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Pastor's Thoughts

Recently several individuals have come to me asking about various aspects of God's relationship with each of us, both as Creator of all things and as personal Savior. Because of the theological complexity of the question I decided to write the following prayer. If you are led, try making this prayer part of your devotions each day, paying close attention to the attributes of God that are mentioned, as a way to better know God's love relationship that we are called into.

An Opening Prayer

We stand in awe of Your Majesty, as we recognize and praise You for your self-revelation as Father, Son and Holy Spirit to Your people. One God three persons; the source of all things, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, who speaks through history, and through revelation the hidden secret of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, within whom all wisdom and knowledge reside. In Your image we have been created, and as such You have given us the ability to respond and to recognize Your divine nature and attributes, to the extent that our humanity makes this possible. We praise You as our eternal, uncreated, perfectly alive God. We recognize that there is no place to escape Your presence as You are naturally, actively, attentively, judicially, bodily, mystically and sacredly present in all places simultaneously. Lord You are the knower of all things past, present and future. You are our all powerful and all empowered God, whom we love and adore. Most amazingly in all Your perfection, You have freely come to all people personally, drawing each individual to come together in community. Lord we praise You for Your personal nature that seeks relationship with Your creation and sets out to open our fallen human hearts to your spectacular love and perfection. Although we do not see You with our eyes, we feel you in our hearts as You move in perfect freedom in the presence of Your people. Lord God, only You are good and from You all goodness flows. We praise and adore You for Your perfect, unlimited love, grace, mercy and forbearance that You have extended to all people. All praise to God, our Holy Lord, God Almighty, who is perfect in love beyond all measure, all present, all knowing, congruent, and interactive and forever good, who rejoice in the eternal outpouring of goodness, mercy, and love upon all creatures. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit we pray,

In the Precious Name of Jesus Christ who is Lord and Savior. Amen



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FALL SALE
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17

9AM - 2PM

Halloween, fall &
Christmas
Decorations
In
Hughlett Hall

PASTOR GENE'S CPE SCHEDULE

We believe this will inform you of our weekend rotations regarding services while Pastor Gene has to complete this mandatory program.

Date: October 24: **8am Drive-In**—David Russell
 9:00am Praise Worship— Larry Booth
 11:00am Traditional Worship—Larry Booth

Date: December 12: **8:00am Drive-In** –Ken Denny
 9:00am Praise Worship—Larry Booth
 11:00am Traditional Worship– Pastor Gene

Date: January 9: **8:00am Drive-In** - Ken Denny
 9:00am Praise Worship– Larry Booth
 11:00am Traditional Worship—Larry Booth

Date: February 6: **8:00am Drive-In Worship**—Ken Denny
 9:00am Praise Worship—Larry Booth
 11:00am Traditional Worship—Pastor Gene

Circle of Concern



Home: Mary Heslop, Kay Bartberger, May Russell, David Rothermund, Christi Coy, Ernest Lindley, Betty Turner, Jim Bishop, Sr., Peggy Morgan Halper, Fay Mallard, Elsie Bailey, Gladys Williams, Lucille Taylor, Joanna Ramsey, Judy Barker, Bob Kunkle, Jim Crouch, Sharon Bauer, Emma Jean McKinley, Everett Stacy, Robin Wagoner, Gloria Reed, Karen Jones.

Continue to keep Mildred and Carlos Page in prayer as they struggle through the death of their daughter, Lynn.

Please inform the church office if you know of anyone in hospital or needs a visit.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17

The UMM will be having their next Men's meeting in Hughlett Hall, Saturday, **October 17th at 800am.**(room off kitchen). There will be only coffee and donuts available. During this meeting there will be a small business meeting about upcoming events and after that there will be a Men's bible study. It has been wonderful to have speakers come in and just recently we have tried to have breakfast meetings at a local restaurant. The location was great with wonderful service. However about three Sundays ago Pastor Gene preached on husbands in 1 Peter chapter 3. Now this was pertaining to husbands but Gene did convey to us about men in general. I was moved by his teaching/message to the point that I believe there needs to be another Men's bible study and not just social events. So Saturday, October 17th at 800 am we will see if this the direction of the UMM. Our study will be from the Discover life series a suggested program for the UMM. It is called Oh, Brother! Walking Together in Faith. All men from FUMC or involved with FUMC and anyone that you invite is welcomed.

Upcoming events:

Leesburg Men's retreat

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army

Emmaus Walks, a Discovery Weekend? and Via De Cristo

LOOKING AHEAD!

November 4th. 7pm. Charge Conference (Hughlett Hall)

November 7th. Thrift Store Public Auction

November 8th. Covered Dish following 11am Worship Service

November 14th. 6pm—10pm Cristo Altria Meeting—H. Hall

November 15th. 12 noon State of the Church

November 28th. Thanksgiving Community Dinner—H. Hall

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- Oct. 2 6pm—8pm AIA Spaghetti Dinner—Hughlett Hall
- Oct. 5 *10am—12noon E.A.S.E Group Meet Rm. 208
- Oct. 6 * 3:45pm Bible Study with Pastor Gene
* 5:30pm Tuesday Night Dinner
* 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal
* 7:00pm Echoes of Faith Rehearsal
- Oct. 7 * 6:00am UMM Prayer Meeting
* 6:00pm Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
* 6:30pm Getting Acquainted Class (if we have new members)
* 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- Oct. 8 6:00pm Trustees Meeting (Rm. 208)
- Oct. 11 Covered Dish Luncheon following the 11am Worship Service**
(Spirit Ringers will play at the 9am Service and Echoes of Faith
At the 11am Service.)
1:30pm Senior to Senior Meeting, Rm. 208
- Oct. 12 5:30pm Finance Meeting- Church Office
7:00pm Church Council Meeting Rm. 208
- Oct. 10 Pumpkins are delivered for Pumpkin Patch.**
- Oct. 15 1:30—3:00pm. Flu Shots given in H. Hall**
- Oct. 16 9:30am—2pm. Church Women United, Luncheon. H. Hall
- Oct. 17 8:00am UMM Breakfast (room off kitchen Hughlett Hall)
9:00am—3pm. Fall Thrift Store Sale and Bake Sale Hughlett Hall
- Oct. 22 Women's Via De Cristo Send Off—Sanctuary
- Oct. 24 10am—4pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting—H. Hall and Rm. 208
- Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat in front parking area. Fun for the whole family.**

Remember that pumpkins will be available from Oct. 13—31st. Please spread the word so that we can have a successful patch this year.

*** indicates that these events happen on a weekly basis.**

PRAYER IN YOUR LIFE



Our nation, our government, our church, our ministries, our youth, Your home, your spouse, your marriage, your job, your health, your mother, your father, your children, your grandchildren, and the list goes on and on.

We need PRAYER in our lives, You need PRAYER in your life!!

Starting now people from our church are gathering together to pray for you and that list. All you have to do is let us know. If you are in need of prayer or you feel GOD is calling you to pray for others then meet us in the Narthex every Monday at 10:30AM and we will be praying for those things on that list.

James 5:13-16 (King James Version) Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

VISITATION PASTOR

Rev. John Cummins will be bringing Communion to those who would like to receive it to shut-ins. This will happen the first week of each month. Please call the church office if you would like a visit from John.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:

Will be meeting following the 9am Praise Service in the old Bridal Room, off the Sanctuary. The focus of the class will be a study on Prayer and various aspects of spiritual formation. Please call church office for more information.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

NEWSLETTER

October 2009

Executive Board Meeting:

October 7 will be our Executive Board Meeting in room 208. It is important that all who have to attend will be there.

UMW General Meeting will take place in Hughlett Hall on October 14th at 10:30am. This meeting is “Reading at the Table”. Five members of the Ruth Book Group will be reporting on one of their favorite books. I am positive at least one of the books will be on your “*to read*” list.

Information

If you have missed the **September 8th and 9th**, “Giving Our Hearts Away” you missed a great couple of days. A collection of \$100 will be used as our action following the study.

Bring new or gently used children’s books for (ages 3-11) to the meeting. They will be donated to Nona’s House, a home in Melbourne for abused and neglected children. The Martha Circle will host the Meeting

Circle Meetings:

Lydia—Pat Van Riper

Martha—No Meeting

Mary Deborah-Parlor

Rachel—June Harmon

Ruth Book Group—Pat Van Riper.



PUMPKIN PATCH IS BACK!!!!

On October 10th around noon pumpkins will be delivered to First UMC of Cocoa and your church is looking for some volunteers to help make it a success.

We need prayer warriors, decorators, pumpkin salesman, people to unload the truck and this list goes on. If you feel that you can help in any way we would really appreciate it. It is a team effort in projects like these.

MaryAnn Yotka is heading the Patch up this year. Call the church office if you are still willing to help or you can talk to MaryAnn on a Sunday morning.

So please begin by praying where GOD may be leading you to help with this years **PUMPKIN PATCH!!!**

May the grace of our GOD be with you always...

PAINTING UPDATE

The Trustees have been hard at work overseeing the Painting Project of the exterior of the building on the North side of the campus. The project has been a slow one as progress could only continue as the funds were donated and capable manpower was available. The job is almost completed at this point, and will be finished as soon as the Trustees are able to raise the necessary funds. The total of \$3,500 is needed to fully cover the completion.

The Church Family has been very gracious with donations so far, for which the Trustees are most grateful. Please try your best to help with the completion of this project with a special gift, what ever you can afford.

Thank you and God Bless you. **Don McCarter, Chair Trustees**



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- 10/01 Carolyn Hall, Diane Peterson
10/02 Michael Artelli Jr., Chris Hibbard
Stephanie Coy
10/03 Modell Sharp, Marjorie Dale
10/05 Mary Ross, Ken Denny
10/06 Delice Cummins
10/07 Ann Elswick, Sandra Gates
10/08 Joan Root, William Robinson
Amanda Russell
10/09 Betty Byrd, Jim Sineri
10/10 Pat Oliver, Russell Berry
10/11 Frances Anderson, Don McCarter
Candy Owen
10/12 Ray Marek
10/14 Marge Cerro, Cindy Morgan
10/16 Jean McMillan
10/17 Ron Elswick, Sr.
Claudia Rameshwar
10/18 Thurston McLeran
10/21 Shirley McCarter
10/26 Nancy Dean, Mary Heslop
10/27 Grace Carrie
10/28 Paul Hinsley, Edith Dalton,
Bonnie Hibbard
10/31 Genie Hardee, Bruce Tate Jr.

**Remember our Birthday
Box in the Narthex.**

November

- 11/01 Gerald Erambert, Tena Rollins
11/02 Bob Knuckle
11/03 Norma Ronstrom, Frank Pound
Jacky Rothermund
11/05 Kitty Yotka
11/08 Rita Jelen, Janice Avent,
Linda Perkins
11/09 Ed Miller
11/10 Ben Scott
11/12 Jean Romprey
11/14 Ann Botner, Ray Knight
Stephen Mangum
11/15 Betty Pound
11/16 Rebecca Walters, Donna Lewis
Luanne Zywiolk,
Jennifer Wright
11/17 Bob Turner, CH Hibbard,
11/19 Christi Coy, Terri Barnett
11/21 Lowell Perkins
11/23 Virginia Haferkamp
11/24 Betty Hammons, Gloria Reed
11/25 Delores Chabot,
11/26 Alice Brown
11/27 Dorothy Bago
11/29 Marilee McDuffie
11/30 Bob Rothstein

GIVE ME THAT OLD TIME RELIGION APPALACHIAN GOSPEL HYMN SING

For those of you who weren't here on Sunday the 20th Sept. you missed an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing that was so filled with emotion and the Holy Spirit, everyone of the 300+ people attending, sang with every bit of conviction they had for their "Love for the Lord", that they couldn't even hear the person standing next to them. Add to that the great Bible stories that the Deacon shared in his great manner, the quartet singing, plus the great presentation of Bluegrass music by "Home Spun." All this plus the fantastic "Old Fashioned Dinner on the Grounds" of BBQ pull pork sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, and pie, made a great day at FUMC where people were so relaxed they just hung around enjoying and talking.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to everybody who worked on and for the committee to make this program run so smoothly and SUCCESSFULLY. It took everyone's willingness to work together to have the success we had. Too many names to list, but from my heart to each and every one who was involved, MANY THANKS and LOVE TO ALL OF YOU.

Don McCarter (Trustees Chair)

FLU SHOTS 15th OCTOBER



Thanks to Marilyn Mayo we will be able to receive the Flu Shots this year.

She has arranged to have them here on **October 15th** and they will be given from 1pm—3pm. We have a list here in the office that you can sign up for shots.

Cost is **\$25.00** for Flu shot. If you have Medicare then it will cost you nothing.

It is very important that you receive the regular flu shot this year as things are suppose to worsen this Fall/Winter pertaining to the flu. Don't take a chance, get a shot!!!



TO THE CRAFTY PEOPLE AT FUMC

Are you an artist or a craft person? If so are you willing to donate a sample or two of your work for sale at the **Shepherd's Closet Thrift Shop** first annual **Public Auction** in set to take place on **November 7th**.

If you are an artist, photographer, woodworker, metal crafter, or one skilled in the fabric arts, glass arts, or other arts and crafts fields, we would welcome your donations. In many cases, materials (picture frames, fabrics, beads, and others) are available in the thrift shop at no cost to church members for use in the creation of arts and craft projects. Several members have already taken advantage of these materials. The value added to these items by your work will greatly improve our prospects for a successful sale.

If you are interested, please call the thrift shop or visit us and check out the availability of materials for your skills. You are limited only by your imagination

Sheryl Henderson

Meaning of our new Sunday School Class (Prayer)

Two of the greatest emphases in our life's ministry are the importance of the written Word and the necessity of being led by the Spirit. Having traveled quite a bit through the years, Carol and I focus strongly on such areas as love, faith, healing, prosperity, honor and integrity. These are areas Our Pastors and Sunday School Teachers bring you each day of their lives. Carol and I desire to come along side and with the help of the Holy Spirit to bring you revelation for self and our Christian Community.

Our heart is to see the lost saved, the sick healed, the distressed relieved, the broken restored, and the discouraged empowered to victory. We believe "True Christianity" is not the formal, powerless thing that so many have come to know. Real fellowship with the living Christ, the Anointed One, results in the destruction of every bondage, the removal of every burden, and the fulfillment of every good desire. There is no life so exciting as the victorious life that is true Christianity." Seeking the FATHER , through JESUS CHRIST, following the leading of THE HOLY SPIRIT in every area of life.

Pray that you will find this teaching rich with revelation yet easy to understand and to put into practice. Many have testified to healing, deliverance, and life-changing experiences through this anointed way of praying and believing God for Answers. We seek your testimony.

We give GOD all the glory.

Don Schoenmann



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