

Pastor Peter Norton's message notes from Sept. 20, 2020

Faith at Home: Prayer

How can we pass down faith to our kids and grandkids? One way to do this is through prayer.

The apostle Paul offered this wisdom about prayer to his church family in Thessalonica: **"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."** 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Prayer should be fun. I love how Paul tells us to "rejoice always" in prayer. On September 19 we celebrated the life of Bill Brame, a community leader and long-time member of our church. He was a joy to spend time with. He was always smiling and excited about what God was doing in his life, in our church, and in the lives of his children and grandchildren. Bill committed time every day to speak with God in prayer. When I talked to his daughters and his grandkids in preparation for the funeral, they all told me with joy in their eyes how much they enjoyed praying with Bill. The more that we pray, the more God can bring joy into our hearts.

So how do we make prayer fun with our kids and grandkids?

1. My wife Katharine's parents made prayer fun and meaningful by praying with their daughters for each member of their extended family each night before bed. She and her sisters loved and cared for their cousins and aunts. It was a joy to pray for their safety and strength.
2. I've seen families who have taught their kids fun songs as a way of praying.
3. It's amazing what happens when we ask young kids what they want to pray for. You might get some answers that you weren't expecting. What a great way to find out what is on the heart of your son or daughter.

Sometimes simple is better. Praying isn't all about getting the prayer perfect. One thing I've seen parents do is keep the prayers that they voice short and simple to make room for their kids to voice the prayers that God has placed on their hearts. Remember that Jesus said, **"Let the little children come to me."** Matthew 19:14. God wants to hear each of our prayers. Prayer doesn't have to always be voiced by the pastor. Prayers don't always have to be voiced by the parents. Each of us is invited to pray. God wants to hear our kids voice the prayers that are on their hearts.

When we pray together with our children and our grandchildren, they will learn the joy and the peace that comes from spending time talking to God. When we pray with our children, we plant in them the seeds of faith that will last a lifetime.

Preparing For Worship

Scriptures for the coming week

Monday	Sept. 28: Mark 1:14-18
Tuesday	Sept. 29: John 14:8-14
Wednesday	Sept. 30: Acts 2:37-43
Thursday	Oct. 1: Acts 2:44-3:10
Friday	Oct. 2: Acts 3:11-26
Saturday	Oct. 3: Acts 4:1-22

Upcoming Messages

Sept. 27:	Faith at Home: Worship
Oct. 4:	The Hero Maker: Multiplication
Oct. 11:	The Hero Maker: Permission Giving
Oct. 18:	The Hero Maker: Disciple Making
Oct. 25:	The Hero Maker: Gift Activating

Our Church Family

Prayer concerns from our church family

Aura Tavernner, Judy Murray, Donna Rosiere, Jaccie Blaszczyk, Linda Riddle, Camden Garcia, Peggy Province, Nita Woodrel, Charles Baile, Irene Miller, Ann Wilson, Nancy Walters, Michael Smith (Hubert Neth's son-in-law), Jim Hudson, the family of Bill Brame

Birthdays for the coming week

Sept. 27:	Madison Abner, Ian Ewing
Sept. 28:	Sandi Bryan
Oct. 1:	John Ilnicky
Oct. 2:	Bob Dais, Melissa Abner

Anniversaries for the coming week

Oct. 3:	Josh and Lauren Vesecky
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Connecting with Us

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We now have the ability to mail families DVDs of worship services. Simply contact the church office to sign up to receive DVDs of each worship service.

Volunteer For Church-Wide Cleanup Saturday

On Saturday, Sept. 26, at 9 a.m. Chuck Linville, facility manager, is coordinating a church-wide clean up. Chuck's position is part-time, and cleaning all the spaces now opening for church programming is challenging.

The interruptions created by COVID have affected the way the church building has been used. The manner in which the Church Council safely reopened the church means that we are slowly resuming some of the church's ministries.

The church's doors continue to reopen, not only for the church's ministries but also for the community, such as elections and Cub Scouts. Saturday's clean-up day will help keep guests safe from the virus and create an inviting setting.

Chuck has created a list of chores needing attention and will use the FLC as a staging area. He will have tools and supplies available. If you have a favorite tool or cleaner, bring it along.

If you have a task you are especially interested in doing, please send Chuck an email at chuck@umcburg.org, and plan it out with him.

Maybe you have a classroom you would like to tackle or maybe you want to work outside because you like gardening. Or maybe you want to create a team for a specific task. Just check with Chuck .

--Susan Smith



I would like to express a sincere thank you to those who donated to the "Think God" billboard fund: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blackburn, The Rock of the Ozarks Church, Janie Dunn-Rankin, Patty Wagenknecht, Sandra Delarm, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilson, Rhoda Moore, Pastor and Mrs. Peter Norton, Mr. and Mrs. John Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Baird Brock and Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The period for donations for the "Think GOD" billboard has been extended through October. To date we have received funds paying for the billboard to April 2021. We are still hopeful of reaching our goal of \$3,600. Thank you for supporting this project. With much appreciation, Ann Wilson

Nursery Opens Oct. 4 For Worship Service

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 4, the nursery will be open for children 0 to 3 years old.

Brooke Barker, a nursery attendant at UMC-Burg since fall of 2018, has been hired as the new nursery director. According to Brooke, "To promote social distancing, we will be allowing only four children in the nursery at a time. It is difficult to social distance with two-year-olds, but we will be trying our best." Every week after church the nursery and toys will be cleaned and disinfected.

To make a reservation for the Sunday service or to check to see if there is an open slot, call or text Brooke at 660-624-3296. You can also email her at brooke@umcburg.org.

Brooke is in charge of cleaning schedules, nursery attendant schedules, and volunteer lists. She is also helping with preschool during Shine On every Wednesday.

Assisting Brooke as a nursery attendant is Olivia Harrison. Brooke is looking to hire a third nursery attendant and is also looking for volunteers to help in the nursery if one of the attendants is unable to be at church.

Brooke has been involved at UMC-Burg since she was in 7th grade, attending mission trips in North Carolina, Utah, and Mississippi. A graduate of Warrensburg High School, Brooke is currently a sophomore at UCM pursuing a degree in nursing.



Brooke Barker, nursery director



UMC-Burg welcomes Stan and Pam Smith, who transferred their membership Sept. 20 from The Summit UMC in Lee's Summit. Stan has retired, and they have returned to Stan's hometown of Warrensburg. Stan and Pam were married at UMC-Burg in 1999.