
This Week's Prayer Concerns

Jack Chapman, Parkview Nursing
Rupert Stivers, 256 Maxfield Dr.
Pat Cownie, 7040 Contest Rd.
Tom & Mary Nell Mathues, Gilbertsville
Don Pepper, Jackson Oaks
Bea Chester, 301 S. 9th St. Apt. #410
Ed Silvey, 303 Marsha Dr.

PCM Pantry Report

Paducah Cooperative Ministry has asked us to collect spray bathroom cleaner during the month of February. Because this item costs a bit more, our goal is 250 units each month. Thanks for your help.

Baby shower

Friends and family are planning a baby shower for Michael and Jennifer Jones on February 20 in Fellowship Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. Michael is the grandson of Willadene Myers and the son of the late John Jones. They are registered at Walmart & Toys R Us. Everyone is invited.

Church calendar through Feb. 25

- 19** Women's Choral Retreat; Covington KY
- 20** 2:00 p.m., Michael Jones Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)
- 21** **Week of Compassion**
8:30 a.m., Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Traditional Worship
- 24** 4:00 p.m., Kids Groups
5:30 p.m., Dinner
6:30 p.m., Youth Groups
6:45 p.m., Prayer Service
7:00 p.m., Praise Group practice
- 25** 5:30 p.m., Handbells
6:30 p.m., Choir
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Serving Schedule

Feb. 21

Elders: Kent Price & Kathy McHaney
Deacons: Kelly & Mark Atnip, John & Whitney Caywood
Liturgist: Bill Cownie
Ushers: Georgia & Haley Boyd
Greeters: Ben & Miranda Peterson
Communion Clean-Up: Frank & Sue Fletcher
Acolyte: Patrick McHaney
Time for Children: Julie Price
Reach Out Communion: Betty & W. R. Sanders; Rhonda Lee-James & Allison Clark
Elder on Call: Kathy McHaney
Communion Prep & Flowers: Ann & David Denton
Pew Pad Pick-Up: Cathy Warmack & Mary Boaz
Fellowship Time: CWF Group 1

Amish Vegetable Cooperative

Are you concerned about your health? Or do you prefer to buy from local growers? Enjoy the healthful benefits of locally naturally grown produce. Become a member and enjoy 22 weeks of local naturally grown fruits and vegetables. For details meet the Amish growers of the Crooked Creek Valley CSA Saturday, February 27, 10 a.m. to noon in Fellowship Hall.

- Full or half shares available
- Delivered weekly to Paducah's downtown farmers' market
- Bonus: egg and chicken orders available
- Bonus: Turkey, beef, lamb and pork orders are available seasonally

Can't attend? Contact Mary Boaz at mhboaz@comcast.net or natanjod@bellsouth.net for information on becoming a member.

Attendance for February 7 — 156; February 14—136

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WOW!

It's Wednesday at FCC!

Here is the schedule of what is offered on Wednesdays at FCC

✓ 4 - 5:30 p.m. - K—4th grade Children's Group

✓ 5:30 p.m. Wednesday meal

✓ 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Youth Groups

✓ 7 - 8 p.m. - Praise Team Practice

Meal for February 24:

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans (*all meals include rolls, dessert, and iced tea*)

Monthly Prayer Service

Feb. 24

You are invited to be a part of our monthly prayer service Wednesday, February 24 at 6:45 p.m. in the FCC sanctuary. It is during this time we unite together as the body of Christ lifting our prayers of concern and joy to God. Each person that is included in our prayers receives a letter letting them know that they were and will continue to be in our prayers.

If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list please contact Mariann Lankton. Please provide her with the person's name, address, and prayer concern or joy.

Mariann's phone number 575-9810

Mariann's email address: mlankton@fccpaducah.org

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In his final moments with his disciples, the good shepherd asks Peter, “*Do you love me?*” “yes,” Peter replies. Then, “*feed my lambs,*” Jesus tells him. “*Tend my sheep.*” Three times, Jesus passionately repeats his instruction, pressing his followers: *if you love me, take care of the people I love. Live your love for me by actively tending these for whom I have sacrificed everything.* (John 21:15-19)

This coming week you will have an opportunity to offer your gift to Week of Compassion, empowering Disciples' relief, refugee and development fund, meeting basic needs in Christ's name throughout the world, and sharing resources that strengthen people to improve their own lives and communities.

The members of the family of God — from those we know to distant sisters, brothers, and cousins in parts of the world we may never visit — are God's flock, the sheep of god's pasture (Ezekiel 34:31). Yet, God's flock is often forcefully scattered and stalked, as people are chased from their homes and livelihoods by brutal expressions of war, as communities and futures are blasted by natural disasters, as societies and countries are ground down by unrelenting hunger, disease, and poverty.

Jesus calls us to tend his sheep caught in these situations of deep need. And with love and energy, the Church responds! Through Week of Compassion,

- disaster victims quickly receive shelter, food, water, and medical supplies.
- local communities develop secure sources of food and clean water.
- minds and bodies grow stronger with new schools and medical clinics.
- refugees receive housing and long-term help to construct new lives.

In challenging times, we often wonder how much we can afford to sacrifice to help feed Jesus' beloved sheep, when our needs remain pressing. Perhaps only our prayerful conscience can answer that. but remember the feeding of the 5,000: When Jesus asked the disciples to feed the thronging crowd, the disciples despaired (Mark 6:34-44). The five loaves and two fish seemed insignificant compared to the massive need. Yet when each gave sacrificially from what they had, through God's blessing, their gifts turned into a miracle of compassion for all.

Through Week of Compassion, our gifts meet compelling needs, while also bringing the blessing of compassion into our own lives. Heed Jesus' call to feed his sheep with a generous, even sacrificial, gift to Week of Compassion. Sharing your resources, you will change lives — including your own.

Lenten Sermon Series starting February 21

This sermon series will be based on William Willimon's book, *Thank God It's Friday: Encountering the Seven Last Words from the Cross.*

This week - The First Word - Luke 23:32-38

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