

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 K, for Janet, who was diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer. Janet is experiencing blood clots in one of her lungs and right arm after suffering a stroke. She is a friend to many here at OCCUMC. Prayers for healing and hope.
- From Joanne Mueller, for the three girls scouts who were killed while clearing a highway in Chippewa County. May God bring comfort to their families and the community. Prayers for healing for a fourth girl scout who was injured in the accident.
- From Pastor Wendee and Jim N. Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, and gifts for the birth of our first grandchild. Tillee Mae W. was born on October 24. Mom, Bethanee, and Dad, Travis, and baby are all doing great!
- For Russ P. Prayers of healing as he is home now from being in the hospital.
- For the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh following the shooting and death of 11 of their members. May God's comfort be with the families and the congregation. Please continue to pray for peace and hope.
- For the people traveling from Honduras through Guatemala and Mexico to the United States of America. May we remember that we are a nation of immigrants from another land also. May compassion prevail.
- For our country this week as we go to the polls to elect our civic leaders. Democracy works well when we participate.
- 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.**

November 11, 2018

## Romans 12:9-21

### The Message (MSG)

<sup>9-10</sup> Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

<sup>11-13</sup> Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

<sup>14-16</sup> Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

<sup>17-19</sup> Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

<sup>20-21</sup> Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

**Our Staff:**

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| Nursery Attendants     | Ann & Beverly    |
| 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            |
| Student Intern         | Jessie G         |
| Pastor                 | Rev. Wendee Nitz |

**Assisting In Worship:**

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|---------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Liturgist     | 8:00  | Jessie G                 |
|               | 10:45 | Rev. Christal B, Retired |
| Ushers        | 8:00  | Kirk & Jennifer K        |
|               | 10:45 | Steve & Lois D           |
| Greeters      | 8:00  | Dale & Sue T             |
|               | 10:45 | Tom B and Darlene D      |
| Prelude Music |       | Debbie S/Michelle G      |
| Counters      |       | Jane E & Carole L        |
| Unlocking     |       | Marilyn K                |
| Refreshments  |       | Jane E                   |

**Calendar:**

**Sunday – November 11 - Veterans Day**

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

**Monday – November 12**

|         |                                 |
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| 9:00 am | Preschool                       |
| 1:00 pm | Disciple Fast Track             |
| 6:30 pm | Trustees Team Meeting           |
| 7:00pm  | Staff Parish Relations Team Mtg |
| 7:00 pm | AA                              |

**Tuesday – November 13 – Newsletter Deadline**

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| 9:00 am | Preschool           |
| 6:30 pm | Disciple Fast Track |

**Wednesday – November 14**

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| 9:00 am | Preschool                       |
| 6:15 pm | Bell Choir                      |
| 6:30 pm | Youth Work Mission Trip Meeting |
| 7:30 pm | Altar Choir                     |

**Thursday – November 15**

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| 9:00 am | Preschool |
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**Friday – November 16**

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| 9:00 am | Breakthrough Prayer & Pick up Litter |
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**Saturday – November 17**

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| 9:00 am  | Breakthrough Prayer & Pick up Litter |
| 8:00 am  | Worship                              |
| 9:00 am  | Children’s Choir                     |
| 9:30 am  | Sunday School                        |
| 10:45 am | Worship/Baptism                      |
| 12:00 pm | Student Intern Site Team Meeting     |
| 12:00 pm | Hospitality Team Meeting (cancelled) |
| 2:00 pm  | Charles Cohn Memorial Service        |

**Sunday – November 18**

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| 8:00 am  | Worship                              |
| 9:00 am  | Children’s Choir                     |
| 9:30 am  | Sunday School                        |
| 10:45 am | Worship/Baptism                      |
| 12:00 pm | Student Intern Site Team Meeting     |
| 12:00 pm | Hospitality Team Meeting (cancelled) |
| 2:00 pm  | Charles Cohn Memorial Service        |



**Requested Due Date November 13**

Please submit any articles for our Combined December and January Newsletter. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, please have your articles in by Tuesday, November 13. Thank you.



**Christmas Giving Tree Collections due by Sunday, December 16**

The Mission Work Area prepared 75 tags for the tree this year with the hope that members and friends of the congregation will help bring some smiles and joy to children in need. The value of the gift should NOT be any more than the \$25.00 maximum. The unwrapped gifts will be collected through Sunday, December 16, wrapped at church and distributed to the children at Northcott Neighborhood House on Milwaukee’s north side. Anyone who would like to assist with wrapping the gifts is welcome. Please contact Harold or Alicia W.

**Food Drive Month of November**

Previously we mentioned that as a “thank you” for Salvation Army’s generosity and support of our Oak Creek Vendor and Gift Faire event, we will collect food products for their Food Bank during the entire month of November. Our UMWomen are also on board, extending their “Baby Food Contribution/Collection”, also for Salvation Army... for the entire month. Please bring non-perishable food and baby items and place them on the table designated in the Friendship Room. The “Going to Pieces” quilt group organizing the Faire, is grateful to the OCCUMC congregation for embracing this event and helping make it a huge success by food bank donations, working the event, helping us advertise or simply attending. All proceeds from vendor registrations are returned back into our church’s facility and proceeds from the quilter’s sale of their products will go to a United Methodist charity.



**Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm**

Join us for this service and bring your favorite pie for our annual Pie Fest afterward.

**Updated Information for Labyrinth Day of Reflection Saturday, January 12, 2019**

All are welcome to join us for this opportunity of spiritual growth from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. Limited space. Cost \$30 per person.



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:

Hartford: First, their pastor Stephanie Taylor, and their 465 members, Hartford: First is located at 738 W Monroe Ave., Hartford, WI 53027.