

Closet Talk for October 2018



1. Pray for the Channels of Blessing group who will be meeting this morning to assemble 100 dignity packs with toiletries for shelters in our community.
2. Pray for the Student Dinner as they show hospitality to hundreds of students each Tuesday. Pray for the many volunteers that make this happen.
3. Pray for the groups that meet on Wednesday evenings: the family group, the Midweek Worship, the Mandarin Prayer meeting and worship teams.
4. Pray for our ESL classes that gather on Thursday mornings. Pray for these classes to be meaningful and helpful to those that attend and for the relationships built with the teachers.
5. Pray for our Church Thanksgiving Dinner this evening as well as the concert to follow. Pray for a wonderful time of gathering to say thanks for all of the blessings from God this past year.
6. Pray for the Mandarin Bible Studies that meet on Saturday evenings and for the fellowship and learning that happens in these groups.
7. Today is Thanksgiving Sunday. May we praise God with grateful hearts for who He is and for all He has done in creating us, sustaining us, redeeming us, and allowing us to be His children.
8. Pray and reflect on God's goodness to us personally. Thank God for being in your life and the life of your family. Thank God for welcoming you and embracing you as His child.
9. Pray for the students who will attend the Student Dinner this evening. Each comes with their own stories, their own life challenges and their own questions. May our welcoming space give them a place to "be" on Tuesdays, and a place to be refreshed.
10. Pray for all those involved in our Praise and Worship groups each week. Thank God for them and for their ministry through music in our worship times.
11. Pray for the Community Cabbage group that comes on Thursday afternoons to make soup from food that has been discarded from stores. Pray for Daniel McDougall and his leadership in this group.
12. Pray for our Youth Groups meeting this evening. Thank God for our volunteers who are assisting each Friday, building relationships with the youth, and enjoying a positive place of activity and learning together.
13. Preparation for Worship starts on Saturday evening by getting a decent night's sleep and preparing our heart to be open to what we are learning.
14. Pray for all of our Sunday School classes today. Pray for our children's classes, youth classes and adult classes as they gather to learn more about God and to develop their relationship with Him.

15. Pray for the Monday Morning Bible Study class as they gather to learn together about what it means to be God's adopted child. Pray for spiritual encouragement and growth through this study.
16. Pray for the Christianity Explored study that is happening after Student Dinner. Pray that those who attend will come to an understanding as to who God is and what knowing Him can mean in their lives.
17. Thanksgiving is the attitude of the life that acknowledges the contribution from God, from others, and from life. (C. Neil Strait) May we live a life of thanksgiving each day of our lives.
18. Pray for Good Friends today as they hear from Dr. Clem Persaud concerning how common foods influence new brain cells and new connections, and help to delay aging. Pray for a good time of fellowship and friendship.
19. Pray for the Friday evening Mandarin Bible Studies. Pray for those who lead and for each participant to draw closer to God and to each other.
20. Today our church building will be used as a polling station. Pray for the civic elections today, that the people chosen will serve their community well.
21. Pray for our two worship services today, for our Mandarin service in the Gym, and our English service in the sanctuary. Pray for God's spirit to be evident in both.
22. Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day. (Robert C. Lintner) May your day be filled with a heart of thankfulness, even in the small things that bless your life.
23. Pray for our Tuesday Men's Group that so faithfully set the tables for Student Dinner and do many jobs around our church building. Thank God for them.
24. There is one thing you can be thankful for - only you and God have all the facts about you. (Dub Nance) It is so good to be able to confide in all of your thoughts with the Lord who knows you better than you know yourself, and know that it stays with Him.
25. Knitters With Care is a group of women in our church who knit items for various needs in our community. They make over 100 touques/hats each year for the Sanctuary Youth outreach and the Mustard Seed, and lap blankets for those in care homes.
26. Pray for the Women's Friday Morning Bible Study that meets on Friday mornings. Pray for this group of women who study and share together.
27. Thanksgiving puts power into living, because it opens the generators of the heart to respond gratefully, to receive joyfully, and to react creatively. (C Neil Strait)
A grumbling heart drags us down. A grateful heart lifts us up.
28. Pray for the *Heart of Asia* conference that is happening in our church this afternoon. Pray for their gathering and their mission.
29. Pray for *Operation Trackshoes* as they have their Annual General Meeting in our church this evening. Pray for this important ministry that happens at UVic each year.
30. If you can't be satisfied with what you have received, be thankful for what you have escaped. As Canadians we have so much to be thankful for. A country that is living in peace, and a country where we have resources for all if distributed appropriately.
31. Complete this month of Thanksgiving with a prayer concerning your future. Pray for a heart that grows in areas God wants you to grow, and for an attitude of anticipation for what God may still do in your life.