

**New this week: Naomi J. Stark, friend of Carol and Jim Ruhly.**

**Covenant members:** James McGregor; Bernie Maroney; Bill Wood.

**Covenant friends & extended family:** Mark Baenen, friend of Deb Morris; Marcia Howe, mother of Melissa Schmidt; Cynda Welch, mother of Ben Welch; Anne Meyer, friend of Dick & Noel Pearson; Chris, friend of Melissa Hinz; Roland Roth, father of Sherry Hershberger; Kevin Sheehan, husband of Tom & Kris Bauer's niece; The family of Kenneth Medlin, friends of Marilyn Krichko; John Riessen, father of Covenant friend Carrie Riessen.

**Covenant family and friends mourning the death of:** Henry Gladstone Medlin, friend of Marilyn Krichko; Robert & Mary Gow, brother and sister-in-law of Nancy Crabb; Linda Wolf, sister of Lee Jones; Russell Wright, brother of Don Wright.

**Your continuing prayers are appreciated for:** Barb Eikenberry; Deb Cohn; Alicia Mundy; Brenda Moten; Pat Thielbar; John Wedberg; Lynn Schoohs, aunt of Melissa Hinz; Barb Larsen; Cindy Blewett; Nancy McCulley; Dale Myrland; Larry Larsen; Patty West; Julie Sadowsky; Bill Lawrence; Russ McMillan; Don Peterson; Virgil Landry; Linda Dolan; Margaret Hickman; Joseph Hack; The people of Ukraine; Gina Fritz; Eve Casta; Jan Schaefer, sister-in-law of Bob and Nan Schaefer; Rev. Stephen Welch, father of Ben Welch; Jodi Steidl; Tim Wade, father of Janna Doney; Charlene Duranceau, sister of Jan Schuster; Betty Matthews; 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:** Betsey and Eric Moe PC(USA) in Guatemala; 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; Eric Miller in Kenya.

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

## Birthdays

**Kelsey Durand, Craig Hutchison (3/4); Linda Daly, Soon Aie Kim (3/5); Elvia Doney (3/6); Jim Vergeront (3/7); Beth Koeritzer (3/8); Doc Parker (3/9).**

*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](mailto:info@covenantmadison.org).*

## ***Lent Week Three: Listening***

Fasting, Praying, **LISTENING**, Simplifying, Unplugging

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### **“When Someone Deeply Listens To You” from *Finding What You Didn’t Lose* by John Fox**

When someone deeply listens to you  
it is like holding out a dented cup  
you've had since childhood  
and watching it fill up with  
cold, fresh water.  
When it balances on top of the brim,  
you are understood.  
When it overflows and touches your skin,  
you are loved.

When someone deeply listens to you  
the room where you stay  
starts a new life  
and the place where you wrote  
your first poem  
begins to glow in your mind's eye.  
It is as if gold has been discovered!

When someone deeply listens to you  
your barefeet are on the earth  
and a beloved land that seemed distant  
is now at home within you.

## ***Prayer for the Third Sunday in Lent***

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Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world  
through your life, death, and resurrection of your Son.  
Help us to hear your word and obey it,  
that we may become instruments of your saving love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.