

Pastor's Page

A Call to Prayer

Urgent and tragic prayer requests from Afghanistan, Haiti, and a call to prayer for America keep coming. Please pray for these countries and all who live there - even for a moment.

1. For Afghanistan

– The Taliban, who came to power, said they would make sure no more innocent blood was shed, but retaliation continues. Please pray that especially young children and women will not be harmed.

– Another huge wave of refugees is expected to come, like those from the Syrian civil war. We need to pray that countries around the world will not close their doors but instead open their hearts to care for refugees.

– Please pray for the gospel that has been sown to bear fruit. The Taliban government has played a key role in extremist Islamic organizations. According to their doctrine, Christians are the death penalty. Pray for the protection of Christians in Afghanistan so that they may experience the Lord's powerful protection and guidance in these turbulent times.

2. For Haiti

– After another 11 years, the ground cracked again and the buildings collapsed. There were thousands of casualties. The poor are getting poorer, and the gangs are looting more mercilessly. What's more, after the assassination of the president, there is anarchy. Please pray that order in the country will be restored as soon as possible.

– To make matters worse a tropical storm hit. There will be several epidemics. In addition to COVID-19, please pray for small children and those with weakened immune systems to endure.

– Please pray for the safety, health and ministry of missionaries. The mission center and missionaries' homes are being targeted by robbers. Please pray for safety.

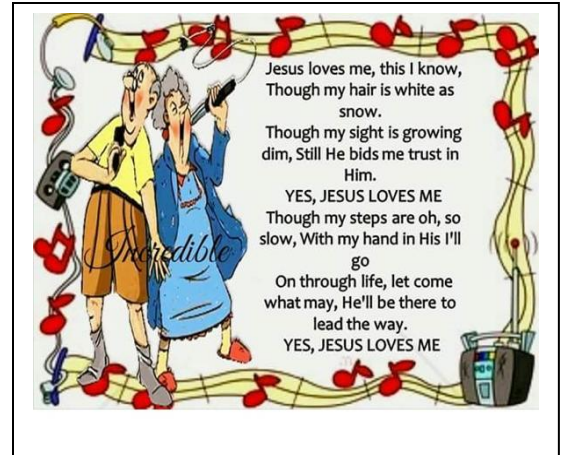
3. For America

– The tragic situation in Afghanistan, the ongoing pandemic, the fight over religious, political, and ideological divisions, and the economic uncertainty in the U.S right now are an array of challenges that face the U.S. Don't give up - pray for our country. The country needs you. If you don't pray, who will?

Pastor David



A big really big THANK YOU to LARRY MAATSCH for maintaining the lawns at our Church and the front and back yards at the Parsonage. This job involves far more than just mowing. He makes sure the sprinkler system at the Church is working properly, trims all areas, waters the Parsonage yard when needed, sets a sprinkler at the Church when the automatic system isn't enough for certain spots, and takes away the debris – no matter the day, no matter the weather! Your attention to detail enhances our properties. Larry, we appreciate you!!



Thank you for your prayers during my surgeries. Your concerns for my recovery were greatly appreciated. It's great to be a member of a loving community of faith.

Annie Harding

Thank you for the prayer blanket from the Church and Elizabeth Church ladies, especially my former 3rd grade teacher, Kathy Hansen. "It's so big. I use it every day." Judy says "there are big prayers with it."

We can't thank you enough for all the prayers.

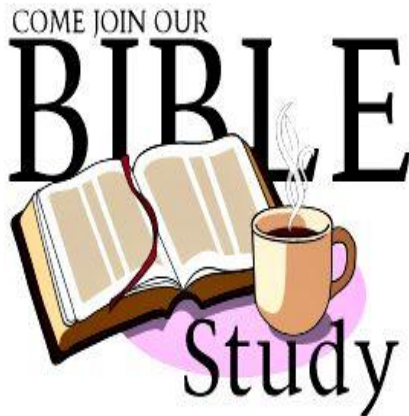
Thank God for what you have. Trust God for what you need.

Judy Phillips
Kirk Ellis

Elizabeth Circle will be postponed until the 15th of September.

Bible Study is starting up again!

Join us for Bible study, discussion and fellowship. We meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30. Most of our past studies have lasted 8 to 10 weeks. The first meeting will be Sept 15 at 5:30. Please come and watch the video series that we will share. We would love to see you there!



Charge Conference

2021

*God's Call: Remember, Renew,
Reimagine*

Conference paperwork will be starting and of course I will be asking for help from people in the churches.

October 30 in Cozad at 10 am.

Back to school lunch for Elizabeth Circle with apples and fireflies! What a beautiful luncheon these ladies presented!



Patricia & Diane



The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication.

It's Shoebox Season!

Shoebox season is here, which means we once again have the privilege to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of boys and girls around the world—like Stefana in Madagascar.

Twelve-year-old Stefana was thrilled when he opened his gift-filled box and found a new pair of shoes that fit him just right. The special present helped him see God's love for him. Stefana and five other family members then began attending church. They all prayed to receive Christ as Savior and were recently baptized! "Stefana is a special boy," his pastor said. "He loves learning God's Word." And it all started with a shoebox!

A few reminders for packing boxes:

- Start with a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Candy and toothpaste are not allowed.
- Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
- Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.
- A donation of \$9 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Please place the \$9 in the shoebox as it is brought to the Church.



Please say an extra prayer for our graduates as they head off to college!

Heavenly Father, please be with these students as they go where they do not know.

As they seek to grow in knowledge, we ask that they grow in faith.

As they start to conquer the world, we hope that they conquer their fears.

As they strive to find their place, we pray that they find You.

Please go where we cannot, protect when we cannot, give strength that we cannot, and bring them safely home.

Amen

Korrine Benson
Chloe Besler
Kyle Borland

Braden Jones
Brady Lewis
Clayton Sayer

Backpack kids



A man, who regularly attended family meetings, suddenly, without any notice, stopped participating.. After a few weeks, one very cold night the leader of that group decided to visit him.

He found the man at home, alone, sitting in front of a fire place where a bright fire burned. The man welcomed the leader. There was a greet and calm silence.

The two men only watched the dancing flames around the logs that crackled in the fireplace. After a few minutes, the leader, without saying a word, examined the logs that formed the fire and selected one of them, glowing most brightly of all, and removed it to the side with a pair of tongs. Then he sat down again.

The host was paying attention to everything, fascinated. Before long, the lone member flame subsided, until there was only a momentary glow and the fire soon went out.

In a short time what was previously bright light and heat became nothing more than a black and a dead piece of wood.

Very few words had been spoken since the greeting.

Before preparing to leave, the leader with the tongs picked up the useless piece of wood and placed it again in the middle of the fire. Immediately, the member piece of wood was rekindled, fuelled by the light and heat of the burning coals around him.

When the leader reached the door to leave, the host said:"Thank you for your visit and for your beautiful lesson. I'll return to the group soon".

Why is a group important in our lives?

Simple:

Because each member that withdraws takes fire and heat from the rest. It's worth reminding group members that they are a part of the flame.

It's also good to remind us that we are all responsible for keeping each other's flame burning.

And we must promote the union among us so that the fire is really strong, effective and lasting.

Keep the fire burning!



Surely Goodness And Mercy

By Bill Dagle

One of my fond memories of Dr. Al Smith, Mr. Singspiration, is seeing him in a church in Rome, Pennsylvania. The time was July, and the occasion was another Phillip P. Bliss remembrance birthday celebration. Bliss was born on July 9, 1838 in Clearfield County Pennsylvania and would eventually call Rome his home. Each year, the Phillip Bliss Historical Society would celebrate Bliss's birthday with Dr. Al Smith sharing his "Hymn Stories." It would be the combination of a story about Bliss, the help of John W. Peterson, and the 23rd Psalm that would inspire Dr. Al to write his own hymn just as Bliss had done for so many years.

It all began when Dr. Al received a letter from a descendant of Mr. Bliss. In the letter, the story was told about the time when young Bliss attended his first day of school. Six years of age, a one room school house and a very pretty teacher, Miss Murphy, would impact the boy. Little Bliss never had seen someone so beautiful and was instantly love struck. As was the custom back then, the Bible was used in the classroom. Before the day was over, Miss Murphy chose to read the 23rd Psalm. When she came to the part, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life," little Bliss heard it just a little bit differently. Unable to read, young Philip thought for sure it said, "Surely good Miss Murphy shall follow me all the days of my life." Our young student was heartbroken when, days later, he discovered that Miss Murphy wouldn't be making that journey after all.

Inspired by the story, Dr. Al, with John Peterson, would write the song, Surely Goodness and Mercy in a matter of hours. Added to the hundreds of songs already written by Dr. Al Smith, this one has gone down in the books as a classic. For years now, it has been sung to encourage those trusting in Christ that a better home is waiting in Heaven for them someday:

A pilgrim was I, awand'ring, In the cold night of sin I did roam, When Jesus the kind Shepherd found me, and now I am on my way home.

When I walk thru the darksome valley, My Savior will walk with me there; And safely His great hand will lead me. To the mansions He's gone to prepare.

Chorus

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days, all the days of my life; Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life.

Jesus said "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you." He also said "That He is the way, the truth and the life." John 14:2-6

The Outreach Committee took part in the back to school luncheon for school personnel. The teachers were very happy with their gifts! Thank you Pat Downer and the Outreach Committee! Thanks for all you do!



September 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 UMW at 1:30 pm	2	3	4
5 Communion	6	7	8 Bartley UMW at 9:30 am	9	10	11
12 No Potluck	13	14 Outreach at 5:30pm	15 Elizabeth Circle 12:00 pm Bible Study 5:30pm 7:30 pm Lois Circle	16 Bingo at ALF - 2:30 pm	17	18
19 Church in the Park at 10:30 with all churches - with picnic to follow!	20	21	22 Bible Study 5:30pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Worship at ALF –10:30 am Bible Study 5:30pm	30		



Bartley United Methodist Women

Back together again! All members were present for the August 11 UMW meeting held at the church. The UMW Purpose was used to open the morning's meeting. Correspondence was from Epworth Village, asking for school year supplies. UMW voted to send contributions to Epworth Village, Pledge to Missions, and donate to the Prayer Blanket project.

Elnora Burke gave the Response Minute, and shared a picture of the new mission pin, high-lighting 150 years of Special Mission Recognition. All current members have received the Special Mission Pin. The Bartley UMW has presented the pin since 1975, when Lois Garton was the first recipient.

LaNora Palmateer celebrated her birthday on August 9th. Elnora closed, using good thoughts from "Heaven's Grocery Store".

The next meeting is September 8, at 9:30 AM. Elnora will lead and host.

Church in the Park

Sunday, September 19 at 10:30 am.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy!

We will have a picnic to follow!

Ginger tenBensel will be singing!



Watch for more information!



**& Birthdays
Anniversaries**

Invite a friend to join us

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9:30 Fellowship

9:45am Adult Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Indianola United Methodist Church

&

Kemper Memorial United Methodist Church

9:45 am Worship

Followed by Fellowship

September

3	Josh Holtze	18	Rod Horst
	Jason Ellicott	20	Arlene Newcomb
	Don Farley	21	Kimmie May
4	Erin Randolph		Pat Downer
	Virginia Roberts	23	Olivia Taylor
5	Colleen Johnson	24	Chris Borland
6	Brian Hoag		Becky Johnson
	Penny Johnson	27	Austin Wineland
9	Chloe Besler	28	Ruth Palensky
10	Julie Carpenter	29	Destry Jorgensen
	Gloria Hilton	30	Cort Fiene
12	Judy Jackson		Darren Huxoll
15	Ken Dutt		Emily Mollring
16	Drew Holtze		
	Capri Sayer		
17	Patricia Sayer		
	Brad Borland		
	Lyman Seybold		

Happy Anniversary

September 10
Dave & Andela Taylor

September 12
Jake & Makayla Kessler

September 15
Dave & Kathy Benson

September 19
Troy & Pam Westadt