

**“What's the
WORD?”**



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Beloved Church,

"What made your heart sing today?"

This was my post on Facebook yesterday and I received several comments. Some were about grandchildren, some favorite pets, one was a newly engaged friend planning their wedding, and another was simply a young man holding a door open. Our UCC General Minister and President John Dorhauer's response... "A very long bike ride"

For me, there would be too much to list! Yet I'll share with you just a few of the things that made my heart sing.

First, I received a note & special bracelet made by 9 year old Miranda (Our new Office Administrator, Tiffany's daughter). What 9 year old thinks to write such a special thank you saying how much they loved worship?!?!? Miranda does! Next, I was able to spend some special time with one of our members over lunch. And then it was with another member for great conversation over coffee before he leaves for college.

And my list could go on!

The more I think about how I would answer that question, the more my heart wants to burst into song!

Friends, think about how you would answer...

What made your heart sing today?

Because I believe whatever made your heart sing was a little "God Moment". A moment when you recognized Christ in the midst of your day...

I pray you take time every day to think about that simple question and ponder where the Spirit is shining through, in even the most ordinary of days!

What makes my heart sing?

Here is one more answer.... Ministry with all of you!

Love & Light,

Michelle

Prayer Concerns

Please keep these individuals/families in your prayers...

Peggie Foster's daughter in law to be with God a couple weeks ago. Please pray for comfort for the family as they grieve.

Carolyn was discharged to home with her family! They will have nursing support for her in the home.

Those remaining in our Prayers

Joy Ballard, Linda Cobb, Lewis & Vonnie Fowler, Jim Horne, Troy Johnson, Maureen Kennedy, Michelle M., Julie Miller, Keith Miller, Shirley Perry, Rachel, Joe Strickland, Nancy Thomas, Benji Terrell, Julie Miller, Carolyn Stubblefield, those hospitalized or in specialized care facilities and our homebound.

Prayers of Gratitude & Joy

Evan Russell is headed to college on August 15th. Please keep him in your prayers as he starts this new school year.

August Birthdays

- 8/2 Cathy Andes
- 8/4 Sue Horne
- 8/4 Lola Pipes
- 8/7 Matt Terrell
- 8/10 Nancy Thomas
- 8/20 Michelle Funk
- 8/21 Evan Russell
- 8/23 Heather Williams
- 8/28 Dan Loy
- 8/28 Robert Price
- 8/31 Ken Pipes



August Anniversaries

- 8/15 Harvey & Merle Sharpe
- 8/23 Mack & Elizabeth Painter

Those serving in our Armed Forces

PFC Matthew Knight
1Lt Kirk Workman



Upcoming Worship Services

Date	August 1st	August 11th	August 15 th	August 22nd
Theme	"Pray Often" Holy Communion Creative Prayer Service	"Work for Justice"	"Encourage Others" Teacher Appreciation	"Share Our Blessings" Laity Sunday
Scripture	James 5:13-18	Micah 6:8	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Hymns	Not My Brother, nor My Sister As we Gather at Your Table	Wonderful Words of Life All Things Bright and Beautiful	Joyful, Joyful You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim	TBD

Summer Worship Theme

Join us this summer as we explore what it means to
"Be A Blessing"
Lots of stories, scripture, music and more!

Women's Fellowship

We are back! Our women's guild meeting will be held on Monday Aug. 2, 2021. This is for both women's circles at 5:30pm. We will enjoy a box supper, then a short program to follow about Backpack Ministry.

If you haven't been a part of one of the women's circle in the past, please feel free to join us! We always love new faces and energy. Contact Carol Fonville for more information

BE A BLESSING
LEAD WITH LOVE. PRAY OFTEN.
PRACTICE PEACE.
GIVE THANKS.
BE JOYFUL. BE KIND.
DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE.
WORK FOR JUSTICE.
BE THE LIGHT.
ENCOURAGE OTHERS.



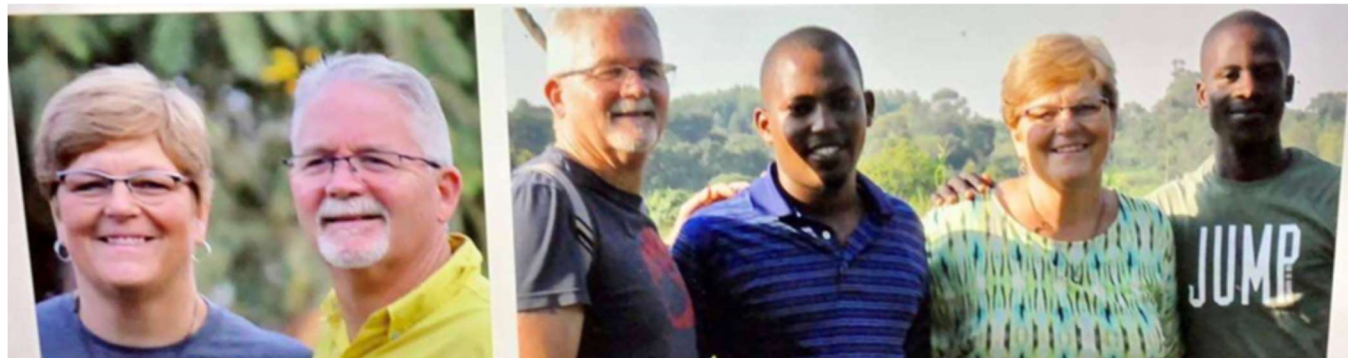
"PRAY OFTEN"

SUNDAY AUGUST 1ST, 2021

AT 10:30 AM

Join us for a morning of creative prayer! Explore ways that we can pray that maybe you never thought of! An interactive service focusing on connection and relationship with God through creativity and prayer!

Our Theme is "Be A Blessing... Pray Often"



July/August Mission Project

HOPE- Helping Others Prosper Everyday

Habert and Isaiah have had a dream to see that children with disabilities have access to quality education as any other child through inclusion. Regina and Gary Carroll have bought land for the school in Hoima, Uganda. If you would like to contribute to this mission project, please write "HOPE Mission" in the memo area on your check. Thank you for your support of this wonderful mission that took much courage to begin! Please Pray for the school as they fulfill their dream and mission serving children with special needs!

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*Please note Friday & Saturday are her Sabbath days.

(With the exception of scheduled events.)
She is available for emergencies only those days