PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH: SEPTEMBER 10, 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

John Fasbender, Autumn Leaves of St. Charles
Bill Weckler, Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital - Wheaton
Janet Schutte, former member of UMCG
Tricia Monaghan, niece of Margot Monaghan
Teri Payne, sister of Pastor Becky Nicol
Lucy Jo Hale, granddaughter of Cheryl Mennerick's cousin Brenda
JoAnn Vanthournout, friend of Betty Keeler and the Spirited Women Study Group
Gerry Stevens, friend of the Spirited Women Study Group
Phil Carter, friend of Janet Helm
Bill Kirkwood, friend of Margot Monaghan
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

ON-GOING CONCERNS

Wayne Belec
Janet Helm
Bruce Benstein
Wayne Peterson
Dorothy Urbaitis & Rick Olaerts
Marilyn Bradley - The Holmstad - Batavia
J. Fazel, GreenFields of 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
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

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Jane Livingston, a long-time member of UMCG, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 3 at Arden Courts in Geneva, with her loving family at her side. A visitation for Jane will be held this afternoon from 1:00 until 4:00 at Malone Funeral Home in Geneva. Memorial service and burial will be held privately. Cards and messages of sympathy can be sent to: Family of Jane Livingston, c/o Malone Funeral Home, 324 E. State St., 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

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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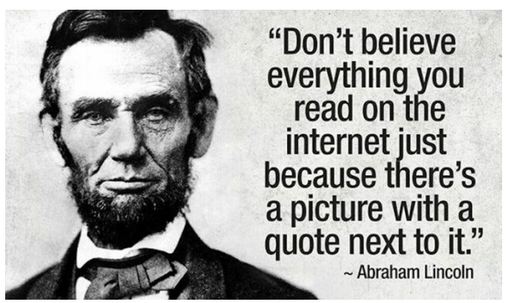
CENTERING FOR WORSHIP



WELCOME *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER *Kathleen Dytrych*

*OPENING HYMN 57 *(red hymnal)*
"O For a Thousand Tongues to sing"

CHILDREN'S TIME *Dr. Greg Coates*
(All children and youth are invited to join us this morning for the kick-off of our Fall Sunday School programs.)

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH *Kathleen Dytrych*

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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" - arr. Stevenson *Chancel Choir*

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 30:19-20a; Romans 8:28 NRSVue *Kathleen Dytrych*

SERMON "Everything Happens for a Reason" *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE *(unison)*

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth. But make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, help me to do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

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 "Blessings" - Laura Story *Peggy Stevenson*

*DOXOLOGY *(unison)*

U.M. Hymnal Pg. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN 117 *(red hymnal)* "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*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 coffee fellowship immediately after the service next door in Fellowship Hall.)*

The white rose on the altar this morning is in loving memory of Jane Livingston.

VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

WELCOME HOSTS:	Marilyn & Roger Mahr
USHERS:	Keith Bowgren, Jim Alderfer, Andy Dahlberg, Dave Dias
LITURGIST:	Kathleen Dytrych
HOSPITALITY HOSTS:	Jim & Fran Manos
SANCTUARY PREPARATION:	Donna Strand

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QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

1. God has said, "I set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life" (Deut. 30:19). How does the idea of choosing between life and death apply to our everyday decisions and actions?

2. Can God use suffering in our lives to produce good as a result, even if God did not cause the suffering itself? Has this happened in your own life?

3. How does believing that humans have free will change our understanding of God's power and sovereignty?

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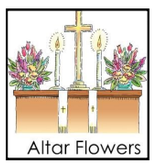

If you would like to have flowers placed in worship on a Sunday in memory or recognition of a loved one, or in celebration of a special event, please sign up online at www.genevaumc.org/signups or call the church office at 630-232-7120 to select a date and provide a brief dedication to be included in the Sunday worship bulletin.

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