



United Methodist Church  
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# *the* *Messenger*

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### **UMC-Geneva is offering three options for worship this summer!**

1. **Online Worship** at [genevaumc.org](https://genevaumc.org) on Facebook.
2. **Indoor Worship** in our sanctuary at 9 am.
3. **Outdoor Worship** continues at 10:30 am at a shelter in Fabyan or Gunnar Anderson Forest Preserve tentatively through August 29.

Please click on [this link](#) for maps and more detailed information about our outdoor worship services.

**We will cancel outdoor worship if we do not have 20 people registered by 12 pm on Saturday.**

Us this link to [register](#) for outdoor services.



## **NEITHER HERE NOR THERE.**

Perhaps you are familiar with the term liminality or liminal space.

The word liminal comes from the Latin word 'limen', meaning threshold – any point or place of entering or beginning. A liminal space is the time between the 'what was' and the 'next.' It is a place of transition, a season of waiting, and not knowing. Richard Rohr describes this space as: "where we are betwixt and between the familiar and the completely unknown. There alone is our old world left behind, while we are not yet sure of the new existence. That's a good space where genuine newness can begin. Get there often and stay as long as you can by whatever means possible... This is the sacred space where the old world is able to fall apart, and a bigger world is revealed." If we don't encounter liminal space in our lives, we start idealizing normalcy.

These thresholds of waiting and not knowing our 'next' are inevitable and most are incredibly disruptive.<sup>1</sup>

I'm in a season of acute liminality. I'm officially UMC's senior pastor, but I don't fully start until August 1st. I'm not pastoring in Rochelle either. Pastor Rich has moved on to retirement and so there is this gap (which Pastors Lisa and Mary Gay have under control). When this comes out it's likely my family is living one of the great-American road trips to Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks but have not yet made a home.

We're in liminal space with the pandemic, too. Vaccinations are out, but not for everyone. Some normalcy has returned to some parts of our lives but not entirely. The future of the church, our state, nation,

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planet all of it isn't clear or certain. The way I see it we are all in in layers and layers in liminal space. Living in this space can be like the trapeze. Free falling after having let go of the old while the new is not yet in reach. I don't know about you, but this can be anxiety producing. Perhaps that is one reason why our world is so tense and has been (and probably will be) for a while.

But like Rohr has quoted above, liminal space is sacred space, even with the accompanying anxiety. Liminal space is something God uses to reshape us into the people God desires us to be. I think a lot about the Israelites and their 40-year journey in the wilderness as a grand story of liminal space. The exodus journey was a time formation and reformation. Some hated it and wanted to go back to Egypt instead of persisting in the unknowing for the Promised Land. I'm sure some settled in the towns along the way. Some didn't make it at all. Why didn't God set the Israelites on a direct path to the Promised Land? I think the wilderness journey wasn't as much about getting the Israelites out of Egypt, it was getting the Egypt out of the Israelites (I think this idea comes from Walter Brueggman, but I can't find the exact quote).

In this liminal season for us as a church, I look to God. Where is God going to call us to move, or be or become in this space? I think that about myself as your new senior pastor. I can't be the old associate pastor you once knew but now in a different office. God's changed me too much to go back. I wonder about ministry in our pandemic-post-Christian context. We can't go back to what worked 30 years ago in Geneva. God has changed UMCG too much.

One calling we have in this liminal season is to wait patiently upon the Lord and be faithful to where the Spirit moves. This can be like watching in the wilderness for the pillar of cloud and fire. So, while we are neither here nor there; join me in praying that God makes good use of us and this uncomfortable gift of liminal space.

My family and I look forward to being with you fully in ministry starting August 1st.

Grace and Peace,

*PASTOR ROB*

<sup>1</sup> <https://inaliminalspace.org/about-us/what-is-a-liminal-space/>



## July Monthly Food and Toiletries Collection for the Salvation Army Food Pantry

The Committee on Church in Society is re-initiating our monthly food and toiletries collection for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. As most of you may remember, our committee, (pre-pandemic), organized monthly collections for our neighbors in need. With the reopening of our church building we can return to our practice of sharing monthly pantry needs, and then enlisting the help of you, our members and friends to bring these items to church on Sundays or during the week.

Donations should be deposited beneath the coat racks in the atrium. Paper bags for this purpose are located above the coat racks--however you are welcome to use your own paper or plastic bags.

Requested items for July are cold cereal, canned mixed vegetables, canned carrots, canned pineapple, jelly, ketchup, mayonnaise, canned chicken, dry pasta, pasta sauce, ravioli/Spaghettios, rice, sugar, body wash, conditioner, tissues, paper towels, and shampoo. The Salvation Army is very grateful for our ongoing support, including the three parking-lot food drives we held during the pandemic. Any questions can be directed to Nancie Lillie at 231-845-6097 or [sandnlillie@gmail.com](mailto:sandnlillie@gmail.com).

## MEET & GREET

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



### Tentative Schedule

- Tuesday, Aug. 3 at 6:30 pm at the Parsonage
- Thursday, Aug. 5 at 1 pm at UMCG
- Sunday, Aug. 8 at 3 pm at the Parsonage
- Children & Youth Event: Sun., Aug. 29 at 5pm

Check the eNews for up-to-date information and sign up instructions in the coming weeks.



# 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.

## July 2021 Sunday Worship Schedule SUMMER MUSIC SERIES Hymns "Re-hymn-aged"

**July 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ Holy Communion**  
[1 Peter 2: 21-25](#)

Today's hymn is *American Tune*, written and performed by Paul Simon, based on the melody of "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." Rev Jeffry Bross, Aurora (Prairie Central) District Superintendent is our preacher for the day. (NO outdoor worship this day)

**Rev. Bross preaches "Weight of Sin, Wonder of Grace"**

**July 11 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

[Psalm 8](#), [John 1: 1-5, 14](#)

"How Great Thou Art" is the hymn of the day! Based on a Swedish tune extolling God's creative power and provision, it's verses about salvation through Christ were added by a British missionary based on his experiences before and after World War II evangelizing displaced Polish and Russian refugees. How do you experience God's presence and express your awe and gratitude?!

**Pastor Lisa preaches "Our Witness, Received and Given"**

**July 18 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

[Acts 5:29-33](#) and [Matthew 27:50-56](#)

As people of faith, and faith in Jesus, we can't avoid scandal. It seems when we're done with one scandal another always awaits us. There's one we'll never avoid, and shouldn't. Join Pastor Mary Gay as Nina Simone's arrangement of the treasured gospel hymn, "Nearer Blessed Lord," pulls us into scandal yet again.

**Pastor Mary Gay preaches, "Scandal Avoidant No Longer"**

**July 25 – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

[Isaiah 43:18,19](#) and [Matthew 10:40-42](#)

A most beloved hymn is "Amazing Grace." Todd Agnew's arrangement, "Grace Like Rain," invites us to consider how grace comes to us. Today Pastor Mary Gay invites us to consider how grace flows through us to others, and in particular to Pastor Rob and his family as we greet them next Sunday.

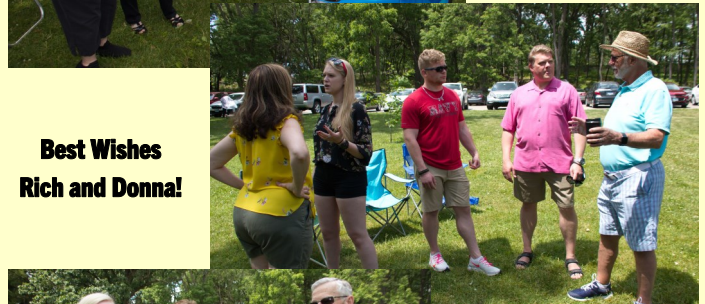
**Pastor Mary Gay preaches, "Can Pastor Rob Sing?"**

## Scenes from Pastor Rich Darr's Retirement Celebration



**June 13  
2021**

**Best Wishes  
Rich and Donna!**



**Enjoy  
Your  
Retirement!**

# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

## 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.

We will build clarity and consensus through a fun, positive process, so we hope to see a wide variety of people involved. We will come out of the process with documents that will be used to communicate milestones, our spiritual formation plan and program, including the yearly calendar.

We will be discussing:

- Core Competencies
- Milestones
- Special Events and Programming

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.

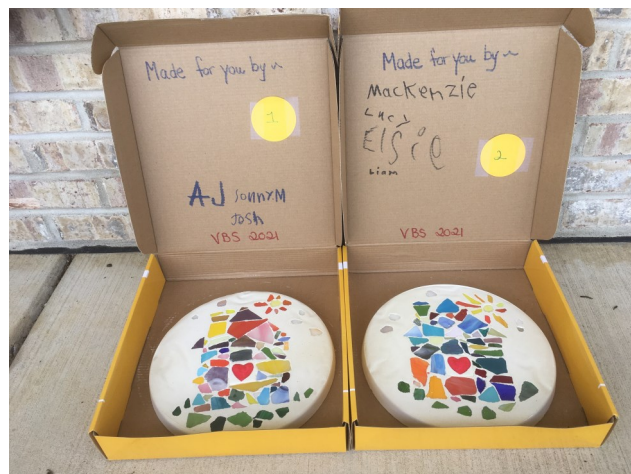
Blessings,

The Renovation Team

Keith Rawson, Alison Wetmore, Sharon Anderson, Jen Karwoski, Jim Karwoski, Brian Kilmer, Denise Clementz, Julie Popplewell, Maria Isely, and Lisa Telomen



The children from VBS learned about ASP and made 8 stepping stones for the UMCG ASP Team to gift to families in Bell County, KY!



Confirmation 2021-22 will begin this fall, with a joint program offered for youth of our TriCity 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. Youth leader Denise

Clementz and Deacon Kim Neace will also assist in leadership. Besides weekly classes, the program

will also include some field trips, retreat days, mentor and parent input, and will run over the school year. Geneva students who are in 7th-9th grades, if ready to engage in this learning, are encouraged to contact Denise Clementz to be put on the email list to be contacted with further information. We look forward to collaborating with our sister churches for this exploration of faith and how it forms and transforms our lives!

Questions about youth programs? Contact Denise Clementz at [denise@genevaumc.org](mailto:denise@genevaumc.org)



## VBS Highlights

35 kiddos and over 20 adult and youth volunteers had a fabulous time at VBS at Wheeler Park in June! We made bracelets for Kids Alive in the Dominican Republic, yard stepping stones for our ASP crews to bring to KY, and fleece blankets for new rescue dogs from Tiny N Tall dog rescue in St Charles. By focusing on global, national, and local missions the kids learned how they can help in small ways and show God's love through their small acts of kindness. ~Julie Popplewell



**VBS  
JUNE 7-9**



The VBS committee would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of fleece to make dog blankets during our VBS this year.

The children made 13 blankets during VBS and we are able to make an additional 12 blankets with the fleece donations. Tiny N Tall Rescue will have a beautiful collection of small to large blankets to share with the dogs and their new forever families. ~Debbie Karr





## SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

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

The **Adult Sunday School Class** is taking a break over the summer and will resume August 1. Email Jim McConnell at [mcjamesc@aol.com](mailto:mcjamesc@aol.com) for more information.

The **Neighborhood Study Group** will meet for missions and fellowship this summer. For more information, please contact Pastor Lisa at [lisa@genevaumc.org](mailto:lisa@genevaumc.org)

**Spirits & Studies** meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm. For the summer, each week will stand alone as to discussion and activity. For example, consider five words to describe yourself, or what song lifts your spirits. Here's a group that enjoys a great time with discussion that ranges from the shallow end of the pool to some deep diving. If that sounds good to you, come and get to know us and see if this format is right for you. Our location changes from time to time, so phone, text or email Mary Gay McKinney at 815-508-2055 or [marygay@genevaumc.org](mailto:marygay@genevaumc.org) for details!

**Spirited Women** during the Summer will meet 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](mailto:jenean_larsen@yahoo.com). Come, join us!

**Men's Early Bird Fellowship** will continue their study of the book *"Who Is This Man?—The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus"* by John Ortberg. They will be meeting in person at Colonial Café in east St. Charles at 7:00 am Thursday. Please contact Jim McConnell at [mcjamesc@aol.com](mailto:mcjamesc@aol.com) for more 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](mailto:mcjamesc@aol.com) or any member of the Adult Council with ideas or questions: Marilyn Heinemann, Jackie Patterson, Tom Tamlyn, Lindsay LaBudde, or Carolyn Burnham

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The pastors and lay members of UMCg will be attending our Northern Illinois Annual Conference by Zoom from July 16-17. The theme this year is "Jesus Makes a Way," and our mission challenge is to fill a truck for the Midwest Distribution Center; our special offering is for UMCOR's COVID relief work here and abroad. Bishop Julius Trimble from Indiana will be our Bible Study leader, and Bishop Hee Soo Jung will preach our Memorial service.

## Creation Care

### Our First Zero Waste Coffee Hour!

Our Sunday morning coffee hour goes green. (*Bring your cup.*) Church Council has approved an Environmental Policies Resolution presented by Creation Care at the June 10 meeting. One of our goals is to stop using all single use plastic and Styrofoam at all church events. Coffee hour will start us down a greener path. You'll notice some changes to our Sunday morning coffee hour. First of all, we'll be outside on the Hamilton Street side of our building after the 9:00 service for the summer. Second, it's a no-waste event!! You can make



it even better by bringing your own thermal coffee cup from home so you can enjoy some "to go" after fellowship and save us from washing your mug.



Get your children involved and have them bring a water bottle or juice cup for water or lemonade. There will be mugs and cups if you forget before you get in the habit of bringing your own. No disposable cups will be used. Third, we're composting. Coffee grounds and filters, paper napkins and sugar packets will all be composted in the bin near the parking lot and used in the church garden beds. *Bring your cup. Bring your cup. Please, bring your cup!*

# Small Group Spotlight



## Men's Early Bird Fellowship

When new church member John Kemble, in 2005, asked Pastor Bill Obalil if there was a men's group that met weekly, he was informed there was none, but if it was important he should start one! John had been in such a group over the last 30 years at previous churches. Since it was important to him, he asked some other men to join him for a breakfast meeting. The premise of the meeting was a study of a Christian author's book at an early morning time that would allow both retired and still-working men to enjoy fellowship and breakfast. Keith Bowgren, Jim McConnell, John Fasbender, Jules Heinemann and Bill Knott were among the first joiners of the group. Colonial Restaurant on IL Route 38 was the meeting place.

The meetings start with discussion of the current book for about an hour, followed by breakfast. The only commitments required are to obtain the study book and show up occasionally. One member of the group, often Jim or John, will lead the discussion.

Selection of study book is done by mutual consent. Often a book by a well-known pastor is chosen, or a study of a book of the Bible. Attendance has varied but normally eight to twelve men show up.

## Are Our UMC-Geneva Emails in your Promotions Tab?

For those of you who use GMAIL, our emails may be ending up in your Promotions Tab. If you want to have our emails delivered to your Primary Tab, follow these steps:

- Find an eNews email message from the church.
- Click on the check box next to the message
- Right click and it will show an option at the top called "Move to Tab"
- Select Primary
- When you do that, there may be a pop up message to ask if they should "Do this for future messages" from this email. Select "Yes."

## Reading the New Testament Letters JULY 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
July 1	<a href="#">2 Thessalonians 2</a>
July 2	<a href="#">2 Thessalonians 3</a>
July 3	<a href="#">1 Timothy 1</a>
July 4	Join other Christians at church today for worship, study, and fellowship.
July 5	<a href="#">1 Timothy 2</a>
July 6	<a href="#">1 Timothy 3</a>
July 7	<a href="#">1 Timothy 4</a>
July 8	<a href="#">1 Timothy 5</a>
July 9	<a href="#">1 Timothy 6</a>
July 10	<a href="#">2 Timothy 1</a>
July 11	Join other Christians at church.
July 12	<a href="#">2 Timothy 2</a>
July 13	<a href="#">2 Timothy 3</a>
July 14	<a href="#">2 Timothy 4</a>
July 15	<a href="#">Titus 1</a>
July 16	<a href="#">Titus 2</a>
July 17	<a href="#">Titus 3</a>
July 18	Join other Christians at church.
July 19	<a href="#">Philemon 1</a>
July 21	<a href="#">Hebrews 1</a>
July 22	<a href="#">Hebrews 2</a>
July 23	<a href="#">Hebrews 3</a>
July 24	<a href="#">Hebrews 4</a>
June 25	Join other Christians at church.
July 26	<a href="#">Hebrews 5</a>
July 27	<a href="#">Hebrews 6</a>
July 28	<a href="#">Hebrews 7</a>
July 29	<a href="#">Hebrews 8</a>
July 30	<a href="#">Hebrews 9</a>
July 31	<a href="#">Hebrews 10</a>

*Reading Plan by Jim Byrne*

## Finance Update

### Peace and greetings to you from the Finance Committee!

At the midpoint of 2021 we have both good news to report and a red flag to raise. The good news is that we are currently even with expenses, thanks to the apportionment reductions reported earlier and help from PPP funds. Praise God for that achievement. But we face a *challenge* in the remaining six months, as our contributions to the budget this year have averaged about less month than our expenses.

In the final analysis, though, budgets are not just numbers. They are statements of who we are.

When we fully support UMCG's operational budget, we are making possible...

- The spiritual inspiration and leadership of our pastors and youth ministers
- The office staff who help us in times of need and organize UMCG's day-to-day activities
- The teachers who lead our children and youth in their Christian formation
- The many adult social & study groups that strengthen our faith and build community
- Our excellent music programs and offerings
- Our strong commitment to missions near and far
- Our tender care of "This Old (*and new*) Church Building"

What UMCG ministries you are passionate about? Have you found fellowship in a study group? Have your children been enriched by Sunday School, VBS, Youth Fellowship, ASP? Have you felt blessed to serve at Lazarus House, Hesed House, Feed My Starving Children, or Salvation Army? Has a mission trip to the Dominican Republic or Haiti changed your understanding of the world and why we support ministries there? Does worship enrich your soul and provide the renewal you seek each week?

Let's make the statement that we value all that God makes possible through our church and that we're determined to support it with our witness, our service, and our dollars to keep it strong.

Your Finance Committee

## LET'S CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES!

### 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

**Rory Borger-Johnson** from Batavia High School

**Shae Burnham** from Illinois Math and Science Academy and will attend Michigan State University

**Stephen Carlson** from Geneva High School

**Brock Donati** from Penn High School in Mishawaka, Indiana, and will attend Indiana University

**Rosalie Green** from St. Charles East High School and will attend University of Illinois

**Evan Horvath** from Geneva High School and will attend Boston University

**A.J. Hansen** from Geneva High School and will attend University of Illinois

**Zoë McKeehan** from Batavia High School and will attend University of Oregon

**Lindsay Miller** from Geneva High School

**Nathan Minear** from St. Charles East High School

**Trace Powell** from Geneva High School and will attend University of Illinois

### 2021 COLLEGE GRADUATES

**Tori McKeehan** from Washington & Jefferson College majoring in International Studies with a minor in Russian and European Studies

**Bryce Nelson** from University of Alabama majoring in Aerospace Engineering

### 2021 GRADUATE SCHOOL

**Jenna Karr** from Hawaii Pacific University with a Masters in Marine Science





## THE RUMMAGE SALE IS BACK!

After being away from our lovely church building for over a year, we have all been eager to get back to our church and our amazing mission opportunities! With only slight hesitation, we are excited to announce that we plan to have our “*Post Pandemic Rummage Sale*” in early August! A few details remain to be worked out (like whether or not we will be able to have a bake sale), but please mark your calendars for the following dates and be ready to dive into a week of fun, fellowship and serving some great needs in our community.

**Rummage set up:** Monday, August 2 – 6:00 pm.  
Meet in Fellowship Hall

**Drop off donations:** Tuesday and Wednesday,  
August 3 & 4 – 9 am to 7 pm

### Sale Times:

Aug. 5 from 6-8 pm

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 [sign up online](#) or use the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall on the Women’s Ministry Board.

We are hoping that even though August is a summer month, there will be plenty of us willing and able to move this event forward. We know the community is looking forward to the return of our sales! This will be our only sale for 2020, so let’s make this a great one!

We are anticipating a huge amount of donations, as many of us have been cleaning out closets and cupboards for months! For this reason, we would like to ask you to donate only items that will be highly saleable. At the risk of sounding ungrateful...please be picky about what you bring! Nothing dirty, dusty, torn, broken. We are unsure of how many will feel comfortable volunteering post pandemic and the more you can help us out prior to bringing in your



treasures, the better the week will go for our worker bees. Not only do clean items sell faster, but we can actually charge more for them! We truly appreciate the generosity of this amazing church family! The need for affordable household goods and clothing has never been greater. People continue to struggle and we pray that in some small way we can help them. Plus, much of the money we raise goes to local charities, who have really felt the effects of this pandemic.

GET READY. . .SET. . .GO PACKING –  
for Rummage, that is!

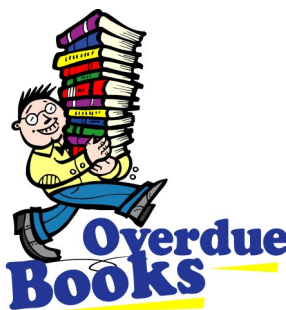
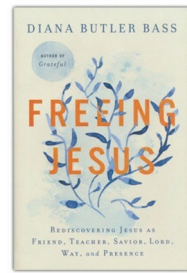
For questions, please call Bobbi Alderfer  
630-272-9445, Wendy McKeehan 630-310-9861 or  
Jenean Larsen 847-707-6598.

[Click Here to Volunteer](#)

## ADULT LIBRARY NEWS

In keeping with our tradition of purchasing a book for women in our congregation when they turn 90, Women’s Ministries is donating the following book in honor of Shirley Anderson’s birthday on July 5.

The book is *Freeing Jesus, Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence*, a new book by Diana Butler Bass, (248.4) a very popular author. This book will be available for checkout when our church opens for more in person events.



We have over 100 books checked out of our Adult Library. Now that our church is re-opening after more than a year, it would be great to have those books returned so that others can enjoy reading them.  
Thanks,  
Joan Hansen,  
Volunteer Adult Librarian



### Eco-Bits

Kane County offers regular recycling events. The annual Recycling Extravaganza is on July 10. [Click here](#) for more information

# WITH Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

I cannot thank you enough for all of the cards, phone calls, good wishes and prayers during my recent hospital stay and move to assisted living in Wheaton. I miss not being able to see you all, but know that I am where I need to be.



God bless you.

Marie

I am so happy to have the opportunity to thank all of you who prayed for us, sent cards, called, sent meals or offered to go to the store for us during Kent and my Covid illness. I could feel your support in my heart as I lay in the hospital. It worked! God was there and we are grateful to each of you.

God bless you all,

Sonja and Kent

*thank you* 20 Jan 21   
Dear Sharon, Chris!  
You are amazing! Thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement, awareness, support, and friendship.  
All the masks and towels  
  
Love! Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. Mark 9:24-25

*gracias*  
have proven to be such a great blessing to so many here in the DR. Your efforts remind us that we are not alone, that God created us to work together for His glory... and He is sovereign!  
We pray you are well and experiencing God in these days! Love, Leslie  
*to write the boy's words. So many have benefited.*

## THANK YOU!

Friends at United Methodist, The world is better because people like you care for the well-being of all. MUKC is grateful for your generous donation. We wish you good health, peace and security during these challenging circumstances.

Gracie

Sue

  
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Sandy #maskupkanecounty

Ellen

Margie

Sue



It has been a long and difficult year since last spring. You don't need me to tell you that. It has been easy to feel overwhelmed and discouraged. But Easter is a time of hope. With the changing of the season, we can feel it. A better world is possible. Good things are on the way.

One thing that has given me hope over the past twelve months, and something that continues to give me hope today, is Grace Children's Hospital. Thanks to your committed support, vital medical work continues to be done in Haiti, even during this year of unprecedented challenges.

In 2020, the staff at Grace Children's Hospital treated 69,882 patients in their outpatient clinics, and vaccinated 16,679 children. We have recently received word that the Haitian Ministry of Public Health has designated Grace as a COVID testing site. With your help, we can continue working to provide much needed medical care in Port-au-Prince and beyond.

Although we're only a few months in, 2021 has already shown it will be full of its own challenges. But like I said, I have hope. I know you will continue to faithfully support Grace Children's Hospital. I know our staff will keep working to bring healing and comfort.

Together, we will make a difference, and look forward to better years to come.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Thomas D. Brumett

Vice President, ICC Board

Pastor, First United Methodist Church

McKinney, Texas



# Stockholm's Seafood Boil

## benefitting The Methodist Church Scholarship Fund

Wednesday, July 21st at 8:15pm  
**\$85/person Dine In \$65/person Carry Out (alcohol not included)**  
 (Tax & Gratuity Included)

### First Course

**Chilled Cucumber Avocado Soup**  
 Topped with spicy glazed shrimp  
**Paired with ~ Aegir's Ale**

### Second Course

**Lump Crab Cake**  
 Panko encrusted and pan seared, accompanied with a roasted poblano creamy bistro sauce  
**Paired with ~ S.W.B.**

### Third Course

**Seafood Boil**  
 Peel and eat shrimp, snow crab, and crawfish stewed in our signature seafood boil recipe with corn on the cob, andouille sausage, and baby red potatoes  
**Paired with ~ G.P.A. (Geneva Pale Ale)**

### Fourth Course

**Strawberry Kiwi Panna Cotta**  
**Paired with ~ State Street Pilsner**

**PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE TO PRE-ORDER 630-208-7070**  
 Deposit Required



**AUGUST MESSENGER DEADLINE— JULY 20**

Submit Information on the [Communications Submission Form](#)  
 Submissions may also be sent to [communications@genevaumc.org](mailto:communications@genevaumc.org)

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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## Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs

Church in Society	Carolyn Sprawka & Gary Dittmer
Adult Council	Jim McConnell
Youth Council	Darlene Kilmer & Keith Rawson
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Scholarship Committee	Keith Worthington
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Stewardship Committee	Beth Sacrey & Stuart Henn
Treasurer	Jim Karwoski
Trustees Chair	Greg Lower
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Youth Representatives	Trace Powell
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