

Week of January 8-14, 2023
Prayer Celebrations and Concerns

Today's white roses commemorate the lives of Barbara Besadny, Covenant member; Joe Long, brother of Jim Long; Beth Steffen, friend of Rosemary Jones; John Schneider, father of Ann Hutchison.

New this week: Johnny Elliot, brother-in-law of Ernie Perry; Ann Elliot, sister of Ernie Perry; The family of Beth Steffen, friends of Rosemary Jones; The family of Gerald (Jerry) Washington, friends of Brenda Moten.; Joan Leffler, friend of Sally Lorenz.

Covenant members: Bob Richardson; Grady Brown and Monica Mark.

Covenant friends & extended family: Celia Fine, friend of Kris Anderson and Judy Von Bergen; Sheila Bennett, and Gwen Bergin; Shirley McCallum, mother of Arlene Kennedy; Doug Booher and family, friends of Matt and Lynn Vande Sande, mourning the death of Doug's father; Cleo Loftsgordon, Covenant friend; Cyrus Pekala, friend of Jacque Leadley.

Covenant family and friends mourning the death of: Barbara Besadny, Covenant members; Jean Hastings, Covenant member; Bette Duff, Covenant friend; Tom Guequierre, brother of John Guequierre; Robert Clemons, grandfather of Eric Girard.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: Julie Sadowsky; Patty West; Linda Dolan; Margaret Hickman; Joseph Hack; Judy Stevenson; Ann Neviasser; Lee Narans; Russ McMillan; George Beestman; The people of Ukraine; Gina Fritz; Eve Casta; Mandy Bocanegra; Jose Bocanegra; Jan Schaefer, sister-in-law of Bob and Nan Schaefer; Patty West; Don Harkness; Rev. Stephen Welch, father of Ben Welch; Jodi Steidl; Barb Larsen; George Hess; Jack Carter; Tim Wade, father of Janna Doney; Charlene Duranceau, sister of Jan Schuster; Henry Marley; Betty Matthews; Ann Seybold; Jane Stark; Ellen Wright; Neil Phelps, brother of Judy Stevenson; Bonnie Cameron, cousin of Jan Minardi; Robert Hill, father of Melissa Hardy; Mac Crump, father of Peter Crump; Stanley von Nieda, brother of Sally Jamison; Jorge Asencion, Covenant friend; Emilie Nguidjol, mother of Emilie Songolo; Gary Van Ess and John Van Ess, brothers of Vicki Alexander; Linda Holmes, cousin of Kathy Wendorff; Jennifer Hancock Murray, niece of Rick and Sandy Nuernberg.

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

Finn Smeeding (1/8); Mike Houston (1/9); Cindy Blewett (1/10); Dick McGary (1/10); Sherry Hershberger (1/10); Judy Von Bergen (1/11); Rayea Durand (1/11); Sally Jamison (1/12); Chris Bugg (1/13); Peter Kolakowski (1/13); Thomas Farrar (1/14); Marie Crist (1/14); Wyn Salmonowicz (1/14).

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, Parish Associate Clara Thompson, or Melissa Hinz, Minister of Music and Pastoral Care. You may also email us at info@covenantmadison.org.

A reading from Romans 6:3-5:

Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Prayer

Loving God, as we remember how our Lord Jesus was identified by baptism with John's message of repentance and renewal, we pray for the renewal of humanity today and for the church as a means of renewal. We pray for the welfare of nations and the wisdom of governments, for social justice and for racial harmony. May laws and policies dignify, not degrade, and may the arrival of your kingdom in Jesus be attested by the witness of Christians in every walk of life. We pray for all who suffer loss and who are diminished by illness, by disappointment, or by the attitudes of others. We remember especially _____ Support and strengthen these and all who are in the wilderness facing the testing of what they believe in. We pray also for all who are near death and those who are grieving. Renew us in resurrection hope. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**