

## **Prayer Ministry Update First UMC**

April 28, 2020

Here is an update on what is happening in our church's prayer life. Many thanks to everyone who is faithfully praying for all the saints, in intercession for those in need, and for the Lord's will to be done and kingdom to come!

The prayer chain is an integral part of our church. In April, I received about 40 prayer requests and or updates on previous requests. God is at work in our midst. We feel his presence in our worship services, and though they are non-traditional, we are blessed.

We held a 24-hr prayer vigil for Good Friday, beginning immediately after the Holy Thursday service. I am so very pleased with the number of warriors that participated, even though we could not meet in the church building. I know of 46 who each prayed 1 hour each during that 24-hour time frame, and feel sure many others who did not register were also praying. That is over 46 hours of continual prayer in one 24-hour period! God hears and knows that First Church is trusting him to continue to direct our paths, and to open our hearts and minds to the blessings he wants to pour out on us.

I am also pleased to report that in April, we started the new prayer-card ministry. This ministry has over 50 people praying and interceding daily for every single person in the congregation, by name, each using a prayer card with 10 names on it. This is very exciting as we together fulfill the scripture that commands, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people" (Ephesians 6:18). I believe we can expect wonderful things as we lift the saints to the Lord.

I have received prayer reports that Mark Noecker and Ken Noecker experienced healing in response to prayer, and April Bergen reports on the progress her relative Todd is making. I praise God for the healing I myself received in my shoulder in response to prayer, which allowed me to cancel the surgery that had been scheduled to repair it.

Here is a request I have for all of you after you submit a prayer request: please submit progress reports on the results of the petitions that are prayed by our serious team of prayer warriors. It is encouraging to see and hear how God is answering the prayers of his people.

In his service I submit this report

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