

**PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH: SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

*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**

Linda Benstein  
Marcy Strohm  
Char Soltsman, friend of Janet Helm  
Linda Hughes, grandmother of Kassandra McConnell, fiancée of Michael Sherry  
Chloe Sampiller and Harper Aspengren, granddaughters of Debbie Sampiller  
Linda Wagner, friend of Jim & Bobbi Alderfer  
Lorene B and Family, friends of Dick & Nola Keslinke  
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 & Haiti  
Prayers for those persecuted for their Faith  
Prayers for Peace & Reconciliation in the World

**ON-GOING CONCERNS**

Wayne Belec	Jim Phelps, friend of the Alderfer Family
Bruce Benstein	Teri Payne, sister of Pastor Becky Nicol
Wayne Peterson	Patricia Nugent, mother of Leslie McCarthy
Bill Weckler, former member of UMCG	Christine Lieggi, cousin of Sherry Duffett
Dorothy Urbaitis & Rick Olaerts	Lucy Jo Hale, granddaughter of Cheryl Mennerick's cousin Brenda
Shirley Anderson - Autumn Leaves of St. Charles	Bill Kirkwood, friend of Margot Monaghan
Ron & Marge Maier - Bickford of St. Charles	Dwight & Leatha Newberry, cousins of Cheryl Mennerick
Marie MacKenzie, DuPage Care Center - Wheaton	David & Terri Frickling, cousins of Cheryl Mennerick
Marilyn Malik, mother of Anita Malik	Bill Marshall, brother of Deb Schiller
Jeff Mahan, brother of Kelley Nelson	Caregivers caring for Loved Ones at Home
Davy Shaffer, grandson of Vicki Shaffer	
Tricia Monaghan, niece of Margot Monaghan	

**OUR SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy and prayers go to the family of Bob Van Nest, a longtime member of UMCG, who passed away Wednesday, September 10 at Delnor Hospital. Services are pending. Condolences may be sent to his daughter, Marcia Smith, 328 N. 4th Street, Geneva, IL 60134.

Our sympathy and prayers go to the family of Kay Lovett, a longtime member of UMCG, who passed away Thursday, September 11 in hospice at GreenFields. Services are pending. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Pat Lovett at 27 N. Bennett St., #409, Geneva, IL 60134.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Evan Heckman-Trathen, son of Dianna Heckman & Donald Trathen  
Bryan Kelsey, son of Bruce & Diane Kelsey  
Jeffrey Jungknecht, nephew of Jim & Jennifer Karwoski  
Reed Arrott III, son of Reed & Ruth Arrott, Jr.  
Adam Dahlberg, son of Patricia & Andrew Dahlberg  
William Lyon, grandson of the late Gwyn Lyon  
Matthew & Allison Isely, son & daughter-in-law of Mike & Vicki Isely  
Lynda Cooke, granddaughter of the late Emilie Marquez

**MISSION EMPHASIS**

CASA Kane County (Court Appointed Special Advocate) and JFON (Justice for our Neighbors)

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

*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**

**"You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas." - Shirley Chisholm**

**WELCOME**

*Pastor Rob Hamilton*

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Pastor Mary Gay McKinney*

**\*OPENING HYMN 158 (red hymnal)**

**"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Pastor Rob Hamilton*

*(All children and youth are invited to Sunday School.)*

**PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

*Pastor Mary Gay McKinney*

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*) *Pastor Mary Gay McKinney*  
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 "Lord Your Church Are We" - Mary MacDonald *Chancel Choir*

SCRIPTURE Esther 4:14-17 *Pastor Mary Gay McKinney*

SERMON "For Such A Time As This" *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Kane Senior Council - Meals on Wheels  
*Courtney Bronec, Volunteer Services Manager*

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
*(Please 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"

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

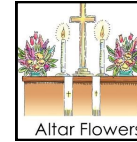
\*CLOSING HYMN 117 (*red hymnal*) "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

FAREWELL TO MEMBERS *Sean, Ali and Liam Slyman*

\*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 dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of the 185th Anniversary of UMCG from Roger and Marilyn Mahr. Two single white roses are in remembrance of Bob Van Nest and Kay Lovett.*

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#### VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

WELCOME HOSTS:	Nancie & Steve Lillie
USHERS:	Roger Mahr, Keith Eakins, Gary Duffett, Chuck Bolvin
ACOLYTE:	Liam Slyman
LITURGIST:	Pastor Mary Gay McKinney
HOSPITALITY HOSTS:	Chris Schmal & Sharon Anderson
GREET THE PASTOR WELCOME TABLE:	Keith Rawson
SANCTUARY PREPARATION:	John & Mardel McNally

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#### QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

FOR CHILDREN: Esther was very brave and made a hard choice to help her people. Have you ever had to be brave, even when you were scared? What helped you to be brave?

FOR TEENS: Esther realized she was in a special place to help others, even though it was risky. Do you think you've ever been in a situation where you had the chance to make a difference for someone else? How did you decide what to do?

FOR ADULTS: Esther was positioned for "such a time as this," using her influence for a greater purpose. In your own life, how do you discern when God is calling you to step out in faith, even when the outcome is uncertain? How do you find the courage to respond?

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