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the Messenger

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**Our Monthly Calendar is back on
on our Website!
Click this [link](#) to check it out!**

Join Us for Worship in the Fresh Air at Fabyan Woods Forest Preserve!

We have started offering Outdoor Worship Services in addition to Online Worship Services this Spring.

UMCG Outdoor Worship will be held at the Fabyan Forest Preserve in Shelter #1 for the month of May. Please click on [this link](#) for a map and more detailed information.

Attendance is limited to 50, including pastors, musicians, and ushers. If you would like to attend the Outdoor Worship, register online and follow our safety protocols.

You can [register](#) each week beginning on Wednesday. Registration closes when full or at 6pm on the Saturday before the service.

Please follow protocols: wear your mask and follow social distancing at all times, including walking to and from parking, even if you have been vaccinated. Please bring your own chair or blanket for seating.

We can't wait to see you!



Food Drive, Styrofoam & Vinyl Record Collection Event Was a Success!

The Committee on Missions/Church in Society would like to thank everyone who contributed food, Styrofoam, or vinyl records during the April 10th Collection Day event. 253 bags of "blessings" (food, diapers, hygiene items, etc.) were collected for the Salvation Army Food Bank, 3 carloads of Styrofoam were collected and delivered to Dart Recycling, and \$500.00 was contributed to ASP by virtue of the vinyl record collection. Thanks once more for the generosity of this church and community!

-Nancie Lillie

Pastor's Page

As our yards and trees and bushes are greening, and our flowers begin blooming, we see signs of new life arounds us, coming out of the death and slumber of winter. In May, we are still in the Easter season of resurrection, until May 23, Pentecost Sunday.

In the world, Spring marks the season of housecleaning, yard-cleaning, and end of school year programs and award giving! We go from clearing out old stuff, to turning over new leaves, to celebrating school year growth and accomplishments. We also mark several spring holidays close together: Earth Day, Arbor Day, and Mothers' Day. Most of these activities center around growth: dead growth, new growth, and good growth. Our church season also marks these things in Eastertide and Pentecost: Christ, in his crucifixion puts an end to old ways of sin and death and offers us his new way of love and spirit, of welcoming all and encouraging all to new life in God's love and acceptance.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is given to the disciples and they are able to be understood by persons from all cultures, in all languages. The story of Christ's ministry, death and resurrection is rapidly shared through the Roman empire, winning hearts among peoples of various ethnicities and economic levels. Neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, woman nor man are left out of worship and leadership. Everyone is loved and welcomed, and in their first communities, they share property and resources so that no one is hungry or homeless. Many widows, orphans and slaves are saved physically and spiritually, by the early Christian communities.

Which then begs the question: what is our witness to be, as Christians in this season, in this time of pandemic, and global climate crisis? How might we witness to family, friends, and neighbors of the power of God's love to overcome the pressing issues of racial prejudice, climbing viral infection rates, and climate crisis with the attendant extinctions and natural disasters?

Let us begin with where we are, encouraging education about racial inequity and systemic racial disempowerment of people of color. You can help our own Evan Horvath to put books on race in our local schools. Let us continue to encourage folks to be vaccinated and wear masks, while infectious variants of the virus continue to expand in geography and severity; until most are vaccinated, we all are at risk. Let us do our part to increase the protection of wild spaces, and the diversity of wildlife in our area: use of chemical fertilizers, weed killers, and insecticides must be reduced, and natural, organic ways to encourage growth and reduce weeds and pests should be used.

In this season of resurrection and new life, Nature must be returned to more of the balance God intended, for humans and the world to thrive. Out of balance, we are threatening our own survival, as well as future generations, and are continuing to extinguish the lives of most species on our planet. We can do better! Starting at home: reduce, reuse, recycle, compost, reduce grass, plant native trees, bushes, and flowers. Leave the edges of your yard wild, and let dandelions, milkweed, and leaf litter abound, to nurture nature's circle of life that will extend upward to birds, and onward to you and me. Learn more from our small group discussions and talks this month and watch the movie *Kiss the Ground* on Netflix if you missed it at our Zoom showing! Let's help UMC of Geneva lead the Tricities, and our state, as a Green city where all of life is nurtured and cherished!



Happy to be on the journey with you,
Pastor Lisa

May 2021 Worship Schedule

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

Children's Sunday School – 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 9:00 a.m. Sunday – contact mcjamesc@aol.com

Neighborhood Group study on Zoom at 9:00 a.m. – contact lisa@genevaumc.org

May 2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter/Holy Communion [John 15: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7,13](#)

Love is the greatest! At least that's what the Apostle Paul says in the love chapter of his first letter to the believers in the city of Corinth. What does Christian love look like? Where do we find it and how can we live it? The Apostles John and Paul provide the answers!

Pastor Rich preaches, "Love Is the Greatest!"

May 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day [John 15: 9-17](#)

This sixth Sunday of Easter we will reflect on Jesus' teaching in his farewell discourse in the Gospel of John, specifically the passage John 15: 9-17. Jesus reminds us to love one another as he has loved us, laying down our lives for each other as he did for us, and bearing fruit that will last, so that God can bless us and others, through us. What can that possibly look like? Does it look like your mom and dad, or grandparents, perhaps a teacher or coach? How might we lay down our lives as Christians today, following Jesus?

Pastor Lisa preaches, "Love is the Question and the Answer."

May 16 – Seventh Sunday of Easter/Scholarship Sunday [John 21: 1-14](#)

Through our relationship with the risen Christ, we have more than enough! Jesus comes to us in our abundance as well as in our brokenness. He also goes ahead of us and we find him in our blessings. Bishop John Hopkins preaches, and his cabinet leads our online worship today. We have added our own short video near the end of the Cabinet service of UMCG recognition of our 2021 Scholarship recipients.

Bishop John Hopkins preaches, "More than Enough!"

May 23 – Pentecost Sunday [Acts 2: 1-21](#)

Happy birthday, Church! With tongues of fire and rush of wind the Church is born on earth and publicly witnesses to God's breath-taking inclusivity in the Spirit sent by God. Who is this Spirit and what role does the Spirit play in our personal and corporate life as the body of Christ on earth?

We invite you to wear red as you join us in worship either online or at the outdoor service.

Pastor Rich preaches, "Earth, Wind & Fire!"

May 30 – First Sunday after Pentecost/Trinity Sunday [John 1:1-14; 3:16,17](#)

The trinity – the notion that God is three persons in one - is certainly a mystery. That truism is as profound and practical as it is mysterious. Today's sermon explores the doctrine of the trinity's significance for community in general and the specific community we call church.

Pastor Rich preaches, "God is One. God is Three. God is a Community!"

JUNE MESSENGER DEADLINE—Monday, May 17

Submit Information on the [June 2021 Messenger Submission Form](#)
Submissions may also be sent to communications@genevaumc.org

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.

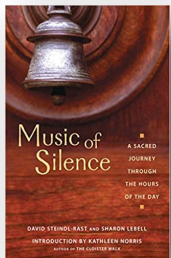
SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

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

Men's Early Bird Fellowship meets via Zoom on Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. They begin a new disciple short-term Bible study on April 15 with "Invitation to Romans," which will continue through June 3. Please contact Jim at mcjamesc@aol.com for more information.

The **Adult Sunday School Class** meets at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Pastor Rich will be leading a 6-week study on creation care using the book: *Green Church* by Rebekah Simon-Parker. This study began April 11 and will continue through May 16. Email Jim McConnell at mcjamesc@aol.com for more information and the Zoom link.



Spirits & Studies will begin a new book on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. Most of us are not about to escape to a monastery. But many of us would like to share the spiritual riches that come from leaving behind a world full of noise and distractions. In *Music of Silence: A Sacred Journey Through the Hours of the Day*, David and Sharon bring forth ways to be here now by following the natural rhythms of the hours of the day. We welcome newcomers and returning participants for lively discussions, fellowship and mutual support. Contact (Rev.) Mary Gay McKinney, Coordinator of Congregational Care, 815-508 -2055 or marygay@genevaumc.org

Neighborhood Study Group will meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. They began their study of *Serving God, Saving the Planet* by Matthew Sleeth, MD on April 18 that will continue in May. For the link and more information, please contact Pastor Lisa at lisa@genevaumc.org.

The Mission of the Church & Care of Creation: A Discussion Meets from 6–7:00 p.m. on Sunday, 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. [More information here.](#)

Disciple / Bible Study - The *Disciple / 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.

- 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 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.

Date	Scripture Reading
May 1	1 Corinthians 7
May 2	Join other Christians 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 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 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 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

Invite others to grow in their faith by reading the Bible.



Silent Prayer and Reflection Time in Our Sanctuary

Beginning Wednesday, April 28, our Sanctuary will be available between 10:00am and 2:00pm every Wednesday for a time of prayer and reflection in the Sanctuary. In order to follow safety guidelines, only 10 people at a time will be allowed in the Sanctuary.

REGISTER:

- Reservations will be scheduled for every half hour. You may stay in the Sanctuary for any or all of this time period. [Reserve your time for May 5](#). Look for later dates in the eNews or via email announcement.
- If you do not use a computer, you may call the church office (630- 232-7120) and leave a message to make a reservation. Indicate the time you would like to sign up for, and someone will call you back to confirm your reservation.

WHAT TO BRING:

- You will need to bring whatever you want to use during this time, i.e. your own Bible, book, journal, paper, pen, etc.

ARRIVE:

- Use west (parking lot) entrance.
- Wear a mask at all times.
- Sign in with volunteer. You will be directed to the Sanctuary.
- Use back stairway.
- Get laminated sheet from volunteer to take with you into the Sanctuary.
- Enter through west door.
- Sit six feet apart, unless you came as a family/ couple. Sit six feet away from a sign left on a pew.
- This space is for silent prayer and reflection, not conversation.

DONE PRAYING:

- When the volunteer rings the bell signaling the end of the session, leave the laminated sheet where you were sitting. Exit the Sanctuary using the east door and go down the main stairs. Exit through the west parking lot entrance.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES



Youth Hula Hoop Fundraiser May 2 from 1-2 p.m.



Students will compete in lighthearted games using hula hoops. Students are asked to collect freewill money donations for the Northern Illinois Foodbank to submit as their “entry fee”. Please contact denise@genevaumc.org to participate or donate.



We are looking for students in 5th-12th grade who are willing to help do some outdoor cleaning and yardwork for our shut-ins. If you are interested, please contact Denise ASAP so we can work on scheduling dates with those in need.

If you are a senior who would like some youth to help in any outdoor ‘spring cleaning,’ yard work, or light gardening, please contact us so we can discuss assisting you. We will remain socially distant, and only work outside your home. If you have questions contact Denise.



Northern Illinois Conference
The United Methodist Church



Book Drive

Since the fall of 2020, Leah Popplewell, AJ Hansen, and Evan Horvath have been involved with the Northern Illinois Conference’s Justice Generation. It is a group for high schoolers designed to learn about and help fight systemic racism.

They learned that it’s important for people to see themselves represented, and for people to know each other’s stories. Evan is trying to make sure kids in our community have access to books that teach about culture, race, inclusivity, and tolerance with his book collection project. If you would like to buy a book to donate, please connect to this [Amazon Wish List](#) of titles.

The books are around \$10 each and will be donated to local school libraries and classrooms. Please purchase any books by May 31 so they can be delivered to the libraries before summer. Any questions? Contact Evan Horvath at evandhorvath@icloud.com

Confirmation Classes of 2019-2020 and 2020-21

Please watch your emails for scheduling information as we wrap up this year’s class and continue planning our Confirmation ceremony.



Questions about youth programs? Contact Denise Clementz at denise@genevaumc.org

April Children's Program Highlights!



We had a fabulous time at our Easter Egg Hunt at Wheeler Park on Easter morning! We had several new families and younger siblings join us! We played a few games and found about 240 eggs. This month we are wrapping up our studies on the Beatitudes and even made some yummy pastry bees to commemorate all of



our lessons. The children of UMG had fun making their Earth Day projects and presenting them during our Zoom class. We can't wait

to meet more regularly in-person in May outdoors (weather permitting) and for our VBS at Wheeler Park at the beginning of June!

—Julie Popplewell



We have a great Vacation Bible School experience planned this year! The children will be learning about three mission projects: a local animal shelter, Appalachia Service Project, and Kids Alive Dominican Republic. They will learn how they can help support local, national, and world visions.

- This year, VBS will be held in Wheeler Park in the pavilion nearest the playground.
- The dates are Monday, June 7 through Wednesday, June 9 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Pre-registration will be via a [Google form](#) instead of paper copy.
- Cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per family.
- More information will be on our Website. Contact Julie Popplewell with questions Julie@genevaumc.org



Come one and all on this Holy Spirit day of Pentecost, to make a tie dye t-shirt you can wear for UMC Geneva! We invite everyone to participate!

- ♦ We will be tie dying shirts at Shelter #1 at Fabyan Forest Preserve which is the location of our outdoor worship service.
- ♦ The deadline to [sign up](#) for a tie dying time is May 12.
- ♦ Any proceeds above cost of shirt, printing and tie dying, will go toward our church's ASP trip this summer and VBS.
- ♦ You can also purchase a UMC-Geneva t-shirt even if you don't want to tie dye it.
- ♦ Wear your mask and wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy.
- ♦ Please contact Maria.isely@gmail.com with any questions!

It's a win-win-win that keeps giving, as we share in Christ's loving spirit to make the shirts, then share Christ's Spirit anywhere and everywhere we wear the shirts!

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**

Gardening Help Needed

Most of us have enjoyed the beautiful flowers and plants surrounding the church. Fran Manos has been taking on most of the responsibility for this effort and she needs our help!

Chores mainly include weeding on a weekly basis. Do you have an hour to spare a few times each month? 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 can help, please email Fran at jmanos51@att.net.

Our Apportionment Dollars at Work (#2): The "Ministerial Education Fund"

Encouraging and supporting candidates for ministry is vital to the health of our churches. Since 1968 our apportionment dollars have helped the Ministerial Education Fund assist thousands of men and women to become UM leaders through . . .

- Scholarships
- Support of the 13 United Methodist seminaries in the U.S.
- Programs that encourage men and women to respond to the call to ordained ministry
- Continuing-education opportunities for pastors

Here are two servants of diverse backgrounds who received support from UMCG through the "MEF."



Rev. DaeHwa Park

A native of South Korea, Rev. Park studied theology at Yonsei University in the 1980s and served several Korean Methodist churches near Seoul before moving to Virginia. He has served several churches in the northeast and is currently pastor of Good Shepherd

Church in Silver Springs, Md.

Rev. Park states, "It was the grace of the Holy Spirit that drove me to the call to ministry." In cooperation with the Spirit, the Ministerial Education Fund has made Park's response to God's call possible.



Artcelynn Ruiz

Artcelynn Ruiz is using MEF support as a 2nd year MDiv student at Claremont School of Theology. Originally from the Philippines, her family moved to the U.S. when she was a teenager, and she is now a longtime resident of San Diego.

Artcel currently serves at First United Methodist Church in Chula Vista, where she plans worship, preaches, and plays a leadership role. She is especially passionate about outreach programs where she is able to "follow God outside the walls of the church."

Some other folks you know who received Ministerial Education Fund support:



Creation Care

Gardening for Pollinators

Pollinators are animals who transfer pollen between flowers of the same species as they search for nectar. They include bees, butterflies, moths, flies, fireflies, and beetles, as well as bats and hummingbirds. You may have heard of pollinator gardens, gardens planted to encourage these creatures. If you have spent much of your gardening life discouraging insects, you may wonder if this is for you. Yes! Pollinators in our gardens and in nature are a sign of a healthy ecosystem, of which we are a part. And they play a big role in pollinating our food crops.

To have a pollinator garden, don't use pesticides. Pesticides don't discriminate between a beautiful butterfly and a Japanese beetle—they kill all insects.

Consider planting native plants such as purple coneflowers, bee balm, Joe Pye weed, butterfly weed, and black- and brown-eyed Susans. They all attract pollinators, and look good in the garden.

An easy way to dip your toe into pollinator gardening is to start with zinnias. One August day last summer I looked out at the zinnias flowering in my front garden and saw six different types of butterflies nectaring: monarchs, swallowtails, painted ladies, red admirals, cabbage butterflies, and silver-spotted skippers. It was quite a moment!

Once you start gardening with pollinators in mind, you will realize that plants are only half of a garden—the living creatures who populate it are the crucial other half.

Want to learn more? Stop by the website of the [Xerces Society](#), for more about what you can do to protect pollinators. - *Fran Manos, Creation Care*



Black Swallowtail in Fran's Garden

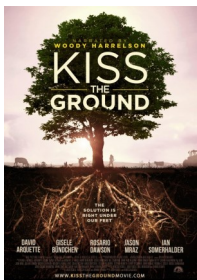
SPEAK UP ABOUT SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION THAT IS BEING PROPOSED THIS SPRING

A key feature of the legislation involves making a just transition away from fossil fuels to renewable energy to combat climate change. This addresses job creation and retraining and provides assistance to people of color and others adversely impacted by pollution and climate change.

The [Clean Energy Jobs Act](#) also proposes the closure of fossil fuel plants by 2030, including the Prairie State Coal Plant that provides power to [Batavia](#), [Geneva](#), and [St. Charles](#). There will be costs associated with the closure, but the positive impacts of closing this plant, which is a [Top 10 polluter in the country](#), is huge.

The Creation Care team encourages you to learn more about this [legislation](#) and reach out to your city Council Members and [legislators](#) to tell them you support this legislation. Votes will be taken on this legislation in May!

Kiss the Ground Discussion and Resources



The Creation Care team hosted a discussion about *Kiss the Ground* on April 24. We enjoyed a presentation from Kevin Kelley from Terra Vitae Farms, a regenerative farm in Woodstock, Illinois.

Take a look at these resource sheets provided by Kevin Kelley and Debbie Karr to learn more about [regenerative and organic local farms](#) and [resources related to the topic of the movie](#).

EARTH TENDING IDEAS DISCUSSION Sat, May 22, 2021 at 3 p.m. via Zoom

All are invited to participate in a Zoom roundtable discussion of "earth tending ideas" gleaned from the five studies and Earth Day movie viewing that UMCg families and friends have participated in over the past month and a half. From our movie "Kiss the Ground" to Children's Sunday School to Adult Sunday School, our neighborhood study, Spirited Women speakers, and Pastor Rich's eco-theology study, we have been immersed in thinking about how can we live sustainably, in ways that respect and regenerate our beautiful earth.



Now we are inviting you to come on a Zoom Saturday afternoon May 22 at 3 p.m. to share what new insights you've gained, what learnings have been reinforced through these studies and activities. And then, how can we use these insights and learnings to formulate new goals and practices for our church to put in place to help our community and world move forward in tending the earth?!

Rolland and Robbin Lang will host our talk and facilitate our conversation that afternoon. Please email Pastor Lisa (lisa@genevaumc.org) to be emailed the zoom link for our afternoon of earth tending ideas!

Congregational Care

Sometimes in these challenging days we need someone who can listen and perhaps help us sort through some of our problems or stuck places. In addition to our pastors, we also have a great resource in our Stephen Ministers. I recently was in a tough spot. One of our Stephen Ministers had said she was available if I needed to talk with someone. I did. We spent some time on the phone and what a great blessing.

Our Stephen Ministers are available whether for a few visits or more. If you're ever feeling like I did, please reach out to me so I can connect you with one of our Stephen Ministers or one of the pastors. We can all be here for each other.

Stephen Ministers meet Tuesday, May 4, at 1:45 p.m. via Zoom. Perhaps in June we can meet in the park but for May, we will be online.

For almost 2 years now a group has been meeting for prayer at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays. We meet for 30 minutes and pray for our congregation, church's ministries, pastors and staff and anything or anyone else that comes up. We meet via Zoom. Please contact Mary Gay McKinney via phone email or a phone call to church for more information and the Zoom link.

*(Rev.) Mary Gay McKinney
Coordinator of Congregational Care
Text or phone: 815 508 2055,
Email: marygay@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](#).

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING AND CROCHETING NIGHT

May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The Prayer Shawl ministry team will gather on May 20 at 7 p.m. to knit, crochet and bless prayer shawls together. We meet for an hour and bless any completed shawls at the end.



We welcome anyone to join us and would be happy to teach you to crochet or knit if you would like to learn. Any one 4th grade and older is welcome to join us. We have many completed shawls available for donation. We have sent over 25 to church members, family and friends, across the country even!

Contact Pastor Lisa lisa@genevaumc.org or Colleen Fasbender colleenfas@icloud.com to get a shawl, or to join the group.

Congratulations!

Our congratulations go out to Evan Horvath who was recently named a 2021 National Merit Scholarship finalist!



The Pepper Valley Neighborhood group & friends volunteered at the Northern Illinois Food Bank on Thursday April 8, the third time they have volunteered there this year.

This time they relabeled cans for donation, packing 2548 pounds of food, providing 2123 meals for hungry neighbors in Northern Illinois. They had a lot of fun making a difference for good!

- Pastor Lisa



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Present:

Scholarship Fundraiser

Join us on **Monday, May 3rd** at The Burger Local from
11:30am – 8pm.

Bring this flyer or mention United Methodist Church of Geneva, and 15% of the sales will benefit **UMCG**

Scholarship Fund.

Valid for dining and curbside pickup orders!

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