Prayer Corner

Prayer of the Month:

"For All Who Come" Sherrie Dobbs Johnson -Africana Worship Book (Year C)

Lord of abundance, for all who come this morning without a song, let us listen for the melody of our own breaths, breathing in and breathing out. You gave us that breath, Lord. Thank you. For all who come this morning seeing only the negative, let us see the beauty of this new day. For all who come this morning smelling the bitter stench of yesterday's hurt, let us smell the freshness of possibilities to begin again. For all who come this morning tasting dryness and staleness, let us taste the wine of Jesus' love. Let that wine make us drunk with generosity to share our food, privileges, and hearts with others. Touch our feelings once again. Amen.

Prayer Requests

- Linda Anderson-Hill
- Gordon Edmond (Brother of Stacey Swain & Joel Edmond)
- Larry Gray
- Xavier Golden
- Melvin Henderson
- Dr. Joi Lewis
- Gary Martin
- Sharon Martin
- Willie P. McCoy, Jr.
- Carlton McQuirter (Brother of James McQuirter)
- Karen Morgan
- Calvin Morgan
- Pedro Ramos

Seniors and Homebound

- Verlene Booker
- Glenice Booker-Butler
- Margaret Carter
- Dr. Charles Crutchfield
- James Cummings
- Ginnie Dennis
- Doris Douglas
- Charlotte Drake
- Johnette Houston
- Pat Jemie
- Barbara Wulf



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June 15, 2025 | 10 am



Trinity Sunday | Father's Day

Welcome to Camphor!

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- **†** All stand
- Please be Seated
 Where indicated, speak or sing the words in **bold**

Centering Moment: Our Daily Bread

Check out today's passage from "Our Daily Bread" to get centered for Worship.



Prelude

† Acolyte

† Processional

Welcome/Announcements

Carlton Garner

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Carlton Garner

One: Beloved, today we remember the love of a good, good Father–

Many: A Father who sees us, runs to us, and welcomes us home.

One: The Father who lifts up the fallen and restores the broken.

Many: We've felt that grace, we've known that mercy-hallelujah!

One: So we bring our whole selves into the house of the Lord-

Many: Because when God is our Father, we're never too far to come

back home!

† Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Loving God, You are the Father we long for and the one we run to. You saw us from afar, and yet You came closer. You wrapped us in mercy, not judgment. You didn't just forgive us—you celebrated us. Thank You for teaching us what love looks like in real life. As we worship today, may every father, every son, every daughter, and every soul hear Your welcome. Make us a church that reflects Your embrace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

(Adapted from Church Assistant: Liturgy, Bible Study, Prayer)

This Week at Camphor Memorial UMC

*M-F: 7 am-CCEL/Bethel University Summer Gardening (Noah's Ark) Office Closed Thursday June 19th for observance of Juneteenth!

Tuesday, June 17th 5 pm- Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6 pm- Admin Council Meeting (Fellowship/

Narthex Area)

Wednesday, June 18th 10 am- UMM Weekly Bowling (Flaherty's)

6 pm- Mindful Movement (Large Sunday School

Room)

Saturday, June 21st 9 am- Exercise w/Connie (Lg. Sunday School

Room)

Sunday, June 22nd 10 am- Worship (Sanctuary and Live-Stream)

11:30 am- UMM Fish & Chicken Fry (Fellowship/

Narthex Area)

Volunteer Corner - Get Involved at Camphor Memorial UMC!

Are you looking for a way to serve and make a difference in the life of our church? Several ministries at Camphor Memorial UMC are currently seeking volunteers. Your time and talents are needed! Consider joining one of the following ministry teams:

<u>Usher Ministry: Help create a welcoming environment for worshippers.</u> Contact: Saran Cryer - sarancryer@gmail.com

<u>Communion Stewards: Assist in preparing and serving Holy Communion.</u> Contact: Harold Golden - harold.golden@comcast.net

<u>Digital Ministry: Support worship and outreach through technology.</u> Contacts: Dr. Darlene Fry - darlene-fry1637@comcast.net

Christian Education: Help lead and grow our spiritual formation programs. Contact: De Anna Conover - deanna.conover@state.mn.us

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† Morning Hymn

"Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior"

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[Verse 1]

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
Hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

[Refrain]

Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

[Verse 2]

Let me at a throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief. [Refrain]

[Verse 3]

Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace. [Refrain]

[Verse 4]

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, More than life to me, Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee? [Refrain]

(Worshippers May Enter)

Call to Prayer Carlton Garner

Beloved, the arms of the Father are always open. Whether you've been faithful or you've been far, you are still loved. Bring your burdens, your blessings, your bruises, and your breakthroughs. God sees. God listens. God welcomes. Let us now enter into silence.

(Offer Silent Prayers to God)

Prayer of Intercession

Rev. William Petty

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

(Worshippers May Enter)

Passing of the Peace

Rev. William Petty

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation, peace, and love. Saying, to our neighbors, "the peace of Christ be with you," the response is, "And also with you!"

(Worshippers May Enter)

Stewardship Moment

Rev. William Petty

Offertory

† The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

(Worshippers May Enter)

Ministry of Music

Sanctuary Choir

† Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:11-12, 20-24 (NIV)

Carlton Garner

11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

(Leader: The Word of God for the People of God/ All: Thanks be to God)

Ministry of Music Sanctuary Choir

Sermon The Qualities of a Good Father Rev. William Petty

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. William Petty

(Those who desire prayer or anointing with oil may come at this time.)

† Benediction with Blessings

Rev. William Petty

Let the Church say Amen
Let the Church say Amen
God has spoken, Let the Church say Amen

(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)



"A good father doesn't wait for perfection—he runs with compassion."

-Inspired by Luke 15:11-32