Prayer Celebrations and Concerns — November 29-December 5, 2026

New this week: Steve Poland, brother of Doug Poland.

Covenant members: Frances Parker; Winnie Boyar; Margery A. Resan; Kathy Wendorff; Art Kanitz; Mae Kechele.

Covenant friends & extended family: Marjorie Sawyer, grandmother of Melissa Hinz; Bonnie Campbell, mother of Cynthia Vaughn; John and Patricia Rolland, brother of Mary-Beth Rolland and Peter Hughes; Helen Palello, sister of Marion Peterson; Darius Zoroufy, son of Mary Zoroufy; birth of William Lockey Cole, son of BC and Abby Cole and grandson of Bob and Mary Cole; Ben, son of Rick Bartz; Marlin Wavra, brother of Nancy McCulley; Nancy Snapp, friend of Rev. Jess Scholten; Dianne Nachtigal, cousin of Rhonda Rohn; Ellen Turner, sister Chris Turner.

Covenant family & friends mourning the death of: Peg Eklund, Covenant member; Mike Lee, brother-in-law of Chris Turner; Ken Turner, father of Chris Turner; Lilian Sosinski, sister-in-law of Ken Sosinski; Gerald Otte, brother-in-law of Henry Kranendonk.

Your continuing prayers are appreciated for: All people affected by the war in the Middle East; Rick Bartz and family; Daniele Brooks, friend of Bob & Nan Schaefer; Jane Middents, cousin of Nan Schaefer; David Ewing, friend of Bob & Nan Schaefer; Tom & Jill Fontaine, son of Mary Fontaine; Darren Webb, nephew of John and Linda Daly; Lonna & Fred Peterson; Megan Whittow, niece of Jane & Peter Kolakowski; Alice Kirby, daughter- in- law of Peter & Jane Kolakowski; Marilyn Butz; James, father of James McGregor; Paula Swansonrasanen; Dennis Eft, brother of Lori Voss; Robert N. Mayer, friend of Marcy Carlson & Tim Smeeding; Noel Pearson; Joann Pivotto; Lee Narans; Tom & Cindy Blewett; Stephen Resan; 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:

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

Birthdays

Marybeth Friske (11/29); Joe Kick (11/30); Lori Voss (12/02); Bob Tayler (12/03); Sally Davis, Ashlin Uselmann (12/04); Steve Whayland (12/05).

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 the Beginning of Advent

"The Grace and Impatience to Wait"
by Walter Brueggeman
from *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*

In our secret yearnings
we wait for your coming,
and in our grinding despair
we doubt that you will.

And in this privileged place
we are surrounded by witnesses who yearn more than do we
and by those who despair more deeply than do we.

Look upon your church and its pastors
in this season of hope
which runs so quickly to fatigue
and this season of yearning
which becomes so easily quarrelsome.

Give us the grace and impatience
to wait for your coming to the bottom of our toes,
to the edges of our finger tips.

We do not want our several worlds to end.

Come in your power
and come in your weakness
in any case
and make all things new.

Amen.