



Prayer

What does the Bible say about prayer?

James 5

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Matthew 6

7 “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 “Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.

10 May your kingdom come.

May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.....”

Acts 2:42

They (new converts) devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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Prayer is an essential element of a Christian's life. Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament we read about God's people praying. We pray because of our faith and because we believe God hears and answers our prayers in accordance with God's will. Our God is a relational God. God wants to hear from us, our hopes, dreams, concerns, praise and adoration, confession, etc. We pray because we believe "the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."

The people of this church believe this so we have a prayer list. It is our honor and privilege to pray for you and those you love and know, and we want to make sure everyone knows how to make a prayer request. Your request can be praise, for healing, safe travels, peace, whatever is on your heart. Share as much or as little as you want in the request. Your request can be made public or remain confidential (only the prayer group will know your request). Below are the ways to make a request.

How to Submit a Prayer Request

There are five ways to have a prayer request added to the PCW Prayer List:

- ♦ Call the Church Office (636-239-3178) during the office week and office personnel will add it to the list.
- ♦ Email the Church Office (office@presbywashmo.org) at any time and office personnel will add it to the list.
- ♦ Leave a voice message on the Church Office phone (636-239-3178) after office hours or on the weekend.
- ♦ If you are submitting a request on the weekend, you may also call Linda Booher (314-606-0965) or Sarah Spear (636-221-1192), the Church Life Committee co-chairpersons.
- ♦ Prayer Request cards (found on the round table in the Narthex) may also be filled out and given to the Pastor or an usher before Sunday worship. These cards are available any time and can be placed in the black lock box outside of the Sanctuary.

When submitting a request, please include:

date,
your name,
reason for the request,
if a pastoral call or visit is desired, and
if the request may be shared publicly or should remain confidential.

PLEASE remember that if you are adding someone to the list, make sure you have their permission and be sure you know what the person wants to be shared. Give out general information only, what you are comfortable with people knowing. The church will respect your privacy.

All prayer requests will be made public to people who receive the Tuesday *PCW What's Up* weekly email and via the prayer list on the table in the Narthex unless confidentiality is requested.

Individual members and the PCW Prayer Group are honored with the privilege of praying for all the people on the Prayer List.

After a few weeks of the request being on the Prayer List, follow-up calls will be made to the requestor by a designated person just to check on whether the prayer request should remain on the list or be taken off the list.

Stephanie Knopf, Moderator of the PCW Session
Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Louis

Pastoral Search Committee Begins Its Work



Under the direction of the Rev. Carol DeVaughn of Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery, our Pastoral Nominating Committee met for the first time on May 19. From left are Steve Sebastian, Ian McCracken, Carol DeVaughn, Mary Ellenberger, Gerry Urban, and Nancy Thater. This committee will find suitable candidates, research and interview them, and eventually recommend a candidate to become the fulltime pastor of our church. **To learn more about each committee member, see below.**

Approximately how many years have you been a member of our church?

Ian McCracken: About 10 years.

Gerry Urban: About 10 years.

Mary Ellenberger: Over 10 years.

Nancy Thater: Since the late 1980s.

Steve Sebastian: 6 and a half years.

Have you ever served on a Pastoral Nominating Committee?

Ian: No.

Gerry: Yes, at Zion United Church of Christ in Union.

Mary: No.

Nancy: Yes, at John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Bridgeton.

Steve: No.

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Have you served on any previous committees at PCW that were especially meaningful to you?

Ian: I recently served on the Mission Study Team, was former chairman of the Christian Education Committee, previously served on the Worship and Music Committee, and currently serve on the Outreach Committee and the Christian Education Committee.

Gerry: I am currently serving on the Christian Education Committee.

Mary: I am currently serving on the Personnel Committee and the Property Committee.

Nancy: I served on Church Life Committee.

Steve: I served on the Property Committee and am currently the co-chair of the Cemetery Board.

Did you attend college?

Ian: I have a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla.

Gerry: I earned a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and an educational specialist degree all at Mizzou.

Mary: I have a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and a master's degree in immunology from Iowa State University. I did a residency in lab animal medicine at MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Nancy: I have a bachelor of arts degree in history from Mizzou, a bachelor of science degree in social studies from Mizzou, a master's degree in history from University of Missouri/St. Louis, and a master's degree in secondary administration from Missouri Baptist University.

Steve: I attended Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri.

If you are employed now, where did you work and what is your job title or duties? If you are retired, where did you work the longest stretch of time?

Ian: I am a civil engineer for BioSpan Technologies, Inc., a manufacturing company in Washington that makes bio-based (not petroleum) pavement preservation products.

Gerry: I taught 30 years in Missouri public schools, retiring in 2004 after 19 years at Washington High School as a resource teacher for learning disabilities. Earlier in my career, I taught reading at the elementary school level and was also a learning disabilities resource teacher.

Mary: I work as a lab animal vet at Washington University in St. Louis as part of a team with 8 other veterinarians, many vet techs, and more than 150 animal care staff members. It's a large and diverse team, but we are all focused on producing excellent care for the research animals used at the University. Every day brings new challenges as the research moves forward.

Nancy: I taught 31 years at Pacific High School: World History, Missouri History, and Honors American History for St. Louis University. I was the Gifted Coordinator for MVR-III District and also taught gifted education. At Missouri Baptist University, I was an adjunct education professor for 15 years. At school I led 21 student trips to Washington, D.C. for week-long studies, and 17 international trips with students. Destinations included Australia and New Zealand.

Steve: I apprenticed in the PGA and became a PGA member in 1976. For several years I owned a small business with a fleet of golf carts, a golf shop of merchandise, and other items needed to run a golf operation. Most of my golfing career was spent as a country club professional at Algonquin Golf Club in Glendale. Over the years I hired many young men and women, from caddies to service employees to retail personnel to assistant professionals to teaching pro's, etc. (Bob and Jan's son Jimmy was one of the caddies I hired many years ago.) Later I served as manager of another country club.

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What skills or talents have you enjoyed sharing with our congregation ?

Ian: Organizing committee projects like Trivia Night and doing youth videos, and then handling the communication/publicity for those projects.

Gerry: My interest in educating and working with young people has always led me to support Christian Education. I have taught Sunday School at our church.

Mary: I've served as a reader and liturgist for Sunday worship services and special services. I also enjoy working with other members of church committees.

Nancy: I am a member of the Thursday Morning Prayer Group. We lift up member concerns. I serve as worship leader and like the Scripture readings. Reading and understanding the Bible is very fulfilling to me.

Steve: I love working in the church cemetery and have learned so much. The people there are wonderful and do not ever complain! I take great pride in our church and church family, and under the ever-watchful eyes of David Brunworth, very much enjoy helping to make our property an aesthetically pleasing place to come.



Support Our Troops In Iraq With Items For the Daughter of Roger and Lee Westerhoff

Master Sergeant Jamie Westerhoff, the 38-year-old daughter of PCW members Roger and Lee Westerhoff, has served in the U.S. Air Force for 17 years and is pictured at the left. Now posted in Al Asan, Iraq, for six months, Jamie supervises a team of 40 in the Security Forces. "For many of these men and women, this is their first deployment," said Lee. "Several church members asked me if they could donate something to the troops, so Roger and I made a list of items that would be useful. We've put a collection box in the Nar-

thex of things the troops would like [see list below]. One thing that wouldn't cost anything are notes of encouragement and support. We are hoping to collect 40 letters so that Jamie can give one to everyone. If you care to write more than one note, it would definitely be appreciated. We will also accept monetary donations, which will pay for the shipping (\$22 per box). We thank you! Please keep our service men and women in your prayers."

- Notes of encouragement and support
- Beef jerky
- Power bars
- Hard candy (regular or sugar free)
- Trail mix
- Flavored water packets
- Snacks
- Cookies
- Puzzle books
- Fuzzy socks
- Wipes (face/body)



Note: No donations that will spill or melt please. The temperature in Iraq gets up to 130 degrees.



Our church's Mission Garden yields about 1,000 pounds of produce every year, and all of it is donated to Loving Hearts food pantry or used in our Meals on Wheels program.

Can you help us weed, plant, pick, bag, or deliver?

Call the church office (636-239-3178) if you'd like to receive regular emails about the garden work schedule. We welcome you whenever you can join us.





Clerk's Corner

By Nancy Sebastian

- ◆ Pastor Stephanie Knopf has been appointed Moderator for our Session at Presbyterian Church of Washington until we have a full-time pastor. Stephanie has been a great addition to our Session group, and we appreciate her support.
- ◆ Pastor Knopf was instrumental in helping realign our Thursday Prayer Group guidelines. Confidentiality will be the key allowing the group to pray for individuals for general prayer concerns. Specific information will not be shared. The new and more protective congregational guidelines will be shared soon.
- ◆ The Mission Committee wanted to remind those signed up for Moment For Ministry the “moment” should be kept to 3-5 minutes.
- ◆ The Mission Committee also volunteered to do a congregational event in September.
- ◆ Concerns have been raised regarding best practices in church safety recently. The Worship and Music Committee was asked to review the best safety precautions. A motion was approved to accept the recommendation of this committee to appoint a safety working group reporting to Session. As per Tom Ellenberger Worship & Music Chair, “The working group will consider safety risks affecting our church, research best practices to address and prepare for the risks and make recommendations to Session for policy making and implementation. These risks will include fire, adverse weather events, health emergencies during worship, violent incidents on church property, and other risks deemed important by the working group. The working group shall be comprised of standing committees (Worship and Music, Property, Others) as well as other interested members of our congregation. Please reach out to Tom Ellenberger if you would like to be a part of this committee. Their report to Session is expected to include recommendations for training and educating our congregation, advance planning for emergencies, changes in procedures for building use during worship and throughout the week, the responsibilities of standing committees with respect to the safety recommendations, and recommendations for any resources (equipment, volunteers, subscriptions, etc.) needed to implement the safety recommendations.”
- ◆ Rev. Emily Rosencrans will be offering Communion to homebound individuals June 23 and June 30. She will be accompanied by a Ruling Elder. If you are unable to attend church and desire Communion at home, please reach out to Ann in the office at 636-239-3178. Ruling Elders will be in attendance but are unable to serve Communion without training from the Presbytery.

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- ♦ It was great to have Rev. Bob Jensen return to the PCW pulpit Sunday, May 26, 2024, with such an insightful and meaningful message. In addition to Bob's wonderful sermon, the choir and bell choir were outstanding. Bob will be with us June 2, 9 and 16. We received wonderful news that he is available in July and August as a Guest Pastor.
- ♦ The recycle box which used to be located right outside the sanctuary has been relocated just inside the closet. Having a recycle basket located directly under the lockbox resulted in a few checks accidentally falling into the basket. Fortunately, a rescue effort was in place for a complete recovery.

Thank you so much to Mauri Truesdell for taking excellent minutes at our recent Session meeting as I was out of town and attending electronically. Technology is wonderful but you do miss some discussions when not there in person.

Blessings in Christ,

Nancy



Our Community Book Sale Netted \$4,817

At our 15th annual sale, we offered 21,000 books for sale in Fellowship Hall, sorted into 30 different categories. The lean machine crew that worked so hard to unpack, sort, display, and sell the books consisted of co-chairs Gretchen Farrell and Kathy Froning, plus Christy Eckert, Katie Farrell, Barbara Mullins, Kathy Rogers, and Robert Van Der Kamp. (In case you were wondering, our book sale was even held in 2020, with our church volunteers and the buying public following COVID guidelines.)

This year's sale total was about \$600 more than last year, and the YMCA Literacy Program Collection tub yielded \$250, about \$40 more than last year. "We add ten percent of our sales amount to that figure, so we gave a check to the Y Literacy Program for almost \$700," noted Gretchen Farrell. In the past 15 years, our book sale has made it possible for the church to raise about \$40,000 and to also donate 800 boxes of books to teachers and other groups in need.

Thank you Book Sale Committee, book donors, book buyers, and the church members who assisted on the sale floor on April 26 and 27.



Thank You to Our May 25th Harvest Table Volunteers.

Join Us Again on August 24 To Serve Dinner at St. Peter's

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped with the Saturday, May 25, Harvest Table event where we served 133 meals. Harvest Table is a great ecumenical organization that serves free warm meals every Saturday evening at St. Peter's UCC to anyone who would like it, or to anyone who would simply like some company during a meal. It takes about two hours to volunteer, serve, and clean up, and it brings such joy to so many people. We typically sign up for four dates each year and have been doing this since the beginning of Harvest Table about 15 years ago. **Look for our two other dates this 2024 year: August 24 and November 9.** Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted about one month prior. We invite you to come join in on this mission fun!



The Mission Committee

Sunday, July 7 Is Our Next Order Date for Scrip

Our next Scrip order date is Sunday, July 7! Please get your Scrip order form and check into the church office or to any of the three Scrip coordinators by Sunday at noon and you will receive your Scrip cards the following Sunday. We have our Scrip order dates once a month on the first Sunday of each month, unless that first Sunday is a holiday, then we will have it on the second Sunday.

Every Scrip order helps our church greatly by giving a percentage back from every sale. There are NO fees for anyone, at any time. When someone orders a \$25 gift card, that is exactly what they get. The Scrip cards are offered to us at a discount and that is the percentage the church makes. Scrip offers cards from over 700 merchants including many local restaurants. Try it and see what you can do. Thanks from your three Scrip Program Coordinators: Becky Vogt, Kathy Froning, and Gretchen Farrell.

Help Us Empty Our Church's Recycled Items

Do you like to recycle anything you get your hands onto? Then we need your help! There are two recycling bins in our Fellowship Hall kitchen and we would like to set up a yearly schedule of picking up those items and either getting them to the town recycling center or putting them in your recycling bins if you live in the Washington, MO, city limits. We are looking for people to take one month of Recycle Duty and empty those bins when needed during that time. Please consider getting a friend or two to join and share your recycling team for a month. Call Gretchen Farrell to sign up for a month. Thank you!





Our congregation does not have an active Presbyterian Women's Group at the present time, but all women can participate this year's national "convention," which will be held in St. Louis, August 8-11, 2024. The Gathering is held every three years in various cities.

The Gathering will begin with dinner on Thursday, August 8, and concludes with morning worship on Sunday, August 11. Sleeping rooms, the exhibit hall, workshops, meals, and bookstore will be at the Marriott St. Louis Grand. Plenary sessions will be held just across the street at America's Center Convention Complex. For complete event details and fees, [click here](#).

Deanna Vincent, former PCW member, has paid the fee as an online participant, and is inviting all women to her home (1101 West 5th Street in Washington) to view (free) the four plenary sessions and the Sunday morning worship service. The times are:

- ⇒ **Thursday, August 8 at 8:00 p.m.**
- ⇒ **Friday, August 9 at 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**
- ⇒ **Saturday, August 10 at 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.**
- ⇒ **Sunday, August 11 at 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**

If you would like to attend any or all of these sessions as a guest in Deanna's home, please contact Aneeta Brown (missouriwriter@yahoo.com) by July 29.



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