

## CELEBRATIONS and PRAYERS

March 23, 2025

### *Please Help Us Celebrate:*

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

- Congratulations to Director of Congregational Life, **Ava Bilton**, who passed her final seminary exam this week. **Ava** will receive her Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary in May with *High Distinction!*
- A special **Happy Birthday to Maggie Trombley** as she celebrates on March 6th in her new home at Ethan Allen Residence in Burlington. Cards and notes are much appreciated.
- All who are celebrating birthdays in March.

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

- **The family and friends of Winston “Win” Gould Whitney** who passed away peacefully on March 4.
- **Anne Tewksbury-Frye** and family as they grieve the loss of both Anee's sister-in-law Shirley King, who died on March 2, and her cousin Sandra Harvey who died in February.
- **Sue Rivers and her family** as her husband Rick faces cancer surgery. Sue was a receptionist at First Church years ago.
- **Dan Lee and family, and the people in the Dominican Republic** who would be hurt by the loss of the vital global health program where Dan works, as the agency relies on US A.I.D. funding that is currently under threat.
- **John Floyd** as he receives chemotherapy.
- **Becky Davis** as she recovers from surgery.
- **Rob Backus**, for strength and healing as he continues his cancer treatment
- **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, Priscilla Carr, Amanda, Caroline Edmunds, Maggie Trombley, Carol Ann Wooster, Theresa Mazza, Heather Ashline, John Goodell, Sarah, Margaret Remick Ryan, Janice Claypoole, the Browne-MacDonald Family, Simon, Donna Hall, Lincoln Safran and the Safran-Knauer family; Austin, Rick and Yasuko; 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.*