

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 the Clement family – For Audrey and Harold as they adapt to new living arrangements, he in a nursing home and she in assisted living. They are living separately but we are thankful they are getting the care they need.
- From Bonnie C. – We pray for good news for my dad, Ken, as he follows up with his cardiologist and eye doctor this week.
- From Oliver C. Please keep Janet Hein's family in your prayers. She passed away Friday after battling cancer.
- From Joanne M for her friend, Pam. Prayers for her family as they grieve the death of a family member.
- From Diane L - The baby we have been praying for will be delivered by C-section on Jan 13th. They are 11 1/2 hours ahead of us, so please keep Belinda, Darith, baby and extended family, as well as all the medical personnel involved, in your prayers, especially on the 12th and 13th. The grandparents still are praying for a miraculously healthy baby, and while I know God is definitely capable of it, I'm not sure if this is God's answer.
- From Joan L, for her niece, Andrea, and her husband, Mark, as they work for the government and, due to the partial government shut down, are not working now. They have a three year old and a newborn baby.
- From Joan L for Karen M as she recovers from pneumonia and diverticulitis.
- From Judi I, for her brother, Jay, for a healthier year. Judi also asks for prayers for her children Tiffany and Jennifer, her grand children Kenny and Nicholas for a Happy New Year. In addition, Judi asks for prayers for a friend, Jen, who is suffering from depression following the birth of a baby. Judi takes care of Jen's daughter. Finally, Judi asks for prayers for herself and all for a happy healthy new year and life.
- From Jillian I, for the family of Susie Kircher, who died on Saturday, January 5, 2019, after a battle with cancer.
- For the Gamble family following the death of their mother. May God comfort them in their grief.
- From Shelly S. for Lucy and her son Mike. Lucy's family was very involved in our church for a long time, and Mike's wife (Lucy's daughter) grew up in the church and was also a long-time member. Prayers for Lucy as she is having a lot of health problems. Prayers for Mike as he is having kidney surgery.
- 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.**

January 13, 2019

Acts 19:1-7 The Message (MSG)

19¹⁻² Now, it happened that while Apollos was away in Corinth, Paul made his way down through the mountains, came to Ephesus, and happened on some disciples there. The first thing he said was, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? Did you take God into your mind only, or did you also embrace him with your heart? Did he get inside you?” “We’ve never even heard of that—a Holy Spirit? God within us?”

³ “How were you baptized, then?” asked Paul.

“In John’s baptism.”

⁴ “That explains it,” said Paul. “John preached a baptism of radical life-change so that people would be ready to receive the One coming after him, who turned out to be Jesus. If you’ve been baptized in John’s baptism, you’re ready now for the real thing, for Jesus.”

⁵⁻⁷ And they were. As soon as they heard of it, they were baptized in the name of the Master Jesus. Paul put his hands on their heads and the Holy Spirit entered them. From that moment on, they were praising God in tongues and talking about God’s actions. Altogether there were about twelve people there that day.

Our Staff:

Nursery Attendants	Ann K & Cali E
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
Pastoral Intern	Jessie G
Pastor	Rev. Wendee Nitz

Assisting In Worship:

Liturgist	8:00	Lynn W
	10:45	Jenny v H
Ushers	8:00	Ed and Barb K
	10:45	Joanne M
Greeters	8:00	Lowell and Joan A
	10:45	
Prelude Music		Debbie S/Michelle G
Counters		Jane E / Carole L
Unlocking		Marilyn K
Nursery Attendant		Cali E

Pastor Wendee will be on vacation from Monday, January 7 – Sunday, January 13.
Pastor Mao Her from Christ UMC in Greenfield will be on call at 414-421-0202 or 920-562-9609.

Adult Sunday School (Carlene W's class) is studying a DVD series titled, "Unshakable Hope" by Max Lucado. Building Our Lives on the Promises of God. Please join them in the Lower Level: L29 Adult Classroom 1.

Adult Sunday School (Oliver C's class) is continuing with Philippians Chapter 4. Join them in the Upper Level: U22 Adult Classroom.

Calendar:

Sunday – January 13

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

Monday – January 14

9:00 am	Preschool
12:00 pm	QPR Suicide Prev. Training - Albright
1:00 pm	Disciples Fast Track
3:00 pm	Pastoral Intern/Pastor Supr'v. Mtg
6:30 pm	Trustees Team Meeting
7:00 pm	Staff Parish Relations Team Mtg
7:00 pm	AA

Tuesday – January 15 - Newsletter Deadline

9:00 am	Preschool
9:30 am	Our Harmony Club
6:30 pm	Disciples Fast Track

Wednesday – January 16

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

Thursday – January 17

9:00 am	Preschool
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Friday – January 18

Saturday – January 19

Sunday – January 20 – Human Relations Sunday

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship
12:00 pm	Pastoral Intern Site Meeting
12:00 pm	Hospitality Team Meeting

The Apportionment is an essential to the life of our United Methodist Church. Through it we are linked to all UMC churches around the world, and we can do so much together. In 2018, OCCUMC contributed \$8,895 to the greater church. Thank you for setting aside funds, both for our local ministry, but also over and above that for our global ministry. Please keep the needs of the many in your planning and prayers in 2019. The work goes on. Thank You.

The Apportionment Task Force!

QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training | Monday, January 14 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm | Albright UMC 5555 W. Capital

Bible Study - Disciple Fast Track New Testament | Monday, January 14 | 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm or Tuesday, January 15 | 6:30 to 7:45 pm. You are invited to join either class as we explore the Christian Scriptures.



Trustees Team Meeting | Monday, January 14 | 6:30 pm

Staff Parish Relations Team Meeting | Monday, January 14 | 7:00 pm

Our Harmony Club | Tuesday, January 15, 2019 | 9:30 am - 3:30 pm



Newsletter Article Deadline | Tuesday, January 15
February/March/April Quarter

Pastoral Intern Site Meeting | Sunday, January 20 | 12:00 pm

Hospitality Team Meeting | Sunday, January 20 | 12:00 pm

No Page Left Unturned | Monday, January 21 | 9:00 am | Panera Bread Book – *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder* by Caroline Fraser
Millions of readers of *Little House on the Prairie* believe they know Laura Ingalls – the pioneer girl who survived blizzards and near-starvation on the Great Plains and the woman who wrote the famous autobiographical books. But the true saga of her life has never been fully told. Spanning nearly a century of epochal change, Wilder's life provides a unique perspective on American history and our national mythology of self-reliance. With fresh insight and new discoveries, *Prairie Fires* reveals the complex woman whose classic stories grip us to this day.



Finance Team Meeting | Monday, January 21 | 6:30 pm

Book Study | January 23/February 27 | 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm
We will review the Book Study - *Life of the Beloved*, by Henry Nouwen. Please let Pastor Wendee know if you would like to attend.



Tabitha Circle | Saturday, January 26 | Time to be determined
Tabitha Circle is going to a movie and lunch on Saturday, January 26. The movie we choose will determine the time. Please let Bonnie know if you would like to join us.

