



December 2015

Christmas is coming; the goose is getting fat.
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.
If you haven't got a penny - a ha'penny will do.
If you haven't got a ha'penny -
God bless you!

Many of us know this song from our childhood. It's a Christmas classic that should never be lost. It speaks to our time – when some of us have fat geese, some have geese that are skin and bones because their food had to go to feed the children, and others – well, their goose is cooked.

It speaks of *charity* – a word that lost a lot of its “oom-pah” when the King James Version of the Bible gave way to modern translations which changed the translation of 1 Corinthians 13. It no longer spoke of “charity,” but of “love.” (*“Now abideth Faith, Hope, and Charity [Love]; but the greatest of these is Charity [Love]”*) It's still the same word in the original Greek – *agape* (pronounced ah-gah-pay) – the same word that equals God in 1 John 4:8 – *“God is love (agape).”* Still, modern translators agree that “charity” is a less-than-correct translation of *agape*.

What comes of our scholarly correctness is a loss of the knowledge that Christian “love” is not a feeling, but an action. Love in action takes many forms, and may be limited by one's abilities and resources. Few of us could afford to feed the hungry of Greece (much less Rochester) for a year, or probably even a day. But almost all of us can donate a can of tuna to the Greece Food Shelf. Just about any of us can serve a meal at the Salem Nutrition Center or prepare gifts for the youth at the Villa of Hope. And those who cannot can pray for themselves and others alongside the more affluent. *“If you haven't got a penny, a half-penny will do; if you haven't got a half-penny, God bless you.”*

This Christmas, (if not always), find a way to turn your love into charity. Put a few coins in the hand of someone asking for help along the road, or a greenback in the Kettle, or a check in the mail to your favorite organization. Put a toy in the barrel; put food in the pantry; put a pair of mittens on the tree; cut your hair for kids with cancer. Donate clothing, or swing a hammer for Habitat for Humanity. Invite a single person to dinner, and listen to their story. Do something concrete instead of something symbolic.

And for God's sake - as well as your own and others' – let someone love you in the way you need it most. Be a “charity case.”

We are all “charity cases,” you know. *“God so loved (agapao) the world that he gave his only begotten son.”* God gave, not because we deserved it, but because we needed it – that's charity. *“Brothers and sisters if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1 John 4:11).*

This year, we invite you to join us in celebrating Christmas with your church family. On Saturday, December 5th, we will have a “Hanging of the Greens,” decorating the church at 4:30 p.m., with craft activities, a short worship service at 5:30, and Supper at 6:00. On Sunday, December 6th, there will be a New Member Orientation, and reception of new members on December 13th during worship. On December 13th, the men of the church will prepare breakfast at 8:00 for the United Methodist Women. On Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24th, there will be two services: a family service at 4:00 p.m., and the traditional candlelight service at 7:00 p.m. An envelope is enclosed for you to make a special contribution to the church for Christmas.

May God bless you and yours, at Christmas, and always.

In Christ's love (agape),
Pastor Matt Stengel

AND NOW ABIDETH
Faith, Hope, Charity
these three; but the greatest of these is
CHARITY
— 1 Corinthians 13:13

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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.*



Salem Nutritional Center
Tuesday, December 15th
9:00am—2:00pm
Please join us for a morning of serving.

Donations Needed:

40 cans of Tuna

5 Pies

Empty Coffee Cans

5 Jars of Mayo

Plastic Shopping Bags



Thoughts from Deacon Dee:

Christmas is coming!!!! Christmas is coming!!!!

I have heard it said more than once this week and there is a note of panic and terror in the voices saying it. My reaction...Wow, really? I ask myself are they really that upset that Jesus' Birthday is coming? We all like to celebrate and recognize our birthdays with parties and receive gifts.

Hummm... I wonder how they will spend Jesus' Birthday.

When asked about the true meaning of Christmas, 70% of children said it's about celebrating the birth of Christ, 39% said it's about being thankful, 37% said it's about spending time with family, and 13% said it's about receiving gifts.

Only 37% of the more than 2,000 adults surveyed claimed Jesus and God to be the reason they celebrate Christmas, according to a report from USA Today. Yet, further reports show that 80% to 90% of Americans observe Christmas. Other reasons people say they celebrate:

Being with family and friends

Celebration and joy

Giving, sharing, and helping

Being thankful

(Source: usatoday30.usatoday.com)

Ask yourself, what kind of birthday present would Jesus want on his birthday? I think you know the answer without a lot of deep thought. My prayer thought this Advent is: what do I need to say NO! to, so I can say YES to God and the ways I should spend time in preparation of Jesus' Birthday.

Imagine if as a family or individual you came up with 12 acts of service you can perform together or as individual during December. For example, shovel snow for a neighbor, donate extra blankets to a homeless shelter, and deliver cookies and cocoa to homebound seniors, buy a gift for the Villa of Hope family Christmas giving or bought extra food for the food shelf as families will need help during this time. Lots of ideas come to mind.

Pay for the person's order in line behind you. Ask the cashier to tell the person it's a gift from God.

Lines, lines, lines. People are in such a hurry with Christmas shopping. Encourage your children or yourself to help spot someone you'll let go in front of you in line. Smile...

Volunteer to help an elderly neighbor or friend gift-wrap presents. Then deliver the wrapped packages to the person with a plate of baked goodies.

"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"

—Luke 2:10-11

What is the Good News YOU are going to share with others this Advent/Christmas Season? Are there things you can do differently this year? Try it...God will like it.

Blessings to you, Deacon Dee

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00am—Traditional
10:00am—Discipleship Hour
11:00am—Praise & Worship
*Please Come and
Worship With Us!*

Sunday Morning Advent Series:

The Journey—Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Sundays, December 6,13, 20

10:00-11:00am

Fellowship Hall

It's a story you know by heart, but *The Journey* combines historical information and archaeology with Adam Hamilton's thoughtful, conversational teaching style to give you a new perspective on the story of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. *Facilitated by Debbie Babbage*

The Sent—Delivery the Gift of Hope

Sundays, December 6,13, 20

10:00-11:00am

Rooms are listed below

God sent Christ into the world as our Savior. In turn, Christ sends us into the world but do we understand how, where, and why we are sent.

Worship Schedule for December:

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.



12/6:	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79
	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
12/13:	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Isaiah 12:2-6
	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
12/20:	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:47-55
	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45
12/24:	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96
	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-20
12/25:	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 98
	Hebrews 1:1-4(5-12)	John 1:1-14
12/27:	1 Samuel 2:18-20,26	Psalm 148
	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52
12/31:	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13	Psalm 8
	Revelations 21:1-6a	Matthews 25:31-46

Widows and Widowers Group:

Will not be meeting in
December.



FAMILY HOLIDAY POT LUCK BREAKFAST

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27, 10-11AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL



Fellowship Hall:

12/6: Advent Study: The Journey—Walking the Road to Bethlehem by Adam Hamilton

12/13: Advent Study: The Journey—Walking the Road to Bethlehem by Adam Hamilton

12/20: Advent Study: The Journey—Walking the Road to Bethlehem by Adam Hamilton

12/27: Holiday Family Pot Luck Breakfast

Discipleship Hour : 10:00—11:00am

Classrooms:

Children's Class: (Meet in Rm 9) The Sent for Children

Youth Class: (Meet in Rm 10) The Sent for Youth

Adult Class: (Meet in Kerrison Rm.) The Sent





Advent Small Group Studies:

Sent: Delivering The Gift Of Hope at Christmas by Jorge Acevedo



As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them . . . —John 17:18

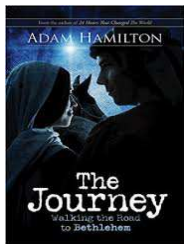
God sent Christ into the world as our Savior. That's what Christmas is all about. In turn,

Christ sends us into the world. But do we really understand how, where, and why we are sent? This five-week, church wide Advent study challenges us through story, art, and Bible study to discover what it means to be Christ's hands, feet, head, and heart.

Sundays, December 6,13, & 20—10:00-11:00am in Kerrison Room (Kara Down)

Mondays, December 7,14,& 21—at Tom Hinterman's 122 Mill Hollow Crossing (Tom Hinterman)

Thursdays, December 3, 10, & 17—12:00pm—in Kerrison Room OR 7:00pm at The Village at Unity (Deacon Dee)



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Sundays, December 6,13, & 20—10:00-11:00am in Fellowship Hall (Debbie Babbage)

Wednesday, December 2,9,16, & 23— 9:30-11:00am at Soho's Bagel Café (Deacon Dee)

Hanging of the Greens



Saturday, December 5th

4:00pm: Decorating

5:30pm: Service

6:00pm: Pot Luck

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

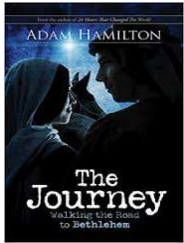


4:00pm: Children/Youth Service (No Child Care)

5:30pm: Potluck Dinner between services.

7:00pm: Family Worship (Childcare available)





Bagel and Book Study:

**The Journey—Walking the Road
to Bethlehem**
by Adam Hamilton

It's a story you know by heart, but *The Journey* combines historical information and archaeology with Adam Hamilton's thoughtful, conversational teaching style to give you a new perspective on the story of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

**Group meets Wednesday
@ 9:30-11:00am**

**Soho's Bagel Café, Stone Ridge Plaza
Contact Deacon Dee for books.**



Page Turners Monthly Book Club:

No December Meeting

January Selection:

Big, Little, Lies
By Liane Moriarty

Sometimes it's the little lies that turn out to be the most lethal. A murder...A tragic accident...Or just parents behaving badly? What's indisputable is that someone is dead.

**Everyone is welcomed to join us Thursday,
January 28th at 10:00am in the Kerrison Rm.
discussion.**



**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.

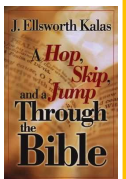


**Our next Wednesday,
5:30-6:30pm, meeting is:
Dec. 9th**

(No meeting Dec. 23rd due to Christmas week.)

Tuesday Book Group:

**A Hop, Skip, and a Jump
Through the Bible**
by J. Ellsworth Kalas



Writing with his engaging narrative style, Kalas takes readers through the different books of the Bible, providing descriptions, reflection, and context showing how there is an overarching plot that binds all of the varied writings of the Bible together.

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

If you have questions, contact:
Linda Hoffman, facilitator
lmhoffman@rochester.rr.com

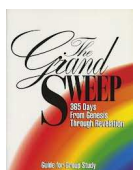
Grand Sweep Bible Study

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,
December 7th, 7-9pm**



GUMC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
DECEMBER MOVIE OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER 19TH AT 6:30PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Message from Outreach:



Turkeys and undies and mittens and toys,
Generous gifts for which we rejoice.
Stockings & “stuffers” so generously filled:
So many families are sure to be thrilled!

Details for the November 22 Thanksgiving “Bucket Brigade” (as well as for the donations of undies delivered for elementary school children) will be forthcoming in January’s newsletter. Thanks to all who helped sort, pack, and deliver the sixteen Thanksgiving “baskets.”

During the first couple of weeks in December, we have several additional opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children. First, let’s decorate our Mitten Tree (“planted” in the commons area) with hats, scarves and mittens which will be distributed to three locations: the Greece Clothing Closet, the Villa of Hope, and Mission Share. **December 11** will be the last day to donate these warm accessories. Second, we can contribute to the Stocking Stuffer project at the Villa of Hope. Look for an insert in the bulletin, providing suggestions for toiletries, personal items, and “fun stuff.” Place your (bagged) donations in the big green box in the commons. Finally, check the small tree set up on the round table (near the “goodies”) in the commons area for “wish list tags” for the Villa’s Holiday Wishes program. On the tree are a variety of tags, each with the name of a child and a list of three things wishes. You may buy any or all, and return the item(s)--along with the tag--to church by Friday, **December 11**.

Recipients of our church’s generosity are so happy and grateful for all we do. Check the bulletin board next to Pastor Matt’s office to see some of the thanks we have received. Not only do we count our own blessings, but we bless many others in countless ways.

Thanks and Merry Christmas from the Outreach Ministry Team!

Villa of Hope’s Holiday Wishes Program (Now through December 11th)

There are two ways you can participate.

1. There will be a tree in the commons with tags with three wishes for a particular young person— you can fill one, two, or all three wishes, and return them (with tag) to the church by December 11th.
2. You can donate items from the list below to be used as Stocking Stuffers:

Toiletries: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors, body lotion, body wash, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair gel. (Full-size products appreciated.)

Fun Stuff: Playing cards, small games, books, journals, picture frames, art supplies

Personal Items: Socks, sunglasses, jewelry, hair accessories (no metal)

Gift Wrapping & Ribbon: Holiday wrapping and festive bows

Pajamas: Villa of Hope is also looking for large quantity donations of pajamas, socks, and t-shirts for our youth in adult sizes small, medium, large, or x-large non-gender specific.

The Villa of Hope is located at 3300 Dewey Avenue. If You have any questions regarding this list, please call Patti Carter-Morrison at 585-865-1550 ext. 381 *Thank you and Merry Christmas*



GUMC United Methodist Women



Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, Jan. 25th, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., Room 9.
No Executive Committee Meeting in December.
Linda Hoffman, President.

Circle Meetings: **Miriam:** Monday, Dec. 14th, at 6:30 p.m., Room 9.
Baby Shower for Asbury Storehouse.
 Ruth: Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 12:00 noon.
Meet at Valicia's Restaurant for lunch.

Christmas Breakfast: Sunday, December 13th. **Please note the date change!**
8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Come and share some Christmas spirit while you enjoy great fellowship, delicious food and inspiring entertainment. Find out who will receive the Special Membership Pin. Cost will be \$6.00 per person. Please see Karen Ingle for reservations by December 6th.



Fall Bazaar: The bazaar is our main fundraiser of the year and it was a great success! Thank you to the many who helped make it so! There is always a feeling of joy and camaraderie which is evident by the smiles on many faces. Fellowship Hall was filled with shoppers and many bags of "goodies" left the building.



Church Women United:

Advent Celebration
Friday, December 4th, 2015, from 9:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Theme: "Companions on the Journey of Advent"
Speakers: Gloria Ulterino and Jennifer Case
Place: The Horizon Room at Brickstone (adjacent to St. John's Meadows),
1325 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14620.

Lunch: Brown Bag Lunch. Beverages will be provided.

There will be a Bake Sale, Annual Meeting with the Election & Installation Of Officers, Speakers and an Advent Worship Celebration with the Brickstone Chorale.



Did You Know:

-that, every year, a Special Mission Recognition Pin is given to a deserving member of our unit? The pin is awarded in recognition of service to the church and the UMW and is usually presented at the Christmas Breakfast. There is a list of all the previous honorees in our Program Book.



Habitat for Humanity



Work continues on our Greece Churches sponsored home and while there is no set closing date as yet, we expect to get a date from Flower City Habitat soon. In the meantime, our homeowner, Laurie Frazier continues to work toward filling her requirements. No closing date has been set as yet; the homeowner has to complete her hours before they will set the date.

As you know, we've been taking orders for Thanksgiving pies and the last Sunday for those orders will be the 15th of November. **Pies will be available for pickup on Tuesday, November 24th between 10:00am and 1:00pm and again from 4:00pm and 6:00pm.** We hope you enjoy your pies and have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

We still need your support through donations and volunteer efforts. Eight churches have now raised all but about \$5,000 of the \$65,000 it takes to sponsor a home. Proceeds from the pie orders will close about half that gap. If you've been inclined to make a donation, now's the time. See the coupon below. 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:

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.

Signed: _____ Env. # _____ Date: _____



STEWARDSHIP



By now you will have received our annual stewardship appeal mailing and are considering or have decided on your annual commitment for 2016. We hope you have prayerfully considered how you can support our staff and our programs. One of the key goals in next year's budget was to maintain our programs, keep our facility in good condition and to meet our shared ministries commitment at 100%. This all depends on your response to the appeal for your time, talent and financial support.

Soon, our Church Council will be asked to approve the budget for next year. The Finance Committee has been hard at work to develop that budget. Committee leaders have done their best to submit their needs to support their part of our ongoing programs to keep them meaningful and attractive to our members and potential new members. It's important that we meet all those suggestions in the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" series that were the basis for our recent worship services. Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking Mission and Service, Extravagant Generosity were themes for those services. Are we a warm, inviting congregation to visitors – what do they see and feel when they enter our church? Is there passion to our worship that connects people to God and one another? Do we offer programs that help people develop in their faith through Sunday School and other programs? Do our outreach programs take us to places and tasks outside our comfort zones? Does our giving of time, talent and finances support the first four practices?

Throughout November, you received the stewardship letters, heard or experienced presentations about our outreach, our finances and a family experience. November 22nd was targeted for Commitment Sunday. The results of those commitments and our other sources of income will hopefully support the programs planned for next year. Thanks for your ongoing support, we'll keep you posted.

Bill Mason

Finance Monthly Report:

October numbers show usable funds to be \$262,082.65. We have spent to date \$256,082.65 and have paid all our bills for the month.

We are \$5,364.91 on the plus side at the end of October.

The Pledge drive for 2016 is upon us. Please fill out the sheets completely to minimize the calls. If you have questions please call me at 225-2363.

Week 45 shows our actual budget to be \$268,658.10. Our usable income after week 45 is \$279,340.36. We are plus \$10,682.26 measuring budget vs. income.

I pray you have a great Thanksgiving season.

Bill



How Can You Make a Difference Today?

Instead of trying to tell you extravagant things you can do to make a difference in the world, here's what I'm saying this month...

What can you do today to make a difference in one person's life? You could just try to make someone smile. That's it. Nothing complicated. How many people do you see every day who don't even smile? Who look miserable? Smiling automatically makes someone feel better. It's a proven fact.

10 Simple (AND FREE!) Things That YOU (yes, YOU) Can Do TODAY

INSTRUCTIONS - Pick a person. Choose an appropriate item from the list below. For strangers, #1, #3 and #10 are probably the safest. Unless you're a little more daring, then maybe #2. But, be creative! When you're done, pick another person and repeat. Maybe you could even track how many people you made smile today.

1. Offer a Compliment. Suggestions: You look good. I love your shoes. Your hair looks nice.
2. Surprise Them. Suggestions: A small gift. With an unexpected text. A backrub (might REALLY surprise strangers)
3. Tell a Quick Joke - short joke or line-liner. Yes, it SHOULD be funny.
4. Play a small prank - a small scare. A harmless computer prank. A shocking comment, followed by "Gotcha!"
5. Forgive Them - Go out of your way to forgive. Tell them - "Forget about it!"
6. Tell Them You are Proud! Hey, I'm really proud of you! Typically brings out the biggest smiles!
7. Ask a "Smile" Question - If I tell you something, promise not to laugh? Have you lost some weight? Was it you that did such a great job?
8. Share Good News - The world is full of constant negative news. Share a good positive story you recently read/heard.
9. Tell Them You Recommend Them - Then follow through and recommend them!
10. Smile. - They usually smile back. IT'S THAT SIMPLE. *Bonus - make eye contact when you smile!*



Notice the one thing that these have in common. Zero cost.

When you do these things with The Love of God in your heart, the love of God will shine through your actions.

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Proverbs 17:22

Congregation Updates

Address Updates:

Mary Fuller

Donna Coppernall

David & Nicole Hawks



**New addresses are not available for web edition.
Please contact office.**

Letters of Gratitude:

To my dear Church family,



I can't describe how much it meant to me for all your kindnesses, cards and support during this heart-breaking time of Ron's passing. I am so fortunate to be blessed with wonderful friends from GUMC. You all being there has been such a strength to me and such a blessing. I thank God every day for the caring people of our church.

All my Love,
Margaret Call

Dear Friends,

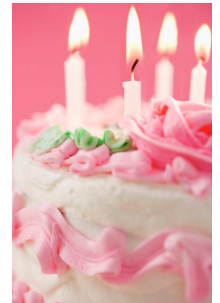
I would like to thank EVERYONE for their help in making our annual UMW bazaar a huge success! Whether you baked, or donated items, or volunteered or just came and ate or shopped you were helping and we appreciate it very much.

A huge thank you goes to all who helped set up and cleaned up. I would love to thank you all by name but there were SO MANY people. So if you were there, THANK YOU!!!

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December Birthdays

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December Anniversaries

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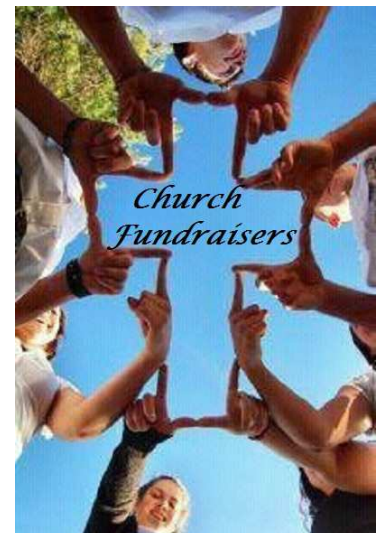
Fundraiser Updates

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
Aug 13:	Chicken BBQ	Profit: \$761.00
Sept 17:	Chicken BBQ	Profit: \$1,043.00
Oct 15:	Pig Roast BBQ	Profit: Over \$900

SAVE THE DATES:

Sat, Jan 23	Pasta Dinner Buffet	4:30-sellout
Sat, Feb 27	Chicken & Biscuits	4:30-sellout
Wed, March 17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner	4:30-6:30pm





Sunday Morning Servants

Nursery:

12/6: Janice & Eric Jr. Ruppert
12/13: Kim Whittemore, Barb Miroff
12/20: Debbie & Missy Symonds
12/27: Selly Lepi, Kali Iachetta

Projectionists:

9:00am

11:00am

12/6: Norma Rapini	Jonathan Standhart
12/13: Kara Down	Earle Ridley
12/20: Neva Benson	Sarah Babbage
12/27: Earle Ridley	Earle Ridley

Ushers:

October

9:00am

Don & Betty Lamonica
Ray & Gale Huber

11:00am

Shirley Hardy
Liz Power

Liturgists: 9:00 service

12/6: No Liturgist
12/13: Karen Pearson
12/20: Sharon Neary
12/27: Tom Klingenberg

Greeters:

9:00

11:00

Not available at the newsletter deadline.

Counters:

12/6: Earle Ridley, Sue Hogeman, Judy Rushforth
12/13: Earle Ridley, Sue Hogeman, Judy Rushforth
12/20: Tom & Karen Klingenberg, Chris Collins
12/27: Tom & Karen Klingenberg, Chris Collins



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 projectionists 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 Carmine's Fundraiser Tuesday Book Study 10 AM Education 7 PM Treble Clefs 7 PM Praise Band 7 PM	2 Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Choir 7 PM	3 Atria 10:45 AM Women's AA 11 AM Sent: Advent @ GUMC 12 PM Troop #195 7 PM Sent: Advent @ The	4 AA 12 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM	5 Scout Event#195 Breakfast With Santa 8:30 AM Hanging of the Greens Event 4 PM to 7 PM Dinner 6 PM
6 Traditional Worship Service 9 AM Discipleship Hour & Education for all ages 10 AM The Journey Advent Study 10 AM to 11 AM Praise & Worship 11 AM Interest in Member Chat 6 PM to 8 PM	7 AA 12 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM The Grand Sweep Bible Study 7 PM to 9 PM Sent Advent Study - Hinterman 7 PM	8 Tuesday Book Study 10 AM Ruth Circle 12:30 PM SPRC 7 PM Treble Clefs 7 PM Praise Band practice 7 PM	9 Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12 PM Dinner and Devotions 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Choir 7 PM	10 Atria Sr Bible Study 10:45 AM Women's AA 11 AM Sent: Advent Study - Dee @ GUMC 12 PM Boy Scout Troop #195 7 PM Sent: Advent Study - Dee @ The Village 7 PM	11 AA 12 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM Cub Scouts #173 6 PM AA 7:30 PM	12 Emmaus Gathering 8:30 AM
13 UMW Breakfast 8 AM New Members Day 9 AM to 12 PM Traditional Worship 9 AM Trustees 10 AM Discipleship Hour & Education for all ages 10 AM The Journey Advent Study 10 AM to 11 AM Praise & Worship 11 AM	14 AA 12 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM Miriam Circle 6:30 PM Sent Advent Study - Hinterman 7 PM	15 Newsletter Deadline Today Salem Nutrition Center 9 AM Tuesday Book Study 10 AM Finance Committee 7 PM to 8 PM Treble Clefs 7 PM Praise Band practice 7 PM	16 Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Choir 7 PM	17 Atria Sr Bible Study 10:45 AM Women's AA 11 AM Sent: Advent Study - Dee @ GUMC 12 PM Boy Scout Troop #195 7 PM Sent: Advent Study - Dee @ The Village 7 PM	18 AA 12 PM Newsletter Crew 12:30 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM	19 Family Movie Night 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

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20 Traditional Worship Service 9 AM Discipleship Hour & Education for all ages 10 AM The Journey Advent Study 10 AM to 11 AM Praise & Worship Service 11 AM	21 First Day of Winter December Solstice AA 12 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM Sent Advent Study - Hinterman 7 PM	22 Tuesday Book Study 10 AM Treble Clefs 7 PM Praise Band practice 7 PM	23 Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Choir 7 PM	24 Christmas Eve Atria Sr Bible Study 10:45 AM Women's AA 11 AM Christmas Eve Worship Service 4 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service 7 PM	25 Christmas AA 12 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM	26
27 Traditional Worship Service 9 AM Discipleship Hour & Education for all ages 10 AM Praise & Worship Service 11 AM Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting 6 PM	28 MS Society Support Group 10:30 AM AA 12 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM UMW Executive Committee 6:30 PM	29 Tuesday Book Study 10 AM Treble Clefs 7 PM Praise Band practice 7 PM	30 Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12 PM	31 New Year's Eve Atria Sr Bible Study 10:45 AM Women's AA 11 AM Boy Scout Troop #195 7 PM		