

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 Patty A for her cousin, Jim, who died on January 11. Please pray for his wife, Linda, and her family.
- From Megan F for her brother as he looks for meaningful employment.
- From Megan F prayers that we fight to reduce systematic racism, so that Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream will someday become a reality and all people will be valued the way God loves us all.
- From Jean B for her friend Lois who has been in hospital with pneumonia.
- From Judi I for her sister Jan's friend, Jim, who is on a heart machine and ventilator.
- From Judi for her daughter Jen. She is still missing. Prayers she is safe.
- From Jan K for her Aunt Carol as she recovers from bronchitis and returns home from rehab.
- For the family of Donna Stevenson, who is in hospice. May she be comforted by her family, those who are caring for her, and God's grace.
- From Joan L for Lori S and Joan L as they have medical procedures this week.
- From Christal B for Pastor Wendee and Jim at the passing of Jim's dad on January 15th.
- From Christal B for Sue J-T and family for the loss of brother-in-law, Bob.
- For all those suffering from natural and man-made disasters.
- For all those suffering from discrimination.

We are praying weekly for the following people: Janice B, Gaye D, Dave & Jeanne H, Art & Jean J, Cathie J, Walt M, Diane P, Dorothy S, Eileen S, Gwen S, Pat & Rod S, and Donna S.

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

January 26, 2020

Isaiah 9:1-4 Common English Bible (CEB)

9 Nonetheless, those who were in distress won't be exhausted. At an earlier time, God cursed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but later he glorified the way of the sea, the far side of the Jordan, and the Galilee of the nations.² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.³ You have made the nation great; you have increased its joy. They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice. ⁴ As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them, the staff on their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor.

Matthew 5:1-12 Common English Bible (CEB)

5 ¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. ² He taught them, saying:

³ "Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

⁴ "Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

⁵ "Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

⁷ "Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

⁹ "Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.

¹⁰ "Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

¹¹ "Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. ¹² Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

Our Staff:

Nursery Attendants	Cheryl C
Preschool Director	Kara P
Altar Choir Director	Shelly S
Choir Accompanist	Laurie S
Organist	Todd A
Administrative Assist.	Rev. Christal B, Retired Pastor
Custodian	Amy P
Pastor	Rev. Wendee Nitz

Assisting In Worship:

Liturgist	Chris S
Ushers	Steve & Lois D
Greeter	Lowell & Joan A
Prelude	Paula S
Counters	Bonnie C & Cherie S
Unlocking	Paula S
Refreshments	Tim & Carole L
Nursery Assistant	Cali E

UMCOR has pledged financial assistance to the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico (MCPR) to support immediate needs following the recent earthquake and after-shocks. Thanks to donors like you, UMCOR is able to partner with clergy, lay leaders and volunteers in the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico to enhance their response and recovery ministries. Now we ask for your help. **2 Ways You Can Help: Please pray for the 3 million residents of Puerto Rico – then please give a financial gift, today.** As we witness brothers and sisters in Christ move into action to serve their neighbors, we see that even the most resilient people need encouragement and resources. Please help by praying and assisting in their recovery, rebuilding and renewal. Checks should be made payable to OCCUMC and marked for Puerto Rico.

Calendar:

Sunday – January 26, 2020

9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Fellowship
10:30 am	Sunday School
11:45 am	Office Task Force

Monday – January 27, 2020

9:00 am	Preschool
6:30 pm	Combined Administrative Council & Finance Team
7:00 pm	AA

Tuesday – January 28, 2020

9:00 am	Preschool
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Wednesday – January 29, 2020

9:00 am	Preschool
7:30 pm	Altar Choir

Thursday – January 30, 2020

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	District Committee on Ministry

Friday – February 1, 2020

Saturday – February 2, 2020

9:00 am	District SPRC Training
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Sunday – February 3, 2020 Communion Sunday

9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Fellowship
10:30 am	Coffee With the Pastor
10:30 am	Sunday School
11:45 am	Compassionate Care Team

Break Through Prayer Initiative

Training | Saturday, February 8th

at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm | Verona
|This event was rescheduled due to inclement weather on January 11th. Please consider joining the group

from our church attending. We will leave at 8:00 am from church. Registration is due February 4th. Contact Pastor Wendee for more information and to register.



Prayer Nook | Since we are focusing on prayer as a congregation this year, the Worship and Arts Team has created a prayer nook for prayer, quiet reflection and meditation. This is available for all to use any time. Check it out.

Tuesday Suppers/Lent Study | We will share in a simple weekly dinner, prayer, and study during lent. We will use the UMC Discipleship Resource based on the movie, “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood,” starring Tom Hanks as the basis for our five mid-week study sessions. The worship services and the study sessions based on the movie “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” will be designed to reflect on Biblical passages that seem to be divergent in their understanding of how God works in the world and what is expected of Christians. The weekly sessions will begin on **Tuesday, March 3rd and end on March 31st**. Mark it on your calendars and plan to participate.



The following worship opportunities during Lent have been set:

- Ash Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 pm**
- Maundy Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 pm**
- Good Friday, April 10th at 7:00 pm**
- Easter Sunday, April 11th at 9:00 am**

Quote of the Day | *“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”* Leo Buscaglia

