

## In Our Prayers

Deborah Masella (new cancer diagnosis)\*\*Family and friends of Claire Fowler\*\* Tina Caldwell\*\*Paul and Melissa Masi and friends mourning the loss of Hayden Steinhilper\*\*Kim Baldwin (Lori Folk-Barron's friend)\*\*Those recovering from natural disasters\*\*Diane Geiss\*\* Shirley Breedlove (Tina Caldwell's mom)\*\* Sharon Geil\*\*Sally Coleman\*\* Amanda Otfinoski, victim of a hit and run\*\* Megan Perkowski \*\*Alexander Karacsonyi \*\*Cousin Jean Farrell and Aunt Joyce Gorsky (the McKenna Family) \*\*A Friend Diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer\*\* Mark and Lynn Bailey (friends of John and Sherry Perkowski)\*\* Tim Keogh\*\* Charmaine Craggs\*\* Ashley Sibley (Bernie and Tony's great-niece)\*\*Tom Jastermsky\*\* Connie Ferrara (Sue Keogh's mom)\*\* Gabe and Jude Heidenis (Bernie and Tony's grandsons)\*\*Jack Grotti (friend of Sally Coleman)\*\* Wendy Riddle, sister of Sandy Weekes \*\* Cathy Kovi\*\* Holly Arce (Daughter-in-law of Manuel Arce and Deborah Sinon)\*\* Kyle Denson (friend of Kristen Hinckley)\*\* Sandy McCume\*\* Betsy-Sue Eisenman\*\* Hazel Rickes (Kristen Hinckley's grandmother) \*\*Anne Stevens (Ken's mother)\*\* Judy and Eric Rickes (Kristen Hinckley's parents)\*\*Janice Frey\*\*David Lick\*\* Beverly Lastig\*\* Those around the world who live in areas of conflict.



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**At the First Congregational Church, UCC of Wallingford, CT, we have discerned the following vision and mission for our faith lives together:**

### Vision

***Our faith – rooted in the compassion and teachings of Jesus Christ – is the foundation of our love for one another and service to the world around us.***

We offer a home for those seeking deeper meaning or purpose in their lives through the exploration of Jesus Christ's teachings. The love and compassion found in those teachings commit us to up lift each individual and celebrate our shared humanity.

### Mission

***We will foster spiritual growth, loving communication, and mutual care, thereby empowering us to confront issues that impact our community and the world, including poverty, isolation, and exclusion.***

We commit to developing a nurturing environment where all are loved, valued, and inspired to meaningful participation in the life of the church. Through our Christian faith, compassion, and service, we will dedicate ourselves to making a positive impact on the lives of people in our community and beyond.

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"Watercourses" by Hannah Garrity

## Third Sunday of Advent

**December 17, 2023**

**How does a weary world rejoice?**

*Be open to  
awe and wonder!*

