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**Authentic Prayer**

The adult Sunday School class is studying prayer. As a pastor, I'm hoping we all begin to pray a bit more – with intention, seeking God's will and with abundant results! As we study prayer, I find myself – not only praying more – but thinking about prayer as well. As I did last week, I'd like to share some thoughts on prayer. I hope God speaks to you through them.



Against the flesh – the traitor within – a warrior uses discipline. We have a two-dimensional version of this now, which we call a “quiet time.” But most of us have a hard time sustaining any sort of devotional life because we have trouble seeing the vital connection to recovering and protecting spiritual strength; some days it feels about as important as flossing. But if you saw your life as a great battle and you *knew* you needed time with God for your very survival, you would do it. Maybe not perfectly — nobody ever does and that’s not the point anyway — but you would have a reason to seek him. We give a halfhearted attempt at the spiritual disciplines when the only reason we have is that we “ought” to. But we’ll find a way to make it work when we are convinced we’re history if we don’t.

Time with God each day is not about academic study or getting through a certain amount of Scripture or any of that. It’s about connecting with God. We’ve got to keep those lines of communication open, so use whatever helps. Sometimes I’ll listen to music; other times I’ll read Scripture or a passage from a book; sometimes I will journal; maybe I’ll go for a walk; then there are days when all I need is silence and solitude and the rising sun. The point is simply to do *whatever brings me back to my heart and the heart of God.*

The discipline, by the way, is never the point. The whole point of a “devotional life” is *connecting with God.* This is our primary antidote to the counterfeits the world holds out to us.



*If the Lord should bring a wicked man to heaven, heaven would be hell to him; for he who loves not grace upon earth will never love it in heaven.*  
Christopher Love



### Flag Day

Do you have a flag? Sunday, June 14 is Flag Day. Consider flying your flag that day. If you don't have a flag, maybe it would be a good investment.



### Thank You

Dear NFUMC,

Thank you all so much for your card, thoughts, prayers and loving concern. It is truly a blessing to have to many brothers and sisters in Christ. The Lord has answered my prayers and given me strength to cope and support from others, like you. I love you all! Thanks again!  
Love, Micah Covert



### Fathers' Day

Fathers' Day is Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. We'll thank God for our dads during worship. If you have your dad – let him know how he's helped you be who you are; if you don't have your dad anymore, thank God for his influence. If you *are* a dad – may God bless you!



*Anticipate your battles; fight them on your knees before temptation comes, and you will always have victory.*  
R.A. Torrey



### Summer Begins

For all you sun lovers – it's finally here! Summer arrives this month. It's also Fathers' Day, but you may want to find a minute or two to thank God for the sun that warms our earth and grows our crops. 'Course the days begin getting shorter June 22!



### Congratulations Graduates!

We are so proud of our graduates! We will honor our graduates on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The primary celebration is at 9:00 am though

any present at 11:00 will also be celebrated. Come and hear about their accomplishments and dreams for the future. Our hope rests in these awesome members of our community. We've invited the entire senior class so be sure to wear your nametag (we should wear them **every** week as we generally have guests each week) so we can greet each other by name. Those from First graduating from Nelsonville - York High School are:

- Fancy Anderson
- AshleyLynn Bailey
- Zachary Bateman
- John Cheeseman
- Joshua Dickerson
- Corey Hine
- Kim Kline
- Seth Kline
- Adam Koon
- Brandi Kkranz
- Ainsley Kuhn
- Chelsey McLaughlin



*I think that if God forgives us we must forgive ourselves.*

C.S. Lewis



## 2009 50 Club

Donating \$50 toward apportionments so far this year:

In loving memory of Clyde Campbell by the family

In loving memory of Lora Jane Campbell by the family

Donna Cunningham

In loving memory of Clarence Nelson by Peggy Nelson

In honor of Lori Fick by Charles and Margie Anderson

In loving memory of Mr and Mrs Floyd McCoy by Katie McCoy

In appreciation of Mary Jane McKinley by Katie McCoy

In appreciation of Judy Barber by Katie McCoy

In appreciation of Steve & Debbie Cox by Katie McCoy



## Baby Bottle Campaign

The Baby Bottles you see at the Welcome Center are there to pick up so you can add coins (or dollars or checks). The funds go to support the Athens Pregnancy Resource Center. There is a center in Nelsonville. This is a place girls and women can go to find out if they're pregnant or to get help with baby items. The baby bottles are due back on Fathers' Day – June 21<sup>st</sup>.



*When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.*

- Franklin D. Roosevelt



## Town Meeting

Are you concerned about the number of folks in our town – many of them teenagers – who are addicted to drugs and alcohol – especially heroin? Are you at a loss when you watch drug deals occur within yards of your home? Do you fear for your children and grandchildren? Maybe you don't live next to a place where drugs are sold, but you care about your community. If so, please make time in



your busy calendar for a Town Meeting which be held at the Catholic Hall (East end of Washington Street) on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-8 pm. Chief Wallace (chief of Nelsonville police), Athens County Sheriff Pat Kelly and President of City Council, Kevin Dotson will be present to share their plans to move our town forward and to hear your concerns and ideas. Please take an hour to make a difference.



## Retirement Party

Two very faithful members of our congregation have retired recently. Margaret Eggleston and Mary Frisbee have retired from the adult workshop on Washington Street. While Margaret is enjoying retirement, Mary greatly misses all her friends at Workshop and mourns the loss of health that made retirement necessary. To help ease them into this transition, we're going to host a retirement party for them 10am, Sunday, June 28. Please stop by the fellowship hall on the 28<sup>th</sup> and give them your best wishes as we celebrate this transition in their lives.



## Evangelism Goal

Everyone at FUMC is challenged to pray for at least one unchurched person for at least one minute every day at 1:00 pm. If you cannot possibly pray for one minute at 1:00 pm, you may want to choose another time. The important thing is to pray! After you've prayed for a person for a few weeks, consider inviting them to worship with you.



*Pain nourishes courage. You can't be brave if you've only had wonderful things happen to you.*

Mary Tyler Moore



### FUMC Shut-ins

Shirley Howard, Bob Wilson, Eileen Burchfield, Charlotte Smathers – Logan Health Care, 300 Arlington Drive, Logan, 43138

Alberta Hellyer - Reflections, 2750 W Fair Ave, Apt 226, Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Lucille Steenrod, Crestview Manor, 925 Becks Knob Road, Lancaster, 43130

Dorothy Colwell, 1658 Connett, Nelsonville 45764

Chuck Mohney, 96 Mill St, Nelsonville 45764



when you're released - a trip to a hospital following your release takes time away from helping someone else. If you go to a rehab center, the pastor will not know unless you call Rev Walters and let her know.

If you'd like the pastor to make a call (to your home), please mark the attendance pad or call the office to schedule.



*If the creator had a purpose in equipping us with a neck, he surely meant us to stick it out.*

Arthur Koestler



### Hot Dog Dinner

We're having our final Hot Dog dinner at Hocking College on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 pm. We need donations of wrapped cookies, brownies – treats for college students. We serve 200 students and are looking for packages of goodies to go with the hot dogs. Please drop them off at the church by Tuesday at 4 – or bring them to the college and help us serve! Come share the love of Christ with students who want to be invited to worship with us and who often are in need of a free dinner.



### Help the Pastor

As you probably know, the Ohio Legislature passed a bill a few years ago, prohibiting hospitals from providing lists of patients to anyone (including pastors). They no longer call a pastor when you are admitted to the hospital. If you're admitted to the hospital, please have a family member call the pastor (in most cases, a chaplain will call for you too). *There is no other way for the pastor to know you are in the hospital, unless you call.* It is helpful as well to let the pastor know



### Services for Shut-ins



Tapes of our morning worship services are available each week. They can be picked up on the vestibule table or delivered to shut-ins by Bill & Joan Cox. Call the office at 753-1939 to make arrangements or for more information.



### Ministry to a Soldier

Interested in helping a soldier be a bit less lonely? Check out [www.mysoldier.com](http://www.mysoldier.com) and make a difference in someone's life.



Tom & Marge Riley's grandson's address is: GySgt Riley, MJ 1st PLT, TASK FORCE MP's, 1st BN, 12th MAR, D Company, Unit 44121, FPO, AP 96607-4121



### Bring a Friend

Brought a friend to worship lately? Having trouble describing what happens here? Maybe this will help...

At 9am we have a traditional service. That means it looks a lot like what "church" has always looked like. We sing traditional

hymns, the choir sings a number, there's a children's church, candles are lit – church much like it's been done since the 1950s. This service appeals to those who are listeners.



At 10am we have Sunday School. The Queen Esther Class always welcomes new members (a class for women) as does the men's class which meets in the chapel. We have classes for kids - nursery through high school too. The kids are preparing for summer by creating Bible projects. We have a class for adults which is currently doing a study of prayer.

At 11am we have a worship service in the fellowship hall. It's more informal – we join hands to pray and children are present. Music has various formats from a soft rock beat and we've even done bluegrass! This service has video and other media presentations for those who are more visual than aural.



*It's not how much you have that makes people look up to you, it's who you are.*

Elvis Presley



### **Congrats to Newly Weds**

We congratulate Nicole Smith and Justin Gail on their wedding. They were married recently at First.

During June, Brian Perry and Sheila Quinn will be join in holy wedlock.

Please pray for both couples as they begin their new lives together.



### **Office Hours**

The office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm. The pastor is in the office each day but attends many community meetings, performs funerals, visits shut-ins, etc. If you'd like to speak to her,



call the office and if she's not in, Mrs. Barber will have her call or make an appointment for a talk.



*Education is when you read the fine print.  
Experience is what you get if you don't.*



Pete Seeger

### **Sign Up!**

Are you willing to provide flowers for the sanctuary? Please indicate that by signing the flower chart. Live fresh flowers enhance our worship and we appreciate having them. Check out the chart to see which dates are available.



Want to serve as an usher or greeter for the 9am service? You can sign up to serve behind the welcome center.



### **Newsletter Articles**

Please turn your newsletter articles in to Judy Barber by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks for helping to make *The Common Line* more informative and helpful! If you have information people need, be SURE to get it to Judy (schedules for service, etc).



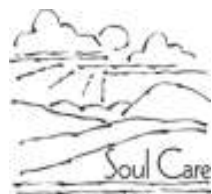
### **Benefit Bank**

First UMC is now a site for the Ohio Benefit Bank. That means folks can make an appointment to come in and find out what state assistance your family qualifies to receive. It provides all the forms you need to submit to the state to receive assistance if you qualify. Programs for which we can provide information include: children's health care insurance, home energy assistance, child care assistance, food stamps, tax assistance. If you know someone who could benefit from this program, please have them call the church office. We feel this will be a nice compliment to the Caring Ministry we've been providing.



## Care Corner

Check out the Care Corner while at worship! On the Canal Street side you'll find blood pressures, blood glucose checks and an opportunity to sign cards to those are under the weather. You can sign a card – or – pick one out just from you! Be sure to stop over and send your Christian greetings to those in our congregation who need an encouraging word.



*Every time we open our mouths, people look into our minds.*



## Bible Study

There is a Bible Study sponsored by Virgil and Nina McKnight every Wednesday night at 6:00. The study is a video course which is led by Les Feldick. All are welcome to join in the fellowship and the opportunity to learn from God's Word. The class meets in the chapel.



## Pentecost

Pentecost is observed 50 days after Jesus' resurrection. This is the day the church was born. The Holy Spirit descended on the upper room and gave all those there the power to witness to the resurrection of Christ and our ability to find forgiveness of sins and salvation through him. Please wear red on Pentecost which is May 31<sup>st</sup>.



*To be loved, be lovable*

Ovid

