



# PRAYER MONTH JANUARY 2015



At the MWI General Executive in October, it was decided that we would hold January 2015 as a time of prayer for Methodist Women in Ireland and World Federation. Please take time during January to pray either at home, in your Prayer meeting, House Group, MWI meeting, whilst driving, with prayer partners or friends and anywhere you feel you need to talk to God.

The following are prayer points for inclusion:

- Positions of responsibility
- God's vision for Women working together
- New thinking
- Relationships
- Encouraging all women
- Groups which are closing through lost interest or lack of leadership
- MWI Funding
- MWI President's Project - Jamaica National Children's Home
- World Federation Officers and names to fill posts
- Helen Kim Memorial Scholar
- Tree of Life
- WF Project - "Wings of Hope"

**'TO KNOW CHRIST & TO MAKE HIM KNOWN'**

You are not big enough to accuse the whole age effectively, but let us say you are in dissent. You are in no position to issue commands, but you can speak words of hope. Shall this be the substance of your message? Be human in this most inhuman of ages; guard the image of man for it is the image of God. --Thomas Merton

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## What's On This Week at Whitehead and Islandmagee Methodist Churches

# January 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 2015

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



**GOD IS NOT FORGETFUL, BUT..** If we confess our sins, he will forgive us. **1 Jo 1:19**, will remember them no more. **Is 43:25**, and as far as the east is from the west, God will REMOVE these sins. **Ps 103:12**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

10.30am Whitehead worship with Rev Gary Millar WMC  
 12.00pm Islandmagee worship with Rev Gary Millar IMC

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

8.00pm Whitehead Bible Study Dobson Room

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

10.30am Whitehead worship with Rev Gary Millar WMC  
 12.00pm Islandmagee worship with Rev Gary Millar IMC

**Global Vision 2015** (Craigavon):

This special annual Missionary event is scheduled for Saturday 28th February in Lismore Comprehensive School, Craigavon. Posters/leaflets will be on display throughout January and February.

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**Whitehead MWI Afternoon Get Together**

*Fellowship and a cuppa in Dobson Room, 2.30pm, 29 January.  
 There will be fellowship, informal chat, and music with Sheila Mason.*

The early Church Father Tertullian wrote that, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." In a very real sense this is true. In spite of vicious opposition, the church grew and flourished. The early church had partnered for the journey of faith. They had come together... in one accord... The story is told of a horse-pull in Canada. One horse pulled 9,000 pounds, another 8,000. Together you would expect them to pull 18,000 pounds. Not so when teamed together, they pulled 30,000 pounds. The principle is called synergism. By definition, the simultaneous action of separate agents working together has a greater total effect than the sum of their individual efforts. More can be done in a team effort than can be accomplished solo. In order for the principle of synergism to work like it should, there has to be teamwork.

A. J. Gordon, one of the founders of Gordon Conwell Divinity School, told of being out walking and looking across a field at a house. There beside the house was what looked like a man pumping furiously at one of those hand pumps. As Gordon watched, the man continued to pump at a tremendous rate; he seemed absolutely tireless, pumping on and on, up and down, without ever slowing in the slightest, much less stopping. Truly it was a remarkable sight, so Gordon started to walk toward it. As he got closer, he could see it was not a man at the pump, but a wooden figure painted to look like a man. The arm that was pumping so rapidly was hinged at the elbow and the hand was wired to the pump handle the water was pouring forth, but not because the figure was pumping it. You see, it was an artesian well, and the water was pumping the man!

When you see a man who is at work for God and producing results, recognize that it is the Holy Spirit working through him, not the man's efforts that are giving results. All he has to do—and all you have to do—is keep your hand on the handle.

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**60 or over and looking for something "different" to do?**

Fancy learning some basic circus skills? Belfast Community Circus will host an 8 week course (1 afternoon per week) teaching skills such as juggling, plate spinning, the Diablo, stilt walking and even unicycling! To be held in St Patrick's Parish Church Hall, Whitehead from early February. See the leaflet available in church for more details - and spread the word!

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WMC will host the 2015 **Women's World Day of Prayer** on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm. An information evening will be held on the evening of 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Dobson Room at WMC. All ladies welcome.

**Container Ministry Celebration Service – Sunday 1st March, 7.00 pm in Lurgan**

**High St. Methodist Church.** The Container Ministry is 25 years old this year. In celebration there will be a service with stories from Mr Alan Miller (surgeon) and Mr William Carson and involvement from friends from Haiti and Ghana.