

## Child in Our hands

This summer is certainly flying by. I hope you had time for a family vacation. We had a great time on our trip in June. It was a once- in-a-lifetime adventure, and even we 60 year old “kids” had fun and learned many new things.

I find that summer is a good time to read. I had time to read a book, The Praying Family by Kim Butts. I would like to share some simple ideas that your family could try.

The one that sounded like a lot of fun and could be done when you are camping or any evening at home was to write the names of people or prayer requests on note cards and place them in various areas. At night use a flashlight to find the cards and pray over each one.

Collect large, flat stones at the beach or in your travels. Have each person clean a stone and write praise to God on it with magic markers or paint markers. The stones can be used as doorstops, or placed in the garden or along the walk. Each time a person passes the stone he/she will be reminded to praise God.

Place two small baskets near the kitchen table. Mark one for prayer requests and the other for answered prayers. Prayer requests can be written on small cards and placed in the basket. At meals, the family can pray for the requests. When a prayer is answered, the card can be moved to the answered basket and praise can be given to the Lord.

### Walking prayers:

Of course The Prayer Path and Labyrinth provide a wonderful area for walking and praying together. There are materials available along the path to provide ideas about praying.



As a family, walk your neighborhood and pray for the families that God would bless them and draw them to near to Him. If you do not know your neighbors, this would be a great opportunity to meet them.

Prayerwalk the city buildings. In Huron, the police department, fire department and the City Hall are all in one complex. Pray for the health and safety of the city workers and that their families have peace and strength.

I know I should not mention the S-word, **school**, at the beginning of August, but it was suggested that families walk around the school buildings their children will be attending and pray for the teachers and administrators and all the students. Pray over the facilities that they will be adequate and that the curriculum will be pleasing to God. What a positive way to help your children prepare for their return to school. Ask for a good year and much success for your children as God watches over them while they are at school.

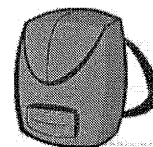


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**We are taking a break from Summer Fundays in August. The 9:30 service will include a children’s sermon. The youth will still be participating in the opening of worship. Sunday School returns Sept.7.**

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**August 24<sup>th</sup> is Blessing of the Bookbags. As children prepare to return to school, the church wants to encourage their success at school by blessing them and their bookbags.**



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**The fall Sunday School season will begin on September 7<sup>th</sup> with the 9:00 Worship Service.**