

This week's red rose celebrates the birth of Tom & Cindy Blewett's grandson and son of Erik & Angela Eliason.

New this week: Monica Mark, Covenant member; Caleb Sanders, Covenant member; Sherry Hershberger, Covenant member; Dianne Nachtigal, cousin of Rhonda Rohn.

Covenant members: Sarah Day; Mark Middleton.

Recently baptized: Michael and Katherine Whitley; Dilpreet and Damien Chain Singh.

Covenant friends & extended family: Linda Baumann, friend of Sally Lorenz; Pam Nelson, friend of Carol Philipps & Rod Rynes; Magali, friend of the Lovell family; Marjorie Sawyer, grandmother of Melissa Hinz; Heather Oliver, cousin of Melissa Schmidt; The family of Michael O'Brien, friends of Janice Walden; April Goldman, niece of Frankie Leisering.

Covenant family and friends mourning the death of: Robert Miller, uncle of Janice Walden; Hayes Joseph Pien, great-grandson of Joni Jaeger; Michael O'Brien, friend of Janice Walden; Dick Pearson, Covenant member; Joni Jaeger, Covenant member.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: Deri Cattelino; Sally Nesser; Bernie Maroney; Bill Wood; Barb Eikenberry; Deb Cohn; Alicia Mundy; Brenda Moten; Pat Thielbar; John Wedberg; Lynn Schoohs, aunt of Melissa Hinz; Barb Larsen; Cindy Blewett; Nancy McCulley; Dale Myrland; Larry Larsen; Patty West; Bill Lawrence; Russ McMillan; Don Peterson; Virgil Landry; Linda Dolan; Margaret Hickman; Joseph Hack; The people of Ukraine; Gina Fritz; Eve Casta; Jan Schaefer, sister-in-law of Bob and Nan Schaefer; Rev. Stephen Welch, father of Ben Welch; Jodi Steidl; Tim Wade, father of Janna Doney; Charlene Duranceau, sister of Jan Schuster; Betty Matthews; Jane Stark; Bonnie Cameron, cousin of Jan Minardi; Robert Hill, father of Melissa Hardy; Jorge Asencion, Covenant friend; Gary Van Ess and John Van Ess, brothers of Vicki Alexander.

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

Matthew Berthoud, David Fields, Tom Wise (4/21); Brooke Von Bergen (4/22); Mason Sommers (4/23); Rachel Aune, Ann Hutchison (4/24).

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.

Acts: The Formation of Transformative Community

When Paul and Barnabas were in Lystra, the community heard about how they were healing people and thought they were gods come down to earth. Paul responds: “Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them” (Acts 14:16). Being people who value and care for creation because of our Creator has been woven into who we are as the people of God from the very beginning.

This week is Earth Day (April 22), so our prayers are both for all those joys and concerns on the back of this list as well as the prayers below for restoration and healing for all of creation. You are invited to add your own prayers in each of the sections.

Prayer

Holy God, we call on you:

For those who are suffering from environmental injustice...

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who do not have access to clean water...

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who suffer health impacts from air pollution...

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the environmental racism that endangers and harms BIPOC people...

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our oceans that are overwhelmed by plastic pollution...

Lord, hear our prayer.

For young people and future generations facing the fear of climate catastrophe...

Lord, hear our prayer.

(adapted from the Creation Justice Ministry of the PCUSA resources for Earth Day)