

Weekly Prayer List

In Our Prayers:

- **The family and friends of Donn Bernath.**
- **Jane Kadlowec**, who is in rehab at Promedica, Twinsburg.
- **The family of Clayton Ellenberger**, a 38-year-old Cleveland Police Department officer from Middleburg Heights, who died in his sleep on Wednesday, August 31, leaving behind a wife and three young daughters.
- **Cameron Eyink** (Cheryl Taylor's grandson), diagnosed with Long COVID (Ron Eyink is improved).
- **The family of Sue Hardy** (Debbie Rudder's step-sister), as she makes a peaceful transition to heaven.
- **Cory** (Laura Peretti's nephew) who is hospitalized at UH with chemotherapy complications and an infection. Cory is 34, and has 4 children.
- **Roy Metzel**, who is in ICU at Parma Hospital.
- **Russ and Joann Wolfe**, who are both in hospice care at home.
- Today we remember the events of September 11, 2001 and we honor the ongoing work of our first responders, the families of those whose lives were lost, those who serve and have served in military service, and all whose lives have been touched by those tragic events.

Giving Thanks to God:

Announcements:

- Check the website and your weekly updates email for other important announcements!
- Last week's offering was: \$16,446.80
- Last week's attendance was: 34 Online 77 In Person

THIS WEEK AT UMCM

Sunday, September 11

10:00am – Worship & Children's Sunday School
6:00pm – Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

Monday, September 12

7:30am – Men's Breakfast
8:15am – Bootcamp Exercise Group
6:00pm – Jazzercise
7:00pm – UCB Meeting

Tuesday, September 13

6:00pm – Jazzercise
6:30 pm – Women's Bible Study
7:30pm – Serenity Group

Wednesday, September 14

8:15am – Bootcamp Exercise Group
11:30am – Faithful Friends
6:00pm – Jazzercise
8:00pm – Open Arms Support Group

Thursday, September 15

6:30pm – Kitchen Talk Support Group
7:00pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 16

8:15am – Bootcamp Exercise Group
7:00pm – Come and Get it Support Group

Saturday, September 17

8:30am – Jazzercise

Sunday, September 18

10:00am – Worship & Children's Sunday School
6:00pm – Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

The United Methodist Church of Macedonia

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Thank you for joining us today! To assist you during worship this morning, we offer wireless listening devices, as well as large print bibles and hymnals. Please know that we always love to have the children join us in service, wiggles, noises, and all! Optional nursery care for young children is available in the nursery located next to the Sanctuary. A "Baby and Me" room, which enables you to experience the worship service with your child, is located next to the nursery. All are invited to fill out a prayer card and/or visitor card found in the pew racks. Completed prayer and visitor cards can be passed to the front row to our Minister of Congregational Care.

Opening Ourselves to Worship

* indicates that all are invited to stand.

Gathering Music & Prelude *Allegro Vivace*
arr. by Lani Smith

Welcome & Greeting

*Call to Worship (People's response in **bold**)

Leader: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

People: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

Leader: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day, so let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;

People: let us worship God together.

*Call to Confession

Leader: Beloved, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God every time we turn toward our home and remember whose we are. With open hearts, let us pray:

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us,

and your wisdom to see us through. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home and experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Jesus said, "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." My friends, experience God's forgiveness and joy, gifts that lead to new life!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen

*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 103

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message Rev. Lorrin Radzik

Epistle Lesson – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

*Hymn *Grace Alone* No. 2162

Gospel Lesson – Luke 15:1-10

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us..."

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Lorrin Radzik

*Hymn *Just As I Am* No. 357

Transforming Our Lives & the World

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Rev. Lorrin Radzik

Pastoral Prayer & The 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.

Prayer Response "Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord"
by George Whelpton

Invitation to Generosity & Mission Moment: Street Ministries

Offertory Anthem *Be Still* by Karen Marolli

*Doxology No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

*Hymn *To God Be the Glory* No. 98

*Blessing, Sending & Postlude *Celebration of Praise*
by James Denton

Question for Reflection:

How are you a lost sheep, in need of someone to come and search for you? How are you a religious leader, grumbling at the community's disintegrating standards? How are you called to engage in the search for others who live in isolation from God and community?

Today's Liturgy was adapted from "*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C, Volume 2,*" Proper 19 and www.umcdiscipleship.org and www.ministrymatters.org