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## Cultivating Humility in Prayer

*"There are two ways to attain high esteem. One is the world's method: Take every opportunity to promote yourself before others, seize occasions for recognition and manipulate your way into the center of attention. The other way is God's way: Humble yourself. Rather than striving for recognition and influential positions, seek to put others first. Cultivate humility, for it does not come naturally. One of the many paradoxes of the Christian life is that when God sees your genuine humility, He exalts you."* - Henry Blackaby

### Cultivating Humility in Prayer

**Jesus is our daily example of humility.** As you consider cultivating humility, ask God to develop humility in your prayer life. Meditate long and carefully on the humility of Jesus as you apply the following:

**Have a worshipping heart** - Jesus had a worshipful heart. Worship and praise open the heavens and bring heavens blessings onto the earth. It ushers in the glory of God. Begin your prayer time with a worshipping heart. Enter God's court with praise. "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations" ([Psalm 100:4-5](#)).

**Have a grateful heart** - Jesus was always grateful. Gratefulness ministers the fragrance of thanksgiving and kindness. It carries a heavenly fragrance. It moves our eyes off of our self and esteems God. It brings encouragement and victory. A grateful heart changes the atmosphere around us. Thank God for specific things He has done for you this past year. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" ([Colossians 3:16](#)).

**Have an abandoned heart** - Jesus gave His all for us. He did not use His divine power for His own ends while on earth but lived dependent on the Holy Spirit and abandoned to God. Jesus emptied Himself completely. In prayer have you laid all your plans and desires at His feet? "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness" ([Philippians 2:6-7](#)).

**Have an obedient heart** - Jesus was obedient even to death on a cross. He embraced a type of death that involved indescribable emotional shame and physical pain. In God's presence, evaluate your life in the area of obedience. Write a prayer asking God to help you in any areas where you struggle in obedience.

"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!" ([Philippians 2:8](#)).

### **Church hours:**

Sunday Worship Service 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Have a servant's heart** - Jesus was the servant of all. See [John 13:3-17](#). He made Himself of no reputation. He embraced shame and disgrace as a servant. He hid his glory under the veil of humanity and did not insist on His own rights. Evaluate your heart, and repent of any lack of humility or servanthood in your life. Take time being still, and then specifically bring them before the Lord. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..." ([Mark 10:45](#)).

**Have a considerate heart** - Jesus considered others as more important than Himself. He was not self-absorbed or self-preoccupied, but He was absorbed in the good of others. As you pray, consider others. Don't be preoccupied with praying only for yourself, but bring the needs of others before the Lord in prayer. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus" ([Philippians 2:3-5](#)).

Let's ask God to teach us humility in our daily life and in our prayers.

**Debbie Przybylski**  
Intercessors Arise International  
International House of Prayer (IHOP) KC  
Staff

## Church and Community News

### There is a Cancer Support Group

now forming at the Oneco UMC. There are many folks in both communities that have been impacted by this disease, and being able to be a listening ear and a warm hug in troubled times is something that will be welcome!

### *Tending the Garden Luncheons*

Please join us for a monthly pot-luck so we may

#### **TEND THE GARDEN**

Join us for fellowship and good eats, on the second Sunday of every month directly following worship.

Join us for the next Tend the Garden Luncheon on **September 13th 2015**

Please let Pastor Jim know if you would help setting up.

### Mission Trip to Nicaragua

**March 3-12, 2016**

Informational meeting:

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Danielson UMC**

**9 Grove St, Danielson**

**5:00pm – 7:00pm Pizza supper followed by a presentation by Joanne McNally.**

You are invited to an

#### **Ecumenical Service**

in lovely Davis Park,

Danielson.

We will not be having a service at the church.

Please bring an empty water bottle. We are hosting a project to plant seedlings in the water bottles.

Service is on **SEPTEMBER 6TH, AT 10:15AM.**

### UNITED METHODIST 101

Come to **UNITED METHODISM 101**. It's interactive and is a blend of audio, video, written materials and group discussion.

A lifelong or long-term or new to the United Methodist traditions?" You may be surprised at what you can learn about our United Methodist Church and how it fits into the modern world.

Why are you United Methodist? What is your image of The United Methodist Church? How did that image develop? What would you like to learn about our church? .

You do not have to attend every one and can jump in any time! Come when you can.

*We will be starting again on October 14th.*

*It will be the second Tuesday of the month and run from 6:00 to 7:00pm.*

### CHOIR PRACTICE

We are back at it beginning September 3rd



## Please continue to support the ongoing projects of the Outreach Committee:

- Spam, tuna with oil & peanut butter
- \* children's underwear
- \* old suitcases for Haitian Health Foundation
- \* Can tabs for children at Shriners' hospitals
- \* Campbell labels for educational supplies
- \* Blankets, towels and twin sheets for the homeless shelter
- \* Diapers for the local Diaper Bank

We are still collecting shoes for Africa . There is a marked box in the Narthex.

We are collecting used neck ties for the Golden Bees in Webster to use in making their sleeping bags.

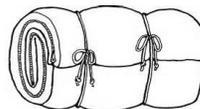
The sleeping bags are distributed through out the Rte. 395 corridor. They also need donations of light blankets, material scraps, and thread.

Each sleeping bag comes with a health kit containing:

Wash cloth, hand towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, bible or inspirational book, shampoo, hand lotion, small pack tissues, etc.

Each sleeping bag also contains a small pillow, hat, scarf, mittens or gloves and socks.

They are always looking for donations of any of the above items. A collection box will be placed in the back of the Narthex.



Don't forget the homeless shelter in Danielson.

The first part of **October** is looking busy .

Don't forget about **CROP** Walk and **The Blessing of the Animals**.

### Monday morning breakfasts

could use any of the following:

Pancake mix, milk and eggs

Hash browns

Eggs

Bacon/Ham/ Sausages

Coffee, and canned or frozen Juice

Paper products, including plates coffee and juice cups

Or a monetary donation to purchase these items and some of the more perishable items we us.

**The local shelter is** looking for shampoo, towels, soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, coffee cups, soup bowls, silverware, razors, twin sheets and blankets. The sample sizes of personal amenities are welcome too.



*Donations*

**IF EVERYONE WOULD CONSIDER DONATING THE COST OF THEIR MORNING COFFEE ONE DAY A WEEK WE COULD DO SO MUCH.**

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Sept 1: Maple Court Service 2:00pm
- Sept 2: Community Kitchen 9 1
- Sept 3: Choir Practice 6:30
- Sept 5: Men's Fellowship Group  
Potluck @ Church 12:30
- Sept 6: Ecumenical Service in Davis Park  
10:15
- Sept 9 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Sept 10 Choir Practice 6:30
- Sept 13 Rally Day & Tending the  
Garden Luncheon after the  
service
- Sept 14 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Sept 16 Community Kitchen 9-1pm  
-KBIC mtg @ Trinity Church  
1:30
- Sept 17: Choir Practice 6:30
- Sept 18 Be Our Guest  
Dinner at @5:00pm
- Sept 21 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Sept 23 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Sept 24 Choir Practice 6:30
- Sept 25 Be Our Guest  
Dinner at @5:00pm
- Sept 27 A Vocal Recital @ Westfield  
Congregational Church  
3:00pm
- Sept 28 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Sept 29 Free Ramapo Workshop  
Killingly Library 6:00pm
- Sept 30 Community Kitchen 9-1pm

## **There is no Peace With- out Justice-Immigration Reform Not Private Prisons.**

### **Film & presentation.**

Sept. 10 7PM- The Greater Putnam Interfaith Council in collaboration with the Daughters of the Holy Spirit in Putnam will be having a presentation, & short film, "Dying to Live". Discussion about immigration reform & the increased use of corporate prisons in the United States will follow.

Sr. Yvette Rainville & Ms. Connie Knowles who recently visited the Mexican-USA border at Tucson AZ will speak of their personal experiences there.

The event will be held at the Holy Spirit Provincial House Auditorium on 72 Church Street, Putnam .

The event will culminate with a Peace Day Vigil in Rotary Park on Sept. 20. For further information, contact Lyn Tolar (860) 928-3814 (GPIC) or (860)-928-0891 (DHS)

## **Army of the Lord**

A pastor said: "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

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## September Scripture Readings

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### September 6

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

or Psalm 124 (UMH 846)

James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

### September 13

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19 (UMH 750)

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

### September 20

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1 (UMH 738)

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

### September 27

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124 (UMH 846)

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

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## My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I begin this letter acknowledging the words of the Psalmist who said, "O my soul, bless GOD. From head to toe, I'll bless his holy name! O my soul, bless GOD, don't forget a single blessing!" (Psalm 103:1-2).



Prema and I are grateful for each and every one of you and appreciate you for who you are. We are joyful that God has given us the chance to be in ministry with you at this time in my vocational and ministerial journey.

In the Wesleyan tradition, one of the means of grace is the Christian or holy conferencing, and I give thanks to all the leaders and volunteers who worked with me to prepare and carry out our Annual Conference. I am also grateful to all who attended, joined us through live streaming, and/or prayed for the Holy Conferencing. Yes, we experienced high moments, low moments, joyful moments, and painful moments. There are clearly things we could do better, and I appreciate everyone who took time to share their joyful and hurtful moments through prayer, dialogue, text messages, emails, and telephone calls. I am truly grateful for the open sharing of perspectives – both positive and negative. These communications continued our time of Holy Conferencing.

Prayerfully reflecting on all of the above, I return to my knees, thanking God in and through the powerful name of Jesus Christ, using the words of the Psalmist, "O my soul, bless God ..." Sincerely and honestly, I am touched by your trust in sharing your thoughts with me. It really means a lot.

Christian conferencing is very important to me. As your Episcopal leader (temporal and spiritual, as stated by the *Book of Discipline*), I feel great responsibility for any failures, hurts, or pains caused by our annual conference session this year. In the midst of discerning and understanding all aspects of our time together, I am processing the feedback I have received. Friends, as I mentioned in my Episcopal Address, we have great work to do together in extending the Reign of God in our communities. I pray we learn from our mistakes and are ready to move forward as disciples of Jesus Christ in New England and throughout our global church.

In the strategic plan approved by the 2014 Annual Conference, a key question is: "What do we need to pay attention to in the next 3-5 years in order to be more faithful to the vision of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?" According to the feedback we received, we believe the primary areas that require purposeful and significant changes are:

- Leadership recruitment, development, and support for clergy and laity
- Intentional focus on spiritual development

Deepening connectional relationships for support and accountability in fulfilling our mission

I hope and pray my fall visits to each district will enable us to move in this direction, taking into consideration the discussions on the floor of our annual conference so we can journey toward perfection in the Wesleyan spirit. I further pray we can have honest conversations to better prepare us for holier Christian Conferencing in 2016. In my preparation for these conversations, I pray that God will fill me with the Holy Spirit, using the words of the Psalmist, "God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life" (Psalm 51:10).

I will be on renewal leave for the rest of the summer and would greatly appreciate your holding me and my family in your prayers. I am grateful to my colleagues who will care for conference matters during this Sabbath rest, including Bishop Clifton Ives, who has graciously agreed to cover any episcopal emergencies. If you need to reach Bishop Ives, please contact my administrative assistant Brenda Borchers.

I look forward to visiting with you at the Days on the District when I return. Please see below for each district's dates:  
Mid-Maine District – Monday, Sept. 21

Metropolitan Boston Hope District – Wednesday, Sept. 23  
New Hampshire District – Thursday, Sept. 24  
Vermont District – Sunday, Sept. 27 (laity); Monday, Sept. 28 (clergy)  
Central Mass District – Monday, Oct. 19  
Tri-State District – Tuesday, Oct. 20  
Rhode Island-Southeastern Mass District – Tuesday, Nov. 10  
Connecticut-Western Mass District – Thursday, Nov. 12  
Northern Maine District – Saturday, Nov. 14

Until then, as we prepare for Independence Day celebrations and summer vacations, let us thank God for all the blessings bestowed upon our nation and take time to reflect upon our Pledge of Allegiance, asking God to grant us the strength and courage to practice, "... liberty and justice for all" every day in our individual lives, in our churches, and throughout the New England Conference, our nation and the world. Such a practice can only improve any conversation and certainly any time of Holy Conferencing. To repeat myself, I appreciate each of you as you are and look forward to our continued ministry together as we journey to perfection. Always remember, God loves you and so do the Devadhars!

**In Christ's love,  
Bishop Sudarshana  
Devadhar**

### AN INVITATION TO OUR YOUTH

If any of the young people in our congregation have a summer story they would like to share with us they can email in to the office at :

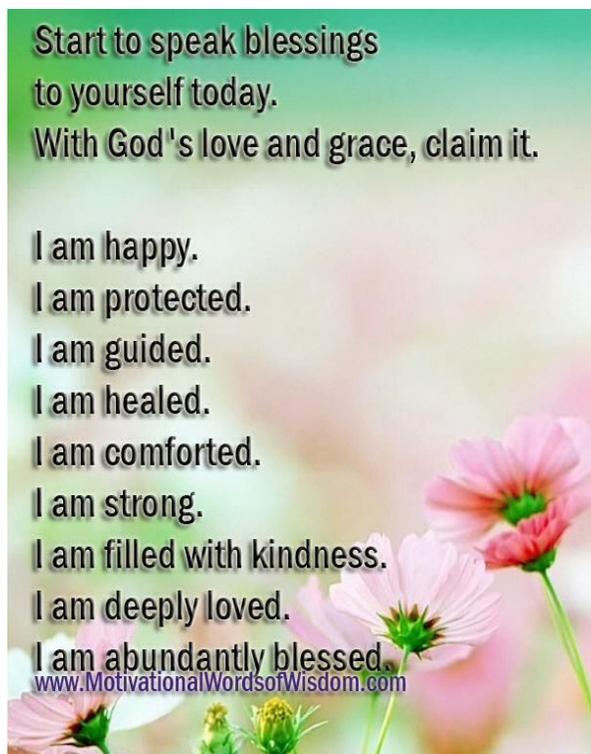
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We would love to put your pictures and publish your fun summers in the next bulletin.

Start to speak blessings  
to yourself today.  
With God's love and grace, claim it.

I am happy.  
I am protected.  
I am guided.  
I am healed.  
I am comforted.  
I am strong.  
I am filled with kindness.  
I am deeply loved.  
I am abundantly blessed.

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This is where the volunteer list should be. As you can see, there are none.

Please reconsider and sign up on the volunteer sheets that are on the bulletin board.

**I AM ONLY ONE, BUT I AM ONE.**

**I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, BUT I CAN DO SOMETHING**

**I CAN BE AN USHER**

**OR A GREETER!!**

**YES I CAN!**



TELLER LIST	
Week 1	Marsha Hardell + Nate Bramlett
Week 2	Sue Theroux + Barbara Schreier
Week 3	Jennelle Provencher + Mildred Briggs
Week 4	Pam Bramlett + Betsy Kneeland
Week 5	Del Tomasi + Nancy Wold
Floater are:	Kendra Collins Cathy McNeill Barbara Schreier

**PLEASE USE THE SIGN UP SHEET ON  
THE BULLETIN BOARD UPSTAIRS TO  
CONTINUE VOLUNTEERING FOR  
LITURGIST, USHERS AND GREETERS  
AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.**

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