

Prayer Celebrations and Concerns

January 19-25, 2025

New this week: Donald Barth, brother of Lonna Peterson; Ava Hilscher and her parents, Matt and Meg Hilscher, friends of Lisa Davis and Peter Crump

Covenant members: George Douma; Mary Fontaine; Marion Peterson; Helen Madsen.

Covenant friends & extended family: Helen Sauer, mother of Steve Sauer; Tom Fontaine, son of Mary Fontaine; Ryan & Sara and their unborn baby, relatives of Heidi Hastings; Kevin O'Brien, son-in-law of Craig & Sherry Anderson; Brian Courtney, father-in-law of Laura Courtney; Harmon Gundersen, father of Judy Gundersen; The O'Dowd family, friends of Greg & Melissa Hinz; Mike Whitley, father of Michael Whitley; Amanda Greeno; Ally Katona & family, friends of Amanda Greeno.

Covenant family & friends mourning the death of: Jim Sauer, father of Covenant member Steve Sauer; Bill Lawrence, husband of Fern Lawrence and father of Anne Lawrence and Ellen Lawrence; Betty Matthews, Covenant member; Don Peterson, Covenant member; Emelyn Shier, aunt of Eric Wendorff; Judith Whitley Overstreet, aunt of Michael & Jackie Whitley and great-aunt of Xander, Bergen, and Quinn; Don Misch, father-in-law of Marilyn Krichko.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: Don Schalch; Jack & Joannie Carter; Tom Schuster; Sandi Thompson-Royer, Covenant friend; Troy Griswold, nephew of Lori Voss; Sarah Day; Mark Middleton; Sally Nesser; Bill Wood; Brenda Moten; Pat Thielbar; John Wedberg; Cindy Blewett; Nancy McCulley; Larry and Barb Larsen; Patty West; Russ and Evelyn McMillan; Virgil Landry; Margaret Hickman; Joseph Hack; Gina Fritz; Eve Casta; Jan Schaefer, sister-in-law of Bob and Nan Schaefer; Tim Wade, father of Janna Doney; Charlene Duranceau, sister of Jan Schuster; Jane Stark; Bonnie Cameron, cousin of Jan Minardi; Robert Hill, father of Melissa Hardy; Jorge Asencion, Covenant friend; Gary Van Ess and John Van Ess, brothers of Vicki Alexander.

World Mission: Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta PC(USA) in Indonesia; Jed and Jenny Koball PC(USA) in Peru; Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather PC(USA) in South Sudan; Medical Benevolence Foundation in Haiti; Eric Miller in Kenya. People of Guatemala.

Our elected leaders: President Biden, Rep. Pocan, Sen. Johnson, Sen. Baldwin, Gov. Evers, and Mayor Rhodes-Conway.

Birthdays

Betsy Erickson, Henry Marley (2/19); Lauren Kures, Jacob Larget, Mary Ross (2/20); Laurie Jones (2/21); Jim Goetz (2/22); Valencia Bennett-Parchment, Heidi Schalch, Tom Schuster (2/23); Davis Hardy, Bob Pearson, Floyd Stautz (2/24)

Names will ordinarily stay on the prayer list for five weeks. If you would like to remain on the list longer, please contact the church office at 608-233-6297, Pastor Charlie Berthoud, Pastor Megan Berry, Pastor Jess Scholten, or Melissa Hinz, Minister of Music and Pastoral Care. You may also email us at info@covenantmadison.org.

Prayer

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

(Isaiah 42:1-4)

Our prayer guide for this week is inspired by Pastor Megan's sermon from this past Sunday (1/12/25) where she wondered what God might be saying to Covenant based on Isaiah 42:

"Here are my beloved, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
My spirit is upon them,
and they will do their best to show my love at Covenant:
To work for justice in Madison by feeding those who are hungry,
naming the injustices of the world.
They will not grow faint or be crushed,
because they have each other to call upon,
to do this work together."

Holy One – we give you thanks that you are always with us, that you call us your beloveds, and that you guide our paths.

We are especially grateful for...

Help us to show your love to others through Covenant. We lift to you these particular ministries and mission partners:

We see so many injustices around us, and we name before you the following ways we seek your justice, kindness, and fairness in the world:

Thank you for community with whom to bear our burdens and celebrate our joys. Keep us ever faithful to your love and care.