



United Methodist Church
OF GENEVA

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the Messenger

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CHURCH REOPENING UPDATE!

The church office will return to its
normal office hours on August 2!

Mon-Thu 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

HELP PASTOR ROB GET TO KNOW US!

As Pastor Rob officially joins us, he has asked to have one member of your household fill out this short form to help him get better acquainted (or reacquainted) with all of us.

Click on this link

<https://tinyurl.com/SurveyRob>
to take survey

PASTOR'S MESSAGE



AUGUST HAS FINALLY ARRIVED!

Though I have been working with staff and leaders since Bishop Hopkins announced the appointment 25 weeks ago, I'm glad to finally begin ministry together in full!

In some ways, I feel like this long transition has been a bit like waiting on a baby to arrive. I've experienced excitement, trepidation, hope, wonder, curiosity, confusion, anxiety, joy and probably a host of other emotions as this month has drawn near.

Returning to Geneva is unique in that I've had some experience serving in this community before. So if I continue this metaphor of childbirth, returning to Geneva has been more like waiting on Ella, our second daughter to be born. I had four years of parenting under my belt already with Lily, so I was confident about baby basics and yet this is a whole new person and a whole new chapter in the life of our family. While Meghan and I didn't know how, we knew that life would change when a new person came into our lives and that is as scary as it is exciting. Perhaps you can relate to these emotions either as parents or just starting a whole new chapter in your life.

When I think of new chapters, I am reminded of all the people in the Bible that had new starts. Everyone from Adam and Eve after they left the garden, to Abram and Sarai whose long journey included name changes and a whole host of challenges and Naomi whose bitter life becomes sweet. There is brash Simon who became a great preacher and leader, Peter and zealous Saul who became Paul. Each of these life stories shows us that God's handiwork is with us in the present moment, shaping us to be used by God to transform lives and the world.

So in the flutter of emotions of this transition, I trust God is shaping me -and all of us- to be used by God to transform lives and the world. I'm also reminded that God's work takes a long time to come to fruition and so we must patiently and faithfully wait upon the Lord to do God's work.

When we were expecting Ella, her big sister Lily was so excited to get a playmate. Lily was disappointed to learn that it would take several weeks before they could even play baby games, let alone a few years for Ella to grow big enough to keep up with her. Lily was ready for her hopes and dreams to come all at once, right away.

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Pastor Rob's Message Continued...

I think Lily gets that from me. I am excited for what God has in store for the people called United Methodist of Geneva and the Tri-Cities, I am ready for it all to come to fruition this month. But I know that will come in God's time and not mine -or even ours- so I'm adapting my expectations, tuning in to what God is doing today and not what God might have in store in a year and walking patiently and faithfully with God. I pray that you'll invite me to walk with you as we seek to patiently and faithfully follow God together in this new chapter of UMCG's life..

Finally, thank you for welcoming my family and I so warmly as we return to this shared journey of discipleship together. All the food, paint, cleaning, yard work, generous reintroductions, hugs and warm words of welcome have been a true blessing to us. We are excited and ready to begin this new chapter together.

Blessings for the journey,

Pastor Rob

Small Group Spotlight



Spirited Women

It's a real challenge to describe an ever-changing group like Spirited Women! Women aged 35-85 have participated in this group started by former Christian Education Director, Carol Szabo since 1994. We feel the spirit of many who have gone before us and celebrate when new members join us.

If you asked the 20-25 women who currently gather on Wednesday mornings in the church parlor or Wheeler Park why they attend, you'd get such answers as:

- The group challenges me to put my faith into action.
- I love going where individuals are listened to and treated with respect and love, even when they disagree.

MEET & GREETs

Save the dates for our Meet & Greet with our new Senior Pastor Rob Hamilton and his family!



Schedule

- Tuesday, Aug 3 at 6:30 pm at the Parsonage
- Thursday, Aug 5 at 1 pm at the Parsonage
- Sunday, Aug 8 at 3 pm at the Parsonage
- Sunday, Aug 29 after 9 am Worship Service: Children & Youth Ice Cream Social: at UMCG

Go to this link <https://tinyurl.com/UMCGMeetRob> to sign up.

- I need to talk about current events, social justice issues, creation care and how they relate to the Bible.
- The card ministry managed by Joan Hansen is a wonderful outreach. (We love knowing that 2934 cards have been sent since we started in 2004!)
- Spirited Women is where women help me understand Jesus, others, and myself.
- No matter what we study, my understanding of God is enlarged.
- It's my refueling station.

Rotating leadership and excellent video series by renowned theological scholars prompt engaging discussions. The use of Zoom this past year allowed us to have author Gayle Boss participate in one of our Lenten programs. UMCG members Jenna Karr and Kate Kilmer educated us from Hawaii and Iowa in our Creation Care discussions. Another highlight during this challenging year was creating surprise Christmas gifts for the teachers connected to UMCG as they gave extra energy to students during the pandemic. Gathering as Spirited Women helps us focus on how we represent the Holy in the world.



REACH UP... REACH IN... REACH OUT...

We **Reach Up** to God in worship and spiritual development, **Reach In** to help and care for one another in our congregation, and **Reach Out** to serve others in our community and the world.

August 2021 Sunday Worship Schedule

August 1 - Pastor Rob Hamilton Preaches - "Homecoming" [Mark 6:1-13](#)

As Pastor Rob Hamilton returns to UMCG as our new lead pastor it is a bit of a homecoming as Pastor Rob served as our Associate Pastor from 2011-2015 we will look briefly at the action packed 6th chapter of Marks' gospel which begins with a homecoming for Jesus.

Upon arrival back home, there was quickly a disconnect between the people who remember Jesus as the kid they watched grow up and the man present before them, Jesus the itinerant preacher and Son of God. Now, Pastor Rob isn't equating himself to Jesus, but there are similarities to these present and Biblical situations that the Holy Spirit stirs within us as we reconnect with each other in this season of homecoming.

August 8 - ASP SUNDAY - After a 2 year hiatus due to Covid, a group of 40 volunteers representing UMC of Geneva travelled to Bell County, KY July 4-10 for a week of work and fellowship in the mountains of Appalachia. UMCG has participated with the Appalachia Service Project for more than 30 years. Join us on Sunday, August 8 as this year's participants come back together to share their stories and sing songs from the mountains! **Online worshippers please plan to watch LIVE at 9 am as we broadcast worship live tentatively via YouTube from our Hamilton Street sanctuary with members from our most recent Appalachia Service Project leading worship and giving witness to the ways God is at work in their ministry.**

August 15 - Pastor Rob Hamilton - "When Your Past Catches Up to You" - [Mark 6:14-29](#)

Mark's narrative moves from the beginning of Jesus' expansion of ministry with the disciples to a flashback with Herod who -in wondering about Jesus' identity- recalls what happened to John the Baptist. We all have those moments when something in the past suddenly catches up to us and we have to choose to dwell in the past or move faithfully and boldly into the present future God sets before us. How might God be working in our moments of when the past catches up to us?

"See All the People" - A Six-Week Series

Jesus' itinerant ministry was all inclusive. Jesus includes those within the religious establishment (and often Jesus was critical of these folks) but Jesus' most generous and loving action and messages were with those outside the religious establishment. Being able to see all the people brought salvation to those who were excluded and invited those established religious folk to new vitality in their relationship with God as the new Kingdom Jesus proclaimed comes on earth as it is in heaven.

August 22 - Pastor Rob Hamilton - "See All the People" [Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)

Jesus is tired from his broad reaching ministry. In seeking to find rest and renewal he stumbles upon a needy crowd and instead of focusing on his own needs, Jesus sees the crowd with compassion and feeds them. Many times in our walk we can be like Jesus busy and tired with all our existing life and ministry and still Jesus calls us to really see all the people around us with compassion and to offer them the Bread of Life and Living Water. This Sunday, we will also be blessing backpacks for the new school year. Students and staff alike are welcome to bring their bag to be blessed for the school year.

August 29 - Pastor Lisa Telomen continues our series on seeing all the people by exploring the story of the woman at the well from [John 4:5-42](#).

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children's Ministry Update

Vacation Bible School was in June, however the kids are still reminded of their acts of kindness and donations to ASP. All VBS children received a postcard in July from our ASP volunteers! The children enjoyed getting to know more about the organization they helped support.

The children of UMC of Geneva have been enjoying coloring and completing word searches during the family worship services in July. August is bringing some fun and exciting updates to our children's program!

We will start off the school year by blessing the children's backpacks during the 9 am family worship service on Sunday, August 22. On August 29 we will have a family meet and greet ice cream social with Pastor Rob and his family after the service.

As we get closer to September, look out for more information about the changing of classroom locations for the Journey of Faith program (Grades 1-5) and the NEW Middle School Program (Grades 6-8)! Mark your calendars for our Sunday School kick off on Sunday September 12, 2021!

Us [this link](#) to register your children for Sunday School.

~Julie Popplewell, Dir. Children's Education

TRI-CITY CONFIRMATION

GROWING IN CHRIST TOGETHER

Confirmation 2021-22 will begin this fall, with a joint program offered for youth of our Tri-City United Methodist Churches. The program will run through the school year with classes led by the pastors of our Batavia, St. Charles and Geneva UMCs. Check out the [TriCityMethodist](#) website for more information.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 22

**For students of all ages,
staff, bus drivers, and
faculty of any school!**

During our 9 am worship on August 22, we will offer a blessing of the bags and backpacks to seek God's protection and provision for the new school year. If you can't make it or don't have your bag, see one of the pastors for a blessing at another time.

Christian Formation Summit

9:00 am-12:00 pm on Saturday, August 28

Please join us for our Christian Formation Summit. This event will build clarity and consensus on what we hope our children and youth will know, feel and do because of their experience at Geneva UMC. Our friends at Ministry Architects will be onsite leading a fun, interactive process to involve stakeholders in the Christian education of our children and youth. We will come away with an overarching formation plan which includes a one year detailed teaching template.

Everyone is welcome. Come help us envision a spiritual formation plan for our children and youth.

For more information, contact Keith Rawson at 847-909-7958.



Eco-Bits

Do you have unused plastic wrapped cutlery sets that came with your take-out dinners? The creation care team is collecting them. Drop them in the box near our foam recycling box in the atrium



ASP 2021 was an unmitigated success for the group of 40 youth and adults sponsored by the United Methodist Church of Geneva. Our group faced a number of

'unknowns' this year in more ways than one; because of Zoom meetings, many of us only met in person for the first time the day before we left! We also successfully navigated the strict Coronavirus protocols allowing every volunteer to fully complete the experience. For those unfamiliar with ASP, otherwise known as the Appalachia Service Project, it is a home repair based Christian ministry operating in the Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, & West Virginia area of the Appalachian Mountains. On Sunday July 4th, our group headed to Bell County, KY where we split into 6 work crews and spent the next 5 days loading into our vans with tools, supplies, and sleepy smiles to spend the day working through sun, rain, and occasional tick bites! As you will see from the many

exciting pictures of youth and young-at-heart adults, we spent an amazing week meeting brothers and sisters in Christian love right where they live.

Learn more about this year's trip at the ASP Service on Sunday, August 8 at 9 am.



Creation Care

Many of us are familiar with the three R's. REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE. Our children learn about them in school. Many of us practice them at home. We rinse our single use plastics and place them in our bins each week. But, even with all our good intentions a large percentage (some research numbers are as high as 91%) of those plastics are NOT recycled. They end up in landfills, are incinerated, or end up in our waterways and oceans. So what do we do? Many are talking about the new fourth "R". REFUSE.

As United Methodists we are called to be caretakers of our earth. How can the Geneva UMC be part of the solution for the single use plastic problem that is overwhelming our earth? On June 10 the Creation Care Team presented the [environmental policy](#) to Church Council where it was voted on and passed.

Some of you have already enjoyed our Zero Waste Coffee Time on the lawn after church service. Washable mugs and cups have replaced the Styrofoam and plastic cups used in the past. The coffee grounds and filters are composted along with napkins and paper packaging from sugar packets. No garbage bags are used. Truly, no waste is made but great coffee, juice and fellow-

ship is enjoyed. Since our return of Coffee Fellowship on June 20, 97 single use coffee and juice cups have been kept out of the landfill.

How can you also REFUSE at home?

- ✓ Reusable shopping bags are back! Say "No" to the plastic bags when shopping.
- ✓ Buy your eggs in a cardboard container (compostable) and not in plastic or Styrofoam.
- ✓ Refuse the straw and single use utensils and use a reusable water bottle and thermal cups.
- ✓ When you need to purchase single use drinks buy in aluminum cans that are easily recycled curbside or used by some organizations for fundraising.
- ✓ Swap out that plastic container of shampoo or liquid soap for bar shampoo and soap.

Start with just one change and remember...

"We don't need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly. We need millions of people doing it imperfectly."

**Anne Marie Bonneau
Zero Waste Chef**

~Debbie Karr and Val Erickson and the Creation Care Team

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

For the month of August, here are the available classes. Please check the weekly eNews for the most current information.

Spirited Women is meeting during the Summer on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am at Wheeler Park. Women who want to be on the mailing list should contact Jenean at jenean_larsen@yahoo.com. Come, join us!

Men's Early Bird Fellowship will finish their study of the book *"Who Is This Man?—The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus"* by John Ortberg. A new study will be selected for late August. They will be meeting in person at Colonial Café in east St. Charles at 7 am Thursday. Please contact Jim McConnell at mcjamesc@aol.com for more information.

Spirits and Studies meets on Tuesday at 6:30 pm. They welcome previous participants and newcomers into this fluid and fun group! For more information and upcoming studies contact: marygay@genevaumc.org or phone 815-508-2055.

The Adult Sunday School Class on August 1 will begin a study of the book *"Courage"* by Tom Berlin. This study will also be supported by a video. The class will meet in the Parlor of our church at 10:30 am. For information on ordering a book or with questions please contact Jim McConnell at mcjamesc@aol.com for more information.

The Neighborhood Study Group is meeting for missions and fellowship this summer. For more information, please contact Pastor Lisa at lisa@genevaumc.org

Tuesday Prayer Group. After meeting and praying via Zoom for some months, our Tuesday Prayer Meeting is happening in the upstairs parlor at 1 pm on Tuesdays. We meet for 30 minutes. And if you can't join us in person, reach out to Mary Gay 815-508-2055 or marygay@genevaumc.org to get a link to call in and join us that way.

Disciple 1 Bible Study is taking a break during the summer months and resume the study this fall with exact dates TBD. Please contact Tom Tamlyn or Lisa Telomen for additional information.

Adult Council welcomes your ideas for studies and other areas of interest that you would like to see offered. Please contact Jim McConnell at 630-715-3480, mcjamesc@aol.com or any member of the Adult Council with ideas or questions: Marilyn Heinemann, Jackie Patterson, Tom Tamlyn, Lindsay LaBudde and Carolyn Burnham.

Reading the New Testament Letters August 2021

The following reading plan is offered as a guide to enrich your experience with the Bible. **Share** what you have read and your reactions with family, a "reading buddy," or a reading or study group with whom you enjoy fellowship. Most importantly, **pray** to God in thanksgiving and supplication, and listen in silence for God's voice.

Date	Scripture Reading
August 1	Join other Christians at church
August 2	Hebrews 11
August 3	Hebrews 12
August 4	Hebrews 13
August 5	James 1
August 6	James 2
August 7	James 3
August 8	Join other Christians at church
August 9	James 4
August 10	James 5
August 11	1 Peter 1
August 12	1 Peter 2
August 13	1 Peter 3
August 14	1 Peter 4
August 15	Join other Christians at church
August 16	2 Peter 1
August 17	2 Peter 2
August 18	2 Peter 3
August 19	1 John 1
August 20	1 John 2
August 21	1 John 3
August 22	Join other Christians at church
August 23	1 John 4
August 24	1 John 5
August 25	2 John 1
August 26	3 John 1

Reading Plan by Jim Byrne



Rummage set up: Monday, August 2 – 6 pm
Meet in Fellowship Hall

Drop off donations and setup sale: Tuesday and Wednesday, August 3 & 4 from 9 am to 7 pm

Rummage Sale Large Item Pickup: Wed, Aug 3
Call Jim Alderfer to arrange pickup 630-639-7747.

Bake Sale: Please bring pre-packaged goods ready to sell to the church library on Thursday by 1 pm. If nuts are included in your items, please let us know. Any questions, contact Pat Dallesasse 630-220-5637.

Sale Times:

Aug 5 from 6-8 pm (Bake Sale)

Aug 6 from 9-5 pm

Aug 7 from 9 am to 12 pm

Clean Up: August 7 from 12-3 pm

We need volunteers the entire week of rummage! Please click here to volunteer <https://tinyurl.com/UMCGRummage21> or use the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall on the Women's Ministry Board.

For questions, please call Bobbi Alderfer 630-272-9445, Wendy McKeehan 630-310-9861 or Jenean Larsen 847-707-6598.

Click Here to Volunteer



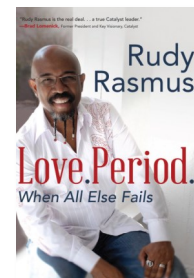
August Pantry Needs

Canned mixed vegetables, canned sweet peas, pasta sauce, mustard and ketchup, coffee, tea, sugar, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and bar soap.

ADULT LIBRARY NEWS

The following study books have been donated by Pastor Lisa and are available to check out from our adult library.

- ♦ *Love .Period. When All Else Fails* by Rudy Rasmus (241)
- ♦ *Jesus is the Question: the 307 Questions Jesus asked and the 3 He Answered*, by Martin B. Copenhaver (232.9)
- ♦ *Serving God, Saving The Planet, A Call to Care for Creation and Your Soul*, by J. Matthew Sleeth, M.D. (261.8)



~Joan Hansen,
Volunteer Adult Librarian

WOMEN'S MINISTRY REPORT

The Women's Ministry of UMCG is looking forward to these events for the rest of 2021

Events and dates are as follows:

August 2 - 7: Rummage Sale

August 8: Women's Ministry Business Meeting after 9 am service

September 22: Women's Ministries Potluck at 6 pm

October 10: Women's Ministry Business Meeting after 9 am service

December 6: Women's Advent Service and Tea. This is the 25th anniversary.

December 12: Women's Ministry Business Meeting after 9 am service

2022

January 21-23: Women's Retreat at LaSalle Manor, Plano

~Betty Keeler
President, Women's Ministry

Finance Update

Peace and greetings to you from the Finance Committee!

As we reported last month, our operating budget was balanced at the end of June. Our numbers for July have dipped a bit, but we still have a slight operating surplus. So wonderful! We are grateful for all the contributions you've made this year!

Our goal for the rest of 2021 is to keep the budget balanced. To accomplish that, we will need to raise an extra \$10,500 in each of the final five months because our PPP funds have all been spent. It will be a challenge. But with over 170 regular givers to UMG, we believe this is a very reachable goal. And we have a plan to make it happen. The details are still being worked out, but keep your eyes peeled for a letter in August to learn how we can all work together to meet the challenge.

In the meantime, thank you again for all of your support this year!

~Rolland Lang and the Finance Committee

Congregational Care

Are you caring for a spouse or parent at home? Then this group would like you to join them as they share ideas, hopes and comfort to each other.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month to share thoughts on what is happening in our lives. We are caring for people who have many kinds of illnesses or long term needs. The leader introduces new reading material, events happening near by, helpful aides for daily care and occasional guest speakers. We are good listeners and have experienced what you are dealing with daily and share ideas that worked for us. We leave with a prayer and hope for the days ahead. All are welcome to join us.

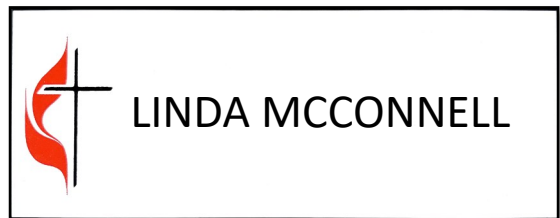
Contacts:

Nancy Harrington

njharr@aol.com or 630-232-1229

Rev. Mary Gay McKinney

marygay@genevaumc.org



10 Reasons Everybody at Church Should Wear Their Nametag By Chuck Lawless

1. Few people know everybody in the church.
2. Leaders need help with names.
3. Nametags invite conversation.
4. Knowing names makes fellowship more personal.
5. Nametags save embarrassment.
6. Nametags are an inexpensive way to promote outward focus.
7. Guests feel less conspicuous.
8. Saying to someone, "Please let us know your name" also says, "We want to know you."
9. A "nametag" ministry provides opportunities for service.
10. Leaders risk little by trying this approach.
11. It's been a while since we have been together in church. Let's help each other and our visitors by wearing our nametags.

Don't have a name badge or need a new one? Send your nametag requests to office@genevaumc.org or simply contact the office at 630-232-7120.

Please specify if you would prefer magnet or clip. When ready, your nametag can be picked up at the Welcome Desk in front of the church office.

Linda McConnell
Welcome Host Coordinator

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Submit Information on the
[Communications Submission Form](#)

Submissions may also be sent to
communications@genevaumc.org

Missions Updates

We have received messages from our mission partners in Haiti (Kids Alive International) and Bolivia (missionaries Jeff and Debbie Wasilevich) about their situation on the ground as they are dealing with the pandemic and political instability. The Mission Committee feels it is important for all of us to read these letters, so that as a faith community we can be informed and pray more specifically for our international friends.

Hi Chris, Sharon and UMCG,

By now you may have heard about the assassination of Haiti's President, Jovenel Moïse, and the non-fatal assault Haitian first lady Martine Moïse. Robenson Gedeus, Kids Alive Country Director, passed along an update to share with you about Haiti's political situation.

Two days after the death of the president, the country is placed in a state of siege. The police (assisted by the population) arrested 28 mercenaries, including 26 Colombians and 2 Haitian Americans. As a result, the United States sent an FBI team to investigate the implications of its citizens.

Since the announcement of the assassination, the streets have been deserted. People who are afraid of what might happen are stressed and afraid to go out. There are several rumors that the country will be blocked from next Monday. The consequence is that people are rushing to get their supplies and that the gasoline shortage is exacerbated. Supermarkets only stay open for a few hours and close very early.

As for Kids Alive, we too are under pressure. The supply was done last weekend to avoid any shortages in case the rumors become true. The lack of gasoline also affects us, so we rely on the solar panel system as a last resort. Parents and children are shocked, anxious, and apprehensive about what might happen in the coming weeks.

The coming weeks are uncertain. Many threats arise. Rumors (whether true or false), which could incite the people to anger are surfacing. And a power struggle risks breaking out between the opposition and the current government. In short, the country is quite unstable at the moment and could turn upside down at any time.

We ask you to continue to pray for us. Today Haiti needs it more than ever.

We will continue to keep you informed of the latest news.

God Bless,

Rebecca Hepner, CFRE

Kids Alive International, Mid West Regional Director, Strategic Partnerships

Got the money!!! Thanks!! And please thank your whole church for us!!!

Actually we got the cash in hand Monday, but it has taken two days to send this email.... Such is the internet here....

Heading into La Paz Thursday. I have an actual appointment to get our dog's papers in order for a visit to the US.... Sounds promising and we will keep you advised.

It's very cold here this morning. Heavy freeze. Even a skim of ice on our bedside water glasses.

COVID... We don't understand how some folks in the US really believe that this virus isn't dangerous. They should come visit a place like Copa where people are still dying from it at a scary rate. You see black bows on most doorways. People hang black bows made out of black plastic bags on the entrance to homes, shops and offices where people have died. There are black bows on the electric company, municipal building, bank, police department, basilica, and the "fiscal" office (attorney general for Copa). This along with the daily processions of family members carrying a coffin to the cemetery and daily stories of new people sick with the virus make Copa a pretty grim place.

I needed a taxi yesterday and there were none to be found by the deserted plaza. I called a friend, Max, who has a taxi, but I haven't seen him in a month or so. He said he was available. When he picked me up, I asked where he's been. He said both he and his wife were hospitalized in La Paz the entire month of June with COVID, but luckily for their kids have recovered. On the drive we proceeded in comparing names of folks who either had it, have it now or died from it recently and we were amazed how it has touched just about everyone we know. It's worse than ever. People in the US should know of this.

Sorry to sound so glum.

Love and Hugs to you and your whole congregation,

Jeff and Debbie



Thank-you from Suicide Prevention Services of America:

This letter is to express the sincere appreciation of Suicide Prevention Services for your donation of \$1000. This donation is most gratefully accepted and will be used for programs and services aimed at preventing suicide in our communities.

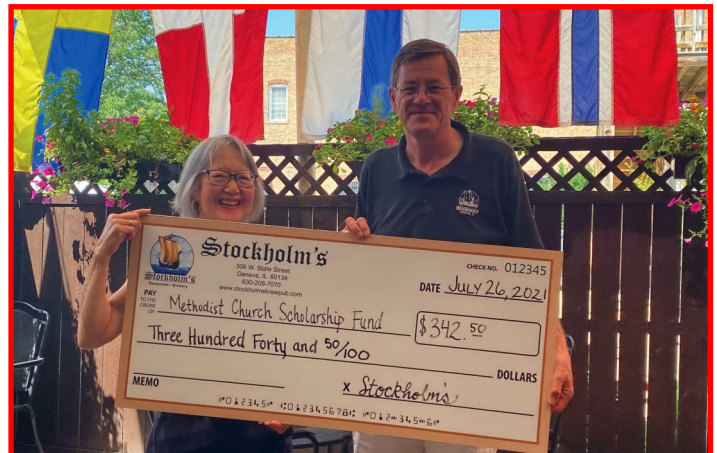
Each year, 47,000 people in the United States die by suicide compared to 19,500 deaths by homicide and 10,874 deaths by drunk driving. This figure, unfortunately, is rising and our organization has made great strides in addressing this public health problem through massive education, advocacy, and collaboration with health care providers to intervene with high-risk

Once again, thank you for donating to Suicide Prevention Services. It is through the support of individuals like you that we are able to continue facing the challenge of ending this preventable tragedy. Should you have any questions or need further assistance in the future, please feel free to contact our office or visit our website at www.spsamerica.org.

Stephanie Weber, MS, LCPC
Executive Director

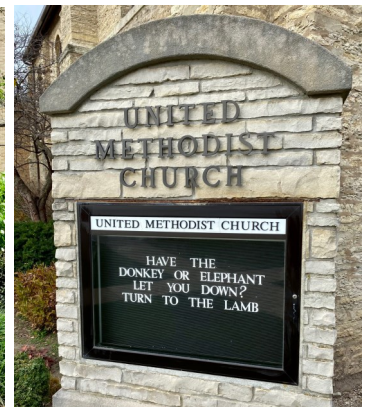
Thank-you from ASP:

Dear UMCC,
Thank you so much for your continued support of the Appalachian Service Project! We are very happy to have the opportunity this year to return to making homes warmer, safer, & drier. Each year we are able to serve several families & not only be able to do construction projects, but connect with each other & God. None of this would be possible without you - Thank you!



A big thank-you to Stockholm's and all the people that took part in the Seafood Boil on July 21. Colleen Fasbender got to "pick up the check" last week. This was a great fundraiser for the scholarship committee!

Thanks to Josh Tibbs and Jason Hartz who have been creating the messages for our sign during the pandemic. We loved your messages—both inspiring and funny! They are moving and can no longer do our sign, so make sure to send them a thank-you!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Church Office Closed 9am - Worship in the 10:30am - Adult Sunday 10:30am - Reception for	RUMMAGE SALE WEEK 9:30am - NO Yoga 11am - Yoga: Wing & 6pm - Rummage Sale Set-	9:30pm - Lazarus House Night To Serve 9am - Rummage Sale Drop 11am - Yoga: Wing & 1pm - Tuesday Prayer 6:30pm - Meet & Greet	9am - Rummage Sale Drop 9:30am - Spirited Women 11am - Yoga: Wing &	7am - Men's Early Bird 8:30am - Rummage Sale 9:30am - NO Yoga 1pm - Meet & Greet Pastor 6pm - Rummage Sale and 7pm - Church Council	Church Office Closed 9am - Rummage Sale and	9am - Rummage Sale and 12pm - Rummage Sale 6pm - Pen and Paper
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9am - Worship in the 10am - Women's Ministry 10:30am - Adult Sunday 3pm - Meet & Greet Pastor	9:30am - Yoga 5pm - Hesed House Night	7am - FAN 1pm - Tuesday Prayer 6:30pm - Spirits & Studies 7pm - Finance Committee	9:30am - Spirited Women 7pm - Trustees Meeting	7am - Men's Early Bird 9:30am - Yoga 10am - Caregiver's Support 12:30pm - Beattitudes	Church Office Closed	6pm - Pen and Paper
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9am - Worship in the 10:30am - Adult Sunday 11:30am - All Staff 6pm - Adult-ish Meet Up	9:30am - Yoga 10am - Memory Loss	9:30pm - Lazarus House Night To Serve 1pm - Tuesday Prayer 6:30pm - Spirits & Studies	9:30am - Spirited Women	7am - Men's Early Bird 9:30am - Yoga	Church Office Closed	6pm - Pen and Paper
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9am - Worship in the 10:30am - Adult Sunday 2pm - Confirmation	9:30am - Yoga	7am - FAN 1pm - Tuesday Prayer 6:30pm - Spirits & Studies	9am - NIC - D.S. Meetings 9:30am - Spirited Women	7am - Men's Early Bird 9:30am - Yoga	Church Office Closed	Christian Formation 6pm - Pen and Paper
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9am - Worship in the 10am - Ice Cream Social 10:30am - Adult Sunday 12pm - Christian Formation	9:30am - Yoga	9pm - Lazarus House Night To Serve 1pm - Tuesday Prayer 6:30pm - Spirits & Studies				

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