

Weekly Prayer List

In Our Prayers:

- **Roy Metzel**, who is at the Oaks at Brecksville.
- **Cameron Eyink and Ron Eyink** (Cheryl Taylor's grandson and son-in-law respectively), recovering from COVID.
- **Donna Marlow** (Jim's mother, Jill's mother-in-law), who was diagnosed with COVID.
- **John Hayes**, who is at home with a mild case of COVID.
- **A co-worker of Mike Rogucki**, who was injured in an accident on Route 30 and hospitalized in Columbus.
- **Marge Smith** (Addison Callychurn's Nana), who is moving in with her this coming week.
- **Morris Nordland** (Carolyn Schneider's brother), who is now in a rehab center near his home and gaining strength slowly.
- **Mondale Nordland** (Carolyn Schneider's sister-in-law), who had a knee replacement on Tuesday, August 30th.
- **Russ and Joann Wolfe**, who are both in hospice care at home.
- **Jordan Cook** (Jeff and Barb Cook's 25-year old nephew), who is hospitalized in Michigan with sepsis.

Giving Thanks to God:

Announcements:

- Check the website and your weekly updates email for other important announcements!
- Last week's offering was: \$9,807.00
- Last week's attendance was: 26 Online 58 In Person

THIS WEEK AT UMCM

Sunday, September 4

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

Monday, September 5

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

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

Tuesday, September 6

6:00pm – Jazzercise
7:30pm – Serenity Group

Wednesday, September 7

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

Thursday, September 8

9:30am – Nordonia Hills Community Connection
6:00pm – UMW Fall Potluck Kickoff
6:30pm – Kitchen Talk Support Group
7:00pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 9

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

Saturday, September 10

8:30am – Jazzercise
10:00am – Donn Bernath Visitation & Memorial Service

Sunday, September 11

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 *The Last Supper* by John Innes

Welcome & Greeting

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

Leader: Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.

People: We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.

Leader: Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.

People: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.

Leader: Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.

People: We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.

*Call to Confession

Leader: In penitence and in faith, let us confess our sin to the One who waits to pour out mercy upon us:

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life.

Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news! Beloved, your sins are forgiven! Go to place your full trust in God and to live abundant lives.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen

*Hymn *Take Up Thy Cross* No. 415

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message Rev. Lorrin Radzik

Hebrew Bible Lesson – Jeremiah 18:1-11

*Hymn *As a Fire is Meant for Burning* No. 2237

Gospel Lesson – Luke 14:25-33

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 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* No. 615

Transforming Our Lives & the World

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Rev. Charlie Tobias

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.

Invitation to Generosity & Mission Moment: Parish Nurses

Offertory *Lamb of God* by Twila Paris

Prayer of Dedication

God of all creation, your claim on us is total; your desire for us, complete. We cannot follow Christ from a comfortable distance. Yet we ask that you would receive us this day and use what we bring. Keep sending your Spirit into our hearts, until we yield all that we love and all that we fear to your holy purpose. For we long to cede our lives to you; we long to know the fullness of your joy. We dare to pray in the name of Jesus, who gave his life out of love for the world. Amen.

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*Hymn *Have Thine Own Way Lord* No. 382

*Blessing, Sending & Postlude *My Heart Ever Faithful* by J.S. Bach

Question for Reflection:

What must you give up to follow Christ more faithfully?