

## CELEBRATIONS and PRAYERS

September 17, 2023

### *Please Help Us Celebrate:*

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

- **Our Visioning Team** as they work with our trustees and congregation, building a strategic plan and a faithful future for First Church!

### *This Week We Hold in Prayer:*

- **Shell Rieley and family**, as Shell awaits full diagnosis and treatment of a tumor.
- **The Rev. Lynn Bujnak, Conference Minister of the Vermont Conference UCC, and family** as they grieve the death of Lynn's beloved wife, Peg Slater who died on August 31, 2023.
- **Charlie Church**, now recovering at home. Janice Clements, of our Pastoral Care Team, is coordinating visitors and meal donations; contact her at: janclem25@gmail.com.
- **Our community, country and the world** for the building of bridges of peace and understanding.
- **Our church** that we may be born anew 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, famine, earthquakes, tornadoes, forest fires, floods, hurricanes, volcanoes, harsh government policies, gun violence, acts of terror, world conflict, evacuations, resettlements, cyberattacks, and food and housing insecurity.
- **For all military personnel** serving in harm's way.
- **Our community and all who** continue to experience the impacts of COVID-19 directly or indirectly. Healing for all who are afflicted with COVID-19 and its aftermaths.

### *We continue to hold in prayer:*

Anonymous Individuals, Carol Ann Wooster, Theresa Mazza, Rob Backus, Ann Rock, Heather Ashline, John Goodell, Sarah, Margaret Remick Ryan, Patty Thomas, Janice Claypoole, the Browne-MacDonald Family, Lincoln Safran and the Safran-Knauer family; Austin, Rick and Yasuko; Simon, Donna Hall, Beverly Tanguay, Barbara Newman, Maria Stebbins, and those facing mental illness and memory loss.

*If you wish to request prayers, please complete a prayer request online 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: To add someone other than yourself to the list, you must have that person's permission.**