



Northminster Presbyterian Church

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Daily Prayers

Week of October 19-23, 2020



Lord,
it is night.
The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world
and of our own lives
rest in you.
The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.
The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

Monday

For the people of the congregation:

Allen and Mary Ann McCormick; Betty and Dan McCoun; Adam McGoff;
Sharon Buechler; Jim McGoff; Helen McNeil

For those dealing with injury or illness:

Dick Dunbar; Gretchen Day, Robin Litel' niece; Cathryn Richardson;
Carl Nelson, Loui Lord Nelson's husband;
Sara Grabow, Clarice Stegall's granddaughter; Cora Short, Dorothy Moos' sister

For those grieving the loss of:

Jean Burton; Meghan Schwab, friend of Kent Jackson;
Jim Hill, Liz Neterval's father; Juanita Cox; Gary Ball, Susan Glant's uncle

For our missions:

Whitewater Valley Presbytery Missions

For this local community:

Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association

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

Indianapolis-Tabernacle

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

Presbyterian Church of Wales

Those who are helping with the health emergency:

Doctors, nurses, therapists, all hospital personnel, nursing home caregivers,
pharmacists, grocery store employees, social workers, teachers, EMTs, firefighters,
and police officers.

Those who are struggling during the health emergency:

Small business owners and employees, restaurant owners and employees, those
suffering financially, the vulnerable elderly, the isolated, the anxious, and those whose
medical treatment has been postponed, charitable organizations in Indiana and
elsewhere who are closing fundraising events.

Our church staff and leadership:

Dave Smazik; Tim McElroy, Lori Schlabach; John Wright

Tuesday

For the people of the congregation:

Steven McNeil; Pat McVey; Leona and Rick Melton;
Vic and Bea Mercer; Edy, Victoria, Eva, Gabriel and Sofia Merida

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; Becka Snider;
Yumi Perkins; Mary Tarbell; Scott Newman; Suzan Stoops; Paul Matteson;
Greg Hardesty

For our missions:

Bread for the World

For this local community:

Canterbury Neighborhood Association

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

Indianapolis-Witherspoon

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, New York City

First church in New York City to open a coronavirus testing site working in partnership with the Metro Industrial Areas Foundation and the Community HealthcareNetwork, a federally qualified health center in the city, for Medicare and Medicaid services. Following guidelines given by the city, the church's food pantry and soup kitchen continue to operate.

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

Evangelical Christian Church in Tanah Papua

Our church staff and leadership:

Ruth Moore, Denise Harrington, Nancy Sala

Wednesday

For the people of the congregation:

Barbara Merriweather; Greg, Becky and Elena Merkel; Madeline Merkel;
Doug Mitchell; Neil, Jenny and Jimmy Moehring

For our missions:

Gleaners Food Bank

For this local community:

Clifton on the River Neighborhood Association

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

Jonesboro-First of Grant County

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

Hope Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas hosted a diaper and baby and adult supplies donation drop off and a distribution drive-by for pickup. The yellow box kept inside the church for donations is rolled outside each, allowing members to drop off the supplies at their convenience. Church volunteers staffing the drive-thru pickup wear masks and use walkie-talkies to communicate with workers inside, requesting the size of diapers to be brought to the pickup area. The church also distributes fans as needed.

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

Evangelical Church in New Caledonia and the Loyalty Isles

Our church staff and leadership:

Susan Glant, Melissa Hopkins, Marland Pittman

Thursday

For the people of the congregation:

Eric, Fese, Stephanie, Eric and Madi Mokube; Jim and Elysa Montgomery;
Emma Moore, Hadley Moore, John Moore; Mark Moore

For those who are especially homebound:

Marge Ashby, Diantha DeGraw, Mary Garrett, Mary Kask

For those celebrating a birth:

Steve and Kaitlyn Boller on the birth of Maren Catherine, born September 5.

For our missions:

Wheeler Mission

For this local community:

Crown Hill Neighborhood Association

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

Knightstown-Bethel

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

Environmentalist Bill McKinnen says we have the answers to limit climate change. In his lecture: "Running Genesis in Reverse: Moral Witness on a Decreating Planet, McKibben said, " The Iron rule of climate change is the less you do to cause it, the sooner and the harder you suffer. It's the beatitudes turned upside down. If the temperature of the planet continues to go up, we won't be able to have civilizations liked the ones we are used to. Around 1 billion humans – one in seven of us – will be displaced by climate change by the middle part of the century. It's as if we've been left as babysitters and when Mom and Dad came home, the 2-year-old had tattoos and percings. We're the worst babysitters of all time. We could turn and turn fast, and move quickly , and make enormous change." He predicts that 75 years from now, our planet will run on solar and wind power, but if we do not act now, the world that runs on sun and wind will be a broken world. "Why are we not moving heaven and Earth to get there?"

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

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark

Our church staff and leadership:

Carol McDonald, Marko Petričić, Jonathan Petersen

Friday

For the people of the congregation:

Dorothy Moos; Bud Morack; Dwight and Nancy Moritz;
Judy Moor and Becka Snider; Barbara Morris; Gayle-Sue Murphy

For those going through a difficult time:

Tom and Gail Fields family, friends of Robin Litel;
Hartsalas family, friends of Lori Schlabach

For our missions:

Habitat for Humanity

For this local community:

Forest Hills Neighborhood Association

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

Lewisville-Ebenezer

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

Two hundred years ago, William Dunlop, a professor of church history at the University of Edinburgh, published two volumes of confessions. While the Westminster Standards (1647–48) filled the first volume, more than 10 earlier confessional documents — including the Geneva Catechism (1542), the Scots Confession (1560) and the Heidelberg Catechism (1563) — filled the second., Dunlop honored a distinctly Reformed custom: He compiled a book of confessions. The Reformation produced many catechisms and confessions. Reformed churches did not try to formulate one universal creed. They held to an earlier tradition that each faith community — be it in Zurich, Geneva or Edinburgh — should draft a statement unique to its time and place. Communities declared their solidarity with each other, not by adopting the same words, but by affirming that they heard in different words the same witness to Christ. Reformed theologians believed that a kind reader could hear the voice of Christ speaking in each confession, and that this would provide the unity that any one confession lacked. And they allowed that the need for new confessions would not end, as the Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934), the Confession of 1967 and the Confession of Belhar (1986) — adopted by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly in 2016 — richly demonstrate.

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

Evangelical Church in Hungary

Our Leadership:

Session, Deacons, Trustees, Stephen Ministers, E -Team, Christian Ed 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