

Prayer Corner

Prayer of the Month:

"Prayer to the Holy Spirit"- Traditional Native American Prayer (UMCH #329)

O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze; We need your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us the eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades, like the fading sunset, our hearts come to you without shame. Amen

Prayer Requests

- Oglesby Family
- Richburg Family
- Sylvah Family
- Neal Family
- Dr. Joi Lewis
- LaTonya Ross Hughes (Heart Surgery)
- Rev. Dr. Theresa Mason (Hip Surgery)
- Calvin Morgan
- Karen Morgan
- Willie P. McCoy, Jr.
- Sharon Martin
- Gary Martin
- Clifton Fuller
- Alton Campbell

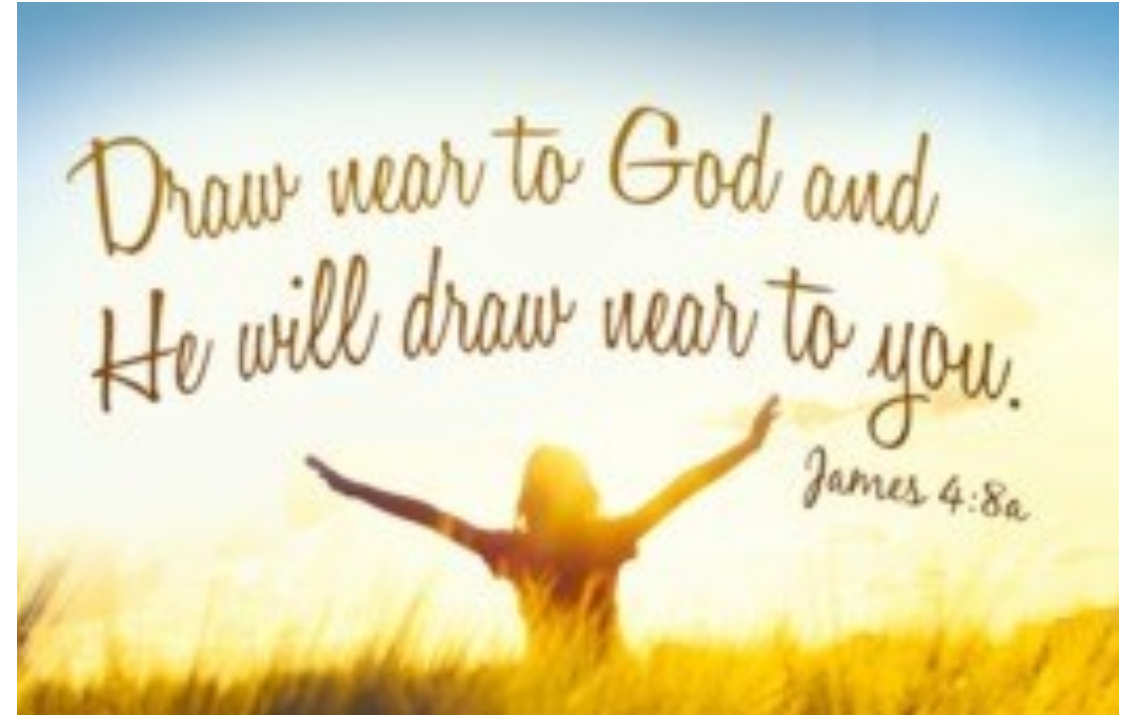
Seniors and Homebound

- Verlene Booker
- Glenice Booker-Butler
- Margaret Carter
- James Cummings
- Shirley Cummings
- Ginnie Dennis
- Doris Douglas
- Charlotte Drake
- Johnette Houston
- Pat Jemie
- Carrie Lewis



Loving God. Loving People.

September 22, 2024



Uncommon Wisdom | Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Camphor!

We are an open, welcoming, and affirming congregation, intentional and inclusive of all God's people. Camphor worship services are filmed, recorded and broadcast on line. Whoever you are – you are safe here.

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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 and Announcements

Nieeta Presley

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Nieeta Presley

One: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

Many: God's ways are just and merciful.

One: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

Many: In all that they do, they prosper.

One: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Many: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.

(From Ministry Matters)

† Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. AMEN.

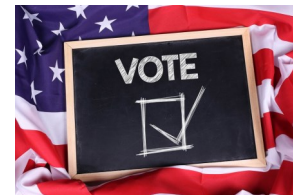
(Worshippers May Enter)

This Week at Camphor UMC

- Monday September 23rd** 6pm: Narcan Training (Fellowship/Narthex)
- Saturday September 28th** 10am: SPRC Meeting (Conference Room)
- Sunday September 29th** 10am: Worship (Sanctuary and Live-Stream)

Camphor Bulletin Board

Vote 2024 (Social Justice Ministry)



As election season approaches, the Social Justice Ministry and ISAIAH are dedicated to increasing voter turnout among Black Minnesotans. Camphor Memorial UMC invites you to get involved!

Voter Pledge Sundays: From now until November 3rd, stop by the Narthex after services to pledge your vote. Help us reach our goal of 200 pledges and track our progress on the Democracy Builder Goal Tracker. Make sure you and your household are registered to vote between September 20th and November 5th. Register at bit.ly/BlackMNVote. Your vote matters—let's make it count!

New Office Hours (Starting Tuesday September 24th)

Effective Tuesday, September 24th, our office hours will be as follows: Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM



Connection (September Edition)



Camphor's edition of our monthly newsletter, "Connection," has arrived! Scan the QR code to read the September edition or go to the Camphor Connects Hub on Camphor's website to download your copy!

Sermon Notes

sermon title:

Notes

key verses:

Prayers

[Verse 1]

**We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Soldiers of the cross.**

[Verse 2]

**Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Soldiers of the cross.**

[Verse 3]

**Children, do you love my Jesus?
Children, do you love my Jesus?
Children, do you love my Jesus?
Soldiers of the cross.**

[Verse 4]

**If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
Soldiers of the cross.**

[Verse 5]

**Rise, shine, give God glory,
Rise, shine, give God glory,
Rise, shine, give God glory,
Soldiers of the cross.**

(Worshippers May Enter)

Call to Prayer

Nieeta Presley

Beloved community, as we gather in this sacred space, let us pause and open our hearts to the power of prayer. Inspired by the faith of our ancestors, who lifted their voices in hope and resilience, I invite each of you to bring your burdens, joys, and aspirations before the Lord. In this moment of silence, let us connect deeply with God, trusting that God hears every whisper and every cry of our hearts.

(Offer Silent Prayers to God)

Intercessory Prayer

Chaplain Kelly Figueroa-Ray, PhD.

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 and ever. Amen

(Worshippers May Enter)

Passing of the Peace

Nieeta Presley

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

Chaplain Kelly Figueroa-Ray, PhD.

Offertory

Bell Choir

† 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

Voices of Grace

† Scripture Lesson

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (NIV)

James 3:13-4:3

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 4:7-8a

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you.

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

(Worshippers May Enter)

Ministry of Music

Voices of Grace

Sermon

"Draw Near to God, & He Will Draw Near to You"
Chaplain Kelly Figueroa-Ray, PhD.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Chaplain Kelly Figueroa-Ray, PhD.

(Those who want to join the church, desire prayer or be anointed with oil may come at this time.)

† Benediction and Blessings

Chaplain Kelly Figueroa-Ray, PhD.

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

(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)