

## In Memory, 2024

Continuing a UUFM tradition, this is the 26<sup>th</sup> time we have devoted the Sunday before Memorial Day to remembering and reflecting on the lives of those who have died in the last year, from around the world, around the country, and from our community. As Walt Whitman put it, “And of these one and all I weave the song of myself.”

This tradition started in 1999, when Tony Filipovitch would read Rev. Sarah Oelberg’s sermon to our fellowship while she delivered it to the Hanska congregation. That was so long ago that we were still printing it out on computer “part-paper” (although we were both such techies that she sent the file by e-mail!). The Fellowship enjoyed the service so much that, after Sarah retired, Tony kept up the tradition.

Worship Leader: Tony Filipovitch

**Opening Music:** Samuel Barber, Adagio for Strings <https://youtu.be/Hc8gYoXkLZ4>  
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## We Gather and Invite

### Greetings from the Whole Congregation

### Bell Chime

**Call to Worship:** “At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”  
Albert Schweitzer

### Welcome:

Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato. All you here today, you are all welcome in this time we make sacred together. All—all—are loved, worthy, and needed. Our human differences are sacred and make us strong. Here, you can bring your whole self. The Dakota people, who stewards of the land on which our Fellowship building sits, remind us that we are all related and should seek to be good relatives.

I am the Tony Filipovitch, a member of this congregation and honored and humbled to lead you in today’s worship, along with so many others who have come together as greeters and tech support and children’s programming and coffee hour to make this day happen.

## We Center Ourselves to Worship/Shape Worth

### Chalice Lighting:

*We are a welcoming people of diverse beliefs who commit to nourish the spirit, broaden the mind, nurture the earth, and build community. May this flame we kindle remind us to strive, today and every day, to love beyond belief.*

**Sorrows & Joys:** As we gather here today, we each come as we are, bringing with us into this space our own joys and sorrows. Some of those are so deeply felt that you wrote them down as you came into this place to share with all of us. This is what you wrote:

**Singing Prayer:** To the tune of #1002 (teal hymnal) by Mimi Borstein

*Comfort me. Share my joy.*

*Comfort me, oh my soul. (2x)*

**Giving:** We are a religious community because we share meaning, identity, and purpose. We sustain our religious community because we share our financial resources. While the basket is being passed, let's listen to a song written and sung by **Terry Kirkman**, founder of the 60's pop group The Association, who died this year age 83. They had such hits as "Cherish," "Along Came Mary," "Windy," "Never My Love." He left performing to become an addiction counsellor. Let's listen to another of their hits, "Requiem for the Masses."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0b8G3TwspI>

**Story for All Ages:** Another who died this year was **Laurent de Brunhoff**, 98. Author and illustrator, he carried on his father's work of creating the *Babar the Elephant* books. Revisit your childhood listening to *Babar and His Family*, read by our Children's Faith Director, Macey Forsyth.

**Reading:** **Louise Gluck**, died this year at age 80. American poet and author, she was the Poet Laureate of the United States from 2003-4. Her writing has been awarded the Pulitzer Prize, National Humanities Medal, National Book Award, National Book Critics Circle Award, and Bollingen Prize. And, in 2020, the Nobel Prize in Literature. This is her poem, "Crossroads":

My body, now that we will not be traveling together much longer  
I begin to feel a new tenderness toward you, very raw and unfamiliar,  
like what I remember of love when I was young —

love that was so often foolish in its objectives  
but never in its choices, its intensities  
Too much demanded in advance, too much that could not be promised —

My soul has been so fearful, so violent;  
forgive its brutality.  
As though it were that soul, my hand moves over you cautiously,

not wishing to give offense  
but eager, finally, to achieve expression as substance:

it is not the earth I will miss,  
it is you I will miss.

## Meditation

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#### We Turn to the Larger World with Renewed Commitment

**Final Song:** Finally, **Melanie Ann Safka Schekeryk** died this year age 76. Mostly known by just her first name, Melanie was known in the 70s for such hits as "Brand New Key," "What Have They Done to My Song Ma," "Lay Down (Candles in the Rain)," and her cover of the Rolling Stones' "Ruby Tuesday." Personally, my favorites were the children's song, "Alexander Beetle," her ode to vegetarianism, "I Don't Eat Animals," and her glorious send-up "Psychotherapy" (sung to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"). Let's listen to her song "Peace Will Come."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkY2ZrVSUM8>

**Chalice Extinguishing:** *We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

**Benediction** (from Oedipus at Colonus, Sophocles):

"Now let weeping cease. Let no one mourn again. For all these things are in the hands of god."  
Go in peace, as we sing together our closing song.

**Closing Song:** "Longtime Sun"

### **Meditation:**

“Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.” Take a moment to center yourself, sit still and breathe in/breathe out, and take time to remember and reflect on the lives of those who have died in the last year, from around the world, around the country, and from our community.

You have heard our singing bowl, a parting gift to us from Rev. Rita Capezzi, as we ring it during our services. Have you noticed how it catches color as the sun, coming through our windows, shines on it? The flame within it comes was lit from without. And its tone, when struck, ripples out well beyond its own immediate space and transforms the aural space of this entire sanctuary.

Walt Whitman begins *Song of Myself* with “I celebrate myself, and sing myself,/and what I assume you shall assume, for every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you.” But as he explores his “self,” he states: “Has any one supposed it lucky to be born? / I hasten to inform him or her it is just as lucky to die, and I know it./I pass death with the dying and birth with the new-wash’d babe, and am not contain’d between my hat and boots,/And peruse manifold objects, no two alike and every one good,/...I am the mate and companion of people, all just as immortal and fathomless as myself....” In one stanza, he lists 60 different people who are part of himself, from the contralto in the organ loft to the mate in the whaleboat to the newly-come immigrant to the one-year wife recovering from childbirth to the opium eater who is dozing to the President holding a Cabinet meeting to the prostitute dragging her shawl, and concludes “And these tend inward to me, and I tend outward to them,/And such as it is to be of these more or less I am,/And of these one and all I weave the song of myself.”

So, today we gather to recall some of the multitude who have made us who we are. Some will be remembered for the good that they did. Some will be remembered for the harm that they wrought. Some will be remembered for both at the same time. It’s complicated. Towards the end of *Song of Myself*, in one of my favorite lines in all of poetry, Whitman declares: “Do I contradict myself?/Very well then I contradict myself,(I am large, I contain multitudes).” But all have had a hand in shaping us, each of us unique yet all of us in common.

For some of us, those who have died this year are not just names we heard in the news, nor even some celebrity or public person whose life we have followed in some detail. For some of us, the life of someone very close to us has ended recently. Sometimes, maybe oftentimes, our memories of those we’ve loved are full of grieving. And the grief never goes away. As Bonhoeffer wrote, “Nothing can make up for the absence of someone whom we love.... (T)he gap, as long as it remains unfilled, preserves the bond between us. It is nonsense to say that God fills the gap; God doesn’t fill it, but on the contrary keeps it empty and so helps us to keep alive our former communion with each other, even at the cost of pain.” But, with time and grace, the grief steps down a bit and the hot tears mingle and melt into warm memories.

So, I will ring the bowl and read the names and say a little about some of those who have died in this last year. There is not time to read everyone’s name—a longer list will be posted on our website, but even that list is incomplete. As the tone from the bowl spreads out to fill the space and then slowly dies away, so have they. As it does, take this time to “... think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

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Lest we forget, this was, yet again, a year marked by violence—

- We don't have a decent count of the number of innocent bystanders killed in the war in Ukraine, nor of the number of combatants killed on both sides, nor of the war in Israel and Gaza, or the civil war in Sudan, or Myanmar, or the Maghreb of North Africa—not to mention “lesser” wars in Yemen, Syria, and Ethiopia.
- 83 people killed in major mass shootings in the US over the last year.

**From the “Greatest Generation,” (1901-1924) those born in the time of “The Great War” and the Spanish Flu Epidemic (yes, there are still a few of them around):** They include

**Norman Lear**, 102. American screenwriter and producer, he created *All in the Family*, *Maude*, *Sanford and Son*, *One Day at a Time*, *The Jeffersons*, and *Good Times*.

**Francoise Gilot**, 101. An accomplished painter, watercolorist, and ceramist who had her own independent career, although she is probably best known as Picasso's mistress (he was 40 years older than she) and had two children, Claude and Paloma, with him. She earned her BA in philosophy from the Sorbonne and a degree in English Literature from Cambridge, and at her father's insistence studied law at Rennes (but she skipped classes to study art instead).

**Juli Lynne Charlot**, 101. A singer by trade, she created the fashion icon of the 50's, the poodle skirt. Although her mother was a seamstress, she could not sew (“I didn't want to be a drudge,” she said). But, invited to a party when she was between jobs and husbands, she took her scissors to a bolt of felt and appliqued some designs to it—and soon every girl wanted one! A singer by trade, she married four times, “to two millionaires, a royal count and a son of a” — pause for a beat — “baron.”

**Henry Kissinger**, 100. German-born American diplomat and political scientist, he was Secretary of State to two presidents, adviser to a third, and active even in his 90s. A practitioner of *realpolitik*, his legacy is a complicated one—he guided Nixon in the opening to China, but also in the carpet-bombing of Cambodia and the overthrow and assassination of Chile's Salvador Allende.

**James Buckley**, 99. Senator from New York, Undersecretary of State for President Reagan, and Senior Judge for the US Court of Appeals, DC Circuit. He was one of the few people in modern times to have served in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the American federal government.

**Bob Barker**, 99. Longtime host of *The Price Is Right*.

**Al Quie**, 99. Farmer, Congressman, and Governor of Minnesota, known for his compassion, his conservative values, and his ability to form partnerships across the aisle.

**Sr. Mary Tacheny, SSND, 99.** Local kid who grew up on a farm near Mankato, she entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame and became a school principal. In her retirement (hah!) she created the Center for Earth Spirituality (now the Living Earth Center) on Good Counsel hill.

**From the “Silent Generation,” (1925-1945) those who were born in the Great Depression and the Second World War (and as you might expect, the largest number I will mention today):** Forgive me for the many I omit—even this list is SO long!

### **International Affairs**

**Jacques Delors, 98.** Former President of the European Commission, he led the drive to remove barriers to the free movement of capital, goods, services and people throughout Europe. He was a key figure in creating the European Central Bank and the euro currency. The EU has been called “the house that Jacques built.”

**Brian Mulroney, 84.** Prime Minister of Canada, he led the country into the NAFTA trade agreement between Canada, Mexico, and the US.

### **National Affairs: People Whose Contributions Changed the Way We Live**

**Rosalynn Carter, 96.** Wife of President Jimmy Carter, theirs was a lifelong partnership, both when he was in office and afterwards in their work for mental health, nonprofit housing, and civil issues (among others).

**Amitai Etzioni, 94.** Born Werner Falk, the German-born Israeli-American sociologist is best known for his work on socioeconomics and communitarianism. He founded the Communitarian Network, a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to supporting the moral, social, and political foundations of society. As a child, his parents fled the growing Nazi threat eventually ending up in a commune in Palestine. There he adopted the Hebrew name “Amitai,” which means “truth.” He dropped out of high school to join the Palmach (a guerilla force that fought the British to create the State of Israel), and to protect his identity adopted the surname “Etzioni.” Despite (or perhaps because of) his guerilla experience, he later became a peace activist. He wrote over 30 books, half academic (such as *The Active Society* and *The Moral Dimension*) and half popular (such as *The Spirit of Community*).

**Charles Hamilton, 94.** He coined the phrase “institutional racism,” and along with Stokely Carmichael wrote *Black Power: The Politics of Liberation*. The Wallace Sayer Professor of Government at Yale University, he was one of the first African-Americans to hold an endowed chair at an Ivy League University.

**Sandra Day O'Connor**, 93. First woman appointed to the Supreme Court, she was a centrist who provided the swing vote on many key issues of her time. After retiring from the Court to care for her ailing husband, she served as Chancellor of the College of William and Mary.

**Pat Robertson**, 93. Son of Virginia Senator A Willis Robertson, a conservative Democrat. An ordained Southern Baptist minister (albeit he was drawn to charismatic and evangelical side), he combined religion and politics, heading up the Christian Broadcasting Network and Regent University, hosting the TV show *The 700 Club*, running as a candidate for president in the 1988 primaries.

**Robert MacNeal**, 93. Canadian-American journalist who created the Robert MacNeal Report which became, with Jim Lehrer, the MacNeal-Lehrer News Hour, and now is The PBS News Hour.

**Daniel Ellsberg**, 92. Economist and military analyst, while working for the RAND corporation he copied and released to the New York *Times* the Pentagon Papers, a set of internal documents which showed the military was lying about the Viet Nam War. He expected to be imprisoned, and did not flee when he was identified, and was indicted under the Espionage Act of 1917 along with other charges of theft and conspiracy. Because of governmental misconduct and illegal evidence-gathering (which were committed by the same people who were later involved in the Watergate Scandal), the charges against him were dismissed. Later in life he was awarded the Right Livelihood Award and the Olof Palme Prize for his humanism and courage.

**Charles Feeney**, 92. American businessman who made his fortune in duty-free shopping. Early in his 50s, he had homes in New York, London, Paris, Aspen, and the French Riviera, yachts and private jets. And he gave it all away—\$8 billion—to philanthropic causes before he died. Most of his giving was anonymous, but it is known that he gave to AIDS and HIV work, public health in Viet Nam and Haiti, to his alma mater (Cornell), and to the Northern Ireland peace process. Warren Buffet, Bill & Melinda Gates, and Jeff Bezos cite him as their inspiration. He lived in a 2-bedroom apartment in San Francisco and took public transportation and taxis, flew economy class and carried his books and papers onboard in a plastic bag.

**Arlen Erdahl**, 92. Born in Blue Earth, MN, he represented Minnesota's First Congressional District for two terms until he was unseated by Tim Penny. Before that, he served as MN Secretary of State, and after the US Congress he served as Associate Director for the Peace Corps and Assistant Secretary of Energy in the Reagan and Bush administrations.

**Dianne Feinstein**, 90. For 31 years, US Senator from California. Before that, she served on the Board of Supervisors for San Francisco, and then served for 10 years as mayor following the assassination of Mayor George Mascone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. She authored the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban, was the first woman to have chaired the Senate Rules Committee and the Senate Intelligence Committee, she also chaired the Senate Intelligence Committee and was the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. She won her 2012 reelection with almost 8 million votes, the most by any Senator in history.

**Daniel Kahneman**, 90. Israeli-American psychologist and economist, he is known as the “grandfather of behavioral economics.” With his co-author Amos Tversky, he published research

which challenged the assumption of rational choice which underlies much of economic theory. He was awarded the Nobel in Economics in 2002.

**Nancy Schuster, 90.** American “cruciverbalist.” I had to include her if for no other reason than the name of her profession. She began her career designing crossword puzzles for her PTA newsletter when her children were in school. She went on to compete in tournaments and wrote and edited the famous (infamous?) New York Times Crossword Puzzle.

**David Harris, 89.** When he was hired by American Airlines in 1964, he became the first Black pilot on a major commercial airline.

**Ada Deer, 88.** Scholar and civil servant, she served as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs under President Clinton. She was a member of the Menominee tribe in Wisconsin.

**Roger Payne, 88.** He started a worldwide environmental conservation movement when he discovered that whales could sing, and then published their songs in “Songs of the Humpback Whale.”

**James Watt, 85.** Secretary of the Interior under Ronald Reagan, he opened up nearly all of America's coastal waters to oil and gas drilling, widened access to coal on federal lands, and eased restrictions on strip-mining. He resigned after controversially remarking that a panel reviewing his coal-leasing policies had “every kind of mixture—I have a Black. I have a woman, two Jews and a cripple.”

**Joe Lieberman, 82.** For 24 years, Senator from Connecticut. He was Al Gore’s running mate in the 2000 Presidential election—the first Jewish candidate on a major party’s presidential ticket. He finished his Senate career as an Independent.

**Ramona Edelin, 78.** She founded the first African-American Studies program at Northeastern University in 1972, and popularized the use of that term. She also served as President of the National Urban Coalition.

## Writers

**Milan Kundera, 94.** Czech/French novelist and poet. He was twice expelled from the Czech communist party for being a gadfly, and was stripped of his Czech citizenship after he went into voluntary exile to France. Later in life, he considered his writing to be part of French literature and he wrote in French. His best-known work is *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*.

**N. Scott Momaday, 89.** American novelist, essayist and short-story writer, he was the first Native American to be awarded a Pulitzer Prize in fiction. He was later awarded the National Medal of Arts.

**Antonia Susan “A.S.” Byatt, 87.** She is best known for such novels as *Possession* and *The Children's Book* and her collection of short stories, *The Djinn in the Nightingale's Eye*. She was also a university professor, teaching for 11 years at University College London. Educated for a while at a Quaker boarding school, she later said, “I am not a Quaker, of course, because I’m anti-Christian and the



Quakers are a form of Christianity but their religion is wonderful — you simply sat in silence and listened to the nature of things."

**Vernor Vinge**, 79. Mathematician and computer scientist by training, he wrote influential science fiction novels and coined the phrase "cyberspace." He won Hugo Award for his novels *A Fire Upon the Deep*, *A Deepness in the Sky*, and *Rainbows End*, and his novellas *Fast Times at Fairmont High* and *The Cookie Monster*.

## Performers on Screen and Television

**Dolores Conchita Figueroa del Rivero Anderson**, 91. Singer, actress, but above all a dancer, for more than 65 years she held court on Broadway beginning in 1950 with *Guys and Dolls*, playing key roles in *West Side Story*, *Chicago*, *The Kiss of the Spiderwoman*, *Sweet Charity*, and *Bye Bye Birdie*, and finishing in 2015 with *The Visit*. She won 2 Tony Awards, was the first Latina to win Kennedy Center Honors and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She started her career with stage name "Chita O'Hara," but quickly changed it to "Chita Rivera."

**Piper Laurie**, 91. Born Rosetta Jacobs, she was an American actress known for her roles in the films *The Hustler* (1961), *Carrie* (1976), and *Children of a Lesser God* (1986), and the miniseries *The Thorn Birds* (1983).

**David McCallum**, 90. Scottish actor and musician, best known for his roles as Ilya Kuryakin in *The Man from UNCLE* and Dr. Donald "Ducky" Mallard on *NCIS*. He was also a classically trained oboist and composed, performed, and recorded music.

**Alan Arkin**, 89. Actor, director, producer, and screen writer. He won an Academy Award for his performance as the foul-mouthed grandfather in *Little Miss Sunshine*. He also won a BAFTA Award, a Golden Globe Award, and a Tony Award as well as nominations for six Emmy Awards.

**Lou Gossett, Jr.**, 87. We know him as an actor—he started on Broadway at age 17, including playing opposite Sidney Poitier in *Raisin in the Sun* (both the stage and the film versions). He was awarded an Emmy for his role as Fiddler in *Roots*. He won an Academy Award for his role as Sargeant Foley in *An Officer and a Gentleman*, the first African-American male to win Supporting Actor. What you may not know about him, he was offered to play for the New York Knicks (he declined, to continue stage acting) and performed as a folk singer.

**Tom Smothers**, 86. The older of the Smothers Brothers, for 3 years in the late 60's their *Comedy Hour* was one of the smartest, edgiest shows on TV. Tommy played the dumb one, who messed up and pretended he had intended that, and when his younger brother upbraided him for it, he'd shout, "Mother always liked you best!" When Tommy mumbled, "God knows I tried!" Dicky snapped back, "Name-dropper!" They fought constantly with the network censors, and were finally cancelled mid-season. When they were awarded an honorary Emmy 40 years later, Tom thanked the writers who, he said, got him fired.

**Michael Gambon**, 82. Irish/English actor. He began his career with Laurence Olivier as one of the original members of the Royal National Theater. He is best known across the pond for his stage roles, both Shakespearean and contemporary. You might know him from some of his film work, like

*The King's Speech* or *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. But he is perhaps best known for his turn as Prof. Dumbledore in the later Harry Potter films.

**Richard Roundtree**, 81. Known as “the first Black action hero,” he played the lead in the movie, *Shaft*. He also found some success on stage and TV.

**Bernard Hill**, 79. British actor, best known for his roles as Captain Smith in *Titanic* and Theoden King in *The Lord of the Rings*.

## Music

**Anthony Benedetto (Tony Bennett)**, 96. The “singing waiter” who, over a 7-decade career, championed the Great American Songbook (and sang duets with Lady Gaga and continuing performing even after he was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s).

**Randy Sparks**, 90. Founder of The New Christy Minstrels, he helped start the folk music revival of the 1960s. Inspired by Burl Ives, he wrote folk-inspired hit songs like “Green, Green” and “Today.” His group was also the training ground for many musicians who went off on their own, like Kenny Rogers, Kim Carnes, Barry McGuire, and Henry John Deutschendorf Jr., who found fame as John Denver.

**Bernard Nierow (Peter Nero)**, 89. Concert pianist who mixed classical and jazz music. He could play classical music with his left hand and pop-jazz with his right, and once introduced a piece saying “My right hand will be playing ‘Tea for Two,’ while my left hand will play Tchaikovsky’s Fifth. My left foot will be fiercely tapping out the traditional rhythm to the Tahitian fertility dance. My right foot will not be doing too much. It will just be excited.” He released 72 albums, and won two Grammys.

**Johann Peter Schickele**, 88. You probably know him best as the presenter of the work of PDQ Bach, the “youngest and oddest of JS Bach’s 20-odd children,” composer of such work as *The Abduction of Figaro*, *Good King Kong Looked Out*, the *Trite Quintet* (S. 6 of 1), “O Little Town of Hackensack”, “A Little Nightmare Music,” and the dramatic oratorio *Oedipus Tex*, featuring the “Okay Chorale”. He declared his “home base” as the University of Southern North Dakota at Hoople, where he held tenure as “Very Full Professor” of “musicology” and “musical pathology”. While there he invented such musical instruments as the “dill piccolo” (for playing sour notes) and the “tromboon” (“a cross between a trombone and a bassoon, having all the disadvantages of both”). But he also orchestrated and arranged three albums for Joan Baez (including *Noel* and *Baptism*), composed the score for the 1972 film, “*Silent Running*,” wrote and performed the music for the Broadway show *Oh Calcutta!*, and hosted the classical music radio program, “Schickele Mix,” on Public Radio Intl. in the 1990s. And he wrote over 100 serious classical music compositions. He won 5 Grammys, mostly in the Music Comedy category.

**Steve Lawrence**, 88. Popular nightclub singer, best known for his recording of “Go Away Little Girl.” He also performed and recorded with his wife, Eydie Gorme (who had her own hit singles).

**Astrud Gilberto**, 83. She sang “The Girl from Ipanema,” which won a Grammy for Record of the Year and earned a nomination for her as best female singer. The single of the song sold over a million records and went gold—for which she was paid a session fee of \$120.

**Cynthia Weil**, 82. Grammy-winning lyricist and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member (at her induction, she said, “I thought you’d never ask!”). Probably her most famous song is “You’ve Lost That Loving Feeling” for the Righteous Brothers (who at first wanted to pass, thinking it sounded more like the Everly Brothers), but she also wrote “Here You Come Again” for Dolly Parton, “Blame It on the Bossa Nova” for Eydie Gorme, “Make Your Own Kind of Music” for Mama Cass Elliot, “Nobody But You” for Gladys Knight, “On Broadway” for The Drifters, “Uptown” for The Crystals, “Walkin in the Rain” for the Ronettes, and “We Gotta Get Out of This Place” for The Animals. By the way, “We Gotta Get Out of This Place” was the theme song for my senior class when I was in the Seminary in Detroit.

## Art

**Richard Serra**, 85. American sculptor, he studied English literature in college while working as a steel worker (he went on to earn an MFA in Art from Yale). He is best known for his large creations in steel that interact with the landscape in which they are embedded, like *Tilted Arc*, *Tilted Spheres*, *Matter of Time*, and *Hours of the Day*.

**Frank Stella**, 83. Painter, sculptor, and print maker, known for his abstractionism and minimalism.

## Sports

**Al Shaver**, 96. Minnesota North Stars play-by-play announcer.

**Dorrel Norman Elvert “Whitey” Herzog**, 92. He played outfield for 7 years with the Washington Senators, but he is best known as a coach and manager. As farm system director, he helped the New York Mets win the 1969 World Series. As manager, he led the Kansas City Royals to three consecutive playoff appearances and the St. Louis Cardinals to three World Series appearances.

**Brooks Robinson**, 86. For 23 seasons, he played third base for the Baltimore Orioles. Although he had a career batting average of .267, he was best known for his defensive play. He was voted an All Star 18 times and won the Golden Glove Award 16 times.

**Cale Yarborough**, 84. Four-time NASCAR champion, but probably best known for his fist-fight with Donnie Allison after they tangled and spun out in the final lap of the Daytona 500.

**Bob Knight**, 83. Basketball coach, for a long time at Indiana University, known for his trophies and for his tantrums.

**Dick Butkus**, 80. Chicago Bears linebacker and Hall of Famer.

## Regional

**Tony Bouza, 94.** Often controversial Chief of Police in Minneapolis. Born in Galicia, Spain, he came to the US at age 9 and grew up in New York. He joined the police force there and rose through the ranks to become assistant chief. Don Fraser brought him in as an outsider and reformer to reorganize the Minneapolis department after a series of scandals under his predecessor. His tenure was marked by friction with the Police Officers' Union, and negative press as his wife, Erica, was repeatedly arrested for anti-militarism protests against Honeywell. After his retirement, Bouza frequently testified for the defense alleging police mistreatment.

**Brett Taylor, 94.** Owner of Brett's Department Store in Mankato, and longtime community activist.

**Florian Chimielewski, 93.** State Senator and polka band leader—he was still playing the year of his death.

**Howard Swenson, 93.** Farmer and breeder of registered Holsteins, he represented Nicollet County for 5 terms in the MN House. Before that, he served 12 years on the School Board.

**Paul Tarabek, 93.** Longtime violist for the Mankato Symphony Orchestra.

**Don Glines, 92.** Founder and guiding light for the Wilson Laboratory School at MSU, a national model for many years until the Legislature withdrew its funding.

**Tom Frederick, Sr. 90.** With his brothers, founder of The Happy Chef restaurant chain—and Ruttles and Stoneys restaurants in Mankato.

**Bernie Koenigs, 85.** For 55 years, “Bernie the Barber” at Y Barbers in Mankato.

**Gene Hoffman, 80.** He started out as a physics/math teacher, then with his wife Margo founded Nicollet South Bike Shop.

**Ogden Confer, 78.** CFO of Hubbard Milling, fourth generation of his family in the business. He was also a philanthropist and supporter of the arts, especially Asian arts.

## Local

*Schools—MSU & Gustavus*

**Bill Lass, 94. Thomas (“Tim”) Kiecker, 94. Don Amiot, 93. Curt Dornberg, 93. Doug Ralston, 91. Dan Beebe, 90. Bob Moline, 90. Joe Moosally, 89. Ranae Peterson, 89. Ursula McRostie, 88. Frank Birmingham, 82. Harlan Bloomer, 80. Edward Micus, 80.**

*Schools—K-12*

**Jerry Hansen, 94. Jean Sorenson, 92. Dennis Buschowski, 89. David Shaffer, 89. Tom Tonneson, 88. Eldon Peterson, 87. Mark Daby, 85.**

## UUFM Members, Relatives & Friends

**Elaine Dickinson**, 83. Liz Kipp's cousin.

**Jim Vonderharr**, 82. Member of our congregation, active volunteer, and friend.

## **From the “Baby Boom Generation,” (1946-1964) those born in a time of economic growth in the US and rebuilding from the tragedy of war abroad:**

### **International Affairs**

**Yvgeny Prigozhin**, 62. Russian mercenary and leader of the Wagner Group (and former chef to Vladimir Putin), he was killed when his plane went down a few months after an abortive coup against Putin.

### **National Affairs**

**Bill Richardson**, 75. American, politician, diplomat, and author. Governor of New Mexico, he was known for his peace and hostage negotiations, most recently the freeing of journalist Danny Fenster from prison in Myanmar.

**Frans de Waal**, 75. Dutch-American primatologist and specialist in primate social behavior, he directed the Yerkes National Primate Center at Emory University. One of his recent books was *Our Inner Ape*.

### **Writers**

**Bob Edwards**, 76. For 25 years, he was the host of NPR's “Morning Edition.”

**Wade Goodwyn**, 63. Longtime reporter for NPR, he was known for his storytelling ability. One feature story, about a wrongly accused single mother caught up in a drug sweep, inspired the film, *American Violet*.

### **Actors & Film**

**Suzanne Somers**, 76. Co-Star of *Three's Company*, she was fired for demanding pay equal to her male co-lead. She later co-starred in the sitcom *Step by Step*. She later became a very successful author, primarily of health and wellness books.

**Paul Reubens**, 70. American actor best known for his character, Pee-wee Herman, in the 1980s. He portrayed the character on children's television (“Pee-wee's Playhouse”) and on film. After a hiatus, he revived the role for Netflix in 2016. *Playhouse* won 15 Emmies and was named by *TV Guide* as one of the top ten cult classic TV shows.

## Music

**Andre Watts**, 77. Classical pianist, he debuted with the NY Philharmonic when he was 16. On an episode of Mr. Rogers he said, “When I’m feeling unhappy, going to the piano and just playing gently and listening to sounds makes everything slowly seem alright.”

**Akira Toriyama**, 68. I wasn’t sure where to categorize him—writer, filmmaker... I finally settled on “artist.” He is arguably the most influential of the manga artists, establishing the genre internationally (and in the US). His first manga, *Dr Slump*, sold over 35 million copies in Japan. He then created *Dragon Ball*, which sold over 260 million copies worldwide.

**Toby Keith**, 62. Country singer, known for his patriotic songs like “Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American),” as well as lighter, rowdier songs like "Red Solo Cup," "How Do You Like Me Now?!" and "Beer For My Horses."

## Sports

**Orenthal James “OJ” Simpson**, 76. “The Juice.” One of the greatest running backs of all time, he won the Heisman Trophy at USC and went on for 11 seasons in professional football, mostly with the Buffalo Bills. He went on to a career in film and TV, but lost it all when he was charged with murdering his ex-wife and her friend (for which he was acquitted of the crime but found guilty on civil charges) and eventually served time for robbery and kidnapping at a Las Vegas hotel.

**Henry Boucha**, 72. Warroad HS hockey player, he was a silver medalist in the 1972 Olympics and won two World Championships on the American National Team. He went on to skate in the NHL and the WHL for seven years. His career was cut short when he was stuck in the face and lost the vision in one eye. He returned to Warroad and coached hockey and mentored young players for years. He was a full-blooded member of the Ojibwa Nation.

## Regional

**Tom Bliese**, 78. Scene designer for MSU Theater, Nostrathomas at the Renaissance Faire and founder and Director of the GSR Fine Arts Festival.

**Dave Jennings**, 74. Carpenter, Staff Sergeant in the Marines, Speaker of the MN House, candidate for Governor, Commerce Commissioner, interim Superintendent of the Minneapolis schools, Superintendent of ISD 112. He graduated from MSU in 1976 magna cum laude in Political Science.

**Tim Lidsrom**, 73. Mankato realtor and community advocate. He probably spent as much time on building the community as he did on his business.

## Local

*Schools—MSU & SCC*

**Cheryl Regan**, 79. **Bonnie Huebsch**, 78. **Mark Schuck**, 77. **Mary Rolfes**, 76. **Judy Luebke**, 69.

*Schools—ISD 77*

**Barbara Brielmaier**, 79. **Carol DeWitte**, 74. **Jan Richards**, 74.

**From “Generation X,” (1965-1980) those born in the “baby bust” in the times of the Viet Nam War and the first energy crisis (remember Jimmy Carter’s cardigan?):**

### **International**

**Alexei Navalny**, 47. Russian patriot and thorn in the side of Vladimir Putin. He died suddenly in a Siberian prison, a day after appearing in a video at a court hearing where he appeared to be in good humor and good health.

### **Actors & Film**

**Matthew Perry**, 54. The first thing he wanted to be remembered for was his work helping people to overcome addiction. He also portrayed Chandler Bing on the TV series *Friends* for 10 years and appeared on *Ally McBeal* and on *West Wing*, and in a number of movies.

### **Singers**

**Shahada Sadaqat**, 56. You knew her by her birthname, Sinead O’Connor. She changed her name when she converted to Islam in 2018. A singer/songwriter with an impressive range, she is best known for her recording of Prince’s “Nothing Compares 2 U.” Her songs were imbued with social messages, and she was a social activist throughout her career.

**William Perry, Jr.**, 58. You knew him as DJ Casper, creator of the Cha-Cha Slide. He created the song for his nephew, who worked as a personal trainer at Bally Fitness. He got his nickname because he usually dressed in all white while performing.

### **Local**

**Terry Maher**, 58. Custodian at Kennedy School.

**Robyn Lundsten**, 57. Administrative assistant in Communications and Media at MSU.

## **From “Generation Y” (1981-1996) children of the Boomers and the first generation of the Internet Age.**

**Hydeia Broadbent**, 39. Lifelong spokesperson and advocate for AIDS research and treatment. She was born with HIV and developed AIDS by age 5. She appeared on Nickelodeon with Magic Johnson in a public service spot when she was 7. At the 1996 Republican Convention, she announced that “I am the next doctor. I am the next lawyer. I am the next Maya Angelou. I might even be the first woman president. I am the future, and I have AIDS.” When she was 11, Oprah Winfrey asked her what was the hardest part about her disease; she replied “When your friends die.”

**Frentorish “Tori” Bowie**, 32. American track and field athlete, she won silver in the 100 meter dash at the 2016 Rio Olympics and gold at the 2017 World Championships. She died of eclampsia when she went into labor alone.

## **From “Generation Z,” (1997-2012) those born in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:**

### **Sports**

**Kelvin Kiptum**, 24. Last year he set a world record in Chicago for the Marathon (2 hrs., 15 secs.). He was killed in a car crash in his native Kenya.

### **Regional**

**Cade Wolfe**, 26. East High graduate and Sargeant in the Army Special Forces, he died when his helicopter crashed in a training accident in the Mediterranean.

**Rachel Nelson**, 21. Daughter of Maryanne Nelson.