Prayer List Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

Reid Weathersby Carl Sands Lucille Bragg Clyde Dingus Martha G. White Frances Seamans Bernard Bottoms Caroleen Williams Mary Ellis Margaret Peterson Agnes Thompson Mable Wynn Jerry Davidson Becky Kelly Tom Tanner Kay Davis and family Scott Carter Jerry Callis Otha Wilkins Dee Welch Dee Welch Mary Crowder David Jones David King Allen Alcock Dorothy Driskill David Cook and family Jean Hamlett Marvin Helen Holder Vickv Alicia Clarv Billy Hawthorne Lee Cundiff Vernon Gee Halev Haves Virginia Gee Raymond and Edith Kathy McReynolds Tanner

Red Tanner Lora and Larry Rawlings Tommy Conner Edith Parham Junior McHenry **Brennan Simkins** Betty Roegge Kitty Springer Spencer Wallace Dee Hite Jody Hogan Bobby and Virginia Overby Bertha Arthur Kitty Frazier Edna Bagley Jeff Hendricks **Billy Daniels Dorothy Shields**

Prayers for the church, nation, and world:

- -For Charis Storms that she would have the wisdom and courage she needs for her relationships in Ulan Baatar, Mongolia
- -For the people of Mongolia, that they would hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not be confused by the many cults and sects coming into the country -For those who struggle with unemployment
- -For the underground church in China, that it will continue to make disciples for Jesus Christ in the face of renewed persecution
- -For the new United Methodist Church plant in the Fort Lee area and for their pastor, Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud, as they begin the STAND preschool -For the people of India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka

Others I would like to pray for:





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 17th

Sermon Notes:

What is the relationship between faith and prayer?

Read Luke 18:1-8. In what ways is God similar to the unjust judge? In what ways is God different? Does this parable encourage you to pray or make it sound like prayer is too difficult? How do the differences between God and the unjust judge encourage you to pray?

Monday, October 18th

Read Luke 11:5-13. Using the main character of this parable as your model, would you say that you ask, seek and knock? Think of one or two ways that you can commit to asking, seeking and knocking this week.

Tuesday, October 19th

Read Isaiah 62:1-7. This passage expresses the commitment of the Israelites to the restoration of Jerusalem after the city's destruction and the people's exile. Are there any issues that you are this passionate about? What are they and why do they matter?

Wednesday, October 20th

Read Habakkuk 1:12-2:3. Habakkuk confronts God with the wickedness and idolatry he saw around him, and then he committed to waiting as long as necessary to hear God's answer. How important is hearing from God for you? How long are you willing to listen?

Thursday, October 21st

Read Amos 7:1-9. Through his prayers, Amos is able to convince God to withhold his punishment for a period of time. Do you believe that your prayers can change God's actions? Why or why not?

Friday, October 22nd

Read Ezekiel 22:29-31. Unlike Amos' time (see above), no one heard the call to intercede and "stand in the gap" this time, leading to God's acting to punish. How is God calling you to stand in the gap for others?

Saturday, October 23rd

Read James 5:13-18. The book of James focuses on living out our faith in practical actions, but the book ends with this section on prayer. How do we hold together the calls to act and to pray?

Sunday, October 24th

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: Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18; Luke 8:9-14