

The white roses this week commemorate the lives of: Louis Aranda, Amy Poland's brother-in-law; Nancy Zoller, cousin of Charlie Berthoud.

New this week: Jeanne Gutowski, aunt of Amanda Greeno; Mary Mock, Patricia Coley's mother; Stephen Pierce, son-in-law of Barb Eikenberry's aunt.

Celebration: The Rev. Steve Minnema (former Covenant pastor) recently celebrated his 50th anniversary of his ordination.

Covenant members: Beth Schmaltz; Perry family; Karen Kennedy; Fern Lawrence.

Covenant friends & extended family: Dwight Werle, uncle of Bailey Green; Manny Vallon, friend of Beth Wilson; Armstrong family, friends of Ann Larget; Simon Ganet, son-in-law of Michael and Nan Hoesly; Jennifer and Rusty Gevert, friends of Art & Fern Kanitz; Carol Lee Iverson, mother of Jeff Iverson; Megan Whittlow, 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; Jane Middents, cousin of Nan Schaefer; Iris Wilson, toddler daughter of Will Wilson and Abigail Bruxvoort.

Covenant family & friends mourning the death of: 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; Joe Weaver, father of Ann Perry; Ann Miller, aunt of Janice Walden; Deb Girard, step mom of Eric Girard.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: All people affected by the war in the Middle East; Marilyn Butz; James, father of James McGregor; Don Weinberg, brother-in-law of Debbie Konkol; 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:

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

Birthdays

Declan Kennedy (5/10); Tom Hershberger; Andrew Kick (5/12); Raleigh Jones, Sam Kures (5/13); Peter Crump, Caleb Sanders (5/14); James Berthoud, Lee Jones, Lillie Perry (5/15); Eric Girard (5/16).

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 for Repair

(Prepared by Jennifer Morgan after her recent Racial Justice Pilgrimage and presentation in Adult Education – adapted from Cole Arthur Riley’s book, *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human*)

God who mends,

You demand of us not merely justice, but repair.

We confess that we have reduced reconciliation to niceties and “unity” out of fear for what it might actually cost a person.

Expose this, so that we can be people of true repair – people who demand an accounting for the rubble left by our histories, who possess a sacred imagination for how we might bring reparations in our country, cities and neighborhoods.

Give us the courage to become honest about what the powerful have stolen and what must be returned. And grant the marginalized the liberation necessary to ask for what they need, to ask for justice not merely in the vaguely moral, but with grave specificity in the economic chasms that the powerful have created. Amen

Adapted from *Black Liturgies*, by Cole Arthur Riley