

## Weekly News from Johnsville United Methodist Church

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# Society of St. Andrew

GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS ~ FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

### In the Face of Such Need

[Isaiah 1:17](#)

Our youth group, when I was in junior high, had gone to the city nursing home one winter Sunday evening to visit, sing, and give out small gifts.

The nursing home was not considered a "good one"; it was in an old building, in need of significant rehab. The patients were poor, old and sick, and I sensed, mostly alone. I remember the rooms were more like wards, with several beds, perhaps three or four.

As we made our rounds, we children of plenty (and a privilege we did not (comprehend) came across one small, confused woman lying in a bed. She was picking at her covers and had done it so much and so forcefully that she has pulled them all askew; she had twisted around so that her gown was wrapped around her, and her bare backside had become exposed. Over and over she cried out for someone, "Mama?", or something; it was hard to understand.

I still remember feeling so helpless in the face of such need, such injustice of resources, and such poverty of relationships.

How could I possibly be called to offer hope or love or service in the face of all that? Then an aide appeared, speaking soothing words, and covered her again. Straightening her gown and the blanket, swaddling her so that she was calmed, for that moment anyway.

### Prayer

Holy God, invite us, even compel us, to move beyond our helplessness and offer hope and love and service in Christ's name. Amen.

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Envisioning a world without hunger, in which physical and spiritual hungers are met by God's abundance and grace through Jesus Christ, the Society of St. Andrew brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. The Society of St. Andrew is a 40-year old national nonprofit hunger-relief ministry that improves the environment by keeping good food out of landfills and feeds hungry people by sharing rescued fruits and vegetables with front-line feeding agencies (soup kitchens, shelters, food banks and food pantries, etc.) across the country. More information is available online at [EndHunger.org](http://EndHunger.org).



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- Louise Grabill
- Pam Bailey – sister of Wayne Trout
- Peace for the unrest in our world.
- Joe Cavanaugh III
- Carla Wilhelm
- June Keck
- Ruth Lease for healing
- Charles and Valerie Tucker for healing
- Friends of Valerie and Charles
- Sharon, sister-in-law of Cathy Flinn for healing
- Cathy Flinn for healing
- Jean Fitschen
- Phillip, son of Becky and Mel Gress
- Becky Gress for healing
- Judy and Allen Saylor for healing
- Debbie Ridgely for healing
- John, and Jen, cousins of Amanda McCourt, for healing
- Continued prayers for Tiffany Younghein, cousin of Amanda McCourt
- Prayers for Kenna Haj for healing
- Prayers for healing for Carl, Matt, Jamie and family
- Prayers for Master Deputy Brian Colussy in his time of grief
- Prayers for healing for Amy Lentzner
- Prayers for healing for Mary Jane Ecker
- Prayers for healing for Patsy Eyler who is recovering from surgery
- Prayers for healing for Don Elliot
- Prayers for the Tastos Family in their time of grief
- Prayers for the Faulkner Family in their time of grief
- Prayers for healing for Russ McMullen following surgery
- Prayers for healing for Jess
- Prayers for relief from pain from radiation therapy for Roger Shewell
- Prayers of healing and peace for our World
- Prayers for Bruce Westervelt

- Prayers of healing for those suffering in India
- Prayers of healing for Stan Crawford
- Prayers of healing for Dottie Ramsey
- Prayers of healing for Bonnie Snyder
- Prayers of healing for Ruth Lease
- Prayers for healing for Wayne Trout as he faces another surgery