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# the Messenger

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### BACK TO SCHOOL SEASON

I have always found the back-to-school season a mixed bag of emotions. I find that there is something exciting and energizing about the new school year. A chance to try new things, meet new people, find a new daily rhythm, learn new concepts and ideas. When focused on these emotions I recall Revelation 21:5 "See, I am making all things new." I also experience grief in this season. The loss of the freedom of summer. If I didn't accomplish all that I had envisioned in the spring, those are losses. The fond memories and relationships from the year prior that may not be there are mourned as well. When I feel this loss I remember the words of the Psalms "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18 NRSV). Then there is anxiety over the uncertainty and unknown of the school year. It was easy for me to worry about classes, doing well and making new friends. This is when Jesus words in Matthew: "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Matt 6:34 NRSV).



I've not been enrolled in school for 14 years now, but after 20 years of education, that emotional pattern still rolls through my life. I experience it most acutely at the start of a new appointment. I'm excited and energized at the prospect of new ministry opportunities, grieving over the loss of a beloved church and that familiar pattern to life, and anxious about how things will play out in this new ministry. Returning to those scriptures can surely be helpful in times like this.

At the close of my first month at UMCG, I do feel this surge of energy. The Holy Spirit is moving and ready to do a new thing in us as a church. I see glimpses of it as we continue to reopen and restart ministries, schedule baptisms and weddings and I meet new people. I do miss Rochelle and the comfort of that familiar pattern of life and ministry. While I am hopeful and confident about what God has in store for us, I'm still anxious about it as God hasn't made all those plans clear yet. So just like in school, I'll wake up each day and put my best self forward as an offering to God to be used

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however God sees fit.

My current morning devotion app sometimes gives me a morning prayer that reminds me of the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer that I find centering for seasons like this. I share it here in case it's a blessing to you:

*This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, help me to do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.*

*Pastor Rob*

**P.S.** - We are planning that this will be the last edition of the Monthly Messenger. As we ramp back up into ministry we want to be in weekly contact with you, so we will be producing a Weekly Messenger in both electronic and print (for those that do not have access to email.) We'll continue supplying lists of birthdays and anniversaries and keeping you apprised of the latest happenings and ministry opportunities at UMCG, on a weekly basis. Stay tuned-in for updated deadline information as we make the transition.

### COORDINATOR OF AUDIO & MEDIA ARTS

The United Methodist Church of Geneva is looking for a creative, tech-savvy individual to serve as our Coordinator of Audio & Media Arts. This new part-time position would be ideal for one who enjoys the process of creating, editing and producing an esthetic and meaningful audio and visual worship experiences for our in-person congregation as well as designing and implementing a live-streaming worship experience for those worshipping digitally. We seek a proven and dedicated leader who can commit 10 hours per week to forming this new ministry and training volunteers in support of audio and media arts and handle the other A/V needs as related to ministry in the building. Onsite hours are required Sunday mornings, including holy days such as Christmas Eve, Good Friday, Ash Wednesday and Easter. Remote work hours are also included during the week for a weekly pay range of \$150-\$175 based upon experience. Contact Rob Hamilton at [rob@genevaumc.com](mailto:rob@genevaumc.com).

## BEQUEST ANNOUNCEMENT

A few weeks ago our church received a very generous bequest from the estate of Ruth L. Anderson totaling \$1,472,983.96. Ruth was the widow of Orville T. Anderson. Orville was a St. Charles native and uncle of longtime UMCG members Esther and Mary Bullock. Additionally, a few of Orville's relatives had a connection to UMCG, and when they died in the 1980s Pastor Larry Hilkemann officiated their funerals.



Ruth died in 2006 at the age of 92 in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Upon the recent death of their only child, Richard, three United Methodist churches were surprised and blessed to receive the remainder of the Anderson estate.

Ruth was a graduate of Indian Hills High School, Cincinnati and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati; a member of Baughman Memorial United Methodist Church, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania and she was also an active volunteer for various organizations throughout the greater Harrisburg, PA area. Born in Cincinnati, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Louise C.(Heinecke) Lewe.

Esther and Mary did not have a particularly close relationship with Orville and Ruth. Esther recalls that they typically only visited with the Andersons during the holidays because of the distance. Both Orville and Ruth were very social people who faithfully attended their church out east and wanted to leave a legacy gift to United Methodist Churches.

We praise God for her faithfulness, generosity and witness! Following our by-laws concerning undesignated bequests, this generous gift has been equally shared between the Trustees Reserve Fund and the Endowment Fund.

If you'd consider leaving a legacy gift from your estate to the United Methodist Church of Geneva, please contact one of our Pastors or Debbie Sampiller for more information.

# 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.

## September 2021 Sunday Worship Schedule



### **“See All the People” - Series Continues**

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

#### **September 5 - Pastor Lisa Telomen Preaches, “Guess Who is Coming to Dinner?!” [Mark 7:24-37](#)**

Jesus has just spent some time healing the sick around Galilee, then is confronted by religious leaders for not following some of the religious traditions and commandments. Jesus crosses into a neighboring region to get away for a bit, but a foreign woman asks for help...Jesus honors her faith and heals her child. Next a deaf man is brought to him. Ponder with Pastor Lisa, how long should our table be?! Do we have to welcome all the guests God sends our way?!

#### **September 12 - Pastor Rob Hamilton Preaches, “Shoo! Get Out of Here!” [Mark 10:13-16](#)**

Jesus sees the children in the crowd as they try to get close to him. The disciples see them too and try to chase them off. Pastor Rob wonders what is it about finding something so divine we want to hoard it for ourselves? It's almost like we're afraid that there isn't enough Jesus to go around. Jesus knows how to set us straight and show us the endless abundance of God's grace. It's so simple even the kids get it.

#### **September 19 - Pastor Rob Hamilton Preaches, “Regaining Sight” [Mark 10:46-52](#)**

Too often we might equate ourselves to the crowd in this story. We want to be the ones who have claimed our seat at the curb to see Jesus when he passes by. We don't too often think of ourselves as the ones in need of mercy, because of our 'blindness'. Pastor Rob will push us to question in what ways Jesus might be ready to help us regain sight in his sermon “Regaining Sight”.

#### **September 26 - Pastor Rob Hamilton Preaches, “But What About Me?” [Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#)**

In all this talk of seeing all the different kinds of people that Jesus sees and helps, what about us? Yes, some people suffer and need healing through no fault of their own, but there are also plenty of people who made their misery, should they get help before the people who do everything right and play by the rules? Perhaps when Pastor Rob preaches on this familiar story it can help shed some light on the question 'what about me?'



# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Children's Ministry Update



We can't wait for our September 12th Sunday School kick-off!

We are starting a new curriculum by Cokesbury called *Celebrate Wonder!* Every week we will explore stories from the Bible through music, crafts, a short video, and games! I'm so excited to start this series in Godly play and the new Journey of Faith room that we will soon renovate!



Our middle school group will be starting a new series called *Echo The Story*. This journey incorporates weekly drawing and guided doodling during the lesson. We will also have fun with music! Please join us September 12th for our outdoor kickoff of games, crafts, and more!

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

~Julie Popplewell, Dir. Children's Ministry

## Youth Ministry Update

### Geneva UMC Youth Group Tentative Fall Schedule

All Events are combined Junior / Senior High, unless otherwise noted.

### YOUTH FALL KICKOFF EVENT

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**11 AM - 1:30 PM**

LES ARENDS FOREST PRESERVE  
28731 STATE RTE. 31, BATAVIA, IL 60510



**CLEAN UP THE TRAILS**

**FIRE UP THE GRILL**

### Student and Parent Orientations to Education and Activities

- 11:00 am: Cleanup
- 12:30 pm: Lunch: cookout with hotdogs, burgers & veggie burgers
- 1:00 pm: Orientation meetings

Sep. 18 : **Painting fun, create your own picture** (6 -8 Grade Only) – Time TBD – UMCG Gathering Room

Sep. 25 or 26: **Archery Event**

Oct. 8: **Tailgate Event for Batavia / Geneva Football game**, Families welcome – 4:30 pm- ?? – Senior Pastor Parsonage

Oct. 24: **Escape Room** – Time TBD – iPanic Escape Room St. Charles

Oct. 30 or 31: **Rake and Run in Halloween costume** - Times TBD

Nov. TBD: **Hesed House assistance**—Possible multiple dates based on Jr and Sr High requirements

Dec. 11: **Cookie Decorating Contest** – Time TBD – UMCG Youth/Gathering Room. We will supply the basic ingredients, you supply the creativity

Questions? Contact Denise at [Denise@genevaumc.org](mailto:Denise@genevaumc.org)



## PASTORAL CARE

In the Old Testament a piece of wisdom given to shepherds is *"Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds."* (Proverbs 27:23 NRSV)

As shepherds of the flock of UMCG, we strongly desire to provide the UMCG family with emotional, social and spiritual support for those who request it. We, your pastors, want to know the condition of our church and provide sufficient care to all-ages of our flock. To that end, we invite those desiring pastoral care to reach out to any of our pastors for care directly or through the church office.

To help clarify expectations for pastoral care, here is what we want you to know:

Pastor Mary Gay McKinney is our Coordinator of Congregational Care and her typical days to provide care are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Pastors Rob Hamilton and Lisa Telomen work in coordination with Pastor Mary Gay throughout the week Monday-Thursday. Pastors Rob and Lisa utilize Fridays as their day off but are on-call for emergencies alternating weeks. Pastor Rob is on call 1st and 3rd weeks of the month and Pastor Lisa the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month. When in doubt, reach out to any pastor and they will make sure your need gets

addressed by the pastor on-call.

While each circumstance is unique and requires its own level of care, this is standard by which we seek to provide care once we are informed:

- Emergency, Crisis and Sudden Deaths will be responded to as soon as we are made aware.
- ICU/Critical Care: 1-2 contacts per stay or every other day while in ICU.
- Scheduled Surgeries: A contact before and after surgery.
- In-patient hospitalization: 1 contact per stay or 1 contact per week.
- Long-Term hospitalization: 1 contact per week.
- Rehabilitation: 1 contact per month.
- Long-Term Nursing or Memory Care: 1 contact per quarter.
- Homebound: 1 contact per quarter.

Our contact information:

Rev. Mary Gay McKinney at 815-508-2055

Rev. Rob Hamilton at 815-290-0989

Rev. Lisa Telomen at 630-605-4423

When you text or call:

- Please identify yourself.
- Provide the location of the need of care or pertinent information.
- Best way to get in touch with you.

## Creation Care

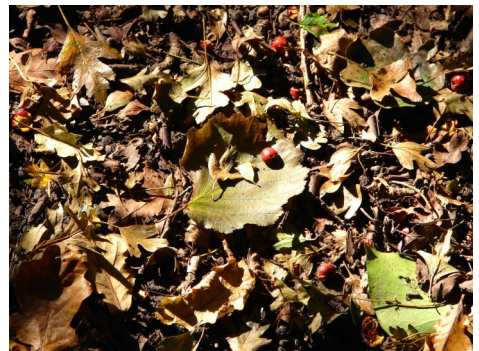
### Leave the Leaves!

One of the most valuable things you can do to support pollinators and other invertebrates is to provide them with the winter cover they need in the form of fall leaves and standing dead plant material. The vast majority of butterflies and moths overwinter in the landscape as an egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, or adult using leaf litter for winter cover. Luna moths and swallowtail butterflies disguise their cocoons and chrysalises as dried leaves, blending in with the "real" leaves. At the end of summer, mated queen bumble bees burrow only an inch or two into the earth to hibernate for winter.

An extra thick layer of leaves is welcome protection from the elements. There are so many animals that live in leaves: spiders, snails, worms, beetles, millipedes, mites, and more that support the chipmunks, turtles, birds, and amphibians that rely on these insects for food.

Many organic gardeners opt for shredding their

fall leaves for use in compost piles. While this is certainly a more environmentally friendly practice than bagging leaves and sending them to the



landfill-shredded leaves will not provide the same cover as leaving them whole, and you may be destroying eggs, caterpillars, and chrysalis along with the leaves. Leaves provide valuable organic matter and build up healthy soil. You might rake what you can into your planting beds and use a recycling mower to shred the remaining leaves on your lawn. Be kind to the wildlife that needs leaves for winter protection. Take a break and leave the leaves.

~Debbie Karr, Val Erickson, and the Creation Care Team.

## SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Spirited Women** meets Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am. On September 8, they will begin a Brian McLaren book study: *"We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation."* Contact Jenean at [jenean\\_larsen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenean_larsen@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Men's Early Bird Fellowship** currently meets at 7 am on Thursday in person at the Colonial Café in St. Charles. They will begin a new study "Love Wins" by Rob Bell. Contact Jim McConnell at [mcjamesc@aol.com](mailto:mcjamesc@aol.com) for more information.

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

**The Adult Sunday School Class** meets in the Church Parlor on Sundays at 10:30 am. They will continue the study of the book "Courage" by Tom Berlin. Contact Jim McConnell at [mcjamesc@aol.com](mailto:mcjamesc@aol.com) for more information.

**The Neighborhood Study Group** - The Neighbor Group (Pepper Valley and beyond!) is gathering again in September! We will be organizing a book study, a mission opportunity and possibly even a social gathering - but the planning is still going on. Watch your weekly eNews and the bulletin announcements for more information. Contact Pastor Lisa at [lisa@genevaumc.org](mailto:lisa@genevaumc.org).

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

**Disciple 1 Bible Study** resumes on Wednesday, September 1, with Lesson 11. We will meet in the church library from 7-8 pm. We will wrap up our study of the Old Testament in December, and begin the New Testament in January! Contact Pastor Lisa [Lisa@genevaumc.org](mailto:Lisa@genevaumc.org) or Tom Tamlyn [ttamlyn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ttamlyn@sbcglobal.net) with questions.

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, and Carolyn Burnham.

## Small Group Spotlight



### SPIRITS & STUDIES

For the summer, Spirits & Studies has been meeting in the Petries' backyard. This way, Spirits are possible as desired. Studies have given way to a different conversation each week. Prompted by an open ended question such as, "What's a piece of advice someone has given you that has made a difference?" or "Tell us about an influential person in your life," or "Describe yourself in ONE word," one person shares and then others respond. We'll continue this into early fall, and then perhaps choose a book for discussion.

Maybe you'd like to come occasionally, or just once, or somewhat regularly. The group is structured for welcome. Be prepared to laugh, to get serious, to be surprised by joy. Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm outside, for now.

Contact Mary Gay at [MaryGay@genevaumc.org](mailto:MaryGay@genevaumc.org) to be added to the email list or with questions.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl team welcomes new knitters and crocheters to join us and we are willing to teach folks this skill as well. We make shawls and squares to bless persons and offer support and encouragement for mission work, as well as to help folks get through difficult times.

Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, September 16 at 1:30pm in Gale Dias' backyard.

Contact Pastor Lisa at [Lisa@Genevaumc.org](mailto:Lisa@Genevaumc.org) or Colleen Fasbender at [Colleenfas@icloud.com](mailto:Colleenfas@icloud.com) for more information, or to obtain a shawl for someone in need.



## Finance Update

Peace and greetings to you from the Finance Committee.

First, we want to say "Thank You" for all of your support of UMCg ministries this year. It has been a difficult year in many ways, and we realize it has not been easy for many families.

By now you will have received a letter from the church, describing our financial challenge going forward and announcing the launch of a Matching Funds Program. With PPP funds fully used as of June 30, we are working hard to close UMCg's operations funding gap and keep our finances balanced through the end of 2021. With all 170 regular givers pitching in a little extra, according to their means, we can make it happen!

It cannot be said too often: We are extremely grateful for all of your contributions, monetarily and otherwise, to UMCg this year. We are also very grateful for the amazing generosity of Church Council members, who have personally committed over \$13,000 in extra dollars to launch the Matching Funds Program! They definitely are "walking the walk." Finally, we are extremely grateful for the "matching donors" who have contributed another \$10,500 **plus** matching funds of \$8,500 (and growing) to double the impact of extra contributions from the rest of us. Thank you so much!

As Paul writes, "we can do all things through Him who strengthens us." Let us give praise to that God.

The Finance Committee

### Help Clean Up the Fox on "It's Our Fox River Day!"

**Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 9 am - 12 pm**

Friends of the Fox River is coordinating a cleanup event on the entire Fox River from its headwaters near Waukesha, Wisconsin to its confluence with the Illinois River in Ottawa, Illinois!



You can help out at any of the events but UMCg Creation Care Team would love to have a group help with the Geneva Cleanup that will be run by the Geneva Natural Resources Committee. We will meet in Island park by 8:45 am. Check out the [Geneva NRC Facebook](#) event for more information.

## Update from Kids Alive in Haiti

Sharon Anderson shared this from Rebecca Hepner from Kids Alive earlier last week:



*Many of you have already heard the reports of a major earthquake in the south of Haiti. Reports are of substantial damage in that region.*

*We have been in touch with Robenson Gedeus. He reported at 10 am that our ministry site has not had damage and all the KA-Haiti staff and children are well. We will update you if that changes.*

*It is obviously another blow to an already fragile country and no doubt will exasperate ongoing social and economic problems. Vic Trautwein and Vinicion Zuquino will continue to monitor how we can support Robenson and KA-Haiti.*

*Prayers for peace and healing in Haiti.*

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HAITI

In the aftermath of the August 14 earthquake and



tropical storm Grace in Haiti, the United Methodist Committee on Relief is collecting donations and working on next steps to help the impoverished country, which also faces political unrest, gang violence and COVID-19. UMCOR stands firm in its commitment to alleviate suffering and is working with partners on how to best meet basic and immediate needs as it has done in the past.

If you would like to make a donation, please make a check payable to UMCg with Haiti Relief in the memo section and send to the church, or [click here](#) to give online.

### YOGA IS BACK

Yoga is being offered this fall with sessions starting in Mid September.

Mondays 9:30 am & 5:30 pm,  
Sept 13 - Dec 13

Thursdays at 9:30 am, Sept 16 - Dec 16

Winter session starts on January 2, 2022

For more information contact:

Judy, [judyburgess2@aol.com](mailto:judyburgess2@aol.com), (630) 988-1205

Colleen, [colleenfas@icloud.com](mailto:colleenfas@icloud.com), (630) 715-9012





### It Takes a Village

Every time we have a rummage and bake sale, we are reminded just how awesome our congregation is when it comes to helping out! We probably sound like a broken record when we say that it takes a village (or congregation) to pull off a sale in less than one week with the staggering amount of donations that we receive. We may put the wheels in motion with the Messenger and Bulletin articles, but the rummage “bus” is being driven by our day captains and the countless volunteers who come during the day to sift, sort, arrange and price all of these donations. Many of these same people come back during sale hours to work the sale - at checkout, welcoming shoppers, re-folding the mounds of clothing, answering questions, loading cars with newly bought treasures. . .the list goes on. We truly feel that each and every member of this congregation has become an integral part of our sale. Whether you donate, bake goodies for the bake sale, bring food for our workers, pick up large items via trucks, come to shop or come to volunteer, or simply keep this ministry in your prayers, you are making a difference! You make a difference in the life of our congregation by bringing your enthusiasm, and often muscle, so that we can raise money that then goes out to help others.

In a world that increasingly seems to reward selfishness, we are encouraged by and grateful for your generosity and grace. You are a blessing, and we thank each and everyone of you for supporting this ministry that has become so important in the life of this church. And, let’s not forget...we also have fun doing it!

Thank you so much!

Bobbi, Jenean, Wendy and Nancy

P.S. The sale brought in \$668 for the bake sale and \$7,021 for rummage for a current total of \$7689. God’s hand is surely at work!

### Helping Make the Rummage Sale Greener

So where does all the leftover Rummage Sale items go? The Rummage Team and Creation Care started collecting the first day of setup with recycle bins for unsellable textiles, shoes, books and stuffed animals. After the sale on Saturday, a 22ft truck from Way-side Mission came to take away clothing, furniture, dishes, toys and other items with an additional 5 car-loads to Salvation Army. Creation Care then took items to the following sources to keep even more items out of the landfill.

SCARCE took teacher and office materials, craft items, overhead projector, DVDs and CDS and vinyl records. Plus 3-gallon bags of old crayons from the art room for their Super Crayon Project.

SAVERS (benefits Boy Scouts) took the stuffed animals, shoes, and clothing.

West Chicago UMC received all the unsold shoes where they will be donated to Shoes for Water. (Waterstep.org)

Anderson Animal Shelter received unusable and unsold towels and small blankets.

Kane County Recycling accepted books, magazines, textiles, stuffed animals, electronics and scrap metal.

Thank you to all for a successful and GREEN Rummage Sale.

~Creation Care Team

**If you would like to join the Creation Care team or just want to help out from time to time, contact Debbie Karr at [dlk24@att.net](mailto:dlk24@att.net).**

### Women's Ministry News

Out of an abundance of caution we won't be holding the Women's Potluck that was to take place on September 22.

There will be a special meeting on Sunday, September 19 after the 9 am service to distribute the monies from the Rummage & Bake Sale in August. Suggestions for the charity organization that will receive these monies should be emailed to Betty Keeler [betbuff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:betbuff@sbcglobal.net) by September 12. If it is a charity which has not been contributed to before, please research & report this with your suggestion.

We invite the Men's Club, Women's Ministry and all who worked for the Rummage & Bake Sale to make suggestions as well.



## MEET OUR SEMINARY INTERN CORY NORDINE



My name is Cory Nordine, and I am entering my third year at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary this fall. I grew up in Maple Park and graduated from Aurora University, majoring in Communication. I worked in marketing for a few years, and eventually decided it was time to stop fighting the call to do something different, and that is when I applied to Garrett. As I explore what ministry means to me and what the future holds, I am delighted at the opportunity to serve and learn as an intern at the United Methodist Church of Geneva alongside my studies this year! I will be working primarily with Pastor Lisa in the ministries that she is a part of. I am grateful to Pastor Rob and the whole staff for providing a warm welcome, and am excited to see what this year holds!

As Cory joins us later this month, he will be leading an Adult study or two, and then helping out with other ministry committees and events to develop his leadership across the broad spectrum of ministry.

We are thankful that Cory was able to staff our online worship production this summer, and look forward to his leadership with our church this school year!

~ Pastor Lisa



The Salvation Army Food Pantry needs for September are toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, hand soap, and women's deodorant. However Michael Meyer, Food Pantry Co-ordinator, reminds us that staples such as peanut butter, jelly, canned soups and vegetables,

etc., are always appreciated.

He recently sent me his thanks by saying..."We are very appreciative of the support of the UMC in Geneva. The number of people coming in for assistance is rising as inflation is having an impact on the price of food. Please pass along our gratitude to everyone in the congregation who is participating in supporting your efforts."

I would personally like to thank all of you who supported the parking lot food drives while church was closed, as well as those who now faithfully bring their weekly donations to church. Since the first drive in November, 2020, through the end of July, 2021, UMCG has contributed 648 bags and boxes of food and hygiene items to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. On behalf of the Committee on Church in Society, I thank all of you, and bless your generous spirits.

~Nancie Lillie, Church in Society

### Are 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 on your laptop or desktop computer:

- 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."

### If that doesn't work you can create a filter for our messages to move them to your Primary folder.

- Click on the Settings Gear Icon on the upper right hand corner of your Gmail Window
- Click See All Settings
- Click on Filters and Blocked Addresses
- Click Create Filter
- Use Carolyn@genevaumc.org on the From line
- Categories as Primary
- Also apply filter to matching messages
- Do again for Debbie@genevaumc.org



Dear UMCG Family,

Well, we've finally splashed down in Johns Creek, Georgia, a suburb north of Atlanta, and are gradually settling in. We are enjoying our new apartment home and neighbors; it is truly a multi-cultural, global community and we feel right at home! And yes, I (Rich) have already caught a few bass in the small lake right outside our front door. In addition, we have been warmly received at Johns Creek United Methodist Church and have begun the process of getting to know the church and vice versa.

All the while, we continue to think of you often and are so grateful for all that so many of you did sacrificially and so kindly to help us transition into my "retirement," including the wonderful retirement party at Fabyan Park, generous gifts, farewell meals in restaurants and homes, and expert help with packing our belongings for our move. We simply could not have made the move without you! And as you continue your journey and move into the future God has for you, rest assured of our continued prayers and thanksgiving.

Gratefully from our hearts,  
Pastor Rich and Donna



To the knitting ministry team of the United Methodist Church of Geneva:

I want to express my deepest appreciation to all of you in this team for your thoughtfulness and prayers that you knitted into this beautiful prayer shawl. It is very comforting to me and I have used it often.

I have made similar projects to be donated to people in need of comfort but have never been a recipient. I now know what it means to them. Thank you for giving me this chance to see how much comfort it gives to a heavy heart when it so badly needed.

May God grant peace to each and every one of you.

Joan Spriet



UMC Geneva ASP-

Thank you so much for your generous donation to ASP Bell Co! We are so grateful for your support, and we know our homeowners will appreciate the support as well. Only 1 more week of projects left here in Bell, and it is so exciting to watch these homes become warmer, safer, & drier. We have you to thank for that too! We hope we cross paths in ASPland again soon.

Blessings,  
Emma North Claire  
Kyle Jacob

Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the Scholarship to help me attend University of Illinois. Your belief in me & my abilities helps me move into my Freshman year with more confidence.  
Gratefully, AJ



Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you so much for helping us send AJ to University of Illinois! We dropped him off one week ago today and I was thrilled to see his smiling face pop up as I scrolled through Facebook today.

Out of the 8,000 some new students on campus, AJ (and his roommate - far left in photo) were pictured on U of I's Facebook post talking about Welcome Week.

Thank you again for helping to make this possible and for SIGNIFICANTLY lowering my stress level this year.  
Gratefully, Nancy

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GENEVA SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

UMCG ELEXIO Calendar, Christian Holidays

Sep 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9am - Worship in the 10am - Ice Cream Social 10:30am - Adult Sunday 12pm - Christian Formation	30 9:30am - Yoga	31 Provide Dinner for Lazarus 1pm - Tuesday Prayer 6:30pm - Spirits & Studies	1 9:30am - Spirited Women 7pm - Disciple 1 Bible	2 7am - Men's Early Bird 8am - Wing & Prayer Yoga 9:30am - Yoga	3 Church Office Closed	4 6pm - Pen and Paper
5 9am - Worship 10:30am - Adult Sunday	6 Labor Day - Church Office	7 9:30pm - Lazarus House Night to Serve 1pm - Tuesday Prayer 6:30pm - Spirits & Studies	8 9:30am - Spirited Women 6:30pm - Confirmation 7pm - Disciple 1 Bible 7pm - Trustees Meeting	9 7am - Men's Early Bird 8am - Wing & Prayer Yoga 10am - Caregiver's Support 7pm - Church Council	10 Church Office Closed	11 6pm - Pen and Paper
12 9am - Godly Play 9am - Journey of Faith 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 9am - Youth Sunday School 10:30am - Adult Sunday 11am - Youth Fall Kickoff 1pm - Confirmation Class	13 9:30am - Yoga 5pm - Hesed House Night 5:30pm - Yoga 6:30pm - All Staff Meeting	14 7am - FAN 9am - P.E.O. Meeting 1pm - Tuesday Prayer 6:30pm - Spirits & Studies	15 9:30am - Spirited Women 11am - Administrative 6:30pm - Confirmation 7pm - Disciple 1 Bible	16 7am - Men's Early Bird 8am - Wing & Prayer Yoga 9:30am - Yoga	17 Church Office Closed 6pm - Eakins/Cao Wedding	18 TBD: 8th-8th Grade Youth 1pm - Tom Eakins/Sandy 6pm - Pen and Paper
19 9am - Godly Play 9am - Journey of Faith 9am - Worship 9am - Youth Sunday School 10am - Women's Ministry 10:30am - Adult Sunday 10:30am - Confirmation 12pm - CROP WALK 1pm - Confirmation Class	20 9:30am - Yoga 10am - Memory Loss 5:30pm - Yoga	21 Provide Dinner for Lazarus 1pm - Tuesday Prayer 6:30pm - Spirits & Studies	22 9:30am - Spirited Women 6:30pm - Confirmation 7pm - Disciple 1 Bible	23 7am - Men's Early Bird 8am - Wing & Prayer Yoga 9:30am - Yoga 7pm - Wilderness	24 Church Office Closed	25 TBD: Youth Archery Event 6pm - Pen and Paper
26 9am - Godly Play 9am - Journey of Faith 9am - Worship 9am - Youth Sunday School 10am - Youth Council 10:30am - Adult Sunday 1pm - Confirmation Class	27 9:30am - Yoga 5:30pm - Yoga	28 7am - FAN 1pm - Tuesday Prayer 6:30pm - Spirits & Studies 7pm - Finance Committee	29 9:30am - Spirited Women 6:30pm - Confirmation 7pm - Disciple 1 Bible	30 7am - Men's Early Bird 8am - Wing & Prayer Yoga 9:30am - Yoga	Calendar as of August 25, 2021. Click on calendar to open up-to-date calendar.	

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## Eco-Bits

One of the most important things we can do is tell our legislators that environmental issues are a priority.

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