

Stephen Ministry Weekly Prayer Request Newsletter – January 20, 2024

Alan Van Sickel – Alan is improving slowly but surely. Please continue to pray that Alan will have complete healing from his surgery.

Jonas Brown (Brother of Jen McKay) – Jonas worked a little too hard this week and is feeling bushed. However, he is feeling better every day. Please continue to pray for complete healing.

Frank Wilkerson – Frank is feeling much better. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

Laurie Bucholtz – Laurie is feeling well now. She is having fluctuations of her blood pressure, sometimes going very low. She will have an appointment with her heart doctor on Monday of next week. Please pray her doctor will have something to keep her blood pressure steady.

Kristen and Mike Musick (office manager of and husband of Becky Roman's brother-in-law) – Kristen was released from rehab this week. Becky is not sure whether she went directly home or not. Please pray for the family to be able to manage things. Mike is still not able to bear weight on the left leg but has a positive outlook.

Ginger Lusk- Ginger is continuing to make progress with her leg movement with PT. Her muscles are loosened up. They are sore but moving. Keep praying for complete healing.

Winn Lusk – Please continue to pray for Winn as he awaits the right position to show itself for him.

Barbara Hill – Barbara saw her surgeon this week. He told her that her femoral nerve is slightly responding. The surgeon is going to give it another 3 months to try and retrack the nerve path. He does not think the nerve is dead, which is good news. She will have an MRI to check to see if she did damage to her back when she fell after she first came home. She is seeing some improvement although she still can't lift her leg. Surgeon says it may take a year before the femoral nerve can retrack. Please keep praying that this happens, and she will have a complete recovery.

Dianna Davidson– Dianna got a good report from her physical therapist this week. She feels like Dianna is getting stronger with getting back in bed and standing for more time. She is still unable to transfer herself from the bed to her wheelchair, but she is progressing toward that. Please continue to pray that one day she will be able to do this on her own.

Judy McMinn – Judy's PT reminded her this week that nerve damage is hard to treat, and that is why the process and progress are so slow. Please continue to pray that the therapist stays positive and helps Judy keep a positive attitude also and continues to work toward walking.

Jane Foreman – Jane continues to need prayer for safety, protection, and well-being as plans are made for where she will live.

Norma Boland – Norma and Dan did test positive for Covid and are both feeling better except for leftover congestion. The miracle was that Norma had no stomach indigestion or reflux while she had been sick with Covid so has had wonderful sleep at night. Please continue to pray that this will be a permanent phenomenon. If it does come back, she will reschedule the EDG she has had to reschedule two times.

Greg Spiser (brother of Mike Spiser)- Greg is slowly getting better. Mike is still having to stay on the nursing staff to get Greg out of bed so he will get stronger. Please pray they will do that on their own.

Cheryl Andrews – Someone dropped Cheryl while they were putting her in bed. She has two black eyes, but nobody will own up to it. Please continue to pray for loving care from her nurses and freedom from her anxiety.

Brent Lawrence (nephew of Mike Spiser) – Brent has developed a blood infection and will have heart valve surgery in a few weeks. Please pray his blood infection is cured before he needs his surgery. Brent's mother has been getting chemotherapy and had a bad reaction to the additional medication, Keytruda. She had seizures and is having to learn how to walk again. Please pray for her also.

Paula Galt – Paula remains in hospice care. Please continue to pray for peace and comfort for her.

Roger Pautsch – Roger had the 4th of 6 PT sessions at home this week. After next week, he will go to outpatient rehab. They have not decided what location he will have the PT. He has had pain, but pain that was expected after such a knee surgery. Continue to pray he will have a complete recovery and will get back on his feet.

Dorothy Sipes – As always, please continue to pray for Dorothy to have peace and comfort as she remains in hospice.

Donna Denton (Sister-in-law of Sandy Kelley) – Donna had her first infusion this week. She had tingling in her fingers and terrible coldness. She gets the pump removed today or tomorrow. Her next infusion will be January 30. Please pray she can tolerate the drugs and infusions with minimal side effects. Please pray her spirits will stay up throughout the treatment for her cancer.

Tiffany Montesano – Tiffany's Social Security Benefits were stopped this month. Please pray they will be started again after Tiffany and Jeff appealed the decision and requested a hearing. She has an appointment with her cardiologist in the first week of March. They are to call if her symptoms get worse. As always, keep her in your prayers for all her medical needs.

Geo Montesano – Geo will return to school next Tuesday; please pray he makes the transition again and will do well enough to graduate in the spring.

Hank Brueggen – Hank was unable to have his chemotherapy this week because of low blood pressure. They are going to do a scan on Hank next Thursday to see what needs to be done at this time. Please continue to pray that the scan will show improvement and for Hank to have blood pressure stabilization in order for him to have chemo if he needs it.

Carol Hall – A reminder that Carol will have her scan on Monday, January 22, to see if her cancer is gone. Please pray the scans show no cancer. Also, pray that the immunotherapy will continue with no side effects to keep the cancer from coming back.

Beth Bidne – Beth started her infusion chemotherapy this week. The first day was a little rough but much better now. Two more to go. The surgeon has scheduled her surgery reversal the first week of March. She has asked for prayer to relieve the hand and foot syndrome (still causing a lot of pain) and prayer that everything stays on track.

Cindy Wilkerson (DIL of Frank and Nadine Wilkerson) – Cindy is still having some very rough days with her cancer treatment. She had tests this week to see progress but has not heard results yet. Please pray for stabilization of her blood pressure and pray that her tests show good results.

Mary Jane Svejkovsky – Mary Jane had heart doctor appointment today. Everything seems to be about the same. She feels she is doing okay. Please pray her heart problems will remain stable.

Mary Desmukes – Mary is still at her daughters' house. If I know what decision is made about her living at home again, I will let everyone know. Thanks for all your prayers.

Kelli Pavelko (daughter of Cheryl Pavelko) – Please pray for Kelli to have hope concerning her health. Pray that she returns to Jesus as that hope.

Elaine Talbot – Elaine will have her meeting with the oncologist that will direct her cancer care on January 29. Please continue to pray that Elaine will like her oncologist and will have trust in the physician.

John Talbot – John has decided to not have the second stint replacement in his ear. Please pray that his ear will continue to heal, though maybe slower, and he will have complete healing.