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The Pathfinder

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5 FINGERS OF PRAYER

Some of the most frequently asked questions I hear are about prayer. How do I pray? Who should I pray for? How do I remember everyone? Where should I pray? How can I remember to pray every day? Here is a simple way to help you pray, wherever you are and as often as you look at your hand.

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president and all our world leaders, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and our world and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger, the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Pastor Karen

Pastor Karen on Vacation

Pastor Karen will be on vacation June 9 –12, camping at Fall's Creek Falls.

She will be back in church on Sunday, June 13. If you have an emergency while she is gone, please call the church office.



Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to our three high school graduates! Hannah Gilham and Brooke Roberts both graduated from Science Hill, and Emma Wolfe graduated from Providence.



We will be honoring these three wonderful young ladies on Sunday, June 27, with a Graduation Luncheon following second service in the Good News Fellowship Hall.

A note of thanks to the congregation

We would like to thank the congregation for their prayers for traveling mercies back in April. We traveled just over 3,000 miles in just under four weeks and returned unscathed. Now we would like to ask for your prayers once again as we embark on a five-week journey to visit friends and family in New York State and Massachusetts.

We would like to thank Jonesborough in general and especially this congregation for what has been done to support the JAMA food pantry. So many have been so generous with their donations and their time helping out. Thank you so much.

Rick and Karen Newell

BUY A BRICK for CENTER on 2nd (the little church)

Join our fundraiser and honor someone you love with a personalized brick. This is one of the ways we are going to raise the \$80,000 we need for Center on 2nd. Those who have already donated will be contacted to find out what you would like on a brick.

The cost of a brick is:

\$150 for a 4x8 brick with 4 lines; 21 spaces on each line

\$1,000 for an 8x8 brick with 6 lines; 21 spaces on each line

There will be order forms in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, or you can call Carolyn Tomko at 773-7886 and she will help you get your bricks ordered.



Church Council Meeting

After over a year, we will have our first in-person Church Council Meeting on Sunday, June 13, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing our Mask and Social Distancing Policy; return of Family Promise to the churches and other important items of business.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Church Council Meeting but only members of the council are eligible to vote. We will need to elect a new recording secretary; if you are interested please let Pastor Karen know.

Members of the Church Council are: Carolyn Tomko, Tom Pardue, Darrell Fowler, Kittie Stanley, Bobby Shipley, Ann Wooden, Steve Campbell, Fred Boyd, Jackie Rose, Mike Mould, Lynda Carter, Sarah Babb, Renee Quaintance, Sandee Degner, Tom and Ellen Snodgrass, Debra Blair, Johnny Randolph, Bill and Cathy Smith, Marshia Adams and Kim Anders.

Busy Hands with a Purpose

Our Busy Hands with a Purpose group is back to sharing their talents to bring lap blankets, pillow cases and many other wonderful items to people who need a little cheering up. Anyone is welcome to join them. They meet every first and third Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall.



SCRIPTURE VERSE

Psalm 19: 1-2

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

MONTHLY MISSION**MYRIDE JONESBOROUGH**

MyRide Jonesborough is a senior-friendly volunteer transportation service for older residents. Volunteer drivers use their personal vehicles to carry older Tennesseans to a variety of destinations, including medical appointments and grocery stores. Participants are 60 years of age and older, live independently and walk independently (or with assistance from walkers or canes), but do not drive. Rides are provided Monday through Friday, with priority given to doctor appointments.

MyRide Jonesborough is a membership program, with each participant (rider) paying a membership fee and a small "per-ride" cost (\$5). Some residents, however, are unable to afford these fees. Because of budget cutbacks, MyRide TN has had to eliminate the scholarship program they had to fund these rides.

Our mission this month is to collect funds to support this program (membership fees and per-ride costs) to help maintain this valuable asset to Washington County. Please make your checks payable to JUMC, with a note on the memo line for "MyRide Jonesborough." Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Saturday Morning, June 26 – 10 am to Noon

EXPLORING WATER STORIES OF THE BIBLE

Get ready for a fun morning at JUMC! Activities will start at the registration table near the bridge in the back church parking lot. The main church parking lot will be blocked off that morning for all the fun planned activities. Please park in the area adjacent to the playground.

Preregistration forms are available. Help is also needed for our fun VBS session. Please talk to Jackie or Angie.

There will be stories from the Bible about water, cool water games, sand art and some other WET activities. The entire program will take place outside at the pavilion and in the parking lot. We hope to see a lot of smiling faces that morning! **Activities will take place inside if it rains.**

***More fun Saturdays are planned at church.
Stay tuned for details, and mark your calendars!!!***

***Saturday, July 24 – 10 am to Noon
Saturday, August 21, 10 am to Noon***



HOPE

I have a wall hanging in my living room now that I look at a lot. It has a large letter H with plants growing on it and underneath it says: "Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible." I had this in my office for I felt that all those that were coming to me did so because they had hope that I would help them through their troubles. I now realize that it was a message to me, as well, for without the hope to help others I would not have ever started my career. But where does hope come from?

Oxford Languages defines Hope as 1. a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen, 2. a feeling of trust. While Hope is commonly used to mean a wish which strength relies on the desire of the person, the Bible's Hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in His faithfulness. Yes, that makes sense to me.

I knew people were coming to me for help, however, I knew that I was just a person who went to school to learn. My hope at that time was that I would learn through my education how to help those in need. Once I got out of school, I was excited to go to work, but I still felt ill-equipped. Just because you graduate with honors doesn't mean you know it all. So, what made me think that I could be of help to anyone? My Hope was entwined with my Faith. I know with all my heart that God directed me to counsel His children. God would not have sent me on a journey such as this without Him being with me and directing me. My Hope was not in me but in God. Hope gives us the direction. If the desire of our Hope is pure, it helps us to work our way through. If our Hopes are based in our faith, that is. Oh, wow what a statement. But it's true. We all have many hopes, as we have many desires. My desire was to be a good counselor and to help those that God brought to me. My desire was not to build my self-worth but to help build God's Kingdom. Let me tell you, what a ride that was! I had situations that no schoolbook could have prepared me for, yet there were positive outcomes and perhaps lives changed.

Oh, I'm not a perfect follower, that's for sure. I kind of lost my way a bit, when I decided to work on an advanced degree. While in school, working on my Masters, I kind of lost focus. After all, I was now working on an advanced degree, and wouldn't that build my self-worth and my standing in the community! My advanced degree would prove that I was a scholar. I worried more about my book-learning, knowing it would help me in my new career. It didn't take me long to realize I had taken a wrong turn. I knew that once I was back on the right track things would work out, because I looked backwards and realized that all I had accomplished was done with God's hand involved. My education was to be a tool for my use, not my solution.

I had the blessing to work with a wonderful Christian woman named Brenda. Through her, I was able to work on a private practice. That is when I found my wall hanging. Every day, I would look at that picture and smile. For my Hope was in God and God would help me through that day, to help His children.

I am no longer a counselor, as I have retired, but my Hope is still in God for I know He will not forsake me. He has made promises to me and He keeps His promises.

~ Linda Norkus



Our thanks and prayers go out to all our military veterans and their families. Your service and sacrifice are greatly appreciated.

Barnard Davis (US Army) - Susan Miller's nephew

Caleb Wade (US Army) - Rupe & Ella Billions' grandson

Cody Hallberg (US Air Force) - Lee & Nancy Hallberg's grandson

Todd White - (US Army) - Doug & Donna Barnes Bennett's son-in-law

Mickey Teasner (US Navy)

Lauren Bennett (US Army Reserve)

Jake DeMatteo (US Army)

Steven David Hunt (US Army Reserve)

Brian Ehlschlager (US Army)

Shawn Allison (US Marines)

Eric Bull (US Air Force Reserve) - Don & Barbara Bull's grandson

Cheyenne Pandar (US Marines)

Johnathon Daffron (US Marines)

Jon Cochran (US Ranger) - Billy & Gail Lewis' cousin

Michael Fritz (US Army) - Mary Ann Clark's son-in-law

Connor Lancaster (US Army) - grandson of Kenneth & Terry McMasters





**JAMA Item for JUNE
Dry or Canned Milk**



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