

the Messenger

Reach Up...
Reach In...
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UMCG 2019 Church Conference

**Wednesday, October 9
7 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

All members are invited and encouraged to attend our **UMCG 2019 Church Conference**. The primary responsibilities of the church conference are to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of the United Methodist Church.

Plus, meet our District Superintendent, Rev. Jeffry Bross, who will lead the meeting together with Pastors Rich and Esther.

Come & be involved!



Fun & Games with Prizes
Bob for Apples
Candy Walk
Stuff a Scarecrow
Learn how Halloween traditions relate to All Saints' Day
Light a Candle for a Loved One

KIDS Kindergarten-6th Grade

ALL HALLOWS' EVE PARTY

Sunday, October 27, from 3 – 4:30 p.m. Bring a friend!



BISHOP'S APPEAL OFFERING FOR FARMERS

At the November 16 Special Session of NIC Annual Conference, a Bishop's Appeal offering will be taken to help our local farmers who have had a difficult season due to the rain and cold in the spring, and drought in July.

Bishop Dyck encourages churches to take an offering and donate as you are able. If you mark your donation "Farmers" it will go to this conference.

Watch the Bishop's video message here:
www.vimeo.com/358087591

Pastor's Page

**You are a minister. I am a minister.
We are all ministers.**

Together you and I engage in ministry in a bunch of ways as we fulfill the Lord's great commandment to love God and love neighbor. It's who we are. We Methodists believe firmly in the priesthood of all believers. It's an awesome privilege. Through our baptisms we become both members and ministers in the church, the body of Christ. Think about it. We are Christ's body! Jesus lives out his mission, his ministry here on earth, as we live into our ministries.

Here's one gift of a prayer that we received when Carol Zars served as our minister and lay liturgist a few Sundays ago. Our lay liturgists serve in this way to minister to us and lead us in worship. (Perhaps you've noticed the increased role of lay liturgists as we pastors have intentionally stepped back and have asked lay liturgists to engage more in that important ministry.)

Many of us were impacted by Carol Zars' prayer that Sunday. (I understand she found this prayer while visiting a Lutheran Church. Thank you, Lutherans!) I share Carol's prayer again with you as we are engaging in *Vision 2020*.

Last Sunday, in fact, one person in Adult Sunday School went so far as to suggest that we might make this our adopted prayer for our *Vision 2020* ministry.

Will you join me in praying?

Gracious Lord, Your church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will be a place of forgiveness and grace, if I forgive and receive forgiveness.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve you, if I am open to such growth and service.

Therefore, with your help Lord, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things you want your church to be. Amen.

Prayerfully – *Pastor Rich*

REACH UP...

October 2019 Worship Schedule

8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Services

Nursery provided at 9 a.m. service

Sunday School Schedule:

Children's Sunday School 9:00 a.m.: Godly Play (3-years-old - Kindergarten)
& **Journey of Faith** (grades 1-4)

Route 56 youth are invited to Worship or to join Journey of Faith
Youth Worship/Sunday School - 9-10:15 a.m.

Adult Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.

This month we continue to focus on our Vision 2020 initiative, as we:

Reach Up to God in dynamic, meaningful worship

Reach In to one another in radical hospitality

Reach Out to our community and world with the Good News

We have been using Dr. Phil Maynard's book *Shift: Helping Congregations Back Into the Game of Effective Ministry* to help us flesh out what radical hospitality looks like. We'll finish our focus on hospitality on First/Communion Sunday October 6. For the remaining three Sundays in October, we'll feature the chapter in *Shift* titled "From Worship as an Event to Worship as a Lifestyle."

October 6 First Sunday/World Communion Sunday/Communion
Incarnational Hospitality: Relationships Beyond Our Walls
(John 1:14, Philippians 2:5-8)

Incarnational hospitality refers to building relationships with people beyond the walls of our church. The end goal - the 'why' of hospitality is that people become disciples of Jesus, fully engaged in the life and ministry of his body, the church. **Pastor Esther preaches.**

October 13 Worship Directions: From the Church to the World (Isaiah 6)

In this service **Pastor Rich** will use Isaiah's amazing experience of God in the temple in which he looked up and caught a powerful glimpse of who God really is. This led Isaiah to gaze inward and experience God's love and forgiveness. And that worship experience led Isaiah's gaze beyond the walls of the temple to a life of service and mission in the world.

October 20 Worship GPS (Psalm 100)

Every one of us needs guidance in life, and worship offers us a weekly opportunity to find God's guidance for our daily lives. Worship is where we, as a community of faith, give honor and glory to God as we deepen our faith. Worship that is **God-Centered, Participatory, and Sensory** leads us to a lifestyle of worship throughout the week. **Pastor Becky preaches.**

October 27 Worship: From Event to Lifestyle (Romans 12:1-2)

Great worship, life transforming worship moves us from the worship service as an event, to a lifestyle of worship in which we constantly present our whole lives to God, "which is our spiritual worship." **Pastor Rich preaches.**

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.

REACH UP...

ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

SACRED TIME – SACRED SPACE – Deepen your connection to God and others with practices to engage mind, body, and spirit. Jane Siarny will lead a 4-week sample class offered to all, with a special invitation to young families with children. Class runs on Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 p.m. or 6:00-7:00 p.m., October 1-22. Nursery care will be provided as needed. Contact Jane Siarny at 630-715-8590 or sign up through UMCG website under “Sign-Ups”

WELLNESS PROGRAMS FOR BODY & SOUL

Wing and a Prayer YOGA: Mondays 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. through December 16
Wisdom of the Body Groups ~ Monthly Interplay

- Saturdays, 1:00-3:30 p.m. (Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 7)
- October 19 session is titled *Singing in a Harvest of Hope*
- Fridays (upon request) 6:30-9:00 p.m. (Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 6)

Spirit in Motion (InterPlay, Dance and Yoga)

ONGOING Saturdays 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Facilitator Jane Siarny is an advocate for embodied spirituality and helping individuals and groups find health and wellness through dance, yoga, music, art and InterPlay®. For information/pre-registration: Contact Jane at 630/715-8590 or jsiarny@att.net

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – Max Lucado study “Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer” led by Donna Darr. Come and join in!

The men’s **EARLY BIRD FELLOWSHIP** group meets each Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. at Colonial Café on Randall Road. A new study will be selected soon. Men – come and join us!

The Adult Council welcomes ideas for studies, and field trips. Contact: Marty Janners (630-701-5665)-myjanner@mtu.edu or Jim McConnell (630-715-3480) or mcjamesc@aol.com.

HINDU TEMPLE TOUR

UMCG has arranged a tour of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, the traditional Hindu place of worship, on Saturday, October 12, at 10:15 a.m. The mandir, located at 1851 S. IL Route 59, in Bartlett, is the largest of its kind in Illinois and was constructed according to guidelines outlined in ancient Hindu texts of temple architecture.

Youth and adults interested in increasing their interfaith understanding are encouraged to attend. As guests to the mandir, we will follow the customs of our hosts by removing shoes at the entrance and wearing modest clothing making sure shoulders and knees are covered. **Please register by Monday, October 7, on the UMCG website under “Sign-Ups.”** Please contact Judy Burgess at 630-988-1205 with any questions.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On All Saints Sunday, November 3, the names of our members, regular attendees, and their **immediate** family members who have died in the past year will be read during worship, and their picture will be projected on the screen.

Please submit your loved one's name and a photograph to the church office at office@genevaumc.org by **Monday, October 21**. Digital photographs are preferred, but you may submit a hard copy, which we can scan. If you have any questions about All Saints Sunday, contact the church office at 630-232-7120 or office@genevaumc.org.

A MISSION PROJECT CLOSE TO HOME by Sharon Anderson

At worship service on September 22, Cheryl Pacilio gave a Mission Moment about **The Neighbor Project**—a mission partner based in Aurora to which UMCG has been contributing financially for the past two years. The purpose of **The Neighbor Project** is to help people escape from debt, save money, and purchase homes to become full participants in their communities. Helping neighbors prosper means neighborhoods prosper. Go to neighborproject.us to learn more.

A group of UMCG members (Sharon Anderson, Chris Schmal, Jim Manos, and Jules and Marilyn Heinemann) have been volunteering as maintenance partners, mentoring a refugee family in Aurora as they are in the process of purchasing their first home. This experience has been incredibly rewarding. Ask one of these five people about it.

Cheryl Pacilio, who serves as the Volunteer Coordinator of **The Neighbor Project**, is looking for individuals who would like to volunteer in mentoring another family in the program. The Neighbor Project is also in need of people to do maintenance work on homes, either on an ongoing basis or just for a few hours. If you are interested in any of these service opportunities or have questions, contact Sharon Anderson at sanderson2257@sbcglobal.net or 708-259-4636. You can also contact Cheryl Pacilio at cheryl@neighborproject.us.

NURSERY CAREGIVERS NEEDED

Two or three people are needed, age 18 and older, to be scheduled for occasional Sunday mornings and other times, as needed, caregiving in our nursery. For more information or to apply, please contact Carol Schreiber in the church Nursery on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 a.m. worship service or email her at schreibca@att.net. Pay is \$10 per hour.

WORSHIP ARTS HELP NEEDED – We still need 1 or 2 people to work on seasonal decoration of the Sanctuary. Records and directions are available, and most can be done on your schedule. Can you help for a month or so?

ACOLYTE ORGANIZER NEEDED A volunteer is needed to call to schedule acolytes and supervise them on the First Sunday every month.

Please contact Worship Chair Dick Keslinke at 630-542-2511, or email richard.keslinke@att.net.

STUDIES & SPIRITS is something new this fall. We're connecting Christ and culture via *The Faith of a Mockingbird*, a study book to bring us together. We begin on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. Joshua Tibbs and Jason Hartz are hosting in their home. Emerging facilitators include Josh, Cheryl Johnson, Pastor Mary Gay and maybe YOU if you volunteer. We'll start @ 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m., with time for ice breaking, studying, praying, and generally having fun. You might be a part of UMCG and you might not. If you want lively discussion with some truth telling thrown in, this could be a place for you. Bring friends and relations. Maybe you've read *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Maybe you're planning to see a new version in play form starring Jeff Daniels on Broadway or when it comes to Chicago. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, we welcome you to "Studies and Spirits." Please bring your own beverage.

REACH IN...

RUMMAGE and BAKE SALE ALERT

Believe it or not, another rummage sale is lurking in the not-so-distant future and that can only mean one thing . . . TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE CLOSETS!!!!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year will be held on October 24-26, and the need for quality clothing and household goods has never been greater. Because our sale has regularly happened twice a year for as long as most of us can remember, shoppers mark their calendars a year in advance and look forward to the “thrill of the hunt” and the friendly, smiling faces of our church family.

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, our sales are a success on so many levels. First off, we fill a need for many in our community by offering clean clothing, furniture, housewares, sporting items and much more at extremely affordable prices. Secondly, we have been blessed with collectibles, antiques and higher quality items that we are able to sell at higher prices, which greatly contributes to our bottom line. And thirdly, though this sale has taken on a life of its own requiring an army of volunteers, the fellowship and camaraderie of the week is such a blessing. So, in the end, these sales touch lives – ours and others – in ways that only God could have orchestrated, and we have been able to donate most of our proceeds back into the community, and beyond our borders.

Our spring rummage and bake sale generated over \$11,100!!! Not bad for a week's work!

Though the tangible success of our sale is the dollars we raise, real success is measured in the lives we touch and how we are touched by others. You can see God's amazing grace in every sale. And to experience this amazing week, all you need to do is volunteer to help. It takes over 100 volunteers to pull off a rummage sale of our magnitude and even an hour of your time can make a difference. It's fun, a great way to connect to our ministry, a bit dusty at times, and very rewarding. Sign-up sheets are on the *Women's Ministry* bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. In the meantime, start sorting out some of your dresser drawers, closets and basements for items to donate. Season-appropriate clothing is always appreciated, so don't forget to go through your fall/winter clothing, too!

Rummage set up – Monday, October 21, 6:00 p.m. Lots of hands needed to set up tables and racks. With enough people, we're usually done in an hour and a half! New lightweight tables!

Donation drop off dates: Tuesday, Oct. 22 & Wednesday, Oct. 23 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. **See Rummage Sale Guidelines on next page.*

Baked goods can be dropped off in the library by 2:00 p.m. on Oct. 24.

Sale Dates: Thursday, Oct. 24 - 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday Oct. 25 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 26 - 9:00 a.m.- noon Come and help, come and shop!

Large pick up evenings – Oct. 22 and 23 at 6:00 p.m. Please call Lorne Tweed (908-723-2617) if you have items that are too large to transport and he will put you on the list for pick-ups. We need lots of help moving larger donated items from homes to the church. We have use of a box truck, but pick-ups are also welcome. These large items truly boost our bottom line!

Clean up: Saturday, Oct. 26 (noon – 2:00 p.m.) – All are welcome to participate. Men are particularly needed on Saturday, when we break down tables and racks.

Questions: Call Bobbi Alderfer 630-272-9445 (evenings), Nancy Tweed 630-262-0857 or Wendy McKeehan 630-310-9861

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RUMMAGE SALE GUIDELINES:

We can accept:

clean, usable items in good condition
current best sellers & children's books
dishes and household items
furniture, including large pieces
shoes in good condition
toys, puzzles, games
accessories & jewelry
cooking utensils and pans
clothes & coats
baked goods

Sorry, we cannot accept:

any broken, stained, or dirty items
large entertainment units
encyclopedias
magazines
textbooks
car seats
older cribs
mattresses
computer equipment
monitors & printers

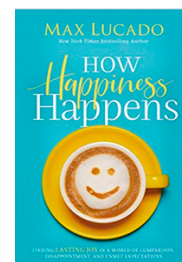


SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR OCTOBER:

Ramen noodles, dry pastas, (such as spaghetti, mostaccioli, etc.) canned chicken, toiletries, (such as shampoo, tooth paste, etc.), and pasta sauce.

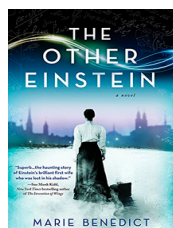
ADULT LIBRARY

In keeping with our tradition of honoring women in our congregation on their 90th birthday by donating a book to our library, **Women's Ministries** has donated the new book, *How Happiness Happens: Finding Lasting Joy in a World of Comparison, Disappointment & Unmet Expectations*, by Max Lucado (248-LUC). This book is in honor of Lucille Thomas' birthday, September 26.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

Book Club meets in a public room at Carriage Oaks senior residence on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. New members are ALWAYS WELCOME to join us. Contact Sharon Knott at 630-879-9544.



Tuesday, October 1 – The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict

This is the story of overshadowed female scientist Mileva Maric, whose relationship with her famous husband, Albert Einstein, was full of passion, intellect, and betrayal. Avid historical fiction readers will enjoy the authentic portrayal of the scientific world during the early 20th century.



Tuesday, November 5 – The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

A powerful novel based on the incredible true story of glamour icon and scientist Hedy Lamarr, whose groundbreaking invention revolutionized modern communication.

Coming up: December 3 – **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens

YOUTH

Contact Youth Ministry Director, **Denise Clementz** at denise@genevaumc.org, or 309-507-2328, or Jodi Borger, Director of Children's Education at 630-232-7120.

Sunday Youth Worship:

10/6 – First Sunday, Sanctuary, 9 a.m. – Students will attend and assist with the worship service in the Sanctuary.

10/13, 10/20, 10/27 – Youth Room, 9-10:15 a.m. – Continuing our study on Christianity and World Religions.

11/3 – First Sunday, Sanctuary, 9 a.m. – Youth volunteers needed, sign up on the church website [here](#).

Youth Activity Schedule:

Friday 10/4

Geneva/Batavia High School Football Tailgate Party, 4:30-7 p.m., **All-Church Event** at Pastor Rich and Donna Darr's home, 1308 Center St., Geneva. Please contact Denise if you can bring food donations.



Sunday, 10/6

Nerf War 3-5 p.m. at UMC

Please bring your own Nerf equipment and protective eyewear if possible so that there is enough to go around for everyone, the church does have some equipment to share. We cannot be held responsible for any missing items, so please mark your equipment beforehand.

Sunday, 10/20

Escape Room 3-4:30 p.m. at iPanic Escape Room 1519 E. Main St., St. Charles. Cost TBD based on number of players.

Sunday, 11/3

Archery with Certified Instructor, 3 p.m. at Camp Big Timber, 37W955 Big Timber Road, Elgin, IL, 60123. Sign-up on church website coming soon. Watch the weekly youth email and church bulletin for more information.

Pen & Paper:

Meets on Oct. 5, Oct. 19, and Oct. 26 from 7-9 p.m. at UMC.



Photos from the Youth Fall Kick-Off at the Kilmer's

REACH OUT...

Giving to UMCG CHANGES Lives

Did you know that your contributions to UMCG impact the lives of those inside the church and outside the church? Your support enables adults, children, and youth to grow spiritually as well as supporting the work of community organizations to improve lives of those in need. One direct way we help is through our Rummage Sale – and the efforts of everyone involved.

Longtime Rummage Sale Chair Bobbi Alderfer says, “We used to think of the Rummage Sale as just a great fundraiser to support our local charities, but it has grown into an amazing ministry that reaches out and in and up. The sale provides low cost items for those in need and for those just seeking a bargain from our community. It also provides fellowship within our church family and a sense of being a part of something impactful. Lastly, by the grace of God we have been blessed with generous hearts and hands. We give thanks to God for all he provides and trust that this ministry will continue to touch many more lives.”

The number of phone calls to the church office and the formation of the line waiting as the sale begins are reminders that community anticipates and needs this resource. Because of your generous giving to support the programs of this church as well as the underlining cost and maintenance, we can continue to be the hub of life changing ministries that spread the sacrificial love of Jesus with others. Thank you for your support through your prayers, your talents, your witness, your time, AND your financial giving.

REMEMBER TO USE SHOP WITH SCRIP!

The **Shop with Scrip** committee is pleased to announce that \$2,000 will be added to the church operating budget to help cover the cost of roofing and lighting expenses. The UMCG Shop with Scrip gift card program has generated much-needed funds for the church operating budget with the sale of gift cards from popular retailers. Many people make it a habit to participate every month by placing an order and/or purchasing cards before and after the 9 a.m. service.

Shop with Scrip gift cards can be used for everyday or travel expenses, to purchase gifts, dine out, or for charity. Please help this program continue by using Shop with Scrip!

WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please send information to Communications@genevaumc.org or the church office by Wednesday noon. Thanks!

Announcements should be:

- brief (only the basics)
- end with where people can find more information
- be relevant to 80% of the congregation.



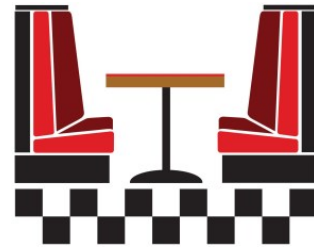
THANKS TO THE LAWN & GARDENING TEAM

A big thank you to everyone who works to make the outside of our church building look so neat, inviting, and beautiful. To those who regularly plan, plant, mow, weed, and mulch your hard and diligent work is noticed and appreciated! You have created a welcoming impression for regular attenders and visitors before they even enter our building!

Jim and Linda McConnell

Food and Fellowship Event

The next Food and Fellowship event will be on Saturday, October 12th at *The Lodge* on 64 in Wasco. We will meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome. Please RSVP to Mary Ann Werman at wermanmaryann@gmail.com or 630-762-6275 by October 10.



**Save the date for our
Ethnic Potluck
Sunday, November 10!**

...from Communications

A volunteer is needed to scrapbook UMCG photos and articles. Please contact Becky at Becky@genevaumc.org.

Bakers...

Fox Valley Hands of Hope could use some donations of cookies and brownies (without nuts, please) to replenish their freezer. They take treats to local schools during their visits. Hands of Hope is located at 200 Whitfield Drive, Geneva. Contact Adriana at 630-232-2233 x227 for more information.

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JOIN US FOR TUESDAY FUNDRAISER DAYS!

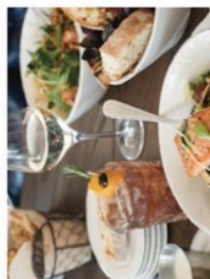
This Tuesday we will be supporting
the following local charitable organization:

**Livia, 207 S Third, Geneva
Fundraiser in Support of:
UMCG Scholarship Fund**

Date of Event:
October 29, 2019

Any guest that dines with us on Tuesday and provides a flyer^o
with your organization's name on it, 10% of the total check will be
donated to your organization for that day.

^oHard Copy Or On Your Smartphone



MESSENGER DEADLINE

Submit Articles for the November *Messenger*
by **Tuesday, October 15.**

Send information to

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