



Northminster Presbyterian Church

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Daily Prayers

Week of March 23-27, 2020

God, I set aside this time for you.

It is easier when there is a place to go,
a gathering to join, a space with images that draw me,
but here I am—outside walking or inside sitting.

I name this place church and this time is worship.

I pray for those who grieve the ones they love who died of virus.

I pray for those who are ill now, self-quarantined, hospitalized,
quarantined in terrible places, unable to be tested.

I pray for those who are caring for the sick, who are struggling to find
vaccine, cure, anything that will help, who risk themselves among the
frail.

I pray for those whose lives are turned around, who have lost their
employment, who are desperately lonely, or suffering from too much
family.

I pray for those who are full of fear, especially those who do not know
that you are by their side.

I pray for those needs for prayer which can be forgotten in such a
focused time—for help, hope, joy, for illness, hunger, homelessness,
danger.

Now, O Holy One, I light a candle or take my jacket off the hook.

I turn to a live-stream, youtube, tv, devotional book, time of
contemplation, private journaling, conversation over a scripture, that
opens a message for me today.

Give me an insight to change my heart, a commission to change the
world, and a benediction to bring peace to my week. Amen.

Monday

For the people of the congregation:

Teri Thomas; Doug and Judy Thorpe; Sara Till; Lynne Tobin; Kyle and Trena Trowbridge; Don and Nancy Uchtmann

For those dealing with injury or illness:

David Furuness; Carl Schlabach; Abby Eberhard; Sean Litel; Carol Campbell; Betty Bowers; Carol Mann; John Litel

For those grieving:

Family and friends of Pat Ward; Ed Hunter; Douglas Cruzan; William Foston; Lorna Shoemaker; Mary Sue George;
Mary Calkins

For our missions:

Whitewater Valley Presbytery Mission Programs

For this local community:

Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association

For the churches in our Presbytery – their leaders, members and mission:

Richmond First

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

As a high school senior, Devon Kelley had no place to call home and little hope that his plight would improve. His outlook changed when he enrolled at Stillman College, a historically black college affiliated with the PC (U.S.A.). He is not pursuing a master's in social work and has set his sights on helping children and you who have faced severe adversity. Gifts to Special Offerings such as the Christmas Joy Offering help Stillman reach out with relatively low tuition and generous financial aid packages.

From the World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org):

Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba

Our church staff and leadership:

Tim McElroy, Lori Schlabach; John Wright

Tuesday

For the people of the congregation:

Mike, Ashley and Dean Vittorio; Stephanie Voll; Nick, Kristi and Johnny Walden;
Julia Walderon; Donna Walker; Bo and Mary Walker

For those in hospice care:

Sara Stallings, Charlotte Chadwick

For our missions:

PYOCA Church Camp

For this local community:

Golden Hill Neighborhood Association

For the churches in our Presbytery – their leaders, members and mission:

Rushville First

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

Union Presbyterian Church of Saint Peter, Minnesota, is a predominately white congregation. What does multicultural ministry mean for this Midwestern church community? Its pastor believes it entails a shift from a “Chosen People” model to a sense that being the church is about including everyone within God’s expansive covenant. Due to good wages and a low cost of living, refugees from Somalia are choosing to make this land their home. In the Hebrew scriptures, covenants delineate the neighborly duties and responsibilities of people to each other and to God. The church is working to be good neighbors by working with Habitat for Humanity, developing friendships with families at the local laundry and providing socks, gloves and mittens for those experiencing their first Minnesota winter.

From the World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org):

Religious Society of Friends: Friends General Conference

Our church staff and leadership:

Ruth Moore, Denise Harrington, Nancy Sala

Wednesday

For the people of the congregation:

Elizabeth, Scott, Raymond and Preston Wallace; Barb and Ken Walti; Russell, Jen, Chloe, Jack and Jude Wareham

For those dealing with chronic illness or long-term treatment:

Jack Mart; Cathryn Siegrist; Barb Jones; Sandy Frankovitz;
Bill Siegrist; Ellen Williams; Teresa Siegrist; Chris Ellington; Jackie Schmidt; Terri Hubbard; Jim Mann; Bill Dynes; Major Rhodes; Kelly Stanley; Kim Leech; David Parsley; Jodi Sprague; Bret Fackler; Lee Morack; Becka Snider; Yumi Perkins; Bob Bork; Mary Tarbell

For our missions:

Gleaners Food Bank

For this local community:

Highland Vicinity Neighborhood Association

For the churches in our Presbytery – their leaders, members and mission:

Rushville-Trinity

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

Zeena Regis, a member of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia, received a text from a friend inviting her to a nap ministry event. This unique ministry examines the liberating and healing power of rest. It reminds its more than 70,000 followers, “You are not a machine. Stop grinding.” Zeena realized that her nap helped her reconnect with the divine wisdom of Sabbath – that holy time of rest needed in her life.

From the World Council of Churches(oikoumene.org):

United Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our church staff and leadership:

Susan Glant, Melissa Hopkins, Marland Pittman

Thursday

For the people of the congregation:

Brad and Terri Warnecke; Barb Weber; Tracie Wells and August, Eli and Sam Neier; Pattie Weyreter; Marilyn Wharam

For those who are homebound:

Marge Ashby, Diantha DeGraw, Mary Garrett, Joyce Hall, Juanita Cox, Char Swenson, Mary Kask

For our missions:

Habitat for Humanity

For this local community:

Historic Meridian Park Neighborhood Association

For the churches in our Presbytery – their leaders, members and mission:

Shelbyville First

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

Vitality in churches begins with redefining wealth. Remembering the past isn't a bad thing. We just can't live there. What we must do is learn to accurately study and assess the ministries of the past to note the components of what made these events, programs and mission successful. Orlanda Carr, Jr. of the Presbyterian Foundation notes that in many churches the budget has become the scary monster. It controls, restricts, defeats, discourages and devours anything that comes in its path. Transparency in communicating finances should be practiced. Keeping members informed of the financial situation will likely lead to a response in giving. And we should remember that smaller churches generally have a family atmosphere that cannot be overlooked as an asset for building toward the future.

From the World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org):

Uniting Church in Sweden

Our church staff and leadership:

Carol McDonald, Marko Petričić, Jonathan Petersen

Friday

For the people of the congregation:

Joan Wheeler; Richard, Diane and Kate White; Glenda, Allison and John Whiteman; Jack and Janice Whiteman; Gail and Ron Wiener

For those going through a difficult time:

Tom and Gail Fields and family, friends of Robin Litel
Those looking for work or are underemployed

For our missions:

Wheeler Mission

For this local community:

Keystone-Monon Neighborhood Association

For the churches in our Presbytery – their leaders, members and mission:

Tipton First

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

Ken Rumer, a retired pastor, has taken up the hobby of making hand-crafted wooden “memory boxes.” His first box was made for himself and he so enjoyed choosing what went in it that he began making them for friends. How about you? What would you put in a memory box? Are there objects that have the power to make your past present? Are there links to your life you’d like to pass on to those who follow? Stories crammed into a physical form?

From the World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org):

Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa

Our Leadership:

Session, Deacons, Trustees, Stephen Ministers, E -Team, Christian Educ. Team, Mission Team, Personnel Committee, Congregational Life Team, Worship Team, Pipe Organ Task Force, Foundation, Support Team (Finance, Building & Grounds, Stewardship), Pastors, Support Staff, the congregation