

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:9-10

The last few months have been hard. And I don't just mean for me as an individual, or my family; but for many in the church. I am a firm believer in the reality of Spiritual Warfare – the idea that we have an enemy (Satan) who is actively working against us. He is the father of lies (John 8:44) and he is a thief who wants nothing more than to kill, steal and destroy (John 10:10).

One thing I believe to be true is the more we threaten Satan the greater his attacks against us will be. Or in other words, the more we follow Jesus and work to accomplish His mission of saving the world through preaching His Gospel and loving people in His name, the more opposition we should expect from our enemy. As the Bible says, "Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." (2 Timothy 3:12)

I believe this is why so many people in our church are experiencing or have experienced some opposition in the last few months. Perhaps you are one of those people. You feel like the deck is stacked against you right now, or that everything seems to be going wrong. You might think, "Can I ever catch a break?" or "Where is the light at the end of the tunnel?" or "Why is this happening to me?" I don't pretend to have all the answers, but some of these things may be attacks by our enemy.

Perhaps this is news to you. The last few months have been wonderful for you. You feel like God is blessing and protecting you and you are walking closely with Jesus. Praise God! I rejoice with you in your joy.

But whether you are currently suffering or rejoicing, the one thing we can (and should!!) all be doing is praying for our church! I would encourage you to make praying for the church as part of your regular routine. I believe this is a serious part of how we "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2).

Your prayers are needed. Here are a few ways that you can pray for your church:

- Pray for a different member of the church each day (the directory is a great help!). You may not know their needs, but God does.
- Pray for God's protection, healing and provision for each of our members.
- Pray for each of the different ministries of the church. The bulletin board by the Communication Table has them listed.
- Pray for the leadership of the church. Pray for wisdom, humility and God's guidance.
- Pray that we would each hunger for God's Word.
- Pray that we would each give faithfully of our time and finances.

In Christ,

Pastor Kevin

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Birthdays

Beth Petersen 10/1
 Lily Venema 10/4
 Sally Zalud 10/6
 Bernie Fraser 10/9
 First Congregational Church (161 years)..... 10/13
 Laurene Taylor..... 10/15
 Sydney Urban 10/21
 Marni Wiggins 10/28

Anniversaries

Ron & Bev Webber..... 10/18
 Gary & Joanne Himebauch 10/27

If you would like your birthday or wedding anniversary to be included here, please drop a note to the office

Servant Schedule

Date	Refresh.	Ushers	Nursery	Liturgist	Sunday School
10/7	Missions	Group 1	Sue R	Prakash M	Claire A
10/14		Group 2			Jess & Cory
10/21		Group 3			Claire A
10/28		Group 1			Reyna T
11/4		Group 2			Sara

Notice: Photographs taken at church events are included in the newsletter, on our website and our Facebook page. If you would prefer not to have your photo posted to any of these forums, please contact the church office.

Articles for the November Newsletter are due in the office by 8:00 am on Friday, Oct. 26

Stewardship @ 9/21/18

	Income	Expenses	Over (Short)
Offering	91,656.16	82,997.11	8,659.05
Other Income	3,783.92		
Total	95,440.08	82,997.11	12,442.97
	9/2	9/9	9/16
Attendance	63	61	72

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From the Moderator....

The leaves are turning color; the weather is changing; fall is in the air.

There are many things going on in our church. We are busy doing God's work with lots of ministries. Good News club is starting; back pack program will begin soon.

I want to remind you of several events that are coming up.

First is our annual Consecration Sunday. It's only two weeks away! Please plan to attend church that morning and stay for a delicious catered meal from David Alan Alan's. This is a big day in our church. It is also the only day we talk about our church finances and how we are called by God to financially support our many ministries.

We have a Listening Session scheduled for October 7th right after worship. Our budget & finance director and the missions team will be available to answer questions regarding the 10% benevolence and 10% intentional savings plan being proposed in our November budget.

Saturday, October 13th is our benefit concert night. Plan to come hear Jerry Eisner, the King's voice, as he performs Elvis' gospel songs. There will be a raffle of donated items from local businesses and church members. Dessert will be available for purchase after the concert. Tickets for the concert are available now: \$10 in advance, \$12.00 at the door. Raffle tickets will be available that night beginning at 5:30. The drawing will be the next day after worship. This benefits "Our Friend in Need", Sue Roberts.

Sunday, November 4th is our community wide Celebration of Music. Plan to come at 2:00 to hear some of Mukwonago's best local talent. It's always an enjoyable time. As always, this concert is free, but this year, a free will offering will be taken to benefit "Our Friend in Need", Sue.

November 11th is the fall business meeting. We will convene right after worship. Our 2019 budget will be presented. Agenda and Nominating committee reports will be available on Sunday, October 28th, two weeks before the meeting, as our Constitution requires. Just a reminder, our

Nominating committee is busy doing their best to fill offices of the church. Please prayerfully consider how you might serve this congregation. We always welcome new faces to help carry the workload.

Lots going on (as usual) see you in church!

Rae-Ellen Preuss
Moderator



Hope Center Meal – Friday, October 12 – 5 p.m.

We'll be serving a meal on this evening and we'd love your help with serving and/or a donation of a dessert. If you haven't served and have been thinking you'd like to give it a try, now is your chance to be with others who have helped serve in the past. See signup sheet on Connection Table.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Coming!

October 14th – Connie Marks will be with us on October 14 as we kickoff our shoebox campaign. Connie was with a team that delivered shoeboxes to Cameroon this summer and will have pictures of the delivery.

Good News Club – Our first session is coming quickly on October 4th! We ask for your prayers as we begin this outreach in our community.

Linda Garasimowicz



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October, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 Scouts	2 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Made with Love 6:30 Choir	3	4 3:30 Good News Club	5	6
7 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch Listening Session	8 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 Scouts	9 6:30 Choir	10 1:00 Book Study 5:00 Quilters	11 3:30 Good News Club	12 5:00 Hope Center Meal	13 5:30 Raffle Sale 7:00 Fundraiser Concert
14 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch Raffle Drawing	15 Pastor's Day Off	16 10:00 Made With Love 12:30 Women's Fellow. 6:30 Choir 6:30 Scouts Cmte	17	18 3:30 Good News Club 6:30 Council	19	20 10:00 Family Led Mtg.
21 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch 1:00 Linden Ridge	22 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 Scouts	23 10:00 Made With Love 6:30 Choir	24 1:00 Book Study 6:30 Missions Team	25	26 Articles Due	27
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