

York First Church of the Brethren Guidelines for Prayer Requests

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thess. 5: 16-18 NRSVue

Scripture encourages us to pray for each other. We are strengthened as a faith community as we share our joys and concerns, sorrows and celebrations with each other and lift them up in prayer together. All Prayer Requests that come to the Church Office are shared with Pastor Joel. We have several ways to share joys and concerns so that we can love and support each other in prayer.

Email of Individual Prayer Requests-If you would like a separate email to be sent:

- Contact Karen, Admin. Asst., in the Church Office by phone/email to share that prayer request (joys/concerns) for yourself or another (with their permission)
- This email will then only be sent to those folks who want to be on the Prayer Request emailing list (not to the whole congregation)
- If you would like to receive the emailed Prayer Requests (previously the Prayer Chain), please ask Karen to add your name to her email Prayer Request list
- These requests, in turn, are usually also included on the Prayer Request page in the E-Newsletter which is sent out on Fridays to most of the congregation.
- Please notify Karen if you do not want your Prayer Request listed in the E-Newsletter

Prayer Request Page in weekly E-Newsletter-Prayer Requests only in the E-Newsletter:

- Contact Karen, Admin. Asst., in the Church Office by phone/email to share that prayer request (joys/concerns) for yourself or another (with their permission)
- No separate email will go out to the Prayer Request recipients' group
- These requests will remain on the Prayer Request Page for 3 weeks and will then be removed unless there has been a change in status or if you notify Karen otherwise
- Sympathies and Condolences will remain on the list for at least 3 weeks, depending on the circumstances and timing of the services

Verbal/Written Prayer Requests (Joys/Concerns) shared during Sunday worship:

- Complete a goldenrod form found in the Welcome Pad in the pew and give to the usher during the first hymn; these forms include options you may check such as: request a card and/or prayer shawl, prayer request email or list in E-Newsletter
- If you are sharing on behalf of another person, you must have their permission
- These Prayer Requests will be shared by Pastor Joel (and online – open to the public) during our Prayer Time in worship

We are grateful for each one of you and celebrate our life as a praying faith community.