PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH: JULY 9, 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

Jamie McConnell, daughter-in-law of Jim & Linda McConnell
Teri Payne, sister of Pastor Becky Nicol
Ronald Hill, brother of Lorie Montanye
Bob Ariss, friend of Andrew & Patty Dahlberg
Conrad & Kathy Montgomery, friends of Dick & Nola Keslinke
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
UMCG Youth & Adults serving on ASP Mission Team in Breathitt County, KY

ON-GOING CONCERNS

Wayne Belec
Janet Helm
Bruce Benstein
Marilee Stach
Wayne Peterson
Jane Livingston - Arden Courts - Geneva
Marilyn Bradley - The Holmstad - Batavia
Gordon Wilson - Brighton Gardens of St. Charles
Shirley Anderson - Autumn Leaves of St. Charles
Larry Lounsbury, Tower Hill – South Elgin
Dorothy Urbaitis & Rick Olaerts
Davy Shaffer, grandson of Vicki Shaffer
Janet Orpet, cousin of Jill Nettleton
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

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

Missionary Andrew Soon Lee, Coordinator of the UMC Mission Projects in Cambodia & Rebuilding Haiti Now

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JULY 9, 2023
Sixth 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

"The Bible has to be interpreted. When someone says they're just doing what the Bible says to do, they didn't greet you with a holy kiss, they're probably wearing two kinds of fabric sewn together, and there's a good chance they don't have tassels sewn on the corners of their garments, all things commanded in the Bible. They don't do those things because they don't believe those commands are binding on them today. And they don't believe that or practice those things because they've interpreted the Bible in a particular way. Or more likely, they've been influenced by someone who told them that is how the Bible is to be interpreted."

— Rob Bell, What Is the Bible?: How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything

WELCOME *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

HYMN REQUESTS

2128 *(black songbook)* "Come and Find the Quiet Center" v. 1
2212 *(black songbook)* "My Life Flows On" v. 1
2284 *(black songbook)* "Joy in the Morning" v. 1

OPENING PRAYER *Sharon Reed*

*OPENING HYMN 64 *(red hymnal)* "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

WORDS WITH CHILDREN *Pastor Rob Hamilton*
(3-year-olds - 5th graders are invited to attend the "First Steps in Faith" Sunday school class in room across from the Nursery.)

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH *Sharon Reed*

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Alex Laskowski, viola*
"Concerto No. 5 Allegro Moderato" - F. Seitz

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:17-48 *Sharon Reed*

SERMON "A Lesson in Hermeneutics and Exegesis" *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
(Please pass the attendance registers at the end of the pew down and back.)

OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN 277 *(red hymnal)* "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

*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.)*

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VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

WELCOME HOSTS:	Marilyn & Roger Mahr
USHERS:	Keith Bowgren, Jim Alderfer, Andy Dahlberg, Dave Dias
LITURGIST:	Sharon Reed
NURSERY VOLUNTEER:	Val Erickson
HOSPITALITY HOSTS:	Heath & Katy Howell
GREET THE PASTOR WELCOME TABLE:	Chuck Howlett
SANCTUARY PREPARATION:	Steve & Cindy Caliendo

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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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