

CENTRAL CONNECTION

Upcoming Events

June 10

7pm - Preaching from the
Pews begins

June 12

10am - Cherry Street
12pm - Youth Picnic

June 12

7pm - Immerse Study

June 16

10am - Sunday school
11am - Worship

UPCOMING

**Don't forget to check out
our website or Facebook
page to find worship
services, newsletters and
more!**



One of the things I'm going to be exploring during my sabbatical is prayer. Now, I know that sounds strange, but there are so many varieties and forms of prayer that are not part of my normal routine. I want to learn about new ways to pray, new experiences that can allow for encounters with God, new understanding about what it means to communicate with the Divine.

And if I'm honest, prayer is one of the spiritual disciplines that has always been a struggle for me. I find it hard to have a set time every day to sit and pray. I find it hard to stay focused for long stretches of prayer. And if I were a betting person, I'd bet I'm not alone in that struggle.

It isn't that I think prayer is unimportant. It is very important. It isn't that I haven't tried to force myself to sit and pray for a set time each day. I have. It's just that I find prayer to be a much more fluid practice - in the moment, as life happens, when there is a need, during times of reflection, while I'm going about my day.

And if prayer is really about communication and relationship with God, it makes sense to me that it's an ongoing thing that isn't just relegated to a 10 or 15 minute window once a day. BUT, that's how it works for me right now. It may work very differently for you...and THAT'S OKAY!

I'm looking forward to learning, practicing and praying in new ways this fall.

—Pastor Lory

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Nation & World, Tammy Brockman, Nancy Atkison, Madison Wardell, Charlotte Reagan, Bob Miller, CASA Kids, Tony Barker, Vivian Contareas, Sharon Brown, Shirley Miller, Ken Backus, Reese Handley, Christy Hoff, Chad Brown, Joe Kalal, Morgan Heck, Charlotte Reed, Carolyn Tapley, Pam Kessler, Paula Whitfield, Steve McCoulaugh, Shirley Roberts, Ben Hill, Margaret Centofanti, Nicole Rahmer, Dean Prine, Connie O'Neill, Chris Tettleton, Brenda Sutton, David Howard, Kal Luke, Barbara Saunders, Nicole Saunders, Crystal Shelton, Yvonne Mesler, LaQuita Hewitt, Scott Baker, Steve, Christy Mesler, Tommy and Debbie Moore, Jennifer Hallack, Roger Williams, Cecil Matheson, Lynn Lierly, Beverly Durham, Jerry Dan Russell, Donnie Davis, Dieter Stratemann, Skip Rozell, Jessica Young

Family of: Lynn Hanson, James Carminati

Worship This Week:

Elders: Walkers
 Deacons: Prines
 Communion: Mesler
 Sermon Text: Mark 4:26-34
 Sun School: Immerse Wk 3.8

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Pianist Search

We are currently looking for a pianist for Sunday mornings. If you know someone who plays and is not actively involved in a church home (we don't want to steal someone from their church!), who might be interested in joining us, please let Pastor Lory know.



Our ecumenical youth group, Mainline Youth, recently made cookies for several area groups of servants in our community.



PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Experience Pentecost again.**
- 2. Opportunities to talk to others about Jesus.**
- 3. Frequent baptisms**

Join me in praying for these three things this year!