

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 Belezzo
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
Janet Helm
Bruce Benstein
Wayne Peterson
Marilyn Bradley - The Holmstad - Batavia
J. Fazel, GreenFields of Geneva
Jane Livingston - Arden Courts - Geneva
Gordon Wilson - Brighton Gardens of St. Charles
Shirley Anderson - Autumn Leaves of St. Charles
Ron & Marge Maier, Bickford of St. Charles
Larry Lounsbury, Tower Hill - South Elgin

Dorothy Urbaitis & Rick Olaerts
Jamie McConnell, daughter-in-law of Jim & Linda McConnell
Davy Shaffer, grandson of Vicki Shaffer
Jason Biffle, husband of Sherry & Gary Duffett's niece Christa
Ronald Hill, brother of Lorie Montanye
Mary & John Cannon, friends of Dick & Nola Keslinke
Clement & Drisilla Dwyer, friends of Cheryl Mennerick
Dwight & Leatha Newberry, cousins of Cheryl Mennerick
Bill Marshall, brother of Deb Schiller
Caregivers caring for Loved Ones at Home

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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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.

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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.)

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PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chris Schmal

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

Chris Schmal

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
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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.

VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

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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