

**basket
of
prayers + concerns + joys**

In the absence of any received prayer requests this week, I offer the opportunity of using the Presbytery of Milwaukee Directory to inform our prayers for one another.

The directory lists the names of the Office Staff, Stated Clerk, Roster of Committees, Congregations, and the People Directory including the names of the Honorably Retired Pastors.

As we offer up the names of those we know - or may not know yet - in our prayers, and as we reach out to one another in support of our particular ministries or life concerns, we join in the building up of the body of Christ.

We also pray for the concerns that are around the corner from us and in other corners of the world that lay heavy upon our hearts:

- + the powerful northeastern Atlantic storm bearing down on Ireland
- + the continuing need in Puerto Rico, including power restoration and clean water
- + the devastating California wildfires with 11,000 firefighters trying to contain them, missing persons with the death toll rising, lost loved ones, animals, homes, property, businesses, hopes and dreams
- + conflicts, terrorism and wars
- + truck bombing in Somalia
- + ethnic cleansing in Myanmar
- + human-trafficking
- + violence, prejudice, oppression, discrimination, injustice ... just to name a few.

*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers,
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.*