

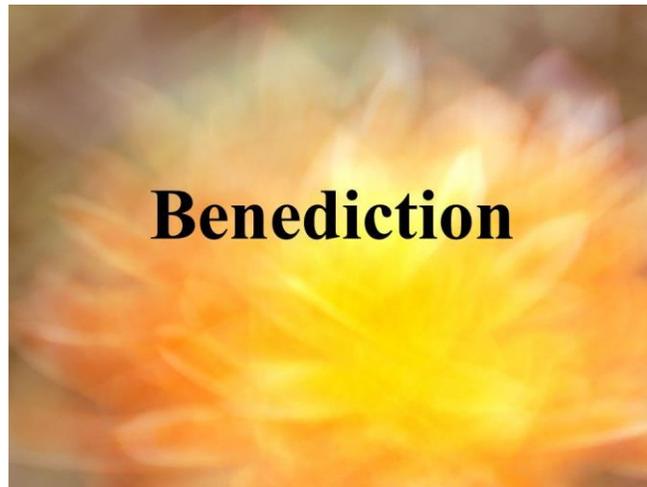
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Daily Prayers

Week of April 19-23, 2021



And now, may the Lord torment you.

May the Lord keep before you the faces of
the hungry, the lonely, the rejected and the despised.
May the Lord afflict you with pain for the hurt, the wounded,
the oppressed, the abused, the victims of violence.

May God grace you with agony, a burning thirst
for justice and righteousness.

May the Lord give you courage and strength and compassion
to make ours a better world,
to make your community a better community,
to make your church a better church.

And may you do your best to make it so,
and after you have done your best,
may the Lord grant you peace.

*given by Bishop Woodie White at
1995 United Methodist General Conference, Denver, Colorado*

Monday

For the people of the congregation:

Kathryn Cury; Don and Dolly Craft; Tim, Molly, Yoseph, Anna and Harry Craft;
David, Susan, Sarah, Julia and Alexander Crook

For those in hospice care:

Mary Garrett

For those dealing with injury or illness:

Tony Dzwonar; Joyce Mallette; Malcom Mallette;
Susan Learned, daughter-in-law of Hitch and Sandy Learned;
Jessica Beatty, granddaughter of Marilyn and Jim Beatty;
Tom Branson; Sarah Oldham

For those grieving the loss of:

Jean Schmidt, Janet Ingram's mother

For our missions:

Day of Caring

For this local community:

Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association

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

Clayton

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

National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon

Those who are helping with the health emergency:

Doctors, nurses, therapists, all hospital personnel, nursing home caregivers,
pharmacists, grocery store employees, social workers, 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, students and teachers.

Our church staff and leadership:

Dave Smazik; Tim McElroy, Nancy Fortenberry, John Wright

Tuesday

For the people of the congregation:

Kent, Kimberly and Brett Damisch; Mimi and Larry Davis; Rob and Anita Day;
Jill, Robert, Andrew and Michael de las Alas; Alice Deer

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; David Parsley; Jodi Sprague; Becca Snider; Yumi Perkins;
Mary Tarbell; Scott Newman; Suzan Stoops; Greg Hardesty; Weimer Hicks;
Bob Nation; Paul Matteson; Troy Hill

For our missions:

PCUSA General Assembly Mission Programs

For this local community:

Canterbury Neighborhood Association

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

Connersville-First

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

An African American preacher, The Rev. Amantha Barbee, senior pastor at Oakhurst PC in Decatur, Georgia, and Charlie Copp, a white college basketball coach at Emory University recently taught Presbyterians how not to let first impressions based on bias form lasting impressions. “Your biases manifest what your process looks like,” Copp said. It amazes me how difficult it is for Christians to connect with fighting racism. I thought I was supposed to take Jesus seriously and turn over the tables when things aren’t right.” Among the pair’s small group discussion questions: How do you choose leaders? How do you get buy-in from members? What outcomes are you expecting? Have you done the work yourself?” Jesus himself had to deal with bias, according to Barbee. “Jesus had an altercation with a Canaanite woman,” she said, “He had to check his biases.” If you are a pastor and are uncomfortable preaching these texts, call pastors who are not. If you expect your congregation to flip in a six-week period, that is not a realistic goal. Do you want to increase conversation? Grow in faith? Then have detailed and measurable goals so you will see if your work is in vain or not. If we do the work and become good, strong anti-bias leaders, we will affect our congregations, presbyteries, neighborhoods, states and our country. We must do the work,” said Barbee.

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

Nias Christian Protestant Church

Our church staff and leadership:

Ruth Moore, Denise Harrington, Nancy Sala

Wednesday

For the people of the congregation:

David and Elisa Deer; Diantha DeGraw; Kelly, Brian and Warren Deis;
Bill and Nan Diehl; Sara Dingman; Jean Dodds; Cy Donnelly

For those welcoming a baby:

Ashley and Mike Vittorio welcomed Linley Nicole on April 6.
Dean is the new big brother.

For our missions:

Synod of Lincoln Trails Mission Programs

For this local community:

Clifton on the River Neighborhood Association

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

Edinburgh-First

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

Although leaders of new worshipping communities (NWCs) describe both discipleship and spiritual formation as types of personal growth, there are key distinctions in their descriptions of the two. PCUSA recently asked and the leaders describe it as following Jesus, using relational and communal terms to describe discipleship. For NWC leaders, discipleship is about taking action and cultivating relationships with other people. The three top practices NWCs engage in are prayer, hospitality and study. The least common are honoring the Sabbath, fasting and solitude. Certain practices tend to group together. By analyzing the data, Research Services was able to find that there are five groupings of discipleship and spiritual formation practices: traditional, contemplative, outward-focused, inward-focused and narrative. NWCs that engage in more traditional and outward-focused spirituality tend to be more communal in practice, whereas contemplative and inward-focused NWCs tend to incorporate more personal spiritual practices into their tradition.

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

Nigerian Baptist Convention

Our church staff and leadership:

Susan Glant, Melissa Hopkins, Lori Schlabach

Thursday

For the people of the congregation:

Dawn, Blaine, Ellie, Jane and Mae Dinwiddie; Jan Drac; Betty Sue Drake;
Grace Drennan; Bill Dugan; Dick and Pat Dunbar

For those who are especially homebound:

Marge Ashby, Diantha DeGraw, Mary Kask

For our missions:

Whitewater Valley Presbytery Mission Programs

For this local community:

Crown Hill Neighborhood Association

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

Elwood-First

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

The Rev Elizabeth Deibert, pastor of Peace Presbyterian Church, shares about their Peaceful Path, a natural space in the wetlands part of their campus that provides opportunity for reflection and contemplation for their entire community. It began when they were blessed with a 24-acre site, half of which is a natural wooded forest, adjacent to protected wetland area. The church built their vision for a meditation pathway to benefit the surrounding community as well as the congregation, in part fulfilling the overall mission to make God known by growing as disciples of Jesus Christ, building a community of peace and caring for the needs of others. When COVID isolation left members feeling stir-crazy, they got outside and created beautiful things in the path. Inner layers of dead tree trunks were gathered in circles as if at a campfire, children and others added painted rocks along the path, which are joyfully claimed as pets or messengers of hope with their fruit of the Spirit words on the back of painted gnomes, hearts and woodland creatures. Word gets out in the community, and soon there are many guests on the Peaceful Path.

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

Old -Catholic Church of Switzerland

Our church staff and leadership:

Carol McDonald, Marko Petričić, Jonathan Petersen

Friday

For the people of the congregation:

Tom and Peg Duncan; Mark Durham; Don and Nancy Durrett;
Bill, Nancy and Jack Dynes; Joe and Sharon Dzwonar

For those going through a difficult time:

All those affected by the pandemic

For our missions:

PYOCA Church Camp

For this local community:

Forest Hills Neighborhood Association

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

Fishers-New Hope

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer:

When the City Council of Tulsa, OK, voted last month to remove a Black Lives Matter mural from the city's Greenwood District, the site of the infamous 1921 Race Massacre, the session at College Hill Presbyterian Church knew what had to be done. "They would paint the mural in striking yellow paint, on the church's parking lot. "It was a unanimous decision without much discussion," The Rev. Tod Freeman said. I tried to bring up the negatives, including possible vandalism, and they just said, "It is who College Hill is and we can't not do it." According to the Daily Oklahoman newspaper, other predominantly white midtown Tulsa churches also have painted BLM murals in their parking lots. "It always takes courage to not be silent, to take a stand and then be willing deal with whatever comes from that. If the action by College Hill PC and the other churches says anything, it's that "it makes us recognize that it is the white community that needs to do the work of challenging the status quo," Freeman said. "We are responsible not only for being an ally, but for doing our own internal work as individuals and white congregations that have been silent and fairly complicit over the decades. It's not enough to be non-racist," Freeman said. "We must be actively antiracist."

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

Old-Catholic Church in the Netherlands-

Our Leadership:

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