**, brother Martin with prostate cancer; **Jim Alexander**, sister Carol Long with ongoing medical issues; **Janet and Skip Bilhartz**, brother-in-law David Merrick undergoing chemo; **Rita Ward**, sister Mara with lymphoma. Also continued prayers for **Clyde Rupert** and **Duane McGrath**.

#### JOYS

**Donna Starnes** thanked the class, especially Jennie LeClaire, for supporting her through her mother's death and memorial service.

**The Englands** are excited that their daughter will be leaving the Marine Corps in February and will be working in the private sector.

Visitor **Deborah Erdmann** shared that she recently received an injection that relieved her of the terrible pain she had been suffering.

**January Birthdays:** 3 — Janet Bilhartz; 6 — Marilyn Knetzger; 12 — Lorraine Lewis; 12 — Sharon Emiliano; 16 — Skip Bilhartz.

**CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to man the cart and give closing prayers on Sunday mornings. Sign-up sheets are in the classroom. Another way to signup is to use the PACE website Signups page by clicking [here](#).

**CLASS ROSTER**

Please contact Bill Hartman if you have any changes or updates for the class roster.

**Special Note:** *If you have a concern, a joy, or an announcement you would like to submit for the weekly newsletter, please email it to Rita by 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. [rita@cumc.com](mailto:rita@cumc.com) or [rnrward@yahoo.com](mailto:rnrward@yahoo.com).*

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