

Pine Bluffs United Methodist Church

Mid-Week Devotion and Prayer

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Let me share a scripture that is a favorite of ours, Philippians 4:6-7

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

During this time of great uncertainty with the Covid 19 pandemic, we must remember that **we are called to be a light**. How? When fear and anxiety are creeping at the door, we fix our eyes on Jesus, who is our hope and joy. He has the final word. The beauty of Christianity is that we always have love, hope, and joy deeper than any negative circumstance.

As a community of believers, it is time to join together in prayer and love for our church, our neighborhoods, our community, our nation, and the world.

**Reach out to elderly and high-risk individuals in your neighborhood** to see if you can serve them by picking up groceries or personal care items.

**Pray that God would bring His peace and presence to those battling fear.** As individuals are overcome with uncertainty, we can help by lifting them up in prayer.

**Pray for our church and community individually and sharing special prayer requests on our church Prayer Chain.** You may call Sharon Sayers at 307-245-3625 or email her at [sksayers@gmail.com](mailto:sksayers@gmail.com). You of course may call me at the church, parsonage or on my cellphone or email me as well.

*Please pray with me. Heavenly Father, worry and fear are not of Your heart. I John 4 reminds us that perfect love casts out all fear, and we pray Your perfect love upon the hearts of all those who are burdened with the fear of this virus. Lord, we know with no doubt that You are bigger than the threat of anything, especially illnesses. Please comfort those who are living in fear, please free them from the bondage that anxiety creates within. Remind them that You are still on the Throne and that You are still in control. Fully rain down the serenity that comes only from the Prince of Peace. Help those who are living in unease to trust*

*You in this time so that in times to come we may rest assured that You will be faithful to be with us until the end of the age. We rest at the Throne of the Almighty such fears and cast them upon you. In the name of the Christ who loves us so, Amen.*

Keeping you in prayer with love, Pastor Lesley