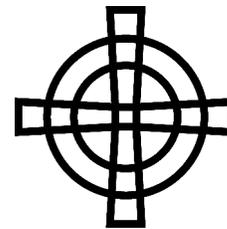


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*From Your Pastor's Desk,*

**See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. (Hebrews 12:15)**

I started on this article the day after the carnage in Orlando. Like many of you, thinking about the sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, friends and partners who were senselessly slaughtered made me sad, frustrated and angry. These feelings will pass but in times like these, we can thank God for those who are called and equipped to write prayers that speak into our lives.

*Prayer for World Peace\**

*Great God, who has told us "Vengeance is mine,"  
 save us from ourselves, save us from the vengeance in our hearts and the acid in our souls.  
 Save us from our desire to hurt as we have been hurt, to punish as we have been punished,  
 to terrorize as we have been terrorized.*

*Give us the strength it takes to listen rather than to judge, to trust rather than to fear,  
 to try again and again to make peace even when peace eludes us.*

*We ask, O God, for the grace to be our best selves.  
 We ask for the vision to be builders of the human community rather than its destroyers.  
 We ask for the humility as a people to understand the fears and hopes of other peoples.*

*We ask for the love it takes to bequeath to the children of the world to come  
 something more than the failures of our own making.  
 We ask for the heart it takes to care for all the peoples of the earth as well as for ourselves.*

*Give us the depth of soul, O God, to constrain our might, to resist the temptations of power  
 to refuse to attack the attackable, to understand that vengeance begets violence,  
 and to bring peace--not war--wherever we go.*

*For You, O God, have been merciful to us.  
 For You, O God, have been patient with us.  
 For You, O God, have been gracious to us.*

*And so may we be merciful and patient and gracious  
 and trusting with these others whom you also love.  
 This we ask through Jesus, the one without vengeance in his heart. Amen*

The madness must stop! But it won't until people of all faiths (and people of good will who claim no faith) stop perpetuating "isms", phobias and fear. I am convinced that God would have Christians take the lead in showing the world how to love others as they love themselves. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that we become light and salt to a wounded world.

*Your pastor, sister and friend,*

*Sylvia*

\*adapted from a prayer by Sister Joan Chittister - Benedictine Sisters of Erie @ [www.worldprayers.org](http://www.worldprayers.org)

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**A light in the community that brings all people to God through Christ centered worship and ministry and nurtures their faith in order to extend His kingdom.**

**TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS** (new info in bold)

*Please notify us concerning new info and updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!*

**THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS**

- 03/ Buck Maxwell
- 06/ Rachel Rohrbach
- 08/ Joan Murphy
- 12/ Cathy Morris
- 12/ Fred Rohrbach
- 13/ Wallace Dunn
- 19/ Ed Murphy
- 26/ Beverly Johnson
- 27/ David Hatch
- 31/ Rick Pierce

**THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES**

- 01/ Mary & Willie Smith
- 04/ Zareen & Anand Nevrekar
- 05/ Evelyn & Cecil Murdock
- 12/ Betty & Henry Brock
- 15/ Joyce & Tom Smith
- 16/ Kathie & Rick Pierce
- 21/ Pat & John Randolph

**THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS**

- Jim Phillips
- Buddy Ashmore
- Fred Rohrbach
- Tom Murphy

**NURSERY**

- 03/ Evelyn Murdock
- 10/ Jennifer Rohrbach
- 17/ Debbie Bray
- 24/ Mary Smith
- 31/ Guest

**06/20 Bobbie Ard (Barbara Barlow's friend) – recovering from serious auto accident**

06/15 Pam Langley – recovering from liver issues

**06/01 Dene Long (Nancy Phillips' sister) – double mastectomy on 06/27**

05/22 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo

05/23 Martha Smith – still dealing with shortness of breath

05/10 Mona Steele – severe back pain from fractures

06/13 Dot Upchurch - recovering from pneumonia & other health issues

**OUR HOMEBOUND:** *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

Tye Bryant      Becky Huie      JoAnn Tatzel      Dot Upchurch

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email [secyppc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or fill in the I WISH card and drop in offering.

***THANK YOU***

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and concerns as I recovered from my gall bladder surgery and as I continue to deal what has been diagnosed as kidney stones. The have helped me get though the past 2 1/2 months.

John Randolph



### PW MESSAGE CORNER

- NO PWCT meeting
- JULY 9—10:30AM—Circle One



#### SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual PW Retreat will be Saturday,  
Oct. 22, 2016 at Calvin Center.

### CRAFT GROUP

June 12—11:30am—@ Italian Oven Restaurant, Stock-  
bridge

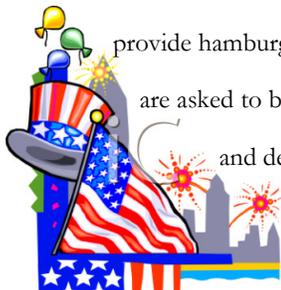
July 26—11:30am—Barnstormers Restaurant, William-  
son and to Peach Orchard afterwards



We will have our annual

### 4th of July Celebration

on July 3rd immediately following service. The church will  
provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. Members  
are asked to bring condiments, side dishes, chips,  
and desserts. We hope you will be able to  
join us on July 3rd.



## KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER

In July, we will be collecting school supplies for Kinship Care Resource Center, a group that helps grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. A list of the types of supplies they need is below. You may leave your donation in the narthex on or before July 31.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, see:

Connie McWilliams,

Community Missions.

#### Suggested school supplies are:

- large book bags
- clear book bags
- 3-ring binders (1-inch to 3-inch)
- 5-tab divider sets
- pens (blue, black and red)
- highlighters
- mechanical pencils and refill pencil lead
- colored folders (with and without prongs)
- calculators (Scientific for high school students)
- hand sanitizer
- tissues (small packets)
- crayons (24-count only)
- wooden pencils & pencil sharpeners
- rulers, compasses and protractors
- spiral notebooks (1-subject mainly, also 3- and 5-)
- notebook paper (wide & college rule)
- index cards (3x5; ruled; white and colored)
- colored pencils
- staplers and staples
- markers (10-pack)
- tape
- copy paper
- tri-folds
- Trapper Keepers
- glue sticks
- Scissors



**Thank you for all your support.**

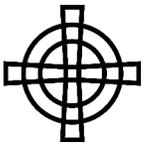


**OUR MISSION:** is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

**OUR CORE VALUES:**

- Radical Hospitality** (Romans 12:9-21)
- Passionate Worship** (John 4:21-24)
- Intentional Faith Development** (I Corinthians 9:19-24)
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service** (Matthew 25:14-30)
- Extravagant Generosity** (II Corinthians 9:6-15)

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