



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

Mission's Breakfast

Sunday, February 11

The Missions Team will be serving breakfast casserole with fruit on Sunday, February 11 immediately following the 9:00 AM worship service.

This is a free-will offering with proceeds benefiting the Sugar Creek Micro Pantry.



The Ash Wednesday service will be held at Sugar Creek UMC on February 14 at 6:30 PM. The Midweek Encounter evening small groups will not meet do to this special service, but Pastor Paul's 10:00 AM small group will still meet.



The Care Giving Team will be conducting a "Sneaker Recycling" program for the months of Feb/March. As you are cleaning your closets, etc. do not throw those old sneakers you no longer wear in the trash. Instead, bring them to the church and we will recycle them with **gotsneakers**, a sneaker recycling organization.

Sneakers that are in good shape will be given to those in need. The church will receive money for any usable sneakers. This money will go towards our "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" ministry. Sneakers that are heavily damaged and cannot be reused, will be recycled and kept out of the landfills. They DO NOT accept non-athletic footwear of any kind including but not limited to: dress shoes, heels, sandals, wedges, water socks, rain boots, crocs, and other non-athletic styles. If you have non-athletic footwear that you would like to recycle, we recommend finding a local charity, homeless shelter, or other organization that will accept non-athletic footwear.

DID YOU KNOW:

- ⇒ More than 300 million pairs of shoes & sneakers end up in landfills every year
- ⇒ New shoes produce approximately 30 pounds of CO2 during manufacturing
- ⇒ Circular business models could enable the fashion industry to cut approximately 315 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions in 2030

So, bring your sneakers and drop them off at the church. Look for the drop off location in the church foyer next to the Micro Pantry sign.

5-Day Spiritual Retreat Opportunity

Pastor Paul is inviting members and friends of Sugar Creek UMC to a 5-day spiritual retreat opportunity he is helping lead. The Academy for Spiritual Formation is a ministry of The Upper Room. The theme for this year's Academy is "Love Poured Out; Grace Overflowing." It will be held from May 5–10, 2024, at Todd Hall Retreat Center in Columbia, IL. All the information and registration details regarding the retreat is available by brochure, located on the table outside Pastor Paul's office, or online at:

Igrc.org/five-day and academy.upperroom.org/events/category/in-person/



COMMUNITY PRAYERS

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

The second and fourth Sunday of the month we have a brief time of sharing in our Sugar Creek community joys and concerns, prayers and praises immediately following the 9 AM worship service. Please make sure to join us next Sunday, February 11 in the Worship Center.

PRAYER EMPHASIS

Prayers for peace, healing, comfort, and hope for people of Ukraine and Middle East affected by the wars.

DYNAMITE PRAYER FOCUS—FEBRUARY 2024

Scripture: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Prayer: God of Amazing Love, during February, when we celebrate our love for one another, may we as your children and Christ’s church, receive the good news of John 3:16 in our hearts, claim it in our lives, and proclaim it to the world. And, in doing so, obey the new commandment Jesus gave us: “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13:34)

Pray daily at 3:16 AM or PM...or both!

- Chuck Sharp**—Recovering from surgery and a serious infection due to Diverticulitis
- Crystal Matthiesen**—Her hearing has improved, and is slowly on the road to recovery
- Mary Elenberger**—Rough recovery after surgery, not eating and feeling down
- Virginia Bollivar**—*Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer* Mother of Nancy Dinges
- Craig Dickey**— Had the first round of shots in his eyes, which were painful (has 3 more to go)
- J.D. McTaggart**— *Waiting for a liver transplant*.....Friend of Tom & Karen Dozier
- Sylvia (12)**—Struggling with mental health issuesNiece of Andrea Smith
- Lilo**—Recovering slowly from a stroke Cousin of Mike Lucas
- Jo Ann**—*Suffers from serious knee pain*..... Mother of Kathy Koch
- Tom Belangee**—Struggling with recovery from cancerous tumor surgeriesCousin of Donna Behl
- Jenny**—*Slowly recovering from a head on collision in Arizona*Friend of Karen Dozier
- Christine Lindsey**—Broken foot & recovering from rotator cuff surgery
- Family of Angie Hill** Sister in-law of Linda Henson
- Bob Hill**—Has cancer and was husband of Angie HillBrother in-law of Linda Henson
- Roger Beard**—Recovering from knee replacement surgery.....
- Steve Warren**—*Home hospice care for heart failure* Nephew of Gene & Wanda Meurer
- John Kessler**—*Had to have his pacemaker replaced*.....
- Bernice Larimore**—*Moved to Taylorville Care Center for therapy*..... Sister of Jenny Ayers
- Dian Hammel**—Waiting to hear positive results from MRI and Pet Scan Sister-in-law of Pat Wright