

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 Carole and Tim L. Prayers of thanks for the many prayers offered for her cousin, An, and An's son, Randy, over the past several months. Ann has passed from earthly life to heaven. Prayers of thanks for An, who is surely God's angel. Please keep Randy in prayer as he continues to heal.
- From Joan K for her son Keith, his wife, Beth, their daughter, Lavinia, and her husband, Chris, who will travel home to Iowa after visiting here in Wisconsin.
- From Jill W for her son-in-law, Tom K, for safe travels as he goes to Istanbul, Turkey, to train workers there.
- From Jill W for her mother, Joanne, in Florida, who receiving chemo treatments for stage 4 Non Hotchkins Lymphoma cancer.
- For Jarvis M as he moves back to Minnesota. We sent him off with prayer in worship on July 8. For new beginnings and meaningful work and life!
- From Pat P for her sister, Carol, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and will be undergoing a radical mastectomy. Prayers for a successful surgery and recovery; and for strength for her and her family.
- From Fred and Mary Ann B. Please pray for our son, Tim, who will be having gall bladder surgery. We pray that all goes well and that he can start feeling better.
- From Fred and Mary Ann B. for their friends, Jerry P. and Pat P. Jerry is still having major heart problems and appropriate action still needs to be determined. In the meantime, Pat, who has stage one breast cancer and had successful surgery, must make a decision as to what treatment, if any, she will undergo. Pray for healing and patience for both. This has been a terribly difficult time for them.
- For travel mercies as people move about this summer. May all be refreshed and awakened to the Spirit.
- For the children, their coach and those rescuing them from the cave in south Asia.
- Shut-ins: Dorothy S, Eileen S, Gwen S, Louise L, Jean F, Dave and Jeanne H, Marge D, Pat and Rod S, Donna S, Eleanor P, Jean B, Walt M, Charles and Mary Ellen C.
- Prayers of celebration for anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions.

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

July 15, 2018

## Luke 18:9-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:  
<sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’  
<sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

**Our Staff:**

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

**Assisting In Worship:**

Liturgist	9:30	Carol S
Ushers	9:30	Joanne M/Cherie S
Greeters	9:30	Rex and Norma N
Prelude Music	9:30	Paula S/Megan & Ethan F
Counters		Bonnie C & Cherie S
Unlocking		Paula S

**Calendar:**

<b><u>Sunday - July 15</u></b>	
9:30 am	Worship/Choir
<b><u>Monday - July 16</u></b>	
7:00 pm	AA
<b><u>Tuesday - July 17</u></b>	
9:30 am	Our Harmony Club
<b><u>Wednesday - July 18</u></b>	
<b><u>Thursday - July 19</u></b>	
<b><u>Friday - July 20</u></b>	
<b><u>Saturday - July 21</u></b>	
<b><u>Sunday - July 22</u></b>	
9:30 am	Worship



**Our Harmony Club  
Tuesday, July 17, 2018  
From 9:30 am- 3:30 pm**

**Thank you  
to all who supported our  
Youth over the past year by  
participating in the fundraisers.**

Our youth will be leaving for Nehemiah in Cleveland, OH for a mission trip Sunday, July 29 – Saturday, August 4, 2018.



**Creation Celebration Sunday  
An Intergenerational Event  
Sunday, July 29, 2018**

We will gather together following worship to share a potluck brunch and then we will go outside to work on finishing the six boulevards in the upper parking lot. The boulevards were prepped this past spring by volunteers who spent about a total of around 100 hours pulling out the old juniper bushes and landscape fabric and topping each boulevard with A LOT of new topsoil. The boulevards have been covered for two months with plastic to bake any weeds and grass. Now the boulevards are ready for the new plantings. Those plants will arrive on Saturday, July 28 and there are a lot of them! We need your help getting them in the ground! Please join us on Sunday, July 29, for worship, a potluck brunch, and working out in creation. A signup sheet is in the Friendship Room. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wendee.



**Used Books**

Charles and Mary Ellen C are moving and need to part with much of their extensive library of books. Collection consists of "How To" books, Calligraphy, Medieval Living, Science Fiction, Harlequin Romance novels and more. Please take a look at the books located in our library on tables. Take all that you want. If you can, please leave a donation for them in the blue pouch. Mary Ellen and Charles appreciate your help in the redistribution of their library.



**School Supplies Collection**

It is that time of year again! Tabitha Circle is collecting school supplies for United Methodist Children Services and we need your help. Please bring in new supplies **by Sunday, July 29** and place them in the School Bus collection boxes by the UMW table in the Friendship Room. A supply list can be picked up in the Friendship Room. UMCS needs the supplies by August to get them distributed before school starts. Thank you for your help with this mission.



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: Grand Avenue, their pastor Janet Hartzell, and their 173 members, Port Washington is located at 505 W Grand Ave., Port Washington, WI 53074.