

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 Allan L: Prayers of thanks for or Diane L who arrived in Sri Lanka and is visiting her mother. For that country as they recover following the terrorists attacks from a few weeks ago.
- From Allan L: Prayers of thanks for Diane's sister, Sandra, who obtained her VISA and flew to Australia to see her new granddaughter, our grandniece.
- From Mary Ann B: Prayers for healing for Levi, a young child who recently underwent brain surgery. For his family as they nurture him back to health.
- For the people of Virginia Beach, after the shooting that left 12 people plus the shooter dead and others injured. For the community as they try to make sense of this tragedy.
- For the people affected by the flooding and tornadoes in the mid-west as they clean up and rebuild.
- For our world where there is oppression, violence, disease, and natural disasters. For healing and hope.
- For individuals who suffer from mental illness. May they see the light of God's love in difficult times.
- 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.
- From Jenny VH for her mother, Barbara who was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia

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

June 9, 2019

Acts 2:1-21 The Message (MSG)

2¹⁻⁴ When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

5-11 There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; even Cretans and Arabs! They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

¹² Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

¹³ Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

¹⁴⁻²¹ That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit On those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy. I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous; And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."

Our Staff:

Nursery Attendants	Ann K
Preschool Director	Kara P
Altar Choir Director	Shelly S
Bell Choir Director	Shelly S
Choir Accompanist	Connie J
Organist	Todd A
Youth Choir Director	Carole L
Administrative Assist.	
Custodian	Amy P
*Retired Pastor	Rev. Christal B
Pastor	Rev. Wendee Nitz

Assisting In Worship:

Liturgist	Dale T
Ushers	Michelle G
Greeters	Janet P
Prelude Music	Debbie S
Counters	Jane E / Carole L
Unlocking	Marilyn K
Refreshments	Jen S
Nursery Assistant	Sean G

Calendar:

Sunday – June 9 – Pentacost /Graduation Sunday

9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Fellowship

Monday – June 10

6:30 pm	Trustees Team Meeting
7:00 pm	AA

Tuesday – June 11

1:00pm	Practicing Our Faith-Prayer Experience
6:30 pm	Reaching Out Into Our Communities Class

Wednesday – June 12

Thursday – June 13

Friday – June 14

All Day	Wisconsin Annual Conference
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Saturday – June 15

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7:30 am	Men’s Bible Fellowship at Perkins

Sunday – June 16 – Father’s Day / Trinity Sunday

All Day	Wisconsin Annual Conference
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Fellowship
10:15 am	Judy Seely Bequest Discussion



Reminder Deadline

Monday, July 15, 2019

Our next *Reminder* will cover August, September, and October. Please look ahead and plan to have any articles to the office by the deadline so that we can ensure they get into the newsletter. Thank you!

Pastor Wendee will be on Renewal Leave from June 24 – August 18. Reverend Christal Bindrich will be offering pastoral care. You can contact her through the church office at 414-762-4600.

Summer Music Volunteers Needed | Anyone interested in singing, playing an instrument, or working in a musical group, please contact Shelly S. We would love to have young children, teenagers and adults join in special music.

Trustee Meeting | Monday, June 10, 6:30 PM.

Prayer Experience/Class | Tuesday, June 11 | 1:00 PM | Please consider joining this prayer experience/class as we build community through participating in many different types of prayer. We will grow spiritually through the use of Dorothy Bass’ book, *Practicing Hospitality*, and our conversations with each other. Contact Pastor Wendee for details.

Reaching Out Into Our Communities Class | Tuesday, June 11 | 6:30 PM | Using Nelson Searcy’s book, *Fusion*, to focus our discussion, we will consider how OCCUMC is being called to reach out and share the good news in our communities. Contact Pastor Wendee for details.

Men’s Bible Fellowship | Saturday, June 15 | 7:30 AM | Join us at Perkins restaurant at 2010 W Ryan Road in Oak Creek. We will meet for breakfast and share our joys and sorrows of life around us, along with a guided Bible discussion. If you have any questions, contact Dale T.

Special Sunday fellowships | The 3rd Sundays of Summer we will be supporting the Midwest Mission Distribution Center mission team. Special treats will be served, and donations encouraged to help with this effort. June 16th will be "Donuts for Dads"!

Youth Missions Fundraiser | The OCCUMC youth missions are headed to Cleveland at the end of July! We are conducting a spare change fundraiser for the remainder of June and are asking people to throw their loose change into the large jar in the friendship room. Ziploc bags are also available if you want to empty out your change jar at home and bring that into church as well. We thank you for supporting our trip and will look forward to sharing our experiences with you in August!

Wisconsin Annual Conference | Friday, June 14 – Sunday, June 16. Our congregation will be represented by Pastor Wendee and Lynn W, Lay Person to Annual Conference, in Green Bay. Please keep this gathering in your prayers.