

The Prayers of Our People

We pray for **the scientists and medical professionals** working on the containment of the Coronavirus and vaccines for treatment. We pray for governmental leaders as they discern best paths forward. We pray for those struggling economically, as families are stretched beyond their measure.

We pray that all our schools, including our preschool, would be places of safety. May God grant wisdom, tolerance, and patients to all. We remember those students and teachers in the process of testing and waiting.

We pray for the healing of racial tensions; the reduction of violence; and justice on all sides.

We remember those of the Western States of the US that have been so impacted loss of lives and property by the fires covering nearly 4 million acres. We also remember those impacted by the landfall of recent hurricanes. They have suffered much damage, including this weekend.

Kirk Slenker returned to the hospital with a difficult bleed, this after recent by-pass surgery. The doctor did find it and we pray was able to fix the problem. At this writing he remains at Lancaster General Hospital.

Sandy Brindle will begin radiation therapy on October 12.

Gene Reisinger was hospitalized this week with low blood sodium and is now recovering at home.

Deb Gable began chemo this week and the first round holds many challenges.

Pray for **Helen Atkinson's daughter Nancy Spencer** as she is going through a difficult health crisis.

Blanche Burkins asks for prayer as doctors work to determine the best plan for recent health concerns.

Pete Atwood had an overnight diagnostic surgical procedure last Friday.

Diane Smeltzer is recovering at home after suffering a recent stroke.

Susie Strayer has had a few recent setbacks in her long struggle with severe leg injuries suffered in a fall over a year ago. She is in the hospital to facilitate consultation with specialists. We pray for recovery and strength.

Donald Diehl's sister, Mary Gail Witmer, suffered a very serious fall, breaking her neck at the c-2 vertebrae, breaking her nose, hurting her right knee and has a possible concussion. She is now at Apple Hill Rehab Hospital.

Jim Heilman, Jr. is in rehab after shoulder repair surgery.

Steve Gruber gives thanks as he has completed radiation treatments in his battle with cancer.

Maverick Gaynor, infant son of Kristin and Rob Gaynor, is under the care of an endocrinologist with a human growth hormone deficiency. A treatment plan is being developed.

Kayla Hoover has been hospitalized with a severe respiratory illness. We pray for her and her husband and children, 1 and 6 years old.

Whitney Kuhn's mother, Pam, continues a very difficult recovery after enduring several surgeries and a severe illness.

We pray for the next faithful steps of our United Methodist Denomination.

We pray for the strength of families and marriages.

We pray for those struggling with issues of meaningful employment.

We pray for those who struggle with mental illness in its many forms and those families who walk with them in their struggle.

We pray for those struggling with addictions, and those who do their best to walk alongside them in the struggle. And we pray for Tom M. and Collin who are in recovery.

These are family and friends who the journey of recovery: Ava-Kate Buckmaster, Suellen Williams, Burl Gingerich, Kevin Bush, Gail Gianneschi, Richard Anderson, Kelly Adams, Donald Paules, Ada Eaton, Hunter Hawkins, Rodney Sechrist, Kim Bacon, Charles Shoffstall, Greg Dettinger, Brent Miller, Faye Harrold, Margaret Tome, Barb Wise, Terry Knisely, David Wise, Torus Crouse, Pauline Good, Grace Neff, Adam Miller, Braxton Bull, Ruby Hoffman.

Family and friends with cancer include: Cookie Streavig, Debra Gable, Diane Eberly, Julie Wilson-Kumar, Teresa Bollis, Louise Reisinger, Vic Coble, Michael Burns.

Being aware of the dangers of serving as a first responder we are faithful in prayer. We have 5 active members who are police officers here and four others related through family. We have several others who are related to local fire and EMT services. We pray for the safety of all these.

We pray for Alex Bollis and Ryan Kuhn and all members of our armed forces in the places they serve. We pray especially for those service members pressed into service to fight the Coronavirus in a variety of ways.

Let us resolve to learn the lessons that the COVID 19 virus is trying to teach us.

A **Mission Trip** to Florida left on Thursday evening under the leadership of **Sean Garner**. Pray for the safe journey of the participants and the work they accomplish.

Margaret Tome celebrates her 90th birthday October 14. Remember her with a card at: Margaret Tome, Elmcroft Community, 2405 Knob Hill Rd, York, 17403.