
Bethel Prayer Concerns

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, thank you for the gift of this new day.

Help me to stay attentive to your creation
and mindful of your teachings as I travel through it.

Empower me to see and spread
the good news of your grace for all people. Amen.

REFLECTIONS

Luke 13:1-9 tells the story of a fruitless fig tree that the owner is ready to cut down. The gardener, however, asks for a little more time. The gardener wants to tend and cultivate the soil in the hope that figs may yet grow. The gardener is open to a different future for this tree, in spite of its present condition. Think about your own life, or the life of someone you love, in relationship to this story: What needs special tending? What will cultivate the "soil" of daily life so that new growth, new possibilities, might emerge? And what can I learn from this gardener about allowing for a different outcome, a new possibility?

Bethel Presbyterian Church Announcements

FOOD COLLECTION

For the month of January our focus foods are **Canned Pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Chef Boyardee, etc.)**. These and other non-perishable food items can be brought in through-out the month and placed in the yellow collection boxes in the Gathering Area. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry efforts to help needy families in our community.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2021 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contribution from the church. Your statements will be available in the Gathering Area, Sunday, Jan. 30.



This year we will collect the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering on **Sunday, Feb 13**. Youth will hold soup pots at the doors following worship to receive your donations. RCCM's Garden Grant program will be our offering recipient.

This grant allows RCCM clients to purchase seed, fertilizer and soil needed to grow their own vegetables in the spring and summer. Thank you for your continued support of this local mission.



The Study Team is looking for Sunday school teachers for 2022. We are planning to start classes on **March 6**. If you are interested in

teaching a class, please contact Bonnie Phillips at 865-719-4801 or bonniephillips153@gmail.com.