Prayer Celebrations and Concerns

March 8-14, 2026

The white rose this week commemorates the life of: Eugene Swanson, father of Paula Swansonrasanen; Robert Berry, friend of Cara Cavin; Carolyn Holveck, sister of Randy Holveck.

The red roses this week celebrate the lives of: Ursula Schmaltz, granddaughter of Covenant member Beth Schmaltz; Callie Craig Pearson, daughter of Ben and Britt Pearson, granddaughter of Covenant members Bob and Jane Pearson, great-granddaughter of Mary King.

New this week: Mary Ross, Covenant member; Susan Larson, Covenant member; Roxy Riessen, mother of Carrie Riessen; Linda Daly, Covenant member.

Covenant friends & extended family: Kickan Klar, friend of Marilyn Krichko; George Campise, brother-in-law of Larry Dubisz; Ralph Scudder, cousin of Barb Eikenberry; Joey Sereda, nephew of Deirdre Frees; Tim Strikwerda, nephew of John & Arlene Strikwerda.

Covenant family & friends mourning the death of: Margaret Hickman, Covenant member; Robert Hill, father of Melissa Hardy; Carol Sessa, grandmother of Brie Bradshaw; Clark Pitcairn, cousin of Mark Soderberg; James Reimers, friend of Art Kanitz.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: Marilyn Butz; James, father of James McGregor; Don Weinberg, brother-in-law of Debbie Konkol; Paula Swansonrasanen; 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 & Susan Wood; 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

Beth Koeritzer (3/08); Doc Parker (3/09); Tim Smeeding (3/11); Rodrigo Morales (3/13).

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.

Peace Prayers from the PCUSA's *Book of Common Worship*

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD: For Peace

Eternal God, in your perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and there is no strength but the strength of love.
So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered
under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as your children;
to you be dominion and glory, now and forever. Amen.

For Peace by Brother Roger of Taizé

Lord Christ, at times we are like strangers on this earth,
taken aback by all the violence, the harsh oppositions.
Like a gentle breeze, you breathe upon us the Spirit of peace.
Transfigure the deserts of our doubts, and so prepare us to be bearers of reconciliation wherever you place us, until the day when a hope of peace
dawns in our world. Amen.

For Peace Among Nations

Almighty God, guide the nations of the world into ways of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness,
that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For World Community

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have ordered us to live as loving neighbors.
Though we are scattered in different places, speak different words, or descend from different races, give us common concern, so that we may be one people, who share the governing of the world under your guiding purpose.
May greed, war, and lust for power be curbed, and all people enter the community of love promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those in the Military

Righteous God, you rule the nations. Guard brave men and women who risk themselves in battle for their country. Give them compassion for enemies who also fight for patriotic causes. Keep our children from hate that hardens or from scorekeeping with human lives. Though they must be at war, let them live for peace, as eager for agreement as for victory. Encourage them as they encourage one another, and never let hard duty separate them from loyalty to your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.