In worship, Pastor Darren is reading the book, “What Do You Do With A Problem?”

It is the story of how worrying about a problem makes it bigger and bigger.

The problem is a cloud that follows him around everywhere. Once he turns and faces the problem suddenly there is a new discovery. “My problem wasn't what I thought it was. I discovered something beautiful inside. My problem held opportunity...to learn and to grow. To be brave. To do something.”

What do you think he could be worried about? What do you do with problems?

Jesus once told a story about a man who had a problem and needed help. Read about how the Good Samaritan saw the need and decided to use it as an opportunity to help a friend. You’ll find the story in Luke 10:25-37.

Why do you think some people decided not to help and walked on by? What problems do you see in our community? How can we help? Choose one problem and decide as a family how you might be a “good samaritan.”

**Ideas:** Write to neighbor or friend who might be lonely or having a problem. Donate to a local food pantry. Say a prayer for those who are sad or hurting.
**James 5:13-18 (NRSV)**

Take a moment and read this passage for James. Make a list of joys and concerns that you would like to share with God. Prayer is Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

**St. Paul UMC Prayer Chain**

Our prayer chain is a group of members who have committed to pray when we share needs from our community and congregation. If you would like to be part of this prayer ministry or share a prayer request please send a note to: prayer@stpaulchurchky.org

36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? 37 He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’ (Luke 10:36-37)