



Message from the Pastor:

**For the months of July and August,
we will once again switch to one worship service at 10:00 a.m. We will alternate
Traditional and Praise style weekly, beginning with Traditional on July 2nd.**

How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December's
here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get
so late so soon? - Dr. Seuss

June is many things. It is National Candy Month, Women in Technology Month, Fireworks Safety Month (in contrast to July!), National Dairy Month, Adopt-A-Cat Month, and National Soul Food Month - among many other honors. It is famous as the month of the Summer Solstice, Flag Day, Fathers' Day, Juneteenth or Emancipation Day, and the finals of the NHL and NBA Playoffs. Depending on your age, or the age of any children around you, it is also the end of school, graduation time, dance recital season, soccer and baseball season, gardening and yardwork time. Whatever else June is, it is busy! No matter that the days are longer than any other time of year, there is still not enough time to get everything done!

One of the ways we cope with the craziness that comes with June, and summertime in general, is to take a break from some of the routines of the rest of the year. For a portion of our congregation, that means taking a break from church for a few weeks. We make taking that break a little easier by suspending Sunday School for the summer, and changing the worship time, which may give the impression that families don't need to come to church during that time. Whatever the reasons, generally fewer people are in church in the summer than during the rest of the year. I'm probably more understanding about this than I ought to be as a pastor, - but I do understand. I hope you are refreshed by your "time off."

However, our relationship with God does not have any time when it is suspended. We owe God our worship in all seasons. If you say that you worship "where I am, in my own way," then make sure that you do worship where you are. God is, in fact, present on the golf course, on the beach, and in the woods. Be sure that in these sanctuaries God is glorified. Do not neglect your prayer life - pray to thank and praise God, to seek guidance for your needs, and to lift others to God's care. Be sure that if you do not bring your children to church that you take care of their continued Christian learning. Remember that you are the example they follow, including how faith is lived out. Do not neglect to get together with other Christians. Check our calendar (www.greeceumc.org) for Fellowship events; socialize with folks from our churches or other churches. Share your faith with them and with friends who do not believe.

Many members of our congregation enjoy coming to the combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. through the months of July and August. We get to see folks who come only to the "other" service, and often the sanctuary is more full than we are used to. It is a chance to have a bit of change and a bit of familiarity all at the same time.

Let's enjoy God's blessing of summer, together or apart. Jesus said: "I am come that [you] may have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) Enjoy the abundance, and the source.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Matt Stengel

Dear God

I woke up today

I can smell the flowers

I can feel the warmth of the sun

I can see the trees blooming

I can hear the birds singing

I THANK YOU FOR LETTING
ME SENSE YOU!

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June 4th
Remember to wear red!



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, contact **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. greece-umc@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.

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.

Book sale	Thurs-Sat, June 8-10	10:00am—6:00pm
Summerfest	Sat., June 10	9:00am-2:00pm
Chicken BBQ	Thurs., June 15	4:30pm—sellout
Chicken BBQ	Thurs., July 20	4:30pm—sellout
Chicken BBQ	Thurs., Aug. 17	4:30pm—sellout



Profits: Thank you for your support!

Pasta Dinner Buffet (Youth)	Sat., January 21
Sub Sale (Youth)	Sun. February 5
Chicken 'n Biscuits	Sat. February 18
St. Patrick's Day Dinner	Fri., March 17
Chicken BBQ	Thurs., May 18th

Profit

\$216.17
\$281.57
\$610.05
Cancelled due to weather
Not available at newsletter deadline

Page Turners Monthly Book Club: June Selection:

The Man Called Ove

By Fredrik Backman

Everyone is welcomed to join us Thursday, June 22nd at 10:00am in the Kerrison Room for discussion.

July Selection: The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead



Worship with Us

All Are Welcome



9:00am—Traditional
10:00am—Discipleship Hour
11:00am—Praise & Worship

Worship Scripture June 2017:

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. It can be a healthy discipline and enhance the experience of worship.



6/4: **Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34,35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 7:37-39

6/11: Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20

6/18: Genesis 18:1-15	Psalm 116:1-2,12-19
Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8

6/25: Genesis 21:8-21	Psalm 86:1-10,16-17
Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39

Church Picnic



**Sunday, June 11th at Noon
in Memorial Garden.**

**Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
Provided.**

**Looking for salad and dessert volunteers.
Sign up sheet in King Commons or contact
church office at 225-1880.**



**Music Ministry Sunday
June 11th**

**Join us as we sing praises to our
Lord and celebrate the talented
Music Ministry of our church at
both services.**

**SUNDAY MORNING
DISCIPLESHIP HOUR**

Sundays, 10—11am

Join us Sunday mornings
for Bible study and
fellowship.

Pre-K—1st grade:	Rm 7
Grades 2-5:	Rm 8
Tweens:	Rm 10
Adults:	Kerrison Rm

***Discipleship hour will recess for
the summer after June 4th.***



**Widows and Widowers:
Group will be meeting
Sunday, June 18th at 2:00pm
in Kerrison Room.**



**Summer Worship Schedule will
begin Sunday, July 2nd.**

**There will be one service at
10:00am, alternating the
Traditional with the Praise &
Worship services each week.**



Chicken BBQ Drive Thru!

Thursday, June 15th

4:30—6:30pm (or until sold-out)

Chicken, Choice of 2 out of 4 sides,
(Beans, Coleslaw, Potatoes, Macaroni Salad)
Roll, and Brownie for \$10.00

All proceeds to benefit the ministries at GUMC

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

Let's Get Connected!

Excellent opportunity to share with your friends and family all the GUMC has to offer.



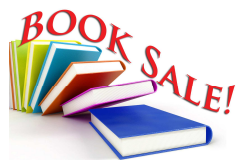
Website: greeceumc.org



Facebook: Greece UMC



Twitter: @GreeceUMC



Annual Book & Bake Sale

Thursday, Friday, June 8th & 9th: 10:00am—6:00pm

Saturday, June 10th: 9:00am-3:00pm



Volunteers Needed:

- We are looking for bakers and book sellers for the dates listed above.
- We need set-up volunteers. We will be setting up on Tuesday, June 7 & Wednesday June 8th.
- We need tear-down volunteers on Sunday, June 12th.

If you are interested in helping, please see sign-up sheets in King Commons or e-mail Debbie Babbage at dbabbage@rochester.rr.com

We're still looking for new or gently used books, CDs, DVDs, Blue Rays, and puzzles to sell *.

We will be collecting right thru Friday, June 9th

***(Please no VHS tapes, cassette tapes, magazines, encyclopedias, or textbooks.)**

Your donations can be left in the coat room in Kings Common. Thank you for your support!



SUMMERFEST 2017

Saturday, June 10th

9:00 a.m.-3:00p.m.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to our fun-filled day.

All proceeds benefit the ministries at GUMC



We are looking for people to rent a spot in our parking lot or indoors (limited space) for our annual Summerfest. Anyone who has crafts or household goods or plants or garage sale items etc. are invited to sign up for this fun-filled event! \$15 for an outside spot or \$30 for indoors will get you plenty of space to display your items. There will be a sign up sheet in the commons area or contact church office at 225-1880.



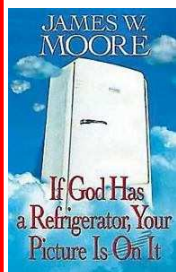
**Dinner and Devotion
w/Dee and Deb
D&D has recessed for
the summer.**



Tuesday Book Group: New Book starting 6/13

If God Has a Refrigerator, Your Picture Is On It

By James W Moore



Our refrigerator at home is covered with pictures of our children and grandchildren. Every time we go to the refrigerator, there they are—those beautiful, magnetized, visible reminders of how much we love our children and grandchildren, and how incredibly precious they are to us. The scriptures tell us that God loves us like that...and then some!

All are welcome to this group which meets on

Tuesday mornings at

10:00am in Kerrison Room.

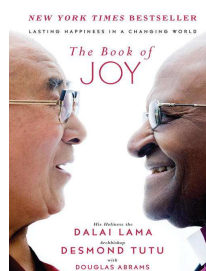
If you have questions, contact: Linda Hoffman, facilitator

lmhoffman@rochester.rr.com

Bagel and Book Study:

The Book of Joy

By Dali Lama & Bishop Tutu



In this unique collaboration, they offer us the reflection of real lives filled with pain and turmoil in the midst of which they have been able to discover a level of peace, of courage, and of joy to which we can all aspire in our own lives.

Group meets Wednesday

@ 9:30-11:am

Soho's Bagel Café, Stone Ridge Plaza

Finance Monthly Report:

Budgeted Income as of Week #20 - 05/14/17

Budget Total	Received	Pledges	Received	Non-Pledges	Received
Needed YTD		Needed YTD		Needed YTD	
\$121,933.58	\$116,684.65	\$76,226.42	\$74,446.50	\$16,603.77	\$17,419.40

Current Income (Usable) vs Expenses as of the end of April 04/30/17

Usable	Spent	Yet to Spend	+/-
\$102,103.70	\$108,977.35	\$0.00	-6,873.65*

* Note: Shortfall due to one-time annul expenses the Treasurer had to make early in the year.

Greece UMC Fundraisers

Please sign up and help support the Spring and Summer fundraisers to help fill in the budget gap. These activities help raise monies that go directly to help maintain the Church.

Your assistance is always welcome at the **Chicken BBQ fundraisers**. No experience is necessary and the many friendly volunteers will help you to fit right in. The bulletin has an insert that lists all the upcoming fundraisers. Just pick a date and sign up!

Also, **Summerfest** is upon us in June. Look for ways that you can come out and support this great annual event. The food, crafts, book sale, and booths are all great ways to join together as a congregation to have some fun and support the Church.

Contribution Statements

1st Quarter Contribution Statements were distributed in early May and the 2nd Quarter statements will be distributed in July. Please review your contributions and let me know if there are any corrections needed. Just leave a note in my Church mailbox.

Best regards,
Bill Kostyshak, Financial Secretary



June Food of the Month:



1. Canned Soup
2. Canned Pasta
3. Canned Fruit
4. Canned meat

Please join us each month as we help to stock the shelves at the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf.

Your donations of food help to feed our neighbors in the Greece and Charlotte areas.

Salem Nutritional Center

Monday, June 12th,

9:00am—2:00pm

Please join us for a morning of serving.

- Meet/leave Church at 9:00. At 9:30, lunch prep begins.
- Serving 100—150 hungry people at noon.
- Return to the church at 2:00pm.

We need 10 people there each time. It is a very satisfying ministry.

See Deacon Dee for details.



GUMC 2017 CROP WALK TEAM!!!

Message from Outreach:

Ever wonder when underwear was invented . . . or why we refer to underwear as a pair . . . or how you can make a difference in someone's life? You're in luck. Read on.



Around the **13th century**, pull-on underpants were invented and underwear became an important garment. The loincloth was replaced by large, baggy drawers called "braies" which were often made from linen and seem to be worn by men from all classes of society under their normal clothing. In the **1860s** some women began to wear colored petticoats and drawers although white remained very common. In the **19th century**, women's underwear was sometimes referred to as bloomers after writer/editor Amelia Bloomer wrote favorably about the "bloomer dress" (a knee-length dress over a loose pair of **trousers** gathered at the waist and ankle). As for the "pair" of underwear, pants were originally made in two separate pieces. You first pulled on one leg and tied it at the waist, then slid on the other leg and secured it around the waist. I know you're glad you asked!

So-o-o, we thank you for your generous donations of 91 pairs of new underwear which we distributed to the nurses at West Ridge, Holmes Road, Autumn Lane, Longridge, English Village, and Brookside. The next Undie Sunday is July 30. Keep those drawers & bloomers coming!



On May 7, 66 walkers from 8 different churches braved a damp, windy afternoon to participate in the annual CROP Walk for fighting hunger. Our intrepid walkers—Glenna Johantgen, Mackenna, Christian, & Ellie Patterson, Chante Snelling, Steve Nash, Bill Brado, Pastor Matt, Mary Vande Logt, Alan Hill, and Karen Pearson—raised \$975 of the \$7,236 collected, putting GUMC in fifth place. Happily, the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf will receive 25% of the total!

Thanks for your pledges of support!



By mid-August, we will renew our annual campaign to collect school supplies for six area elementary schools (the same schools that benefit from our Undie Sunday donations). Thank you in advance!



GREECE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Executive Committee Meeting: **NO EXECUTIVE MEETING IN JUNE**
Linda Hoffman, President.

Miriam Circle: Monday, June 12th, at 6:30 p.m., Room 9. Picnic. Everyone brings a dish-to-pass.

Ruth Circle: Tuesday, June 13th, at noon, Room 9. Picnic. Everyone brings a dish-to-pass.

Used Clothing Sale: Many thanks to all the men and women of Greece UMC who helped to make the clothing sale a great success. The profit was \$878 which means approximately 175 Wegman's bags left the building. There were so many people who left with smiles on their faces. So thanks to all of you who donated wonderful clothing for all of our shoppers to find. It was a wonderful time of fellowship for our church and the community. Two women from Asbury Storehouse came to take leftover clothing back to the Storehouse. It is the first time we have had an organization come and pick out what they could use. It was very uplifting to see them so grateful. Thank you all again!

Daughters All Banquet: Thanks to all who attended the Daughters All Banquet. The food was wonderful and a great time was had by all.

Summerfest: Our UMW will have a strawberry shortcake booth at the Summerfest. Please stop by and have some!

Church Women United: CWU Picnic.
Friday, June 2nd, 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m.
Buckland Lodge, 1341 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618
Theme is Human Trafficking.
Guest speaker will be Melanie Blow from Safe Harbor.
No reservations needed.
Come and enjoy a picnic lunch prepared by Church Women United's Board of Directors.

Feedback from a UMW member from Aldersgate UMC on the Saturday, April 8th, District UMW Communion Brunch which GUMW was hosting. This was the day the boiler failed and left the church with no heat----- "Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape." The event was a huge success thanks to many people who made lemonade out of lemons.



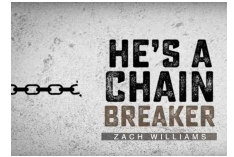
GREECE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: 150 Legacy Fund—part 2

At our Annual UMW District Meetings and Conferences, the UMW history is often reviewed. However, we have learned that members of our local units who have not attended these events are not always aware of the awesome history of this organization.

It began with women acting upon The Great Commission of Jesus to "Go preach, go baptize, go teach, go tell everyone, go everywhere and remember, 'I am sending you.'" This commission is for all Christians, not just those trained to preach or for mission service. Two women, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker, were serving in India as wives of missionaries when they witnessed the poor treatment of women and children in India. They became the moving force in founding the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston in 1869. Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, and Dr. Clara Swain, were the Society's first missionaries who likewise responded to Jesus call. The money raised for these two women to embark of this journey to India came from pennies sent from women all across the United States, an unimaginable feat in 1869. The Society underwent many name changes as the years went by, eventually evolving into Women's Society of Christian Service, which many of us remember as WSCS, prior to becoming United Methodist Women. (Please review Part 1 of this story which appeared in the May issue of the Enlightener if you didn't see it to better understand Part 2. Next month we will be sharing how UMW mission money is spent in the U.S. and throughout the world.)

Here's lyrics from one of my favorite Christian songs. Read the lyrics and let the meaning of these lyrics sink in.

Chain Breaker by Zach Williams



If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies
If you're trying to feel the same old holes inside
There's a better life
There's a better life

If you've got pain
He's a pain taker
If you feel lost
He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you've got chains
He's a chain breaker

We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
And there's a better life
There's a better life

If you've got pain
He's a pain taker
If you feel lost
He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you've got chains
He's a chain breaker

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify, testify

If you believe it
If you receive it
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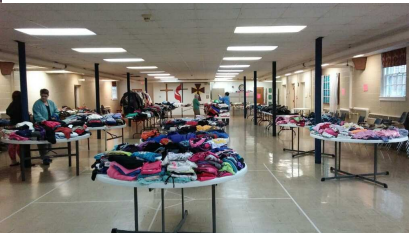
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UMW Used Clothing Sale

May 13, 2017



Mother's Day Celebration during the Atria Bible Study.

May 11, 2017

Sunday Morning Servants



Nursery:

6/4: Karen Ingle & Melissa Dunn
6/11: Phyl-Ann Helmes & Debbie Symonds
6/18: Sally Lepi & McKenna Patterson
6/25: Gale Huber & Cameron Theile

Projectionists:

	<u>9:00am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
6/4:	Norma Rapini	Ellen White
6/11:	Kara Down	Melissa Dunn
6/18:	Earle Ridley	Earle Ridley
6/25:	Cheryl Sheldon	Sarah Babbage

Ushers:

	<u>9:00am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Tom Hinterman, Barr Ingle		Keith Kroon
Janice Smith		

Liturgists:

6/4: No Liturgist
6/11: Linda Hoffman
6/18: Holly King
6/25: Chris Collins

Counters:

6/4: Cindy Lane, Keineth Stone, Sally Lepi
6/11: Cindy Lane, Keineth Stone, Sally Lepi
6/18: Mary VandeLogt, Kim Whittemore, Shirley Haefele
6/25: Mary VandeLogt, Kim Whittemore, Shirley Haefele

Greeters: Not available at the newsletter deadline.

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

Altar Guild: If you are interested, contact Kathy Murray

Communion Stewards: If interested, contact Mary VandeLogt.

Greeters: If interested, contact Deacon Dee.

Ushers: Contact Tom Hinterman in person, or Hinterman.Tom7@gmail.com

Nursery: If interested, contact Sally Lepi, Nursery Coordinator.

Projectionists: If interested, contact Lisa Kostyshak, Coordinator.



Worship Committee

Congregation Updates

New Address:

Richard (Dick) & Winifred (Winnie) Best

Chante Snelling

Delores Charles

Hugh & Joanne Miller

John Dunn

Melissa Dunn Kali Iachetta

Cameron Theile



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

Reminder: Please contact the office with any changes in your address, phone number, and e-mail address. Thank you.

June Birthdays

Not available for web edition



June Anniversaries

Not available for web edition



June 2017 as of 5/15th. Please see Website for Updates.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM Women's AA 11AM Troop #195 7PM	2 AA 12PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM	3 Patterson Birthday 4:00 PM to 12AM
4 Pentecost White Sunday Traditional Worship Service 9AM Discipleship Hour & Education for all ages 10AM Praise & Worship	5 AA 12PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM	6 Book Sale Setup Tuesday Book Study 10AM Praise Band practice 7PM	7 Book Sale Setup Bagel and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Chancel Choir 7PM	8 Church Book and Bake Sale 10AM-6PM Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM Women's AA 11AM Troop #195 7PM	9 Church Book and Bake Sale 10AM-6PM AA 12PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM	10 Church Book and Bake Sale 9AM-3PM Emmaus Gathering 8:30 AM Summerfest 9:00 AM to 3PM
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25 Traditional Worship Service 9AM Praise & Worship Service 11AM Girl Scout Service Unit 6PM	26 MS Society Support Group 10:30 AM AA 12PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM	27 Tuesday Book Study 10AM	28 AA 12PM	29 Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM Women's AA 11AM	30 AA 12PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM	1