

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 Joan K. for Joan’s cousin, Joy and her mom Doreen who lost two members of their family in the past three weeks. Their brother/son and father/husband.
- From Joanne M. for Renee and her family. Renee’s father passed away on May 6. Prayers for healing and comfort.
- From Cherie Sobczak for Cherie’s cousin, Dan and his family. Prayers that he finds the answers that he needs for further medical treatment to slow the growth of his brain tumor.
- Oliver, Doug, and Bonnie C ask for prayers for their mother, Audrey, as she begins Chemo for MBC.
- Patty A asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, Al, who had surgery to remove part of his intestine and who continues to suffer from lung cancer. Patty also asks for prayers for healing for her sister and Al’s wife, Margie. Margie fell at the hospital while Al was recovering from surgery.
- Joan A asks for prayers for her niece’s daughter, Mandy B. Mandy was in a car accident and she is in intensive care and is facing multiple surgeries.
- Oliver C asks for healing prayers for Ginger after her shoulder surgery.
- Christine H is in need of comfort and care following her recent heart stent surgery.
- Donna Mae S will be moving into a long-term rehab facility after her extended stay in the hospital.
- Continued prayers comfort and grace for Jill S-M and her family as her cancer takes a further toll on her body.
- For the state of Hawaii as the main volcano continues to erupt and displace residents and visitors.
- For our world leaders, especially in the United States and Iran, as they work through the nuclear disarmament agreement.
- 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.**

May 13, 2018

Acts 27:39-44

The Message (MSG)

³⁹⁻⁴¹ At daybreak, no one recognized the land—but then they did notice a bay with a nice beach. They decided to try to run the ship up on the beach. They cut the anchors, loosed the tiller, raised the sail, and ran before the wind toward the beach. But we didn’t make it. Still far from shore, we hit a reef and the ship began to break up.

⁴²⁻⁴⁴ The soldiers decided to kill the prisoners so none could escape by swimming, but the centurion, determined to save Paul, stopped them. He gave orders for anyone who could swim to dive in and go for it, and for the rest to grab a plank. Everyone made it to shore safely.

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	Dale T
	10:45	Robert L
Ushers	8:00	Fred and Dona S
	10:45	
Greeters	8:00	Marilyn K
	10:45	Norm and Joan L
Prelude Music	8:00	Debbie S
	10:45	Jeanne R-C
Counters		Lisa B
		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: Our Lord's, their pastor Keith Aurand, and their 246 members, Our Lord's is located at 5000 S Sunnyslope Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151.

Calendar:

<u>Sunday – May 13 – Mother's Day</u>	
	Pastor Wendee Vacation 5/7 – 5/13
8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship
<u>Monday – May 14</u>	
9:00 am	Preschool
6:30 pm	Trustee Team Meeting
7:00 pm	Staff Parish Relations Meeting
7:00 pm	AA
<u>Tuesday – May 15</u>	
9:00 am	Preschool
9:30 am	Our Harmony Club
<u>Wednesday – May 16</u>	
9:00 am	Preschool
7:30 pm	Altar Choir
<u>Thursday – May 17</u>	
9:00 am	Preschool
<u>Friday – May 18</u>	
<u>Saturday – May 19</u>	
8:00 am	Spring Clean Up Day
9:00 am	Going to Pieces Quilters Meeting
<u>Sunday – May 20 – Pentecost/Confirmation</u>	
8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship
12:00 pm	Hospitality Team Planning Session

Rev. Gary Cole at West Allis First UMC will be on call for any pastoral emergencies during Pastor Wendee's vacation time (5/7/18 to 5/13/18). Please call our church office at 414-762-4600 or Rev. Cole at 414-774-5500.



**Last Day of Sunday School
Sunday, May 20, 2018**

Our last day of Sunday School will be on May 20. Thank you to the teachers, students and parents for a wonderful year.

**Thank You From
United Methodist Women**

It was a lovely Saturday afternoon for our 36th Annual Salad Luncheon. Thank you to all who attended. Thank you to all who worked days ahead preparing for the Luncheon and to all who worked on Saturday to make everything run smoothly. Thank you to all who brought such special salads. A big thank you to the "Clean-Up Crew". They had their work done before "Pam and the Accidentals" were finished with their entertainment. Thank you for your support. Bonnie, Dona and Carlene



**Spring Clean-up Day
Saturday May 19
8:00 am—12:00 pm**

It's that time of year again when we all gather at the church to tidy up everything after a long winter. All ages and skill levels of helpers are welcome to offer as much time as you can. We could really use your help as there are many small tasks to accomplish. We will meet at the church at 8:00 am on Saturday May 19 rain or shine. There is plenty to do both inside and outside. Some of our projects include spreading mulch, weeding the gardens, light tree/bush pruning, picking up litter, and washing windows (inside and outside). Some things you might find useful to bring are work gloves, shovels, pruners, saws, rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows, rubber gloves, rags, squeegees, buckets, ladders, etc. We hope you can join us. For more information, contact Doug C (Trustee Chair) or Pastor Wendee.

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“Peace with Justice” Special Sunday

On May 20, 2018, follow in the footsteps of our founders who left us a legacy to care for and support the oppressed. We believe that all God's children deserve to live full lives. When you give, you are joining together to break down barriers so that all God's children have equal access to jobs, education, food, clean water and health care. Together, we will make a lasting impact today.

**Reminder for Memorial Day Weekend
Sunday, May 27 - One Service at 9:30 am
Monday, May 28 - Church Office Closed**

**Combined Leadership Council and
Administrative Council
Tuesday, May 29, at 6:30 pm in Doyle Hall
All are welcome!!!**

As God leads us, reaffirm our mission statement and begin naming our values and God's new purpose for OCCUMC, please come and share your input. We would LOVE both new and seasoned voices. The Holy Spirit is showing us a way forward. Please keep praying for the “floodgates” of passion for God to open again here at OCCUMC. We are a new church and a new creation this Eastertide!

**A Reminder From
The Apportionment Task Force**

It's Tax Refund Season and the time when we look for the extra funds for all our needs and want. It's also time to remember that there are many in need, and the Greater Church wants us to give our fair share toward the greater good and the work of the UMC across the globe. Studying *The Acts* this month, we have learned that the early church believed in sharing all they had so that no one was in need. Today, as a part of the United Methodist Church, it is important to believe that A Portion (of our blessings) is Meant for others.