

God made . . . all the creatures that move along the ground. Genesis 1:25
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Scientists from Penn State University recently engineered a new kind of glue that's both extremely strong and also removable. Their design is inspired by a snail whose slime hardens in dry conditions and loosens again when wet. The reversible nature of the snail's slime allows it to move freely in more humid conditions—safer for the snail—while keeping it securely planted in its environment when movement would be hazardous.

The researchers' approach of mimicking an adhesive found in nature calls to mind scientist Johannes Kepler's description of his discoveries. He said he was "merely thinking God's thoughts after him." The Bible tells us that God created the earth and all that is in it: the vegetation on the land (Genesis 1:12); the "creatures of the sea" and "every winged bird" (v. 21); "the creatures that move along the ground" (v. 25); and "mankind in his own image" (v. 27). When humankind discovers or identifies a special attribute of a plant or animal, we're simply following in God's creative footsteps, having our eyes opened to the way He designed them.

At the end of each day in the creation account, God surveyed the fruit of His work and described it as "good." As we learn and discover more about God's creation, may we too recognize His magnificent work, care for it well, and proclaim how very good it is!

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REFLECT: How do you see God's handiwork in the creation around you? How can you respond in praise to Him?

PRAY: *Creator God, thank You for the unique and perfect way You created the world and all that's in it. Your works are wondrous!*

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

- Let's paraphrase a hymn our choir sang recently: "For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our prayer of grateful praise!"
- Think about the many ways God has blessed you or seen you through difficult times. Ask His help in following these words from 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18: ¹⁶*Be joyful always;* ¹⁷*pray continually;* ¹⁸*give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* Meditate on what this will look like for you during Lent.
- Pray for folks who are still recovering from natural disasters, especially the flooding in Western Appalachia and the California wildfires.
- Pray for our neighbor, Sebastian United Methodist Church and their Pastor, Rev. Alexis Talbott. May God bless their observance of Lent and their ministry to the community.
- Pray for Sharon Layman and Roger Carey, elders who will be sharing their testimony at the Lenten supper on March 19. May they confidently share what God has done in their lives, so that He will be glorified!

CHURCH AT PRAYER

Current Health Issues:

Joyce Anderson's daughter Cheryl & grand-daughter Kim
Ben Ashton, & his aunt Minnie
Ed Bachus
Linda Banks' mother & friend Loretta Martin
Jean (Les) Bell
Karen Bowser's granddaughter, Laura
Clark & Jean Brillhart's friend, Shirley
Roger Carey's friend, Chris Z.
Sally Clark
George Chamberlin
Diane Cooper's friends, Jamie B. & Ed F.
Dawn Durling
Barbara Eisenbach's friends, Mike K. & Rev. Richard Adams
Carol Ernst's son, Robert
Diane (Richard) Grant, her sister, Barbara, & brother-in-law, Herb
Ray & Gayle Green's daughter, Samantha, & grandson Melvin
Barbara Harding
Mildred Hartman
Rev. Sandy Hill
Donna Jackson
Ron Kelly
Mary Keogh's sister, Calista
Joan Kraftchak's neighbor, Chris
Sharon Layman's friend, Bill, & sister, Robin DeRosa
Juanita Leioatts' sister, Shirley, & friend, Teri
Doreen Lynch's brother, Richard, friends; Jessica, Judy, Chris, & neighbors, Linda & Al
Marshall (Patsy) McCammack
Cornelia Mills' daughter, Dawn and son-in-law, Charles
Kathy Morrison
Bobbi Mosley's nephew Sean
Dan Sharrow and his friend, Charlie
Ralph Smith
June Taylor's daughter, Cheri
Norma (Al) Tebbs' friend, Esther
Juanita & Bill Welsh
Jane Wilson
Carol Wise and her son, Jimmy
Julie Wylie, and grandson, Austin

Persistent/Chronic Illness:

Pam Carter
Pat (John) Carroll
Stan (Helga) LaVoque

Homebound/Care facilities:

Patci Blackwood
Ray Bratberg
Dale Kuckenbecker

Grieving:

Family and friends of Donna Jackson, on the loss of her mother (2025)
Family and friends of Kim Hislop, on the death of her mother, Margaret (2/25/25)



Team Members:

Joyce Anderson, Clark Brillhart, Jane Capo, Pat Carroll, Sally Clark, Barbara Eisenbach, Juanita Welsh (Rev. Jeff Wood)

Pray with us: Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m.
To request prayer, contact the office or speak to a team member.

Prayer Teaching:

4th Tuesday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.