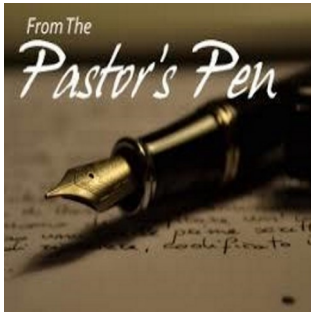




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An invitation into Prayer Ministry in the Church.

God wants to speak to us, and at the same time, He wants to hear us when we talk to Him. A well-known theologian, Dallas Willard, said, “The God who hears (our prayer) is also the one who speaks. He has spoken and is still speaking.” So many prayer giants prove that prayer means to speak to God and, meanwhile, to listen to God. God tries to communicate with us through the time of prayer.

I want to remind you of the great message about prayer in the Bible “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)”. “Praying continually” means remembering what we pray and giving thanks to the Lord when we get His answers. How can we keep our prayers and continually wait to answer the prayer? The answer is simple “Let’s get together to pray.”

Every Sunday, we worship God, and in the middle of worship, we have a time of prayer and petition. In our prayer meeting, we will share our prayer requests and pray together, but it is not enough. So, I’m planning to start a Prayer Fellowship Meeting at Carleton with an introductory meeting which will take place on Wednesday, September 14, from 10:00 –11:00 a.m. at the church.

I envision that our prayer times will be a kind of expansion of our Prayer and Petition time. We will pray for the people who need our intercessory prayer. It is not only to pray for our congregation but also the community. I remember having a prayer meeting for four years when I was at Boyne City UMC. People were devoted to spiritual ministry with prayer, so we started it every Thursday. At that time, he experienced that the Spirit of God was present with us, and he answered our prayers. And it encourages our prayer team to pray more and more.

Through the prayer ministry, I tasted many spiritual fruits and received a lot of encouragement from the prayer members. From this experience, I can confidently say that prayer has the power to change the spiritual climate of the church. I believe it is time to start a prayer meeting at Carleton UMC. I know that you have your own prayer time at home. But if you come to the church to pray once a week, you will experience another spiritual benefit for your spirit. I invite you to join this Prayer Fellowship and be a prayer warrior “like the coolness of snow at harvest time is a trustworthy messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the spirit of his masters” (Proverbs 25:13).

May God bless your daily life,

Pastor Eun (Cloud) Poy