

Prayer List

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

Mary Lee Leistra	Junior McHenry	Patsy Bagley
Raymond and Edith Tanner	George and Louise Brame	Edith Hite
Red Tanner	Brennan Simkins	Tom Learnered
Gary Birkett	Edith Parham	Kenneth Layne
Bernard Nash	CMH Community Grief Group	Shiela Cage
Buzz Willis	Bertha Arthur	Tommy Cage
Tom Cadmus	Will Arthur	Vernon Gee
Eileen Simmons	Harold and Kitty Springer	Virginia Gee
Derek and Brittany Barnes	Elaine Pearce	Marvin
Troops Overseas	Lydia Hite	Vicky
Ashley Grant	Penny Callis	Don Accord
Grant Cooper	Lynn Hite	Brad Morris
Mary Crowder	Alicia Clary	Betty
David King	Don Steinen	Lucille Bragg
Evelyn Estes	Andrew Newcomb	Martha White
Suzanne Stigall	Kathy McReynolds	Bernard Bottoms
Joni, Kendall, and Anthony Newcomb	Carl Sands	Roy Maynard
Dorothy Driskill	Frances Seamans	Betty Thompson
Dennis Chumney	Sondra Clare	Tom Tanner
Kimberly Queck	Caroleen Williams	Betsy Biggerstaff
Edna Bagley	Layton Powell	David Jones
Jeff Hendricks	Vincent Keller	Billy Hawthorne
		Margaret Gregory
		Dee Welch
		David Cook and Family

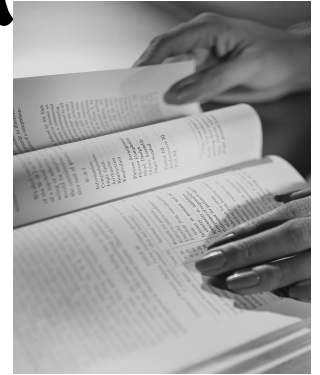
Prayers for the church, nation, and world:

- For Charis Storms as she settles into life in the Mongolian countryside, that she would have wisdom in establishing the new non-profit organization
- For the victims and family of victims of last week's shooting in Arizona
- For the people of Haiti who still struggle one year after a massive earthquake
- For peace in Sudan as the country tallies votes from a referendum to give Southern Sudan independence from the north
- For the new United Methodist Church plant in the Fort Lee area and for their pastor, Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud, as they call people back to the church
- For the people of Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, and Western Sahara

Others I would like to pray for:

Transformation Journal

January 16, 2011



Inviting you to daily time with God.

Every day the Transformation Journal will offer you a scripture passage and a question or two for reflection. Take a few minutes each day, and see what God has for you! The prayer list is also on the back, so please take time to pray for those we have lifted up on Sunday.

Sunday, January 16th

Sermon Notes:

Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-11. This was written by one of the wealthiest people of that time, and he discovered that possessions do not bring happiness to life. How does knowing that these words came from someone who had acquired everything make you feel about simplicity?

Monday, January 17th

Read Luke 12:13-21. What does it mean to be on your guard against all kinds of greed? What kinds of greed do you struggle with? Look at the way that you spend your time and money. Do your actions show that you believe life to consist in the abundance of possessions?

Tuesday, January 18th

Read Genesis 41:46-57. Compare the actions of Joseph to the actions of the rich man in yesterday’s reading. What makes Joseph's actions acceptable in God’s sight compared to the actions of the rich man? How can you use the resources God has given you to care for others?

Wednesday, January 19th

Read Matthew 16:24-26. Jesus warns us that we may lose ourselves if we are focused on gaining “the whole world.” Think of a time when you have lost a part of yourself by compromising your values in order to gain something material. Would you do it again? Why?

Thursday, January 20th

Read Proverbs 23:4-5. For what do you “wear yourself out?” Take a look at those things in your life into which you are willing to throw all of your energy. Are they pursuits of God, money, or something else?

Friday, January 21st

Read Matthew 6:25-33. Do you worry about food, clothing, or shelter? Jesus calls us to place these needs in his hands and focus first on God. Talk to God about what it would look like to seek God first!

Saturday, January 22nd

Read Matthew 6:19-21. It is easy to determine where our hearts are—we simply look at our treasure. When you look at how you use your treasure, are you storing up treasure in heaven or on earth? How?

Sunday, January 23rd

As we gather for worship, prepare your heart by focusing on God and offering this prayer: “**Living God, as we gather to worship you today, help me to encounter you, to truly worship you, to hear from you and to have my life changed by you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**”