

March 11, 2018

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:

- For healing for Bonnie C. She is having an injection for her shoulder on Wed, Mar 7.
- For Bonnie C.’s friend, Jenny. Jenny’s surgery went well last week and there is no cancer. Praise the Lord! She is going home today and will be off work 4 - 6 weeks while she heals.
- For strength for Judy S. She is facing surgery for cancer and extended healing time.
- For comfort as they grieve, for Gay and Earl D. Their sister-in-law, Katy, died last week.
- Continued prayers for baby Levi from Mary Ann B. Levi will have further tests regarding his health issues. Please pray for the entire family as Levi’s mother is expecting their second child in April.
- Continued prayers for strength and health for An and Randy from Tim and Carole L. Also prayers of thanks for Fifi and Treyonne.
- For the family of Diane L, age 70, from Oliver C. Diane passed away suddenly on Feb 17 and funeral was March 3.
- For our nation as we continue to discuss gun safety.
- For the Middle East, especially the Damascus area in Syria. We pray for all who are in harms way, especially the civilians and the children. We pray for peace.
- 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

**\*Please note: Prayer concerns have been generalized for privacy.**

## Luke 6:37-42

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### Judging Others

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

<sup>39</sup> He also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup> A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. <sup>41</sup> Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s<sup>[a]</sup> eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>42</sup> Or how can you say to your neighbor,<sup>[b]</sup> ‘Friend,<sup>[c]</sup> let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s<sup>[d]</sup> eye.

**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	Debbie S
	10:45	Carol S
Acolyte	10:45	
Ushers	8:00	Frank & Judy E
	10:45	Joanne M
		Lois D
Greeters	8:00	Janet P
	10:45	Larry & Edith G
Counters		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: Church of the Good Hope and MKE: New St. James Community UMC's, their pastor Lawrence McGuin, and their 26/70 members, Milwaukee: Church of the Good Hope UMC is located at 8700 W Good Hope Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53224 and MKE: New St. James Community UMC is located at 2828 N Humboldt Blvd. Milwaukee, WI 53212.



**Calendar:**

**Sunday – March 11 – Daylight Savings**

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship

**Monday – March 12**

9:00 am	Preschool
6:30 pm	Trustee Team Meeting
7:00 pm	AA

**Tuesday – March 13**

9:00 am	Preschool
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**Wednesday – March 14**

9:00 am	Preschool
6:00 pm	Three Simple Rules Class
7:30 pm	Altar Choir

**Thursday – March 15**

9:00 am	Preschool
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**Friday – March 16**

**Saturday – March 17**

TBD	Tabitha Circle Event - Movie
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**Sunday – March 18 – Camp Sunday**

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship



**Easter Morning Breakfast**

**Sunday, April 1 from 9:00 am—10:30 am**

Looking forward to sharing breakfast with you. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Friendship Room

**Easter Flowers (see insert)  
Orders Due Sunday, March 18**

**Special Sunday School Conversation**

**Sunday, March 11, at 9:30 am  
in Doyle Hall (see insert)**

Dawn V will be speaking about Our Harmony Club possible ministry outreach here at OCCUMC.

**Tabitha Circle – Movie and Lunch  
Saturday, March 17, time-TBD**

All women are invited to join Tabitha Circle for a Movie and Lunch afterwards on Saturday morning March 17th. We will see *I Can Only Imagine*. Time and location to-be-determined. Please contact Bonnie C if you would like to join us so she can get you the details when they are decided. It's the song that brings hope to so many. And now in theaters everywhere, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE will encourage people in a whole new way. The inspiring, incredible, and unknown true story behind MercyMe's beloved song is the basis for this brand-new movie.

**Pizza Sale**

**Orders Due by Sunday, March 18, 2018**

It's Back!! PIZZA PIZZA! The youth will once again sell their famous handmade 12 inch pizzas as a fundraiser for their summer mission trips. Prices are as follows:

- Cheese \$6 each for 3/\$15
- Pepperoni \$7 each of 3/\$18
- Sausage \$7 each of 3/\$18
- Cheesy Garlic Bread \$5.00 each or 3/\$12



Please see the order form insert. You may turn them in to church office, any Sr. or Jr. High Youth or to Jennifer K. Any questions, please call Jennifer. Also, watch for them to be sold in the friendship room before/after some services. Orders are due March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Pizzas will be ready for pick up between 12:00 and 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 7 (Pizzas will be made fresh that morning by our youth!)**

Please help us in this important fundraising effort. Please ask your family and friends to purchase them too! Everyone loves pizza and they freeze remarkably well!!!



**Youth Volunteers Needed for Pizza Assembly  
Saturday Morning, April 7, 2018**

\*\*\* Youth are asked to commit to assembling and distributing pizzas at church on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Assembly will be that morning, and pick ups from 12:00-1:00. Please let Michelle or Jennifer know if you child will be able to help with this fun time. \*\*\*



**Ageless Wonders Luncheon**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 11:30 am**

Longhorn Steakhouse – 5220 S. 76th St. Greendale, WI. Please sign up on the clip board in the Friendship Room. This helps the restaurant know how many to expect. For info call Carlene



**On Saturday, March 24, 2018**

(the day before Palm Sunday) we will be selling fabulous homemade goodies at a vendor/craft fair at the Cudahy Family Library, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm (or earlier if we sell out!). We're getting the booth for free, so this sale should be 100% profit. Please consider donating a baked goody for us to sell -- if it's something that can be frozen, you can put it in the church freezer any time before 3/24. If it's not something that can be frozen, you can either drop it off at my house -- we are about 1.5 miles south of church -- or contact me to arrange for a pickup. Please let me know if your child would like to help at the bake sale as well. Michelle G.