

CELEBRATIONS and PRAYERS

May 11, 2025

Please Help Us Celebrate:

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

- The Ministerial Standards and Standing Committee of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ has enthusiastically recommended **Ava Bilton** for an Ecclesiastical Council – the final step in the process of ordination. Ava's "Call Sunday" (at First Church in the morning) and Ecclesiastical Council, are scheduled for Sunday June 1. The Ecclesiastical Council will take place in the afternoon during the spring meeting of the Addison Association of the Vermont Conference UCC at the New Haven Congregational Church.
- All who are celebrating birthdays in May.

This Week We Hold in Prayer:

- **Jackie Comstock** who is hospitalized in Florida, and her family as they care for her, including daughter **Jennie Coleman**, our FCCB Handbell Choir Director,
- **Jerry Browne** and family as they grieve the death of Jerry's brother, **Trevor**, on April 27, 2025.
- **Ann Vivian** as she recovers from shoulder surgery.
- **Bev Slocum** as she recovers from pneumonia – cards and notes are most welcome.
- **Karan Dewar** as she recovers from a fall causing injuries including a fractured elbow and injured wrist.
- **Dustin Bruley and family** as they grieve the May 3 death of his grandmother **Anita Bruley** and prepare for his mother **Mona Bruley's** upcoming surgery.
- **John Floyd** as he receives cancer treatment.
- **Becky Davis** as she completes radiation treatment.
- **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, wildfires, 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, Rick, 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, 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.