PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH: JANUARY 21, 2024

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

Tom Reynolds
Lance Erickson - Delnor Hospital
Bill Knott - Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital
Gordon Wilson - Brighton Gardens of St. Charles
Jamie McConnell, daughter-in-law of Jim & Linda McConnell
Krystal Massier, granddaughter of Janet Helm
Kimberly Clark, cousin of Keith Rawson
Jaxon Morrighan, grandson of Ginny & Sam Aharrah
Carol Dunn, friend of Cheryl Johnson
Susie Urieves, friend of Janet Helm
Michael Panozzo, friend of Jane Siarny
Joan Barley, friend of John & Colleen Fasbender
Bill Kirkwood, friend of Margot Monaghan
Tricia Monaghan, niece of Margot Monaghan
Lucy Jo Hale, granddaughter of Cheryl Mennerick's cousin Brenda
Prayers for those affected by Mass Shootings, Natural Disasters & other Traumas
Prayers for those caught in the Violence of War: Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, & Sudan
Prayers for those persecuted for their Faith and Prayers for Peace & Reconciliation in the World

ON-GOING CONCERNS

Wayne Fessler
Wayne Belec
Janet Helm
Bruce Benstein
Bill Weckler
Wayne Peterson
John Fasbender, Autumn Leaves of St. Charles
Bev Larkin, Lake Shore Manor - Sebring, FL
Dorothy Urbaitis & Rick Olaerts
Marilyn Bradley - The Holmstad - Batavia
Shirley Anderson - Autumn Leaves of St. Charles
Ron & Marge Maier, Bickford of St. Charles
Larry Lounsbury, Tower Hill – South Elgin
Marie MacKenzie, DuPage Care Center - Wheaton
David Kemble, brother of John Kemble
Davy Shaffer, grandson of Vicki Shaffer
Teri Payne, sister of Pastor Becky Nicol
Gay Fields, sister of Joy Nelson
Jason Biffle, husband of Sherry & Gary Duffett's niece Christa
Christine Lieggi, cousin of Sherry Duffett
Dwight & Leatha Newberry, cousins of Cheryl Mennerick
David & Terri Frickling, cousins of Cheryl Mennerick
Bill Marshall, brother of Deb Schiller
Caregivers caring for Loved Ones at Home

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers to Paul and Sandee Fletcher on the death of Paul's sister, Ingrid Smith, who passed away on January 4th in Fredericksburg, VA. Messages of condolence may be sent to: Paul and Sandee Fletcher, 39W305 Herrington Blvd., Apt. E-1, Geneva, IL 60134.

Our sympathy and prayers to Nancy and Ken Cocks on the death of their brother-in-law, Greg Stephenson, who passed away on January 12th in DeKalb. Messages of condolence may be sent to: Nancy and Ken Cocks, 204 Moorehead Drive, Barlett, IL 60103.

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

Grace Children's Hospital Haiti and Hesed House

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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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WELCOME *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

PRELUDE *Sanctuary Ringers*
"Shalom Chaverim" - arr. Geschke

OPENING PRAYER *John Kemble*

*OPENING HYMN 548 *(red hymnal)*
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Dr. Greg Coates*
(All children and youth are invited to Sunday School.)

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH *John Kemble*

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.

ANTHEM "O God, the Things That Make for Peace" *Chancel Choir*

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:18, 28; Philippians 4:6-7 *John Kemble*

MESSAGE "Buddhism" *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

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

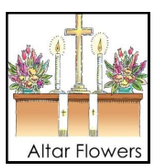
*DOXOLOGY *(unison)* U.M. Hymnal Pg. 95
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN 474 *(red hymnal)* "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
(*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 a reception next door in Fellowship Hall immediately after the service to celebrate J Fazel's 90th birthday. Please join us for cake and fellowship.)*



The flowers in the chancel this morning are provided by Vicki Kielhack and family in honor of her father J Fazel who is celebrating his 90th birthday today.

The white roses on the altar are in loving memory of Ingrid Smith and Greg Stephenson.

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VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

WELCOME HOSTS:	Nancie & Steve Lillie
USHERS:	Roger Mahr, Keith Eakins, Gary Duffett, Chuck Bolvin
LITURGIST:	John Kemble
GREET THE PASTOR WELCOME TABLE:	
HOSPITALITY HOSTS:	
SANCTUARY PREPARATION:	Karen Cobb, Jo Anne Swanson

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QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

1. Siddhartha Gautama experienced key moments that led him to renounce his privileged life. What moments in your life have caused you to think of others beyond yourself
2. In Buddhism, the Four Noble Truths play a central role in understanding and addressing suffering. What Christian teachings help you to make some sense of suffering and God's response to suffering?
3. What attachments might we be holding on to (or are holding on to us) that keep us from deepening our relationship with God? How might our prayer life seek to lessen the grip these attachments have on our lives?

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