

## **DAILY ADVENT PRAYER**

This year we are inviting you to “praying the hours” as a church with us. If you ordered an Advent bag, you’ve already seen the Christmastide prayer book. If you’d still like to grab one, you can order the prayer book from Amazon. Each day there are morning, midday, evening (“vespers”), and nighttime prayers. Whether you pray once a day or all four times each day, try to make a simple Advent prayer rhythm for December. Take five to ten minutes to take a deep breath and spend a few moments with the Lord during these prayer times.

If you’d like to pray the evening (“vespers”) prayers together, join us all Advent season, each weekday on Zoom at 7pm for daily prayers together, open to the entire church! Here's the link for the daily 7pm prayers - you can bookmark this (it will remain the same each day through Advent):  
<https://bit.ly/36hx0xh>

## **SUNDAY LIVE ZOOM SERVICES**

Until further notice we will be "gathering" for all-church Zoom services each Sunday at 10am. We'll have live worship, preaching, and communion together as one church family. See the West Weekly or our Facebook page for Zoom link each week.

In the meantime, we will be keeping a close eye on (1) the data of COVID cases in Marion/surrounding counties and (2) the wisdom of our local governments and public health officials. We are looking at both smaller in-person gathering and digital gathering options, and "planning to be flexible" as pandemic circumstances change. We would ask for you to "plan to be flexible" along with us, as we're constantly planning and praying about what's best for everyone involved. We continue to lean heavily on our medical advisory team's wisdom in terms of what is safe & responsible for church gatherings.

## **BUILDING FUND COMMITMENTS**

Common Ground West would like to raise \$60,000 (above and beyond our normal tithes and offerings) over the next 10 months to cover anticipated building expenses and maintain operating reserves. Would you prayerfully consider making a one-time donation or recurring donation to help us sow into our church & community's future?

In the West Weekly is a detailed report of our current finances, building expenses, and needs for the next 10 months. There are several ways you can contribute to the Building Fund. The more common ways are:

- Online donation – be sure to specify “Building Fund”
- Stock – contact Nate Smith
- Personal property (house, vehicle, AVL, FFE, etc.) – contact Nate Smith

If you can't make a contribution now, we are also accepting commitments towards the Building Fund through 9/30/2021. Please fill out the commitment form on the website:

[cground.org/common-ground-west-building-fund](http://cground.org/common-ground-west-building-fund)