

SCHEDULE

Live-streaming **Sun. 10:00 am**
Prayer Event **Wed. 6:30 pm**

NEW ADDRESS

Please make a note of this new address for Mary Sharp: 1140 Bull Valley Drive Woodstock, IL. 60098

THE CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

- 1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts.*
- 2. To express my love for family and friends in more direct ways and friends in more direct ways than presents.*
- 3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.*
- 4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true meaning of Christmas.*
- 5. To initiate one act of peacemaking within my circle of family and friends.*

from Unplug the Christmas Machine | by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppic

❖ MERRY ❖

Christmas

THANK
Thank You

for your consistent and faithful giving that allows us to provide ministry at JCC!

UNITE714

Continue to pray the weekly prayer for the healing of our lands and for a spiritual awakening among the nations. There is power in unified prayer!



THE GIFT

exchange

Dec 06 » Sadness for Joy
 Dec 13 » Emptiness for Fullness
 Dec 20 » Shame for Acceptance
 Dec 27 » Trouble for Peace

PRAYER REQUESTS

► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Gearen Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L. | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bato R. |

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy P. » Anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> Robbie P. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological | <input type="checkbox"/> Noe F. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Randy F. » Immune disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley P. » Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Travis » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill W. » Heart aneurysm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Addison G. » Fibrosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Andis Family » COVID |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Macario A. » Dialysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Sidebottom Family » COVID |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS | <input type="checkbox"/> Herlinda R. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Laura K. » Auto Immune |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craig B. » Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Juan A. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother » COVID |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Angela A. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Frank » Health Issues | |

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“What are you going to find this Christmas?

I'll tell you what you're going to find: you'll find what you're looking for... And there's no better time than Christmas to become the kind of seekers the wise men embodied. Wise people still seek Christ.” —*Rick Warren*

METRICS THAT MATTER (12/13/20)

ATTENDANCE ► 9 GIVING ► \$1,985⁴⁷ GUESTS ► 0
 VOLUNTEERS ► 9 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0



Christian counselor Ed Welch says, *Shame is the deep sense that you are inherently flawed, unacceptable, and unworthy of love because of something you've done, something done to you, or something associated with you.*

Shame says: *I am defective. I am damaged. I am broken. I am flawed. I am dirty. I am ugly. I am impure. I am disgusting. I am unlovable. I am weak. I am pitiful. I am insignificant. I am worthless. I am unwanted.*



PASTOR CRAIG GROESCHEL POINTS OUT THAT SHAME OFTEN LEADS TO...

- Hopeless perfectionism**—*We attempt to overcome our shame through flawless performance.*
- Harsh criticism (of self and others)**—*People suffering from shame are really hard on themselves because they nurse a deep dislike of who they are.*
- Helpless feelings**—*People with an overwhelming sense of shame tend to focus on the worst possible outcomes.*




A WOMAN CONSUMED WITH SHAME

LUKE 8:40-48

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house,



- This woman's story doesn't start with her; it starts with a man named Jairus.**
 - Jairus was a very respected man; he held one of the top positions in the city—he was the "ruler of the synagogue."**
 - Jairus fell at Jesus' feet—he was desperate for his daughter.**
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for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

•He implored Jesus to come to his house and heal his daughter. Jesus consented.



And there was a woman who had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone.



•Having a discharge of blood is a polite way of saying she had a disease that produced an “uncontrollable menstrual flow”, which meant that not only was she sick, she was unable to have children, and according to Jewish law she was ceremonially unclean.

•She is an outcast; lonely.

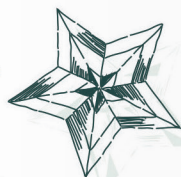
•She’s nameless in contrast to Jairus, whose name everybody knows.

She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.

•Her dilemma: she’s not supposed to be in public.

•Is there a way to steal a miracle?

•She clandestinely made her way through the crowds and grabs hold of the hem of his garment.



And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!”

•He’s saying: “Identify yourself because I have something more amazing than the healing you’ve received.”



But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.” And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.

What is it like to be exposed in all our ugliness and shame?



*And he said to her,
“Daughter, your faith has
made you well; go in peace.”*

**•Jesus honored her publicly.
•Jesus took her shame unto himself—**