

CELEBRATIONS and PRAYERS

January 28, 2024

Please Help Us Celebrate:

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

- **Prayers of deep gratitude for Amy Shortt** and her two years of beautiful music ministry. Blessings on the next steps of her journey. Prayers of comfort for all of us who will mourn this transition.
- **The Austin Handbell Choir** for six decades of sacred music and a beautiful concert.
- **Our Strategic Implementation Team**, as they work with our trustees and congregation, to prepare and implement our strategic plan for a faithful future for First Church.

This Week We Hold in Prayer:

- **Pamela and Cynthia Davis** on the passing of their father, Andy Davis on January 19, 2024. Andy was First Church's oldest member.
- **Calvin Nay** and family as they grieve the death of his sister Alma N. Draper in Morrisville on January 22, 2024.
- **Alice and John Barlow and family** on the passing of John's brother, Steve Barlow in Colorado on January 17, 2024.
- **Mary Frances Berger, mother of Tim Berger**, Tim and his family, as she is now in hospice care.
- **Jan Jackson**, as she transitions to her new home at Memory Care at Allenbrook in Williston.
- **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, Priscilla Carr, Caroline Edmunds, Maggie Trombley, Carol Ann Wooster, Theresa Mazza, Rob Backus, Ann Rock, Heather Ashline, John Goodell, Sarah, Margaret Remick Ryan, 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.*