

A Vigil of Prayer
for those on
The Way
with us
– to Easter and beyond

Please set aside some time each, day between the end of the Maundy Thursday service and the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday, to remember our Way participants in your prayers.

Introducing our Way Participants. . .



Tim and Mary Fallihee

Married for 59 years, Tim and Mary are originally from the Seattle and Portland areas and have recently returned. They have two grown children, Julie and Jason.

Now retired, Mary worked in property management and enjoys what she calls a “wonderfully normal life”. She seeks prayers for faith and acceptance so she can continue to grow, even beyond her comfort zone. Tim retired as Director of Sales from Pentel of America and seeks prayers to help him continue to grow in his faith and to do so within the community of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church.



Melanie Hayden

Born in New York, Melanie has also lived in such diverse places as Florida and Hong Kong and she moved to Seattle in 2008. She has two adult daughters (Erin and Elise). With an undergraduate degree in psychology and a MBA, Melanie has worked for Kaiser Permanente (formerly Group Health) for twelve years.

Coming to PRLC, seeking connection with others and with a desire to receive Jesus’ love to help her better love and appreciate her own strengths so that she can better share that love with others, Melanie hopes to use her gifts for listening and friendship with those she gets to know here. She is very concerned about climate change and the issues it presents for the next generations and hopes to connect with others to contribute to solutions to the problems caused by this issue. Melanie asks for prayers for herself and for all working to combat the effects of the changing climate. She is also making a lot of changes in her life this year and welcomes prayers for clarity, success, and courage to navigate her way through these changes.



Peter and Liz Wakeman

Peter and Liz have recently come to Phinney with their exceptionally adorable children, Clementine and Abbott. Liz holds a Masters of Education in School Counseling and has worked with youngsters in elementary through high school. Peter is a graduate of UW and began his own business over ten years ago.

Peter is new to congregational life but brings an open heart and a welcoming mind to this experience and asks for prayers to help him grow in his faith with the help of this community. Liz seeks prayers to help her open her heart to God and a new church community after a painful past experience with a church.



Martha Diesner

Seattle native, Martha Diesner earned her BA in economics from UW and then went on a solo backpacking trip through Europe after which she stayed in Germany to work at an American Army base for four years. After returning to the U.S., Martha attended Dallas Theological Seminary in order to receive formal Biblical training and to explore her interest in overseas ministry. After discerning that this was not her call, Martha returned to Seattle and has worked for the King County Finance Department for 20 years.

She brings levity, inquisitiveness, and the willingness to pitch in to the PRLC community and Martha is eager to develop relationships that extend beyond Sundays. Martha asks for prayers for perseverance as she strives to take risks and grow in all areas of her life, especially in accepting Jesus' love for her and sharing that love with others.



Diana Brooking

After growing up in San Diego and later moving to Wisconsin, Diana moved to Seattle in 1997 to work as a librarian at the University of Washington.



Paul Facchini and Ethelyn Abellanosa

Ethelyn was born into a loving family with two wonderful parents and a younger brother. After attending UW, she worked for the first Filipino American elected Washington State Legislator followed by a career in the museum field since 1998.

Ethelyn loves spending as much time in Hawaii as she can as it is there where she feels closest to God and Jesus. She welcomes prayers especially for healing from problems with her elbow and knees.

Hailing from a large family (six siblings) in Edmonds, Paul is a graduate of Edmonds Community College and Western Washington University, has worked in the philanthropic sector since 1999, and he and Ethelyn married in 2010. Asking Jesus to continue to provide him with insight and understanding as he studies and reflects on Biblical stories and God's purposes for him, Paul hopes to continue learning, finding peace in his daily life, enjoying the company of fellow parishioners, and continuing to volunteer in the food bank and in other roles as needed. Paul welcomes prayers for his father who struggles with multiple health issues, and for friends and loved ones as well as for our city, country, and the world.



Christine Skow

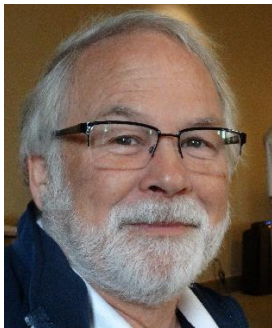
Originally from Coral Gables Florida, Christine graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and moved to Seattle in 1982. After working for many years in Labor and Delivery, she spent the latter part of her career working in quality assurance and

doing nursing home inspections for the State of WA. Her faith and her church are the anchors in her life and so Christine seeks to grow daily in God's grace and to become an active member of PRLC beginning by serving as an usher and a lector. She asks for prayers to help her to grow spiritually and for a former coworker who has late-stage Parkinson's disease and a cousin who has late-stage MS.



David Gissel

David is a mechanical engineer who was born and raised in the Roman Catholic tradition in Wisconsin, and is the loving uncle of six nieces and nephews. Having worked all over the East Coast and Western Europe for 15 years, David moved to Seattle six years ago. He seeks a life that brings true satisfaction and fulfillment and believes that following the teachings of the church is the best way to lead a meaningful life and that Jesus has offered him the gift of health and openness. David hopes to serve in this community by sharing his skills in faith formation classes and through outreach activities like the food bank. Striving to risk openness to the way of Christ rather than secular beliefs that bring short-term pleasure rather than long-term fulfillment, David welcomes prayers to empower him on this journey and for prayers to help him find a like-minded life partner with whom he can share this journey.



Paul Schwehn

Having grown up in Lake Oswego, Oregon, Paul has recently retired from over 21 years of work for the Mars/Wrigley Candy company. As he now strives to grow in his empathy for and service to those in need, he hopes to find ways to serve in his community of faith by helping the homeless through the building of homes or helping to provide food for the hungry. Paul asks for prayers for his daughter, Stephanie, and her family as she struggles daily with bi-polar illness and for his partner, Anita, as she cares for her son with special needs.



Grace Miles

Grace was born in Burlington, Vermont but grew up here in Washington. After earning her undergraduate degree in Sociology and Computer Science from Princeton University, Grace went on to graduate from Cambridge University with a Masters of Sociology in Marginality and Exclusion. In 2020, Grace returned to Washington to work at Amazon and in 2022 became engaged to Daniel (the wedding is scheduled for next year). Recently Grace has been praying the verse, “Be still and know that I am God” in order to become more open to receiving Jesus as Savior and having a more active relationship with him in her everyday life while being open to where God is leading. By sharing her gifts in singing and/or service, Grace looks forward to becoming an active member of this community and she welcomes prayers for discernment about her vocation and direction about when to make a career shift as she is currently exploring applying for a position related to public housing and housing policy/programs.



Andrew MacPhearson

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Barb Portouw & Jim Muellers