

HEALTH CONCERNS

Donna Bowman (recovering from cataract surg.)
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)
Kae Mattingly (home recovering from a stroke)
Judy Maxwell (health issues)
Fran McKinney (undergoing treatment for recurrence of cancer)
Dottie Roudabush (at Summerstone Health & Rehab Cntr., 485 Veterans Way, Kernersville, Rm. #312)
Millie Vernon (health issues)
Rodgers White (health issues)

Bolen 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)
Bowman Stephanie Piraino (daughter—cancerous thyroid removed and undergoing treatment)
Budkey Killean Phillipp (injured right leg in hit-and-run motorcycle accident—leg completely turned around and knee will have to be rebuilt); Richard Hedgecock (bone cancer)
Butler Mary & Rodney Robinson (very sick with COVID); Dan Payne (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)
Murray George Murray (recovering at home from procedure to fix two subdural hematomas)
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—primary progressive aphasia)
Pruitt **Julian Pruitt** (John's father—hospitalized with health issues)
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 **Brenda Johnson** (former choir director—assisted living in Walnut Cove); Larry Mabe (neighbor—cancer); Joyce Wyramon (neighbor—cancer)
S. Sharp Maria Gomes (friend of Spence & Paulo)
Tincher JoAngie Semonco (breast cancer—surg. 12/19)
Unknown Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)
Watts **Chandler Stewart** (cousin—metastatic kidney cancer)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen (diagnosed with ALS)
S. Sharp Tyler Carter (nephew—safe travel home from Kosovo)
Vernon Prayers for family members
Watts **Kent Watts** (Ellen's son—travelling mercies to and from the Dominican Republic)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Ken & Val Haynes (traveled safely home to North Carolina)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Bolen **The family of Betty Sullivan; The family of Marie Spainhour**



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September 10, 2023—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Tell the whole congregation of God's people: This is a day for new beginnings.

All: This is a time of God's appearing. This is the moment for faithful response.

One: Praise God in the assembly of the faithful. Make melody to God and sing a new song.

All: Praise God for life enriched by love. Praise God for love that fulfills God's law.

One: This is the hour to wake from our sleep. The energy of God's love fills this place.

All: Here we claim our identity as Christians. Here we become the church of Jesus Christ. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have not been faithful to your commands. We have been more ready to condemn than to console, more eager to justify ourselves than to work for understanding. We feed the flames of dissent instead of welcoming the freeing power of forgiveness. We gather as two or three, not to welcome your presence but to gossip about those who are absent. Our sins are destroying us, God. Turn us around to a new way of being.

(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: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we become believers. God's healing presence has come among us and dwells within us. Our openness to God's transforming love releases in us the potential for wholeness. We will be amazed at what we can do and who we can be as humble, joyous followers of the One who is the way, the truth, and the life. 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

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Exodus 12:1-14

Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

"Working Things Out"

Ellen Watts
(substituting for Rev. Pruitt)

*You may stand in body or spirit.

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 754**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

BARONITA

***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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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

***HYMN NO. 306**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Sep 10)

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Parker, Rusty Sudderth

Serving Next Sunday (Sep 17—Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Parker, Rusty Sudderth
Element Prep: Priscilla Henderson, Nancy Sharp
Assisting Elders: Nancy Sharp, Lynda Self, Mike Polinsky, Shari Downing

*You may stand in body or spirit.

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