

## Prayer List

We protect the confidential nature of our prayer requests.

The complete list of requested prayers is provided during worship rather than on this "online" bulletin.

You may contact the church office concerning any needs for prayer. You may also email prayer requests.

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## Announcements Cont.

Our next Community breakfast is to be held Saturday, March 2 at the church from 7:30 - 10am. A sign up list will be posted again on the church bulletin board for help. If you are aware of someone in need of medical or living expenses as our next person, please let Mike Kaufman or Becky Riepenhoff know.

We will have a similar breakfast again with eggs, pancakes, and a meat. This is a great way to serve our community and to invite others in. For questions or suggestions please contact Mike.

## Sermon Notes

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2024

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## Welcome to OPC!

\*The Congregation stands if able in body or spirit.

*The congregation extends a big welcome to  
Ellen Hugunin this morning!*

### GATHERING

Welcome

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Here, at the outer limits of Lent, we are called to walk:

All: to the paper-thin edges which cut us to the soul; to the workplaces which weary us; to the people who confuse us; to the faith which threatens us.

One: Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness, we are called to wait:

All: when our clenched stomachs awaken us; in the moments of unbearable sorrow; with the angels who would carry us.

One: Here, where time is fulfilled, where God's Kingdom is as near to us,

All: as our neighbor, we begin Lent: with the Beloved, whose tears wash away our fears, with the God who will not let go of our hands.

\*Hymn *As the Wind Song* #292

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

All: Forgive the silly sins of childhood, the exuberant sins of adolescence, the faded sins of aging; forgive the sins we shout in the streets, the sins we whisper to ourselves; forgive the sins we

didn't give a second thought to, the sins we plot in the middle of the night; forgive the flood of sins which threaten us, the wilderness of sin which we offer to others, the sin which seeks to imprison us: forgive. Forgive us, good and gentle God, forgive us and have mercy on us, so we might walk the path of faithfulness with Jesus, to Jerusalem and beyond, so we might know your steadfast love in our lives.

*Silent Prayer*

One: Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri #581

### THE WORD

Time with the Kids

Choir Anthem *Seek Ye First*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 1:9-15

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "God is in the Wilderness"  
Ellen Hugunin

### RESPONSE

\*Hymn *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* #775

Joys & Concerns

The Lord's Prayer pg. 35

Call to Offering

\*The Doxology #606

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Prayer of Dedication

### SENDING

\*Hymn #166  
*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

\*Charge & Benediction

\*The Peace

One: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share the peace with one another.

### Announcements

Session will meet after worship today.

Choir will meet on Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 pm.

Soup & Silliness Fun will be next Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. We will gather after church for fellowship beginning with a light lunch. Following our lunch, we will play games! Bring your favorite game. Invite a friend! The more the merrier! This is for everyone. A sign-up for soup/food providers is on the bulletin board.

March newsletter articles are due to the office by Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 10 am at Trinity United Methodist Church. A light luncheon will follow. The theme is "I Beg You...Bear With One Another in Love. This is open to men and women. All are welcome. Please rsvp to Sue Archer if you can make it to 419-302-2723 or yadah248@hotmail.com