

*BE ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.* Ephesians 5:1, 2, 8-11, 14

A hearty welcome to all! May your spiritual strength be renewed, a positive outlook on life encouraged, and most of all, may God, who gives the peace that passes our understanding, grant each of us a double portion of inner calmness and assurance. Blessings, friends!!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **March 9** - Passion Sunday  
Daylight Saving Time Begins
- **March 14** - Zone Rally at Northville. PVBI students will be speaking.
- **March 16** - Palm Sunday (Communion Sunday). A ministerial student from PVBI will be speaking in our services.
- **March 16-22** - Holy Week
- **March 21** - Good Friday
- **March 22** - 10 AM - Easter pageant practice, if needed. We are doing some practicing with the children during Sunday School.
- **March 23** - EASTER. A special self-denial offering for home missions will be received. Pray and plan now how much to give

*Suggested Daily Scripture Reading*

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Leviticus 15:1-16:28	Leviticus 16:29-18:30	Leviticus 19:1-20:21	Leviticus 20:22-22:16
NT	Mark 7:1-23	Mark 7:24-8:10	Mark 8:11-38	Mark 9:1-29
PSA	Psalms 40:11-17	Psalms 41:1-13	Psalms 42:1-11	Psalms 43:1-5
PROV	Proverbs 24	Proverbs 25	Proverbs 26	Proverbs 27
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Leviticus 22:17-23:44	Leviticus 24:1-25:12	Leviticus 25:13-25:46	
	Mark 9:30-50	Mark 10:1-16	Mark 10:17-31	
	Psalms 44:1-8	Psalms 44:9-19	Psalms 44:20-26	
	Proverbs 28	Proverbs 29	Proverbs 1	

*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 AM, Morning Worship 11:00 AM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM — FRIDAY: Women’s Meeting 10:00 AM*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our sister church to pray for this week is **Pierrepoint Manor**. The pastor is Perry Case.
- Pray for **comfort** and healing for Merylin Ellis and Cathy Posson, and the other family members who are mourning the death this week of Norlene Hunter.
- Continue to pray for **Charles Kimbrough**'s recovery from the beatings and attempted indoctrination into Islamism while in a Kuwaiti prison. Pray that he will be not be prevented from returning to the US.
- Physical Needs:
  - **Ryan Arilson** (7 year-old son of Brazilian pastor - severely burned), **Althea Cookfair, Becky Staggs, Sharon Major, Rowan Fay, Darrel Swearingen, Pastor Randy Neville, Glenn Hockmeyer, Wayne McCollough, Mark Vosburgh, Kathy Moltzen, Mary Jane Fuller.**
- Continue to pray for:
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - Our young people in college, including **Lyndsay France, Seth & Isaac Owens**, and **Keith Posson**. Pray for our students as they study, and also that they can be strong in their faith in the life lessons that come their way.
  - Our service personnel, especially **Ryan Mills** and **Jacob Eggleston** (in Iraq), **Anthony & Joyce Willey** (Italy), **Wesley Lum** (Germany), and **Eric Wells**.
  - *Our missionaries, especially **Bev Fay, the Wellses, the Shermans, and the Hunters.***
  - Our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

Rose Mary Hart had been a letter carrier in rural West Virginia since 1969. In an interview for a magazine, she said, "For my first seven years as a letter carrier I tried to do the job as efficiently and promptly as I could. But in 1976 I [met Jesus] and then I entered into my work differently. I started to listen to people on my route in a new way. I began to share their pain and joy. When I listened, I could hear their turmoil inside. I heard domestic violence. I've even broken up a few fights. I've seen latchkey kids sitting out on their steps in 10 degree weather because they forgot their key. I heard the frustration of working mothers. They came out and talked to me. Sometimes I didn't even have time to think about a response. But I did what I can, and sometimes word has come to me that something I said was heard. I just walked down the street, but I think I made a difference."

*-Quoted by Bob Olmstead, First United Methodist Church, Palo Alto, California*

### *Morning prayer*

You have given me another day, O God, untouched and new. I ask you to renew me, too! Forgive the many errors that I made yesterday and let me try again, dear God, to walk a little closer to you. But Father, I am well aware I can't make it on my own. Take my hand and hold it tight for I can't walk alone.

Amen.

— *Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, SC*

Her name was Michele and she was vivacious, joyous, quick with kindness. She was our guide around a university campus. What was it, I wondered, that made her so unusual?

As I sat in the lounge one day, she came to greet me. We talked, and in the course of conversation, she mentioned her Christian walk. I asked her to expand upon the words.

She had been at odds with her father for years, she said. “We had some unresolved issues. We didn't communicate.” She went on to say that she had pulled one way and he had pulled the other. There was great stress in the relationship.

“What changed it?” I asked.

She said that two years before, she had been assigned a new roommate. She was unlike any person Michele had ever known. The roommate took time to pray. Faithfully, she read the Bible. She was thoughtful, cheerful, reliable — a young woman with high standards. Michele was impressed.

One day her roommate invited her to a meeting where other young Christians gathered. Michele felt comfortable with them. Soon, she went on a retreat with the group.

They had great fun but there were serious times as well — times when various young women told of their spiritual journey and how Christ had totally changed them.

Michele felt a longing for what they had found. Finally, she shared with the group the pain she was experiencing because of her poor relationship with her father. She asked for prayer. Before the weekend was over, Christ had entered her life—fully! She made an intense effort to reconcile with her father. He was more than ready to respond in full. “Now,” she said, “he calls me his angel.” Her smile revealed how happy she was with the title. My guess is that she was living up to it.

— *Charles Ferrell*