

# CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS



PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE  
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

*We open our hearts in sorrow,  
gratitude, and hope: that those who  
have been spared nature's fury as well  
as those whose lives are changed  
forever by ravages of wind and water  
may find solace, sustenance, and  
strength in the days of recovery and  
rebuilding that come.*

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*September 3, 2017*

## *Prayers of Thanksgiving*

Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind. Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude that we may sing praises to you and joyfully honor your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As a congregation, we are grateful for first responders and emergency evacuation personnel and volunteers who have prepared places for evacuees. We pray for the safety of those who have evacuated from coastal areas and for those who sheltered in place.

Grant them courage to face the days ahead.

### *For those who mourn*

O merciful God, you teach us in your Holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve your children. Look with pity on the sorrows of those who mourn, for whom we pray. Remember them, O lord, in mercy. Strengthen them in patience, comfort them with the memory of your goodness, let your presence shine on them, and give them peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The family of Evelyn Bede, who died August 20; great-aunt of Jessie Hsu

The family of Lily Bucheli, who died July 20; mother of Marcela Faidley

Friends and family of UPC member Frankie Lee, who died June 17

The family of Amy Kates, who died July 9; friends of Alex Pappas

### *For those recovering from or facing surgery*

Mighty and merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to heal broken lives. We praise you that today you send healing in doctors and nurses, and bless us with technology in medicine. We claim your promise of wholeness as we pray for those who are ill in body or mind, who long for your healing touch. Make the weak strong, the sick healthy, the broken whole, and confirm those who serve them as agents of your love. Then all shall be renewed in vigor to point to the risen Christ, who conquered death that we might live eternally. Amen.

*Those who trust in the Lord for help  
will find their strength renewed.*

*They will rise on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not get weary;*

*They will walk and not grow weak.*

*Isaiah 40:31*

Topher Wynn  
Linda Evans  
David Phillips  
Mary Cognetti  
Travis Turner, great-nephew of Ann Winkle  
Karen Cappolino  
Glen Tandy, friend of Susan Berlin  
Steven Scher, friend of Karen Miller  
Charlotte Cooper, friend of Karen Miller  
Bonnie Wildman, aunt of Jennifer Bradley  
Jacob Pilcher, friend of Janis Reinken  
Jamie Keller, daughter-in-law of Carol Keller

Jim Budd  
Ricardo Medrano  
Frances Trahan  
Anita Clemons

### *For the sick*

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bill Turpin, wife of Delilah Turpin, father of Brad Turpin  
Mike Hetherington, wife Charlotte, sons Christopher & Charlie; friends of Karen Miller  
Mother and brother of Stephanie Morris  
Nancy Bazaz, niece of Helen Bardagjy  
Courtney Long, daughter of Marie Werkenthin Long, at home under hospice care  
Bob, friend of Elaine Wagner  
Dorothy Adkins, mother of Rosca Toulouse; grandmother of Amy Toulouse  
Pat Tucker, mother of Donna Linn  
Hank Bass  
Fred Perella, father of Claire Baxter  
Mike Maynard, friend of Liz Wright and Scott Kelley  
Andy Kates, friend of Alex Pappas

### *For the sick*

Kaye Smith, mother of Jennifer Bradford  
The Rev. Dr. Albert Aymer, father of Margaret Aymer Oget  
Barbara Watson, mother of Bee Moorhead  
Rosemary Green, sister of Carol Fowler  
Sharon Bayer  
Jeanne Janson  
Dick Cassidy, friend of Karen Miller  
Jim & Elizabeth Zorn, parents of Becky Lott  
Hall Kelly, friend of Karen Miller  
Waylon Wimberly, cousin of Suzanne Freeman  
David Reynolds, friend of Shannon Middleton  
JC Stromberger, brother of Karen Miller  
Aletha Keelen, mother of Nancy Lewis  
Marilyn Bradford, mother-in-law of Jennifer Bradford  
Laurie McConnell, niece of Katherine Ray  
Chris VanderSlice, nephew-in-law of Joyce Inman  
Russell Luigs, father of Susan Thompson  
Suanne Roueche, friend of many at UPC  
Kane P., friend of Maureen & Andy Carlson  
Dan Marshall, friend of Jim & Katherine Ray  
Chris, friend of Nancy Barnes  
Harry, long-time friend of Jan McInroy, & his family  
Susie Gearhart, mother of Rob Gearhart  
Norma, mother of Paul Hooker  
Kristen, Amanda Utter's aunt  
Marquita Wooley, friend of Karen Miller  
Ellen Kinney, Diane Eddison's sister

### *For those in harm's way*

*The world is yours, mighty God, and all people live by your faithfulness. Watch over those who are traveling, who drive or fly, or speed through space. May they be careful, but not afraid, and safely reach their destinations. Wherever we wander in your spacious world, teach us that we never journey beyond your loving care, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen*

All family and friends affected by the ravages of Harvey  
John Roberts, brother-in-law of Jessie Hsu, deployed to South Korea

### *For those awaiting a birth & new parents*

*Mighty God, by your love we are given children through the miracle of birth. May we greet each new son and daughter with joy, and surround them all with faith, so they may know who you are and want to be your disciples. Never let us neglect children, but help us to enjoy them, showing them the welcome you have shown us all; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen*

Claire & Mark Baxter, due January 2018  
Abby Martin, daughter of Bill & Remie Martin  
Erik & Andrea Wofford, Luke Daniel, born 08-07-17  
Jessie & Josh Hsu, Josiah Hao-Yu, born 07-14-17  
Elyse Fort & Ian Jacques, Maya Elizabeth, born 07-07-17  
Piper Madison & Daniel Betts, Harvey Nash Betts Madison, born 05-17-17  
Emily & Travis Givens, Elizabeth Anne, born 04-11-17  
Sarah & Byron French, Charles Simeon, born 11-14-16  
Sarah & James Cain, Robert Morrison, born 10-8-16

### *For continued prayers*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are the comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer. Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. To everyone in distress, grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Alexander Glaser, nephew of Julia Wynn  
Matthew Roe, Allison Phillips's brother-in-law  
The Padilla family in Reynosa, Mexico  
Catherine, Nancy Barnes' Goddaughter  
Rebecca Kieschnick, friend of Katherine Ray  
Sam, Pat Mayne's brother  
Leo Lopez & family

The Laney family  
The Abell family  
Kathie McNutt  
Hildur Satre Brees

Riki Graves  
James Quick  
Roy Craig  
Susan Berlin  
Margaret Richardson

Barbara Engstrom  
Margery McKee  
Lillian Kirkpatrick  
Alice Meriwether

### *For inquirers / candidates under care*

God of prophets and apostles, you have chosen leaders to train your people in the way of Jesus Christ. We thank you that in our day you are still claiming men and women for special work within the church. As these have dedicated themselves to you, let us pledge ourselves to them, so that, surrounded by affection and hope, they may grow in wisdom, mature in love, and become a faithful worker, approved by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eric Peterson, Ezequiel Herrera

### *We pray for those searching for work*

Gracious God, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our wealth and resources that all persons may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you'd like to be part of UPC's Prayer Chain, please email the church office:  
**[upc@upcaustin.org](mailto:upc@upcaustin.org)**

You will receive emails asking you specifically to pray  
for people who have requested prayer support.