

I've commanded you to be brave and strong, haven't I? Don't be alarmed or terrified, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. -Joshua 1:9

Pray for...

being wholly committed to the Lord.

So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature. -Romans 12:1-2

guidance, wisdom for our Pastor Paul and the church in Spencer.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us so that the Lord's message will spread quickly and be honored, just like it happened with you. The Lord is faithful; and will give you strength and protect you from the evil one. -2 Thessalonians 3:1,3

guidance, wisdom for Pastor Jenny

Preach the word. Be ready to do it whether it is convenient or inconvenient. Correct, confront, and encourage with patience and instruction. But you must keep control of yourself in all circumstances. Endure suffering, do the work of a preacher of the good news, and carry out your service fully. -2 Timothy 4:2,5

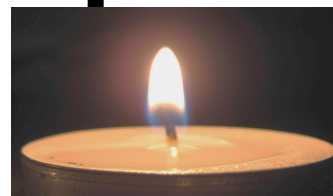
Jane and Pastor Jenny's family.

You have shown endurance and put up with a lot for my name's sake, and you haven't gotten tired. -Revelation 2:3
Above all, show sincere love to each other, because love brings about the forgiveness of many sins. -1 Peter 4:8

readiness to love our new pastor.

God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the Lord sees into the heart. -1 Samuel 16:7

Prayers for the Transition



Pastoral Change, July 2016

First United Methodist Church - Tipton

The Four Parts of Prayer



But anyone who needs wisdom should ask God, whose very nature is to give to everyone without a second thought, without keeping score. Wisdom will certainly be given to those who ask. -James 1:5

Praise Give God praise and honor because of who God is and what God has done.

Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name! -Psalm 100:4

Confess your sins and failures **Repent**

If we claim, “We don’t have any sin,” we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we’ve done wrong.

-1 John 1:8-9

Ask Though God knows the things about which you are concerned, God wants you to share the needs and frustrations that tangle your life.

Everything I long for is laid out before you, my Lord; my sighs aren’t hidden from you. -Psalm 38:9

Once you spread your prayers in front of God, don’t retrieve them. Yielding means you leave your requests there. You have permission to bring them again and again. But the fact that you have brought them before God indicates you trust God will, in time and in God’s way, take care of them.

Yield

Tell me all about your faithful love come morning time, because I trust you. Show me the way I should go, because I offer my life up to you. -Psalm 143:8

Pray for...

a spirit of thankfulness for all God has done through us and those who have come before.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. -Philippians 1:3-5

fresh new beginnings, forgiveness for failures of the past, and excited expectations for the future

The things announced in the past—look—they’ve already happened, but I’m declaring new things. -Isaiah 42:9

So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! -2 Corinthians 5:17

Brothers and sisters, I myself don’t think I’ve reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. -Philippians 3:13

all to draw near to the true head of our church.

Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners. Purify your hearts, you double-minded. -James 4:8

the unity in the Body of Christ at Tipton First United Methodist Church.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. -Romans 15:5-6

hospitality: willing hearts and ready hands.

Don’t hesitate to be enthusiastic —be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you’re in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God’s people, and welcome strangers into your home. -Romans 12:11-13