

The Lord's Day  
Sunday, July 16, 2023  
Sandy Creek United Wesleyan Church  
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## Today's Prayer

Assist us Dear Father, to live righteous and selfless lives for You and for the free grace of eternal salvation. May we realize that the things of this earth are temporary and of no lasting value. May our lives be dedicated to becoming perfect in your eyes, following our Lord Jesus and fulfilling our Christian duty of uncomplainingly taking up our cross each day and following in Jesus' footsteps.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

## The Morning Message

By Pastor Terry Nichols

The Whole Armor of God—Ephesians 6:10-17

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## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

Burt Goodnough  
Cindy Caufield • Tina (Paula's daughter)  
Ron Latella • Lynn & Stan • Karen Ross  
Jared Eldridge • Dorice Stewart • Annie Grant  
Carl & Danielle • Daniel Shirley • Helen Potter  
George Steven • Laura Paddock • Beverly Snyder  
Bonnie VanDyke • Mark Freeden • Robert Gibbs • Randy  
Norm Kepner • Doris Bates • Shaun Hull • Patricia Myers

**MISSIONARIES:** Mozambique: Rev. Jim Pickett

**ALL MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL**

**NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, July 23, 2023**

**Greeters:** Karen Snyder / Need a Volunteer

**Security:** Fred Poole / Lyle Robbins / Wayne Davis

**Today, Sunday, July 16, 9:00 AM:** Adult Bible Study

**Today, Sunday, July 16:** No Youth Group

**Monday, July 17, 6:30 PM:** Ladies Bible Study

**Tuesday, July 18, 9:00 AM:** Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 PM:** Grief Sharing Support Starting tonight.

**Wednesday, July 19, 6:00 PM:** Men's Bible Study

**Saturday, July 22, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM:** July Paint Class, \$35, \$10 going to Church, please Sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

**Fri. + Sat., July 28 & 29, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM:** Church Garage Sale, Volunteers Needed to Work and Bake. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

**Volunteers Needed:** To Bring In Snacks For After Worship Service, please Sign-Up at the Welcome Desk.

**Saturday, August 5, 2:00 - 4:00 PM:** Ice Cream Social, volunteers needed to help out, please Sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

**Vacation Bible School :** August 14-18, Volunteers Needed.

**Pre-Register at:** [www.sandycreekunitedwesleyan.com](http://www.sandycreekunitedwesleyan.com)

## Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

We are invited to follow in his footsteps. Like him, we are to be ready to take up our cross, whatever it maybe, and carry it behind him. Jesus tells the disciples to take up their own cross not his. The cross will be different for each person. It may take the form of some difficult things. Only by uniting our suffering in life to that of Jesus can we carry our crosses. Is there something in your life you are struggling with today?

Our loving Heavenly Father does not force loyal obedience and sacrifice because . . . that would not be love-and He is Love. But, our choice to love and follow him will be greatly rewarded. With every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. The kind of person we are, our character, determines to a large extent on the kind of future we will face and live.

It is possible that some can gain all the things they set their hearts on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important things of all. Of what value are material things if they don't help you gain what truly lasts in eternity.

The cross of God leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. When your will crosses with his will, then his will must be done.

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