

Sunday, December 11th

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 61; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5; John 1

Prayer List

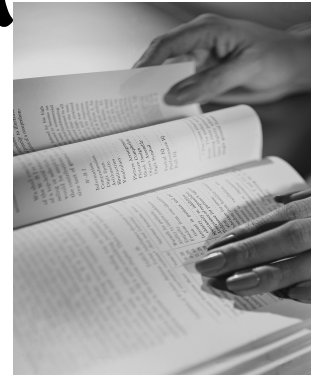
Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:

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| Layton Powell | Brad and Laurie Morris | Mike Gregory |
| Frances Seamans | David Cook and family | Harry and Margaret Smith |
| Lois Farmer | Mike Brown | Audrey Smith |
| Kathy McReynolds | Tom Tanner | Elaine Wright |
| Frank Salyers | Agnes TThompson | Doug Poole |
| Candice Barefoot | Charlotte and Lawrence Webb | Junior McHenry |
| Drew | Jerry Davidson | Tom Hix |
| Dale | Betty Thompson | Edna Bagley |
| Sheila Cage | Scott Carter | Jeff Hendricks |
| Tommy Cage | Carrie Stostetter | Bertha Arthur |
| Becky Kelley | Otha Wilkins | Harold Springer |
| Betty Yerby | Michelle Honeycutt | Melinda Bagley |
| Our church body | Jo Ann Vansickle | Rob Hertzell |
| Frances Hawthorne | Grace Marshall | Peggy Brightwell |
| Elizabeth Crowder | Edith Hite | Jane Ballard |
| Charis Storms | Hilda Ozlin | Dorothy Driskill |
| The family of Margaret Farrell | Hazel Taylor | Dennis Chumney |
| Vernon Gee | Marsha Bond Pollworth | Ruth Hathcock |
| Billy Hawthorne | Louise Ogburn | Louise Hurt |
| David Jones and family | Mary Goodwyn | Alicia Clary |
| Allen Alcock and family | Edith Tanner | |

Others I would like to pray for:

Transformation Journal

December 4, 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, December 4th

Sermon Notes:

Read Isaiah 40. Are you able to hear God speaking words of comfort and consolation to you today? In the midst of that comfort, can you hear God declaring that people are grass that will wither, so we need to find our Joy and Hope in God?

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

Monday, December 5th

Read Mark 1:1-8. The way for Jesus' coming was prepared by the call to repentance. Repentance recognizes our sinfulness, our desire to change, and God's desire to forgive. How do you need to repent?

Prayer focus: Pray for Pastor Andrew and his family, that they would prepare for Christ's coming through repentance.

Tuesday, December 6th

Read 2 Peter 3:8-15. How has God been patient with you in giving you time to come to repentance? Are there areas of your life that you have needed to repent of for a long time? Talk with God about them.

Prayer focus: Pray for church plants, Journey UMC and the Stand UMC, to be God's tools for drawing people to repentance.

Wednesday, December 7th

Read Romans 2:1-4. Do you think of God as being kind? Why or why not? Do you represent the kindness of God to those around you? How has the kindness of God led you to repentance?

Prayer focus: Pray for the worldwide church, that we would recognize the kindness of God and live in response to God's kindness.

Thursday, December 8th

Read Ezekiel 18:20-24. God's desire is that all people would turn to God. Talk with God about people you know have yet to embrace Joy. Ask God to be working in their hearts and lives.

Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms that she would be able to point the people around her towards the Joy of God's love.

Friday, December 9th

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17. Paul's recognition of his sinfulness and God's grace at work in him helped him to embrace the Joy of salvation and new life. Do you see your sinfulness?

Prayer focus: Pray for the United Methodist Church, that we recognize our sinfulness, repent, and be the church God is calling us to be.

Saturday, December 10th

Read Revelation 22:12. Read through this verse several times and ask God what invitation God offers you. Are you willing to embrace Joy and come to God?

Prayer focus: Pray that the people of Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, and Senegal would know the joy of Christmas this year.
