

Sunday, August 7th

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: Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 3:18-19; 1 Corinthians 4:1-7

Prayer List

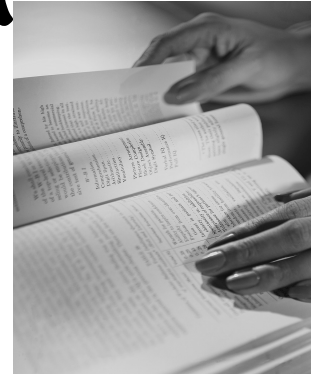
Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:

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| Shirley Moncure | Frances Seamans | Brad and Laurie Morris |
| Sarah Olds | Kathy McReynolds | Rebecca Kelley |
| Ashley and Jill Girling
and family | Lois Farmer | George Andrews |
| Martha White | Drew | Katlyn Dills |
| Peter Clegg | Dale | The family of Bobby
Ford |
| Edith Umberger | Anthony Newcomb | Junior McHenry |
| Susan Murray | Dan Steinen | Kitty Springer |
| Layton Powell | Danny Bagley | Emily McCowick |
| Otha Wilkins | Michelle Honeycutt | Dale Glasscock |
| Scott Carter | Grace Marshall | Dorothy Shields |
| Carrie Stostetter | Edith Hite | Jane Stroupe |
| The Carter Family | Hilda Ozlin | Ashley Grant |
| Tom Tanner | Hazel Taylor | The family of Lucille
Kidd |
| John Watson and family | Ogburn Taylor | Betty Lipford |
| Jerry Davidson | Tommy Cage | Kathy Callis |
| Billy Hawthorne | Shiela Cage | Raymond and Edith
Tanner |
| Virginia and Vernon Gee | Mary Leigh Boisseau | Red Tanner |
| David Jones and family | Judi Keehan | Liz Rosetti |
| Allen Alcock and family | The family of Brent
Cothran | Ricky Tanner |
| Marvin | The family of Christine
Bowden | |
| Vicky | David Cook and family | |
| Lionel Viar | | |

Others I would like to pray for:

Transformation Journal

July 31, 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 31st

Sermon Notes:

Read Numbers 11:16-30. God ensured that the Israelite leaders had the Spirit upon them to help lead the people, and Moses desired that all the people would have God’s Spirit. How does it feel to know that we are realizing Moses’ dream today because the Spirit is available to all?
Prayer focus: Pray for the United Methodist Church as a whole that we would be filled with God’s Spirit.

Monday, August 1st

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. Paul teaches that we all have gifts from the Spirit that we are to use for the benefit of the church. How has the Spirit gifted you? How can you use those gifts for the church?

Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms and her work in Mongolia, that the church around her would see their gifts and reach out in the Spirit.

Tuesday, August 2nd

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. Paul uses the analogy of parts of the human body to explain why each person and each gift is necessary in the church. Do you see how you and your gifts fit into our church?

Prayer focus: Pray for all parts of the body to be present in the new church plants in our area: The Stand UMC and Journey UMC.

Wednesday, August 3rd

Romans 12:3-8. Paul reminds the church that spiritual gifts are not a source of boasting, because we need all the gifts present to be the body. Repent of any pride that you have over the gifts God has given you!

Prayer focus: Pray for Pastor Andrew and his family, that they might all receive more of the Spirit and always be humble.

Thursday, August 4th

Read 1 Peter 4:8-11. The gifts are given to us as ways that we can serve one another and make God's grace known. How can you use your gifts to show God's grace to others?

Prayer focus: Pray for our church, that we would be filled with a desire to use the gifts God has given us to serve others.

Friday, August 5th

Read Ephesians 4:1-16. The gifts of God lead us to take on different roles within the church. What role (it does not have to be listed here), do your gifts equip you to fill in the church?

Prayer focus: Pray for leaders, especially the president and members of Congress, that they would be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Saturday, August 6th

Read Matthew 25:14-30. As we move towards tomorrow's worship, begin to think about how you have been faithful with the gifts that God has given you. Which servant are you most like? Why?

Prayer focus: Pray for the people of Canada and the United States, that we would be faithful stewards of all God has given to us.
