

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 the people of Venezuela. We pray for peace in the midst of the political unrest in their country.
- For the people in Alabama and western Georgia following the tornado last week where 23 people died and there was so much damage to property.
- For the people of the United Methodist Church as they continue to work toward the understanding of God's inclusion.
- For Diane P who was moved to a rehabilitation facility following her hospital stay.
- For Dave H who fell last week and spent some time in the hospital.
- For Mary Ellen C for continued prayers as she is now in hospice care at Autumn Life .
- For Jeff, Michelle, and Sean G as they gather around Jeff's father who is in the hospital.
- For Susan J-T in the death of her mother Jean on March 5. Prayers for comfort and peace in this time of grief.
- For Janet P, Carole and Tim L, and Michelle G for their gift of the Tea for Twenty at 2:00 pm on March 9. The monies raised at this fellowship event were donated toward our church's Apportionments.
- For the families who lost loved ones in the Ethiopia plane crash.
- Shut-ins: Dorothy S, Eileen S, Gwen S, 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.**

March 17, 2019

## John 5:19-21 & 36

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### The Authority of the Son

<sup>19</sup> Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father<sup>[a]</sup> does, the Son does likewise.

<sup>20</sup> The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished.

<sup>21</sup> Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes.

<sup>36</sup> But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.

**Our Staff:**

Nursery Attendants	Ann K & Colin G
Preschool Director	Kara P
Altar Choir Director	Shelly S
Bell Choir Director	Shelly S
Choir Accompanist	Connie J-E
Organist	Todd A
Youth Choir Director	Carole L
Administrative Assist.	Linda C
Custodian	Amy P
Pastoral Intern	Jessie G
Pastor	Rev. Wendee Nitz

**Assisting In Worship:**

Liturgist	8:00	Jessie G
	10:45	Allan L
Ushers	8:00	Frank and Judy E
	10:45	Mike and Julie G
Greeters	8:00	Lowell and Joan A
	10:45	Norm and Joan L
Prelude Music		Paula S/Megan & Ethan F
Counters		Edith G / Mike G
Unlocking		Paula S
Refreshments		Julie G
Nursery Attendant		Colin G

**Calendar:**

**Sunday – March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day**

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Youth Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship
12:00 pm	Pastoral Intern Site Meeting
12:00 pm	Hospitality Team Meeting
4:00 pm	Lenten Season Service

**Monday – March 18**

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Disciples Fast Track
3:00 pm	Pastoral Intern/Pastor Supr’v. Mtg
6:30 pm	Finance Team Meeting
7:00 pm	AA

**Tuesday – March 19**

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

**Wednesday – March 20**

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

**Thursday – March 21**

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Sarah Circle Meeting

**Friday – March 22**

**Saturday – March 23**

10:00 am	On the SIDE of Compassion Retreat
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**Sunday – March 24 – Camp Sunday**

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Youth Choir
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship
4:00 pm	Lenten Season Service

**Two Opportunities to Discuss the Future of the United Methodist Church**

**1. Special General Conference Conversation**

Sunday, March 24 | 9:30 am in Doyle Hall

All are welcome to attend this meeting. We will be discussing the results of the recent Special General Conference. Come and learn about the Traditionalist’s Plan that was chosen and how that plan may or may not affect our faith-family. We will share conversation about how our OCCUMC values lead us to include everyone by welcoming, accepting, and affirming all people.

**2. Leadership Council Meeting** | Monday, March 25 | 6:30 pm in Doyle Hall

All are welcome to attend this meeting. We will be discussing the results of the recent Special General Conference. Come and learn about the Traditionalist’s Plan that was chosen and how that plan may or may not affect our faith-family. We will share conversation about how our OCCUMC values lead us to include everyone by welcoming, accepting, and affirming all people.

**Tea for Twenty at Two English Tea Party** Last Saturday's English tea party was both fun and helpful to Apportionment. Thank you to all who came to enjoy, and those who could not, but also contributed! We are happy to report \$566 was raised for "A portion meant for others". Thank you for helping to make a difference in our worldwide mission - The Apportionment Task Force.

**Pastoral Intern Site Meeting** | Sunday, March 17 | 12:00 pm

**Hospitality Team Meeting** | Sunday, March 17 | 12:00 pm

**Lenten Season Services** | Sundays: March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, at 4:00 pm

**Finance Team Meeting** | Monday, March 18 | 6:30 pm

**Our Harmony Club** | Tuesday, March 19 | 9:30 am

**Sarah Circle Meeting** | Thursday, March 21 | 1:00 pm

**On the SIDE of Compassion Retreat** | Saturday, March 23 | 10:00 am–3:00 pm

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All are welcome to attend this meeting.

**Camp Sunday** | Sunday, March 24 | Visit the website [WIUMCamps.org](http://WIUMCamps.org) to read about all the options for planning your best week of summer or see the book on the table in the Friendship Room.

**Leadership Council Meeting** | Monday, March 25 | 6:30 pm | All are welcome to attend this meeting.

**Sunday Morning Fellowship Team Meeting** | Tuesday, March 26 | 7:00 pm

**New Member Class** | Sunday, March 31 | 9:30 am | Those interested in joining OCCUMC are encouraged to participate in this one-session class in the Library near the main staircase. New members will be received on Sunday, April 14.

**Easter Flowers** | Order form and payment due Sunday, March 31

**Registration Deadline for Women’s Retreat** | Monday, April 1 | Questions about this weekend can be directed to Retreat Leader, Bonnie C

**Education Team Meeting** | Monday, April 1 | 6:30 pm



*Sarah Circle*

