

HEALTH CONCERNS

Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)
Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
Lucy Dillon (health issues)
Faye Hodges (resident at Kerner Ridge, Phone No. 336-817-5989)
Bernie Krecklow (resident at Brookdale Lawndale Park, 336-286-3432)
Judy Maxwell (hospitalized with health issues)
Fran McKinney (undergoing treatment for recurrence of cancer)
Millie Vernon (back home at 714 Madison Place Circle, Kernersville)
Rodgers White (health issues)
Ellen Watts (home recuperating from knee surgery revision on June 2)

Bolen **Marie Spainhour** (broken leg); Steve Martin (recurrence of cancer); Ron Smith (cancer); Carmen Spoon (dementia); Lila Bolen (cancer); Amy Ikerd (health issues); Marie Tuttle (breast cancer); Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)
Budkey Dennis Perdue (ICU at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem); Heather Camp (health concerns); Deb McPherson (spots on lungs and liver); Richard Hedgecock (bone cancer)
Butler Dan Barber (pancreatic cancer)
Conrad Karen O'Dell (breast cancer)
Downing Steve Miller (Shari's brother—cancer)
Kerr Roger Kerr (Kerry's cousin—health issues); Kelly Kerr (Kerry's brother—Stage 4 prostate cancer); Marla Kerr-Lawson (Kerry's sister—dialysis)
Mattingly Lisa Tuttle (stage 4 emphysema)
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—primary progressive aphasia)
Roudabush Tim Roudabush (Dottie's son—was hospitalized with seizures—now home but still being monitored for seizures); Dottie's daughter-in-law's mother (bladder cancer)
G. Sharp James Swaim (Baptist hosp. with pneumonia)
S. Sharp Maria Gomes (friend of Spence & Paulo)
Tincher JoAngie Semonco (breast cancer—surg. 12/19)
Unknown Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen (diagnosed with ALS)
S. Sharp Tyler Carter (nephew—safe travel home from Kosovo)
Vernon Prayers for family members

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Bolen **The family of Peggy Lampley**
Thach **The family of Richard Kohl** (who passed away Saturday, 7/1)



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July 9, 2023—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God. Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.

All: God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion. All creation joins us in giving thanks.

One: Give ear, all people, to the law of God. Give thanks for all the guidance God gives us.

All: God upholds all who are falling. God raises us up when we are bowed down.

One: Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. Come, for Christ has promised rest.

All: The gentle spirit of Christ invites us. We have come to find rest for our souls. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we do not understand our own actions. We turn away from the good we are intent on doing; yet, we find wisdom in your law. We delight in the idea of mutual caring and celebrating life together, but we get bogged down in our own concerns. We are too busy to seek community and too preoccupied to ponder your will for us. We go our own way, cutting ourselves off from you and one another. O God, help us to put away this sin.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)

Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's forgiveness is realized most profoundly by those who understand their own emptiness and seek the refreshment God alone can provide. We are drawn to God and to one another by the Eternal spirit who wills our unity, who offers help with the burdens we carry and invites us to find rest for our souls. Christ assures us: "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Friends, believe the good news...

All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Zechariah 9:9-12

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

"Finding Rest"

Rev. John Pruitt

*You may stand in body or spirit.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 525

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving—Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

*HYMN NO. 418

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Jul 9—Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Rusty Sudderth

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Nancy Sharp

Assisting Elders: Linda Volcek, Nancy Sharp

Lynda Self, Skip Smith

Serving Next Sunday (Jul 16)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Kae Mattingly

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