

Prayer Celebrations and Concerns

July 28 – August 3, 2024

New this week: Chris Hughes, nephew of Peter Hughes.

Covenant members: Tom Schuster.

Covenant friends & extended family: Mark Peterson, son of Don & Marion Peterson; Marion Graff, aunt of Barb Eikenberry.

Covenant family and friends mourning the death of: Eloise “Skip” Miller, stepmother of Rhonda Rohn; Bernie Maroney, Covenant member; Mickey Rath, Covenant member; W. Kenneth Menke, Jr., brother of Linda Graebner; Roland Roth, father of Sherry Hershberger; Jim Ruhly, Covenant member.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: Evelyn McMillan; Sandi Thompson-Royer, Covenant friend; Troy Griswold, nephew of Lori Voss; Sarah Day; Mark Middleton; Sally Nesser; Bill Wood; Alicia Mundy; Brenda Moten; Pat Thielbar; John Wedberg; 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; 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

Jan Morse, Gary Navis, Winona Pudelwitts (7/28); Guy Mueller (7/29); Blake Hutchison, Jacque Leadley, Kate Sargent (7/31); Sally Lorenz (8/1); Silvia Kammerzelt, Ann Perry, Patty West, Louise Douma (8/2); Sandy Nuernberg (8/3).

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.

Prayer

One of the ways we are reminded of God's abiding presence, especially in the summer when we are off camping or visiting friends or up north or wherever, is to have a prayer with us to bless the space we are in. The PCUSA's *Book of Common Worship* includes full house blessings. Below are a few prayers from those dedications that you can take with you in whatever space you are.

From the Gospel of John:

“Jesus said: ‘Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.’”

Prayer:

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Make this house [tent, Airbnb, hotel room...] your abiding place, and bless all who dwell here. Fill them with your Holy Spirit, and send them out in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing:

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength;
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Bless the Lord. The Lord's name be praised!