

## Sunday, August 28th

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: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16

## Prayer List

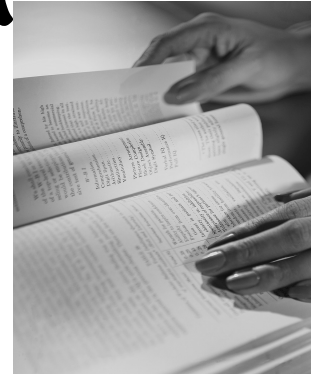
**Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:**

Edna Bagley	The family of Virgie	Betty Thomson
Patsy Graves	Glisspie	Carrie Stostetter
Denise Harper	Edith Tanner	Scott Carter
The families of soldiers killed in service	Cathy Callis	Bobby Hazelwood
Junior McHenry	Layton Powell	Otha Wilkins
Nora	Kathy McReynolds	Virginia and Vernon Gee
Seamster family	Lois Farmer	Billy Hawthorne
Coldion family	Drew	Marvin
Paul Springer	Dale	Vicky
Kitty Springer	Anthony Newcomb	Brad and Laurie Morris
Connie Dunnivant	Dan Steinen	Danny Bagley
Joe Coleman	Frances Seamans	Michelle Honeycutt
Haynie Hite	Bessie Owens	Grace Marshall
Bertha Arthur	Charis Storms	Hilda Ozlin
Virginia Overby	Becky Kelley	Hazel Taylor
Trudy Jones	Sheila Cage	Bryan Newsome
Dorothy Shields	Tommy Cage	The family of Raymond Tanner
Gayle Grant	George Andrews	Karl Mixell
Jan Stroupe	Frances Hawthorne	Barbara Evans
Dorothy Driskill	Elizabeth Crowder	Fredia Robinson
Mae Overby	Martha White	Thomas Taylor
Wayne “Red” Tanner	The family of Zeb StSing	Edith Umberger
Ruth Hathcock	Tom Tanner	
	Jerry Davidson	

**Others I would like to pray for:**

# Transformation Journal

August 21, 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, August 21st**

Sermon Notes:

Read Luke 16:19-31. What do you learn from the fact that the rich man was judged not for what he did but for his *inaction*? What are the situations around you where God is calling you to be involved? What is one specific step you can take?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the United Methodist Church as a whole and our church, that we would have eyes to see the needs around us.*

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**Monday, August 22nd**

Read James 2:14-17. Do you ever offer a blessing to someone when you could be the blessing to that person? What can we do to develop the habit of being a blessing to those around us?

*Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms and her work in Mongolia, that she would be a blessing. Pray also for her local church in Mongolia.*

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**Tuesday, August 23rd**

Read Isaiah 58. The true fast that God is calling us to involves reaching out to those around us in many ways. What verse or verses in this chapter stand out to you? What is God saying through those verses?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the new church plants: The Stand UMC (Fort Lee) and Journey UMC (Amelia) to transform lives through outreach.*

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**Wednesday, August 24th**

Read Acts 6:1-7. The early church developed structures in the church to be sure that the needs were being met. What structures could we develop in our church to help reach the community?

*Prayer focus: Pray for our church, that we would share the commitment of the early church to caring for needs in our community.*

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**Thursday, August 25th**

Read Matthew 25:31-46. Do you see Jesus in the faces of those who are hungry? Why or why not? Ask God to help you truly internalize the meaning of this passage and live it out.

*Prayer focus: Pray for the 12 million people in the Horn of Africa who are at risk of starvation, that they would receive everything they need.*

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**Friday, August 26th**

Read Deuteronomy 15:1-11. What do we learn from the fact that God wrote care for the hungry into the law of the Old Testament? Why is it important that care for the poor is a major theme throughout scripture?

*Prayer focus: Pray for Pastor Andrew and his family, that they might be daily growing in their relationships with God and others.*

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**Saturday, August 27th**

Read Exodus 16. What can we learn about God from this story where we see that God does not allow hoarding of manna or going hungry for lack of manna?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the people of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, that the hungry there might be filled with physical and spiritual bread.*

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