

FEBRUARY 2016 MBUMC FOCUS PRAYER Please join the MBUMC Prayer Ministry team in praying this prayer.

The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save. He will rejoice over you with gladness, he will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 NKJV

Holy Lord, we are your people. Let us obey you and celebrate! You deserve our praise. Let us praise you, Lord, with musical instruments to make music for you. Let us sing a new song. Shout! Play beautiful music. Lord, you are truthful; you can be trusted. You love justice and fairness, and you are kind to everyone everywhere on earth. (Psalm 33:1-5 CEV) *Help us to trust you.* 

Lord, you made the heavens and everything in them by your word. You scooped up the ocean and stored the water. Everyone in this world should worship and honor you. As soon as you spoke the world was created; at your command the earth was formed. You destroy the plans and spoil the schemes of the nations. But what you have planned will stand forever. Your thoughts never change. You bless each nation that worships only you. You bless your chosen ones. Lord, you look at the world from your throne in heaven, and you watch us all. You gave us each a mind, and nothing we do can be hidden from you. (Psalm 33:6-15) *Help us to worship and honor you. Help us to receive and accept your blessing.* 

Lord, thank you for those who lead and encourage us to praise you in music and song, especially Dr. Dan Kramlich, Kathy Aaron, David Coldiron and Nancy Denison. Thank you, Lord, for the team of singers and musicians who offer their gifts and talents to worship you. *Let us celebrate in worship and praise every day.* 

Lord, you watch over all who honor you and trust your kindness. You protect us from death and starvation. (Psalm 33:18-19) *Help us to trust your kindness, to be renewed by your gift of salvation, and to find nourishment in your Word and your Way.* 

We depend on you, Lord, to help and protect us. You make our hearts glad because we do trust you, the only God. Be kind and bless us! We depend on you. (Psalm 33:20-22) May it be so, Holy Lord, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

I'm goin,a sing when the Spirit says sing, I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing. I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing, and obey the Spirit of the Lord. Hymn 333, v. 1, Afro-American spiritual, adapted by William Farley Smith, 1986.