

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, and on 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 Janet P – for those who work and live in places of danger. Prayers to give them the strength of the Holy Spirit to endure and the rest of us to find a solution.
- From Earle & Gay D – for our friend’s grandson, Daniel. Prayers for him as he is having tests to determine the cause of his vision problems.
- From Diane L – Prayers for the people of SRI Lanka who have experienced loss in the aftermath of a cyclone last week. And prayers for Allan and Caitlin, who will be traveling to SRI Lanka on December 9-11.
- From Allan L – Traveling mercies for the family: Caitlin, Christina, Diane, Jarvis and Allan
- From Michelle G – for Michelle’s dad, Perry S. Prayers for strength and acceptance as he entered hospice in Iowa.
- From Rick & Jane E – for Brian H. Prayers of hope as he travels to the Mayo Clinic this week to see if he can find a surgeon willing to operate on a growth on his heart as no one in the Milwaukee area is willing to.
- From Joan K – for her cousins, Herm & Doreen and their son Jon. Prayers of strength as Jon is in rehab after suffering being in a coma and hospitalized. Parents are both handicapped and ill.
- Prayers for Global Migrant Sunday, December 3, from the United Methodist Bishop's Council. Please pray for the 65 million people, men, women, and children, who are any number of reasons moving from their home countries to new countries.
- Prayers for our Advent journeys and that we wait expectantly and BE the church as we walk towards Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus.
- Prayers for Walt M who is again in the hospital. Prayers for strength and courage and healing.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Lois and Stephen D, Judy E, Joanne M, and Nancy B for decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas! Heads up: The take-down decoration date is Saturday, January 13, at 9 a.m. We need your help! Yes, that means you too!
- 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

December 10, 2017

2 Peter 3:8-9

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you,^[a] not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

Our Staff:

Nursery Attendants	Ann & Beverly
Preschool Director	Kara P
Choir Director	Shelly S
Bell Choir Director	Shelly S
Choir Accompanist	Connie J
Organist	Todd A
Children’s Choir Dir.	Carole L
Administrative Assistant	Linda C
Custodian	Amy P
Pastor	Rev. Wendee Nitz

Assisting In Worship:

Liturgist	8:00	Chris S
	10:45	Linda B
Acolyte	10:45	
Ushers	8:00	Earle & Gay D
	10:45	Joanne M
		Joan K
Greeters	8:00	Marilyn K
	10:45	Harold & Alicia W
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	8:00	The Vielleux Family
Counters	10:45	The Ferger Family
		Jane E
		Carole L
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: Kenosha: Principe de Paz, their pastor Marino Chacon, and their 81 members, Kenosha: Principe de Paz is located at 5410 Sheridan Rd., Kenosha, WI 53140.

Calendar:

<u>Sunday – December 10</u>	
8:00 am	Worship/Choir Cantata
9:00 am	Children’s Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship/Choir Cantata
5:00 -8:00pm	Potbelly Youth Fundraiser
<u>Monday – December 11</u>	
9:00 am	Preschool
6:30 pm	Trustees Team Meeting
7:00 p.m.	AA
<u>Tuesday – December 12</u>	
9:00 am	Preschool
<u>Wednesday – December 13</u>	
9:00 am	Preschool
7:30 pm	Altar Choir
<u>Thursday – December 14</u>	
9:00 am	Preschool
<u>Friday – December 15</u>	
<u>Saturday – December 16</u>	
9:00 am	Tabitha Circle Bookstore Tour
3:00 pm	Rehearsal Christmas Program
<u>Sunday – December 17</u>	
8:00 am	Worship/Christmas Program
9:00 am	Children’s Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Rehearsal Christmas Program
10:45 am	Worship/Christmas Program

Thank you

to all who purchased gifts for the kids of The Northcott Neighborhood House on our Giving Tree. You have been a special part of bringing joy to them.

Thank you

to all who helped and attended the Pot Luck and Charge Conference

**Fundraiser at Potbelly (see insert)
Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Ageless Wonders
December Luncheon –Erv’s Mug
Tuesday, December 19 at 11:30 am**

Today at both services!

Altar Choir Christmas Cantata “HOPE”
The Altar Choir will be presenting a Gospel Christmas Celebration entitled ‘Hope’ .“Hope” tells the story of Christ’s birth through six choral anthems, each presented in a contemporary gospel style. There is original music throughout, but you’ll also hear plenty of familiar carols infused with gospel, soul and even a touch of the blues.

**South Shore Regional Interfaith Collection
Ends today, December 10**

We have been asked to focus on donating canned fruit this year for their Christmas bags. The goal is 250 bags for their most needy clients. Please put in the donation box in the friendship room

**Christian Bookstore Trip by Tabitha Circle
Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 am**

All women are invited to join Tabitha Circle for our trip to Northwestern Publishing House Christian Bookstore. A great chance to get some Christmas shopping done and have fellowship time together. Meet at church at 9:00 am to carpool there. Afterward we will go to the Cheesecake Factory at Mayfair Mall for lunch. Please let Bonnie know if will be joining us.

**Sunday School Christmas Program
Sunday, December 17 at 10:45**

The Drama Disciples are joining the Sunday School students and teachers to present “Christmas Letters” by Gail Gaymer Martin Come listen in as the children share letters written to biblical characters played by the Drama Disciples who will respond with a letter.

**Sunday School Program Rehearsals
Saturday, December 16th at 3:00 pm and
Sunday, December 17th at 9:30 am.**

**Tabitha Circle - West Side Story
Tickets to be purchased now**

All are welcome to join Tabitha Circle for West Side Story at Muskego High School Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 2pm. \$10 Adults, \$7 Seniors over 60 & Children under 12. I know that sounds like a ways off but tickets go on sale this week. I need to know how many tickets to purchase by Sunday, December 17th, so I can get good seats together for our group. Please contact Bonnie if you want tickets.

**Blue Christmas Service – Doyle Hall
Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm**

Come to a contemplative, meditative, and multi-sensory service that recognizes that Christmas time for some people is a difficult time. Share a bit of hope in this meaningful service and encourage the light of God in our lives.

**A Holiday Note from the
Apportionment Team**

As we all know, the holidays are fast approaching and with them all the joys and celebrations of the season. Also coming very quickly is the end of 2017 and our chance at OCCUMC to meet our Apportionment share of \$33, 312. United with other United Methodists through the Apportionment and its agencies and ministries around the world, we can lift people up, with education, food programs, safe sanctuaries, advocates for equal and humane treatment, medical missions, and much more. As of the end of October, we have paid in to the conference \$13, 147. It is still possible to reach the 50% mark this year with your help. Please consider adding an end of the year gift to the Apportionment Fund, above your planned giving to the church. Together we can do so much for the greater good of God’s people.