The Lord's Pay Sunday, April 28, 2024 Sandy Creek United Wesleyan Church Reverend Brian Snyder: 315-387-3199 6224 N. Main St., P.O. Box 298 Sandy Creek, NY 13145 www.sandycreekunitedwesleyan.com

## Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for Christ Jesus the true and living Vine. Thank you that you have called me to be a branch on that living vine. Thank you that by grace through faith in Him, I have heard the gospel of grace and have been saved by the cleansing power of your word. I pray that I may grow in grace, day by day, and live and work to your praise and glory.

In Jesus' name, Amen

## The Morning Message

Reverend Brian Snyder

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

Steve Berkman

Brenda Parker • Karen Barney • Joe
Lexi Parkhurst • Shirley Carr • Paul Poole
Jane Locke • Dale Reid • Marilyn's Dad • Peggy
Phoebe Wheeler • Alice Ridgeway • Ron Shirley
George Seymour • Annie Grant • Mary Hesford
Phillip Seymour • Jared Eldridge • George Steven
Glenroy Wright • Beverly Snyder • Stanley Perzan
Bonnie VanDyke • Rebecca Nelson • John Shatraw
Lynn & Stan • Shaun Hull • Patricia Myers • Jim Ballou
Dan Race • Norm Kepner • Stanley Kepner • Norma Ballou

MISSIONS: John White, Regroup Ministry to Pastors

**ALL MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL** 

**NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, May 5, 2024** 

<u>Greeters</u>: Marilyn Poole / Bill Butman **Security:** Stephanie Gillette/Lyle Robbins/Rod Quackenbush Today, April 28, 11:15 AM: Security Mtg. & Fundraising Mtg.

Monday, April 29, 6:00 PM: Ladies Bible Study Tuesday, April 30, 9:00 AM: Men's Bible Study Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 PM: Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 PM: Activ8Her Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 PM: Prayer Meeting

Thursday, May 2, Noon: National Day of Prayer Ceremony in Pu-

laski at the Court House

Fri. & Sat. May 3 & 4, 6-8:30 PM Sat., 8:30-3 PM: Marriage Event

Sunday, May 5, 11:15AM: CAP Meeting

Friday, May 10, 6:00 PM: VBS Planning Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 6:30 PM: First Aid/CPR Course, please sign-up

Saturday, June 8, 7:00 PM: <u>Fundraiser:</u> The Playhouse presents

"Hawaiian Holiday" written by Wit 'n' Wisdom Writers.

## John 15:4-5

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you." This passage refers to the constant union that believers should have with Christ. This union is not just a passive relationship, but it requires active participation. Just like branches cannot grow by themselves, we cannot grow spiritually on our own. We must remain connected to Christ continuously and He will remain connected to us.

"No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.

Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." Jesus explains that just as a branch cannot product fruit on its own, we cannot accomplish anything meaningful in our lives without a connection to Christ. Without Him, we cannot bear fruit or live a fruitful life. But through Him, we can accomplish all things.

"I am the vine, you are the branches." Jesus is the vine that provides us the nourishment and support we need to grow and become fruitful. We are just the branches that need to stay closely connected to the vine to remain healthy and grow fruitfully. By staying connected to the vine, we have access to His wisdom, guidance, love and grace.

"If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." This verse should be a call to action for us to stay continually connected to Christ, for only in Him can we fulfill our life's purpose that He has laid before us. Let us take this passage to heart and abide in Christ, for He is our source of eternal life.

