



August 2015

Do no Harm, by avoiding every kind of evil.

Do all the Good you can.

Pursue Spiritual Disciplines that help you grow in Love for God.

-John Wesley's General Rules for the People Called Methodists

At our Annual Conference session at the end of May or the beginning of June, a service of worship and the ordination of Deacons and Elders completes our time together. As a United Methodist clergyperson is ready to be ordained, they stand before the entire Conference, and are asked the 19 "Historic Questions." These were formulated by John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, and have been asked of every Methodist preacher from the very beginning. Two of the historic questions are: "Do you know the General Rules of our Church?" and "Will you Keep them?"

The General Rules are not just for the clergy of the church, nor are they a requirement for salvation, but rather, they are a guide for those who have sought salvation in Jesus Christ, and want to continue as his disciples, or followers. They have been distilled by Bishop Reuben Job into "Three Simple Rules:" Do No harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God.

Wesley suggests things to avoid that might cause harm, and things to embrace that might do good for God and others. (For more detail, check out the text of the General Rules here: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/general-rules-of-the-methodist-church>)

He also suggests ways to (in Bishop Job's words) "stay in love with God." Wesley uses the words, "attend upon the ordinances of God." He also calls them "the Means of Grace". The "Means of Grace" are: The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, Public Worship of God, Ministry of the Word (read or spoken), Family and Private Prayer, Searching the Scriptures (Bible study), and Fasting or Abstinence.

God may be encountered in many places and many activities, including strolling in the forest, driving along the coast, curled up in a favorite chair, watching children play, or walking down a dewy fairway. However, Wesley knew that there are certain places and certain activities where one is *sure* to encounter and be in relationship with God. The "Means of Grace" are places where God has promised to be present. They are places where I open myself and invite God in. They are places where people are actively looking for God. Whenever two or three are gathered to worship, God has promised to be there. Whenever we pray, we open ourselves to God's presence and invite God into our lives with response to our prayers. As we read the Bible, study the Word, and listen as the Word is taught and preached, we encounter the message that God has prepared for us from the beginning. As we fast, or deny our bodily desires in other ways, we create an awareness of need within us that God can, and will, fill. And as we take into ourselves the bread and (unfermented) wine of The Lord's Supper, we receive in our selves the Spirit of the living, saving Christ.

Being a follower, or "disciple" of Jesus is "discipleship". Discipleship is what you do after you say, "yes" to Jesus in your life – yes to living as Jesus taught. Discipleship is staying in love with God, and staying in love with God requires being where God is. You may find many places where you may be aware of God's presence. But why not look first where God has *promised* to be, where you can be sure to encounter God. It happens that all of those places can be found in the fellowship of the church. I invite you to join us for worship. I encourage you to spend time with friends from church, or get to know a few. I urge you to pray and listen for answers. Do it by yourself if you choose, but it's even more satisfying with others. Read the Bible and really think about it. Read the margin notes and footnotes; join a Bible study.

Living the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ may raise lots of questions, raise many challenges, and may not be easy. But the General Rules are simple: Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay In Love With God.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Matt Stengel

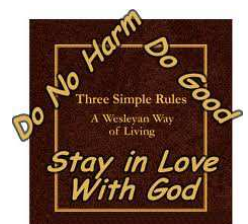


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Salem Nutritional Center

Monday, Aug 10th

9:00am—2:00pm

Please join us for a morning of serving.

Donations Needed:

40 cans of Tuna

5 Jars of Mayo

5 Pies

Plastic Shopping Bags

Empty Coffee Cans

Worship Schedule for August:

Summer Worship Service - 10:00am



What follows are the Lectionary Readings for each Sunday. Each week, the theme of the services will usually emerge from one of the prescribed readings (often the Gospel). We invite you to read through the lessons prior to Sunday morning. It can be a healthy discipline and enhance the experience of worship.

8/2:	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Ephesians 4:1-16	Psalms 51:1-12 John 6:24-35
8/9:	2 Samuel 18:5-9 Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Psalms 130 John 6:35, 41-51
8/16:	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 Ephesians 5:15-20	Psalms 111 John 6:51-58
8/23:	1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 Ephesians 6:10-20	Psalms 84 John 6:56-69
8/30:	Solomon 2:8-13 James 1:17-27	Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9 (Psalm 72) Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A PRAYER CHAIN REMINDER: *We have an active prayer chain, both through e-mails and phone. You're invited to be part of that; just call Bill and Gail Mason at 453-9038. Also, if you have a prayer concern of any kind that you want to share, contact Bill and Gail at the number above or by e-mail at wmason@rochester.rr.com. We only send out prayer concerns when we receive direct requests.*



Altar Flowers: *If you would like a formal arrangement placed in honor/memory of a loved one, call Betty LaMonica. Arrangements are \$25.*



Anniversary Ministry: *Please contact me of your special day at dham1@rochester.rr.com*

Thank you, Dick Hamblin

Birthday Ministry: *We would love to recognize your special day. Please e-mail the office to let us know if your birthday is not on our calendar.*



greeceumc@frontiernet.net

Deadline for all newsletter articles is the 15th of each

month by 12:00pm. *Please e-mail to Deb Babbage at dbabbage@rochester.rr.com. Thank you.*



Summer Thoughts from Deacon Dee

- Many of you ask how I am doing as I transition into part time here. I have been evaluating where we have been and where we are going. As I ponder I am more convinced we all need to get off the pew and be intentional about joining at least one other person in a covenantal connection. It is in the small group experience where we put our learning to the tests in life and living a life of faith and hope and making a difference in the kingdom of God.
- I have continued to ponder what are meaningful and important GUMC events, tasks we do and what needs to stop if no one picks up the activity. What would you miss at GUMC on your spiritual journey if it was not here anymore? What would be missed in the ministry to the community if we did not do it anymore?
- I realize I will need to be intentional in ways I am serving with others here at GUMC. I say it is not about what I am doing or offering, BUT it needs to be about what YOU are offering to others around YOU, inside and outside the church.
- I love to work with all ages in the church and community. Most think I should work with the children and youth and give more time to that area of my ministry. But not more can change there unless the adults of all ages step out in new ways to serve.
- I am realizing more and more that some GUMC adults might need to have more of my time or encouragement to help lead others on the faith journey. If we are not affecting others around us with love and grace are we changing our world? Are we showing Christ to all we encounter? When was the last time you attended a small group spiritual growth opportunity at GUMC? When was the last time you really made a difference in someone's life? These are the questions I invite you to ask yourself and seek some new ways to grow in how you live out your life and faith.
- I realize we cannot change others, but need to change things about ourselves to be about the church and followers of Christ. Adult faith formation, by which people consciously grow in the life of Christ through worship, prayer, study, and service, is a central task of the church. ***"The function of the local church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is to help people to know Jesus Christ personally and to live their daily lives in light of their relationship with God" (¶ 202, The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2000). To grow in discipleship throughout life, adults need a deepening relationship with God and community, solid resources, and a positive environment that will help undergird their faith development for the transformation of the world in the twenty first century.***

It has always been clear and perhaps well understood that children change as they get older. But not until recently has it become equally clear that adults also change as they age. It is not unusual to hear adults talk about their biological clocks running out, having a midlife crisis, or experiencing job stress.

Adults have a variety of life experiences, and no two lives are the same. Adults have different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, educational attainments, vocational opportunities, friends and relationships, and health conditions. Adults develop, change, and grow — but not at the same rate or in the same way. And although we most often think of the physical and psychological changes that occur throughout adulthood, change can and does occur in spiritual development.

My role has become to support and assist adults in relating to God through Jesus Christ and for living out their faith in the world. If your last small group experience or helping someone was a few years ago...something needs to change. GUMC needs people to grow and serve together and have fresh insights to grow in numbers...or faces involved here.

What do you need to change about yourself and your faith formation? My title remains the same as it has for many years before me...Coordinator of Nurture Ministries. (all ages included)... Deacon Dee



**Chicken BBQ Drive Thru: August 13
4:30—sell-out**

**Proceeds will go to the general fund
supporting the ministries of GUMC.**

Volunteers are needed for cooking,
setting up, serving, and clean-up. If you are
available to help, contact **Deacon Dee**.

**I just want to give a HUGE THANK YOU!
to everyone who helped me in any way
with the Summerfest this year! It was a
great day and a big success. I really
really appreciate everyone's help. We
make a great team here at GUMC!**

&haron Neary



**Calling all singers and ringers! The fall will be here soon so get this on
your calendar now: Wednesday, September 9 is the start up date for
bells -6:15 and choir-7:00. I look forward to another great year and
hope to see some new faces!! Thanks,**

&haron Neary



STEWARDSHIP



From Max Lucado's Devotional Bible: "Tithing: You don't give for God's sake. "The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives." (Deuteronomy 14:23). How does tithing teach you? Consider the simple act of writing a check for the offering. First you enter the date. Already you are reminded that you are a time-bound creature and every possession you have will rust or burn. Best to give it while you can."

He goes on to say that next is the name of the one to whom you are giving the money – the name of the church or group that has earned your trust. Ahh, the amount comes next – the moment of truth – he says "don't move too quickly. You aren't just entering an amount...you are making a confession. A confession that God owns it all anyway." Then comes the line in the lower left hand corner – what the check is for – the light bills, a little bit of outreach, a little bit of salary. "Better yet, its partial payment for what the church has done to help you raise your family.

Gail and I own several Max Lucado's books, mostly because he makes everything seem so much less complicated and easier to understand when it comes to our faith. On the page where he discussed tithing, he also raised several questions or thoughts to consider, to make you think, i.e.: "Describe a time when someone gave you the very best they had to offer." "Explain the importance to you of tithing?" "In what ways can money enslave people?" "What do we receive in return when we give money to the church?"

Soon it will be time to consider your commitment for 2016; a time when we pull together to fund next year's budget. Please begin to give some prayerful thought as to how you can help. Consider the questions at the end of the previous paragraph and where you stand in stewardship.

Thanks.

Bill Mason



A CONTINUING HEART TO HEART MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE.... (Contacts with our home-bound members)

Thank you to those who continue to sign our sheet to contact our home-bound members by visiting and/or by phone or in writing. While we are still looking for additional volunteers, efforts are now under way to match our home-bound members with those who are new to the program. The Sign-Up sheet together with the list of our home-bound members will still be available on the table in the Commons area.

If you are currently visiting and/or contacting by phone or in writing one or more of our home-bound members, please let us know by signing your name next to whom you are contacting. In that way, we will be able to track who is not being contacted and match those members with our new volunteers. You may also call Gale Huber at 247-3474 with this information or if you have questions about the ministry.

The feedback we have received from members being visited has been heartwarming and speaks to who we are as a caring congregation. We are certainly capable of making new disciples as well as recognizing the contributions of our home-bound members who are no longer able to worship with us by keeping in contact with them.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - August 23rd

Following the 10:00 service on August 23rd, those on the **Heart to Heart Ministry Team** will *briefly* meet in the Sanctuary with Pastor Matt, Deacon Dee and Gale Huber to review and share experiences with how the ministry is going so far and to answer any questions. (Please note emphasis on *briefly*.)

New Grief Forum/Parental Loss



This group will not be meeting for July and August. Next meeting will be in September.

Widows and Widowers Group:



The group will not be meeting for July, and August. Next meeting will be in September.

Women's Retreat at Camp Asbury:

Lakeside Escape: Finding Balance

August 23rd—25th

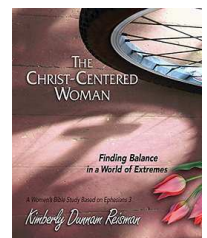
Are you a woman being pulled in every direction? Are you trying to please everyone? Using Kimberly Dunnam Reisman's book, *The Christ-Centered Woman*, Rev. Mary Martin and Rev. Dee Finch will help you keep your relationship with God focused in the midst of everyday living. Bring a friend and make some new ones as we grow together through the discussion sessions, worship, and activities such as swimming, boating, hiking, relaxing, and enjoying a treat in our 1950's style Snack Shack.

Cost: \$150 multiple occupancy, \$200 single occupancy

Cost: \$70 Commuter

\$50 Deposit with registration

See Deacon Dee for more information.



Dinner and Devotion with Dee and Deb

Let's come together to break bread and reflect on God's presence in our lives. Dee and Deb will provide a soup and salad dinner, along with some treats.



We will not be meeting for July and August. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 23rd

Page Turners Monthly Book Club:



PAGE TURNERS WILL NOT BE MEETING IN AUGUST.

Do you love to read? Then do we have a club for you!!! Page Turners is a monthly book club that has been together for over 10 years, dedicated to reading all sorts of books—bestselling fiction and non-fiction, classic and contemporary. We search the best seller and book club lists to find unique, interesting, and great novels.

Page Turners puts together theme programs—Mystery Month, Drama (Plays) Month, Books to Movies, Going Back in Time Classics and Young Adult Selections. We participate in the yearly “If Everyone in Rochester Reads” program, not only reading the book but also going to see the visiting authors. Our club has also organized a spin-off of the “If Everyone in Rochester Reads” program called GUMC All Church Reads—selecting a faith-based thought provoking bestseller selection and scheduling a pot-luck and discussion event.

We meet every 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00-11:30am in the Kerrison Room. See what's coming up and our past list of selections at: www.greeceumc.org/page/page_turners

Bagel and Book Study:

The Book and Bagel Study Group will not be meeting in July and August. Look for a new book in September.



Enjoy your summer!

Group meets Wednesday
@ 9:30-11:00am
Soho's Bagel Café, Stone Ridge Plaza
Contact Deacon Dee for books.

Tuesday Book Group:

A Women's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks Everything by Lydia Brownback

Author and speaker Lydia Brownback teaches women about true wisdom through the practical wisdom found in the book of Proverbs.

All are welcome to this group which meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in Room 9.

For books or if you have questions, contact:
Linda Hoffman, facilitator
lmhoffman@rochester.rr.com

Grand Sweep Bible Study



Ever want to read the Bible cover to cover and could not do it? 360 days in the Bible with a source written to guide you along and a monthly discussion group to make sense of it all.

Would you make a commitment to read and reflect on the Bible and be part of discussion once a month?

Contact Deacon Dee if interested.

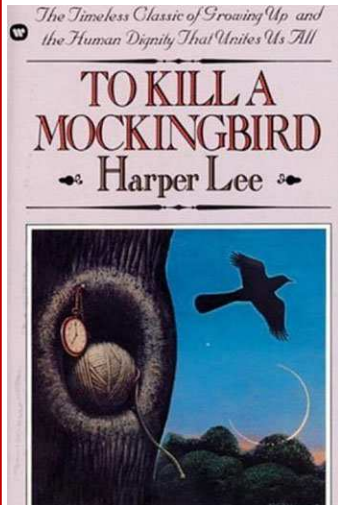
Next Meeting: Monday, August 3, 7-9pm



Small Groups

All Church Read Update 2015

We had some wonderful selections selected to us this year. Thank you to all who submitted their suggestion.



After polling some of the congregation, ***To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee** has been selected as this year's If All the Church Read book for 2015. Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterwork of honor and injustice in the deep South—and the heroism of one man in the face of blind and violent hatred.

One of the best-loved stories of all time, ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** has been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than forty million copies worldwide, served as the basis for an enormously popular motion picture, and was voted one of the best novels of the twentieth century by librarians across the country. A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable tale of coming-of-age in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father—a crusading local lawyer—risks everything to defend a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime.

Most of us may have already read this story, maybe far back in high school, but it is a timeless story with issues that still pertain to the present. This is the time to open our minds and hearts and read it again through the lenses of faith, searching for where classic literature meets scripture.

Mark your Calendars:

Saturday, October 24th will be a our family movie night where we will show To Kill A Mockingbird.

Sunday, October 25th will be our pot-luck and discussion event after the 2nd service—around 12:00pm.

All are welcomed.

****Note:** Due to the positive response to two other selections, **Unlikely: Setting Aside Our Differences to Live Out the Gospel** by Kevin Palau and **Everyday Justice: The Global Impact of Our Everyday Choices** by Julie Clawson, we are exploring future opportunities to read and have discussions forums for these two books. More information will be provided at a later date. Thank you.

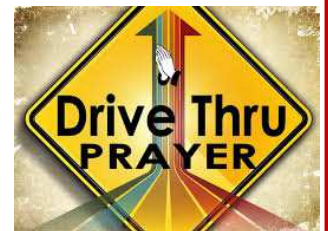


Drive thru Prayer Ministry

Wednesdays

11:00 am—1:00 pm

We are looking for people who want to come and pray with people from the community. If interested, please contact Deacon Dee.



GREECE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Next Executive Committee Meeting: August 31, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Room 9.
Linda Hoffman, President.
Agenda item: review unit rules.
(No Executive Committee Meetings in July.)

Next Circle Meetings: **Miriam:** Monday, Sept. 14th
 Ruth: Tuesday, Sept. 8th
 Details next month.

Genesee Valley District Annual Meeting: September 19th, 2015.

We will meet at the Rush U.M.C. The program will be "Purpose Driven Women".
Rev. Dr. Cathy Stengel will be our guest speaker. Please save the date!

Reading Program Reminder: Please submit your reading list **by August 15th**.

Make sure your name and the name of your church is on the list.

- List the books that you have read under their categories.
- Write down the number of your plan.
- Put the list in the UMW box at church or send to:
Phyllis Miller, 49 Grecian Parkway, Rochester, NY 14626

Church Women United:

The CWU office will be closed from Friday, June 29th through Tuesday September 7, 2015.

Did You Know:

that plans are well underway for the formation of a new UMW unit at the Korean UMC in Penfield? There are approximately 25 prospective members. District Vice-President Gale Huber and District Treasurer Arlene Martin, along with District President Alice Anderson, have met with the president and secretary. These two ladies are very enthusiastic about being involved in the UMW and sharing in our mission.

Food Shelf



Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf **Adoption Program**

For August, Greece United Methodist has decided that we will "adopt" canned fruit for the Greece Community Food Shelf. Please help us each week by bringing your donation.



Message from Outreach:

Undie Sunday
Sunday, August 30th



Please bring in new packaged children's underwear to give to our local schools for children in need.

Thank you



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Progress continues on 87 Orange St. The pictures above were from 7/8/15 when Pastor Matt, Al Royter and Tom Hinterman worked on the home. Tentatively, an open house/dedication is scheduled for August 18th at 11:00am. Hopefully, we'll know of the name of the family – this is typical since the family has to reach a number of hours worked to qualify.

We still need your support through donations and volunteer efforts. Eight churches have now raised slightly over 2/3 of the \$65,000 it takes to sponsor a home. We also need volunteers to work on the house, our 6th in the City of Rochester.

If you have any questions call Bill Mason at 453-9038, or e-mail at wmason@rochester.rr.com.
By the way, I could use a backup to represent our church to the coalition. If you're interested let me know.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Bill Mason

Please tear off the coupon below and return it to the church office or place it in the collection plate:

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GREECE CHURCHES HABITAT PROJECT – 2014-15

Yes, I want to help by:

1. Making a donation of \$_____ - payable to Greece UMC and marked for the Habitat Project.
**\$65 underwrites the cost of a square foot, \$20 a porch light, mailbox or doorbell, \$40 a ladder or landscaping, \$100 a square of shingles or siding, \$150 small windows or doors, \$200 a trim package or large window, \$500 a HVAC system, \$1,000 a light post. Priceless...your volunteer time.
2. ____ I plan on volunteering to work on the construction of the home.

Note: If you want me to sign you up for work on the home, call Bill Mason at 453-9038. I'll help in any other way I can, call me at _____.

Signed: _____ Env. # _____ Date: _____



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Message from Outreach:



The calendar has flipped to August: time to gear up for all the BACK-TO-SCHOOL sales! Never mind that we still have over a month to go before backpacks and pencil boxes are requisite gear. However, it's better to be the early bird rather than the last rose of summer!

Please consider adding some of these items to your shopping list:

**spiral & composition notebooks,
2-pocket folders,
#2 pencils, erasers,
crayons, markers, colored pencils,
rulers,
backpacks,
glue sticks, and tissues.**



For the past several years, GUMC has collected a variety of school supplies to donate to area elementary schools. This year, we will add the Villa of Hope to the list of West Ridge, Holmes Road, Autumn Lane, Longridge, English Village, and Brookside. Watch for the big, colorful boxes to appear in the commons in mid-August.



In addition, August has five Sundays, so we welcome your donations of new, packaged children's underwear for Undie Sunday, August 30. Since the school year will just be starting, all sizes (small, medium, and large for boys and girls) are needed. Let's try to fill the big green basket in the commons.



In mid-September, we will deliver our treasure trove of school supplies and undies to the smiles of the staff and children at all seven locations.



As "pencils in the hand of God," we are composing a script of love and compassion with each charitable donation.



We served a great meal at Salem on 7/13. Thanks to the wedding banquet we hosted on the 7/12, we had fresh fruit, strawberry shortcake tons of cookies and cupcakes. Ten of us from Greece had a great time preparing more to eat with 9 others helping. Our next date is Monday, August 10th. Please join us.



FAITH COMMUNITY BOOK DRIVE

ROCHESTER ELEMENTARY CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP!

Rochester Education Foundation (REF) and Church Women United of Rochester (CWU) would like to invite the Faith Community to join them in a city-wide book drive for the benefit of elementary school children within the Rochester school district.

Our hope is for each and every congregation to collect NEW books appropriate for elementary-aged children.



**Books should be brought to church on
Sunday, October 18th**



Please share this with your church and if someone within the congregation is interested in being a representative, contact Lynn Ryder, Church Women United's Community Relations Coordinator at 342-2790 or cwulr@yahoo.com. This information will be particularly handy in order for us to coordinate the drop off of books.

Friendship Sunday

Friend! Who is a friend?

Is it someone you communicate with daily...a neighbor...an acquaintance, or a person you just met?

Whomever, it is a person with whom you feel comfortable and wish him or her to join you in the participation of your daily life.

What better way is there to participate with you than share your belief in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Go to church. Invite your friend.

Go to his or her church, exchange churches.

To whomever you bring, don't let your faith be a mystery to them.

A real friend knows you best when exposure provided by you to him/her—kindness, love, religion, honesty, and help to all is in your best interest.

Invite a friend today to join you for your church service. Invite relatives as well.

Late breakfast after the service are always great reunions of fun and joy.

Thoughts from Co-Lay Leader Lisa Kostyshak

When we recite the Apostles' Creed, we say the words, "I believe in the Holy Spirit." It's a fine idea to believe in the Holy Spirit, and, of course, it is essential to the proper Christian doctrine. But what are the practical implications of this affirmation? What does the Holy Spirit do in the life of the believer? John Wesley once said that one could be as orthodox as the devil, and just as lacking in the true religion of the heart. Perhaps encounter with the Holy Spirit is the key to the religion of the heart that was so crucial to Wesley's theology.

Walking alongside other United Methodists, as well as Christians of many other stripes, the power and work of the Holy Spirit is often not emphasized. Too often, God seems to function as a construct that gives weight to our ethical principles, but we do not see God as an agent who actually works in our lives.

Consider the work of **Aldersgate Renewal Ministries** (<http://aldersgaterenewal.org>) . This is a renewal movement within the United Methodist Church that is often identified as ***charismatic***. The term "charismatic" may carry a lot of baggage, but it simply refers to a way of being Christian that involves a strong sense of divine agency and the belief that God gives gifts to the church. Paul talks about these gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11:

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Many people are praying for renewal in the UMC, and we should continue to do this. But what we need also to understand is that renewal is happening now. You just have to know where to look for it. And in the UMC it's happening through Aldersgate Renewal Ministries. Thanks be to God.

Consider what Aldersgate Renewal Ministries uses to guide their actions:

Mission: To equip the local church to minister to the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Strategy: To serve the local church by providing dynamic learning experiences that educate participants to live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Vision: That every local church would proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel in the character and power of Jesus Christ.

Values: The Holy Spirit is essential to fulfill the Great Commission (*Matthew 28:18-20, 10:7-8*)

Matthew 28:18-20 -- "Jesus commanded the disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything that I have commanded you."

Matthew 10:6-8 -- "Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons."

Does this give you any hope? Perhaps renewal is already happening closer than you think?

Sources: <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/6174/renewal-is-happening-now>, David F. Watson & <http://aldersgaterenewal.org>

Congregation Updates

Weddings:

Dupree/Mriatzaganian 7/11



Passings:



Leon Allen
Jean Stoddard

5/8
5/18

New Address:

Fran Justice

Bessie Bodderly

Al & Robin Vieira



NEW ADDRESSES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR WEB-EDITION. PLEASE CONTACT OFFICE FOR INFORMATION

Unknown Address:

Dee Rudman-Gath Barbara Stewart

August Birthdays

NOT AVAILABLE FOR WEB-EDITION. PLEASE CONTACT OFFICE FOR INFORMATION



August Anniversaries

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Fundraiser Updates

Thank you to all who have helped in some way to make our fundraising successful. These fundraisers help support our church and the many ministries we have to offer our community.

April 19:	Chicken BBQ	Profit: \$793.86
May 17:	Evening of Enchantment	Profit: \$668.56
May 31:	Chicken BBQ	Profit: \$841.90
June 20:	Summerfest	Profit: \$2,114.52
July 16:	Chicken BBQ	Profit: \$1,044.51

SAVE THE DATES:

Thursday, August 13	Chicken BBQ	4:30—sell out
Thursday, September 17	Chicken BBQ	4:30—sellout

Summerfest Breakdown:

Silent Auction:	\$455.00
Book/Bake Sale:	\$568.05
Strawberry Booth:	\$175.05
Food Booth:	\$152.42
Dunking Booth:	\$ 14.00
Vendors:	\$750.00

Finance Monthly Report:

We have recorded a historic event in June. Due to a great effort in Fundraising, extra efforts to not waste, and some outstanding contributions, we have managed to eke out a \$258.71 surplus.

Congratulations to US. Lets keep it going through July.

Bill





Sunday Morning Worship

Nursery: 10:00 Summer Worship

8/2: Janice & Eric Jr. Ruppert
8/9: Phyl Ann Helmes, Kali Iachetta
8/16: Karen Ingle, Missy Symonds
8/23: Melissa Dunn, Kali Iachetta
8/30: Cindy Lane, Debbie Symonds

Projectionists: 10:00 Summer Worship

8/2: Neva Benson
8/9: Kara Down
8/16: Norma Rapini
8/23: Earle Ridley
8/30: Ellen White

Ushers: 10:00 Summer Worship

Shirley Hardy, Liz Powers, Sally Lepi, Kim Whittemore, Tom Hinterman

Liturgists: 10:00 Summer Worship

**TBA—schedule unavailable at
newsletter deadline**

Greeters:

**TBA—schedule unavailable at
newsletter deadline**

Counters:

8/2: Cindy Lane, Keineth Stone, Sally Lepi
8/9: Cindy Lane, Keineth Stone, Sally Lepi
8/16: Mary VandeLogt, Kim Whittemore, Chelsea Whittemore
8/23: Mary VandeLogt, Kim Whittemore, Chelsea Whittemore
8/30: Bill Brado, Barbara Brado, Dick Hamblin



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is looking for people who want to aid their fellow worshippers each Sunday. See below how you may help enrich our worship time:

Altar Guild: Members serve for a month to care for the chancel; filling the candles, hanging the paraments as required, and preparing for baptisms. This work can be done any time during the week, with the candles being checked between services. If you are interested, contact Phyl Ann Helmes.

Communion Stewards: This is a once a month obligation (and most likely only a few times a year). If interested, contact Mary VandeLogt.

Greeters: We are looking for people who would like to greet people 15 minutes before 9:00 and 11:00 Worship. Anyone can be a greeter, individuals, family groups, youth. If interested, contact Deacon Dee.

Ushers: Interested in serving your congregation in a small but significant way? Why not become part of one of the ushering teams? Groups of four members serve for a month once or twice during the year. Contact Tom Hinterman in person, or Hinterman.Tom7@Gmail.com

Nursery: Sally Lepi, Nursery Coordinator is looking for people to help serve a week in the nursery during worship. Could you sign up? We need to be able to give people with young children the option during both 9 and 11am for childcare.

Projectionists: Lisa Kostyshak, coordinator, is looking for projectionist for both the 9 and 11 am services. Please contact her if interested.

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Please see Website for updates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Summer Mission Trip
2 Carmine's Sunday church fundraiser 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Summer Worship 10:00 AM	3 AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM The Grand Sweep Bible Study 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	4 Carmine's Fund-raiser Tuesday Book Study 10:00 AM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM Education Team 7:00 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM	5 AA 12:00 PM Music Guitar Lessons 2:30 PM to 8:00 PM	6 Atria Sr Bible Study 10:45 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM	7 AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM	8 Emmaus Gathering 8:30 AM
9 Carmine's Sunday church fundraiser 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Summer Worship 10:00 AM	10 9:00am-2:00pm Salem Nutrition Center AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM	11 Tuesday Book Study 10:00 AM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM SPRC 7:00 PM	12 AA 12:00 PM Music Guitar Lessons 2:30 PM to 8:00 PM	13 Drive thru Chicken BBQ Atria Sr Bible Study 10:45 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM	14 Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA	15 Newsletter Deadline Today Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM

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23 Carmine's Sunday church fundraiser 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Summer Worship 10:00 AM Heart to Heart Mtg. 11:00am Women's Retreat Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting 6:00 PM	24 Women's Retreat MS Society Support Group 10:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM	25 Women's Retreat Tuesday Book Study 10:00 AM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM	26 AA 12:00 PM Music Guitar Lessons 2:30 PM to 8:00 PM	27 Page Turners Book Group 10:00 AM Atria Sr Bible Study 10:45 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM	28 AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM	29
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