

JOURNEYS

PRAYER

My favorite definition of prayer is “intentionally being in the presence of God.” Prayer can simply be bringing ourselves before God in stillness and humility. Like the examples of Job (Job 40:1-5) or Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-13), discerning God’s will often happens when we do the hard work of intentionally quieting the noise, being still, and listening. During such times of prayer, we make ourselves available to the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Here, God can reveal to us where we are being self-centered or acting out of fear or insecurity. Prayer can be the place the Holy Spirit guides us into creative spaces that open us to possibilities we might not have considered. While we normally think of prayer as a solitary activity, group time benefits from intentional times of silent prayer as well. Making time silent and guided intercessory prayers in groups that are tackling complex issues can be the most meaningful use of time. These might serve as the most valuable times together in centering people’s emotions and perspectives on God’s ways instead of their own. (EQUIPPING WORLD-CHANGING DISCIPLES UMCDiscipleship.org)

Reflection:

Prayer Life was our topic last night with the junior high school. It was a great discussion about their prayer time and why they are praying. We talked about 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” I always believe that prayer changes everything and it affects the people around us. It is a powerful tool that we can always practice in our life journey. We also pray the “Lord’s Prayer” the prayer that Jesus taught the disciples.

Prayer can be a real challenge for some of us, especially when you are in a public area. When was the last time you held a prayer in a public spot? Let us practice and be courageous to pray for one another.

- Pastor Shella Choi

Want to write a Journeys article?
We'd love to read your story.
Call the church office at (308) 382-1952

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG.....“OLD CHURCH CHOIR”

CALL TO WORSHIP.....(ON SCREEN)

OPENING PRAYER.....(ON SCREEN)

OFFERTORY.....“I SEE GRACE”

DOXOLOGY.....#94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(ON SCREEN)

CALL TO PRAYER.....(ON SCREEN)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....(ON SCREEN)

LORD’S PRAYER.....#895

ALL GOD’S CHILDREN.....(ON SCREEN)

SONG OF PREPARATION....“JESUS LOVES ME”

SCRIPTURE.....MATTHEW 4:12-23

SERMON.....“ALL IN FOR JESUS”

APOSTLE CREED.....#881

WORSHIP SONG.....“WHOM SHALL I FEAR”

BENEDICTION

Assistive listening devices are available to anyone that needs it to experience our worship services to the fullest.



*3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
9:30 AM CrossPoint Worship
January 25th, 2026*

SENIOR PASTOR...Rev. April Wegehaupt
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Carla Gunn

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SATURDAY WORSHIP IN GOLLAHER CHAPEL
Traditional.....6 PM

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY
Traditional or CrossPoint....9:30 AM

WELCOME ★ CONNECT ★ DISCOVER

We speak to God before the service,
God speaks to us during the service,
We Speak to each other after the service.

Volunteers For Service...

Greeters
Keith & Deb Eschliman, Joel & Savannah Hope Family
Ushers
Jeremy Smith, Tom & Jeanne Graves, Jerry Glass
Reader
Connie Schaaf

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Night Meals This Week...

1/28/2025: Pork Chops, Dressing, Popcorn Salad, Dessert



Directory Volunteer Meeting...

is Monday, February 2nd at 10 AM in the Parlor for anyone that wants to volunteer to help people sign up for directory photos in March. Thank you.



Ash Wednesday...

is February 18th starting with the Wednesday Night Meal at 5:30 PM. Worship follows at 7:00 PM. Join us in the Sanctuary as we reconcile our sins and start the Lenten season.



Calling All Volunteers!

February 23rd is our next Zoom meeting to continue planning for our 160th anniversary party. These areas need help: directory (see February 2nd), meal, promotion, theme, entertainment (plus the polka band), worship, history, etc. Contact the church office for the Zoom link. Thank you.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loaves & Fishes Food Distribution...

Saturday, February 14th, 2025 at College Park 3180 W Highway 34. Enter Tech Boulevard. Distribution is at 9:30 AM until Food is gone. It is best to arrive between 9 am and 11 am. Do not arrive before 7:30 AM. *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*



Plarn Weaving with Pastor Carla...

is Sunday, February 15th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM in Miller Hall. Thank you to everyone that volunteers in



Hospital Visits & Prayer Chain...

If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like to be visited or put on the prayer chain for prayer, please get in touch with the office. *Due to HIPAA security rules, Regional Medical Center cannot release the names of patients to the church.*



Winners of the Name That Tune Competition...

1970s & 80s – Carol Stoppkotte, 1990s – Pam Balderston, and 2010s – Bethany Kemnitz. Congratulations!



Weekly Offering Envelopes...

are on the big pink table in The Gathering Place. If you don't see any envelopes with your name, please let the church office know.



Noisy Offering...

is a success and thank you to everyone that donated to Food Bank for the Heartland. \$507.99 was raised. Noisy Offering is now collecting for the Sanctuary roof.



Interested in Supporting our Children and Youth?

We now have a booster club that is a group that attends events that our children and youth are involved in. For more information, please contact Christina, our Family Ministry Director.



Questions or Comments?

Please contact the church during office hours. Thank you.



We Cordially Invite Everyone... in this congregation to become a member of this church, a working member. Call the church if you would like to talk it over with someone.

CALENDAR

January 25th - February 1st

Sunday

9:30 AM CrossPoint Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery
10:30 AM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place
Long Range Vision Committee, Parlor
PreK - Elementary Sunday School, Nursery
Sharing Our Life Stories, Room A
Way Seekers Study, Room C

Monday

4:30 PM Senior Wii Bowling, Room A

Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place
1:00 PM Mathetes Study Group, Room A

Wednesday

5:30 PM Wednesday Meals, Miller Hall
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Bell Choir Room
6:45 PM Kids Zone, Zone Room Downstairs
Middle School Youth Zone, Rooms 1 & 2
High School Youth Zone, Tower Room
Empowered Women, Room A
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday

6:45 AM Bible Study, Tommy's Restaurant
9:30 AM Newsletter Folding, The Gathering Place
11:00 AM Lectio Divina, Zoom
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group, The Gathering Place
2:00 PM Coloring at the Chocolate Bar

Friday

1:00 PM Bulletin Folding, Parlor

Saturday Communion

5:00 PM Scripture Discussion, Parlor
6:00 PM Worship, Gollaher Chapel
7:00 PM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place

Sunday February 1st | Communion

9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery
10:30 AM Greece Trip Meeting, Parlor
Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place
PreK - Elementary Sunday School, Nursery
Sharing Our Life Stories, Room A
Way Seekers Study, Room C

Online Church Calendar...

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