

October 15, 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 the 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 Joan A – Prayers for Pam S as she undergoes diagnostic surgery
- from Joan L - Prayers for Margaret as she fell and shattered her arm
- from Oliver C - Prayers for grief and consolation for the Family (family friends) Joe G. Sr. passed away Sept 29 (age 59)
- from Oliver C - Prayers for Judi's continued healing from her severe infection. She is home from the hospital (Sept 29)
- from Joan K - Oct 11th is National Coming Out Day, prayers for all people to feel free to be who they were born to be and for their family and friends. Also prayers for all of us to accept them with the grace of God.
- Prayers for comfort and strength for Christal B and her family in the death of her first cousin, Rodney.
- Prayers for Mike and Julie and baby Gideon as he heals from infections. Continued prayers for those who suffered the death of a loved one or hurt by the mass shooting in Las Vegas last week.

Prayer requests continued:

- Prayers for OCCUMC as we prepare our budget for 2018 and for the possibilities that God is calling us to! May we take one small step so that God may do giant things with our simple efforts!  
Prayers of gratitude for the leadership here at OCCUMC and their passion for sharing God's love with others.
- Prayers of thanks from Pastor Wendee for the treats last Sunday in recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month. I LOVE sharing ministry with you too!
- From the Southeast District Office - Jackson: Still Waters, their pastor Lori Lossie, and their 604 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

## Mark 12:28-34

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### The First Commandment

*28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"*

*29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."*

*32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; 33 and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."*

*34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.*

### Our Staff:

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

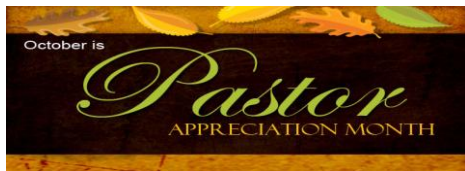
### Assisting In Worship:

LITURGIST	8:00	Michelle P
	10:45	Kim W
ACOLYTE	8:00	
	10:45	
USHERS	8:00	Fred S
		Dona S
	10:45	Keith S
		Cherie S
GREETERS	8:00	Frank & Judy E
	10:45	Harold & Alicia W
COUNTERS		Jane E
		Carole L
UNLOCKING		Paula S



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: Jackson: Still Waters, their pastor Lori Lossie, and their 604 members, Jackson: Still Waters is located at 3617 Scenic Rd, Jackson, WI 53037.



### **Please note**

Any bulletin inserts will need to be submitted in ready-to-print format, two-on-a-page Oct 23-26.

### Calendar

#### Sunday – October 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
8:00am	Worship/coffee hour
9:00am	Children's Choir
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship/coffee hour
12:00pm	Confirmation

#### Monday – October 16

9:00am	Preschool
4-9pm	Chocolate Factory youth fundraiser (10%)
5:30pm	Cathedral Center
7:00 p.m.	AA

#### Tuesday – October 17

9:00am	Preschool
11:30 am	Ageless Wonders Open Flame
6:30pm	On the Table
6:30pm	Finance (cancelled)

#### Wednesday – October 18

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

#### Thursday – October 19

All Day	Pastor Wendee Clergy Training
9:00am	Preschool
6:30pm	FORWARD Bible Study

#### Saturday – October 21

8:00am	Trustee Fall Clean-up
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#### Sunday – October 22

8:00am	Worship/coffee hour
9:00am	Children's Choir
9:30am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Mental Health Support Group
10:00am	Pastor Wendee Workshop
10:45am	Worship/coffee hour

### **Newsletter/Reminder Deadline October 15, 2017**

### **Ageless Wonders Dining Out**

Tuesday, October 17 at 11:30 am at Open Flame, 5081 S 108th St, Hales Corners. Please sign up on the sheet found in the Friendship Room

### **Join Us!**

**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

### **Slight Change In Our Start Date**

“The Way of Forgiveness” class will now start Monday, October 23 at 6:30 pm.



### **A Lifestyle of Generous Giving**

This week we are sharing two ideas with our members. The first is the Step Chart. This is a representation of how our members have given this year. Each step shows the number of people giving at the weekly dollar amount. Please find where you are on the chart and prayerfully consider stepping up one level of giving in 2018.

The other concept is the idea of giving your Fair Share. This number was determined by taking the Operating Budget of \$356,000 and dividing it by the number of active members (150). We know that some people can give more and some can give less. If you can give more, thank you. If you can give less, that is okay. The \$45.00 per week is a reference point. Thank you for striving toward the Fair Share gift.

### **Support Group Initiative**

Reminder: Mental Illness/Mental Health group meets each Sunday at 9:30 am in our Adult #3 Sunday School Classroom. Please see the insert from the facilitator of the group, Patty A, PHD.

### **Don't Forget! Youth Group Fundraiser Tomorrow 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.

### **Fall Clean-up Day Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 8:00 am**

It is that time of year again when, yes, we must prepare for Winter. We are having our annual Fall Cleanup Day. There will be people at church starting at 8:00 AM or perhaps earlier. Come when you can for as long as you can. Lunch will be provided. Our list includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Clean windows inside and out
- Clean siding - Do you have a Power Washer?
- Clean out gutters of church, parsonage and garage
- Modify striping of Handicap parking spaces

- Pick up sticks, etc. in yards
- Clean out window wells on parsonage and church
- Put up plowing marker stakes
- Trim bushes
- Rake cemetery

This event is open to people of all ages. Tools and gloves will be available, but if you have your favorites, feel free to bring them.

### **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. know if you want to join us so we can give them an accurate count.

### **HELP NEEDED!!!**

**Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm**

The ladies of the Going to Pieces Quilt group need your help to move some furniture out of Doyle Hall and the Narthex. Likewise, we will need some help to move the same furniture back into place after our craft faire ends on Saturday, November 11 around 3:30 pm. If we could get about 10 people to volunteer on either OR both days, it should only take about 30-45 minutes. Many hands make light work...Please let Judy E know.