



# The TrumBulletin



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## THE GIFT OF MEMORIES

When you put the holidays and children together, what do you get? Memories. Children have an amazing ability to record themselves in our hearts. We do everything in our power to remember everything they do and say. From day one, we create scrapbooks, baby books, take pictures, and even keep clippings of their hair, just so our memories of their precious years will not fade from our minds. Children also have a way of inquiring about our memories. They look at our memories of them as a sign of love for them. So, they often ask us to recall those memories. "Dad, tell me about the time when I walked for the first time." "Mom, tell me again what my first words were."

Memories can be both bitter and sweet. They recall both life and death. They reveal our strengths and our weaknesses. Our memories are important to us. We learn from them and use them to inspire us in the future. They are a reminder of why we love someone and how much we love someone.

God wants us to use the gift of our memories to help our love and faith for Him grow. Psalm 145:1-4 says, "I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever... Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts." God often calls on His people to search their memories of those times when He has carried them through impossible situations so as to remind them just how much He cares for His people. The writer of Psalm 105:5 uses our memory to excite wonder in the people of God, saying, "Remember the wonders he has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced." In fact, if we really think back to all that the Lord has done for us, we would only be left amazed at just how amazing He is. Psalm 40:5 says, "Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare." Our memories are a gift given to us by God to help us trust Him and love Him more and more each day. They are even helpful for those times when we begin to forget just how much He does mean to us, and get pulled away by the distractions of a busy world. John tells the Christians in Ephesus who had begun to get complacent and neglectful of their service to God, "You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen." (Revelation 2:4-5) I am sure when they thought back to when they first gave their life to Jesus Christ and fell in love with His great sacrifice for their sins, those memories inspired them to once again offer their "bodies as living sacrifices" to God. (Romans 12:1)

Memories are gifts from God that are waiting to be opened. So, when you are looking at the old photos, reading through the journals, and talking about old times, don't forget to remember the things that our LORD has done for you. Even longer lasting than any photo or keepsake, is the eternal life that we have through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

~Ron Saricino

## NEWS & NOTES

**Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom  
-7pm**

**Mail at Trumbull has resumed,  
a new secure mailbox has been  
installed.**

**Spooner House** has specific needs for towels, washcloths, pillow cases, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Toiletries for 4 women without families. If you would like to bring a meal or sandwiches Contact Liz Holcomb at (203)2250455X105

## Prayer Requests

\*Pray for **Jasmyn** (Lisa's daughter) who is going through a rough time. \*Pray for all those traveling this holiday season.  
 \*Pray for the family of Randy Springer's friend, **Ed**, who passed away.  
 \*Pray for the family of Mel Skiegen who passed away this past week.  
 \*Pray for **Nadine** who is awaiting results from her recent biopsy.  
 \*Pray for Debbie Christy's brothers- **Frank**- recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma and **Clarence** recently lost his son  
 \*Pray for **Emily and Jose** (friends of Kristen Wilson) who are going through IVF treatment.  
 \*Pray for Michelle's brothers- **Al and Tony** who are both dealing with health issues.  
 \*Pray for **Nancy (Roldan) Johnston** and family, her husband passed away Wednesday a few weeks after she lost her son.  
 \*Prayers for **Karen Ohrenberger's parents** who are going through a difficult time, and for the family as they care for them.  
 \*Prayers for **Mike Ross** that his pain will subside.  
 \*Prayers for **Marie Preteska, JoAnne, Toni and Greg's sister**.  
 \*Prayers for **Gus & Nancy Roldan, and Mike & Ginny Lichac** (former members), lost their son, **Christopher Roldan**.  
 \***Randy Springer** is at home recovering from a spinal infection,  
 \*Pray for **Toni Bonadio**, she had an angiogram this week which discovered a 50% blockage.  
 \* Continued prayers for **Flo** who is recovering at home and her daughter **Lauren** who is having many health issues and awaiting medical test results.

\*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- **Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen** (Ron's friend), **Sarah** (Angela's niece), **Teri** (Ray's S-I-L)  
 \***Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.**  
 \*Pray for **our country & our leaders in government ,first responders and health care workers.**  
 \*Pray for **families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that** they may turn to the Lord.  
 Special prayers **for our church leaders.**  
 Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,  
 \***Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:** Jeremy Sazone, Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowksi. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomezl, Mildred, Gladys Howley, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes. , Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Cyrus (Zach's friend) dad who has brain cancer, Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.  
 \*Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School**- contact Ron  
 \***Opportunities** to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

**Sunday Bible Class 10 am @ church building**

**Wednesday Bible Classes:** 7:00 p.m canceled til further notice, participate online via Zoom

**Worship Service @ 11 am**

**Elders:** Bruce Pancoast 203-452- 0426

**Ron Saracino** 203-913-8345

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**Spanish Ministry:** Elmer Sandavol

914-914-486-9146

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**Online Bible study and worship**

**Go to our website:**

**trumbull churchofchrist.org**

**Week of 12/25/22**

**Song Leader:** Derin Wilson

**Lord's Table:** Bruce Post

**Closing Prayer:** Ray Fernandes

**Week of 12/4-12/17**

**Donations:** \$5402

**Expenses:** \$6115