PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH: NOVEMBER 5, 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

Ryker Schiele, grandson of Nancy Harrington
Pastor Luther Mason, Greenstone UMC & Dorcas Ministry
Vaughn Siarny, Alden North Shore Rehab Center - Skokie
Charles & Marilyn Kayton, parents of Nancy Hansen
Kaz Hellickson, sister of Ken Sato
Jaxon Morrighan, grandson of Ginny & Sam Aharrah
David & Terri Frickel, cousins of Cheryl Mennerick
Fred Higgins, brother-in-law of Keith Rawson
Tricia Monaghan, niece of Margot Monaghan
Lucy Jo Hale, granddaughter of Cheryl Mennerick's cousin Brenda
Teri, mother of Janet Helm's friend Andrew
Bill Kirkwood, friend of Margot Monaghan
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
Prayers for Peace & Reconciliation in the World

ON-GOING CONCERNS

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
J. Fazel, GreenFields of Geneva
Gordon Wilson - Brighton Gardens of St. Charles
Shirley Anderson - Autumn Leaves of St. Charles
Marie MacKenzie, DuPage Care Center - Wheaton
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
Teri Payne, sister of Pastor Becky Nicol
Jason Biffle, husband of Sherry & Gary Duffett's niece Christa
Ronald Hill, brother of Lorie Montanye
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 Glynesta Richards and family on the death of her mother, Karen Richards, on Monday, October 16th at her home in West Chicago. Services will be private.

Our sympathy and prayers to Jennifer Gondorchin and family on the death of her husband, Frank Gondorchin, on Friday, October 27th at his home in Batavia. His funeral service will be held at UMCG on Friday, November 10th at 11:00am, with visitation from 10:00am until start of the service.

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

Good Night Sleep Tight and The Neighbor Project

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NOVEMBER 5, 2023
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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 want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake.
- George Bernard Shaw

WELCOME *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER *Pastor Mary Gay McKinney*

*OPENING HYMN 711 *(red hymnal)*
"For All the Saints" vs. 1,2,4,6

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

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GIFTS *(see insert)*

On behalf of the congregation, I present these gifts to be consecrated to the glory of almighty God and for service in this church.

Congregation: We accept these gifts as a sacred trust and will guard and use them faithfully.

Prayer (unison): Most loving God, without you no words or works of ours have meaning. Accept the gifts of our hands as symbols of our devotion to you. Grant us your blessing as we consecrate these gifts to your glory, that it may be an enduring witness before all people, and that our lives may be consecrated in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH *Pastor Mary Gay McKinney*

ANTHEM "Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal" - arr. Alice Parker *Chancel Choir*

SCRIPTURE Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 *Pastor Mary Gay McKinney*

SERMON "We're More than Just Dirt" *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"

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

CONFESSION AND PARDON *(unison)*

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers,
and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you.
Hold us, dear One - comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends
and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.
We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our
errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.
Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

(Silent prayers of confession)

*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 Communion. Ushers will guide us to the front or will offer service to those who prefer to receive seated. Communion is served via pre-packaged communion elements or via intinction (dipping bread in the cup). All bread is gluten-free. All cups contain unfermented grape juice.)

*CLOSING HYMN 708 *(red hymnal)* "Rejoice in God's Saints"

*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 Fellowship Hall immediately after the service for a cake reception in memory of all our Saints and in celebration of Jim McConnell's 80th birthday.)*

The flowers in the chancel today are from Linda McConnell and family in honor of Jim's 80th birthday.

The white roses on the altar are in loving memory of Karen Richards and Frank Gondorchin.

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VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

WELCOME HOSTS:	Sherry & Gary Duffett
USHERS:	Steve Lillie, Tom Anderson, Steve Cornwell, Tom Reynolds
LITURGIST:	Pastor Mary Gay McKinney
COMMUNION SERVERS:	Liz Cape & Dan Horvath, Joan Hansen
GREET THE PASTOR WELCOME TABLE:	Gwen Powell
HOSPITALITY HOSTS:	Chuck & Alison Bolvin
SANCTUARY PREPARATION:	Jim & Fran Manos

QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

1. How does the concept of the resurrection provide hope and comfort to individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one?
2. In what ways can trusting in Scripture's promise of life after death influence the way we live our lives here and now? What practical changes or attitudes might be inspired by this hope in the resurrection?
3. Today's sermon highlighted that even lives long gone continue to matter. How can we share this message of hope with others who may be struggling with the loss of loved ones?

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