

The white rose this week commemorates the life of: Carol Carper, sister of John Swartz.

New this week: Frankie Leisering; Rick Bartz; Jan Minardi.

Covenant members: Jane Kolakowski; Danealle Parchment.

Covenant friends & extended family: Robert Hill, father of Melissa Hardy; Roy and Stephanie Elkins, friends of Lorie and John Raihala; Lynda Southwick, spouse of Lloyd Southwick; Ellie, friend of Carrie Riessen; Morgan Olson, friend of Bailey Green; Patricia O'Donoghue, sister of Peg O'Donoghue and Steve Veazie; Avery and Carolyn, daughters of Wendy McCallum and cousins of Arlene Kennedy; Alice Kirby, daughter-in-law of Peter and Jane Kolakowski; Eunice Bartz, mother of Rick Bartz.

Covenant family & friends mourning the death of: Kim Whitted, cousin of Brend Moten; Dora Ngo-Nguidjol, sister of Emilie Songolo; Marie Mascitti, grandmother of Marco Mascitti; Linda Scott, co-worker of Ann Larget; Howard Hinkel, brother-in-law of Lloyd and Lynda Southwick; Pamela Rasche, friend of Deb Cohn; Wendy McCallum, cousin of Arlene Kennedy; Mary Lee Pratt-Baygents, friend of Hazel Holden.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: Dennis Eft, brother of Lori Voss; Carolyn Van Dyke, cousin of Pastor Charlie; Robert N. Mayer, friend of Marcy Carlson & Tim Smeeding; Nella Sessa, mother of Lina Pudewitts; Noel Pearson; Margaret Hickman; 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

Anne Lawrence, Gary Pivotto, Cornelia Hempe (12/07); Norah Brigham, Ken Yuska (12/08); Frankie Leisering (12/09); Jim Angevine, Nancy Crabb, Louis Hinshaw (12/10); Marilyn Wedberg (12/11); Brad Schmidt, Pat Wilker (12/12); Mekhi Bauer (12/13).

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.

Advent 2: **Peace**

A prayer for peace adapted from pastor, theologian, and hymn-poet Brian Wren in
Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship

**Holy and loving God,
your will is that no-one shall hurt or
destroy, yet your world is filled with
violence and strife;
we cry out to you in longing and hope.**

**That we may pray humbly,
longing to see as you see,
and love as you love,
God of mercy, God of peace,
hear our prayer today.**

**For all who learn war
as they practice the care of weapons
and the application of deadly force,
God of mercy, God of peace,
hear our prayer today.**

**For all whom we currently name
as defenders, allies, and enemies –
and for all who name us
as their enemies,
God of mercy, God of peace,
hear our prayer today.**

**For children, women, and men
whose bodies become statistics,
or who are regarded
as not worth counting,
God of mercy, God of peace,
hear our prayer today.**

**For all who are scarred
by the trauma of battle,
who carry unbearable knowledge
and memories they cannot share,
God of mercy, God of peace,
hear our prayer today.**

**For all, including ourselves,
who are swayed, excited, or ruled
by the drumbeats of anger,
the thirst for revenge,
and the seductive appeal of force,
God of mercy, God of peace,
hear our prayer today.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, who refused
to hurt or destroy,
God of mercy, God of peace,
hear our prayer today. Amen.**