

embrace the Shanks family in our love and prayers

Dear friends,

I trust by now you have heard the news of the Shanks family. You may have received other emails addressing needs of the family, but we wanted to get out a clear message from Avondale Church and the Member Care Team.

A meal train has been setup by neighbors of the Shanks. Meals are taken care of through August 17th and beyond. Our support as a church family will be over the long haul, and we will provide numerous opportunities to fill needs, including for food/meals in the future.

If you wish to become involved in the food chain right now, you can do so at this link: <https://takethemameal.com/VVFY3949>. If you sign-up, you might consider checking back on the site closer to your food date for more up-to-date instructions. The families' needs are likely to evolve and we will keep you posted as things develop.

Member Care has investigated whether cards, flowers, etc. can be received for the hospital room at this time and the answer was no. We will continue to check with the hospital and family as progress is made and as these opportunities may become available.

A Go-Fund-Me page has been setup by someone with Roby, Corey's employer, to help support the family with medical and other expenses. Congregation members may choose to be a part of this through the following link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/shanks-family-memorial-recovery-fund>.

We recognize the need for church members to come together to share grief and messages of hope. We will be holding a Taizé service Thursday, July 14 at 7 PM. Additional opportunities to gather can be read here: <https://conta.cc/3yCyNdc>.

For now we can embrace the Shanks family in our love and prayers.

Blessings to all of you,
Debby Sacra
Avondale Member Care

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