

Sunday, July 31st

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.”**

Readings: Num. 11:16-30; Matt. 25:14-30; Lk. 3:18-19; 1 Cor. 12-14

Prayer List

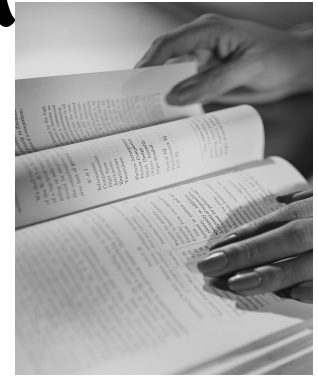
Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:

Agnes Wilkerson	Raymond and Edith	Sarah Olds
Mary White	Tanner	Tom Tanner
Junior McHenry	Connie Dunnivant	Martha White
Thelma Fallen	Alfred Green	Edith Umberger
Thomas Taylor	Mary Jo Cooper	Betty Thompson
Edna Bagley	Ashley Grant	Carrie Stostetter
Eddie Slagle	Sean Farrell	Scott Carter
Bertha Arthur	Rachel Moore	Otha Wilkins
Virginia Overby	Raymond Hudson	Danny Bagley
Sharlene Powell	Annette Cole	Michelle Honeycutt
Dorothy Driskill	Edith Parham	Grace Marshall
Ruth Hathcock	Red Tanner	Hilda Ozlin
Judy Sites	Anne Gayle Cheely	Hazel Taylor
Joe Hines	Brent Cothran	Ogburn Taylor
Henry Lee Cundiff	Norman Yerby	Tommy Cage
Kathy Callis	Joy, Anastasia and Isaiah	Sheila Cage
Hilbert Johnson	Book	Edith Hite

Others I would like to pray for:

Transformation Journal

July 24, 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, July 24th

Sermon Notes:

Read John 14:26; 15:26-16:15. Jesus makes clear that we need to listen to what the Spirit will teach us and that relying on what Jesus has told us (scripture) is not enough. How do you listen to the Spirit? What has the Spirit taught you?

Prayer focus: Pray for the United Methodist Church as a whole that we would be listening to God’s Spirit.

Monday, July 25th

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. Look at your life. Do you rely on God’s wisdom or worldly wisdom? Are you willing to act in ways that others might consider foolish to follow God?

Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms and her work in Mongolia, that she might constantly be guided by God’s wisdom.

Tuesday, July 26th

Read 1 Corinthians 2. How is the Spirit teaching you to understand God better? What have you learned? What does it mean for you to have the “mind of Christ?”

Prayer focus: Pray for more of the Holy Spirit in the new church plants in our area: The Stand UMC (Fort Lee) and Journey UMC (Amelia).

Wednesday, July 27th

Read Proverbs 3:5-8. What do you do when your insight and God’s teaching disagree? How do you decide which direction to go? Do you believe that God’s wisdom is relevant for us today?

Prayer focus: Pray for Pastor Andrew and his family, that they might all receive more of the Spirit and lean on God more fully..

Thursday, July 28th

Read James 3:13-18. James tells us that earthly wisdom leads to selfish ambition and envy (we can see this around us!). How can you look to Godly wisdom to combat the culture of selfishness we live in?

Prayer focus: Pray for our church, that we would be filled with heavenly wisdom in every decision that we make.

Friday, July 29th

Read Isaiah 55:5-11. What does it mean for God’s thoughts to be higher than our thoughts? How then should we respond to the thoughts of God? Think about at least one specific way you can do this.

Prayer focus: Pray for leaders, especially the president and members of Congress, that they would be guided by God’s thoughts.

Saturday, July 30th

Read 1 Kings 3. How would you respond to God saying “ask what I shall give you?” Do you think Solomon made a good choice? Take time to ask God for wisdom!

Prayer focus: Pray for the people of the Caribbean, especially Haiti, that they might have their physical and spiritual needs met.
