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PRAY in 2019



We have begun yet another year. Aside from our own personal resolutions, we should be asking ourselves, “how can I pray more effectively this year?” As faithful followers of Christ, this should give us pause to

be still and focus on the Lord and His purposes. If we truly desire to see God’s Kingdom come, WE MUST PRAY for the world that God loves so much. After all, “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” (James 5:16). Be encouraged as it is Jesus who makes us righteous (for all those who believe in Him), making our prayers powerful!!!

As we begin 2019, let us “devote” ourselves to prayer. Colossians 4:2 says, “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Maintaining focus in prayer can be difficult, especially in the digital culture. That is why we have encouraged fasting media and technology in addition to different types on food fasts. Old habits die hard. Let’s put away the screens, and quiet our hearts and minds, so we can focus on The Creator and His purposes!

Below are some ideas of things to pray for as you seek the Lord this year:

OUR CHURCH

We ask for you to be in prayer for the Leadership, the Ministries and the individuals and families in our Church. Pray for God's leading in ALL things this year. Your investment in prayer for our church is a strategic investment in the world in which it exists. God loves His Bride (The Church). God will use His Bride to call the nations to repentance. Glory to His name!

THE GLOBAL CHURCH

In 2019 the global Church will have extraordinary opportunities to magnify the glory of God in Jesus Christ. The gospel is "bearing fruit and increasing" in the "whole world" (Col. 1:6). David Garrison reports in the book, A Wind in the House of Islam that more Muslims have come to Christ in the last two decades than in the first 13 centuries of Islam. But the Church also faces challenges, ranging from the rapid growth of the prosperity Gospel in sub-Saharan Africa to theological revisionism of Biblical teaching on human sexuality all over the world.

Additionally, as the Voice of the Martyrs has shared with us, followers of Christ are systematically persecuted around the world every day. Let us pray that, by the power of Christ in them, they will joyfully and faithfully endure these trials knowing that they "have a better possession and an abiding one" (Heb. 10:34-36).

THE POOR AND THE OPPRESSED

Locally, we know that families and individuals struggle. We can offer clothes, food, money and housing assistance, BUT DO WE PRAY?! We

must ask the Lord to intervene. To Rescue. To Comfort. To Save. To Heal. Our efforts done in faith are so meaningful for so many, but WE MUST ALSO PRAY for them.

2019 will likely see increased tension in the global refugee crisis. Additionally, we see South American migration and Mexican Border issues in the news all the time. Do we only see these issues with American political eyes? Or do we see these people and situations with KINGDOM eyes? While keeping in mind that God sovereignly moves people for his redemptive purposes, we should pray His mercy to ease crisis. As solutions to the crisis come, pray that these solutions would magnify the glory of Christ to the world.

YOU

When you pray for yourself, what do you pray for/about? Material things? Health? Right relationships with people? What about your heart? Do you ever ask God to reveal *YOUR* heart to *YOU*? I encourage you to ask the Lord this year to help you see yourself rightly. Additionally, be encouraged to seek Him out for who He really is...Not who you *WISH* Him to be.

Read Psalm 51. Pray Psalm 51. This Psalm realigns us with our Lord. It causes us to think rightly of ourselves and our Redeemer.

THE RETURN OF JESUS

It is fitting that the Bible ends with “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev. 22:20) When Jesus comes, He will set everything straight. He will make all things new (Rev. 21:5). Oh Lord Jesus come!

My friends, let us pray.

~Pastor Dave

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, January 9

- 9:45 a.m., Senior Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- 7:00 a.m., YEC meets in the Fireside room.
- 7:00 a.m., Seventy4 Bible Study meets in the youth room.
- 7:30 p.m., College & Career Bible Study at the Windham's.

Saturday, January 12

- 7:00 a.m., Men's Bible Study meets in the Conference Room.

Sunday, January 13

- 8:30-10:00 a.m., Library will be open.
- 8:30 a.m., Coffee and Fellowship time.
- 8:30 a.m., Bible Memory Ministries meets in the Sunday School Wing.
- 9:00 a.m., Sunday School for all ages.
- 9:00 a.m., Prayer time in the Sanctuary.
- 10:00 a.m., Kings Kids meets in the upstairs Sunday School wing.
- 10:00 a.m., Children's church meets in the Fireside Room.
- 10:00 a.m., Worship Service with Ross Miller/Remembrance Sunday.

FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR OUR PEOPLE:

- Briana Coblenz for health concerns.
- Dave Domer recovering from surgery.
- Galen Sommers with health concerns.
- Mary Gillman for family concerns.
- Cass Nisly with health concerns.
- Marilyn Wagler for continued healing for her leg.

PRAY FOR THE BROADER CHURCH & THE WORLD

- **The extended ministry of our church:** Wooster Church Plant; Eric & Briana & Family with Pioneers in SE Asia; Kyle & Dani Troyer family in Haiti; Galen & Bonnie Stutzman with Wycliffe.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- Hunter David Kauffman (infant relative of Lloyd & Mary King and Brittany & Kevin King) was born at 26 weeks with health concerns.
- Cheryl Cunningham (friend of Lisa Rowland) with health concerns.

HOMEBOUND CHURCH FAMILY: Galen Sommers; John Horn; Kathryn Slabaugh at the Homestead; Delilah Hershberger at the Homestead; Clara Hostetler at the Hennis in Dover; Loyal Schloneger at Oakhill Manor in Louisville; Emanuel Yoder at Walnut Hills; Elsie Blieler at St. Luke's.

FOR THE RECORD - FIRST FRUIT TITHES & OFFERINGS

December 31-January 6, 2019

Ministry (General) Fund	\$14,482.33
Property Development Fund	7,970.00
Special Designations	7,905.00
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Attendance Sunday, 01/06:

Worship Service	528
Sunday School	296

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 7-11

- 7th – Proverbs 3:1-12
- 8th – Revelation 3:14-22
- 9th – Matthew 16:13-28
- 10th – Romans 12
- 11th – Matthew 7:24-27

REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY will be this coming Sunday, January 13th. We will be remembering those in our congregation who passed away this past year and you will be given the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

YEC NEWS! YEC will be meeting on Wednesday, January 9th and then starting on January 23rd we will meet every week for 6 weeks.



PRAYER TIME in the Sanctuary on Sunday's January 13, 20 & 27 during the Sunday School hour from 9:00-9:40 a.m. **There will still be Adult Sunday School available to attend.**

BAPTISM CLASS will begin soon. If you are interested in joining see one of the pastors or let the office know.

INFANT NURSERY will be combined with toddler nursery during construction. Parents are welcome to use the cry room if needed during the service. Thanks for your cooperation during this time.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OF 1 JOHN will begin on Thursday, January 17 at 9:30am in the Conference Room. This is a six-week study that will be led by Alyssa Scheck. Sign up at the Information Center. We are hoping to offer childcare for anyone who needs it. If you are interested in helping with childcare, please let us know!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GAME NIGHT: Come and join us for a game night on Friday January 18th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall as we play the latest games everyone is talking about (Dutch Blitz and Marbles). Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share (not required). Sign up at the Information Center if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER for Mikaela Penaflor on Sunday, January 20th immediately following the morning worship service in the fellowship hall. Donations will go toward YWAM London.

CONNECT GROUPS

In preparation of the upcoming Connect Group study, read the Gospel of Mark. Meals and Study will begin on Wednesday, January 23.

- 5:45 - 6:45 Meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Meal cost is by donation to help cover costs
- 7:00 - 7:10 Gospel of Mark study by Francis Chan will be shown in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:10 - 8:00 Adult Connect Groups will break into meeting rooms. There will be an open group meeting in the Fellowship Hall.
- 7:00 - 8:00 Child Care Provided as well as classes for students of all ages.

If you would like to join a Connect group or change Connect groups, please email butch@evermorecc.org.



I have been so blessed by each one who was there for me during my 3 months of immobility. I want to say thank-you for all prayers, visits, cards, meals and daily chores that were done for me. Everything was greatly appreciated. Love & God's blessings, Marilyn Wagler

GRIEFSHARE is a 13-week support program that offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Griefshare will begin on Tuesday, January 8th from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Contact Cheryl Phipps at 330-877-0282.

OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBER: If you wish to have your offerings recorded for IRS purposes, call the church office (330877-2050) or email info@evermorecc.org to be assigned an offering envelope number and receive an itemized list of your offerings at the end of each year.

HISTORICAL ITEMS NEEDED: The historical committee is looking for old pictures and memorabilia from our past as we prepare to celebrate 75 years as a church next Fall. We are receiving all donated and borrowed items in the office.

FISH ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED: Dish soap, Shampoo, Facial tissues, Deodorant, Cleaning products, Bath soap, Toothpaste and Paper towels.

LODGING NEEDED for a single guy. Looking for a room or small apartment. Contact Dana Carey at 330-329-5152

CUT FIREWOOD is needed for the homeless. Contact Dana Carey at 330-329-5152.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE is building our team and searching for qualified, motivated individuals who have a knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision and values and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. Current position openings include: (1) Communications Manager in Lititz, PA, (2) a Volunteer Training Specialist, home based (U.S. resident) and (3) a Leadership Volunteer Interviewer, home based (U.S. resident). For more information, visit our webpage at www.mds.mennonite.net/whoweare/employment.

COMING EVENTS

January 13, 2019 – Remembrance Sunday
January 19, 2019 – Connect Groups Leaders Training 9:00 a.m.
January 23-February 27, 2019 – Meals & Connect Groups
March 6, 2019 – Ash Wednesday Service
March 9-10, 2019 – Men's Retreat at Camp Luz

The sweetest time of the day is
when you pray. Because you
are talking to the one who
loves you the most.

KING'S KIDS SCHEDULE

Room #12 (Younger)

January 13 – Joe & Kelsey Wood
January 20 – Noah & Hannah Troyer
January 27 – Ross & Britt Nisly

Room #4 (Older)

January 13 – Heidi Mansfield & Rachel Lam
January 20 – Sam & Mindy Blough
January 27 – Andrew & Stephanie Yoder

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Toddler Nursery (S.S.): Norma Miller & Gracie Coblentz
Infant Nursery (10:00 service): Esther Castello & Mae Diller
Toddler Nursery (10:00 service): Dan & Whitney Beachy
Helpers: Kennedy Shuman & Evanne Mast

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Toddler Nursery (S.S.): Mark & Alesia Jarrard
Infant Nursery (10:00 service): Jorge & Kristin Bayona
Toddler Nursery (10:00 service): Joni Windham & Girls
Helpers: Lilly, Kassy & Jesse Yoder

Note: If you cannot serve in the nursery when you are scheduled, please switch with someone then contact Ashlee Hershberger at 330-805-023

Library Hours: Sunday - 8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Note: If you cannot serve in the library on the day you are scheduled, contact Marilyn Miller 330-877-3832.

January 13 -Mary Ann Sommers

January 20 -Chris Mattingly

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

