

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 Allan L for all those who struggle with mental health disorders.
- From the V B family for Dennis, Jeff’s former boss who has recently retired and was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer. Dennis had surgery, but still has cancerous lymph nodes near his heart and is having a few setbacks. He is very young, so we pray for his healing.
- From Christal B for Mary Ellen C as she continues to recover in the hospital.
- From Larry G for people on the east coast who are preparing for the next hurricane. The forecast is projected to hit the South Carolina or North Carolina coasts at high tide.
- From Janet P for Pastor Wendee N for healing following a deep cut to her thumb.
- For all staff, teachers, students, families, etc. as children return to school.
- For the Marshfield UMC, WI, whose church building was destroyed by fire last week.
- For our world and any place where there is oppression, injustice, hopelessness, violence. We pray for peace and life.
- Shut-ins: Dorothy S, Eileen S, Gwen S, Louise L, Jean F, Dave and Jeanne H, Pat and Rod S, Donna S, Jean B, Walt M, Mary Ellen C.
- Prayers of celebration for anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions.

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

September 16, 2018

## Micah 6:8

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

## Matthew 25:35-36

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

<sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

**Our Staff:**

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

**Assisting In Worship:**

Liturgist	8:00	Michelle P
	10:45	Jenny v H
Ushers	8:00	Mike and Georgia P
	10:45	Mike and Julie G
Greeters	8:00	Carole L
	10:45	Joan K
Prelude Music		Paula S/Megan & Ethan F
Counters		Linda B & Mike G
Unlocking		Paula S
Refreshments		Jill W



**If you have any information for the October Newsletter, please email me as soon as possible. Thank you, Linda C.**



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: Sussex, their pastor James Altman, and their 141 members, Sussex is located at N63 W23523 Main St., Sussex, WI 53089.

**Calendar:**

**Sunday – September 16 – Golden Cross Sunday**

**Annual Interfaith Mum Sale**

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship/Third Grade Bibles
12:00 pm	Student Intern Site Team Mtg
12:00 pm	Hospitality Team Mtg

**Monday – September 17**

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Disciple Fast Track Lesson #1
3:00 pm	Pastor/Student Intern Meeting
6:30 pm	Finance Team Meeting
7:00 pm	AA

**Tuesday – September 18**

9:00 am	Preschool
9:30 am	Our Harmony Club
6:30 pm	Disciple Fast Track Lesson #1

**Wednesday – September 19**

9:00 am	Preschool
6:00 pm	Spiritual Gifts Class
6:15 pm	Bell Choir
7:30 pm	Altar Choir

**Thursday – September 20**

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Sarah Circle

**Friday – September 21**

**Saturday – September 22**

9:00 am	Breakthrough Prayer (at OCCUMC)
9:00 am	Going to Pieces – Quilters Mtg

**Sunday – September 23 – UM Women's Sunday**

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
9:30 pm	Hospitality Boot Camp
10:45 am	Worship



**Golden Cross Offering  
Sunday, September 16, 2018**

This year, the gifts from the Golden Cross Sunday will be dispersed to serve some of the most marginalized and vulnerable populations that we serve. Funds will be divided between Northcott Neighborhood House, Harbor House Crisis Shelters, and United Methodist Children's Services to meet the needs of individuals, children, and families struggling with poverty and homelessness.

- A \$50 gift provides emergency food for a family of four.
- A \$100 gift supports case management and resources for a family dealing with crisis.
- A \$250 gift provides job training and employment skills for someone who is unemployed.

We encourage you to consider a financial gift through the Golden Cross Sunday offering this year to support the work of our Health and Welfare Ministries, as well as to consider the additional ways you might support one of these agencies: volunteer, tour, invite them to speak at your congregation, food/clothing/in-kind collections, on-going financial support. Join us as we end hunger!



**Pet Survey: The Pets in Our Faith Family**  
We are taking an informal survey to discover who shares the homes of our OCCUMC faith family. There is a yellow tag board survey poster in the Friendship Room near the Welcome Pillar. Please take a little time to check off any and all pets who share your love and space. Thank you!



**Cares and Concerns Meeting will be  
Monday, September 17, 2018  
at 9:00 am in copy room**

**Tabitha Circle  
Monday, September 17, at 6:00 pm**  
All women are welcome to join Tabitha Circle for a planning meeting **Monday, September 17, at 6:00pm at Applebee's Restaurant** on 13<sup>th</sup> and Rawson. We invite you to be part of our group and help plan what we will be doing this coming year. Now is the time to get in on the fun and mission activities. Bring your calendars, ideas, and information about what you'd like to do. Contact Bonnie C, if you have any questions and to let us know you are coming so we can save you a seat.



**Spiritual Gifts Class  
Wednesday, September 19, 2018  
From 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm**

This is a one night class with a follow-up meeting with Pastor Wendee. We will gather together for prayer and to take a short spiritual gifts inventory. We will learn about the biblical foundation of spiritual gifts and their application in our lives. You will be asked to share a follow-up personal conversation with Pastor Wendee about three weeks following this class to discuss how you might use your spiritual gifts in your daily life.

**Book Study  
Wednesday, September 26 at 6:00 pm**  
*A Place to Pray: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer*, by Roberta C. Bondi

**Getting to Know Jessie G  
Sunday, September 23, at 5:00 pm**  
You are invited to a gathering on Sunday, September 23rd to meet our GETS intern, Jessie G. This meet and greet event will be at the home of Jerry and Christal B at 5:00 pm. A hearty meal of chili will be served. Help Jessie put names with faces, share her call story and discover her gifts in ministry with us. RSVP to Christal.

### **Sarah Circle Meeting**

**September 20, 2018 at 1:00 pm**

Join us every third Thursday of the month in Adult 3 Classroom - L27 (lower level) Please note the new time of 1:00 pm. We will be working on notes for the layettes and reminders for the Harvest Supper coming up in October. If you have any questions, please see Dona S or Joan K. Hope to see you there!



**Going to Pieces Quilters Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 22, 2018**  
**from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in Doyle Hall**



**No Page Left Unturned**  
**Monday, September 24, 2018**  
**Panera Bread at 9:00 am**

Book: *Small Blessings: A Novel*, By Martha Woodroof. From debut novelist Martha Woodroof comes an inspiring tale of a small-town college professor, a remarkable new woman at the bookshop, and the ten year old son he never knew he had.



**Our next Cathedral Center trip is**  
**Monday September 24, 2018 at 5:30 pm**

We are in need of 6 to 10 volunteers to serve the meal. A variety of food donations are also

needed. We will be serving chicken vegetable casserole - recipes are available by the sign-up sheets in the Friendship Room. I hope you will help us show God's love to those in need. John 21:17 Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

### **Disciple Fast Track**

—Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

**Bible Study - Fast Track**  
**Monday's, September 17 at 1:00 pm and**  
**the other option is Tuesday's,**  
**September 18, at 6:30 pm**

Disciple Bible Study has a rich history of reaching millions of people. The class teaches the "grand sweep" of the Bible Team of teachers. Disciple Fast Track is a 24 week study with 12 Hebrew Scriptures/ Old Testament and 12 Christian Scriptures/ New Testament lessons. We will do the Hebrew Scriptures lessons in the fall and the Christian Scripture lessons in the Winter/Spring. Pastor Wendee and other teachers will guide the students through the Biblical narrative. Each student will receive their own copy of the Study Manual. Disciple Bible Study Fast Track is a practical option to meet the needs of people in our hectic world today. The classes are 75 minutes weekly that uses DVD videos and group discussions on daily study. Please contact Pastor Wendee for more information. This might be the first or the fifth Bible survey class that you will take or have taken. Each time we study the Bible we find more connection with God, Jesus, and the Spirit. The fall session is 12 lessons and will end on Monday, December 10 and Tuesday, December 11 respectively.