

Messenger - August 16, 2024



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# Messenger

*We illuminate our community with God's grace as we lovingly accept, listen to, and serve all in the Spirit of Jesus.*

## WEEKLY BLOG



### Finding God amid unsettled routines

As many of you know, my family and I recently returned from a much-needed vacation, a time of rest and rejuvenation that was truly a blessing. In returning as soon as we walked through the door of our home, we were greeted not by the peace we had left behind but by the organized chaos of ongoing construction.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES



### SUNDAY SERVICES TAKE PLACE IN-PERSON & ONLINE AT 9:00 AM

Worship Service airs live on our [Website](#), [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) at 9 am.  
Go to the [Worship Page](#) on our Website to find more information about future services.

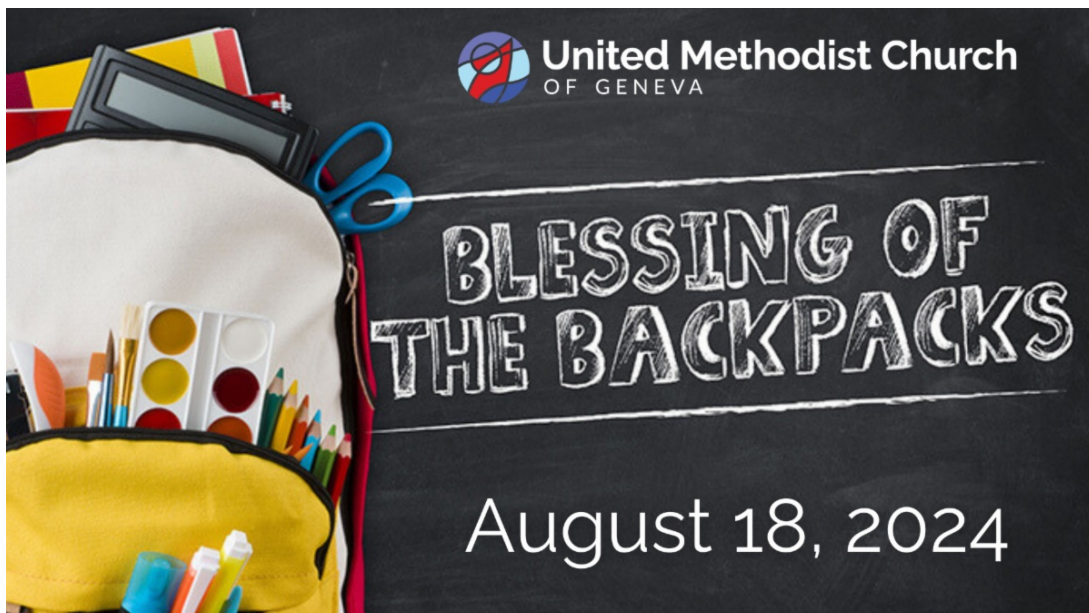
**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

Holy Moments: Returning to Routine

Summer can be a time where we take more leisure and enjoy the longer days. With the start of school, often comes the return to routine. Join us as we find ways to deepen our spiritual lives amidst our routine.

*This week's Bulletin can be found in the Document Center.*

**Bring your backpack, briefcase, tablet, or tote for blessing as you head back to school!**



## COMMUNICATIONS SUBMISSION


### SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLE OR EVENT INFORMATION

Submit information inclusion in Messenger and/or Bulletin Announcements by Wednesday at 12 Noon. Please use button ABOVE or click [here](#) for the COMMUNICATIONS submission form -- all requests for communicating an event should be made via this form, including getting items on the calendar and reserving rooms for your event. This form can also be found on the sign-ups page on our website. If you cannot use the submission form please email [communications@genevaumc.org](mailto:communications@genevaumc.org). Information sent to this email goes to Carolyn, Lorie and Kimberley, as does the submission form.

**MEMBERSHIP**  
EXPLORATION CLASS  
WITH  
*Pastor Rob*

AUGUST 25 | SUNDAY | 2024  
10:30 AM-12 NOON | LIBRARY

- Curious about UMC?
- Want to know more about membership?
- Learn more about the church
- Meet others new to UMCG
- Sunday, September 8, we will welcome new members!

  
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Please click [here](#) to sign up so we can prepare enough materials. If these dates don't work for you, please reach out to [Pastor Rob](#) to find a more suitable time.

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**PASTOR ROB'S  
2025 SERMON  
SURVEY**

A few weeks ago in Pastor Rob's weekly blog he asked for you to take his short, 5-question survey before he leaves for his annual sermon-writing retreat at the end of the month. Last year's survey indicated a desire to **learn more about other religions**, and **how to pray** and what it means **to be a Methodist** and all those needs became series that we've enjoyed already in 2024. "This past March, I started a growing conviction that in 2025, as a church, 'we need to spend a year with Jesus.' So, this year's survey focuses on Jesus.

[Click here to submit your response to five questions that will shape our worship life together for 2025.](#)

*Calling all Sunday School Teachers!*



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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

10:15-11:15 am  
Sunday School Teachers Meeting  
Youth Room

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

Sunday School Commission  
during worship

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

Sunday School Kick-Off!



***“Thank you!” to Valerie Bollero & Benedictus Choir***



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**AN EVENING OF HOMECOMING & HISTORY**  
Friday | September 27 | 5-7:30pm  
**COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY & OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday | September 28 | 12-4pm  
**CELEBRATION SERVICE & RECEPTION**  
Sunday | September 29 | 9am-12pm

## HELP WANTED



Do you know someone who would like to work with our youngest children in the nursery on Sunday mornings?

We have a paid position of Nursery Assistant available to manage the nursery care during worship. We anticipate the time commitment to be about 2.5 hrs. every Sunday, and the pay will be minimum wage. This will provide great childcare experience and the ability to develop leadership skills. Talk to Pastor Rob if you or someone you know is interested.



We are currently looking to hire someone to assist with our livestream a couple of times each month. [For a complete job description click here.](#) Please share this with anyone with tech skills that could spare 10-15 hours to help each month.

We are also having difficulty finding **volunteers**. The job we need help with isn't too complicated. It is just for the Sunday morning service. This person turns on and off microphones (if needed), adjusts microphone volume, and clicks on the slides to advance them during the worship service.

We will set up training so volunteers comfortable working in the booth. Even if you can only help 4-6 times a year, that would be a great help.

Contact [Carolyn Burnham](#) for more information.

## IN OUR CHURCH



**MEMORY LOSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING MONDAY AT 10 AM**

Join our support group for persons with loved ones experiencing memory loss issues. We will be gathering in the Parlor next **Monday, August 19 at 10 a.m.**

We are not experts on all aspects of memory loss illnesses, but we have become pretty good at "caring for the caregiver." If you or anyone you know is a caregiver of this type, please join us. For



### TAKE A TOUR OF THE ST. CHARLES SALVATION ARMY

The Committee on Church in Society is **inviting any who are interested to participate in a tour of the Joe K. Anderson Center on August 24th at 10:00 a.m.**

Plans are to meet at our church at **9:30 a.m.** and then carpool to the Center, located on 7th Avenue in St. Charles.

**If you would like to participate in this hour-long tour** please email [Nancie Lillie](mailto:Nancie.Lillie@stcharles.org) or call her at 231-845-6097. You may also call the office to RSVP. Our tour will be led by new officers Lieutenants Joe and April Alvarez.



Committee on Church in Society designates August Sundays as:

## “Sack Sundays”



LET'S HELP OUR LOCAL SALVATION ARMY FILL THEIR FOOD PANTRY SHELVES IN TIME FOR BACK TO SCHOOL!

- SACKS WITH FOOD NEEDS PASSED OUT AUGUST 4
- RETURN FILLED SACKS TO DONATION STATION

### Returning to Parlor starting September 11

## Spirited WOMEN

Meets Weekly on Wednesdays



- Book studies and fellowship
- Meets at **9:15am** in the Parlor.
- Zoom option available to participate from home.
- For more information contact Jenean Larsen

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Support The Neighbor Project at a 9/14 Benefit Concert

Each ticket not only includes a soul-stirring concert full of your favorite "get-up-and-dance" Motown grooves-brought to you by one of our region's most preeminent performers-but a dessert/sundae bar, a silent auction, included drinks & more!

[Read More](#)



## TCFS Gala

Help TriCity Family Services spread the word about Inspiring Hearts and Minds 2024 Annual Fundraising Gala!

[Read More](#)

## NEWS FROM THE UMC COMMUNITY

Prairie Central eNews is [here](#).  
The NIC weekly eNews is [here](#).  
Download the NIC Reporter [here](#).

## ACCESS THE UMCG DOCUMENT CENTER

UMCG has a hidden page on the website for our church family to access called the [Document Center](#). This includes our committee roster, communications submission forms and in the future, our committee agendas, reports and minutes.



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