

Preparation Music Ringing of The Church Bell Welcoming of Visitors and Friends Worship Begins With Prayer

### Call to Worship:

Pastor: Remember Jesus' parable, which in essence says to be a neighbor answers the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

People: Yes, but there are so many who need help, we find it easy to be like the priest and Levite, and ignore the need.

Pastor: Jesus' point was not just to help a person in need, but to regard all persons, even our enemies, as our neighbors.

People: We confess we like to build walls of prejudice. May God help us tear them down.

All: Almighty God, the Father of all persons: You have made the human race to be brothers and sisters in order to help each other in need. Convince us in our minds, our hearts, and our social attitudes, to accept the brotherhood we are a part of, and to give ourselves to

the common need of mankind. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

# Opening Song #99 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" vs. 1. 2. 3

### Scriptures Luke 10:25-37 NLT

One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking Him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" (26) Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" (27) The man answered, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself." (28) "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!" (29) The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (30) Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. (31) "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. (32) A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. (33) "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. (34) Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. (35) The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here. (36) "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. (37) The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

#### **Collection of Tear Off Sheets**

Children's Moment "All the Pieces Are Needed"

#### **Joyful Noise Anthem**

#### **Confession of Sin**

All: Dear God, the human need of our world is so great, we have given up on what our little acts of neighborliness could accomplish. We have given in to the struggle for survival; and to be a neighbor to one outside our circle of friends has faded from our faith. Forgive us for creating little societies in our world that protect us from our obligations to one another. Give us a vision of the larger brotherhood, where we belong to each other, and need each other. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Response #708 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" vs. 1 & 2

Pastoral Prayers, Including the Lord's Prayer

#### Offering

**Sung Praises Praise God from whom all blessings flow... Prayer of Dedication** 

Message "With Blue and Red Divides, Who IS My Neighbor?"

Closing Song #498 "I Love To Tell the Story"

Closing Response Amen; Amen; Amen.

Music to Send Us Into The World

\* Nursery available during Worship and Education Hour

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sun.	Jul	14	10:00 am	Worship
			11:15 am	Trustee Meeting
Mon.	Jul	15	9:30 am	Senior Dining
			7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Tues.	Jul	16	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study
			9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
			10:00 am	Bible Study
Wed.	Jul	17	7:30 am	Summer Stretch/Arrested in Kindness
			11:30 am	Family Table Meal
Thur.	Jul	18	9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
			5:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
			7:00 pm	Money Management
Fri.	Jul	19	9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
Sat.	Jul	20		No Events
Sun.	Jul	21	10:00 am	Worship
			11:15 am	Congregational Giving Meeting

## **July Tote**

The tote for July will be for backpacks. We are asking for canned vegetables only.

Thank you, Missions & Social Concerns



If we are meant to "love thy neighbor as theyself," then surely we should love the world's children as our own.

#### Welcome: To our members, friends, guests and visitors. Our Congregation reaches out to you in faith and love.

#### July Ushers and Coffee Host - Christian Education

<u>Remember in your Prayers:</u> Pray for our service personnel, for Fire, Police and EMS workers, for all who keep us safe and strong. Pray for those that are ill or hospitalized. Pray for those fighting addiction in all forms. Pray for Penny S., Heidi W., Dave W, LeAnn S., Ronnie, Scott and Laura, Sally H, Howard S. Pray for family healing for those in need. We ask for prayers for the man involved in the accident in Deer Park. Pray for our military at home and abroad. We ask God for safe travels for all.

<u>Pastor's Office Hours:</u> Pastor Schaefer's regular office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 12pm. To contact him, call his cell 715-222-2899.

#### **News and Events:**

# Bible Study, Tuesdays at 10 am in Conference Room

Join us for, "Before Amen" by Max Lucado

In Before Amen best-selling author Max Lucado joins readers on a journey to the very heart of biblical prayer, offering hope for doubts and confidence even for prayer wimps. Distilling prayers in the Bible down to one pocket-sized prayer, Max reminds readers that prayer is not a privilege for the pious nor the art of a chosen few. Prayer is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and his child. Let the conversation begin.

We all pray . . . some.

We pray to stay sober, centered, or solvent. When the lump is deemed malignant. When the money runs out before the month does. When the marriage is falling apart. We pray.
But wouldn't we like to pray more? Better? Stronger? With more

fire, faith, and fervency?

Yet we have kids to feed, bills to pay, deadlines to meet. The calendar pounces on our good intentions like a tiger on a rabbit. And what about our checkered history with prayer? Uncertain words. Unmet expectations. Unanswered requests.

We aren't the first to struggle with prayer. The first followers of Jesus needed prayer guidance too. In fact, prayer is the only

tutorial they ever requested.

And Jesus gave them a prayer. Not a lecture on prayer. Not the doctrine of prayer. He gave them a quotable, repeatable, portable prayer. Couldn't we use the same?

#### Youth News:

**Drivers needed**: Summer Stretch kicks off next week! We are in need of drivers/chaperones for our Summer Stretch youth events. The Summer Stretch dates are July 17, 24, 31 and August 7. Please contact Charlotte to learn more about our Wednesday destinations and to let her know you'd like to participate!



Charlotte Gillen, Youth Director Email: youth.ameryucc@gmail.com Cell 715.338.6929

# Birthday for the week of July 14th

#### 07/20 Casey Haasnoot

# Birthdays for the month of July

07/03 Linda A. Lee

07/04 Maxx Harris

07/06 Deborah Henke

07/07 Larry Wojchik

07/07 Adina Vrzal

07/10 Rick Jackson

07/11 Sally Haasnoot

07/12 Rick Maukstad

07/13 Heidi Wilbur

07/13 Duane Morris

07/13 Samantha Sigsworth

07/20 Casey Haasnoot

07/23 McKenna Dunham

07/23 Lisa Hill

07/25 Jack Porter

07/25 Amber Harris

07/28 Olivia Russo

07/29 Benjamin Bowen

07/30 Maycee Harris



## **Amery UCC Mission Statement:**

"We are a family of faith, dedicated to the mission of making disciples, spreading the Good News and baptizing in the name of Jesus Christ"



Hey.
900d lookin'
What ya'
90t
cookin'?

# FAMILY TABLE

Please join us at the Congo Family Table on Wednesday, July 17th at 11:30 am

Our lovely chefs and our sort of lovely grill masters will be serving grilled pork chops, potato salad, a wilted slaw salad and a special red, white and blue dessert.

Reserve Today!

**Free Will Donation**