Today

In Jesus' mind it was a given His followers would be people of prayer. From that assumption He taught His disciples how to pray. Jesus' pattern of prayer stills encourages and blesses people today.

In Scripture there are several short prayers that are not for the faint-hearted. These crazy wild prayers probably scare most believers. Regardless of trepidation approaching these prayers, we, as Christians should be praying them.

Today, in a message titled, "Dangerous Prayers", Pastor David will call us to incorporate these short prayers into our private prayer life.

11:15 a.m. Back to the Cross Practice, Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. Business Meeting, Chapel

6:00 p.m. "War Room" Movie

This Week

January 25-30

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner

WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch, Newburg Inn **7:00 p.m.** Gospel of Luke Bible Study

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

This Week's Discipleship Journal Reading Plan

January 24 Catch up day

January 25 Matt. 8:23-24, Acts 12, Psalms 20, Genesis

44-45

January 26 Matt. 9:1-13, Acts 13:1-25, Psalms 21, Genesis

46-47

January 27 Matt. 9:14-26, Acts 13:26-52, Psalms 22:1-11,

Genesis 48

January 28 Matt. 9:27-38, Acts 14, Psalms 22:12-31,

Genesis 49

January 29 Matt. 10:1-20, Acts 15:1-21, Psalms 23,

Genesis 50

January 30 Catch up day

Announcements

We have **Hearing Assist Units** available for those who may have difficulty hearing the service. Please speak to the person in the sound room to receive your unit for the morning.

We have a **Staffed Nursery** to care for your children through age three. In addition, there is a **Cry Room** at the rear of the sanctuary to attend to the needs of infants.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting.

An e-mail was sent out last week with the **2016 Church Directory** attached. If you would like a copy printed out please see Sheryl Richards. If you have old directories to shred, you can place them in the blue bin by PD's office.

Make sure to take advantage of the "**Prayer Wall**" in the foyer. Write your concern/praise on a tag, hang it on the "wall" and pray for another prayer tag. Simple!

Would you like **personalized prayer**? Would you like to be anointed with oil for an issue in your life? Sunday mornings, Pastor David will be available in the sanctuary from 9:10 to 9:30 to pray with you.

The **Fellowship Commission** is looking for people who are able to provide a meal for those in need due to hospitalization, births, or sickness. If you are able and willing to do this, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

Our **January Lunch Bunch** will be this Wednesday, January 27, at 12 noon. We will be going to the Newburg Inn in Nazareth. The restaurant is located at 4357 Newburg Road in Nazareth. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

Our **Next Women's Event** is on Thursday evening, February 11, at 7 p.m. We are once again going to have a **Chocolate Fountain!** February equals chocolate in Bev and Alma's book!! Come for an evening of fellowship as we put together **Valentine Bags to be given to our Sunday School children** the following Sunday, February 14. We would also like to once again collect for **MCC's Hygiene Kits.** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this portion of the event, even if they cannot come out Thursday evening. Each kit includes: 1 adult-size toothbrush, 1 bar bath soap, 1 good-quality fingernail clippers and 1 dark-colored hand towel (NEW items in original packaging). If you prefer to have someone else do the shopping, you may put a check in the offering designated for MCC Hygiene Kits. As a side

note, if you are interested in sewing some bags for this project, please contact Alma Geosits and she will set you up with some material to use for the bags. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer if you plan to join us on Thursday evening.

Ladies, we wanted to give you an opportunity to plan for and anticipate our March Women's Event on Thursday, March 17, at 9:30 a.m. We will be going to the Country Grapevine, a country store in Bath that a lot of us enjoyed going to last year, and we will once again have lunch at Hampton Winds Restaurant. The Hampton Winds Restaurant is the training ground for Northampton Community College's highly-regarded Culinary Arts program. Mark your calendar!!

Ministry Opportunities & Events

We need a **helper** for the two year Sunday school class effectively immediately until March 20th. Please let Tara know if you can help here.

Now that we have had our first taste of winter....remember....Vacation Bible School is only 5 months away. Planning will begin soon for this exciting week of Cave Quest - Following Jesus, The Light of the World. Alma Geosits will not be able to take on heading up the decorations team this year. We are looking for a team of creative people who would like to be on the VBS decorating team. A meeting will be held in the near future to put ideas together and begin drafting up a plan for this fun week of VBS. Please let Tara Willard know if you are interested in serving in this area.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Alex Mohler – January 25 Daniel Kochsmeier – January 27 Valerie Reppert – January 28 Alyssa Richards – January 29 Bertha Lehman – January 29

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON JANUARY 17: \$3,698.05
ATTENDANCE ON JANUARY 17: 160

Serving Others

TODAY NEXT WEEK: (Jan. 31)

Meghan Cela Yen Truong Nursery Lois Halsel Sue Reed

> Elizabeth McSloy Alyssa Richards

> > Lisa Walters

Greg & Rachel Feenstra Tim & Amy Frace Greeters

Kelly Schoch Worship Ldr. Dan Reed Rob Ibach Greg Feenstra Ushers Neal Kempf Scott Richards **Bobby Kempf** Lee Walters

Sermon Notes

Children's Message Tara Willard

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Sunday School Information

2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Nancy Walters Led by Janet Heft Helper, Terry McInerney Helper, Kim Matthews **Upstairs Nursery** Room B6

PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN

GRADES 1-7 Led by Nick Mace Practice for Back to the Cross

Helper, Rose Szabo

Led by Greg & Rachel

Sanctuary

Room LL2

GRADES 8-12

ADULT CLASS - International

Sunday School Lesson Elective

Led by Joel Mohler

3-YEAR OLDS

Chapel

ADULT CLASS – Adventure Of Making Disciples

Elective

Feenstra

Youth Room

Led by Pastor David Lower Level Classroom



"Dangerous Prayers"

Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



January 24, 2016