
Bethel Prayer Concerns

Sunday, October 10, 2021



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own.
Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us,
that we, being renewed both in body and mind,
may worship you in sincerity and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

REFLECTIONS

Matthew 22:34-40 - Today Jesus is asking us to be wholehearted. He desires that we love God wholeheartedly. God should be first and foremost in our lives. However, Jesus also tells us to “love our neighbor as we love ourselves.” Both commandments are challenging. However, the instruction to love our neighbor as we love ourselves may be more challenging than the first commandment! This 2nd commandment often stretches us in uncomfortable ways. We don’t always like our neighbor. Our neighbor may be an individual who may have wounded us, insulted us or ignored us. And the emotion we experience with this individual most likely is far from being ‘loving.’

Yet, Jesus calls us to love each and every person we encounter: the ones we like as well as the individuals we prefer to keep our distance from. Today strive to keep Jesus’ call in your mind and heart. Consciously strive to love each and every person you encounter, no matter how you feel about them. Who knows: you may encounter an individual who consciously may be striving to love you!

Bethel Presbyterian Church Announcements



The Session has called a congregational meeting for **next Sunday (10/17) following worship** for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff and Bethel Presbyterian Church effective Oct 31, 2021. Rev. Dr. James

McTyre will lead worship on Oct 17 as well as moderate this congregational meeting. The meeting will be hybrid zoom and in person. The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81677204996?pwd=UnlXSEpvSkxQaTN3UFBLQTIGbmxxQT09>

Meeting ID: 816 7720 4996

Passcode: 990736



Please submit articles for the November Open Door to Celia Simon (celiatn@gmail.com) by **Thursday, Oct. 21.**

UPCOMING PULPIT SUPPLY

Rev. Susan Reisinger, who led worship in August, will be with us on Oct 24.

Rev. Dwyn Mounger, who led worship in June, will be with us on Oct 31.

HOME FOOD COLLECTION

For the month of October our focus foods are **Pasta / Spaghetti Sauce**. These and other non-perishable food items can be brought in through-out the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area.

THESE DAYS

a daily devotional, for Oct. Nov. Dec.

is available on the table in the Gathering Area. Be sure to pick one up today.