

Thoughts from Tom—

Does Prayer Make Any Difference?

In Psalm 46:10, God tells us to “Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.” Literally, “be still” means “to slacken, let down, cease, or vacate.” Stop being your own god for a while and let God be God.

In recent polls, nine in ten Christians pray regularly, and three out of four claim to pray every day. But the average length of time spent in daily prayer is just 5 minutes. Talking to God seems to be a serious chore. In reality, we need to remember—or discover for the first time—that prayer is a time of release, surrender, and even vacation from the world’s stress. It can become an anticipated, impromptu, and welcome encounter during our busy and stress-filled days.

Come discover how prayer helps us see reality from God’s point of view. On Sunday September 16 we will begin a six-week all-church study on prayer, using material from Philip Yancey’s book, “Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?”

Topics include:

- The View from Above
- Why Pray?
- Keeping Company with God
- How to Pray
- Prayer Problems
- Does Prayer Change Anything?

To accomplish this study, we will hold one large Sunday School class with video presentations and workbooks for all adults and teens in our fellowship hall. These six sessions will take place from September 16 through October 28 at 9:00 a.m. Our regular Sunday School classes will resume on November 4.

This special study is being provided for all our adults and teens, whether you currently attend the 9:00 o’clock Sunday study hour or not. Come learn how to enhance your prayer life. Come draw closer to God.



New All Church Sunday Class
“Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?”
September 16 to October 28 at 9:00 am

Come and see how prayer helps us see reality from God’s point of view.

Please sign up in the lobby so we know how many books to order!



First Church of Christ

300 W. Spruce Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Know Jesus • Follow Jesus • Share His Love

September 2018

Join us at the Chippewa County Fair **EUP Music Fest!**

FCOC Worship Team will begin the evening,
and then we will welcome

4 One Quartet



September 2nd
7:00 p.m.
at the
Grandstand at
Kinross
Fairgrounds!



FCOC vs. HIS **HOUSE SOFTBALL** **GAME!**

Sunday, September 9th
at 3:00 p.m. at the 8th Ave Field

Come and cheer on your favorite team and
share a meal with your church family afterward!

Hot dogs provided, please bring a dish to pass.



Upcoming Events



Adopt an LSSU Student (or 2)!

It's Adopt a Student time again!

This will be a blessing to your family! Remember the students love to be invited, need a place to go, people to talk to, home cooked meals. **Invite them for food and to watch a game or movie, take a field trip to somewhere close by, do a craft together, go out for ice cream, and just get to know them!** Consider adopting 2 students, so they have a friend and may feel more comfortable being in a new home meeting new people. **Please sign up in the lobby!**

Please see Cashes, Peasleys or Pietrangelos with questions.



Meijer Simply Give is Back!

Meijer is partnering with our food pantry on August 19 to September 15, 2018

At the "Simply Give" display by the Welcome Table in the lobby there are information cards. Grab a card and take to our local Meijer store, where you can purchase a food card for \$10, which will go directly to our food pantry. **Meijer matches all donations!**

Double Match Day is September 7th!

See Bob or Marie Smith or Teresa Pietrangelo for more info.



Attention First Church of Christ Members Our Annual Meeting will be held Monday, September 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

We will vote on leadership positions and go over church business. Everyone is welcome, and any active member 18 years and older may vote.

Active members of First Church of Christ are believers who have been immersed, either at FCOC or elsewhere, have shared with our church family a statement of faith and commitment to this congregation, and attend at least 12 times a year.

Giving Information

August	Giving
5	\$2,979.77
12	\$2,395.00
19	\$6,392.79
26	\$8,295.46
Average	\$5,015.76

Prayer Concerns (Please call the church office with updates)



Our country and those serving in the military, those adjusting after service
 Kevin Farrar—Breathing issues due to RA, RA flare-ups
 His House Ministries
 Kenn Filkins—Serious health issues
 Hannah Grace Monroe—Continued prayers for her feedings and health
 Jeannine Kelly (Therese Boucha's mother) - Parkinson's Disease
 Gary Matheny (Dave's brother) - Hoping for a lung transplant soon
 Ron Atkins (Pam Postma's brother) - Praise that there is no lung cancer! Has liver/pancreatic cancer—to Mayo for treatment options
 Bonnie Dale—Surgery successful, still having difficulty walking
 Carol Miller—Cancer treatments going well
 Evelyn Henry—Health issues
 Mona Skaggs (LaCrosse) - Doing well after cancer treatment, pray completely healed
 Linda Gades (Nancy Earl-Wojo's sister) - Metastasized cancer, confusion
 Brenda Brown—Health issues, that doctors would figure out how to help her
 Therese Boucha—PRAISE! Cancer is shrinking! Continued prayers for healing.
 Therese wants to thank everyone for the meals, gifts, and help!
 Gary Ferns (Mary Armstrong's bro) - Last scan stable! Prayers for continued healing
 Gordon Earl (Bernard's brother) - Home recovering from stent surgery
 Marion Rogers' g-daughter's husband Danny—Leukemia, treatable, treatment soon
 Gary Korman (Friend of Dave Weir) - Health issues, would appreciate prayers
 James Burton—At Army Boot Camp. Prayers for courage and strength in the Lord
 Ed Boso—Back pain
 Gail Mullins (Ed Boso) - Diagnosed with diabetes
 Peg Pifer (Dan Smart's mother-in-law) - Recovering from a stroke
 Evelyn Henry, Terry Lawson, Lee Lawson, and Patty Jones—Family issues
 Nancy LeGreve—Recovering from spinal surgery
 Ardis Bruno—In Tendercare Room B6 for PT after surgery, would like visitors
 Cathy Abramson—Liver and kidney transplant, difficult recovery
 Jennifer Veum—Having cancer treatment
 Barb Bellows, Kelsey Hill's grandmother—Serious fall, broken shoulder and hip, long recovery in a care facility
 Rachael Jones (the Henry's granddaughter) - Strength to stay drug and alcohol free and turn to God, trying to get her children back
 Barbara Ferns (Mary Armstrong's mom) - Recovering from a stroke