

CELEBRATIONS and PRAYERS

June 19, 2022

Please Help Us Celebrate:

Milestone birthdays, anniversaries, births, or other celebratory events. Let us know and we'll post yours here:

- The birth on May 30, 2022, of **Samuel Dana Rudman Katz**, to **Rev. Elissa Johnk** and **Sarah Katz**. All are doing very well indeed.
- **Lou Daniel Rochford** who graduated from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 21, 2022 with a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry.
- As increasing numbers of us, including our youngest children, receive a COVID vaccine and boosters.
- **Our Re-Gathering Team** as they faithfully create opportunities for us to re-gather in worship and other ways.

This Week We Hold in Prayer:

- **COVID**-positive families among us.
- **Margaret Remick Ryan** for recovery and healing.
- **Carol Remick Schoonmaker** for healing and recovery.
- **Calvin Nay** for a clear diagnosis and recovery following recent hospitalizations due to a blood infection.
- Family and friends of **Virginia "Ginny" Pierce** who died on November 3, 2021. Pastor Joan Newton O'Gorman led a "Celebration of the Life" for Ginny at the Burlington Country Club. Ginny and Joe Pierce and children (Rob, Darren and Deb) were members of First Church during the tenure of Rev. Lawrence.
- Safe travels and much success to **Kyendamina Cleoplace Mukeba** and **Malinga Mukunda** and their children, **Bernadette, King, Amani** and **Nyota**, who moved to Minnesota on June 10.
- **Neil and Vickie Wacek**, family and friends. Neil's brother **Joel Wacek**, was killed in a tragic accident on May 20, 2022 in Massachusetts.
- **Ukraine, its leaders and people**, facing uncertainty, evacuation and war.
- **Our country and the world** for a peaceful government and building of bridges of peace and understanding.
- **Our church** that we may be born anew in 2022 with a strong voice against hate, violence, racism – a voice for love and equality – a voice of peace.
- **Friends, family and world community** facing natural and manmade disasters including racism, discrimination, epidemics, earthquakes, forest fires, floods, hurricanes, volcanoes, harsh government policies, gun violence, acts of terror, cyberattacks, military personnel serving in harm's way, and food and housing insecurity.
- **Our community and all who** continue to experience the impacts of COVID-19 directly or indirectly, especially health care providers, first responders and essential workers. Healing for all who are afflicted with COVID-19 and its aftermaths.
- **All** who are impacted by world conflict, evacuations, and resettlements especially our new Afghan neighbors in Vermont.

We continue to hold in prayer:

Anonymous Individuals, Patty Thomas, Win Whitney, Bill Crawford, Janice Claypoole, Browne-MacDonald Family, Neil and Adrienne Carr, Lincoln Safran and the Safran-Knauer family, Austin, Rick and Yasuko, Simon, Carol Ann Wooster, Joan Lauber, Donna Hall, Beverly Tanguay, Barbara Newman, Connie Woolson, Maria Stebbins, and those facing mental illness and memory loss.

If you wish to request prayers, please complete a prayer request on line or phone the church office. Prayer requests are included on our Prayer Tree and Worship Bulletin, unless other specific instructions are written.

Prayers will be listed for 4 weeks.

Please Note: If you would like to add someone other than yourself, we must know you have that person's permission.