# **TOWER NOTES - MAY 2025**

### Prospect Street - A United Methodist Congregation

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As we now move forth into May, post Easter and post resurrection, we move into a season in which we focus on the start of the church, we focus on the Holy Spirit, and on Jesus in some ways passing on the mantle or baton if you will to the new church leaders who are expected to move it forward until Jesus' coming again. In the scriptures before Jesus ascends to heaven, he appears a number of times and meets with different sorts of folks. One such early meeting is with the disciples in the Upper Room. We remember this meeting due to Thomas not being present, and then not believing his other disciples when they tell him that Jesus was just here and you missed it. Then Jesus appearing again perhaps specifically for Thomas, in which he tells Thomas to put his fingers through Jesus' hand, as proof of who he is. And so we remember all of that, what we tend to gloss over or forget are these interesting words Jesus says when he gives the disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit he then says to them, "If you forgive any sins, they are forgiven, if you retain any sins, they are retained." Tough words I think. I wonder what to make of them. I wonder what to make of some of Jesus' first words to his disciples having to do with forgiveness. I get love your neighbor. I get the great commission. I get the feeding the hungry and clothing the naked but Jesus' first words after the gift of the Holy Spirit have to do with forgiving those who you believe want forgiven and not forgiving those who really don't. (I mean, really Jesus? Your, close to the end, last, final words to your disciples has to do with picking and choosing who to forgive and who not to forgive?)

There are really in some ways two kinds of Jesus' in the gospel. The Jesus doesn't hold back on forgiving and loving, how many times are we to forgive someone....seventy times seven. Forgive as you are forgiven. Forgive them for they know not what they do. Go out and find the one lost sheep, kill the fatted calf for the lost son. Then there is the Jesus who says do not throw your pearls before swine. Jesus who says, I have come for the children of Israel not the dogs. And there are a number of passages where our graceful Jesus doesn't appear so graceful or giving.

Jesus' different approach with people causes me to believe there are two elements to forgiveness. There is the forgiveness that sets us free and the forgiveness that sets others free. I don't believe we have the power to either set others free or keep them in some sort of purgatory. Evidently the disciples had that power which is shocking. It's one thing for me to forgive you; it's another thing for me to stand in the place of the Almighty with such judgement either graceful or not so. So when Jesus says we are to forgive one another over and over again, he is saying that so that we don't chain ourselves to the sin of judgement. However, just because we forgive them, thus freeing ourselves doesn't mean that they are free themselves.

Jesus gives these important words to his disciples in the Upper Room because he wants them to be both loving and smart, risky and yet strategic. Just as Jesus came only for the sick, Jesus wants to make sure the church acts in the same way. Loving the world no doubt, giving all of who we are for our God no doubt. But making sure when we go out searching for the lost sheep, we don't spend all of our time looking for the ones who don't really want to be found. To be continued.

Rev. Josh Freshour



- 1 Klay Seckel, Lynn Clabaugh
- 3 Debbie Welch
- 5 Lleyton Holsinger
- 6 Natasha Carmichael
- 7 Keith Haas
- 9 Rich Wilson
- 12 Liam Criswell, Colleen McCartney, Kendall Carter
- 13 Breann Lewis
- 14 Declan Casey
- 16 Vincent Casey II
- 17 Barry Franklin
- 19 Kory Seckel, Barbara Hersman, Rowynn Holsinger
- 20 Ed Zeisler
- 24 Barbara Pine
- 29 William Miller

### A Birthday Prayer for You

On your special day, I pray that God will continue to warm your heart and lift your spirits while granting you peace and serenity on this very special day of yours. Happy birthday to you and may God bless you!

### **Attendance**

Date	Sunday School	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		
March 30	24	26	94		
April 6	29	19	81		
April 13	43	36	113		
Maundy Thursday		64			
April 20	31	Sunrise Service - 100	125		

**Please pray for our Shut-In Members:** Virginia Chaney, Nettie Criswell, Pat Flinchbaugh, Betty Hampton, Kenneth Linstedt, Bob Lucas, Dave Maugans, Gloria McMahan, Neil Miller, Barb Parks, Brenda Rider, and Trent Standley, and Ed Zeisler.

### Sympathy Notes

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Darlene Beveridge. Darlene went to her heavenly home on Friday, April 18.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Jenkins. We don't know of the date when she passed.

### 8:30 a.m. Greeters & Sound Board Schedule

#### Greeters – 8:30 Worship

May 4 – Lynn Mullins-Thacker

May 11 – Deb Welch & Pam Larkin

May 18 – Art & Marilyn Barbour

May 25 - Gary & Sandy Redd

	Sound 8:30	Camera 8:30	Slides 8:30
1st Sunday	Nate Freshour	Linda Mills	Sam Freshour
2nd Sunday	Ben Criswell	Gary Redd	John Lewis
3rd Sunday	Ben Criswell	Lynn Mullins	Sam Freshour
4th Sunday	Ben Criswell	Pam Larkin	Judy Stambazze
5th Sunday	Lleyton Holsinger		Sara McKenney

### 10:30 a.m. Liturgist, Greeters & Acolytes, Bell Ringers, & Sound Board Schedule

### Liturgist – 10:30 Worship

May 4 – Kathy Castle

May 11 – Terry Huff

May 18 – Colleen McCartney

May 25 – Faye Roszman

### Greeters & Acolytes - 10:30 Worship

May 4 – Janey Fassler

May 11 – Terry & Ann Huff

May 18 – The Deeter Family

May 25 – Harry & Charlene Niner

### **Bell Ringers**

May 4 – The Deeter Family

May 11 - Keith Haas

May 18 – Trevinal McGlothlin

May 25 – Mike & Linda Mills

	Sound 10:30	Camera 10:30 Slides 10:30	
1st Sunday	Ben Criswell	Addyson Holsinger	John Holsinger
2nd Sunday	Aurora Roszman	Janey Fassler	Joe Miller
3rd Sunday	Ben Criswell	Sara McKenney	Trevinal McGlothlin
4th Sunday	Ben Criswell	Janey Fassler	Colin Boyd
5th Sunday	Lleyton Holsinger	John Holsinger	Sara McKenney

### **Hospitality Center**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Guiding Light Circle

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Faith Builders Sunday School Class

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Serendipity Sunday School Class

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Martha Horne Circle

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – New Beginnings Sunday School Class

### **Directory Changes**

Please remove the following members:

**Bryce Starner** 

Tamara Dean

Jack Dean

Melissa Dean

**Tracey Rector** 

Nathan Rector

Caleb Rector

Michael Rose

Penny Rose

Kathryn Rose

Joshua Rose

If you or someone you know is **graduating from high school or college**, please call the church office.

### **Team Meetings**

The Prayer Team will meet on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, during the Sunday School Hour.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Finance Team will meet on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The Staff-Pastor-Parish-Relations Team will meet on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The Education Team will meet on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The Leadership Team will meet on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.



The *National Day of Prayer* is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. On May 1st, 2025, once again, we will hold a

National Day of Prayer 24-hour Prayer Vigil! To accomplish this goal, your help is needed! The idea is a chain of praying people, each lifting our nation in prayer for a specific half-hour shift. The overall goal is one full day of prayer with someone from our "church family" praying for our nation and her leaders during each of the 48 segments, for a total chain of 24 uninterrupted hours of prayer. The sign-up sheet (with a post-it note reminder for you to place on your calendar!) is in the foyer. Won't you prayerfully consider taking a time-slot to help us reach this goal?

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be here at Prospect Street United Methodist Church on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up. There is no time like the present to take action!

### Three ways to register:

• Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001

• Online: https://www.llsa.social/hsca

• Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607

The *Sacrament of Holy Communion* will be served at both services on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

A *special offering* for "Native American Ministries Sunday" will be collected Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Ladies' Lunch Group will be meeting on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

On Mother's Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in PSUMC's sanctuary, EJ Walker's Next Generation Voice Studio will present "Jukebox" a recital of songs from musicals featuring popular music from the ages. With a cast of 10 student's and guests from 9 years old to adults the show will contain such memorable songs as "We Got the Beat," "Dancing in the Street," and "Natural Woman." Admission is free and the show should last about an hour. All are encouraged to come and bring family and friends to celebrate the "Music of our Youth."

**Newsletter Deadline** will be Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, for our June 2025 Tower Notes!

**Neighborhood Supper** will be Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

**Neighborhood Supper Canned Fruit Drive** - Neighborhood Supper is in need of canned fruit. Each month, this outreach sends approximately 150 meals out the door. Each meal has a 4 oz. cup of fruit in it, so we go through a good amount of fruit. Most months, we go through 3 to 4 GFS sized cans of fruit. If you have it in your heart to support Neighborhood Supper, now is the time. We will take any kind of fruit and any size can. All donations are appreciated. Also, we are looking for cookie bakers. Penny Rose and April Taylor make no bake cookies for us each month, but Molly Lu Balis is our lone "baker". Each meal has 1 no bake cookie and 1 baked cookie, so Molly Lu bakes at least12 dozen cookies each month. If you enjoy baking cookies and would like to become one of our "bakers", please let Molly Lu or Judy Stambazze know. Thank you for your support.

*Men's Prayer Breakfast* will be held on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men!

Originally, the *UWIF Meal in May* honored our Graduates from High School and College. Over the years, it has evolved to include those who have served these graduates in their spiritual walks. So, as in the last several years, the following groups of servants may dine at no cost, on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, after the second church service: Graduates, choir members, accompanists, ushers, Sunday school teachers, and sound techs. Picnic fare will be the menu: Chicken and Sloppy Joe sandwiches, Linda's macaroni salad, baked beans from Rose Anderson's "Recipe," Molly Lu's heavenly eggs, cheese chunks, chips, beverages, and a dessert. Meals will be \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child 10 and under, and \$20.00 for a family. Please consider joining us for this day of celebration, of kinship, and of fellowship.

*Marion Music Club* – will perform in our sanctuary on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion. They are in need of Laundry Detergent. Please bring your donations to the church. Thank you!

*Free Community Breakfast* will be held again on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. This community outreach is sponsored by the Men's Prayer Breakfast group and the UWIF's S.K.I. Group. This breakfast is free and open to all (donations will be accepted). This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and support this effort to reach out into our community and build relationships with our neighbors and be fulfilled in sharing the love and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Bill Bess at 740-360-3965. Hope to see you there.

We will collect for the *Salvation Army Food Pantry* on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Suggested donations: **Baby Food.** They are also in need of paper products and feminine products. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

*Noisy Collection* will be on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, for the St. Vincent de' Paul's Food Pantry.

The Monday Morning Bible Study will meet every Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The *Flower Calendar for 2025* is hanging up in the hallway. The price for fresh flowers is \$46.95. Silk flowers are still \$5.00. Select your date to remember a loved one or to honor a family member or friend. Make checks payable to Prospect Street United Methodist Church.

**Watch our services on YouTube!** Just go to our website and click the YouTube link. Our website address is: www.prospectstreetumc.com.

**Service DVD's for Shut-Ins!** We have DVD's available of our 10:30 a.m. worship service for anyone who would like to borrow or have a copy. We are delivering DVD's on Monday mornings!

**Memorial Pavers** can be ordered for summer installation. If you would like to purchase a paver for the Memorial Park, forms are available on the library table located in the south alcove. The pavers can be in memory of loved ones who have passed away, or in honor of anyone or anything that you would wish to praise. Cost of a paver is \$75.00. Order forms can be turned in to the office.

# Upcoming Event

### **CARDINAL CHORALE TO PERFORM**

Once again, Prospect Street UMC has the honor of hosting *THE CARDINAL CHORALE*, under the direction of Mr. Charles R. Snyder. This year's concert will be a joint effort with PSUMC, First Presbyterian and Emanuel Lutheran bringing 40 extremely talented, youth singers to Marion. The concert will be **Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.**THIS IS A CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITY!! As in the past, we <u>ABSOLUTELY MUST</u> have assistance from our congregation in order for the concert to happen.

<u>Please MARK</u> the date on your calendars. We need to **FILL** the church for this beautiful musical performance. INVITE FRIENDS. It is a FREE concert.

**HOUSING** is a dire necessity. We must have approximately 10 homes from PSUMC. Host homes will have 2-4 singers. These people are some of the most kind and thoughtful people you will ever meet. Host families often feel like they have been more on the receiving end, rather than the giving end, after this experience. The singers aren't picky; they are willing to sleep on beds, air mattresses or couches! Hosts provide a light snack after the concert (water/fruit) bedding, shower/towels, and a light breakfast for the morning. You will need to pick them up after the concert and bring them back in the morning.

<u>DONATIONS</u> - If you are unable to attend the concert or host singers, you can support the Chorale through a financial gift. Money is needed to help pay for their week-long traveling tour. Donations of any size are truly appreciated.

Please contact the church office to let us know if you can assist with this concert in any way.

### Prayer Team

As this is being written, we are at the beginning of the Prayer Vigil. A huge thank you to the Prayer Team for all their work in organizing and being at the vigil. We also want to thank the congregation for supporting the Prayer Vigils, and Pastor Josh for pushing us out of our comfort zone. The Popcorn Festival is coming up and we are planning to have a booth on church property. If anyone has a canopy that we could borrow, please see a member of the Prayer Team. Other new things are happening – keep watching the newsletter for updates. And remember, keep praying for us as we are praying for you.

### Education Team

Thank you to all of you who showed up to help with the Spring Fling and Egg Hunt. Each of you performed a vital role in making this year's Spring Fling a Success. Thirteen children participated in the activities and appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. We had an egg hunt, music, crafts, story time and games followed by a lunch of pizza. Each child received a "goody bag" of candy treats to take home.

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room. We will be assigning jobs for VBS. Please join us in planning as we endeavor to make this our best VBS ever!

Colleen McCartney, Education Team Leader

### Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations

### From SPPRT: Change in church office times.

### 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)

8 "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

#### Dear PSUMC members,

Due to continued lack of funds, we are cutting down the church office hours. Our efficient, caring, loving, dependable, and ever faithful secretary, Erika Meligan, has worked with our SPPR Team and the Finance Team to continue to serve our church while simultaneously cutting costs.

Thank you, Erika, for your efforts in "helping to keep our church doors open."

#### Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. *The church office will be closed on Mondays & Fridays.* 



### United Women In Faith

The United Women in Faith will be having a *Spring Avon Sale*, from June 1<sup>st</sup> till June 18<sup>th</sup>, with delivery Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, here at church. Please pick up a book, and peruse it to find just the right item for you or to give as a gift. Books will be available in the atrium each Sunday. Please consider supporting the UWIF with this fundraiser.

The *Martha Horne Circle* will meet on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Kathy and Bonnie Castle will be hostesses and April Taylor will provide the program.

The *Hilda Weiss Circle* will meet on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Norma Stump will lead the program. Dee O'Neil will be the hostess.

The *Guiding Light Circle* met with Judy as the substitute Hostess. The program was an elaborate quiz about Easter. Most of us were amazed about what we didn't know. We were quick to use our Bibles to get on the right track. The May meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. The Shoe box item for May is girl's underwear. May's hostess is Judy Stambazze.

The **S.K.I. Group** met at Sandy Redd's home in April. Chef Gary presented a delicious feast. The group decided to donate to a local mission group that was recently affected by a fire. They will resume meeting in September. The circle will continue their mission activity each month at the Community Breakfast.

The *United Women In Faith Executive Board* will meet Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## Sunday School

Beginning the first Sunday in May, the *New Beginnings Sunday School Class* will be studying the Book of Joshua in the Old Testament, continuing our practice of alternating quarterly between the Old and the New Testament. Joshua continues the story we began in the Book of Genesis. Our last book in this series was the Book of Deuteronomy which included the death of Moses and the commissioning of Joshua as Israel's new leader. In Joshua we'll see the Israelites enter the Promised Land and deal with its pagan occupants who the Lord has ordered to be driven out of the land and their land and possessions given to the Israelites. There are several interesting stores in Joshua and its completion opens many stories in the Old Testament books that follow. If you're not in a Sunday School class and would like to learn more about the Bible, I invite you to give our class a try. We're located in the basement, just off the elevator. Dave McCartney

The Faith Builders Sunday School Class meets in the Upper Room. Hollie Freshour is the facilitator.

The *Teen Sunday School Class* meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the youth room.

The *Serendipity Sunday School Class* will finish their Lenten Study May 26<sup>th</sup>. Yes we are going to carry Easter forward! On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will individually discuss our personal favorite Bible verse with the class. June 8<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a new curriculum, yet to be determined. Join a Sunday School Class any Sunday. Stop and chat with us on May 18<sup>th</sup>, as we host the Welcome Center, before the Recognition Meal after church.

# Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for your donation of \$2,000 to Aspire Ministries. Your donation will allow us to continue to serve our community by providing a Connection Center, clarifying and verifying needs, and referring callers to the best churches and/or area resources to meet their needs. Thank you for the continued partnership and support! Blessings, Jenny Hypes and the team at Aspire Ministries

The Guiding Light Circle would like to thank everyone who helped with the Palm Sunday Feast. From peeling potatoes to frying bacon to washing dishes, the extra hands were a tremendous help and allowed us to leaving in a timely manner. Much appreciated, **Linda Mills** 

A note of thanks to all those that host the goodies in the Welcome Center every week. Currently, three Sunday School Classes and two United Women in Faith Circles provide cookies for all those that enter our doors. Each Sunday requires planning, a little work, and minutes of fellowship. Recently the Faith Builders Class stepped up to take the second Sunday of each month. What a Joy! Mary Flach had done the second Sunday by herself for several months. Mary always provided excellent selections and joyful greetings during her tenure. Thanks for your service in the Welcome Center, Mary.

The Palm Sunday feast was such joy! The Guiding Light Circle served 68 meals that Sunday. The Saturday prep day found 7 women in the Kitchen prepping food. There were 2 new gals in the kitchen. So we had plenty of laughter and "what's next?" moments. Thanks Barb Sanderson and Angie Stanforth. On Sunday we had 9 servants helping out. One "pop in" what can I do?, asked Lynette Burris. She found 8 ways to help! YEAH RAH. Thanks to everyone that helped make the meal a fun success. Dear Diners – please return May 18<sup>th</sup> for our next meal.

# From the Library

Please commit to reading a book from our library. You have thousands to choose from on any given day. If anyone wants to write a summary of something they have read, just write it out and give it to Erika. Linda Kear will include greatly appreciated submissions in this column

**30 Days with E. Stanley Jones**, by John E. Harnish. This book gave me many "ahh hah" moments. It tells the story of an evangelist that engaged your intellect and your heart. He taught, exampled, and hoped for everyone to understand discipleship and role of the church in life as a great journey. I consider this book a worthy read. If you ever attended an Ashram, it will have an even more special impact on your spiritually.

**Beating Gun, Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence**, by Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin. This book is enlightening. It is full of documented facts – accurate at the time of publication – that are quite eye opening. I would recommend this book to anyone just wanting to know more about all the aspects of gun use and safety. There are many testimonials and scripture references.

The Beginners Bible, Timeless Children's Stories, as told by Karyn Henley. I read some of this "kids Bible" to my 2 and 4 year old great grandchildren. It held their interest. The story lines are very simplistically presented. I did a lot of adding to..... I would consider this book a starting point for Bible instruction for very young children.

### From Your Lay Leader

### Dear friends,

What would it look like to lead a congregation of joyful, generous stewards? Are we each doing enough for our fellow church family members? Are we giving generously to the general fund and having faith that God will provide our needs? Are we sharing our talents and gifts or are we storing them in a drawer - saving for a rainy day? Are we generous? ...generous with our

Proverbs 11:25
The generous will prosper, those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

money? ...generous with our time? ...generous with our gifts and talents? Isn't it true that the majority of us are blessed and that we can always do more? Please consider with me additional ways that you/we can give to Prospect Street United Methodist Church. May we give with thankful hearts. Blessings, Lynette

"In the United Methodist Church, stewardship is a core principle that emphasizes responsible management of all gifts received from God, including time, talents, relationships, and resources like money and possessions. It's not just about financial giving; it's a holistic lifestyle of discipleship, reflecting gratitude for God's blessings and using them to serve others and advance God's kingdom." https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/stewardship-ministry

### **Key aspects of stewardship in the Methodist Church:**

### **Managing God's Gifts:**

• Stewards recognize that everything they have belongs to God and are called to manage these gifts responsibly.

### **Holistic Discipleship:**

• Stewardship encompasses all areas of life, not just finances, and encourages discipleship in how people live and interact with the world.

#### **Generous Giving:**

• Stewardship encourages generous giving, not just as a financial act but as a way of life that reflects gratitude and love for God.

### **Service and Ministry:**

• Stewardship involves actively participating in the church's mission and ministry, using one's talents and resources to serve others and advance God's work.

#### **Education and Inspiration:**

• The church promotes stewardship through education, inspiration, and action, encouraging members to develop a lifestyle of generosity and responsible resource management.

### **Local Church and Connectional System:**

• Stewardship supports both the local church and the wider connectional system, ensuring the church's long-term sustainability and vibrant ministry.

#### **Role of Church Stewards:**

• Church stewards have a specific role in fostering unity, promoting participation, and ensuring that decisions are implemented. They also help ensure the church's financial well-being.

### **Practical Applications:**

• Stewardship can be implemented through various practical ways, such as encouraging giving, sharing stories of transformed lives, and offering opportunities for service.

In essence, stewardship in the Methodist Church is a call to live a life of **gratitude**, **generosity**, and **responsible management of all God's gifts**, contributing to the church's mission and ministry both locally and across the world.

### Church Finances

*E-Tithing* is an automatic withdrawal from your checking account and is remitted automatically to the church. We can set it up so it will deduct from your checking account on the 1<sup>st</sup> and/or the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact the church office for more information!

Kroger Community Rewards – Please enroll in the Kroger Community Program. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and all the details on creating an online account are there. Under Community Rewards make sure you search and select "Prospect St. United Meth. Chur" our Organization number is VF478. Thank you! If you have any questions, please call Erika.

If you have any question or concerns, please see our Treasurer, Pete Stambazze.

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## Military Prayer List

I thought it might be more meaningful to know our church's connection to the military people we pray for.

### In the Army:

Erika Meligan's son in-law, Waitman Kapaldo, is stationed in Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

Virginia Chaney's great grandson Brandon & his wife Page are both in the Army. Brandon is at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. Page is in the Army's Justice Department.

John & Diane Row's grandson, Drew, is a green beret and was recently deployed to Syria.

Velma Clabaugh's great nephew, Luke Bushatz, is in the National Guard in Alaska. He is in charge of over 100 guardsmen there.

### In the Navy:

Ralph Craig's son, Andrew, is in the Navy Reserve in Nevada.

Stan & Jill Casey's son-in-law Darren Mills is in the New Zealand Navy.

Anita Baker's granddaughter, Kaitlyn Crosby, is stationed in California.

#### In the Air Force:

Rick & Terri Highfill's daughter, Lydia, is stationed in Texas.

If you know of anyone else who should be on this list, please contact Norma Stump at 267-387-1251.



Please remember to participate in the National Day of Prayer, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please include these people, places, events, and agencies in your daily prayer sessions.

### Please pray for:

- 1. Lynn Clabaugh, and Klay Seckel
- 2. The school janitors
- 3. Deborah Welch, and Pam Larkin
- 4. The person that delivers your mail
- 5. Lleyton Holsinger, Nancy and John Holsinger
- 6. Your neighbors
- 7. Keith Haas, and Judy Stambazze
- 8. Israel and the Ukraine
- 9. Our President
- 10. The United Methodist Church
- 11. The Children in your life
- 12. Colleen McCartney and David McCartney
- 13. Kendall Carter, Liam Criswell, and Breann Lewis
- 14. The Shut in list from this weeks' bulletin
- 15. The first person you thought about this morning
- 16. Those serving at our Neighborhood Supper this evening
- 17. Barry and Patty Franklin, and those prepping for Sunday's meal at our church
- 18. Our church musicians and singers
- 19. Barbara Hersman, Rowynn Holsinger, and Kory Seckel
- 20. Ed Zeisler, Bob Lucas, and John Row
- 21. Our Choir as they practice this evening
- 22. The road crews of Marion County
- 23. Your unsaved family members
- 24. Marion County Farmers
- 25. The Nurses working in ICU
- 26. Those affected by Memorial Day
- 27. Road side mowing teams
- 28. Your best friend
- 29. William Miller and his children
- 30. Cashiers at grocery stores
- 31. Our Nation

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY  1 National Day of Prayer  6:30 p.m. Martha Horne Circle 7 p.m. Children's Choir	FRIDAY  2  Life Line Screening	SATURDAY 3
4 Holy Communion  8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Prayer Team during Sunday School Hour 10:30am Traditional Worship	9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Board of Trustees 6:30 p.m. BSA Scouts	6 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting	7 7 p.m. Senior Choir	8 7 p.m. Children's Choir 7 p.m. Finance Team	9	10
8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship Ladies' Lunch	9:30 a.m. Bible Study 1 p.m. Hilda Weiss Circle 6 p.m.	13  1 p.m. Guiding Light Circle 6 p.m. Education Team 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting	7 p.m. Senior Choir	6 p.m. Leadership Team 7 p.m. Children's Choir	5 – 6 p.m. Neighborhood Supper Newsletter Deadline	8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
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