

Prayer Concerns - We welcome all to join in prayer...

♥ We begin by letting you know **Grace Voorhies** died on Saturday, July 20, having had the presence of her daughter and son **Judy** and **Richard**, through the week, and son **Larry** with her on the weekend. Her awareness of cancer was short lived, and swiftly brought a conclusion to her 90 years of life. I'm grateful for those who visited her regularly, engaging her in political and newsworthy conversations while receiving the stories of her life. There will be a service at Timbercrest under the guidance of **Chaplain Karen Eberly**, and a burial in Beaverton, Michigan. Peace to Grace's sweet spirit that sought justice and peace for this world and showed love to everyone who attended to her needs. Peace to her **family**.

♥ We have **several folks** who have had surgeries this week, and who have surgeries in the coming weeks. **Named** and **Unnamed**, we hold **each person** and the bodies that house their spirits in prayer for wholeness and healing, and peace for their spirits.

♥ We hold in loving prayer **Kayla** and **Kathy Plott**. Kathy is now on Hospice Home Care. We pray for comfort and strength. We can support both best with cards, notes, **chocolate** as expressions of our care.

♥ We have a number of those we love in Healthcare at Timbercrest that we want to hold in prayer: **David Rogers**, **Lilian Brumbaugh**, **Wanda Miller**, **Peggy Gilbert**, **Jim** and **Donna Clark**, **George Blair** attended by wife **Linda**, and **Wilson Lutz**. We recall all of our folks in Healthcare and Crestwood, surrounded by our caring prayers.

♥ We hold **our world** and **our nation** in prayer, that discerning hearts and minds can sift through the rhetoric of power and show up for the wellbeing of all the people we live next to, aware of our differences and similarities that create the fullness of our humanity. May we overcome the noise of political violence and chest beating, confusion and wayward vision, with clarity that we are to **love one another**.

♥ We lift prayers of thanks for **our worship Sound Booth Crew** each week; the **adults**, **junior high** and **youth** who tend to the complex use of mics, slides, images, and livestream. We are held together as a widespread community by their efforts.

♥ We pray for our sister church in El Salvador, **Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel** and with others in our district for the **Pipe Creek Congregation** and **Atlantic Southeast District**.

WITNESS WINDOW



Thanks to your generosity, we will be sending \$3,114 to Growing Hope Globally for our 2nd quarter special offering. As of Tuesday (July 23), we have 86 bottles of shampoo, and 32 bottles of conditioner donated for the food pantry. We only need 14 more bottles of shampoo to reach our goal. The goal is in sight!

Nan Erbaugh, Witness Chair

WEEKLY CALENDAR

(Office Hours: Monday - Friday 1 to 3 pm)

MONDAY, JULY 22

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

TUESDAY, JULY 23

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

3:30 p.m. Women's Book Group | Video Conference

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Midweek Update | YouTube

12:00 p.m. Pastors' Luncheon at Timbercrest

1:00 p.m. Tennis | FLC

THURSDAY, JULY 25

5:00 p.m. Gun Violence Prevention Meeting | Chapel

FRIDAY, JULY 26

1:00 p.m. Pickleball | FLC

SATURDAY, JULY 27

10:00 a.m. Conference Room Reserved

SUNDAY, JULY 28 *Celebration of Ministry for Pastor Gwen*

9:30 a.m. Worship: "Creating Wild Hopes & Dreams"

Scripture: Job 12:7-13, Psalm 149:3

10:45 a.m. *Dances of Universal Peace* led by *Pastor Gwen*



Please bring cut up fruit to add to the "stone soup" fruit salad that will be provided. Cards for you to write notes of **thanks** and **best wishes** for Gwen are available in the Narthex outside of the sanctuary. ♥

NURTURE NUDGE Take a moment to lift your face to the goodness of the sun, feeling it soak in through a specific spot in your forehead. What is the sensation? Relief, goodness, warmth? May we be mindful this week of one person with whom we can offer these same feelings.

EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE...

July 17, 2024 Meeting



REPORTS: Treasurer Katherine Haff presented end-of-June financial information; our spending continues to exceed contributions. The Stewardship Commission will be reviewing giving trends. Great news

- loans for the solar panel project were retired earlier this month! Seth Hendricks reported that the first 2024 Sing Me Home event planned in collaboration with the local diversity program for the Spanish-language Heritage Festival will be held on September 13; additional programs will be offered at our festival grounds on September 14. Gwen shared a written report of her 12-month interim ministry with us. The report concludes with seven specific hopes for the congregation as it continues to live and work as a faith community. This information will be shared with the whole congregation in the near future. The Wilt Gift Ad Hoc Committee membership was announced: Beth Beery, Debbie Chinworth, Paul Fry-Miller, Katherine Haff, Steve Hammer, Seth Hendricks, Steve Johnson, and Jeff Osborne. This group will begin their work with an organizational meeting on August 4.

BUSINESS ITEMS: A request from Timbercrest that our building would be available as an emergency shelter in case some disaster would require moving people from their facility to a safer location was approved. The 3rd Quarter Special Offering to Daniel's Place was approved; the special offering day will be September 15.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Katherine shared instructions for beginning the 2025 budgeting process. The proposed budget will be presented at the Fall Council meeting on September 29. Lila reviewed the process for filling commission membership openings. Gwen shared worship themes and special activities planned through August 25.

LILA HAMMER, BOARD CHAIR



Camp Mack Sunday Lunch Sign-Up (August 25)

Please **SIGN-UP** if you would like to eat the provided lunch at Camp Mack after worship at **12PM (noon) on SUNDAY, AUGUST 25.**

Please list each individual name. If listing children please include age.

Payment must be received in the office no later than **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4** or we will have to remove your group from the sign-up list.

Adults \$13 | Kids (3-8) \$6.50 | Under 3 FREE



CAMP MACK SUNDAY

10:30 **WORSHIP ON WEDDING HILL**

12 - 1 pm **LUNCH (signup required)**

12:30 - 2:30 pm **SWIMMING & BOATING**



Sustaining Care Deacons

Diana Bucher, Jan Fairchild, Tina Rieman, Diane Sincroft

Immediate Care Deacons

Ruth Barrett, Chuck Bell, Debbie Chinworth, Jim Chinworth, Christine Fisher, Paul Fry-Miller, Bob Gross, Donna Ritchey Martin, Anita Sautter

SING ME HOME 2024 Line-up Announcement!!

We are excited to welcome new and familiar faces this fall. More information and RSVPs: www.singmehome.org



Our communal "Creativity in Community" Art Project is almost done! We are in the process of adding a border to frame our creation. Thanks for all the creative energy that has gone into this visual portrayal of our life together!



Please consider being part of the team of teachers and helpers for our children's Sunday school program this year. We are looking for people to take turns leading the lessons, and assisting the kids. This is an important and formative service for our children as we raise another generation of humans who know and live

God's love. **Be in touch with anyone** on the **Education Commission** if you have questions or are ready to make a commitment.

Education Commission → Jennifer Reichenbach, Carrie Sautter, Ann Hartsough, Megan Sarber, Deb Manges, and Pastor Amy

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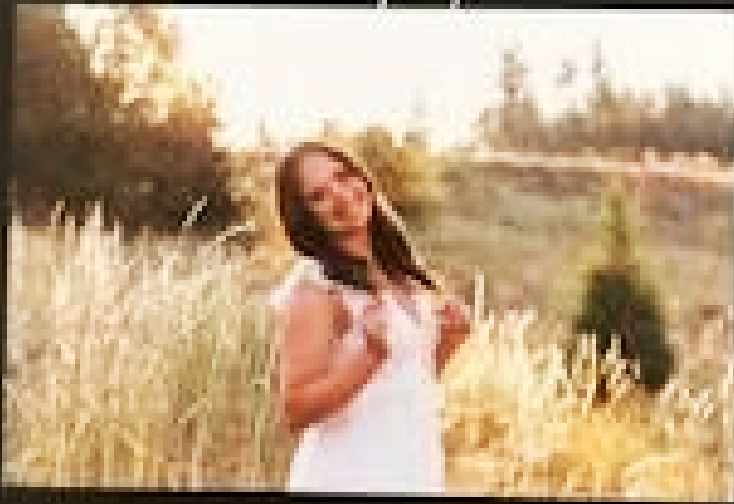
church office or pick up a copy on Sunday.

(first come first serve basis)

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Kaidyn Howard


University High School

August 17, 2024 from 3:30-6:30 pm

The Howard Home

1803 N Heckathorn Drive, North Manchester

Casual dress, swimming, and outdoor games

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