

Christ is Risen!



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Easter/Holy Week Worship Services GenevaUMC.org or Geneva UMC Facebook Page

April 2
Good Friday
Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. online

April 4
Easter Sunday
Holy Communion
Available at 6 a.m. online

Honoring God's Creation During Earth Month

On April 25th we will be celebrating Earth Sunday.

Earth Day was started in 1970 as people became more aware of the link between pollution and public health. Groups that had been fighting individually against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife united on Earth Day around these shared common values. It led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and many acts that would protect humans from disease and death and hundreds of species of animals from extinction. (earthday.org)

The theme for Earth Day 2021 is, "Restore Our Earth." We invite you to participate in one of the many short-term studies that are being offered in April that evolve around the stewardship of our earth. Please refer to the adult studies page for more information on studies, times and contact people. Look in the Weekly News updates for screening times for the environmental documentary "Kiss the Ground." We will be discussing the movie on Zoom on Sat, April 24. - Debbie Karr, Creation Care



Pastor's Page

Normal?

By the time you read this brief pastor's page, Easter Sunday will be right around the corner on April 4th. A year ago, who would have thought we would be celebrating Easter Sunday online for the second straight year in a row! With you, I look forward to the day – hopefully soon – when we will safely celebrate in-person worship in our beautiful church sanctuary. There's been a lot of talk these days from the local to the national level about getting back to "normal." We all want to get back to normal, right? I had to chuckle when I recently read that someone remarked that for them "normal is just a setting on their clothes dryer!"

Jesus came to earth over 2,000 years ago, and his life could be described as anything BUT "normal." He spent roughly three years of his life actively serving others, loving others, healing others, teaching about and revealing God to us. In fact, he was Emmanuel, God with us. Yet he died one of the cruelest deaths conceivable – death on a cross. But, as you know, that was not the end of the story as three days later God raised Jesus from the dead! At Easter we will once again celebrate God's victory over death and all the forces of evil and destruction. So please join us for our online Easter celebration on Sunday, April 4th. And know that you are valued, loved and missed. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Yours in resurrection hope!
Pastor Rich

Pastor Rich Darr Leads Study: The Mission of the Church & Care of Creation: A Discussion Sundays, 6-7:00 p.m., April 18 - May 23 via ZOOM

Each week, class members will discuss an important article or a chapter from Pastor Rich's dissertation on Christian mission and creation care.

Schedule:

April 18: Article, "The Historical Roots of our Ecological Crisis" by Lynn White, Jr. White's article exploded like a bombshell in religious circles as it laid blame for the modern environmental crisis squarely at the feet of the Judeo-Christian scriptures and traditions. What are the major issues? How did this article impact the rise of eco-theology and the greening of religion and the church?

April 25: Article, "The Origins of Western Environmentalism," by Richard Grove. Grove argues convincingly that the origins of the modern environmental movement emerged from the margins of Western Empire in the 17th and 18th centuries, including grave concern over climate change due to deforestation and soil erosion. Missionaries on the colonial periphery played an important role in the emergence of the modern environmental movement.

May 2: Article, "Historical Trends in Mission and Earth Care," by Dana Robert. The author, first reader of Pastor Rich's dissertation, offers an historical overview of the church's understanding of mission in relation to earth care from the early church through today. She draws on Pastor Rich's dissertation to explicate aspects of missions and creation care in the modern period (19th-21st centuries).

May 9: Missionaries: Heroes or Villains of Creation Care? (The case of Southern Africa.) "Introduction to Protestant Missions and Earth-keeping in Southern Africa," Chapter 1 of Pastor Rich's dissertation puts the discussion of the role of missionaries and conservation in the context of two recent theoretical perspectives. Environmental historian Richard Grove sees 19th century missionaries as heroes, forerunners of the modern environmental movement, while anthropologists John and Jean Comaroff portray these same missionaries as villains, harbingers of western imperial domination.

May 16: "Robert Moffat: 'God's Gardener.'" Chapter 2 of Pastor Rich's dissertation. Missionary Moffat arrived in Britain's Cape Colony in 1817. His work among the Bechuana tribe is legendary in mission circles. By the mid-1800s his writings to Britain's Royal Geographical Society recognized the relationship between deforestation and climate change in Southern Africa. Moffat also fought to combine improved agriculture in Africa with the eradication of the slave trade.

May 23: "John Croumbie Brown: Missionary, Colonial Botanist and Environmental Activist." Chapter 3 of Pastor Rich's dissertation. Environmental historian Richard Grove goes so far as to suggest that Brown was the single most influential voice in the 19th century western environmental movement. A trained botanist, J. C. Brown combined his scientific training with his evangelical fervor to develop an "environmental gospel" that echoed around the world, impacting the rise of modern forestry including the United States' Forestry Service.

April 2021 Worship Schedule

Worship is held online at genevaumc.org & facebook.com/umcgeneva

Children's Sunday School – details on [page 8](#) – contact Julie@genevaumc.org

Youth Sunday School – at 11 a.m. via Zoom – contact denise@genevaumc.org

Youth Activities – contact denise@genevaumc.org

Pen & Paper meets Saturdays 6-9 p.m. online – contact denise@genevaumc.org

Adult Sunday School on Zoom 10:30 a.m. Sunday – contact mcjamesc@aol.com

Neighborhood Group study on Zoom at 10:30 a.m. – contact lisa@genevaumc.org

April 2 – Good Friday – Tenebrae Service 7:00 p.m. online and viewable after.

A Service of Tenebrae, or Shadows, is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. Through readings and music we recall Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death, and what it means for the redemption of the world.

April 4 – Easter Sunday/Holy Communion [John 20:1-18](#)

On Easter morning, we find Mary Magdalene at Jesus' tomb. The empty tomb, however, does not prod Mary Magdalene to faith, prompting her instead to anxiety and grief. What happened to Jesus' body? And why did he have to die such a cruel death? Suddenly Mary's closed world breaks open—when Jesus calls her by name. Something illogical, impossible, even unnatural occurs. The old, established rules of what can happen and how are overthrown. Jesus' voice shatters that old world and opens up a brand new future that moves Mary Magdalene, and us, to joy and service.

Pastor Rich preaches, "From Tears to Joy. From Sorrow to Service."

April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter [John 20:19-31](#)

We have here a story about frightened disciples hiding behind locked doors and Thomas who misses the first appearance of Jesus, and doubts Jesus' return. Thomas has questions and is not satisfied with second-hand reports and wants to see for himself. Our question is, can we make room for the "Thomas" in our own lives and in others? Thomas does come to believe, but only after he has a chance to voice his doubt and test his faith. Sometimes faith is like that. True, vigorous, vibrant faith comes from the freedom to question, wonder, and doubt.

Pastor Lisa preaches, "Making Room for Thomas."

April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter [Luke 24:36-48](#)

How should we do church? Jesus' walk to Emmaus with his two disciples offers us a pattern to follow: Meet people where they are. Open up the Scriptures so that they can make sense of their lives in light of God's love and mercy. Gather them to Jesus' open table that they might see and be nourished by Christ's presence. And send them on their way, back into the world to partner in Christ's work and to share God's love.*

Pastor Rich preaches, "Doing Church Like Jesus."

April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter/Earth Day Celebration [John 10:11-18](#); [Colossians 1:15-20](#)

Jesus offers abundant life – not just for humans but the entire creation! That phrase "abundant life" captures what most of us long for. Not just more life, but abundant life. Not just more stuff, more money, more status and power, but life — real, satisfying, purpose-filled life. This is why Jesus, the good shepherd lay down his life. Today's Earth Day celebration powerfully reminds us that abundant life comes from a life following Jesus, focused on serving others and God's good creation.

Pastor Rich preaches, "Abundant Life."

*Adapted from the blog *Working Preacher* by Rev. David Lose.

UMCG Finance Update

By Rolland Lang

Peace and blessings to you from the Finance Committee.

Our 2021 finances are not yet perfect, but there are encouraging developments. We have also been able to trim our 2021 budget by several thousand dollars, thanks to a favorable decision by the conference to reduce our apportionments.

Around the conference UMCG is known as one of the strongest mission oriented churches in Illinois. Our wonderful ministries and mission work continue to stay strong, thanks to your faithful support. We are grateful for every dollar you give, and we're working hard to make them accomplish more than ever.

How can **you** help? Here are 4 ideas to make our dollars stretch farther.

If you haven't yet done so, sign up for [online giving](https://www.genevaumc.org) through our website ([genevaumc.org](https://www.genevaumc.org), "REACH IN" – "Online Giving"), or enroll in **auto-pay** through your bank. Your contributions will stay consistent, and you'll help UMCG even out its financial stream.

Have you received pandemic **stimulus payments** but feel your resources are adequate without them? It's a perfect opportunity to donate to UMCG and other organizations near and dear to you.

Are you an **Amazon** shopper? If you always logon with **smile.amazon.com** and select United Methodist Church of Geneva as your "favorite charity," 0.05% of the price of every purchase will be donated to UMCG at no extra charge to you. Same Amazon you know, with a bonus!

And don't forget, **SCRIP** cards are still available for your purchases at dozens of retailers, just like they have been for the past 4 years. Just contact John or Mardel McNally (see the church directory) to place an order.

Our Apportionment Dollars at Work: What is Africa University?

In 1898 Methodist Bishop Joseph Hartzell dreamed of training African teachers to teach African children and helped establish a primary school at "Old Hutare Mission" in the former Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). In time a hospital, orphanage, and agricultural program were also established.

Over the years desire for an institution of higher learning grew in Zimbabwe, and in 1988 the **General Conference** of United Methodists approved plans to begin a university. By 1992 Africa University had opened its doors, today offering 3 colleges serving 1200 students from 36 countries across Africa.



How do we at UMCG support Africa University? We do it through our "apportionment" dollars.

Funding for Africa University is a multi-million dollar, on-going international effort. World Service Special Gifts go toward a permanent endowment, providing scholarships and dollars for new programming.

Another ten million in support is "apportioned" in four-year cycles to the 34,000+ United Methodist churches worldwide. These dollars provide for the day-to-day operating expenses of AU.

Each year since 1992 a portion of UMCG's apportionment dollars has gone to the university. In 2021 we will continue that support with part of the \$5,000 we give to the World Service Fund and an additional \$200 that goes directly to the Africa University operational budget.

"Apportionments" are one of the important ways we support not only our own conference, but missions around the world. What a privilege we have to be a part of that!

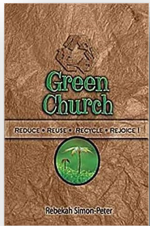
REACH UP... REACH IN... REACH OUT...

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.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

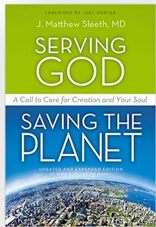
For the month of April, there are a number of online classes available. Please check the weekly eNews for the most current information. Here is what is being offered at this time:

The **Men's study group**, Early Bird Fellowship is meeting via Zoom each Thursday at 8:00 a.m. They will finish their Lenten study by James Harnish "*A Disciples Path*," and will begin a new study TBD. For more information and a Zoom invitation to join the weekly discussion, please contact Jim McConnell.



The **Adult Sunday School Class** is meeting each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., using Zoom. Beginning April 11 Pastor Rich will lead a 6-week study of the book "**Green Church**" by Rebekah Simon-Parker on earth keeping. Pastor Rich will also lead a separate class on creation care later each Sunday starting April 11. If you would like to join the weekly discussion on either of these new classes please contact Jim McConnell.

Spirits and Studies meets each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. 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 **Sunday Neighborhood Study Group** meets at 10:30 a.m. and will study Dr. Matthew Sleeth's book "*Serve God Save the Planet*" after Easter and over Earth Day. Please contact Pastor Lisa for more information and a Zoom invitation: lisa@genevaumc.org

Disciple I Bible Study - The **Disciple I** Bible study, begun in January, continues to meet in 1-hour weekly Zoom gatherings, over a 2-year period. Discussions happen over two weeks for each of the 34 sessions, so there is half the amount of reading each week. The class will cover the Old Testament this year, and the New Testament next year. Of course, as soon as it is safe to gather as a group, they will return to meeting face-to-face. Classes are facilitated by Pastor Lisa and Tom Tamlyn on Wednesday evenings.

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 or mcjamesc@aol.com with any ideas or questions.

Spirited Women—Our UMCG Spirited Women's group invites other women of the church to join us on Zoom for this six-week course of learning and conversations on environmental conservation. Each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., we will learn from a presentation for 30 minutes, and then have a discussion, talking about implications for our lives in a Q & A time with the speaker for 30 minutes. We are so fortunate to have so many of our congregation who are involved in this field! You may join in any number of the dates; contact Jenean Larsen (jenean_larsen@yahoo.com) to be emailed the Zoom link.

- 4/14** Carolyn Burnham presents a video of Douglas Tallamy (national expert on native ecosystems, who presents why "wild" our yards, then she leads Q&A
- 4/21** Fran Manos presents planning and planting for pollinators
- 4/28** Jenna Karr presents her work on plastic pollution research in Hawaii
- 5/5** Roger Mahr presents his work on One Health and the collaboration among medical and environmental professionals to improve the health of plants, animals and humans
- 5/12** Kate Kilmer shares her passion for and work on wildlife conservation
- 5/19** Pastor Rich presents his work on sustainable agriculture and conservation in Burkina Faso

Reading the New Testament Letters in 2021: Romans, 1 Corinthians, and 2 Corinthians

Reading Plan—by Jim Byrne

The letters which are preserved in the New Testament collectively for a library of Christian theology and guides to living life by the teachings of Jesus Christ. Although we usually read each letter in isolation from each other, reading them together can be an enriching experience which places each in the perspective of the others. We can see how they reinforce each other and provide shades of meaning which help us clarify and renew our faith in Christ as the Living Word.

Join us this Eastertide as we begin reading the letters of the New Testament. If you read the Gospels in Lent, use that momentum to continue your New Testament experience. If you did not participate in the Lenten program, join us in this new reading venture. Find a “reading buddy” with whom you can chat about the ideas and lives of the early church leaders who continue to guide us with their words. The reading is easy, but the rewards are enormous.

Date	Scripture Reading
April 6	Romans 1
April 7	Romans 2
April 8	Romans 3
April 9	Romans 4
April 10	Romans 5
April 11	Join other Christians at church today for worship, study, and fellowship.
April 12	Romans 6
April 13	Romans 7
April 14	Romans 8
April 15	Romans 9
April 16	Romans 10
April 17	Romans 11
April 18	Join other Christians at church today for worship, study, and fellowship.
April 19	Romans 12
April 20	Romans 13
April 21	Romans 14
April 22	Romans 15
April 23	Romans 16
April 24	1 Corinthians 1
April 25	Join other Christians at church today for worship, study, and fellowship.
April 26	1 Corinthians 2
April 27	1 Corinthians 3
April 28	1 Corinthians 4
April 29	1 Corinthians 5
April 30	1 Corinthians 6
May 1	1 Corinthians 7
May 2	Join other Christians at church today for worship, study, and fellowship.
May 3	1 Corinthians 8

May 4	1 Corinthians 9
May 5	1 Corinthians 10
May 6	1 Corinthians 11
May 7	1 Corinthians 12
May 8	1 Corinthians 13
May 9	Join other Christians at church today for worship, study, and fellowship.
May 10	1 Corinthians 14
May 11	1 Corinthians 15
May 12	1 Corinthians 16
May 13	2 Corinthians 1
May 14	2 Corinthians 2
May 15	2 Corinthians 3
May 16	Join other Christians at church today for worship, study, and fellowship.
May 17	2 Corinthians 4
May 18	2 Corinthians 5
May 19	2 Corinthians 6
May 20	2 Corinthians 7
May 21	2 Corinthians 8
May 22	2 Corinthians 9
May 23	Join other Christians at church today for worship, study, and fellowship.
May 24	2 Corinthians 10
May 25	2 Corinthians 11
May 26	2 Corinthians 12
May 27	2 Corinthians 13



All Church Earth Month Movie

Join your church friends and watch the documentary [*Kiss the Ground*](#), then join us for a discussion on April 24. *Kiss the Ground* reveals that by regenerating the world's soils, we can work to stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems and create abundant food supplies. Using compelling graphics and visuals, along with striking NASA and NOAA footage, the film artfully illustrates how, by drawing down atmospheric carbon, soil is the missing piece of the climate puzzle. Watch the movie at one of our Zoom meet-ups. Dates are tentative:

- ◆ Thursday, April 22 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30
- ◆ Saturday, April 24 from 10:30 p.m. - 12:00 noon

(Also available on Netflix, for those who have the service.)

Join us for discussion about *Kiss the Ground*, on Zoom April, 24th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A representative from *Kiss the Ground* will join us for the discussion. You won't want to miss this!



Gardening Help Needed

If you enjoy gardening, consider helping with keeping our Church grounds neat and tidy. Chores mainly include weeding on a weekly basis. This can be on your

own schedule, or you can coordinate with Fran Manos. Bring a friend! Our chores begin in the first week of May, when we plant some annuals, and wind down by the last week of October. Beginner gardeners are welcome! If you are interested, please email Fran at jmanos51@att.net.

AMPLIFYMEDIA RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Amplify Media is a multimedia platform that provides church congregations with all kinds of resources - books, studies, lectures, worship, and programs for everyone from kids to adults. Topics include antiracism/reconciliation, Women's studies, worship/inspiration, the Bible in 30 seconds or less, things for kids, and much more.

Here's how to log in to Amplify Media:

Go to <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify>. You will need to create a free account.

Pull down menu and click on **Enter access code** - enter **GFJLWR**

Click the purple **verify** tab and create your account

Use our access code and your information and click **start a free membership**



We will also share these activities and devotions on the [UMC Geneva Facebook page](#)

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!



We'd like to extend our congratulations to those who have or will be graduating in 2021 from high school or post-secondary school. If you or a family member is graduating this spring, please contact the office at debbie@genevaumc.org, and let us know from which school they are graduating, as well as any future educational, work or other plans. **Please send your information by May 1.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Upcoming Children's Sunday School Schedule

Sunday, April 4 - In-person meeting at the North end of Wheeler Park at new time 11:00 a.m. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt and play some games while parents socialize and talk with Pastor Lisa!

Sunday, April 11 - We will be having fun with Mad Libs in our regular 10:00 a.m. Zoom class. Show me your crayon creations from your Earth Day packet!

Sunday, April 18 - No class.

Sunday, April 25 - Zoom class. Take some pictures of your Beatitudes "Bee" pastry creations or show us (if you didn't eat them yet!) on our zoom call on 4/25!

Sunday, May 2 - No class

The Renovation Team would like to share their Vision Document after nearly a year of work with Ministry Architects.

Full Text of Document can be found Here: <https://tinyurl.com/UMCGCYVision>

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

VISION DOCUMENT

Mission Statement

Children and Youth Ministries in UMC Geneva exist to grow disciples of Jesus Christ through authentic relationships and fun activities that empower them to serve others in our local and global communities.

Core Values

- **Relational** - Building authentic, healthy, and lasting connections with God, ourselves, others, and the natural world.
- **Fun** - Providing interactive and engaging experiences that foster joy and strengthen friendships.
- **Serving** - Reaching out to care for people in our church, community, world, and creation.
- **Welcoming** - Offering an inclusive, safe, and structured environment where people feel invited and encouraged to build healthy relationships.
- **Spiritual** - Developing deeper relationships with God and each other through optimistic, thought-provoking Bible study and theology.

THREE-YEAR REVOLVING GOALS

TARGET DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2023

ONE-YEAR BENCHMARKS TARGET DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2021

1. We organized quarterly youth special events.
2. We participated in quarterly youth events with Baker and Batavia UMCs.
3. We grew the children and youth programs to a weekly average of 10 participants at each grade level.
4. We integrated music (vocal and/or instrumental) at least once a month in our children and youth programs.
5. Children participated in a musical production(s) at least once a year.
6. We formed separate youth groups and Sunday school classes for Middle School and High School.
7. At least 4 youth participated in an international mission trip through UMC Geneva.
8. We created usable recreational space in the church for children and youth.
9. The youth (6th-12th) and Worship Planning Team planned and led Sunday worship service on a bi-annual basis (including children participation).

March Children's Program Highlights!



The children of UMCG have been meeting in-person outside the church and on Zoom! We had so much fun making stained glass hearts for Valentine's Day, and a similar project of peace signs to decorate the doors to the church! Now that spring is upon us, the children are participating in some Earth Day projects that Debbie Karr assembled for them. We've also created melted crayon palm



leaves for Palm Sunday, planted sunflower seeds and dyed eggs for some of our homebound congregation members! Our hopes are to see more spring-like weather and meet more often in person! Please feel free to invite your neighbors to join us for our outdoor gatherings. —Julie Popplewell

UMCG Scholarships – Deadline Approaching!

Attention all high school seniors and college undergraduate and graduate students! UMCG scholarship applications are now open. Apply online at <http://www.genevaumc.org> under REACH IN. **The deadline to submit your application is April 16, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. No application will be accepted after that date, and all parts of the application must be received by April 16.** This year, the Scholarship Committee will accept unofficial transcripts. Please contact a committee member with questions or if you need help: Keith Worthington, Colleen Fasbender, Barb Pribble, Suzanne Zefron, or Gwen Powell.

UMCG Staff Update



We welcome Carolyn Burnham as the New Director of Communications. Carolyn is a graduate of the University of Iowa with B.A. in Communication Studies and Business Administration. She worked for nearly 20 years in television mostly doing marketing research at stations in Rockford, Illinois, Flint, Michigan and Detroit, Michigan. She changed course in 2011 moving with her husband, two daughters, and two cats from the Detroit Area to Batavia and started her professional organizing business. Her business evolved from organizing homes to specializing in organizing photo collections.

Carolyn and her family joined UMCG in 2013. Her husband John is a Product Development Engineer for CNH Industrial in Burr Ridge. Her older daughter Lauren (20) is a Junior studying English (Publishing) and Business at Illinois State University, and her younger daughter Shae (17) is a senior at Illinois Math and Science Academy.

Carolyn is also an active volunteer. She is a Member of the Batavia Environmental Commission, Kane County Senior Resources, NAPO (National Association of Productivity and Organizing) Chicago, was an active member of her daughters' PTOs, and is currently the video editor for the NAPO Stand Out Podcast. Carolyn and her daughter Shae also sewed around 400 masks and donated them to various charities over the past year.

In what time that is left, Carolyn enjoys cooking, scrapbooking, spending time with her family, and attempting to turn her yard into a native plant paradise.



ASP Fundraiser B-Que Time!

ASP invites you to ignite your grill in support of ASP's efforts to provide warm, safe, and secure housing for the people of the Appalachia region. ASP is teaming up with Country Village Meats, to offer the finest in fresh cut steaks & chops, smoked bacons, beef jerky, snack sticks, and more. Orders can be placed online at www.countryvillagemeat.com; see ordering details in weekly emails. **Orders must be received by April 18th** and will be available for drive-by pickup on Sunday, May 2nd. Payment can be made online or with a check at pickup. Fifteen percent of your purchases will go to fund ASP, so please help us improve those ASP homes. **Go to this link for complete instructions (You will need them.)** <https://tinyurl.com/UMCGASPMeat>



Are you ready for some baseball?

We have been [challenged](#) by Lord of Life Church to put together a softball team and join the Spring Church League. Play begins on May 16 for Adults 18+. Check out this [link to the park district information](#). If you are interested in playing or leading the team contact Carolyn Burnham at Carolyn@Genevaumc.org

HELP MAKE LAZARUS HOUSE DINNERS

UMCG continues to commit to providing dinners to Lazarus House Shelter on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Help stock our freezer by making an extra casserole in a 9x13 pan.

Contact Gwen Powell for contactless pickup.

Please do NOT take to the church.
Contact Gwen at 630-262-7491 or
bgatpow@yahoo.com.

You can also sign up on our [website](#).



Food Drive plus Styrofoam & Vinyl Record Collection

**Saturday, April 10
10 a.m. - 12 Noon**

**United Methodist Church of Geneva
211 Hamilton Street Geneva**

The Committee on Missions and Church in Society is announcing another Food plus Styrofoam drive on April 10, 2021, in the church parking lot. The Salvation Army Food Pantry is still in great need of non-perishable canned goods, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and diapers.

An exciting addition to our drive will be the collection of vinyl records, CD's, cassettes, stereo equipment, musical instruments, and music memorabilia to help defer the cost of sending our volunteers on the ASP trip this summer.

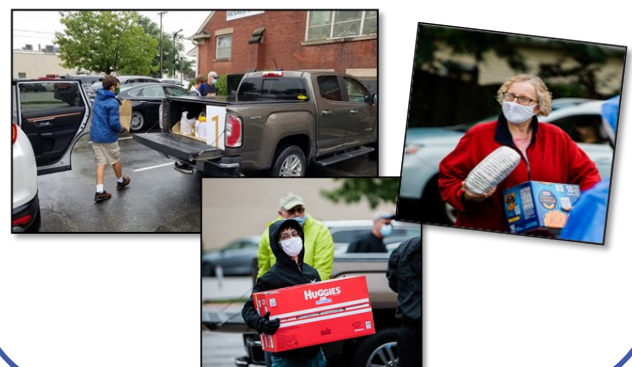
Questions regarding the music drive should be directed to Anita Malik travelfever15@aol.com.

Our Committee continues to be grateful for this congregation's unending support for the Salvation Army Food Pantry and its food mission to the deserving families in the Fox Valley.

Drive into West parking lot

**Stay in your car
Wear your mask
Click trunk open**

Volunteers will unload bags from your car





Raise a slice
FOR A
**GOOD
CAUSE**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GENEVA

DATE

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

LOCATIONS

Lou Malnati's Elgin
4:00pm - 10:00pm
903 S Randall Rd
(847) 760-6500

Lou Malnati's Aurora
4:00 pm - 10:00pm
1720 N Orchard Road
(630) 581-8550

Lou Malnati's Geneva
4:00pm - 10:00pm
1048 Commons Drive
(630) 208-1600

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FOR QUESTIONS

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(630) 232-7120
debbie@genevaumc.org

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Make sure to mention the flyer or fundraiser during your order.

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- Please check receipt for "fundraiser" item, if you do not see "fundraiser" on your receipt, please see or call a manager. For online orders, it will be indicated after you enter the promo code
- For questions or concerns please email fundraising@loumalnatis.com



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Wednesday, April 21, 2021



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