

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

March 31, 2024

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.” - Philippians 4:6 New Living Translation

SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN:

- Morning child care offered for children, *preschool age through 3rd grade*, starting at 8:45am in room 202 in the Education Wing.
- Activity bags are available by the Sanctuary doors to keep children occupied during the service with a special sermon related bulletin, crayons, etc.
- The Parlor is available during the 9:00 am and the 11:00 am worship service for nursing parents and/or families that wish to sit in a quiet room with their young children and still feel connected to the service.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Madeline Torres Borges -Continued prayers for health for the family, and for peace around the world. Prayers for my friend, Julieta, now in rehab at a nursing home and for my cousin, Enid, still recuperating from open heart surgery.

Gayne & Beverly Marriner - Prayers for friend Don, who recently lost his wife.

Joe Kempfer - Prayers for friends, Ron & Diane, as Diane undergoes surgery on Good Friday for removal of cancerous growth.

Nicole Lockhart - Continued prayers for my dad, recently hospitalized & dealing with medical issues. Joy as we celebrate my nephew Tre's birthday (3/25) and my birthday (3/31)! Thankful for my family, friends & health.

Kate Kocsis - Prayers for my grandma as she nears the end of life.

Raeya Bell - Prayers for my grandfather, Keith, for a safe journey to heaven. Prayers for my grandmother through this difficult time.

Ray & Lin Robey - Prayers for Donna & Lois. Both received cancer diagnosis.

Christine Bell - Prayers for Raeya & Renna Bell who lost their grandfather Keith. Peace and comfort to their mom & grandmother.

Justin - Please pray for my wife, Lauren, who is facing a health problem. She could use some hope and love.

Susan Maticavage - Asking for continued prayers of healing for both of my parents, Ron & Charlotte.

PRAYERS OF CONTINUED HEALING:

Glenn Firman, Cindy Long, Carl Mann, JJ Martinez, Larry Miller, & Madeline Torres Borges.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE AT HOME OR IN FACILITIES:

Cindy Ahner, Fran Focht, Phyllis Niewoehner, Dorothy Reinert, and Evie Strain.

WESLEY CHURCH MINISTRIES: Our teachers and facilitators, Wesley's Circle of Friends Preschool, Men's & Women's Small groups, TEACHRwanda, Care Team; *We've Got Your Back*, Backpack Day, Backpack Buddies, Cancer Support Group; Wesley Community Garden; Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot; UMC Leadership; Wesley Community Food Garden, Planning Team, Emergency Shelter, and the Confirmation Class.

Welcome to:



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This Week at Wesley Church:

Sunday, March 31

Monday, April 1 (WCOF & Church Office - Closed)

AA - Beginners Meeting

6:30pm (Library)

Tuesday, April 2

Cancer Support Group

Men's Faith Building

6:30pm (Youth Lounge)

6:30pm-8:00pm (Parlor)

Wednesday, April 3

Community Garden Meeting

6:30-8:00pm (Library)

Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 5

AA - Speakers Meeting

AI-Anon

8:00pm (Sanctuary)

8:00pm (Library)

Saturday, April 6

See back of bulletin for children's Sunday morning programming.

Blended Worship Easter Sunday

March 31st, 2024

Prelude Christ Arose** (arr. C. Dobrinski)

Welcome

† **Call to Worship** (inspired by “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today,” #302 UMH)

One: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Many: Christ the Lord is risen today!

One: Let us raise our joys and triumphs high!

Many: As the heavens sing, let us on earth reply!

One: Christ is risen! Praise the King!

Many: Christ has redeemed Death’s painful sting!

One: Christ died and rose, our souls to save!

Many: Christ has triumphed over the grave!

One: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Many: Christ the Lord is risen today!

† **Opening Hymn and Song**

#302UMH Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (vss. 1, 3, 4)

Crown Him (Majesty)*

† **Scripture** Luke 24:1-10

Children’s Message

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

This month, our *Power of One* offering will benefit:
the *We Got Your Back* backpack ministry

Offering Music

Easter People, Raise Your Voices*** (arr. P. Hilliard)

Congregational Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Message in Music

Christ Is Risen, Alleluia** (J. Althouse)

Message “The Ultimate Prank”

Musical Response

Death Where Is Your Sting* (Cory Asbury)

Community Connections

† **Closing Song** My Redeemer Lives*

† Benediction

Postlude Celebration of Easter* (arr. D. Wyrzten)

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