



**Message from the Pastor:**

*In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,*

*Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;*

*Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,*

*In the bleak midwinter, long ago. – C.G. Rossetti, 1872*

You may recognize these words from the Christmas carol, *In the Bleak Midwinter*. Others will recognize the scene from day-to-day life this year in Western New York. Through the winter things are cold and gray, the trees are bare. Things appear to be dead. The weather gets to be extreme and burdensome. Yet we know from our experience that every spring the crocuses pop out of the ground, the trees begin to bud, and the grass takes on its spring green color. The new life that Spring brings to nature is a gift of God that we have come to expect and look forward to each year. That hope gets us through many a dreary day!

Having that kind of faith and expectation is harder in our own lives. We believe the promise of Spring because we have seen it. New life for ourselves does not seem as sure. When our lives are dark and cold and bare, it is awfully difficult to see that newness may come. Some of us have had the cold soak into us all the way into our souls, so that our spirits are as frosty as our fingers and toes. Perhaps the events of life – sadness, illness, death, frustration, loss – have caused us to close up, to stop feeling because it is too painful. Maybe we have not turned to the Lord in so long that we figure that our souls are too cold for Jesus to come in, even for a visit. Maybe we feel not only that our situation is beyond hope, but that we are beyond hope. But no heart is so cold, no human life so inhospitable that the love of God, and the forgiving and saving grace of Jesus Christ cannot live there. As the cold of winter could not deter Jesus' birth, the coldness of the world and human hearts will not deter his coming to thaw them out.

God sent Jesus into our world to give us the assurance of his willingness and ability to bring new life to us. As he walked among us, he came to know our struggles and pain. As he was crucified, he knew our suffering and death. On Easter, however, when he left the tomb and met the disciples in their grief, he showed that our suffering, our pain, even our death are not the end, even though they appear to be. Joy is more real, and more powerful than suffering. Life is more real and more powerful than death.

Resurrection is more than one of the miracles of Jesus from our distant past. It is more than simply something we can hope for after death. It is both of these. But it is also a gift of God that we can claim here and now. It is ours everyday if we turn to God in faith. It is ours if we believe the proof of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Resurrection is not a return to the way things were; the risen Christ still bore the nail prints in his hands. We may feel the effects of frostbite. But it is a new and better life - beginning at pain and sorrow and moving forward into wholeness and joy.

This year let's let Lent carry us through the end of winter to the "*Spring of Souls*" (see hymn #315, vs. 2) that is Easter on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be able to watch the miracle of Spring begin to unfold as we prepare for the joy of Easter. As you observe the symbols of the Easter season coming forth in the Spring season (crocuses, butterflies, birds' eggs) believe that you also can share in God's gift of life in Jesus Christ.



In Christ's love,

Pastor Matt

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**Salem Nutritional Center**  
**Tuesday, March 17th**  
**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 March:**

#### **Worship Services - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00am**



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.

3/1:	Genesis 17:1-7,15-16	Psalm 22:23-31
	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38
3/8:	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19
	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
3/15:	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
3/22:	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-12
	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
3/29:	<u>Liturgy of Palms</u>	
	Mark 11:1-11	Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
	<u>Liturgy of the Passion</u>	
	Isiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16
	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47

***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](mailto:wmason@rochester.rr.com). We only send out prayer concerns when we receive direct requests.***



***Altar Flowers: If you 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](mailto: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](mailto:greeceumc@frontiernet.net)***



***Deadline for all newsletter articles is the 15th of each month by 5:00pm. Please e-mail to Deb Babbage at [dbabbage@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dbabbage@rochester.rr.com). Thank you.***



## 2015 Lent Schedule

- 3/1: Pretzel Sunday—10:00-11:00 am
- 3/29: Palm Sunday Services—9:00am and 11:00 am
- 4/2: Maundy Thursday Dinner 6:00 pm / Service—7:30pm
- 4/3: Good Friday Service—7:00 pm
- 4/5: Easter Sunday: Services—7:00 am / 9:00 am / 11:00 am
- Easter Breakfast 10:00—11:00 am



### MARCH MUSIC MADNESS

**MARCH 15, 2:00 P.M.**

#### GREECE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please join us as the groups of our Church and our special guests-Juke Vox and The Treble Clefs bring you an “afternoon of delight”. This year our featured group will be The Treble Clefs as they celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

They will be performing a variety of their favorite selections from over the years.

The concert is free, however, there will be a free will offering taken.

There will be a Taco Bar provided for your dining pleasure before the concert.

The lunch will start at 12:00 p.m.

I hope you will consider joining us for this “stress-free” afternoon of good food and song!

#### Pastor Matt’s Lent Study—

During the Lenten season, Pastor Matt will lead a class on some of the “sevens” of the Bible. Subjects will include the significance of the number seven in ancient thought, the seven days of creation, the letter to the seven churches in the Book of Revelation, and the seven “I am” sayings of Jesus in the Gospel of John.

The class will be held on Thursdays at noon at the church, and at 7:00 p.m. at the Villages at Unity. Dates of classes will be February 19, March 5, 12, and 26. Each class will stand alone, so if you miss one you can still come to another, and there is no pre-reading, so you will always be prepared!



#### Pretzel Sunday Sunday, March 1st

10:00—11:00 am Fellowship Hall

We are looking for volunteers to contribute dough. Please see Jean Lee for recipe.

#### Sunday School Mission Project—“Stamp Act” for Curriculum— through April 2015

Once again, the Sunday School classes are joining with the Alliance Stamp Ministry in collecting and recycling cancelled stamps. The proceeds go toward publishing Spanish language Sunday school materials and distributing them to churches in Latin America. Help us by collecting your used envelopes and trimming them so the stamps have at least a 1/3 of paper left around them. Thank you in advance for helping us spread the God’s word to others in the world.

## 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.



**March Meetings: 3/11 & 3/25**  
**5:30—6:30, Fellowship Hall**

## Page Turners Monthly Book Club:

March Selection:

***A Replacement Life***  
By Boris Fishman



In this highly acclaimed literary debut, a failed journalist is asked to do the unthinkable: forge Holocaust-restitution claims for older Russian Jews in Brooklyn, New York. Yevgeny Gelman, grandfather of Slava Gelman, "didn't suffer in the exact way" he needs to have suffered to qualify for the restitution the German government has been paying out to Holocaust survivors. But suffer he has—as a Jew in the war, as a second-class citizen in the USSR, as an immigrant to America. So? Isn't his grandson a "writer"? Slava's turn as the Forger of South Brooklyn teaches him that not every fact is the truth, and not every lie a falsehood. It takes more than law abiding to become an American; it takes the same self-reinvention in which his people excel. Intoxicated and unmoored by his inventions, Slava risks exposure. Cornered, he commits an irrevocable act that finally grants him a sense of home in America, but not before collecting a price from his family.

Please join us **Thursday, March 26nd at 10:00am** in the Kerrison Room as we discuss this year's Rochester novel.

**Author Boris Fishman will be at the School of the Arts, Thursday, April 9th—7:30 pm for a public reading and signing of *A Replacement Life*.**

## 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, March 2nd 7-9:00pm



## Tuesday Book Group:

**New Book Starting March 10th**

### **No Longer Silent: The Empowerment of Women in the Gospel**

*By Susan Dehn Matthews*

Author Susan Dehn Matthews attempts to highlight the women in the Gospels and provide the background behind those important women. She gives voice to the minds and hearts of the women of the gospels who have been marginalized or ignored altogether.

This book is a selection from the UMW reading program under the category of Spiritual Growth.

**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

## Bagel and Book Study:

**New Book for Lent**



### **Give It Up!**

*By Dottie Escobedo-Frank*

This Lenten study reflects on all the things that hold our attention, occupy our minds and monopolize our time, yet still isolate us from God and the world around us. During this seven-week study, Dottie Escobedo Frank takes the reader on a journey of self discovery, where he or she learns that the power of release brings great gain. The biggest gain is a stronger relationship with Christ. In the release, each person is freed to "give it up" in applause and praise for a life deeply lived in Christ.

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

## **Greece United Methodist Women:**

### **Next Executive Committee Meeting:**

Mon., March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Room 9.  
Linda Hoffman, President.



### **Circle Meetings: Miriam:**

Mon., March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Room 9.  
Lenten Program by Phyllann Helmes.

### **Ruth:**

Tues., March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30, Room 9.  
Deacon Dee will speak on her trip to Nicaragua.

### **Bazaar Workshop:**

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Shirley Hardy's home. They will be making placemats. Everyone is welcome.

**Church Women United:** World Day of Prayer, Fri., March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 800 East Ridge Rd., Rochester, 14621. The host country is The Bahamas. The main biblical text is based on John 13:1-17. "Do You Understand What I Have Done For You?" Refreshments and conversation after the service. No registration needed and no fee.

### **April Dates To Remember:**

General Meeting on Tues., April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m., Room 9.  
Gloria Ulterino, guest speaker.  
Used Clothing Sale on Sat., April 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **Did You Know:**

That there are 39 UMW units in the Genesee Valley District.  
That 4 of our members are on the district executive board?  
They are Neva Benson, Gale Huber, Arlene Martin and Phyllis Miller.

### **New Grief Forum/Parental Loss**

**There will be no March Meeting.**  
**Next meeting will be Sunday, April 12th at 10:00—11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.**

**Any questions, contact Sally Lepi.**



### **Widows and Widowers Group:**



**Due to March Music Madeness**  
**There will be no March**  
**Widows/Widowers Meeting**  
**Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 19th at 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**

### **Save the Date!!! Annual Books and Bake Sale - June 18th, 19th, and 20th**

**Did you know that we raised over \$700 for our ministries last June. Are you ready to make this year's book sale even better?**

Do you have books laying around that you read this cold and snowy winter that you're looking to get rid of? Look no further. We're looking for new or gently used books, CDs, DVDs, Blue Rays, and puzzles to sell at our annual book sale\*. We are hoping to collect enough to have another three day sale. Tell your friends. We need lots of books! Proceeds to benefit the church ministries. *\*(Please no VHS tapes, magazines, encyclopedias, or textbooks.)*

We are looking for a volunteer to organize the bake sale portion of the Books and Bake Sale. If you are interested in helping out in this area please contact Debbie Babbage at [dbabbage@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dbabbage@rochester.rr.com)

**Early Book Collections: Sunday, March 8th**

**Sunday, April 12th**

**All month for May and June**



## STEWARDSHIP



The last few months have not been easy as we've worked at finding ways to make our financial outlook more sustainable. There have been difficult decisions, some tense moments as we discussed the situation at various meetings. The good news is that as a congregation, we've recognized the problems and took steps to address them. As we've gone forward, several people have come forward to volunteer and committees continue efforts to deal with the future.

In a book called "God's Roadmap for New Beginnings" by Max Lucado, there is a segment called "Healthy Habits" to which he leads in with the statement "Growth is the goal of the Christian Maturity is mandatory." He starts the next page with a story of the little boy who fell out of bed and when his Mom asked him what happened, he replied "I don't know, I guess I stayed too close to where I got in." Max goes on to say "Easy to do the same with our faith. It's easy to stay where we got in and never move." He concludes the section by saying "Don't stay too close to where you got in. It's risky resting on the edge."

The steps we've taken as a church show that we've recognized the risk in "resting on the edge." Please continue to look at where you are in your faith and where you are willing to step forward in growing our church. We all need to pitch-in in some way or another with our time our talents and our treasures.

*Thanks for your ongoing support.*

*Bill Mason*



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Hard to believe that spring is not too far away, especially when I look out the window today and see the piles of snow. We're still expecting to break ground on our Habitat house project this spring and are waiting for information from the local Habitat chapter. The coalition committee continues to work at raising funds and awareness of our efforts. We've made plans to send letters to all the churches in Greece and surrounding communities, i.e. Hilton, as well as some of the local businesses that we think might be interested in helping us.

The plans are to hold a wall raising ceremony once the home is started, and then, ultimately a dedication ceremony at the conclusion of the project. Some things of interest are some of the tasks the local chapter has taken on which include some renovations to existing properties and the building of ramps on some other homes. There is a new CEO and they seem to be reaching out to more community efforts.

Watch for updates as we get more information!

Bill Mason

## Message from Outreach:



Given our recent weather, March will probably roar in like a lion--but that will be nothing compared to your support on Mission Sunday! Thanks to your generous pledges, seventeen projects will be funded to help various community agencies.

On February 22, we welcomed guest speaker Nick McClain, Interim Director of Salem Nutrition Center, who explained his duties and the mission of the Center.

Each Monday and Tuesday noon, Salem provides a meal for Rochester's neediest citizens. Volunteers come from churches throughout the region to help. Bible study is also offered on Mondays at 11:00 am for all who are interested. This year, we've added Salem Nutrition Center to our budget disbursements.



In addition, we have officially added Villa of Hope to our Missions list. Staff and residents were overwhelmed with the outpouring of mittens, scarves, hats, games, sports equipment, and gift cards during December. Now, we have another opportunity to brighten the lives of the students there by purchasing craft supplies for St. Patrick's Day projects. Lisa Hartman, Community Relations Manager, spends her own money to buy art supplies which are an important part of the children's therapy. Check the Commons for the Leprechaun Tree, decorated with shamrocks, bearing the names of the items requested (listed below). Pluck a shamrock from the tree and return your donations to the box nearby.



2 packages green and white 8.5 x 11 solid color paper

4 packages markers

2 packages green and white 8.5 x 11 patterned paper

20 glue sticks

2 rolls green and/or white craft twine

4 bags Hershey's kisses

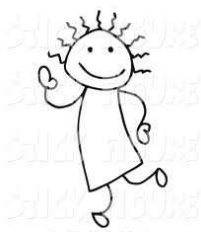
10 packages stickers (St. Patrick's Day theme)



While you're shopping for craft supplies, please consider purchasing a package or two of children's underwear (all sizes). . . . March 29 is another Undie Sunday. We love making the kids and nurses so happy!



With all that walking as you shop, you'll be in great shape to participate in this year's annual CROP walk on May 3, departing from Aldersgate United Methodist on Dewey Avenue. There will be a variety routes to accommodate all walkers. Sign-up sheets for walkers or sponsors will be available in the Commons two weeks prior to the event. Stay tuned for updates in the April newsletter.



**Library Committee Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 1st,**  
**10:00am—11:00am In the Library**  
**Please join us if you are interested**  
**in working on the Library.**





## STUFF TO DO DURING LENT - Anne Crumpler

LENT is a time to repent, to turn away from sin and to turn toward the new life given in Christ Jesus. It is a time to give up whatever gets in the way of our relationship with God and to give more of ourselves as we express the love of God to neighbors.

### FEBRUARY

18 ASH WEDNESDAY Do some research on the season of Lent.

Attend an Ash Wednesday service.

19 Put a bowl on the kitchen table. Ask your family to drop their extra pocket change in the bowl each day from now until Easter.

20 On Fridays during Lent, try fasting for at least one meal to remind you of Christ's sacrifice.

21 Find a quiet place to rest and read Psalms 51:1-17 as a prayer of confession.

22 Sundays during Lent are known as "little Easters." Go to church. Celebrate with a picnic.

23 Spend some time alone. Be aware of God's presence.

24 On your way to school, sing a favorite song or hymn about new life in Christ.

25 Read Isaiah 53:3-12. What does it mean to you that Jesus suffered for our sins?

26 Draw on the sidewalk chalk pictures or words that remind you of Jesus' life and death.

27 Fast today—or choose to give up caffeine, chocolate.

28 Take care of children for a single parent who needs some time alone.

### MARCH

1 Go to church. Invite someone who needs a friend to go shopping or to a movie.

2 Pray: "God, keep me close to you. Teach me your ways through Jesus Christ. Amen."

3 Plant flowers in honor or memory of someone you love.

4 Do chores to raise money to buy a flock of baby chicks from the Heifer Project for a needy family.

5 Read. Frederick Buechner's books and Mark Jaman's poems make good lenten reading.

6 Fast today—or give up TV.

7 Talk with family or friends about what it means to repent.

8 Go to church. Begin the process of making cascarones by blowing the yolks and whites out of twelve eggs. Invite friends over to enjoy an omelet and to decorate the eggs.

9 Read Romans 5:6-19. Spend some time reflecting on God's awesome gift in Jesus Christ.

10 Write a faith statement. What do you believe about Jesus?

11 Take a walk. Spend some time alone with God.

12 Pray Psalms 32:1-11. Ask God to direct your life.

13 Fast today—or give up fast-food.

14 Collect canned goods, and deliver them to a food bank.

15 Go to church. Go caroling for Lent. Sing hymns and songs about faith and repentance.

16 Research local and national charities that might be the

recipients of your pocket change. Choose one.

17 Pray: "God, let us live new life, free of sin, through Christ Jesus. Amen."

18 Talk with friends or family about the meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

19 Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:13. Let go of all that keeps your heart from opening wide to God.

20 Fast today—or give up sweets.

21 Weed your neighbor's garden.

22 Go to church. Invite friends to make bread.

23 Read Romans 6:5-11. What does it mean to you to die with Christ? to be alive to God?

24 To complete your cascarones, fill with confetti the eggs you decorated earlier. Glue tissue paper over the hole.

25 Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly, reflecting on each line.

26 Journal about what it means to be united with Christ.

27 Fast today—or give up time you would spend on the computer or on video games.

28 Make a cross out of wood. Decorate it.

29 PALM SUNDAY Go to church. Wave palm branches and shout, "Hosanna!"

30 Count your pocket change. Give it to a selected charity.

31 Visit someone in a hospital, nursing home, or prison.

### APRIL

1 Imagine walking with Jesus. Hear him teach. See him heal. Listen to him say, "The Son of Man must suffer and die."

2 MAUNDY THURSDAY Attend a communion service. Reflect on Jesus' words: "This is my body given for you; this is my blood of the new covenant."

3 GOOD FRIDAY Go to a Good Friday service. Or spend time in silence from noon to 3 p.m. Light a candle. Read Mark 14:32-

15:47 or Luke 22:39-23:56.

4 HOLY SATURDAY Wait. Be in silence. Pray: "Merciful God, in life and in death, we belong to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen."

5 EASTER DAY Celebrate! Shout, "Christ is risen!" Bop someone over the head with a confetti egg and say, "Live the new life in Christ!"

DIG DEEPER -- PRAY: God, help us to observe the days of Lent so that we are ready to celebrate new life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Letter of Gratitude:***

To Dee and all who brought and prepared food, Thank you for the meal that you provided for my family between the calling hours. It not only nourished our bodies but also our souls. The support of my church family means the world to me.

Sincerely, Cindy Lane

Thank you very much for your two checks of \$500 on Nov. 29th, for each child sponsorship at Project Chacocente! The staff and entire board of directors join me in expressing our sincere gratitude for your partnership in this ministry.

We remain committed to providing educational opportunities to the children of the project and the surrounding neighborhood. We believe that a quality education will improve the living standards and opportunities for our students. The sponsorship program allows us to offer a tuition free education and a nutritious lunch. (The only meal of the day for many.)

Thanks again! God bless you and Happy 2015.

Sincerely, Robyn Gage

Thank you for your love and support over the years, especially under the current circumstances. Declining church support is a nation-wide problem - not just a problem at Greece UMC. I know our church will be on better footing once this period has passed. I send my thanks for your prayers, hugs, cards, and well wishes. I send my thanks to those who gave me and my family flowers and gifts. Your generosity is most appreciated during this financially unsure time. This life lesson has reminded me that I am loved and cared for. Thank you friends.

Blessings, Amanda Rainey Lowell

**New Office Hours**

**Monday–Friday**

**9:00am–1:00pm**

**Congregation Updates**

**Address Updates:**

Jean Whittemore

**Not Available for website edition.**

**Please contact office.**

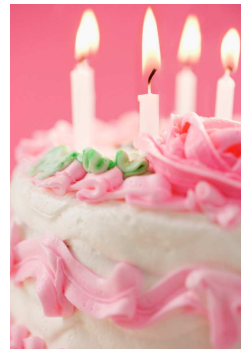
**Passings:**

Frederick R. Lane      1/15/15



**March Birthdays:**

**Not Available for  
Website Edition  
Please contact Office**



**March Anniversaries:**



No March Anniversaries. Please contact office if you have an anniversary .

***Finance Monthly Report:***

We are 6 weeks into 2015 and the numbers are not favorable for January. The conference has not sent out the January bill until February. (Everyone was busy.)

- In Jan we posted \$27,805.52 as usable funds. We had spent \$25,273.29 with \$8,938.50 yet to pay. This leaves \$6,401.56 in the red.
- Our estimated income after 6 weeks show a \$6,178.52 surplus. Keep in mind we started the year off with a \$9,000.00 deficit between the budget and income. Things will get better later this year.
- Budget Gap giving is falling behind the Estimate. Hopefully it will pick up soon.
- We continue with Carmines for Sunday breakfast and once a month the first Tuesday in the evening for dinner. We received \$38.62 last month.
- Ruby Tuesday's is bringing close to \$30.00monthly. We could use a lot more diners. Its good fellowship.

Looking forward to an exciting 10 more months in 2015.

Bill





# Sunday Morning Worship

## Nursery:

3/1: Sally Lepi/Debbie Symonds  
3/8: Melissa Dunn/Kali Iachetta  
3/15: Kim & Chelsea Whittemore  
3/22: Phyl-Ann Helmes/ Karen Ingle

## Projectionists:

3/1: Ellen White/Jonathan Standhart  
3/8: Earle Ridley/Earl Ridley  
3/15: Kara Down/Jonathan Standhart  
3/22: Neva Benson/ Earl Ridley

## Ushers:

9:00 Worship: Tom Hinterman, Barr Ingle, Earl Ridley, Janice Smith  
11:00 Worship: Erich Ruppert's Team

## Liturgists: 9:00 Worship

3/1: Communion Sunday—No Liturgist  
3/8: Karen Pearson  
3/15: Sue Sepkowski  
3/22: Tom Hinterman  
3/29: Dennis Wake

## Greeters:

3/1:  
3/8: **TBA—schedule unavailable at newsletter**  
3/15:  
3/22:  
3/29:

## Counters:

3/1: Mary Vandelogt/Kim Whittemore/Chelsea Whittemore  
3/8: Mary Vandelogt/Kim Whittemore/Chelsea Whittemore  
3/15: Bill Brado/ Barbara Brado/ Dick Hamblin  
3/22: Bill Brado/ Barbara Brado/ Dick Hamblin  
3/29: Earl Ridley/ Sue Hogeman/ Judy Rushforth



## Worship Committee

**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:** Members serve for a month to care for the chancel; filling the candles, changing 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 Vande Logt.

**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 Melissa Dunn.

**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, [Hinterman.Tom7@Gmail.com](mailto: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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Pretzel Sunday</b> <b>Carmine's Sunday church fundraiser</b> <b>8:00 AM to 12:00 PM</b> <b>Traditional Worship Service</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Fellowship Hour &amp; Education for all ages</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Library Committee Mtg.</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Praise &amp; Worship Service</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>2</b> <b>AA</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> <b>Silver Squares Square Dancers</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> <b>Guitar Music Lessons</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> <b>The Grand Sweep Bible Study</b> <b>7:00 PM to 9:00 PM</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Staff Meeting 9:30 AM</b> <b>Tuesday Book Study</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Guitar Lessons 2:30 PM</b> <b>Weight Watchers</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>Education Team</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Treble Clefs 7:00 PM</b> <b>Praise Band 7:00 PM</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Bagels and Book Study</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>AA 12:00 PM</b> <b>Bell Choir 6:15 PM</b> <b>Chancel Choir 7:00 PM</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Atria Sr Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Women's AA</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>Boy Scout Troop #195</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>6</b> <b>AA 12:00 PM</b> <b>Creative Hands</b> <b>1:15 PM</b> <b>AA 7:30 PM</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Carmine's Sunday church fundraiser 8AM to 12PM</b> <b>Traditional Worship Service</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Trustee Committee meeting</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Fellowship Hour &amp; Education for all ages</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Praise &amp; Worship Service</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>**EALRY DROP OFF FOR BOOKSALE**</b>	<b>9</b> <b>AA 12:00 PM</b> <b>Silver Squares Square Dancers</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> <b>Guitar Music Lessons</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> <b>Miriam Circle</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Staff Meeting 9:30 AM</b> <b>Tuesday Book Study</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Ruth Circle 12:30 PM</b> <b>Guitar 2:30 PM</b> <b>Weight Watchers</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>SPRC 7:00 PM</b> <b>Treble Clefs 7:00 PM</b> <b>Praise Band practice</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Bagels and Book Study</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>AA 12:00 PM</b> <b>Dinner and Devotions</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>Bell Choir</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> <b>Chancel Choir</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Atria Sr Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Women's AA</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>Boy Scout Troop #195</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>13</b> <b>AA 12:00 PM</b> <b>Creative Hands</b> <b>1:15 PM</b> <b>AA 7:30 PM</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Emmaus Gathering</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Hand to Plow</b> <b>10AM to 4PM</b>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 <b>Newsletter Deadline Today</b> <b>Carmine's Sunday church fund-raiser 8AM to 12PM</b> <b>Traditional Worship 9AM</b> <b>Fellowship Hour &amp; Education for all ages 10:00 AM</b> <b>Praise &amp; Worship 11AM</b> <b>March Music Madness</b> <b>12PM Taco Bar</b> <b>2PM Public Concert</b>	16 AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM <b>Ruby Tuesday Church Fundraiser 11AM to 10PM</b>	17 <b>Salem Nutrition Center 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM</b> <b>Tuesday Book Study 10:00 AM</b> Guitar Lessons 2:30 PM <b>Weight Watchers 5:30 PM</b> <b>Finance Committee 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM</b> Treble Clefs 7:00 PM <b>Praise Band 7:00 PM</b>	18 <b>Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM</b> AA 12:00 PM <b>Bell Choir 6:15 PM</b> <b>Chancel Choir 7:00 PM</b>	19 <b>Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM</b> Women's AA 11:00 AM Boy Scout Troop #195 7:00 PM	20 AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM Cub Scouts #173 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM AA 7:30 PM	21
22 <b>Carmine's Sunday church fund-raiser 8AM to 12PM</b> <b>Traditional Worship 9:00 AM</b> <b>Fellowship Hour &amp; Education for all ages 10:00 AM</b> <b>Praise &amp; Worship Srvc 11AM</b> Girl Scout Srv Unit Mtg 6PM	23 MS Society Support Group 10:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM	24 <b>Staff Meeting 9:30 AM</b> <b>Tuesday Book Study 10AM</b> Guitar Lessons 2:30 PM <b>Weight Watchers 5:30 PM</b> Treble Clefs 7PM <b>Praise Band 7PM</b> <b>Church Council 7:15 PM</b>	25 <b>Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM</b> AA 12:00 PM <b>Dinner and Devotions 5:30 PM</b> <b>Bell Choir 6:15 PM</b> <b>Chancel Choir 7:00 PM</b>	26 <b>Page Turners Book Group 10AM</b> <b>Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM</b> Women's AA 11AM Boy Scouts 7PM	27 AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM	28
29 <b>Undie Sunday</b> <b>Carmine's Sunday church fund-raiser 8AM to 12PM</b> <b>Traditional Worship 9:00 AM</b> <b>Fellowship Hour &amp; Education for all ages 10:00 AM</b> <b>Praise &amp; Worship Service 11:00 AM</b>	30 AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM Greece Choral Society 6:30 PM <b>UMW Executive 7:00 PM</b>	31 <b>Staff Meeting 9:30 AM</b> <b>Tuesday Book Study 10:00 AM</b> Guitar Lessons 2:30 PM <b>Weight Watchers 5:30 PM</b> Treble Clefs 7:00 PM <b>Praise Band practice 7:00 PM</b>				