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I truly know that so many precious saints are praying for me and lifting me up before the Throne of Grace daily! Let me assure you that my 'silence' is not in any way a sign of carelessness or even thoughtlessness. My health issues have certainly been quite debilitating. But, it has not in any way diminished my dependence on and for Christ my Savior.

Let me briefly bring you up to date on where I am. Pain. Deep, aching, constant roving pain! Fatigue. Overwhelming fatigue that is deep and debilitating. A deep sense of loss and longing! The loss of "hands on" ministry. The longing for strength and desire to travel (physically) and see the faces of my women friends. Sorrow. A deep aching sorrow at the depravity of the times. These are just a few very personal and raw thoughts ...just for you to help you understand where I am.

Medically. I am being transfused every two weeks. I am still losing blood. Medications have unwanted and unnerving side effects. Tweaking meds or trying alternative sources wreak havoc on my body and my mind. Appetite and weight is also difficult to explain and even harder to understand.

## Prayer needs:

1. My ministry. I am on paid medical leave with BEE. This means that I do what I can as my body allows. Most of my ministry time is done electronically encouraging my ladies through their needs and trials. Financially sending monetary assistance through Roman for the needs of the moment.

Minsk: This is closest to my heart. Just in the past few months three of my dearest friends became widows. Svetlana, who was the caregiver for my dear mother, became a sudden widow two weeks ago. Her husband was my inspiration and assisted in hundreds of radio programs with Trans World Radio. My programs were and are still being heard throughout Eastern Europe and on internet. From my "group of women friends" in Minsk, Natasha (59) lost her husband to alcoholism. She's the lady that works with orphans and children in hospitals. This week my other lady friend, Natasha B., lost her pastor husband (52) to a heart attack. She has four sons. Very, very painful situation. And, one more...Nina's daughter, Sveta, birthed her third baby, a boy, Matthew, born with birth complications due to substandard care and is in NICU. All the above weigh very heavy on my heart and mind. I have spent much time in prayer, writing, encouraging and weeping for God's comfort.

2. Pray for Roman as he helps with my care and his studies in preparation for Khabarovsk and Minsk in September.

Please keep praying for all of these needs. Thank you for your love and encouragement.

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<u>Today, Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup></u> is the annual Baptismal Worship Service & Family Potluck Picnic at Clarno Forestry Center at 10:30 am. Bring chairs or blankets, and coolers with ice to keep food cold. Come join us!

MBC Library Open: Today, Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> following the first service. The Library will also be open on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am – Noon and from 1 pm – 3 pm. Stop by our NEW Library in the southwest corner of the N.C.



Generosity Day - Missions Ministry will be selling bottled water on the Monroe Square Saturday, July 28th at 9 am until 1 pm with proceeds going to the KATW Playground Fund. If you can help in the tent for one of the 4 shifts please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be next Sunday, July 29th at 12:15 pm in the Nehemiah Center. The Agenda and Treasurer's Reports are now available at the Welcome Center, pick up your copies today. Members will be voting to affirm Elders & Deacons. Feel free to bring a lunch.

<u>Mission:Monroe</u> now has Green County Food Pantry sign-up information available at the Welcome Center and on Facebook. Two people are needed each Monday in August, from 1:45 - 4 pm. Direct questions to Carol Larson 558-1475.

<u>Vacation Bible School</u>  $\sim$  July  $30^{th}$  - August  $3^{rd}$  from 9 am - Noon, for kids going into 4K- $5^{th}$  Grade. Check out the wagon in the foyer for invitations and a list of donation items still needed.

There are opportunities to <u>help with decorating the church for VBS</u>. They are Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm and again on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3 pm.

Community Celebration Service ~ Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. MBC will be having a <u>Single Worship Service</u> that day at 10:30 am at the west band shell at Twining Park. Picnic potluck, inflatables, sno-cones, cotton candy, pie eating, & wagon rides! Please bring 2 generous dishes to pass.

MBC will be hosting a Blood Drive ~ Sign up at the Welcome Center if you can help in any way on Wednesday, August 15th, 2-6 pm in the Nehemiah Center. Food items and volunteers are needed. Contact Mike Olmstead with questions, 558-5750.

<u>Don't forget!</u> It's a really good time of year to be thinking about your Operation Christmas Child shoebox while school supplies and other useful items can be purchased at a great price!



## Sunday, July 29

Worship Services: 9 am & 10:30 am Café Annual Congregational Meeting ~ 12:15 pm, NC. Bring your lunch!

VBS Decorating ~ 3 pm

## Monday, July 30

VBS ~ 9 am – Noon, all church Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102 Tuesday, July 31

VBS ~ 9 am - Noon, all church



## Wednesday, August 1

VBS ~ 9 am - Noon, all church

## Thursday, August 2

VBS ~ 9 am – Noon, all church Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102

## Friday, August 3

VBS ~ 9 am - Noon, all church

Team A ~ 7:30 pm, East Field

Team C ~ 7:30 pm, East Field

Team B ~ 8:30 pm Ump, East Field

Team B ~ 9:30 pm, East Field

## Saturday, August 4

Men's Breakfast 8 am, NC

## Sunday, August 5

No Worship Service at MBC

Single Worship Service & Picnic Potluck: Community Celebration Service at Twining Park ~ 10:30 am

## Monday, August 6

Mission:Monroe ~ Volunteer at Green Cnty. Food Pantry ~ 1:45 pm – 4 pm Missions Meeting ~ 5 pm, LL #106 Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

# Week of July 22 - 28

#### Today, Sunday, July 22

Worship Services: 9 am at MBC
Baptismal Worship Service & Family
Potluck Picnic at Clarno Woods
Forestry Center ~ 10:30 am

VBS Prayer & Handing out Invites ~ 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

#### Monday, July 23

Elder Board Mtg ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106 Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

## Tuesday, July 24

Pleasant View Service ~ 9:30 am MBC Library Open ~ 10 am – Noon, & 1 – 3 pm Deacon Mtg. ~ 6 pm, LL #106

## Wednesday, July 25

Men's Noon Bible Study

# Thursday, July 26

Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102

# Friday, July 27

Team A ~ 7:30 pm, East Field

Team B ~ 7:30 pm Ump, East Field

Team B ~ 8:30, East Field

Team C ~ 9:30, East Field

# Saturday, July 28

Missions Ministry ~ KATW Playground fundraiser/Generosity Day water sales ~ 9 am – 1 pm, Monroe Square VBS Decorating MBC ~ 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

# Prayer Focus – Marriage Ministry Ministry Leader – Jeff & Marie Wunschel Please Pray:

- † Praise God for new MBC marriage mentors, Mike & Wendy Westcomb
- † Praise and prayers for Tim & Kris Young as they begin a Marriage Ministry at Lena E Free Church
- † That couples would reach out to the ministry and utilize our trained mentor couples to walk alongside them and help them strengthen and enrich their marriages

# Mark your calendar! A Church Family Campout at

Yellowstone State Park
is planned for
September 28th – 30th.
We have group tent sites
reserved. Please contact
Yellowstone State Park if you
would like to reserve an RV site.



