

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 L for Bob as he heals from surgery and faces cancer treatment.
- From Jillian I for a former student of hers who is now in 7th grade and attempted suicide this past week. He is in the ICU and not in the clear yet. Prayers for him and his family to know God's grace is always with them.
- From Pat P for prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Vi Pook, Pat's late mother's best friend. They traveled together often in retirement; including to Appalachia where they built and played their own dulcimers. Though you may not have known her personally, if you attended Holiday Folk Fair, you would have seen her. She and her husband and children were the Kafkaz dancers (the famous Russian dancers).
- From Judi I for prayers for peace for her stage 3 kidney disease. She will start treatments as of April 1st. Prayers for the good news that she is cancer free and prayers for her kids and grandchildren for peace/love/healing. Finally, Judi is celebrating her 31st year in her job at St. Luke's Hospital.
- From Judy I. A nurse she works with, Becky, unexpectedly passed away. Prayers for Becky's family during this time of tragedy.
- From Pastor Wendee for the family of Dan H as he was recently diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer.
- For Judy S and Brian J who were married on March 31, 2019. Blessings in their new beginning.
- For Ken E shares prayers of thanksgiving for a recent "undetected" cancer test.
- From the Clement family, our step father, Harold, passed away just before noon on Wednesday. Many of you have met him and our mother (Audrey). Audrey was a member of OCCUMC from 1959 through 1997. Thank you to all for your prayers.
- Shut-ins: Dorothy S, Eileen S, Gwen S, Dave and Jeanne H, Pat and Rod S, Donna S, Walt M.
- Prayers of celebration for anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions.

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

April 14, 2019

## Luke 19:28-40 The Message (MSG)

### God's Personal Visit

<sup>28-31</sup> After saying these things, Jesus headed straight up to Jerusalem. When he got near Bethphage and Bethany at the mountain called Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: "Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you'll find a colt tethered, one that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says anything, asks, 'What are you doing?' say, 'His Master needs him.'" <sup>32-33</sup> The two left and found it just as he said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said, "What are you doing untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They said, "His Master needs him." <sup>35-36</sup> They brought the colt to Jesus. Then, throwing their coats on its back, they helped Jesus get on. As he rode, the people gave him a grand welcome, throwing their coats on the street. <sup>37-38</sup> Right at the crest, where Mount Olives begins its descent, the whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had witnessed:

Blessed is he who comes, the king in God's name! All's well in heaven! Glory in the high places!

<sup>39</sup> Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, "Teacher, get your disciples under control!" <sup>40</sup> But he said, "If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise."

**Our Staff:**

Nursery Attendant	Ann K
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.	Alex C-R
Custodian	Amy P
Pastoral Intern	Jessie G
Pastor	Rev. Wendee Nitz

**Assisting In Worship:**

Liturgist	8:00	Jessie G
	10:45	Christal B
Ushers	8:00	Ed and Barb K
	10:45	Steve and Lois D
Greeters	8:00	Judy D
	10:45	Kristen, Illana & Isley H
Prelude Music		Todd A
Counters		Jane E / Carole L
Unlocking		Marilyn K
Refreshments		Jenny S
Nursery Assistant		Sean G

**Calendar:**

**Sunday – April 14 - Passion/Palm Sunday**

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Youth Choir
9:30 am	Memorial Policy Review Gathering
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship

**Monday – April 15**

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	No Page Left Unturned
9:00 am	Cares & Concerns Meeting
1:00 pm	Disciple Fast Track
3:00 pm	Pastoral Intern/Pastor Supr’v. Mtg
7:00 pm	AA

**Tuesday – April 16**

9:00 am	Preschool
9:30 am	Our Harmony Club

**Wednesday – April 17**

9:00 am	Preschool
7:30 pm	Altar Choir

**Thursday – April 18 - Holy Thursday**

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Sarah Circle Meeting
7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Service

**Friday – April 19 - Good Friday**

7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
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**Saturday – April 20**

7:30 am	Men’s Bible Fellowship
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**Sunday – April 21- Easter Sunday**

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Easter Sunday Breakfast
9:00 am	No Youth Choir
9:30 am	No Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship

**No Sunday School or Youth Choir**

Sunday, April 21 and Sunday, April 28 (Spring Break)

**Pastor Wendee will be on vacation from**

Thursday, April 25 – Saturday, May 4. Pastor Mao Her from Christ UMC in Greenfield will be on call.

**Pizza Sale for Youth Missions** | Orders are due today | Pick up your pizzas on Saturday, May 4 at Megan’s from 12:00 pm – 1:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jen K.



**Ticket for United Methodist Women’s Tropical Salad Luncheon** | Tickets are on sale now (\$15.00 per person) in the Friendship Room. The UMW’s Salad Luncheon is Saturday, May 4th at noon. This year’s program is TJ and the Ukuladies. Plan to get your tickets early, they go fast. Proceeds will support Mission Projects in the Metro area and beyond. For more information contact Bonnie.

**Memorial Policy Review Gathering** | Sunday, April 14 | 9:30 am

**No Page Left Unturned** | Tuesday, April 15 | 9:00 am

**Cares and Concerns Meeting** | Tuesday, April 15 | 9:00 am

**Our Harmony Club** | Tuesday, April 16 | 9:30 am

**Sarah Circle** | Thursday, April 18 | 1:00 pm

**Maundy Thursday Service** | Thursday, April 18 | 7:00 pm

**Good Friday Service** | Friday, April 19 | 7:00 pm

**Men’s Bible Fellowship Meeting** | Saturday, April 20 | from 7:30 am – 8:45 am | at Perkins. Our theme is “Patience”.

**Easter Sunday Breakfast** | Sunday, April 21 | 9:00 am

**No Sunday School** | Sunday, April 21 and April 28 | Due to Spring Break

**No Preschool** | Monday, April 22 – Thursday, April 25

**Cathedral Center** | Tuesday, April 23 | 5:30 pm

**Women’s Retreat** | Friday, April 26 – 28

**Administrative Council Meeting** | Monday, April 29 | 6:30 pm

**United Methodist Women’s Tropical Salad Luncheon** | Saturday, May 4 | 12:00 pm



*Cares &*

*Concerns*



*Sarah Circle*



*To All: I want thank each and every one of you for your hospitality, friendship and care for me as your Administrative Assistant and for my family as we had 15 great years here with OCCUMC. Also, a big thank you to those who gave me the birthday card... So Grateful! - Linda Cramer*