PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH: AUGUST 6, 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

Marilyn Bradley, Delnor Hospital
J. Fazel, Delnor Hospital
Marge Maier, GreenFields of Geneva
Jamie McConnell, daughter-in-law of Jim & Linda McConnell
Kim Suckow, niece of Rolland & Robbin Lang
Teri Payne, sister of Pastor Becky Nicol
Danny Bellezzo, brother of Mary Jane Belezzo
Ronald Hill, brother of Lorie Montanye
Lucy Jo Hale, granddaughter of Cheryl Mennerick's cousin Brenda
Frank Anzaldi, husband of a friend of Mary Jane Bellezzo
Heidi Haldeman, friend of Robbin Lang
Bruce Stephens, husband of Robbin Lang's friend Barb Stephens
Donna Lovett, cousin of Janet Helm
Bill Kirkwood, friend of Margot Monaghan
Viola Cleo Bradshaw
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
Jane Livingston - Arden Courts - Geneva
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
Jason Biffle, fiancé of Christa Chappel, niece of Sherry & Gary Duffett
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

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers to Mary Ann Werman and family on the death of her father, Dwayne Roach, who died on Wednesday, July 26th in Mt. Gilead, OH. Condolences may be sent to: Mary Ann Werman, 7N286 Whispering Trail, St. Charles, IL 60175.

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

Mutual Ground, Maua Hospital and Meru Bio-Intensive Farm in Kenya

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AUGUST 6, 2023
Tenth 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

"Justice is the road on which we travel together, listening to each other, protecting each other from insecurity and caring for each other's well being. Its is not a destination, it is a path, a Way of living together." - *Noah Rattler*

WELCOME — *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

HYMN REQUESTS *(verse one of each hymn)*

2133 *(black songbook)* "Give Me a Clean Heart"
2223 *(black songbook)* "They'll Know We Are Christians"
2282 *(black songbook)* "I'll Fly Away"

OPENING PRAYER — *Pastor Mary Gay McKinney*

*OPENING HYMN 436 *(red hymnal)*
"The Voice of God is Calling"

WORDS WITH CHILDREN — *Dr. Greg Coates*
(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
Pastor Mary Gay McKinney

SPECIAL MUSIC "Family Bible" - Willie Nelson
Howie Pribble, vocals; Gary Fagerson, banjo; David Kraut, drums; John Bettasso, guitar; and Jim Manos, bass guitar

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 58:1-6, 14 *Pastor Mary Gay McKinney*

SERMON "Where is Justice?" *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.)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

CONFESSION AND PARDON *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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
(Adapted from "Peace and Justice Communion Liturgy" by Rev. Michelle Bodie.)

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 HYMN "Will Justice Reign" *Mike Popplewell*

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
(Please bring any gifts for offering forward and drop them in the offering baskets.)

*CLOSING HYMN *(see insert)* "A Place at the Table" v. 1-4

*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 Dwayne Roach.

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VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

WELCOME HOSTS:	Alison & Chuck Bolvin
USHERS:	Steve Lillie, Tom Anderson, Steve Cornwell, Tom Reynolds
LITURGIST:	Pastor Mary Gay McKinney
COMMUNION SERVERS:	Vicki Shaffer, John & Mardel McNally
HOSPITALITY HOSTS:	Chris Schmal & Sharon Anderson
GREET THE PASTOR WELCOME TABLE:	Jim Alderfer
SANCTUARY PREPARATION:	Steve & Cindy Caliendo

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