

Meditation Focus

Psalm 139:23-24

*Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.
New Living Translation*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*HYMN (8:15 a.m.) *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* P. 127
*HYMN (11:00 a.m.) *"As the Deer"* (3 verses) P. 2025

PRAYER OF LONGING

Worship Leader:

*O God, Searcher of our all hearts: You have formed us and
claimed us to be your own people.*

Congregation:

**We come recognizing your authority and grace. Open your
Word to our ears and our hearts. Shine the light of your
truth on us and reveal any lack of enthusiasm or
dishonesty within us.**

Worship Leader:

Let Your Holy Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being,

Congregation:

**And receive us in mercy, for the sake of our mediator,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns in unity with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

*HYMN *"Thy Word Is a Lamp"* P. 601

PRAYER SONG *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* P. 2193
PRAYER

MOSTLY FOR KIDS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Luke 2

*Bring your gifts in dedication to God. Bring your hearts filled with love for
God's world. Bring your whole selves, that the Holy Spirit might bless you
and bless your gifts.*

Doxology (8:15 a.m.) *"Glory Be to the Father"* P. 70
(11:00 a.m.) *"More Like You"* P. 2167

Prayer

"Starting Over"

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 7:73c-8:12

MESSAGE

"Back to Basics"

Pastor John Kasper

*HYMN *"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"* vs. 1-4 P. 383

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE



***The Flowers on the Altar today are dedicated to the
glory of God.[sign up today for altar flowers in the lobby]***

Minister: Pastor John Kasper **Organist:** LuAnn Humphrey
Pianist: Abigail Mullis & Deniza Derdovski
Office Manager: Judy Bailey **Dir. of Youth:** Rachel MacGregor
Director of Child Care: Melonie Kingsbury
(Day Care Phone: 386-4815)
Choir Director & Children's Choir Director: Tracy Lubs
Liturgist 8:15: Janice Buckley **Liturgist 11:00:** Nicole Taylor
Office Hours: 9:30-Noon & 1-4:00 p.m. (386-2591)

DAYCARE NEW BUILDING NEWS

Building Materials have been delivered to the Pine St. parking lot. The lot will be closed for a few weeks, but the goal is to regain partial use for parking before Christmas. The contractor's trailer will occupy the north end of the lot for the duration of the exterior construction which is anticipated to be finished by mid-January.

Again, thank you for your patience. Continue to ask questions, watch the progress, and keep this project in your prayers.

Please Continue To Keep In Your Prayers :

We lift up the leadership of our nation and the men and women serving the Armed Forces, as well as the leaders and people of other nations.

Justin Burrows in U.S. Marine Corp. (Ron & Jean's grandson) (Psalm 91:11)

Joey Willman in U.S. Marine Corp.

Wilma Phillips-Shurlow and family on the loss of her husband, Merle Phillips, whom we all loved so much and were blessed to have him in our church family.

Family & Friends of John Murton(Kathy Warner's uncle)

Family & Friends of Kevin Van Dam(cousin of Pastor John)

Mike Musser preparing for surgery soon.

Joanne (Wilcox) Maxwell in Medilodge for rehab

Janet Hicks having a lot of pain

Elaine Green recovering at her son Tim's in California

Gil Dean recovering from a broken ankle(Karen Mater's dad)

Kathy Miller , Carolyn Musser, Sandra Pitchford, Connie Pallette, Barb Mahon, Barb Everts, Ed Newman, Mark Musser, Dave Isaac, Sharon

Doxtader: all recovering at home

David Wyman recovering in rehab Watervliet.

Jay Williams recovering from a stroke at Autumnwood, McBain rehab.

Donna Oor recovering from bone marrow transplant(Roy Monzo's cousin)

Aaron Burrows for continued healing (Ron & Jean's grandson)

Those with Parkinson's, Diabetes, Alzheimer's & Lupus and other horrible diseases

Those who have been diagnosed with Cancer: Jim Morgan, Tom Beatty, Wayne Henney(Colene Moore's brother in-law)

Patty (Humphrey)Hazen, Mike Humphrey, Katie Jenkins, Jeff Bergstrom(Sandie Brewer's brother), **Bill Carr**

(Sandra Pitchford's brother) April Hicks, June Chaffee, Sue Grant(Bob & Ruth Jone's daughter)

Medilodge Nursing Home, Clare In their own home: Dale Branden Connie McNerney

Shelly Ackerman Jean Blow, Virgie Wilson Rilla Seibt Janet Hicks

Sandra Campbell Donna Heckman Joyce VanNote

Gail Sowle Ruth Schunk Shirley Burns Ruth Owens

Coleman Senior Center Prestige Place Assisted Living:

June Chaffee Myrna Smith Mary Guss

Horizons: Home Care at Marley Park Arizona: Tom Franklin

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NOTES

Clare United Methodist Church
Open hearts.....Open Minds.....Open Doors

DECEMBER 31, 2017



WELCOME! GUESTS – We have a gift for you!

Please visit the information table

NURSERY CARE is available just next to the Lobby

(by the East Exit Doors) for infants through

5 years during 11:00 a.m. service

And Sunday School hour.

Write your Prayer Request on a prayer card

They will be picked up by ushers during the first hymn.

MISSION:

Know God, Grow in Faith, and Share God's Love

VISION:

We are Jesus Centered, bringing Love, Hope, and Encouragement to People in our Community and Beyond.

MISS A MESSAGE?

Want to “hear” it again? Would like to share it with a friend?
Manuscripts of Sunday messages are now available on our website, www.clareumc.org. Messages will be posted by Wednesday following the Sunday it was given and will be available 4 months following.



**SCAN FOR
ONLINE GIVING**



We hope you will join us for Coffee Hour immediately following our Worship Service today, for fun, food & fellowship.