

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH — JULY 13, 2025

We invite you to hold these names in prayer this week. To add someone to the list scan the QR code or call the church office. Requests remain on recent concerns for three weeks unless renewed.



RECENT CONCERNS

Kaye Obalil
Wayne Fessler, Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital
Davin Wickstrom
Scarlett Morrighan, granddaughter of Ginny & Sam Aharrah
Monica, friend of Debbie Karr
DoLita Holliman, on the death of her twin sister, Rita, friends of Janet Helm
Susan Uriebes, friend of Janet Helm
Steve Dyer & Jani Anderson, friends and neighbors of Jean & Kei Narimatsu
Jack & Janet Schutte, former members of UMCG
Prayer for those suffering in the wake of shootings, environmental disasters and other traumas
Prayers for those living amid war and conflict around the world
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

Gary Dittmer	Townes Rawson Van Wyk, grandson of Keith Rawson
Jim Dillon	Patricia Nugent, mother of Leslie McCarthy
Lance Erickson	Jeff Mahan, brother of Kelley Nelson
Wayne Belec	Kyle Phillips, nephew of Debbie Sampiller
Esther Bullock - Bickford of St. Charles	Davy Shaffer, grandson of Vicki Shaffer
Margaret Ogden, Brighton Gardens - St Charles	Bill Kirkwood, friend of Margot Monaghan
Bill Weckler, former member of UMCG	Patsy Payne, aunt of Cheryl Mennerick
Dorothy Urbaitis & Rick Olaerts	Dwight & Leatha Newberry, cousins of Cheryl Mennerick
Shirley Anderson - Autumn Leaves of St. Charles	Lucy Jo Hale, granddaughter of Cheryl Mennerick's
Ron Maier - Bickford of St. Charles	cousin Brenda
Marie MacKenzie, DuPage Care Center - Wheaton	Terri Frickling, cousin of Cheryl Mennerick
Tricia Monaghan, niece of Margot Monaghan	Bill Marshall, brother of Deb Schiller
Martin Schutzius, brother of Joe Schutzius	Caregivers caring for Loved Ones at Home
Marilyn Malik, mother of Anita Malik	

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 Ruth Arrott
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

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Welcome to The United Methodist Church of Geneva!

*We're so glad you're here. Whether you are a longtime member or a first-time guest, you are part of this community today. We gather not as strangers, but as friends in Christ, united in God's love. As we worship together, words in **bold** are spoken by all, and an asterisk (*) invites us to stand in body or spirit as we are able.*

- Families with children are encouraged to worship together! A play space is available in the rear, north corner of the sanctuary. Our parlor, just down the hall, offers a livestream of the service along with additional seating and play items. And don't worry—if your kids make kid noises, that's just how God made us!*
- Restrooms (with changing stations) are located through the rear sanctuary doors and to the right.*
- Large print bulletins & hearing devices are available from our ushers.*

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you belong here.

Welcome!

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CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

"We are all of us remarkably good-tempered while we have our own way; but the true meekness, which is a work of grace, will stand the fire of persecution, and will endure the test of enmity, cruelty, and wrong, even as the meekness of Christ did upon the cross of Calvary."

— Charles Haddon Spurgeon

WELCOME

Pastor Heather Connor

(Please pass the red attendance pads at the end of the pew down and back to know who is worshipping next to us.)

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

Carol Zars

***OPENING HYMN 102 (red hymnal)**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *Pastor Heather Connor*
(Preschool - 2nd grade students are invited to Sunday School. 3rd - 12th grade students are to remain in worship with their families. Activity bags are available from the ushers.)

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH *Carol Zars*

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.

*SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:3-12

SERMON *Pastor Rob Hamilton*
“Blueprint for Abundant Life: The Blessed Life”

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Claudia Marchan*
Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors (NIJFON)

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN 2155 *(black songbook)* “Blest Are They”

COMMISSIONING OF ASP MISSION TEAM

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Everyone is invited to join us for coffee fellowship immediately after the service next door in Fellowship Hall.



The flowers in the chancel today are dedicated to the glory of God.
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 to select a date. **Most dates are still available for the remainder of the year.**

NOTES

VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

WELCOME HOSTS:	Sherry & Gary Duffett
USHERS:	Keith Bowgren, Jim Alderfer, Andy Dahlberg, Dave Dias
LITURGIST:	Carol Zars
HOSPITALITY HOSTS:	Chris Schmal & Sharon Anderson
GREET THE PASTOR WELCOME TABLE:	Colleen Fasbender
SANCTUARY PREPARATION:	Tony & Suzanne Zefron



QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

FOR CHILDREN: Which blessing from Jesus made you feel the happiest or most seen? Why?

FOR YOUTH: Why do you think Jesus calls people “blessed” when the world might call them weak or left out?

FOR ADULTS: Which beatitude challenged your understanding of abundance—and how might it shape your week ahead?



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