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# September

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### **Calendar**

September 29th Psalms Sunday school Begins

October 6th 11AM World communion service

October 14th UMM 7PM

November 9th Church Conference 3 pm



### "Let Us Pray Together!" by Pastor Lee

Note this was written in the middle of August for Sept Newsletter.

Praying is a route to power. According to James, God awaits us with good things he has prepared for us, but because we do not pray to him, we do not receive them. And at times when we pray with evil intentions, God does not answer to our prayers. Thus it is so important that we pray with a good purpose.

When we do, God definitely answers to our prayers. Even when he does not, we realize that God has prepared us a much better gift than the one we ask him for.

So all we have to do is to "pray."

Last Wednesday (July 31), I received an email from Sharon Buzard. It said that Connie from Faith UMC has got to Highland Hospital because her sister Karen got hospitalized in the intensive care unit (ICU) due to some unusual symptom that suddenly appeared two days ago. It said that the cause is not perfectly clear yet, but that it seems like Karen's body got paralyzed from under the neck all the way down to her feet after an inflammation has gotten into the spinal cord. Breathing on her own also became difficult, so she has a respirator helping her. But "thankfully" her senses are crystal clear.

I immediately postponed the one-to-one bible-study session with Kyusang and wrote a prayer and sent it to Jay. Thankfully, Jay translated the prayer and returned it to me right away. I then asked Esther if she could come with me to the hospital. I can have daily English conversations on my own, but I needed a translator in order to talk about specific symptoms and therapeutic methods in depth

I picked up Esther and got to the hospital. Connie saw me and came out of the ward, her eyes full of tears. She did not expect our visit. I hugged her. Sound and hearty sister suddenly lying in hospital bed... After sharing with Connie for a while, I held Karen's hand and prayed. No human word could be of consolation, but because we know that love of Jesus Christ lie in Karen, I prayed with greater ardor. I have since then been consistently praying for her and, on Sunday, asked KMUMC members to pray for Karen as well, that this is the time when everyone's prayer is needed.

Yesterday (August 6) after a week passed, there was a Faith UMC SPRC regular meeting. Just before the meeting, I got a call from Connie that Karen is moving to the Neuromedicine ICU in the Strong Hospital to have a more thorough examination at a bigger hospital. She said that the cause is still unclear but the medical team is making every effort... Cont. Inside.

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#### Pastor's Letter Cont.

8th Floor on the green elevator! Connie came out as I made a phone call to her. She burst out tears as Linda and I hugged her. Connie told us that the doctors have not found out the cause yet, but they began to replace Karen's blood five times on a two-day cycle. And right after the first treatment the day before, Karen's fingertips and tiptoe nerves have partially come back. Hallelujah! Along Connie's words, tears welled up in our eyes too.

When we walked in to the ward, Karen's husband was having a conversation with Karen, with alphabets written down on a notebook. He was making every effort to communicate with Karen who was unable to speak due to the respirator on her mouth. Karen had a clear consciousness. I approached Karen and shared greetings with her. As Connie told her that "the pastor wishes to pray for Karen", she looked at me with desperate eyes and nodded. I told her shortly about how I met Jesus Christ and held her hands and prayed. This time, I asked Linda to make a prayer first in English and asked for everyone's understanding, then prayed in Korean. To pray in earnest, with all strength I could gather, that God stand with Karen in every moment of therapies and eradicate every virus that caused the paralysis...

My heart felt heavy leaving Connie alone in the ward, but I believe God will be with them. Life and death, fortune and misfortune are all in God's hands, but because I believe a desperate prayer to God makes the sick rise, I will pray for Karen to the day she walks out of the hospital.

"Dear everyone in FUMC! Let us pray for Karen! Even a minute per day is never insufficient. Please pray as if she is one of our own family. Pray for Karen every time she comes up in your mind. Let us believe that our desperate prayers will move God, that he will hold Karen's hands in full recovery. Let us all pray together!"

이진국 목사 Rev. Jinkook Lee



October 6th—
11AM Joint service
with FUMC and
KMUMC in honor of
World Communion
Sunday



### Calling all pictures and stories.

If you have a picture or remembrance of the Garage Sale we held on September 14th. Send it to <a href="mailto:news@faithumcny.org">news@faithumcny.org</a> We will put them in the next newsletter. Thank you

### New Adult Sunday School Starts Sept. 19th Poetry of the bible- Our favorite Psalms

At Boston on Sunday, I looked up and saw on a Harvard building a line from one of my favorite Psalms. Over the years we have collected some of our congregations favorite Psalms (feel free to send more <a href="mailto:news@faithumcny.org">news@faithumcny.org</a> ) Join us after church and/or feel free to reply to the readings sent out. Everyone's view point is valuable and enriches our studies.

#### "What is man that thou art mindful of him"



#### **Church Conference Set**

November 9th, from 3 pm to 5pm at UMC of North Chili

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#### **Choir has started**

Please join us! You don't have to read music or have perfect pitch, you just have to love to sing and hang out with others that feel the same. Come to practice any Sunday morning 8:30AM

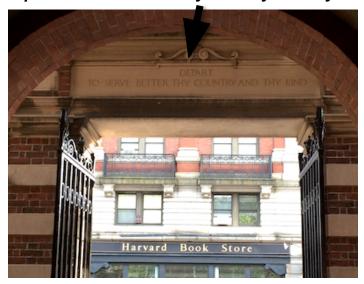


#### Sunday in Boston

—Kathleen McGrath

I missed my Faith family Sunday when I traveled to Boston, but it seemed you were still with me as the day turned into a day of worship even outside of church and my community. I spent it alone with strangers, and yet not alone. As I mentioned above, I was struck by the line from Psalms and the great poetry store as I thought about what God wants us to talk about in Sunday School. Hanging around Harvard, I saw many sayings that spoke to social responsibly on so many surfaces. Whether that institution, or any, really captures this- still the point was it isn't about self, but about community. Isn't this what God is trying to teach us?

### Depart to serve better thy country and thy king



I left to get a snack (great bakery/coffee shop-Tatte!), I saw an older woman come in shepparded by her son and then they were joined by her grandson. Based on their interactions and language, I think they were first, second, and third generation immigrants. In each case, the younger generation presented, with a slight bow, their cheek to the father, mother, grandmother, to be kissed. I watched this little ritual and there was care for history, and yet they also represented a family moving forward. This kindness became a resonating theme as I silently threaded my way through the crowds and saw so many kind



moments. Not that there wasn't selfish and cruel moments too especially with the street corner lost souls who begged and cried ignored by the rest of us. What does God feel looking at all of this, this mixed bag of humanity? Finally, late night after dinner

I walked in the falling twilight to a very old church- First Church of Cambridge for their "Night Song" - an hour with no words, just music. That night there was a pianist and three vocalists who sang old chants and Latin choral

pieces. These woman's amazing voices filled the whole Gothic church while we sat there absorbing the music in the dim light of a few candles. People wandered in quietly. Like they were called. There were four of us initially, then a dozen. All spread out. It was a gift the musicians gave to us few. Yet, I know, as a churched person, their gift was to God and it was his gift to us to hear it. Are our kindnesses or activities part of a day of gifts given to the people who happened to share our space? How many of God's gifts happen this way?



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### Where oh Where have the **Bins for Donations Gone?**

**Hint** the bins for Asbury Storehouse and the Food Cupboard have been relocated from the daycare entrance to the back entrance of the church. Donations are always appreciated



### **RHAFT Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal**

### The Community's Emergency Food **Cupboard since 1979!**

THANK YOU, AGAIN, to all those who so generously donate food and supplies to RHAFT.

ADD A FEW OF THESE TO YOUR SHOPPING LIST AND BRING IN...

Macaroni and Cheese Canned Meat/Fish Products Chicken, Ham, Spam, Turkey, Tuna, etc. Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper

Mixed Pasta: elbows, shells, spirals, penne, etc.

Canned Fruits & Applesauce Mayo and the Condiments Milk: powdered & shelf-stable

Small Cans of Food Items (single serve)

Cereal: hot& cold

Coffee: instant & ground (NO K-Cups)

**Paper Towels** 

Bar Soap/Shampoo/Shaving Cream

Pet Food: Dog, Cat, Bird, Small Animal, Cat

Litter

### FISH Drivers Needed!

The Rush Henrietta Interfaith League is putting out a special appeal for FISH drivers. If you have some time and a car, and feel the call to volunteer your time and energy and love, please consider helping out!!!



Call 453-2370, leave a message, and a coordinator will call you back.

### SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 20TH 2019.

Harvest Home (our branch of Habitat for Humanity) is having a fall fundraiser at UNO's on Hylan Drive. Come and eat anytime during that day and if you give your waiter/waitress a coupon, up to 20% of the total will be donated to Harvest Home Coalition (for Habitat for Humanity) Coupons will be available at church or you can print copies of the one below.





email: office@faithumcny.org

## **Prayers Joys and Celebrations**

### SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

9/29/19

**Reader** Desiree

Edwards

Ushers Onolee Cooper,

Suzanne Hovey

10/6/19

**Reader** Patty Hornik

Ushers Alli Moulton,

Jeannine Adydan

<u>10/13/19</u>

Reader Sharon Buzard

Ushers Lorna Riley,

Sharon Hancock

10/20/19

**Reader** Scott Strong

Ushers Dave McNitt, Cheryl Verry

10/27/19

Reader Sharon Hancock

**Ushers** Patty Hornik, Betty Batt

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

4--Alex Cooper

4---Pam Stover

13--Julius Toenniessen

#### **OCTOBER**

3---Marian McHargue

5---Sue Tice

22--Frank Morton

27--Geoffrey Hovey

#### **CARES AND CONCERNS**

Rosalie McCaffery passed away and we need to pray for her family and friends who will miss her smiling sense of humor and love. The Memorial Service for Rosalie will be Saturday, September 28th, at 11:00 am at Faith.

Prayers for Connie's sister who continues to fight for her health

Deb Deller's Mother and her family as they deal with her health and living situation.

Mariam McHargue and Cheryl Verry are having some health problems and continue to need our prayer.

Patty Hornik and her sister and father as they deal with her father's health issues.

John and Sue Tice, and June Carter who are not able to make it to church, but are still in our hearts

Janet Winzenried (note this is a shift in the room numbers)

Hurlbut, Room 51B, 1177 East Henrietta Road Rochester, NY 14623 585 475 8379

If you want to send these people or others that you know of a note to let at them know we are thinking of them and need their address check with the office or email



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If you would like to join our group the "Prayer Chain" of dedicated prayers who receive these requests by email and maintain a solid base of prayer support for the people God puts in our lives, let Donna know or email the church.

