



United Methodist Temple September 2020 Newsletter Volume VIII

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Prayer is a pretty needed thing these days, isn't it?

Our world has been turned upside down by COVID-19. Many people are experiencing uncertainty, loneliness, financial struggles...and often the only thing we can think to do is pray.

But what does prayer do, anyway? Prayer is something that we do in church every Sunday and that many Christians engage in daily, but it can still be difficult to totally wrap our minds around it. How do we pray? Why do we do it? What happens when we encounter problems or questions? Does prayer change anything?

If you have ever wondered these questions, not to worry – you are not alone! In fact, I'd like to invite you to explore prayer with me in a six-week Zoom small group experience. 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays September 16-October 21.

We'll be working through Philip Yancey's small group study "Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?" This study will invite you to explore prayer and encourage you in your own personal prayer practice. Books won't be required for participants, but you can purchase the workbook

(<https://www.cokesbury.com/Prayer-Participant%27s-Guide>) or chapter book



(<https://www.cokesbury.com/Prayer-1-2-4refq=Philip%20Yancey%20Prayer>)
for your own additional study, if you wish.

To sign up, contact Pastor Nicki (revnickit@gmail.com). I look forward to learning and growing alongside you in this study!

Blessings,
Pastor Nicki Taylor

In person worship continues with communion on September 6.



Care Callers Ministry

As the body of Christ, we are called to care for each other - and you can do this with just one phone call a week! To care for those that are unable to worship with us in person currently, we are starting a "care callers" ministry. Volunteers will call church members once a week to connect and care for them. To volunteer, contact Pastor Nicki (revnickit@gmail.com)

Sunday School is Back: Sunday school is back and on Zoom! The group meets at 4:00 pm, Sundays - all are welcome. Contact Pastor Nicki for the Zoom meeting information (revnickit@gmail.com).

Advanced Course in Lay Servant Ministries

Facilitated by Rod Groom, Conference Director on Tuesday evening September 22nd and October 27th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Rod Groom at rod.groom@gmail.com for further information.





Congratulations to:

Evan Goodson on his graduation from Flagler College in Tallahassee with a degree in Elementary Education.

Sarah Felten on her graduation of the University of South Florida with a degree in Public Health.



Brownies & Girl Scouts

Brownies and Girl Scouts will start meeting again in September. There is a troop for any age up to 18. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining, call Sue Trevino (863/698-5189).

September Calendar

6

10:30 a.m. Worship with communion
4:00 p.m. Sunday school (Zoom)

7

Labor Day

8

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
6:00 p.m. Administrative Council

13

10:30 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Sunday school (Zoom)

19 Annual Conference

20

10:30 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Sunday school (Zoom)

23 First Day of Autumn

27

10:30 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Sunday school (Zoom)



Happy September Birthday to:

9-6 Diane Poling
9-9 Liz Laughlin, Dee Touchtone
9-10 Ron Clark, Cindy Fulton
Suzan Harrell
9-20 Mark Koebernik
9-23 Alice Doolittle
9-25 Kay Sloan
9-25 Beti Wheeler
9-27 Kristie Taylor
9-29 Heidi Urquhart



Happy September Anniversary to:

9-5 Charlie & Margaret Merritt
9-14 Gerald & Stephanie Miklavcic



Help!!! There are people on our membership list who have moved or possibly have passed away. If you have any information about any of the following, please contact Louise in the church office. *Tom Britton Evelyn Hath, Blonnie Hudson, Barbara Kinard, June Knuth, Robert Nelson, Jane Santimaw, Dorothy Schiffner.*