

HEALTH CONCERNS

Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
Lucy Dillon (health issues)
Faye Hodges (resident at Arbor Ridge, 1237 Masten Dr., Apt. 121, Kernersville)
Bernie Krecklow (resident at Brookdale Lawndale Park, 336-286-3432)
Judy Maxwell (recuperating from a medical procedure on 1/19/24)
Stan Stigall (health issues)
Millie Vernon (post-lumpectomy tests revealed no additional cancer)
Rodgers White (health issues)

Bolen Bobby Crutchfield (cancer); Vivian Crutchfield (health issues); Matt Chaney (Crohn’s Disease);
Hilda Smitherman (congestive heart); Angie Wilson (possible ALS diagnosis); Steve Crutch-
field (brain lesions); 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 **Dianne & Douglas Raynor** (Dianne—broken leg and Douglas—prostate cancer); Rob Grier (102
yrs old—in ICU with double pneumonia); Becca Tate (friend—breast cancer); Richard
Hedgecock (bone cancer)

Butler Ed Tweedy (resident at Terra Bella in Greensboro)

Chaplin Elizabeth Fellicili (cancer)

Downing **Leanna Visser** (broken ankle); Steve Miller (Shari’s brother—cancer)

Joy & Jim Chip Cole (friend—brain bleed); Mickey Hull (friend—health issues)

Kerr Ed Musiol (triple by-pass); Roger Kerr (Kerry’s cousin—health issues)

Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—primary progressive aphasia)

Rodriguez Julie White (Laura’s mother—successful bursitis surgery)

Roudabush Tim Roudabush (Dottie’s son—health issues); Dottie’s daughter-in-law’s mother (health issues)

G. Sharp Brenda Johnson (former choir director—assisted living in Walnut Cove)

S. Sharp Tommy Carter (1st stage prostate cancer); Maria Gomes (friend of Spence & Paulo)

Tincher Bernice Tincher (Rich’s mom—health issues)

Unknown Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen (diagnosed with ALS)
Vernon Prayers for family members
Watts Kent Watts (Ellen’s son—recuperating from shoulder surg. and travelling mercies—travelling a
lot for his job)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Budkey Killean Phillipp (had 2nd surgery—home recuperating—supposed to walk around Christmas)

G. Sharp Rabbi & Shari Mann (safe in Jerusalem)
S. Sharp Paulo Correa (arrived home safely)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Bolen The family of Terry Marshall; The family of Amy Bolden



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May 19, 2024—Day of Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together. Will the works of God be known among us today?

All: We live in the valley of dry bones. Around and within us is emptiness.

One: God comes to us as a gentle breath or a violent wind. Catch your breath, God’s breath, and live.

All: There are stirrings deep within that give us hope. There is a Spirit linking us to one another.

One: The fires of love dispel life’s shadows. God’s Spirit comes to give us new life.

All: Surely God is in this place! May the glory of God be known among us today! Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 289

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

MUNICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When your face is hidden from us, mighty God, we forget that there is more to life than the daily pursuits that occupy our attention. We are weak because we have not tapped the resources you place within us. We are engaged only by what we can see, touch, and hear. Our frantic self-centeredness dries up our bones and we lose hope. Call us out of the graves in which we have chosen to live, the deep ruts that keep us from knowing the fullness of life you reveal when we welcome your Spirit. *(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: The Spirit helps us in our weakness, intercedes for us, and guides us into all truth. God seeks to restore us to fullness of life, to offer us hope, to assure us of our worth and value. Feel the flames of God's love resting on us, empowering us to love and serve in Christ's name. Friends, believe the good news...

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

*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*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.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

"A New Power"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

*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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ralph & Joanne Dramstad

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

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

*HYMN NO. 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

SPIRIT

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 19)

Greeters/Ushers: Wanda Sampson, Nancy Bolen

Serving Next Sunday (May 26)

Greeters/Ushers: Nancy Sharp, Lynda Self

*You may stand in body or spirit.

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