

October 8, 2017

Prayer is one of the ways we communicate with God. It is conversation - talking together - listening together - with a generous, caring Friend. Prayer conversation with God can be many things. It can be:

- praising God's great goodness,
- asking for a particular need to be answered,
- listening to God or listening for God's message or response,
- wrestling and questioning God about a problem we have,
- requesting God's wisdom or presence or healing or . . . ,
- questioning and challenging God,
- thanking God for life or blessings or . . . , and on.

Our congregation has a Prayer Chain Ministry that is praying for your prayer requests. You are invited to fill in the prayer request card on the back of the Welcome card, fill in your prayer request and either put it in the offering plate or give it directly to Pastor Wendee. Following worship, a member of the Prayer Ministry Team will collect the prayer requests, will give Pastor Wendee a list of all the requests and will email them to the Prayer Chain who will pray for your request through the week. Please be sure to check the box(es) designating how and where you want your prayer request(s) shared. Thank you for the privilege of allowing us to share in your life through prayer.

You are invited to pray for the following prayer requests:

- from Gwen S - she is having eye surgery, prayers for a quick recovery
- from Bonnie C - Bonnie's Aunt Vi is having ongoing heart problems and went to the hospital for tests
- from Jillian I – she was in a 3-car accident, thankfully no injuries, just a bit sore. Prayers for healing and that everything works out as she is without a vehicle.
- from Judy S – for Donna (Judy's Mom) Transition to new apartment at Oak Creek Place
- from Debbie S – for Debbie's co-worker Amy and her mother. Amy's mom is going through chemotherapy. Prayers for healing and strength
- from Joanne M – for Chuck S (Joanne's cousin) Chuck is dying and wasting away from alcoholism, also prayers for his mother Alma who is dealing with this
- from Joanne M – for Lee (Joanne's daughter) Prayers for her family as she had a nervous breakdown and was admitted into psychiatric care
- from Cherie S – Prayers for her family as they travel to Ft Leonard Wood in Missouri for Jacob's basic training graduation
- Prayers for the people of Catalonia, Spain, as the vote on a non-binding referendum for independence.
- Prayers for the people of Puerto Rico and the devastation after Hurricane Maria. May we find ways to support, care for, and encourage them in the chaos.
- Prayers for the people living on the Korean peninsula and for the rhetoric between North Korea and America. May peace prevail.

Prayer requests continued:

- Prayers for the people in harms away and the fire fighters out west. Prayers for Judi I. who spent a couple of days in the hospital last week. Heal well Judi.
- Prayers for the world as we celebrated World Communion last Sunday.
- Prayers for the families of those who died in the Las Vegas shooting along with those injured.
- from the Southeast District Office - Hebron, TBS, and their 39 members
- for our shut-ins: Dorothy S, Eileen S, Gwen S, Louise L, Jean F, Dave and Jeanne H, Marge D, Pat S, Donna S, Eleanor P, Jean B, Walt M
- Prayers of celebration for anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions

John 6:1-15

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### Feeding the Five Thousand

*After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.*

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

<sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**Our Staff:**

NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Beverly & Ann
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR	Kara P
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Shelly S
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST	Connie J
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIR	Carole L
ORGANIST	Todd A
ADMIN00. ASSIST.	Linda C
CUSTODIAN	Amy P
PASTOR	Rev. Wendee

**Assisting In Worship:**

LITURGIST	8:00	Debbie S
	10:45	John W
ACOLYTE	8:00	
	10:45	
USHERS	8:00	Lowell A
		Mike P
	10:45	Joanne M
GREETERS	8:00	Earle & Gay D
	10:45	Norm & Joan L
COUNTERS		Jan K
		Edith G
UNLOCKING		Marilyn K



Our South East District has established a district-wide prayer connection, inviting churches to pray for each other in a unified way. The District sends us a list showing which church to pray for each week

This week we will pray for: Hebron, TBS, and their 39 members, Hebron is located at N2349 Country Rd D, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538.



**Calendar**

**Sunday – October 8**

8:00am	Worship/coffee hour
9:00am	Children’s Choir
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship/coffee hour
12:15pm	Crop Walk registration

**Monday – October 9**

9:00am	Preschool
6:30pm	Trustees
6:30pm	Way of Forgiveness class
7:00 p.m.	AA

**Tuesday – October 10**

9:00am	Preschool
6:30pm	Church Council

**Wednesday – October 11**

9:00am	Preschool
6:30pm	DBS
7:30pm	Altar Choir

**Thursday – October 12**

9:00am	Preschool
6:30pm	FORWARD Bible Study

**Sunday – October 15**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
8:00am	Worship/coffee hour
9:00am	Children’s Choir
9:30am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Mental Health Support Group
10:45am	Worship/coffee hour
12:00pm	Confirmation



**Please have your articles for the *Reminder* in by Sunday, October 15, 2017**

Please contact the office 414-762-4600, if you would prefer to have an email version of our *Reminder*

***Please note:***

The date for Cathedral Center was incorrect in the newsletter. October 16 is a Monday, not a Tuesday.

**Welcome Aboard!**

Staff Parish Relations Team is happy to announce Linda C. will be the new office administrative assistant.

**Ageless Wonders**

will be meeting Tuesday, October 17 at 11:30 am at Open Flame, 5081 S 108th St, Hales Corners



***Today starts our new four-week worship stewardship series! We are going to “Change the World”!***

**A Lifestyle of Generous Giving!**

We grow as disciples of Jesus one small step at a time! Consider the steps of faith you might take in order to change the world with Christ’s love. Join us for this engaging four-week series.

***Today!  
October 8, 2017 at 12:15 pm***

**Greater Milwaukee CROP Hunger Walk**

Site: McKinley Park shelter on lakefront south of McKinley Marina, 1750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Time: Free registration starts 12:15 p.m.; 2-mile lagoon walk is at 1:30 p.m.

**Youth Group Fundraiser  
Monday October 16th from 4-9pm (see insert)  
The Chocolate Factory Night**

The Chocolate Factory at Drexel Town Square-Forest Ridge will give 10% to our youth group fund on purchases made when you present the flyer from Sunday’s bulletin.

**Save the Date  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m  
(see insert)**

*On the Table* Conversation and Dinner hosted by Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

**It's Not Too Late To Enroll**

Please contact Rev. Christal B (retired) for “The Way of Forgiveness” class starting Monday, October 9, at 6:30 pm 414 640-6278.

**Small Group sign up is still underway**  
Please contact Ken M for “FORWARD” class starting Thursday, October 12, at 6:30 pm. 414-241-4103

**Support Group Initiative**

New to Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church. We have launched our first Support Group called Mental Illness/Mental Health. The group will meet each Sunday at 9:30 am in our Adult #3 Sunday School Classroom starting October 15, 2017. Please see the insert from the facilitator of the group, Dr. Patty A, PHD.

**2018 Summer Youth Work Mission Trip  
planning meeting on Monday, October 23, at  
6:30 p.m., in Doyle Hall.**

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the youth work mission planning meeting. We will begin the meeting by sharing joys from this past summer's trip. We will then talk about the hope for a long-range plan for youth ministry here at OCCUMC. Finally, we will split up into junior high and high school teams to decide where they will go to on their work mission trips next summer and on the dates for the trips. We need youth and adults willing to volunteer to lead and plan the trips and organize and run the fund raisers. Please let Pastor Wendee know if your child(ren) is(are) interested in participating on one of the youth work mission trips next summer but is unable to attend the October 23 planning meeting.

**Save the Date  
Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 10:00 am**

Everyone is invited to join Tabitha Circle for a tour of the Basilica of St. Josaphat. We will meet at OCCUMC at 9:30am to carpool. We need a minimum of 8 people. The cost is \$3. Please let Bonnie C. 262-895-2644 know if you want to join us so we can give them an accurate count.