Dear friends,

As I have watched the political conventions over the last two weeks, listened to the challenges of returning back to school and kept up with the tracking of the hurricanes in the Gulf approaching the U.S., one verse of Scripture came springing to my mind. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." What a wonderful God that we can turn our joys, our concerns and our wills over to God is such an easy way. Our God is an accessible God! When we feel like there is nothing we can do, we can pray. As our Heavenly parent, God wants to hear from us as a way of strengthening our relationship. And many a person will tell you that they were able to get through a difficult time because they felt the love and prayers of others.

Please read Psalm 90:1-12 to prepare for Sunday worship.

Blessings,

Julie

Things to remember

We will be collecting school supplies for the Backpack ministry this Sunday in worship and through September 1. Place your items in the red bin as you enter the Sanctuary or bring them by the church office during the week. This week's Pennies for Hunger will also go to the Backpack Ministry.

The Carpenter's Table is in need of small cans of fruit, ravioli and dry dog and cat food. Please bring by the church and the Missions Committee will get it to the right place.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 13 for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee to find Elders for the Class of 2023. The suggested slate for this committee is: Jeff Hayes (Chair), Melanie Campbell, Margie Dobbins all from the Session; Tommy Campbell, Homer Ellis, Clara Nunamaker and Jessica Sullens from the congregation.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- **Amelia Senn's cousin, Kathy and friend Stacey Ray**
- **Mary and John Brady**
- **Margie Dobbins' friend, Leah Hanna**
- **Tommy and Frances Lynch in the death of their niece, Debbie Stalvey**
- **Anne Brewer's sister-in-law, Jan**

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