

**Sunday, December 4th**

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: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3; Mark 1:1-8

**Prayer List**

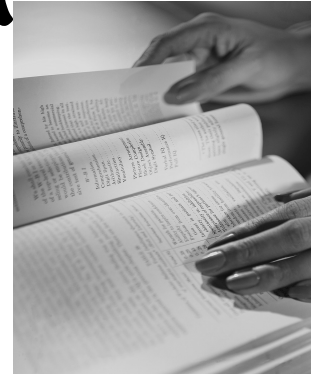
**Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:**

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| The family of Marilyn Davis | Mary Goodwyn                   | Becky Rogers                   |
| Casey Albers and family     | Louise Ogburn                  | Clint Rogers                   |
| Martha G. White             | The family of Anna Ruth Greene | Doug Poole                     |
| David Dalton                | Julie and Keefe Newsome        | Junior McHenry                 |
| Betty Thompson              | Layton Powell                  | Laura Martin                   |
| Otha Wilkins                | Kathy McReynolds               | Dennis Hammond                 |
| Scott Carter                | Lois Farmer                    | Peggy Brightwell               |
| Carrie Stostetter           | Dale Drew                      | Rob Hartzell                   |
| Tom Tanner                  | Bessie Owens                   | Edna Bagley                    |
| Charlotte and Lawrence Webb | Melvina Wright                 | Elaine Wright                  |
| Jerry Davidson              | George Andrews                 | Edith Tanner                   |
| Agnes Thompson              | Becky Kelley                   | Katlyn Wells                   |
| Carolyn Foster              | Danny Ilacqua                  | Ber tha Arthur                 |
| Jack Bender                 | Sheila Cage                    | Virginia Overby                |
| Ogburn Taylor               | Susan Murray                   | Audrey Smith                   |
| Hazel Taylor                | Frances Seamans                | All who are lonely this season |
| Hilda Ozlin                 | Betty Yerby                    | Frances Jenkins                |
| Billy Hawthorne             | Our church body                | Anne Hudson                    |
| Virginia and Vernon Gee     | Grace Marshall                 | Harold Springer                |
| David Jones and family      | Frances Hawthorne              | Robert Wallace                 |
| Allen Alcock and family     | Harry and Margaret Smith       | The family of Aunt Sara        |
| David Cook and family       |                                | Mae Overby                     |
|                             |                                | Cynthia Peebles                |

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

# Transformation Journal

November 27, 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, November 27th**

Sermon Notes:

Read Isaiah 64. Can you feel the longing and anticipation that Isaiah has for God’s coming in this passage? Can you relate to longing for God that deeply? Ask God to increase your passion for seeing God present today!

*Prayer focus: Pray for our church, that we will be filled with anticipation and excitement as we move through the season of Advent.*

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**Monday, November 28th**

Read Matthew 1:1-17. Think about each of these generations looking to see the coming of Jesus that is a reality for us today. Thank God for the joy available to us as people who have the chance to know Christ!

*Prayer focus: Pray for Pastor Andrew and his family, that they might be filled with the joy of Christ's birth!*

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**Tuesday, November 29th**

Read Luke 2:25-35. Imagine yourself as Simeon. How would you feel when you finally see the Christ child? Can you imagine living your entire life in anticipation of something God has told you?

*Prayer focus: Pray for church plants, Journey UMC and the Stand UMC, to live in faith looking for God to work in their midst.*

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**Wednesday, November 30th**

Read Hebrews 11:13-16. What you seek and long for says a lot about who you are. What are you longing for? Ask God to give you godly passions!

*Prayer focus: Pray for the worldwide church, that we would be filled with a passion to see the things of God*

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**Thursday, December 1st**

Read Luke 2:36-38. Envision living as Anna did with all of your energy and focus on God. How would you feel about seeing the baby Jesus? How can you learn from Anna?

*Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms that she would grow in her devotion to Jesus and her joy at seeing Christ.*

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**Friday, December 2nd**

Read John 17:13. Jesus prays that we would have his joy made complete in us. Do you think of Jesus as a joy-filled person? Do you have Jesus' joy in you?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the United Methodist Church, that we would reflect the joy of Christ to a world in need of joy.*

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**Saturday, December 3rd**

Read Hebrews 1:8-9. God anointed Jesus with joy "far above his companions." How does that impact your understanding of Jesus' prayer that we would have his joy (see yesterday's reading)?

*Prayer focus: Pray that the people of Liberia and Sierra Leone would know the joy of Christmas this year.*

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