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of  
prayers + concerns + joys**

**Jenny Gleichauf** recently underwent emergency gallbladder surgery. We're glad to report that she's home from the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to heal from her surgery.

**Rev. Cheryl D. Galan** will soon begin her ministry as Transition Pastor and Head of Staff at Crossroads Presbyterian Church. Besides giving Cheryl and her husband, Jack, a warm welcome, may we help support and encourage them with our prayers.

**First Presbyterian Church in Clinton** - Please continue to pray for this congregation as they deal with the aftermath from the fire that recently damaged their unoccupied manse.

**Rev. Ian Stirrat** - Please keep Ian in your prayers as he continues to recover from an automobile accident several weeks ago in which he suffered back and neck injuries.

**Carol Wickersham** (Director for Community-based learning at Beloit College; Coordinator at Duffy Community Partnerships) has offered this request with the hope that we all might become more aware of how our actions and inaction affect the lives of so many, and that we might be motivated by justice and move towards reconciliation. Please pray for:

- those who are incarcerated, especially those who have not been convicted but are in county jails because they cannot post bond
- families of those incarcerated
- those who shape the criminal justice system (corrections officers, attorneys, judges)
- the citizens who support the system through their votes and tax dollars

Gracious God, lead us forward with courage to be bearers of Your love and grace, working for peace and justice, and equal opportunity for all people. Forgive us for being complicit or complacent in the face of racism and white supremacy. Move us out from our comfortable, status quo places. Move us forward, strengthening our resolve to let our lives speak boldly of Your love for all people whom You created in Your image. Sustain in us a willing spirit to do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with You - even in the difficult places. May the intentions of our hearts, the words of our mouths, and the actions of our lives be acceptable to You - the Holy Other - who calls us to love one another, forgive one another, listen to one another, work with one another, and value one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. May it be so.