

Prayer Station located in the Heritage Room . . .

Praying

Prayer simply talking to God.

Prayer is a privilege.

Imagine meeting your best friend at your favorite place.

Your friend knows everything about you.

*You can count on your friend
being exactly where he or she says they will be.*

*Anytime, any place, your friend is willing
to listen and responds with love and concern.*

That is just like prayer.

The only difference is that your best friend is God.

God is available 24/7/365.

God knows everything, sees everything, hears everything. . . and still loves you!

You can talk to God about anything that concerns you

—your desires, fears, and passions

—your concerns for your loved ones.

Tell God what is inside you without fear.

Say whatever is on your heart.

God will listen to your anger, frustration, joy, apathy, and sadness.

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock
and the door will be opened to you.*

*For everyone who asks receives;
he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks,
the door will be opened.”*

Matthew 7:7-8

Add your Lenten prayers to the poster board.

Acolyte: Thank You!

Altar Flowers: The Gerstenberger's

*In Celebration of the Love from Our Pilgrim
Family, Friends & Children, esp. Heidi !*

Greeters: Everyone present today!

Ushers: Thank You!

PowerPoint: Thank You!

Liturgist: Dan Gerstenberger

Fellowship: Team #3 – Kathie Richards

Steeple Lighting: Thank you!

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Sunday, March 19, 2017



Thirsty Voices

Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

Mission Statement:

*God calls us to live our faith as disciples
Sharing the love of God revealed through Christ
In the community and the world.*

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A Caring Church for Thinking People
Sunday, March 19, 2017 † The Third Sunday in Lent

THE PRELUDE *Evening Prayer* *Enuelbert Humperdinck*

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* No. 269

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95)

One: Come let us sing for joy.

All: Let us come before God with thanksgiving.

One: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all else.

All: Come let us bow down in worship before Him.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Dan Gerstenberger

We come this day, O Lord, to give You our thanks for the gift of today. For the hugs, the hands we can hold, for the ears to listen and the hearts to love. We are never alone for You are with us. May we feel Your presence in worship and know Your company in all of our days. Hear us now as we pray the prayer Your Son taught us, "Our Father . . ." [debt, debtors]

*THE GLORIA PATRI (Red Hymnal) No. 513

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD AND EACH OTHER

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM *Adoramus Te* Theodore Dubois
from "*The Seven Last Words of Christ*"

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

***all who are able may stand**

THE OFFERTORY *II. Gradual* John Starr Alexander
from "*Requiem*"

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Red Hymnal) *Just As I Am Without One Plea (vs. 4)* No. 319
Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

SPECIAL MUSIC HAND BELL CHOIR *With Praises Ring* Barbara Kinyen

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Dan Gerstenberger
Exodus 17:1 - 7 (page 59-60)
John 4:5 - 26 (page 82)

SERMON *Thirsty Voices* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Sing Them Over Again to Me* No. 319

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go In Peace* Kenneth White
(*We invite you to join hands as we sing*)

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life! Go in Peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE *Like a Mighty Stream* Moses Hogan

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 19

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #3, Social Hall
 12:30 a.m. End of Life Issues, Social Hall
 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #501. Adult Library
 12:30 p.m. End of Life Issues Learning Opportunity, Social Hall
 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Rich Plant's Retirement Party, Bath Church

Monday, March 20

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - TKD, Social Hall
 6:30 p.m. Community Connection Committee Mtg., Adult Library
 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting, Heritage Room

Tuesday, March 21

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library
 Girl Scout Troop #244, Adult Library
 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Knit & Crochet Group, Rev. Green Room
 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Act-It UP! Auditions, Social Hall
 8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

Wednesday, March 22

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School-Dance, Social Hall
 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Violin, Children's Library
 4:00 - 8:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Cello, Adult Library
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, Heritage Room
 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. J.O.Y. Kids Club, Kitchen & Classrooms
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study Heritage Room
 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Act-It UP! Rehearsal, Social Hall
 8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir, Music Room

Thursday, March 23

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Donatos Night, Off-site at Chestnut Blvd. and State Rd.
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meetings, Adult & Children's Libraries, Nursery, CR
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room
 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Act-It UP! Rehearsal, Social Hall

Friday, March 24 - Deadline for April Spire

Youth leave for the High School Leadership Retreat at Pilgrim Hills

Saturday, March 25

11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Cello, Children's Library
 12 Noon - 5 pm Schadle Baby Shower, Social Hall & Kitchen
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, March 36

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary ~ Rev. Kirk Bruce ~
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #4, Social Hall
 1:00 p.m. Lois Shook Memorial, Sanctuary & Social Hall

Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent Thank You!

SIGN-IN

There are worship pads on each pew in the sanctuary.

We joyfully welcome all visitors!
 Please sign in to let us know you are worshipping with us today.

Please join us again!
 We are so glad You are Worshipping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

Pray for:

John whose wife died.
 Those who are facing a tough road ahead with illness in the family.
 Ellen J.'s son, Chuck, dealing with cancer.
 Joni S.
 My granddaughter Morgan in Children's Hospital.
 Pam recovering from surgery.
 Jeff with M.S.
 Thelma's fractured foot to heal soon.
 Michael B.-in a very bad motorcycle accident-in I.C.U.
 Pam & her healing & continued strength.
 Baby Abbie, in sever stress at Children's Hospital with lung issues.
 A teacher's daughter that is fighting cancer
 Donna healing at home.
 Alice for patience, strength and endurance.
 Peace & healing for people who are hurting & dealing with life's' struggles.
 A good friend who is struggling and needs prayers of comfort & support.

Thank you to Jo Kindel for covering in the office while I was out handling the details of my daughter's funeral. Your gift of love was just what was needed. AND Thank you to everyone who said prayers, sent food, letters, cards, came to calling hours & the memorial service to support us through an almost 2-1/2 yr. battle with cancer. Thank You! Kelly (& Dan) Gerstenberger

Act-It UP! Community Theatre Auditions:
 March 21st - 7:30 - 9:30 pm
 Rehearsals begin:
 March 22nd - 7:30 - 9:30 pm
 March 23rd - 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Learning Opportunity -

End of Life Issues - Free Program - TODAY!!!
 Sunday, March 19th at 12:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. for food!

SARA would like to thank the congregation for the wonderful response to the clothing drive for the Ukraine. So far there are 7 large boxes ready to go to the distribution center. The hamper will remain in the Social Hall until Sunday, March 26th. As stated before, the donated items that are not appropriate for the Ukraine-will be donated to Good Neighbors. There is one small box to go to Good Neighbors. **Currently needed: New, in the package, girls socks and underwear.** Any questions please call Jo Kindel 330-945-4166.

