

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Last Sunday during worship, we talked about how we can strive to be more like the 10th leper who turned back to worship Jesus with gratitude for being healed of his skin disease when the other 9 did not. We talked about how living a life of WHOLE FAITH is about living, worshiping, and experiencing God's love and grace for us in the here and now, also, and how that can impact the lives and faith of others.

In week three of our CHOOSING FAITH series, we will hear the parable of an unjust judge and a persistent widow. How are we supposed to be persistent in our faith when sometimes we feel like our prayers are unanswered? We'll talk about that this Sunday.

This Sunday is also the first Kids Korner of the school year! Children in preK-5th grade will have a fun fall-related activity time with Ms. Sabra and Miss. Lauren in the Fellowship Hall after the Children's Message.

With all this talk about prayer these past several weeks, I found a great quote from ELCA Pastor/Theologian/Author, Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, that I wanted to leave you with as we prepare to worship together this Sunday.

"When we pray on another's behalf, we become connected to that person through God, and we become connected to God through that person. And in these connections, God gets stuff done. Not necessarily the stuff we think God should do, but the work that God is always about, which is redeeming us and all of creation."

See you in worship!

Serving with you,
Pastor Becky

How our PB First UMC family can continue to support the Lessman Family

Prayers: Pray! Pray! Pray! Please keep Pastor Krey, Erin, and the children in prayer as they begin this journey.

Meals or monetary donations: If you would like to donate a meal, please contact Kathy. Monetary donations towards fuel for Erin and/or takeout meals while she and the kids travel to Peoria can also be made. Please let any of us know, and we will make sure she receives it.

Child care: If you would enjoy spending some time with Lewis and Wesley, Erin may need help in the next few weeks so she can visit Krey or spend time with him during treatment. Please let one of us know if this interests you.

Cards:

If you would like to send Pastor Krey a card, the address is:

Krey Leesman

Room Number 2219

530 N.E. Glen Oak Avenue

Peoria, IL 61637

Hint: Use 9412 228th St N, Port Byron, IL, as the return address. That way, if your card or letter gets to the hospital after the patient has gone home, it will be sent there.

You can also send an ecard by following the instructions here: [Send an eCard |](#)

apps.osfhealthcare.org

If you need anything church related, please contact Pastor Becky, Nikki or Kathy until further notice.

Pastor Becky: 309-292-2287

Nikki Stuart: 309-738-8099

Kathy Mahraun: 646-729-3919

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to schedule an event at the church, contact Steph at 309-848-4050 or portbyronfirstumc@gmail.com. She will provide you with the building agreement, policies, and forms to book the date on the church calendar.

Steph's Office Hours: Wednesday 8am-12pm, Thursdays 8-10am

MONTHLY DONATIONS BLESSED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: *Immediate Food Pantry Needs* - The Upper Rock Island County Food Pantry at Messiah Lutheran Church has immediate needs for Canned vegetables and fruit, canned pasta like SpaghettiOs, cake mix, syrup, boxed meals like Hamburger Helper, diced/canned tomatoes, condiments, instant potatoes, pasta/rice sides ***Be sure that your donations are within the "best by/best use" expiration date and that the item has not been opened. The food pantry cannot accept items that are expired.*** Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry!

MONTHLY DONATIONS BLESSED ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: *Wish List for the Mission Welcome Kits*: The Mission Committee is preparing ongoing Welcome Kits for new residents at Whispering Hills. The following items are needed: shampoo, body soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, small laundry detergent, cleaning wipes, small all-purpose cleaner, single-roll paper towels, and a 4-pack of toilet paper. Thank you for your donations and support of this local mission!

Every Wednesday- GROW: a faith community for youth in grades 6-12. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Dinner is at 7:00 pm, and Discipleship Activities 7:30-8:30 pm.

Every Sunday-Discipleship Groups for PreK-12th Grade 9:30 am-10:15 am

Upcoming Events:

Friday, October 17th-5th Quarter until 11:30 pm Menus: Pizza and Snacks!

Thursday, October 17th, Christmas Traditions Cookie Making Committee will be making cookies at 9:00am.

Sunday, October 19th-Kids Korner after the Children's Message with Ms. Sabra and Lauren!

Thursday, October 23rd – United Women in Faith will meet at 1:30 at the church. Bev Smith will give the program. All women of the church are invited.

Thursday, October 23-Sunday, October 26th-Pastor Becky on Clergy Team for the Women's Walk to Emmaus Weekend

Sunday, November 2nd-All Saints Sunday-If you have a picture of a loved one who has passed away this past year, please bring it to church in a frame for this remembrance service.