



# February 4th WORSHIP Prayers, Hopes and Dreams for our Church

“What if we asked everybody what their prayers, hopes and dreams for our church are?” That was the question that floated into my mind as I sat quietly one day in my office, pondering the upcoming year of transition for PFUMC. It was a day I was feeling discouraged and worn out. I’ve found that often in those moments when challenges and fatigue overwhelm me, if I sit quietly and just listen, God will send me encouragement or a new idea. I let the “prayers, hopes and dreams” question roll around in my mind for a few days, then started sharing the thought with others and thinking about how we could expand on it. The result of that thinking and continuing to listen for God’s voice led me to propose a Sunday on which we spend time praying for our church and sharing our prayers, hopes and dreams for PFUMC with each other. Our leadership is united in support of a dedicated time of prayer on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Hope you’ll be there to join in!

*Marcia Van Oyen*

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February 4<sup>th</sup> worship will begin as usual, with people gathering in both worship spaces. We'll join in opening songs, have a children's message, and hear a short message from our Pastors, setting the stage for the prayer activities.

For the middle portion of worship, about 25 minutes, all are invited to engage in one or more prayer activities:

- † Prayer Stations in the Sanctuary and Fellowship hall, focused on the Holy Spirit, Healing, and Community
- † Prayer Walking in and around the church building, led by the prayer team.
- † Soaking Prayer in the Prayer Room (rm. 304) led by Jeanne Martin, a time of silent immersion in the presence of the Lord.
- † Sharing meaningful experiences you've had as part of PFUMC or another church, in a discussion setting in the Garden Café, led by Cathy Montgomery.
- † Laying your prayers, hopes and dreams, in written form, at the foot of the cross banner at the west end of the great hall.

About 11:00 am, we'll gather again in both worship spaces to close with the celebration of communion.

Children's church will take place as usual, with children dismissed when the prayer activities start.

You may choose to be active by prayer walking and moving to and from prayer stations, or you may choose to sit quietly or kneel to pray. Or join in sharing what's on your heart.

**Listen for God's voice.**

**Let the Spirit lead you.**

**Add your voice  
to a mighty chorus of prayer.**

**God will be listening.**

**God will be speaking.**

*Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*