

New this week:

Covenant members: Marilyn Butz; James McGregor; Sherry Hershberger, Dick Lovell, Jan Swartz, Cliff & Donita O'Donnell; Larry Larsen; Susan Wood; Margaret Hickman.

Covenant friends & extended family: Butch Koch, friend of Lynn Vande Sande; Jack, grandson of a member; Dwight Werle, uncle of Bailey Green; Catherine Johnson, aunt of Nan Schaefer; Mike Lee, brother-in-law of Chris Turner & Charlie Berthoud; Cori Olson, friend of Karen Julian.

Covenant family & friends mourning the death of: Theresa Sanders, Brenda Moten's sorority sister; Margaret Byrd, Brenda Moten's family friend; Margaret Hodges, aunt of Kris Bauer; George Hess, Covenant member.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: Covenant member Ann Perry & her family; Joe Weaver, father of Ann Perry; Tim Strikwerda, nephew of John & Arlene Strikwerda; James, father of James McGregor; Don Weinberg, brother-in-law of Debbie Konkol; Paula Swansonrasanen; Gene Swanson, Paula Swansonrasanen's father; Robert Hill, father of Melissa Hardy; Alice Kirby, daughter- in- law of Peter & Jane Kolakowski; Fern Lawrence; Dennis Eft, brother of Lori Voss; Carolyn Van Dyke, cousin of Pastor Charlie; Robert N. Mayer, friend of Marcy Carlson & Tim Smeeding; Noel Pearson; Joann Pivotto; Lee Narans; Cindy Blewett; Stephen Resan; Helen Madsen; Jack & Joannie Carter; Jan & Tom Schuster; Sandi Thompson-Royer, Covenant friend; Troy Griswold, nephew of Lori Voss; Mark Middleton; Sally Nesser; Bill Wood; Brenda Moten; John Wedberg; Nancy McCulley; Larry & Barb Larsen; Russ & Evelyn McMillan; Virgil Landry; Joseph Hack; Eve Casta; Dick & Jan Schaefer, family of Bob & Nan Schaefer; Tim Wade, father of Janna Doney; Jorge Asencion, Covenant friend; Gary Van Ess & John Van Ess, brothers of Vicki Alexander.

World Mission: People of Guatemala and congregations of Monte Hebron Presbyterian Church in Santo Domingo and Monte Horeb Presbyterian Church in Coyolate. Jed and Jenny Koball PC(USA) in Peru; Medical Benevolence Foundation in Haiti; Eric Miller in Kenya.

Our elected local leaders: Gov. Evers and Mayor Rhodes-Conway.

Pray for our country, and if you feel inspired, contact your elected officials:

Senator Tammy Baldwin 30 West Mifflin Street, Suite 700 Madison, WI 53703 (608) 264-5338	Senator Ron Johnson 5315 Wall Street, Suite 110 Madison, WI 53718 (608) 240-9629
President Donald Trump 1600 Pennsylvania Ave Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500 (202) 456-1111	Rep. Mark Pocan 10 E Doty St #405 Madison, WI 53703 (608) 258-9800

Birthdays

Dave Griffith, Ellen Houston, Gwen Long, Danealle Parchment (2/16); Rick Nuernberg (2/17); Emily Lanphear, Arthur Kanitz (2/18); Betsy Erickson, Henry Marley (2/19); Lauren Kures, Jacob Larget, Mary Ross (2/20); Laurie Jones (2/21).

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.

“Containers of Divine Love”

A Prayer of Gratitude from Joyce Rupp's book,
Out of the Ordinary: Prayers, Poems, and Reflections for Every Season

As you pray gratitude for each kind of love, you're invited to pause and reflect on the ways you experience this kind of love in your own life.

God of affection, devotion, passion, tenderness, and all forms of love, this day we thank you for the myriad of ways that we have been given a touch of your goodness. We thank you for the many beneficent gestures:

...love that draws us to friendship and fidelity,
...love that leads us to kindness and compassion,
...love that stirs in our flesh and dances in our bones,
...love that lures us toward the sacred and serene,
...love that calls us to new vision and growth,
...love that soothes our heartaches and gentles our pain,
...love that sees worth in each human being,
...love that believes in us and whispers hope,
...love that sings in the season and sighs in the wind,
...love that taps on the door of forgiveness,
...love that longs for peace among all humankind,
...love that surprises and fills us with awe,
...love that sings praise for the face of earth's beauty,
...love that offers the hand of a warm welcome,
...love that respects those who won't come too near,
...love that urges us to take risks and have courage,
...love that goes out to those from afar,
...love that embraces the shadow in us,
...love that sheds the old skin and welcomes the new,
...love that ripens our souls for the final journey home.

Source of Love, we offer thanks for how you are abiding in all of these forms of love. May the hearts we have given and received this past Valentine's Day and moving into a season of love remind us of you, the One Great Heart, holding us all in the tenderness of your love. Amen.