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"United Flyer"

BUT SEEK FIRST
THE KINGDOM OF
GOD AND HIS
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND ALL THESE
THINGS SHALL BE
ADDED TO YOU.

TIME-WARP WIFE
Matthew 6:33
NKJV

Talks With Tammy

I recently came across a brochure titled "PRAYER - Practices of Faith in the United Church of Christ". As prayer is such a big part of our lives, I thought you might find the following of interest. I don't believe there is a right or wrong way to pray. Just PRAY.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Tammy Lathan
Have a wonder-filled day!

Why Do We Pray?

We offer prayers as an expression of our awareness of God and to establish and maintain contact with God. The



Psalmist wrote "I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall be continually in my mouth... I sought the Lord and God answered me and delivered me from all my fears." - Psalm 34 NRSV (paraphrased)

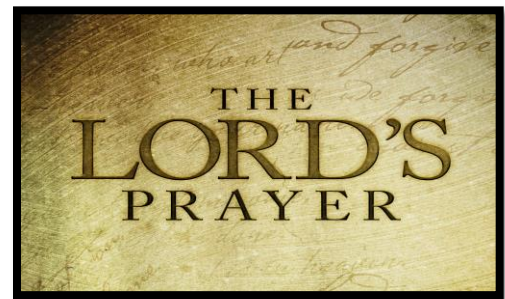
What Is Prayer?

Prayer is the intentional opening of ourselves to our Creator. It is the means by which we express the concerns of our hearts and spirits, sharing our thoughts with God, knowing that God cares about us in very personal ways. Prayer affords us a stillness in our spirit and attentiveness through which God is able to touch us and transform our lives. Often prayer is what assures us that we are not alone in this universe nor are we left to our own abilities and devices. "Do not worry about anything... let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

How Do We Pray?

We pray by simply acting on our desire to

communicate with God. God hears us when we use simple, heartfelt words such as, "Have mercy," and God hears us when words refuse to escape our lips. We have the assurance that even if we moan, the Holy Spirit, serving as our advocate, will translate our concerns. In response to the petitions of his disciples, Jesus gave us a prayer that we honor as the Lord's Prayer (sometimes called the Prayer of Disciples or the Prayer of our Savior). Prayers can be offered in song, dance and various kinds of movement. Christian tradition gives us as many different ways to pray as our minds can conceive. However, we should pray with sincerity of heart and with humility of spirit.



5:55 PM - P.T.P.

Prayer is the speaking part of your relationship with God. Think of Prayer as a conversation. You speak to God in Prayer, then you listen attentively as He speaks to you as you read your Bible.

You know we can all benefit from techniques, guidelines, or train of thought... **Try using P. T. P.**

Praise, Thanks, Petition.

- PRAISE GOD for who He is, and what He has done for us as Creator...
- THANK GOD for all His blessings He has afforded us in our lives, including the gift of His Son, Jesus...
- Then, PETITION GOD for what you need.

ALONG with your personal petitions should be prayers of intercessions... praying on behalf of others.

So SET YOUR Phone Alarm for 5:55 everyday – Take time to stop and PRAY P.T.P.

Church Directory

Building Hours: 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Spiritual Leader: Tammy Lathan

Tammy's Cell: 969-0695

Church Phone: (585) 493-2840

Church E-mail: Castile_UCC@yahoo.com

Website: www.castileucc.com

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Admin. Coord. Hours: Tues.- Fri. 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Bd. of Elder Chair: Bonnie Miller - 237-3958

Bd. of Trustees Chair: Dennis Miller - 493-2743

Church Moderator: Charles Miller - 237-3958

Custodian: Melissa Dake - 493-3215

Director of Music: Barb Meyer - 322-7396

Supt. of Buildings & Grounds: Greg VanSlyke -
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Our Wednesday Fireside Chats are held at 6:00 PM every Wednesday on Castile UCC's Facebook Page. If

you would be interested in doing one of these chats, please contact Marcy VanZandt at 493-2119 or the church office.



Book recommendation is.... *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger: An Invitation Worth Considering* by David Gregory.

You are Invited to a Dinner with Jesus of Nazareth

The mysterious envelope arrives on Nick Cominsky's desk amid a stack of credit card applications and business-related junk mail. Although his seventy-hour workweek has already eaten into his limited family time, Nick can't pass up the opportunity to see what kind of plot his colleagues have hatched...

A copy of the book and will be available at the church to borrow as well as the next two books in the series. If you would like to recommend a book, please let me know.

Tammy (twlathan@gmail.com)



Marlene's 'Home Office' Hours extended

Our Administrative Coordinator, Marlene Loomis, will continue to be working from her "home office" until at least Wed. Sept. 1st.

She continues to check the answering machine, church e-mails, gets the post office mail and returns phone calls & e-mails.

The church building will continue to be open Tuesday & Friday from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. Thank you to Sally Bliss for opening the church and to Ed VanZandt for locking up in the afternoon. It is also unlocked for Sunday morning Worship.

The Food Pantry continues to be closed at this time until a new Food Pantry Coordinator can be found.

Thank you for your continued support & prayers as Marlene heals.

Altar Flowers

September

5- Kathy Spencer

(In memory of Max & Dorothy Stoffer)

12- Sandy Graham

19- Marcy VanZandt

26- Lisa Gunn



Child Care

We would like to begin to offer Child Care beginning in September.

If you are willing to provide Child Care on any of the following Sundays, please contact the church Office at 493-2840 or call Marlene at 493-2968, or email her at castile_ucc@yahoo.com.

September 12 -

19 -

26 -

October 3 -

10 -

17 -

24 -

31 -



Newsletter Deadline

All newsletter articles for the "United Flyer" are due **by the 15th of each** month and are at the discretion of the church office.



Christian Education News

The Castile UCC Sunday School

"KICK OFF WITH JESUS"

Will be on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

at **10:20 AM – Downstairs**



Come JOIN US!

- **The Board of Christian Education**

Jacob Klein

Sandy Graham

MeLynda Weaver

Barbara Bellamy

Sandy Graham

Renae Totstline

Faithful Families at Home

Smartphone Prayers –

Creating Sacred Moments at Home

Christianity is rich with traditions that involve the body: from pilgrimages to chants to the sign of the cross, the body is used in different ways. Yet, for most children, "Fold your hands and bow your head," is the only instruction given with regard to a prayer posture. There are many prayer positions seen in the Bible and elsewhere: kneeling, lying flat on the ground, lying with one's forehead to the ground, praying with hands to the sky. Children are naturally drawn to a variety of different postures and are often quite receptive to experimenting with their bodies in prayer. This activity is playful, and it allows children to experiment with different ways of talking to God.

Time Investment: 5 minutes

How To:

1. Tell children, "Sometimes when we pray, we are quiet with our heads bowed and our fingers clasped, but, sometimes, we can pray while we move around. We can reach to the sky or curl in a tiny ball or kneel or lay flat on the ground."
2. Say, "Let's practice it! Who has a prayer?"
3. Ask children for a short (one sentence) prayer. (Example: "I pray grandma is better," or, "Thank you, God, for this day.")
4. Take the suggestions and practice praying in a variety of postures: first "traditionally," then reaching up to the sky, then curled in a tiny ball, then lying flat on the ground.
5. Ask, "Which did you like the best?" and, "Which did you like the least?"

Notes:

- Be prepared with a few prayer suggestions in case a child doesn't have one.
- Allow children to laugh and smile and be silly during these moving prayers. God loves and accepts them for who they are as children, and prayer isn't always a solemn occasion.

Variations:

- Allow children to make up their own prayer postures (for example, skipping, standing on one leg, etc.).
- Invite children to invent prayer postures for a familiar prayer such as the Lord's Prayers.



Assistance for Hearing Impaired

The Castile UCC has hearing devices designed to enhance our worship service to those with hearing difficulties.

The units are small pocket-sized units with an over the ear speaker. The user controls the volume. If you are in need of one of these devices please see one of our Board of Elder members.



Castile Historical Society

Meets on the 1st Thursday of March, June, Sept. & Dec.



NEXT MEETING:

Thur., September 2nd
6:00 PM
at Castile UCC

Musical Welcome Back!!

The Castile UCC Church Choir
will commence on Sunday,
September 12!



Please consider joining us as we praise & celebrate our God, faith and service through music during worship on Sunday mornings. Ages 15-115 (!) are welcome and you do not need to know how to "read" music - several of us do not!

We meet at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary. At this point, we are not wearing masks or using shields, but if you are more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so. Call if you have any questions.

Barb Meyer
Music Director (322-7396)



Board of Trustees News

St. Pauly's Used Clothing Drop-off Box

What to Donate: Used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.

What Not to Donate: Furniture, electronics, household items, books, toys, rags, pillows or fabric scraps. **Our latest check: \$130.70.**



Church Rental Fees:

As Covid restrictions are changing, we would like to remind you that the Embling Dining Hall is available for rent. The fee is \$50.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members.

Wedding fees (for the building use only):

\$100.00 for members \$350.00 for non-members

(A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due at time of initial reservation.)

Paying it Forward...

A heartfelt thank you goes out to **Tim & Joyce Neel** who recently donated \$2,500.00 to the Castile United Church of Christ.

You may be wondering how this is “paying it forward”? Many years ago, when they were a young married couple buying their first home here in Castile, they planned to purchase what was then, the church manse on North Main Street. With little collateral and against some outside financial advice the church decided to sell them the property.

Tim & Joyce have recently sold this home to relocate closer to their son & family and have graciously donated this money in appreciation.



Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for All Church Employees

All PAID Church Employees must take one of the Sexual Harassment Prevention Training as required by the NY UCC Conference.

TRAINING DATES ARE:

September 16 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM

October 12 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM

November 10 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM

To register, please contact: charlaine@prcli.org or call 1-631-486-4350.



Missions News

Scrap Metal Mission

• cast iron • copper • stainless steel • steel • brass
• aluminum • lawn mowers • electric motors • old machinery • power tools • hand tools • batteries

Please, NO: T.V.'s, computers, air conditioners, freezer, refrigerators (nothing with Freon in it.)

Contact Chuck Klein at 567-8204 for pick up.

Castile UCC Food Pantry

WANTED: FOOD PANTRY COORDINATOR - AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Duties would include: Shopping for food items, packing the Food Pantry client bags and meeting with clients. Currently, we do not allow the client to select their own foods due to Covid.

The Food Pantry Coordinator would set the time to meet with the client, in the Baker Entry way (an open space, upstairs!) The Handicap lift is available with transport as well as the metal cart on wheels. The Food Pantry Cupboards are located downstairs in the church basement by the bathrooms. They have their own dedicated cupboards and locks.

If interested, please contact Marlene Loomis at 493-2968 as soon as possible. Training and guidance are available.



Pastoral Search News

Our Profile is now available for Pastoral Candidates to view.

Committee Members are:

Tyler King: Chair Tammy Lathan: Secretary

Marlene Loomis: Contact Person

Debbie Beeman

Lynn McNamara

Barbara Meyer

Cliff Scott



The Cross on the Wall

A Cross on the Wall is not a sign of your Christianity, it is a reminder that Christ should be the center of our lives.



Whose house has this Cross printed on a canvas??

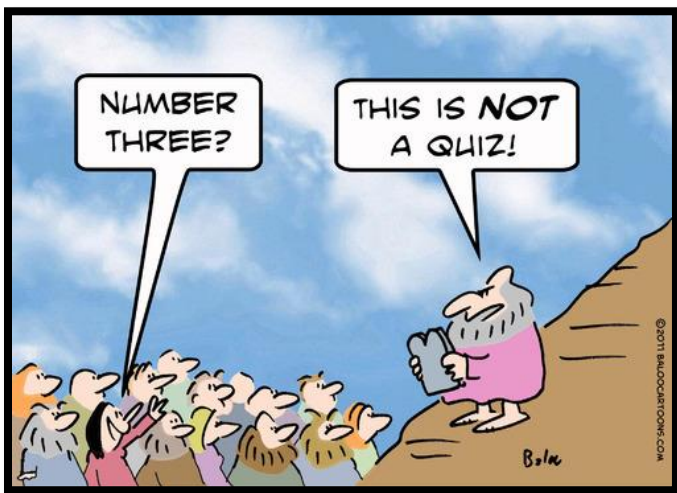
1. Tammy Lathan
2. Judy Goodenow
3. Kathy Spencer

Biblical Trivia

(All the answers are numbers!)



- (1) How many books are in the Bible?
- (2) How many books in the Old Testament?
- (3) How many books in the New Testament?
- (4) How many people were saved on the ark?
- (5) How many days was Lazarus dead before Jesus came to visit?
- (6) How many commandments were written on the stone tablets brought down the mountain from Moses?
- (7) Ruth was a wonderful daughter-in-law. She was so wonderful that at the end of the book of Ruth, she was pronounced to be a better daughter-in-law than how many sons?
- (8) What book in Galatians is the Fruit of the Spirit found in the Bible?
- (9) How many Fruits of the Spirit are there listed in the Bible?
- (10) In what chapter, in the book of Matthew, can you find the Lord's Prayer?



September Birthdays

- 1 - Braydon Miller
- 1 - Keaton King
- 2 - Edward VanZandt
- 2 - Emma Ikeler
- 3 - Charles Klein
- 5 - Gidget Bannister
- 6 - Timothy McMullen
- 6 - Kelly McLaughlin
- 10 - Bonita Stenshorn
- 12 - Wayne Patridge
- 14 - Chloe Ikeler
- 16 - Marcia McMullen
- 18 - James Loomis
- 18 - Bonnie Miller
- 18 - Sandra Sickles
- 21 - Daniel Brandes
- 21 - Andrew Klein
- 23 - Rachel Schumacher
- 26 - Melissa Dake
- 26 - Mark Miller



September Anniversaries

- 7- Paul & Abbey Scott
- 9- Mark & Kathleen Donlon Miller
- 27- Jim & Linda Little
- 29- Chris & Lynn McNamara



Women's Fellowship

Our Mission Statement:

"Through the belief in our Living God, our mission is to reach out and support families and individuals in need, by sharing ideas and creativity, using our time and talents to strengthen ties in the community."

2021 Chairperson: Marcy VanZandt
Vice-Chair: Bonnie Miller **Secretary:** Mary Reagan
Correspondence: Carol Becker
Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Women's Fellowship Meeting
Monday, September 13th at 11:00 AM
ALL Women are INVITED!!

WF Baked Food Sale at Woodstream Campground will be held on Sat., Sept. 4th.

Please have your baked goods at the church on Friday, September 3rd by 10:00 AM so they can be priced.



(If you have any extra glass pie plates, Beth Pond is looking for some!!)

Next Rummage & Baked Food Sale:

Thursday, October 14 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Friday, October 15 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Saturday, October 16 9:00 -11:00 AM (Bag Sale)



We are now accepting donations.



Cross on the Wall Answer – No. 1

Trivia Answers:

- (1) 66, (2) 39, (3) 27, (4) 8, (5) 4, (6) 10, (7) 7,
(8) 5, (9) 9, (10) 6

Wisdom from a Tube of Toothpaste???

My daughter starts middle school tomorrow. We've decorated her locker, bought new uniforms, even surprised her with a new backpack.

But tonight, just before bed, we did another pre middle school task that is far more important than the others. I gave her a tube of toothpaste and asked her to squirt it on to a plate.

When she finished, I calmly asked her to put all of the toothpaste back into the tube.

She began exclaiming things like, "but I can't" and "it won't be like it was before".

I quietly waited for her to finish and then said the following:

"You will remember this plate of toothpaste for the rest of your life. Your words have the power of life or death. *You are about to see just how much weight your words carry.* You're going to have the opportunity to use your words to hurt, demean, and wound others. You are also going to have the opportunity to use your words to heal, encourage, and inspire others. You will occasionally make the wrong choice; I can think of three times this week I have used my own words carelessly and caused harm. Just like this toothpaste, once the words leave your mouth, you can't take them back. Use your words carefully. When others are misusing their words, *guard your words.* Make the choice every morning that life giving words will come out of your mouth. Decide tonight that you are going to be a life giver in middle school. *Be known for your gentleness and compassion.* Use your life to give life to a world that so desperately needs it you will never, ever regret choosing kindness."



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When you feel like God couldn't use you?

Remember:

- ~ Noah was a drunk
- ~ Abraham was too old
- ~ Isaac was a daydreamer
- ~ Jacob was a liar
- ~ Leah was ugly
- ~ Joseph was abused
- ~ Moses had a stuttering problem
- ~ Gideon was afraid
- ~ Samson had long hair and was a womanizer
- ~ Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
- ~ Elijah was suicidal
- ~ Isaiah preached naked
- ~ Jonah ran from God
- ~ Naomi was a widow
- ~ Job went bankrupt
- ~ John the Baptist ate bugs
- ~ Peter denied Christ
- ~ The disciples fell asleep while praying
- ~ Martha worried about everything
- ~ The Samaritan woman was divorced (more than once)
- ~ Zacchaeus was too small
- ~ Paul was too religious
- ~ Timothy had an ulcer
- ~ Lazarus was dead!

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