

Have you seen our Prayer Journal?

No, where did it go?

What happened to it?

Who has it??

Well, our fearless Presbyter for Healthier Congregations, Susan Orr, dove headlong into the fog of memory and retrieved it! Can I hear an "Amen!"?

So the Prayer Journal reappeared, miraculously, as if a resurrection before our eyes, at the January Presbytery Gathering. Presbyters were, once again, invited to share in writing their prayers of worry, hope, joy and more as the Prayer Journal circulated through the pews of Third Presbyterian Church. These prayers in our wild aspirations are the threads that weave our common life together as a Presbytery, representing our hopes, dreams, and unity in Jesus Christ. We can't really be a Presbytery if we don't pray together and for each other, and be in relationship with one another.

Now the deep-thinkers reading this may be wondering ... what happens to those prayers? Of course, they are lifted up to God, but is there more? Your Relationships Working Group is all over this question ... with answers! As the book passes along from pew to pew, you are encouraged to read the other prayers before you add your own. Beginning in March, one of our RWG members will share a few of the prayers to conclude each of our gatherings. He or she will also add a prompt during the gathering to keep the Journal moving - in January it only got half way around the sanctuary. The RWG will review the prayers at each of its meetings to think of other creative ways to share some of the prayers. And keep a sharp eye out for the Journal at other kinds of gathering and events in the life of the Presbytery.

Where is it? Who has it?

It's back in your hands!

Rev. Jim Renfrew