

## 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

February 1-6

### MONDAY

**7:00 p.m.** Finance Commission Meeting

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

**6:30 p.m.** Good News Club, Lower Level

**6:30 p.m.** Ignite, Lower Level

**7:00 p.m.** Connect, Youth Room

**7:00 p.m.** Gospel of Luke Bible Study

### THURSDAY

**7:00 p.m.** Worship Commission Meeting

**7:30 p.m.** Worship Team Practice

### FRIDAY

**5:45 p.m.** Ignite Winter Blast, meet at church

## This Week's Discipleship Journal Reading Plan

**January 31** Catch up day  
**February 1** Matthew 10:21-42, Acts 15:22-41, Psalms 24, Exodus 1-3  
**February 2** Matthew 11:1-19, Acts 16:1-15, Psalms 25, Exodus 4-6  
**February 3** Matt. 11:20-30, Acts 16:16-40, Psalms 26, Exodus 7-9  
**February 4** Matthew 12:1-21, Acts 17:1-15, Psalms 27, Exodus 10-12

**February 5** Matthew 12:22-37, Acts 17:16-34, Psalms 28, Exodus 13-15

**February 6** Matt. 12:38-50, Acts 18:1-17, Psalms 29, Exodus 16-18

## 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!

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 **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:

Brycin Cela – January 31  
Jerik Lesser – February 1  
Lily Matthews – February 1  
Cliff Brunstetter – February 2  
Walt Murphy – February 3  
Alma Geosits – February 4  
Larry Korpics – February 4  
Sandy Faust – February 6

## Attendance and Giving

**OFFERING ON JANUARY 17:** \$3,698.05

**ATTENDANCE ON JANUARY 17:** 160

## Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Feb. 7)</u>
<b>Nursery</b>	Yen Truong Sue Reed Elizabeth Mcsloy	Kim Matthews Rose Szabo Rachael Litke
<b>Greeters</b>	Tim & Amy Frace	Mark & Alma Geosits
<b>Worship Ldr.</b>	Kelly Schoch	Sandy Faust
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg Feenstra Scott Richards Lee Walters	John Cressman Randy Willard Neal Kempf
<b>Children's Message</b>	Lisa Walters	Rachel Feenstra

## Sermon Notes

## Information

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## Sunday School Information

### 2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Janet Heft  
Helper, Terry McInerney  
Upstairs Nursery

### PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN

Led by Nick Mace  
Helper, Rose Szabo  
Room LL2

### GRADES 8-12

Led by Greg & Rachel  
Feenstra  
Youth Room

### ADULT CLASS – Adventure Of Making Disciples Elective

Led by Pastor David  
Lower Level Classroom

### 3-YEAR OLDS

Led by Nancy Walters  
Helper, Kim Matthews  
Room B6

### GRADES 1-7

Practice for Back to the Cross  
Sanctuary

### ADULT CLASS - International Sunday School Lesson Elective

Led by Joel Mohler  
Chapel



## “Dangerous Prayers”

Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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