

Circuit Writer

Feeding the Spirit, Mind and Body

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From the Pastor's heart...

Everyone once in a while I come across an article which resonates deeply in my spirit. As I was preparing to write my November Newsletter article, the following article from United Methodist Communications appeared on my Facebook feed with some excellent ways to pray for your pastor. Prayer is the very lifeblood of my ministry. I invite you to consider praying for me and our work together with the following recommendations. My heartfelt thanks to you for all your support and love.

You are loved! ~ Pastor Tizzy

The life of a United Methodist pastor is filled with a variety of responsibilities. They preach, teach, visit, counsel, lead, consult, communicate, budget, clean, and so much more. Pastoring a church is not a job that can be done well under the pastor's power alone. Every pastor relies heavily on God's guidance, strength and peace as they live into their call. One of the best ways we can support our pastors and show them our appreciation is to regularly pray for them. But it can be difficult to know exactly what we should pray for. To help get started, we've assembled fifteen areas of pastors' lives and ministries where they would value your prayers.

1. ***Spiritual lives*** - Our pastors' spiritual lives are important to their finding the wisdom, strength and guidance necessary to lead a church. Pray for your pastors' growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit works through them to serve your congregation and community.

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Church Events

- 11/4 All Saints Sunday and Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11/7 Advent Bible Study Begins - 6:30 pm (Office Workroom)
- 11/13 Church Council - 6:30 pm (Social Hall)
- 11/13 West End Alliance - 6:30 pm (Parlor)
- 11/17 Holiday Festival - 9 am (Social Hall)
- 11/19 December Newsletter Deadline - 12 pm
- 11/22 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- 11/27 Social Hall in Use by Member
- Food Pantry (every Wednesday) at 9 am
- Bible Study (every Wednesday) at 6:30 pm in the Office Workroom
- Choir Practice (every Thursday) at 6:30 pm in Sanctuary

2. **Time management** - With all of their responsibilities, United Methodist pastors need to become masters of their calendars. John Wesley knew this back in the 1700s. He instructed the preachers, "Never trifle away time." Pray for your pastors to use time wisely, including blocking out occasions for Sabbath rest, prayer, work and family.

3. **Families** - Speaking of families, it is important to remember that our ministers may also be a spouse, a parent, and a child to parents who have needs. Remember to pray for your pastor's family.

4. **Preaching** - Delivering a great sermon (and the ones that are less than great) takes hours of study and preparation. Pray for your pastors as they prepare worship services, sacraments and sermons. May they have the words to communicate what God has placed on their hearts.

5. **Strength** - The work of a pastor requires reserves of spiritual and emotional strength. Ask God to bolster ministers' hearts and minds, especially on days when they feel weak, inadequate, or unqualified.

6. **Visiting ministries** - Visiting people in hospital rooms, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, memory centers, hospice units, homes and jail cells, is an important part of your pastor's job. Pray for her or his ability to connect with those who are struggling and to share God's comfort, peace and hope.

7. **Leadership** - Pastors shepherd their congregations, lead individuals to Christ and guide the church as a witness to the work of God in our communities. Pray for your pastor's ability to lead your congregation.

8. **Decision-making** - Being a leader includes making difficult decisions. Sometimes that means making a call when the "right answer" is elusive. Other times it is about making an unpopular choice. Pray for God to guide your pastor's decisions.

9. **Ministry with the poor** - Pastors are called upon to help those who do not have enough food, rent money, or the ability to pay a utility bill. They also lead their congregations to do the same. Pray that your pastor has the wisdom and resources necessary to help those in need, and that he or she might represent Jesus well to those who feel forgotten.

10. **Communication** - We've all sent a note, email or text that is misunderstood by the recipient. Ministers reach out to so many people, miscommunication is nearly impossible to avoid. Ask God to make your pastor's communication clear and for grace when he or she is misunderstood.

11. **Conflict** - Conflicts sometimes arise when people miscommunicate and disagree. Some conflicts are serious, while others are petty. Pray for your pastors' strength, wisdom, patience and discernment as they navigate the conflicts that arise.

12. **Vision** - United Methodist pastors help set the vision for their congregations. Pray that your pastor may clearly see where God is leading your church and for opportunities for ministries to grow in those areas.

13. **Finances** - Money worries can be a big distraction. Pray for financial peace for your pastor, both with the congregation's budget and his or her family finances.

14. **Health** - Your pastor's physical health is important. Pray for them to take time to care for their bodies through rest, exercise, and eating well.

15. **Encouragement** - Pray for your pastors to be encouraged today. Pray that they might know in their hearts the differences they make in the lives of individuals, in your congregation, and in your community.

You can be an answer to prayer when you encourage your ministers. Write a note, text or email to let them know what a difference they make in your life. They will surely appreciate it.

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Prayer Requests

Sandy Allen
Betty Barnhardt
Scott Baugher
Louise Bennett
Dave Botkin
Kelly Botkin
Matt Brown
Alex Caldwell
Melinda Campbell
Phil Carletti
Charles Chenault
John Clatterbaugh
Carmen Collins
Rodney Davis
Jonathan Gillette
Rhonda Harley
Jerry Harman
Mark Harman
Wendy Harman
Butch Hartless
Lynn Hunter

Peggy Knowles
Marcella Landram
Carrie Lotts
Teresa McFarling
Danielle McPherson
Dana Moore
Fern Moran
Elizabeth Poe
Penny Walker Reen
John Rexrode
Billy Rischol
Kim Rohr
George Sanderson
Paul Sandridge
Ina Mae Sheets
Katherine Sheets
Evelyn Smith
Leta Wimer
Haley Wisman
Tommy Wood

also...

Those in the Armed Services, The United Methodist Church, Our Local UM Churches, Our Community and Our Nation

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- The family of Walter S. Tweedy, Jr. following his death on Thursday, October 18th.
- Peggy Barkley and the family of Herbert Barkley following his death on Wednesday, October 24th.



In Memoriam

Herbert L. Barkley

December 10, 1931 - October 24, 2018

Joined Marquis Memorial UMC on May 3, 1942

Birthdays/Anniversaries

3 Gail Dobbs	16 Elizabeth Poe
5 Sarah Lane	20 Scott Rexrode
6 Faye McCauley	29 Linda Cox
8 Barbara Painter	30 Mary Ann Clatterbaugh
9 Garrett Glendye	Kathy Michael
Celeste Ziegler	Tyler Michael
11 Nicole Fauver	Andrea Sayers
13 Joe Barton	

♥ Congratulations to following couples who will celebrate anniversaries this month:

Nov. 2 - Gary & Helen Swats - 50 years
Nov. 11 - Joe & Kathy Bush - 29 years
Nov. 11 - Ed & Polly Guffey - 51 years
Nov. 19 - Warren & Debbie Faught - 30 years
Nov. 23 - Joe & Audrey Baugher - 61 years

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 30th - Charge Conference - 6 pm in the Social Hall - All are welcome to attend!

Wednesday, October 31st - Community Trunk and Treat - 6 pm at the Staunton Mall

Sunday, November 4th - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 4th - All Saints Sunday - We will remember church members and close friends and family who have died in the past year. If you have someone you would like remembered, please notify the church office before noon on Wednesday, October 31st.

Wednesday, November 7th - Advent Bible Study begins - sign up by November 1st to get a book.

Monday, November 27th - Staunton Christmas Parade - 7 pm in Downtown Staunton - Stop by the backside of First Citizen's Bank (down from Hardee's) for a free cup of coffee as you head to the parade. We love to share God's love in a practical way!

Advent Bible Study

Sign up today for *Christmas From the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Study will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Office Workroom from Nov 7th - Dec 19th. The cost is \$11.50 for the study guide (paperback) OR order your own ebook from Amazon for \$9.50 Sign up in the Arcade by Thursday, Nov 1st.

Holiday Festival

Help us fund the missions of the church by supporting this upcoming event on November 17th. We need your help with the following: Donations of jewelry, arts & crafts, holiday decorations, kitchen items, books and items for our silent auction (art, gift certificates, gift baskets, etc.). ALL items must be sellable and in good condition. We also need lots of baked goods (variety of bread, cakes, pies, cupcakes, candy, cookies, etc.), jams, jellies, pickles, etc. Contact Polly Guffey at 885-0541 for more information.

Food Pantry / Box Tops

In observance of Thanksgiving, for the month of November the Mission Committee is seeking the following items:

- Canned Meats
- Canned Vegetables

Want to help our local schools earn money? Collect Box Tops for Education and place them in the can on the table by the SMILE board. It's easy to find Box Tops. In fact, you may have some in your home right now. Clip Box Tops from your favorite products and turn them in, Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they add up fast! There is also a list of eligible products on the bulletin board in the Arcade.

Thank you

Thanks to all for the nice cards, calls, food, visits and prayers that I received during my recent fall and illness. May God bless each of you with love and blessings. ~ Leta Wimer

Bible Reading Plan

Thu, 11/1	Matthew 20-21
Fri, 11/2	Luke 18:15-19:48
Sat, 11/3	Mark 11, John 12
Sun, 11/4	Matthew 22, Mark 12
Mon, 11/5	Matthew 23, Luke 20-21
Tue, 11/6	Mark 13
Wed, 11/7	Matthew 24
Thu, 11/8	Matthew 25
Fri, 11/9	Matthew 26, Mark 14
Sat, 11/10	Luke 22, John 13
Sun, 11/11	John 14-17
Mon, 11/12	Matthew 27, Mark 15
Tue, 11/13	Luke 23, John 18-19
Wed, 11/14	Matthew 28, Mark 16
Thu, 11/15	Luke 24, John 20-21
Fri, 11/16	Acts 1-3
Sat, 11/17	Acts 4-6
Sun, 11/18	Acts 7-8
Mon, 11/19	Acts 9-10
Tue, 11/20	Acts 11-12
Wed, 11/21	Acts 13-14
Thu, 11/22	James 1-5
Fri, 11/23	Acts 15-16
Sat, 11/24	Galatians 1-3
Sun, 11/25	Galatians 4-6
Mon, 11/26	Acts 17-18:18
Tue, 11/27	1 Thessalonians 1-5, 2 Thess 1-3
Wed, 11/28	Acts 18:19-19:41
Thu, 11/29	1 Corinthians 1-4
Fri, 11/30	1 Corinthians 5-8

Anyone interested in helping with the Staunton Secret Boutique? There will be a meeting on Thursday, November 8th (time and location TBD) to discuss plans to open the boutique for the holidays. They have trained volunteers waiting to jump into action and the support of several dozen JMU students who are eager to help us get set up. Clothes to stock the boutique are waiting at the Waynesboro location, and we have launched campaigns to collect our initial stock of personal care products and school supplies. Contact the church office for more information.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

**NOVEMBER 17TH
9 AM - 2 PM**

Local Crafters (Wreaths, Photography, Knitted/Sewn/Crafted Items)

Avon • Color Street Nails • Mary Kay • Pampered Chef

Paparazzi Jewelry • Scentsy • Tastefully Simple

Thirty-One • Tupperware • Usborne Children's Books

Plus...

Silent Auction • Bake Sale • Book Sale • Country Store • Jewelry

Holiday Decorations • Kitchen Items • Kid's Corner

Food Booth (Biscuits & Gravy, Soup, Hot Dogs & Country Ham)

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