

**PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH: JANUARY 26, 2025**

*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**

Jim Dillon  
Regina Curry, friend of Yvonne Shore  
Janet Masino, friend of Debbie Karr  
Phylis Massier, friend of Janet Helm  
Prayers for those suffering in the wake of shootings, environmental disasters, wildfires, and other traumas  
Prayers for those living amid war and conflict in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Syria and Haiti  
Prayers for those facing persecution for their faith and beliefs  
Prayers for peace, healing and reconciliation in our world, that God’s justice and love may prevail

**ON-GOING CONCERNS**

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

**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 in Haiti

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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**

**"You will be tempted exactly as Jesus was, because Jesus was being tempted exactly as we are." - Russell D. Moore**

**WELCOME**

*Pastor Rob Hamilton*

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Pastor Mary Gay McKinney*

**\*OPENING HYMN 2105 (black songbook)**

**"Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"**

**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*

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 "In the Hour of Trial" - Todd Marchand *Chancel Choir*

\*SCRIPTURE Luke 4:1-13 *Pastor Mary Gay McKinney*

SERMON *Pastor Rob Hamilton*  
 "Defining Moments: Temptation in the Wilderness"

MOMENT FOR MISSION: CASA of Kane County *Sandie Cross*

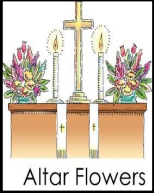
RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
*(Please pass the red attendance pads at the end of the pew  
 down and back to know who is worshipping next to us.)*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN 2216 *(black songbook)*  
 "When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  
 *The flowers in the chancel today are dedicated to the glory of God.  
 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](http://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.*

VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS  
 WELCOME HOSTS: Marilyn & Roger Mahr  
 USHERS: Jules Heinemann, Steve Lillie, Tom Anderson, Matt McCarthy  
 ACOLYTE: Charlie Popplewell  
 LITURGIST: Pastor Mary Gay McKinney  
 GREET THE PASTOR WELCOME DESK: Marilyn Heinemann  
 HOSPITALITY HOSTS: Chuck & Alison Bolvin  
 SANCTUARY PREPARATION: Sam & Ginny Aharrah

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QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

FOR CHILDREN: When you face a tough choice, how do you know what's the right thing to do?  
 FOR TEENS: When you're tempted to do something that feels wrong, how can you find strength to resist?  
 FOR ADULTS: How can we rely on the Holy Spirit's strength when facing temptations or challenges in our daily lives?

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