

New this week:;

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

Covenant friends & extended family: 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; Roxy Riessen, mother of Carrie Riessen; Gene Swanson, Paula Swansonrasanen's father.

Covenant family & friends mourning the death of: George Hess, Covenant member; Steve McQuin, business partner of Jason Potter.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: 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; Marion Peterson; 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 leaders: President Trump, Rep. Pocan, Sen. Johnson, Sen. Baldwin, Gov. Evers, and Mayor Rhodes-Conway.

Birthdays

Dennis Joosse, Allison Douglas (01/25); Catt Piotrowski, Ericka Williams (01/27); Sandy Patti, Don Wright (01/28); Jean Spilburg (01/29); Katherine Qastin (01/30); Arlin Brannstrom (01/31).

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.

**This week's prayers incorporate our
Officer Ordination and Installation Vows of the PCUSA**

Adapted from Reformed Worship Resources

<https://reformedworship.org/resource/reaffirmation-ordination>

Our vows include trusting in Jesus Christ our Savior, accepting the Scriptures, seeking to follow Jesus, love our neighbors, work for the reconciliation of the world, and to serve all of God's people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

This day, let us pray: O risen Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection set us free from all that holds us captive, help us to put our trust in you. When our temptation to singlehandedly save the world seems greater than we can resist, call us back. Liberate us from our own agendas, and from our impatience at your work in the world that does not conform to our expectations.

O Word made flesh, help us not to lose our zeal for studying your sacred story. Make us ever vigilant against our desire to flatten the gospel message, or to make it more palatable, or to embrace novelty at the expense of an honest search for truth. Make us humble when we are arrogant; and give our words power when we feel discouraged, inarticulate, or weak.

O God, continue to knit us together. Strengthen our ties with one another, and grant us the gift of friendships wherever we minister.

Loving and reconciling One, it is a daunting task to love you, to love our neighbors, and to love ourselves. As we make our way in the midst of our many roles and tasks, recalibrate us when we find ourselves out of balance. Help us speak the truth in love so that we might be your reconcilers in the world.

O God who created the universe in an explosion of energy . . . grant us energy. O God who made this complex world of intricate interconnected parts . . . grant us intelligence. O God whose imagination called forth dinosaurs and dandelions, black holes and bobcats . . . grant us imagination. O God who is love . . . grant us love.

Almighty God, hear our prayers as we seek to faithfully serve you. Amen.