

**PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH: AUGUST 20, 2023**

*Please keep the following people in your prayers. Please call the church office with the names of those you would like to have included in the prayers. Names will remain on the list for 3 weeks. Should you wish to have a person remain on the list longer, please notify the church office.*

**RECENT CONCERNS**

Ed McKeehan, father of Chris McKeehan  
Teri Payne, sister of Pastor Becky Nicol  
Gay Fields, cousin of Keith Bowgren and sister of Joy Nelson  
Danny Bellezzo, brother of Mary Jane Bellezzo  
Lucy Jo Hale, granddaughter of Cheryl Mennerick's cousin Brenda  
Peter Stendel, friend of Marie MacKenzie  
Donna Lovett, cousin of Janet Helm  
Bill Kirkwood, friend of Margot Monaghan  
Viola Cleo Bradshaw  
Prayers for those affected by Mass Shootings, Natural Disasters & other Traumas  
Prayers for the people of Ukraine & Russia, Sudan and other war-torn Countries  
Prayers for those persecuted for their Faith  
Prayers for Peace & Reconciliation in the World  
Prayers for Pastor Rob in preparation for his Worship Planning Retreat

**ON-GOING CONCERNS**

Wayne Belec	Dorothy Urbaitis & Rick Olaerts
Janet Helm	Jamie McConnell, daughter-in-law of Jim & Linda McConnell
Bruce Benstein	Davy Shaffer, grandson of Vicki Shaffer
Wayne Peterson	Jason Biffle, husband of Sherry & Gary Duffett's niece Christa
Marilyn Bradley - The Holmstad - Batavia	Ronald Hill, brother of Lorie Montanye
J. Fazel, GreenFields of Geneva	Mary & John Cannon, friends of Dick & Nola Keslinke
Jane Livingston - Arden Courts - Geneva	Clement & Drisilla Dwyer, friends of Cheryl Mennerick
Gordon Wilson - Brighton Gardens of St. Charles	Dwight & Leatha Newberry, cousins of Cheryl Mennerick
Shirley Anderson - Autumn Leaves of St. Charles	Bill Marshall, brother of Deb Schiller
Ron & Marge Maier, Bickford of St. Charles	Caregivers caring for Loved Ones at Home
Larry Lounsbury, Tower Hill - South Elgin	

**OUR SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy and prayers to Ali Slyman and family on the death of her mother, Barbara Marie Fried, who passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 10th in Clinton Township, MI. Condolences may be sent to: Ali Slyman, 2893 Cornwall Lane, Geneva, IL 60134.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Bryan Kelsey, son of Bruce & Diane Kelsey  
Jeffrey Jungknecht, nephew of Jim & Jennifer Karwoski  
Adam Dahlberg, son of Patricia & Andrew Dahlberg  
Lynda Cooke, granddaughter of the late Emilie Marquez  
Reed Arrott III, son of Reed & Ruth Arrott, Jr.  
Matthew & Allison Isely, son & daughter-in-law of Mike & Vicki Isely  
William Lyon, grandson of the late Gwyn Lyon

**MISSION EMPHASIS**

Mutual Ground, Maua Hospital and Meru Bio-Intensive Farm in Kenya

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**AUGUST 20, 2023**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Pastor Rob Hamilton**

*Welcome to The United Methodist Church of Geneva! We gather not as strangers but as friends in Christ!*

*In our order of service below, the words in **bold type** we speak together as a congregation. An asterisk (\*) invites us to stand in body or in spirit.*

*Restrooms with changing stations are out the rear doors of the sanctuary and to the right. Further down the hall from there is our parlor. We broadcast a live-stream of our worship there and have play items for children. We also have a play space in the rear, north corner of our sanctuary. The parlor and this space are available to all persons.*

*Large print bulletins & hearing devices are available from our Ushers.*



**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP**

I have no ambition for power, and so with complete freedom, I tell the powerful what is good and what is bad.  
*~ Oscar Romero*

**WELCOME**

*Pastor Rob Hamilton*

**PRELUDE**

**"O Happy Day"**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Chris Schmal*

**\*OPENING HYMN 2082 (black songbook)**

**"Woke Up This Morning"**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

*Dr. Greg Coates*  
*(3-year-olds - 5th graders are invited to attend the "First Steps in Faith" Sunday school class in room across from the Nursery.)*

**PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

*Chris Schmal*

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)* Chris Schmal  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free” - Billy Taylor

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 58:1-9a, Galatians 5:13-14 Chris Schmal

SERMON “What is Freedom?” Pastor Rob Hamilton

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Maui Fire Response Nancie Lillie

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
*(Each week we pass the red attendance pads at the end of the pew  
down and back so that we might know who is worshipping next to us.)*

OFFERTORY “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

\*ROXOLOGY *(unison)*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
Praise him all creatures here below. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN 533 *(red hymnal)* “We Shall Overcome”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “And They’ll Know We Are Christians”  
*(Some worshipers leave after the Benediction, while others remain seated through  
the playing of the Postlude. Please feel free to do as you wish. Everyone is invited  
to coffee fellowship immediately after the service next door in Fellowship Hall.)*

*The white rose on the altar this morning is in loving memory of Barbara Fried.*

*We’d like to thank the members of our Summer Choir and the musicians Randy  
Henry on bass, and Gerald Dowd on drums, for sharing their music ministry with  
us this morning.*

	<u>VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS</u>
WELCOME HOSTS:	Linda & Jim McConnell
USHERS:	Roger Mahr, Keith Eakins, Gary Duffett, Chuck Bolvin
LITURGIST:	Chris Schmal
HOSPITALITY HOSTS:	Katy & Heath Howell
GREET THE PASTOR WELCOME TABLE:	Jim Alderfer
SANCTUARY PREPARATION:	Don & Pam Mendenhall

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