Press Release

Prayer Wall for the Public Returns to Harwich Churches


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Harwich, MA –

The prayer wall has returned to Harwich churches and is open to anyone who would like to contribute a prayer.

Walls often have been used to divide people, tribes, and nations. Walls keep out people different from us or keep us in. Walls can be hard and painful, and they break human relationships. St. Peter’s Lutheran Church and St. Mary of Magdala Ecumenical Catholic Church, which share space in E. Harwich, have created a different kind of wall — a prayer wall.

“The walls between people break my heart and discourage my soul,” says Rev. Tiffany Nicely Holleck, one of the pastors at St. Peter’s. “I have also been thinking about what Jesus would do with all these walls that divide us from each other. Jesus came to give us life and hope and light. I believe the current state of affairs breaks God’s heart as we break relationships with other children of God, when we keep ourselves apart from others.”

These two churches lament walls of division and instead have built a wall that can be a place of hope and healing. The wall is made of stacked cinder blocks, loosely built with spaces left intentionally between bricks. Paper and pens are provided for
people to write down their laments, their hopes and their prayers for peace, tucking them into the gaps of the wall.

This wall will be outside so that anyone from the public can drive up and add their prayers.

The prayers tucked into the wall will be ritually lifted up in the prayers of intercession on Saturday at St. Mary of Magdala’s worship, then again on Sunday morning during St. Peter’s worship.

After the season of Lent is over, all the prayers will be gathered together and buried out behind the Memorial Garden, so that prayers become a part of the very soil of our congregations.

Rev. Holleck says, “We hope that this will be a place to mourn, to hope, and to come together as a community. May this prayer wall be for the mending of our broken hearts, our weary souls, and our divided communities. May this wall become an expression of hope and joy.”

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