

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH: DECEMBER 22, 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

Gia Dias
Bill Knott, Marionjoy Rehabilitation Hospital
Kyle Phillips, nephew of Debbie Sampiller
Donna Lovett, cousin of Janet Helm
Christine Lieggi, cousin of Sherry Duffett
Crystal Kirk, cousin of Colleen Fasbender
Susan, friend of Sharon Anderson & Chris Schmal
John & Mary Cannon, friends of Dick & Nola Keslinke
Charlene Kehrman, friend of Sam & Ginny Aharra
Vicki Van Hauen, friend of Keith Rawson
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

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

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

Hesed House and Grace Children's Hospital

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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

*"Faith is the gaze of a soul upon a saving God."
- A.W. Tozer*

WELCOME *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER *Sharon Anderson*

CHORUS "Wait For The Lord"

CHILDREN'S TIME & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING
Unison Prayer: Open our hearts to you, O Lord, and lead us to show your love to those we meet every day and everywhere we go. Help us truly reflect Jesus' light in our lives and our community. Amen.

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

CHORUS "Within Our Darkest Night"

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH *Sharon Anderson*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

Sharon Anderson

**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.**

CHORUS "Come and Fill"

*SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38, 46-56 *Sharon Anderson*

SERMON "Mary's Song: A Response of Love and Faith" *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

CHORUS "Let Us Praise Your Name"

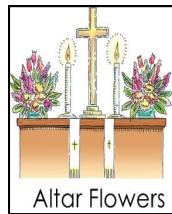
GUIDED PRAYER

CHORUS "In The Lord"

*BENEDICTION *Pastor Rob Hamilton*

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.

OFFERING: Offering baskets are available at each door as you exit the sanctuary.



The flowers in the chancel today are provided by Steve Lillie and family in celebration of Nancie's December 20th birthday.

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.

A special thank you to the Taizé choir and musicians sharing their music ministry with us this morning: Deb Stevenson on Oboe and Katherine Hughes on Violin.

VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

WELCOME HOSTS: Marilyn & Roger Mahr
USHERS: Jules Heinemann, Jim Hansen, Ron & Christine Donovan
ACOLYTE: Charlie Popplewell
HOSPITALITY HOSTS: Jim & Fran Manos
GREET THE PASTOR WELCOME TABLE: Shirley Remes
SANCTUARY PREPARATION: Jim & Fran Manos

NOTES

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QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

FOR CHILDREN: What do you think it means to trust God, like Mary did? How can we show trust in our everyday lives?

FOR TEENS: Have you ever been asked to do something that felt overwhelming or scary, like Mary? How did you respond, and what helped you say yes?

FOR ADULTS: How can we pause during this busy season to reflect on how God might be calling us to participate in bringing hope and love to the world?

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