

## CELEBRATIONS and PRAYERS

July 7, 2024

### *Please Help Us Celebrate:*

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

- **Bill Wintersteen**, who celebrated his 88th birthday on June 26, 2024.
- **Jim Hughes** who celebrated his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on July 5, 2024.
- Today we are celebrating the work of three extraordinary staff members who are leaving their roles at First Church:
  - Office Manager, **Caroline Catlin** who will start graduate school this fall, will complete her work with us on July 14;
  - **Chris Lyons-Dinh** who is completing his time as Interim Music Director with us today, and
  - Youth Leader for First Church & the College Street Church, **Jason Vanderlaan** who will enter seminary this fall is completing his youth ministry work in mid-July.

Cards and letters are welcome for Caroline, Chris and Jason at the Church Office and in Fellowship Hour today!

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

- **Doug Viehmann, Ann Vivian, and their family** as they grieve the loss of Norman J. Viehmann who passed away on June 23, 2024.
- **Our community, country, and the world** for the building of bridges of peace and understanding – 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.**
- **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, Jean Barr Koch, Priscilla Carr, Caroline Edmunds, Maggie Trombley, Carol Ann Wooster, Theresa Mazza, 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.**