

Center Grove United Methodist Church
23 September 2012
Service of Morning Prayer

**The Congregation is invited to participate: #876*

Call to Praise and Prayer

O Lord, open our lips. And we shall declare your praise.

Hymn: #378 Amazing Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son. Early in the morning, before we begin our work, we praise your glory. Renew our bodies as fresh as the morning flowers. Open our inner eyes, as the sun casts new light upon the darkness. Deliver us from all captivity. Like the birds of the sky, give us wings of freedom to begin a new journey. As a mighty stream running continuously, restore justice and freedom day by day. **Amen.**

Scripture:

Isaiah 55: 1-3 (Invitation to Abundant Life); Romans 12: 1-2 (Be Transformed by God); John 1: 1-5, 9-14 (In the Beginning was the Word)

Silence and Meditation over the Scripture

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation, for those who suffer and those in trouble, for the concerns of this community, for the world-its people-its leaders, for the church and its mission. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid - Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray...**Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Amen.**

Hymn #393 Spirit of the Living God

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Dismissal in peace

*****Congregational response in bold print*****

Life of the Church

- Attendance 09/16/12: SPUMC – 49 CGUMC – 5
- Pine Bluff UMC Food Pantry: Bring food pantry items to SPUMC by the first Saturday of each month in support of this ministry
- Roberta UMC is accepting items for community clothes closet (Dressings & Blessings)(704/786-9215)
- “Gifts from Angels” is now accepting new games/crafts for delivery to Levine & Jeff Gordon Children’s Hospitals
- Reminder – 9/30 is fifth Sunday with no services.
- SPUMC Council Meeting 10/1/12 @ 6pm
- CGUMC Council Meeting TBD
- SPUMC History Meeting 10/17/12 @ 6 pm
- SPUMC IMPACT Mission 10/27/12
- SPUMC Trunk or Treat 10/31/12 6pm-8pm
- Metro District Charge Conference Celebration 10/14/12 @ 7 pm Cold Springs UMC
- Charge Conference: October 22nd @ 6 pm at St Paul UMC (both churches)
- Metro District Launch Event 10/28/12 @ 3pm First UMC Charlotte

Prayer List

Local Church: Tommy Shinn, Angel Thompson, Billy Hipsley, Polly Meehan, Norris Joyner, Laura Leigh, Helen Shinn, Rosalyn Greene, Lena Saunders (hospice care), Susan Williams, Elizabeth Widenhouse, Martha Hartsell, Donald Robinson, Emily Belch, Elizabeth Belch, Wanda Krimminger

Community: *Sharon Tomberlin, *Kate Fincher, *Alisha Gibson, Junior Johnson, Mary Smith, Ruth Carter, Debbie Smith, Betty Smith, Betty Sanders, Joan Ellard, *Karen Milke, Hallie Crawford, Phyllis Godfrey, *Eric Rasmussen, *John Rasmussen, *David Williams, Emily Bostian, Randy Anderson, Raymond Childers, *Wesley Hartsell, *Larry Stancil, Sarah McCafferty, Alexander Chaney, Joanne Nunn, Fergie Krimminger, John Greenlee, Dylan Howell, Ed Stewicki, *Dot Walter, Allen Linker, Mac Hopkins, *Matthew Wallace, Jonathan Sapp, John Bowers, Stacy Davis, *Mark Walter, Mitzi Caddell Family, Noah Powers, Vivian Schrader, Mary Helms, Scott Sandusky, Debbie Tompkins, Michelle Dowdy, Effird Family, Josh Helms, Jenny Satts, Jerri Greene (in an effort to keep our prayer focused on particular needs, please provide updates on conditions when available as well as those that need to be added to our prayer program along with those to be removed) ***

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Myra Thompson	9/23	Alyson Billings	9/3	Jessica Cline	9/17
Mark Cline	9/28	Karen Cobb	9/21	Rosalyn Greene	9/12
Sadie Kepley	9/21	Alexis Penninger	9/8	Amy Robinson	9/6
Donald Robinson	9/28	Larry Saunders	9/26	Ann Shue	9/14
Mitzi Wilcox	9/18	Jim Blovsky	9/29	Melissa Blovsky	9/9
James Hyatt	9/11	Khri Hayes	9/26		
Jason & Charity Wrtachford	9/16				
Micheal & Crystal Whitmire	9/23				

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