

**Sunday, October 9th**

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 32; Psalm 106; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

**Prayer List**

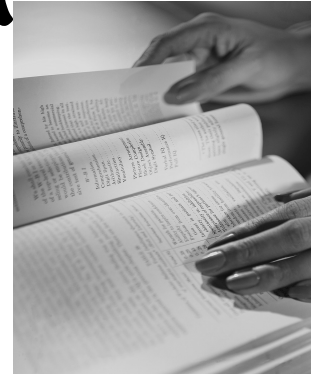
**Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:**

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| Margaret and Harry Smith  | Rosa Wells<br>Becky Baskerville | Tom Tanner<br>Jerry Davidson  |
| Dave McCluskey and family | Anne Hudson<br>Harold Springer  | Lawrence Webb<br>Otha Wilkins |
| Betty Barbour             | Wanda Chumney                   | Carrie Stostetter             |
| Hannah Logan              | Dorothy Driskill                | Scott Carter                  |
| Gayle Grant               | Peggy Newcomb                   | Gil Hales                     |
| Dorothy Shields           | Bruce Seamster                  |                               |
| Edna Bagley               | Ryland Hamlett                  |                               |
| Bertha Arthur             | Layton Powell                   |                               |
| Virginia Overby           | Bessie Owens                    |                               |
| Betty Lou Mayton          | Kathy McReynolds                |                               |

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

# Transformation Journal

October 2, 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, October 2nd**

Sermon Notes:

Read 1 Corinthians 11:16-17. What does it mean to be “one body” with all those who share in the Lord’s Supper? What are one or two ways you can practically show that you are one with Christ’s followers in other parts of the world?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the worldwide church, that we would be unified in following Jesus. Pray for the persecuted church.*

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**Monday, October 3rd**

Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-22. What are ways that the church today creates divisions at the communion table? How can we as a church better reflect the unity of the body at the table?

*Prayer focus: Pray for our church, that we would have genuine faith that focuses on Christ and not on indulging our own desires.*

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**Tuesday, October 4th**

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34. What does it mean to examine ourselves before we take part in the Lord’s Supper? How do you examine yourself? Take time to let God search your heart!

*Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms and her work in Mongolia, that she would have wisdom to bring Christ’s peace to believers in conflict.*

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**Wednesday, October 5th**

Read Luke 22:14-23. The one who betrayed Jesus was at the table when he broke the bread and shared the cup. What do we learn about Jesus and about the Lord’s Supper by Judas’ presence?

*Prayer focus: Pray for Pastor Andrew and his family, that they might have wisdom in finding ways to bless society’s outcasts in Lunenburg.*

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**Thursday, October 6th**

Read Acts 2:43-47. Why does scripture include “breaking bread” as part of the description of life in the early church? Does communion play this kind of central role in your life?

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

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**Friday, October 7th**

Read John 6:22-71. Jesus argues that embracing him (eating bread from heaven) is more important than eating physical food. Do you agree? What would someone looking at your life think is your priority?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the United Methodist Church as a whole and for our church, that we would focus on Christ, our bread from heaven.*

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**Saturday, October 8th**

Read Ephesians 2:11-22. What earthly divisions divide us in the church today? Do you believe that Christ has broken these barriers down? How does your life reflect unity in the face of these divisions?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the people of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.*

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