

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH: SEPTEMBER 3, 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

Sharon Reed
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
Ed McKeegan, father of Chris McKeegan
Teri Payne, sister of Pastor Becky Nicol
Gay Fields, cousin of Keith Bowgren and sister of Joy Nelson
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
Prayers for Pastor Rob on 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	

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 3, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Senior Pastor Rob Hamilton
Guest Preacher, Becky Nicol

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

The Bible is very resonant. It has everything: creation, betrayal, lust, poetry, prophecy, sacrifice. All great things are in the Bible, and all great writers have drawn from it more than people realize, whether Shakespeare, Herman Melville or Bob Dylan. ~ *Patti Smith*

WELCOME

Pastor Becky Nicol

HYMN REQUESTS (verse 1 of each hymn)

61 (red hymnal)	"Come, Thou Almighty King"
144 (red hymnal)	"This Is My Father's World"
467 (red hymnal)	"Trust and Obey"

OPENING PRAYER

John Kemble

***OPENING HYMN 145 (red hymnal)**

"Morning Has Broken"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Becky Nicol

(ALLERGEN ALERT: During our Children's Time today, we will be making Creation trail mix. We will not eat it then, but have it available for everyone during Fellowship Time after worship. INGREDIENTS: Rice Chex cereal, mini chocolate and vanilla Oreos, Goldfish cheddar crackers, animal crackers, mini marshmallows, Gerber vanilla Puffs stars, and M&Ms.)

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

John Kemble

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1, 2, 26-28, 31; 2:7, 15, 18, 21-25 NRSVue John Kemble

SERMON “A Look at the Theology of Summer’s Blockbuster” Pastor Becky Nicol

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.)

DOXOLOGY *(unison)*

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor Becky Nicol

CONFESSION AND PARDON *(unison)*

Gracious God, you have given us the world. Yet too often, we have taken it for granted, and failed to respect your great gift. It is easy, O God, to take the power and leave the responsibility. It is easy to forget that disciples are made in many ways, not just our own. We have not always remembered that you have entrusted your cherished creation to us. Remind us, O God, that we are part of creation, and are your people. Forgive us when we take your gifts and your people for granted, and help us start again. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(While it is customary for Christians to pass the peace with a handshake or physical touch, we ask that we exchange the peace WITHOUT touch, such as a wave, peace sign or other loving gesture to others.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*

U.M. Hymnal Pg. 15

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.

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

(We welcome all persons to partake in the feast of the Lord. Our ushers will guide us to the table or will offer service to those who prefer to receive seated. We offer pre-packaged communion elements both with or without gluten (please ask the server for gluten-free elements) or via intinction (dipping bread in the cup). All of the bread for intinction is gluten-free. All cups contain unfermented grape juice.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM “The Heart of Worship” - Matt Redman Mike Popplewell

*CLOSING HYMN 62 *(red hymnal)* “All Creatures of Our God and King” vs. 1,5,7

*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 flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Becky and Tom Nicol.

VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

WELCOME HOSTS:	Marilyn & Jules Heinemann
USHERS:	Tom Anderson, Steve Cornwell, Tom Reynolds, Ron Donovan
ACOLYTES:	Charlie Popplewell, Liam Slyman
LITURGIST:	John Kemble
COMMUNION PREPARATION:	Ali Slyman
COMMUNION SERVERS:	Ethel Reynolds, Roger & Marilyn Mahr, John Kemble
HOSPITALITY HOSTS:	Chuck & Alison Bolvin
SANCTUARY PREPARATION:	Don & Pam Mendenhall

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