

From
the
Pastor



“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.”

It was the church father Tertullian who wrote that the Lord’s Prayer is a summary of the whole gospel. Throughout years of ministry, I have shared that prayer is what keeps me going. Undoubtedly, the gift of prayer is seeing me through this pandemic. In a recent Wednesday Facebook post, I issued the challenge to choose a week and pray just one line of the Lord’s Prayer each day of that week. I discovered this challenge in the book “The Sacred Overlap” by JR Briggs. I invite you to use the outline below as a guide.

Day One....*Our Father in Heaven*

It seems like an incomplete prayer if this is all you pray. If you reflect on it throughout the day, however, what a soothing message it contains for our souls.

Father...Jesus taught the disciples to call God ‘Father’. Jesus is sharing with us that the Creator of the universe wants to be our father. It assures us that God chooses to be in a relationship with us.

Our....The word ‘our’ also denotes relationship. God is our father. We are meant, not only to be in relationship with God, but also with each other.

Heaven...When we add in ‘heaven’, it assures us of God’s power.

Day Two....*Hallowed be Thy name*

Spend this day looking at how you can honor God’s name in everything you think, say, or do.

Day Three...*Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*

This line is so powerful that it should take your breath away to pray it. Briggs described it as bringing the culture of heaven down to earth. Our culture could definitely use this. How does God want to work through you this day? When we pray that God’s will be done on earth we are both looking for all the ways God is at work in the world and making ourselves available to be doing God’s work in the world.

Day Four....*Give us this day our daily bread*

I have often shared that daily bread is not just food; it is daily hope, daily strength, daily guidance, or daily joy. It is daily so that we can focus on each day and live it to the fullest. It is daily so that we will trust God for the future.

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Day Five...*And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*

Forgiveness is hard work. This is the day we confess our sins and are honest with ourselves and God about our weaknesses. It is a day to choose to work through feelings of bitterness and resentment towards others.

J.R. Briggs wrote of this line, "Do we forgive others because God forgave and forgives us...or do we forgive others so that God will ultimately forgive us too? Or does God forgive us and then we are able to forgive others? It is little of all of this.....perhaps the best translation might be: "Forgive us, Lord, we are in the process of forgiving others. Forgiveness, it seems is not a one-time dramatic event where we check the box on the to-do list once and for all. It is an ongoing daily process where we extend and ask for grace and mercy in order to participate in the mending, repairing, healing process. The process of forgiving others never ends, neither does the need to ask God to forgive us. Forgiveness, according to Jesus, is like breathing; we can't do it just once and expect to live very long." (p. 122)

Day Six....*And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil*

What tempts you? Examine honestly this day your priorities. How you spend your time and your money speaks volumes about priorities. Ask for God's Holy Spirit to equip you so that you are able to resist temptation.

Day Seven....*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Feel the comfort and assurance of this line. God is with us. God's plan is coming to fruition. Forever. It is a powerful word. God is good. God is unchanging. God is forever.

Pastor Brenda



**SUNDAY MORNING
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IS BACK!**

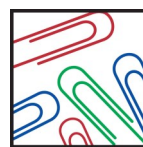
YOU MUST REGISTER EACH WEEK

9:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY
or
11:00 AM IN THE KCC Gym

**Deadline to register each week
is 2:00 pm on Friday.**

- Wear a mask
- Check in at the front door
- Temperature checks will be taken
- Socially distanced seating

**We will still offer
online worship
EVERY WEEK!**



Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday-Thursday. If you need to reach us on Fridays, please call Alison Ludemann at 336-317-8243 or Sandy Cantliffe at 336-908-4777! **Don't forget you can reach Pastor Brenda anytime at 704-785-7948. Pastor Brenda will also be available in the office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.**

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to receive messages from the prayer chain, please send your email address to Sandy or Alison in the church office.

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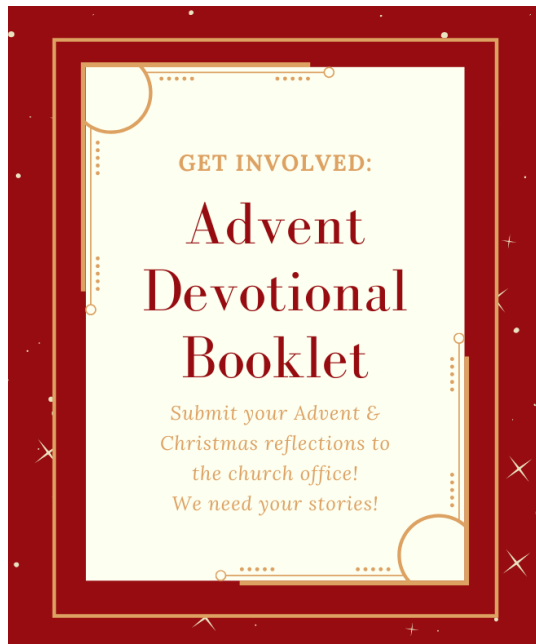
WE NEED YOU FOR THE HOLIDAYS! DEEPEN OUR CONNECTIONS AT CHRISTMAS

It is hard to imagine that the Advent/Christmas season is around the corner. This year, we are working to publish a devotional booklet. Staff will write a portion of these reflections, but we are looking for your contributions as well! This is especially important for all of our members and friends without access to internet, but is vital for all of us as we find ways to stay emotionally and spiritually close even as we continue to socially distance. Ponder the questions below if you need inspiration or direction, but your devotion does not have to be limited to

Christmas memories. Include a scripture and we encourage you to share a picture with your devotion as well. The **picture** can be of you, your pet, a family activity, nature-anything that helps us feel connected to you. Please aim at a word count of around 500 words.

Deadline for the first week of devotions: Monday, November 23. (We will welcome devotions through Monday December 14.)

Drop your reflection by the office or email it to Pastor Brenda at pastorbrenda@muirschapelumc.com.



16	Brenda Cooper
Clay Britt	23
Diane Davis	Emaline Ripple
Stacey Finch	24
17	Goober Benfield
John Craven	Liam Hudson
Eugene Eagle	Jeannie Martin
Sharon Ridge	25
Eli Sessoms	Amanda Blanton
18	Steve Elliott
George Burr	Kim Grubb
Bud Hussey	27
19	Libby Wood
Robin Benfield	28
Robert Holt	Kevin Melvin
Abbie Kent	Alison Payne
20	Edith Russell
Joey Peascoe	29
21	Joe Campbell
Craig Cooke	30
22	Alicia Shade

SYMPATHY

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to several families in our church family:

- To Hetty Scopel and family on the passing of her mother, Hetty Turkel, on October 28, 2020;
- To the family of Jo Ann Marsh, church member, who passed away on November 6, 2020.
*(Thomas Marsh - Son - 4101 Wycliff Drive, Winston Salem, NC 27106
Dawn Holzer - Daughter - 1216 Spottail Court, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466)*
- To Deb Vincent and family on the passing of her father, Frank Klomprens, on November 9, 2020;
- To the family of Doug Webb, former MC Employee, who passed away on November 10, 2020.

Questions for Inspiration:
(Remember share from your experiences-do not limit yourself to these ideas.)

- * Share a favorite family Christmas tradition.
- * What is a new tradition you have considered for this 'pandemic' Christmas?
- * We have been waiting and waiting. What has your experience of waiting been like this year? What has helped you wait?
- * Share your favorite Christmas worship service and why this service meant/means so much to you.
- * Who is the character in the Nativity story that you most relate to? Why?
- * What is your favorite Christmas hymn? Do you remember the first time you sang it?
- * What is your favorite Christmas gift of all times? What gift have you given in the past that was especially fun to give?
- * What is your favorite Christmas movie and why?
- * What are three things that you are more grateful for than you were four months ago?
- * What new spiritual habit have you engaged in during this time of COVID-19? (a new prayer routine, reading a book of the Bible, new ways of reaching out to another)

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GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH

In memory of Gladys Mingia
For the Budget
By Mario, Roseanna and Antonio Turazzo

In memory of Hetty Turkel
For the Budget
By Bob and Chris Graham
For Congregational Care
By Bob and Hallie Williams

In loving memory of Gladys and Louis Bouvier
For the Budget
By Bonnie and Eric Kristoff

In honor of The Cummings Family
For Medical Good Samaritan
By Tom and Sue Blanton
By Bill and Joan Noell

In honor of Clark Cummings
For Medical Good Samaritan
By Earl and Zona Ridout

In honor of Nancy Elkins
For the Choir Fund
By Ginger Doherty

In honor of our heroes
For Congregational Care
By Ida Smith

In honor of Norman and Sally Smith's 45th Wedding Anniversary
For the Good Samaritan Fund
By Chris, Amanda, Walker and Landon Browning

In honor of Clergy Appreciation for Pastor Brenda, Laurin and Brian
For a Love Offering
By David and Sylvia Coleman

November 1st Offering

Giving	\$13,632.27
Other Income	\$ 150.00
Budget	\$13,782.27
Designated Funds	\$4,595.00

THANK YOU

Dear Muir's Chapel Family,
We would like to thank you for the cards, calls and prayers we received during my mom's illness and passing. Your love and support has been very comforting during this time.
Blessings to you all,
Tim Oakes and Family

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME	\$41,855.79
EXPENSES	<u>\$56,914.34</u>
NET DEFICIT	<u>-\$15,058.55</u>

YEAR TO DATE INCOME	\$545,365.99
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	<u>\$537,886.61</u>
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET SURPLUS	<u>\$7,479.38</u>

2020 BEGINNING GENERAL FUND DEFICIT BALANCE	-\$24,386.06
CURRENT MONTH SURPLUS BALANCE	<u>\$7,479.38</u>
CURRENT GENERAL FUND SURPLUS BALANCE TOTAL	<u>-\$16,906.88</u>