

Prayer Celebrations and Concerns

May 17-23, 2026

The white rose commemorates the life of: **Simon Ganet, husband of Anne Hoesly, son-in-law of Michael and Nan Hoesly.**

The red rose this week celebrates the life of: **Madison Beth Brown, daughter of Sawyer and Betsy Brown and granddaughter of Brad Brown and Maribeth Gettinger**

New this week: Sherrie and Colleen, friends of Arthur and Fern Kanitz, grieving the sudden death of their brother; Bonnie, friend of Art's sister, struggling since the death of her husband after a short illness; Susan, friend of Fern, nearing death after short illness.

Covenant members: Beth Schmaltz.

Covenant friends & extended family: Jeanne Gutowski, aunt of Amanda Greeno; Mary Mock, Patricia Coley's mother; Stephen Pierce, son-in-law of Barb Eikenberry's aunt; Dwight Werle, uncle of Bailey Green; Manny Vallon, friend of Beth Wilson; Jennifer and Rusty Gevert, friends of Art & Fern Kanitz; Carol Lee Iverson, mother of Jeff Iverson; Megan Whittow, niece of Jane & Peter Kolakowski; Alice Kirby, daughter-in-law of Peter & Jane Kolakowski; Gale Miller, uncle of Paula Swansonrasanen; friend of Nancy McCulley, Delaine's sister; Ken Turner, father of Chris Turner; Jake, grandnephew of Bob & Nan Schaefer.

Covenant family & friends mourning the death of: Louis Aranda, Amy Poland's brother-in-law; Nancy Zoller, cousin of Charlie Berthoud; Russ McMillan, Covenant member; Katharine Lee, mother-in-law of Kris Lee; Kent Miller, cousin of Paula Swansonrasanen; Peter Malone, friend of Bob Winding; Dorothy Kau, mother of Susan Kau; Ann Miller, aunt of Janice Walden.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: All people affected by the war in the Middle East; Marilyn Butz; James, father of James McGregor; Paula Swansonrasanen; Dennis Eft, brother of Lori Voss; 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; 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

Cliff O'Donnell, Shannon Smith, Heidi Hastings (5/17); Emilie Songolo, Jay Petrie (5/18); Marsha Mueller (5/19); Nancy Enderle (5/20); Katie Mace, Judy Stevenson (5/21).

Names will 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 or info@covenantmadison.org, Pastor Charlie Berthoud, Pastor Megan Berry, Pastor Jess Scholten, or Melissa Hinz.

A Prayer of Confession, inspired by Philipians

Paul writes, "And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full

insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.” (Phlp. 1:9-11)

Holy God, forgive us for paying attention to nonsense and for wasting our time and energy on things that don't matter. Help us to keep learning about your love, so that we can live as new people, resurrection people.

Paul writes, “Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” (Phlp. 2:3-5)

Holy God, forgive us for thinking too much of ourselves and too little of others. Help us to take on the mind and heart of Jesus Christ.

Paul writes, “Therefore, my siblings, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved..... Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” (Phlp. 4:1,4)

Holy God, forgive us when we give into despair. Renew us in the power of resurrection love.

The Good News

Paul writes, “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” (Phlp. 1:6)

We rejoice in the mercy of God in Jesus Christ, and we rejoice in God's persistence in transforming us and transforming the world. Let us “forget what lies behind” and “press on toward the goal, the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.” Amen. (Phlp. 3:12-14)

The Peace

Paul writes, “And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phlp. 4:7)

May the peace of Christ be with you.