



THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter
15th Avenue Christian Church

A message from Pastor Mike.....

I have been thinking about Dave Popp's idea to revive the tradition, here at 15th Avenue Christian Church, to choose three people to pray for during the weeks of Lent. Intercessory prayer is such a powerful practice. It is both a spiritual gift and a responsibility that we can take seriously all through our lives. As we pray for specific individuals and difficult situations, we can be burden-bearers for those who are hurting. We can become advocates, before God the Father, just as Jesus is for us. We can find ways to pray "all the time." Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians includes these words, "Pray without ceasing." Time after time, in hospital rooms and before or after worship services, I have had people tell me, "I could feel the prayers of others when I needed them. I wasn't worried before the surgery because I knew people were praying." I have said things like that myself, and meant every word! What a gift it is to know that friends and family and church family are praying for us. Those are such powerful testimonies, and they tell us how important intercessory prayer can be.

You may have heard of the practice of using the ACTS acronym when you can't think how to pray. Those letters can represent placeholders for adoration, confession or contrition, thanksgiving and supplication or petition. There is also that all-important prayer category of intercession, the practice of praying to God on behalf of others. Intercessory prayer might be for an individual, as the elders here at church do with the prayer list. It may also include prayers for people who are members of a specific group. Examples may include victims of a national disaster, for the success of an outreach ministry, or for a missions trip.

Intercessory prayer is a way to reach out with the love of God when we are not able to travel or when we might not be able to reach out as directly as we'd like to a loved one in need. We are imitating Christ when we lift up others in prayer. Much of the insight that we have about Jesus' earthly ministry comes to from the pages of the four gospels. There we can find many examples of Jesus' prayer life. He would get up early and make time to pray. That seems to have been especially true when he faced big decisions or heavy pressure in his life. Sometimes, we are at a low ebb when we are under pressure and we just don't feel like praying. Those are the times when we need to have prayer as second nature. Practicing prayer in the good times can prepare us to be able to pray more effectively when we most need it. Knowing that others need our prayers can be a powerful motivation for us to practice intercessory prayer.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ

Please fill out and return this order form with payment to the church office. Payment must be made when order is placed.

Deadline to order: Wednesday, April 9th

Lilies are \$18.00 each.

TOTAL PLANTS ORDERED _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (REQUIRED) \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to 15th Avenue Christian Church

Name _____

Phone _____

In the space below, **please print exactly** how you would like your acknowledgement (for each plant) to read in the bulletin on Sunday April 20th.

(Use the back for additional acknowledgements.)

Questions: Call Jackie Flemming (309) 235-0914 or the office (309) 786-6925 from 9 am to Noon Mon-Fri.

Office use only
Envelope # _____ qty of lily _____ amt paid _____



Please join us downstairs after church on Sunday, April 13th to celebrate Dick and Delores Frybarger's 70th wedding anniversary. There will be coffee cake and fruit, as well as coffee and juice.

Board Meeting ~ April 13th ~ CANCELLED!

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June. Please remember that you are a board member if you are an elected officer, an elder, or serving or preparing deacon. All are invited to attend; however, only official members can vote on agenda items.



Lent Colors

Lent—Violet/Purple

Maundy Thursday—White/Gold

Good Friday—Red/Black/None

Easter—White/Gold

Easter Tide—White Gold

Music Notes

Easter will soon be upon us! I think we've had a good Lent of quiet reflection upon reconciliation and God's mercy. Get ready for some loud rejoicing in praise of our Lord's Resurrection and our salvation!

Joining us this month will be Claire Reger, Susan Runyon, Amy Koch on flute for Maundy Thursday, brass quartet and timpani and the Handbell Choir and Lillian Dawn for Easter, and a surprise guest at the end of the month. Hope to see you in church!

Sheila Doak,
Music Director





BRUNCH-OUT

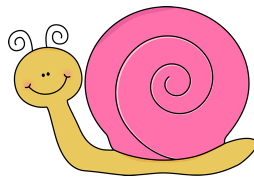
On Sunday, March 9th we had 22 people enjoy the food and fellowship at River Drive Breakfast Parlor in Moline. For our next event, we will travel out to Coal Valley and eat to La Herradura Mexican Grill, located at 201 West 2nd Avenue. It is located behind the BlackHawk Bank and Trust and The Rock event center. On Sunday, April 27th, we will meet there at 11:00 am when they open. I hope you will plan to join us.

Sally Bartosh



Birthdays

- 2 Mona Lyons Mlekush
- 21 Dave O'Melia
- 24 Jeanne O'Melia
- 27 Dave Glanz
- 28 Jesse R. Andereck



Anniversaries

- 3 Pam and Jeff Demarlie
- 6 Bill and Judie Holmer
- 12 Dave and Helen Popp
- 16 Dick and Dolores Frybarger
- 27 Steve and Lynne Sheese

ATTENTION:

When parking in front of the church, please **DO NOT** park with your tires on the sidewalk.
Thank you.

Lenten Season Opportunities

Palm Sunday 9:30 am April 13th

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm April 17th

Easter Celebration with Music
9:30 am April 20th

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

Total Income	\$5287.00
Total Expenses	\$16200.00
Net Income	(\$10913.00)

March Attendance

March 2	45
March 9	33
March 16	33
March 23	31
March 30	32

Elders Prayer Bell Edition

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” – **Philippians 4:6-7***

Elders have been praying for these family, friends and neighbors.

Please keep these family, friends and neighbors in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Send a card, a call on the phone or a visit. Let them know they are not forgotten.

Marilyn Mix fell and broke her hip {Unity Point RI} (family)

Margery Goold died Wednesday (Kelly & family) Marge & Kelly former members.

Paula (family)

Amanda & Dante (Matt)

Diane Block (family)

Bill (Judie and Bill)

Tyler (Jeanne K.)

Diane Butcher died March 12th (family)

Marilyn J. Benson, 87, of Moline, Illinois, died Thursday, March 6, 2025 (Diane Butcher's sister)

Alice (Sandy, Mable & family)

Joetta E. tumors (in-operable) Family

Roy Morley is in rehab. (Jan, Tim & Julie)

Kenny Hitchcock (Karen & family)

Allen, cancer (Ann)

Caroline, cancer (Bartosh's friend)

Jeanie Kirgan (family)

Kathy, cancer (Pastor Mike's sister)

Mike F. stage 4 colon cancer (family)

Kira (6 yrs old) leukemia and in ICU (family)

Edward Gridley (Jacob)

Bill being treated for cancer (Candy)

Barb (Nancy)

Don Young (Sherry & family)

Mike Besette has stage 3 cancer (Sabrinna, Zac, Nathaniel & family)

Boy 4yrs old, MS, had cardiac arrest, is home and regaining strength. (family)

Merle (friend of Weston's)

Melanie (Diane Block)

Patty R. (Rick & family)

Jackie Adams (Dolores and Dick Frybarger)

Matt (Karen Hitchcock)

Pat, cancer (family)

Gibson (friend of Weston's)

Granddaughter Caitlin (Karen Hitchcock)

Bob & Annie Bloomer (family)

Roland, Cancer (friend of Weston's)

Emma (Jeanie) / Hunter (family)

Mona Mlekush (family & Alice)

Julie (cancer)

Brenda O. (family)

Carla / Rosalie / Molly/ Mary/ Nickie (family)

Nancy G, cancer (family)

Kaylee Walker (Karen & family)

Kim Poleing (Karen)

Gavin, Mike Rushing, Connie (Karen & family)

Dawn F. (family)

Cara (friend of Diane B.)

Jessica Borland (Swanson's)

Vickie (Jesse & Melba)

Beverly Ducey (Jim & family)

JD UAW Chaplins

Kent Christensen (Kathy, Don & family)

Melba Andereck (Jesse & family)

15th Avenue Christian Church

APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30am Elder Mtg 9:30am Worship	6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Practice	6:30pm River Bend Bronze Bell Practice		10am Bible Study		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30am Worship Palm Sunday Food Pantry	6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Practice	6:30pm River Bend Bronze Bell Practice		10am Bible Study 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	Good Friday	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30am Worship Easter Sunday	6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Practice	6:30pm River Bend Bronze Bell Practice		10am Bible Study		
27	28	29	30			
9:30am Worship	6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Practice	6:30pm River Bend Bronze Bell Practice Bell Deadline				

Serving Elders
 6 Mark Carlson
 13 Helen Popp
 20 Dave Popp
 27 Sally Bartosh

Visiting Elders
 Sally Bartosh and
 Alice Lyons

Serving Deacons
 HD Karen Hitchcock, Barb
 Hansen, Lynne Sheese and
 Steve Sheese

Preparing Deacon
 Sandy Wentler

Flowers
 6 Lisa Hatlett
 Judie Holmer
 13 Dick and Dolores
 Frybarger
 20
 27



April Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.


Day 1- Matthew 16:24-28
 Day 2- John 11:25-26
 Day 3- Matthew 21:1-11
 Day 4- Luke 23:26-30
 Day 5- Luke 23:33-38
 Day 6- Luke 24:36-49
 Day 7- Psalm 25:1-6

Day 8- Psalm 25:7-14
 Day 9- Psalm 25:15-22
 Day 10- Proverbs 3:3-12
 Day 11- Colossians 3:22-25
 Day 12- Romans 3:21-26
 Day 13- Psalm 16:1-5
 Day 14- Psalm 16:6-11

Day 15- Romans 2:1-4
 Day 16- Isaiah 66:12-14
 Day 17- James 5:7-11
 Day 18- Isaiah 43:1-3
 Day 19- Psalm 66:8-12
 Day 20- Hebrews 4:15-16
 Day 21- 1 John 5:1-5

Day 22- 1 John 5:6-12
 Day 23- Psalm 105:1-5
 Day 24- Psalm 106:1-5
 Day 25- Colossians 3:1-3
 Day 26- Hebrews 12:1-2
 Day 27- Matthew 6:25-27
 Day 28- Matthew 6:28-34

Day 29- John 14:1-4
 Day 30- Psalm 150:1-6



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
 Psalm 119:18