



Message from the Pastor:

***Now two of them were going
to a village called Emmaus... (see Luke 24: 13-35)***

Two of the disciples were headed out of town on Easter evening. They had given up on Jerusalem, and on all that it had promised. They were probably headed back home to Galilee. After all, everything that they had counted on, especially the person that they counted on most, was gone wrong, or gone altogether. And so they headed west, toward Emmaus, into the sunset, like a scene out of some old western movie.

A stranger joined them on the road, someone who seemed to know a lot about Jesus and about the scriptures. They told him how Jesus had been executed and buried, and then disappeared...how some of the women had heard that he was alive...and how they did not, could not, believe it. The stranger told them every prophecy in the Hebrew Scriptures that pointed to Jesus and what had happened to him, and how what they had heard was true. He seemed strangely comforting, so they asked him to eat and stay with them at a nearby inn. As they got ready to eat, he took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them. As he did, they recognized him as Jesus, who had broken bread with them three nights before, and hundreds of ordinary days before that. Even as they recognized him, he disappeared from their sight.

Even though it was late in the day, they got up and returned to Jerusalem to find the other disciples.

They turned their backs on the sunset; they turned their backs on a story that was coming to an end; they turned their backs on disbelief and headed back. They headed back toward the sunrise of a new day; they headed back to a story that was just beginning; they headed back to belief, and the sharing of that belief.

They were able to do so because they had let Jesus come into their ordinary, everyday lives. They did not believe when he told them they should believe; they did not believe when he quoted scripture to them. (Neither do we, most of the time, even were Jesus himself to quote it to us!) They believed when Jesus shared with them the ordinary act of breaking bread.

We also find that Jesus is not very real if he stays in church or in the Bible. He only becomes real to us when we let him into our everyday lives – where we eat, and sleep, and share with friends and family. For those disciples, Easter Sunday morning was not what counted, it was Sunday night, and Monday morning, and all the new days that followed. Easter is past for this year. But the reality of Easter is not simply for a day or a season, but for all the new days that follow.

May the risen Christ be part of your every meal, your every journey, your everyday.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Matt Stengel

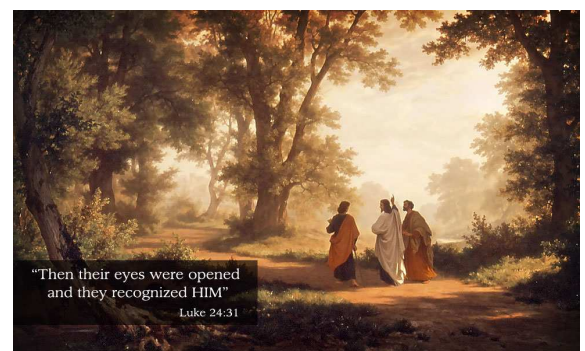


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A PRAYER CHAIN REMINDER: *We have an active prayer chain, both through e-mails and phone. You're invited to be part of that; just call Bill and Gail Mason at 453-9038. Also, if you have a prayer concern of any kind that you want to share, contact Bill 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, 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.

Chicken BBQ	Thurs., May 18	4:30pm -sellout
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	\$216.17
Sub Sale (Youth)	Sun. February 5	\$281.57
Chicken 'n Biscuits	Sat. February 18	\$610.05
St. Patrick's Day Dinner	Fri., March 17	Cancelled due to weather



Page Turners Monthly Book Club: May Selection:

Life of Pi

By Yann Martel

Everyone is welcomed to join us Thursday, May 25th at 10:00am in the Kerrison Room for discussion.

June Selection: The Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman



Worship with Us

All Are Welcome



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

Worship Scripture May 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.



5/7:	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23
	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
5/14:	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5,15-16
	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
5/21:	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20
	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
5/28:	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10,32-35
	1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11	John 17:1-11

SUNDAY MORNING
DISCIPLESHIP HOUR

Sundays, 10—11am

Join us Sunday mornings
for Bible study and
fellowship.

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



Widows and Widowers:

Group will be meeting

Sunday, May 21st at 2:00pm in
Kerrison Room.



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.

May Meetings: 10th & 24th

Tuesday Book Group:

ANN VOSKAMP
New York Times bestselling author
THE
BROKEN
WAY
a daring path into the abundant life



The Broken Way By Ann Voskamp

Brokenness doesn't only find us in big things—things like illness, hardship, or grief. It also finds us in stinging moments when we feel forgotten, or under-appreciated by our loved ones. How do we walk in a way that both glorifies Jesus?

**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

Weekday Small Groups



Bagel and Book Study:

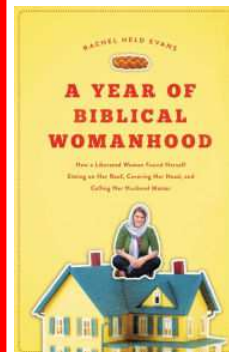
A Year of Biblical Womanhood

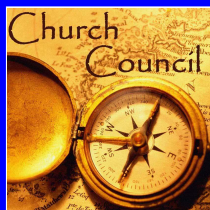
By Rachel Held Evans

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

**Soho's Bagel Café,
Stone Ridge Plaza**

**Contact Deacon Dee for
books.**





The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:15PM.

According to the Discipline (§252):
“The **church council** shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference.”

Come and see the “business meeting” of Greece UMC.

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

Our First Chicken BBQ Drive Thru of the Year!

Thursday, May 18th

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!

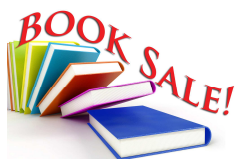
Book and Bake Sale

Thursday—Friday, June 8th & 9th

10:00am—6:00pm

Saturday, June 10th

9:00am-3:00pm



Annual Book Sale is Coming! We Need Your Books! Collection is going on now!

Do you have books laying around that you read this cold 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*.**

**(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.

Once again we are looking for people to rent a spot in our parking lot or indoors (limited space) for our annual Summerfest. We are looking for anyone who has crafts or household goods or plants or garage sale items etc. to sign up for this fun filled event! \$15 an outside spot or \$30 for indoors will get you plenty of space to display your items. Come join in the fun!

There will be a sign up sheet in the commons area starting in April.

Thanks! &haron Neary



MayFood of the Month:



1. Canned Stew/16 oz
2. Canned Pasta
3. Canned Fruit

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

Tuesday, May 16th,

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.



Message from Outreach:



HooRay!!! Another basket full of undies was sorted and delivered to our six area schools (West Ridge, Holmes Road, Autumn Lane, Longridge, English Village, and Brookside. Thank you for supporting this smile-inducing project.



Another rousing success? Our 2017 Mission campaign! To date, 50 pledge cards of over \$1,300 from last year, with 9 new pledges! **WOW!** Thank you for helping make a noticeable difference in the many agencies we support.



Our last organized project (before September) will be the annual interfaith CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 7, starting at 2:00 from Messiah Luthern Church, 4301 Mr. Read Blvd. After registration which starts at 1:30, walking routes will include the traditional 6-mile trek, a 5K (~3.5 miles) circuit, or the “Golden Mile.” In addition, there is an indoor walking area in the gym. Bum knee? Unhappy hip? If walking is not your thing, you can still participate by pledging \$\$\$ to those signed up to walk! Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf will receive 25% of the proceeds, so this is a wonderful way to help our community. Sign up in the commons between services. See Glenna Johantgen for additional information. Go, GUMC!



One person can change a life.
Each of us can be the one!

Here is a picture sent to Pastor Matt from Signory Mutach Kapen (left), a member of our congregation who is serving as a UM Missionary pilot with Wings of the Morning, through the UM Board of Global Ministry.

GREECE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, May 1st, 6:30 p.m., Room 9.
Linda Hoffman, President.



Miriam Circle: Monday, May 8th, at 6:30 p.m., Room 9.
Baby shower for Asbury Storehouse. Please bring unwrapped gifts.

Ruth Circle: Tuesday, May 9th, 12:30 p.m., Room 9.
“Laughing With Yoga” Program.

Daughters All Banquet: Friday, May 12th, at 6:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.
We will have a Hawaiian theme!
Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 & under.
Contact Karen Ingle at 621-1766 for reservations by May 7th.

Used Clothing Sale: President Linda sends out a big THANK YOU to everyone who is involved in making the clothing sale a success!

Church Women United: May Friendship Day, Friday, May 5th.
Gather at 5:00 p.m., Program begins at 6:30 p.m.
Penfield United Methodist Church, 1795 Baird Rd.
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Esther Rowe. “Kindling New Fires of Love”.
Dinner cost is \$12.00. Make check payable to: Church Women United.
Reservations by April 25th to Church Women United, 644 Titus Ave., Rochester, 14617.
Please bring donations of pasta and soup for the Rochester Food Cupboard.
As part of the May Friendship Day, there will be emphasis on the Fellowship of the Least Coin and how prayer can transcend any national boundary. All are invited to bring in their pennies in support of this movement for peace and reconciliation in the world.

GREECE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Legacy Fund

What is the Legacy Fund? We've been hearing about it but most UMW members have no idea just what it is. Simply stated, our national organization has been working since 2014 gearing up for a 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women in 2019 and publicizing the date by launching a Legacy 150 fund drive which basically is and will be a permanent endowment with income dedicated to providing future generations of UMW members with all of the monetary tools necessary to facilitate and distribute grants, scholarships, etc., which will coordinate with mission personnel to connect directly with the needs of women, children and youth throughout the world.



The goal is to make sure that our Mission Giving dollars will be spent only on the empowerment of women that is essential to address the root causes of so many conditions harming women, children and youth throughout the world. Because our organization was started in 1869, members have been requested to individually give \$18.69 per year up until the anniversary celebration in 2019. Additional information will be submitted in two future issues as to the history of how our organization got started and what is the organization actually funding, nationally and internationally.



Habitat for Humanity



2015—87 Orange St.



2012—83 Eddy St..



2009—235 Campbell St..



2006-172 Fulton Ave.



2003-27 Rauber St.



2000—44 Love St.

These are the homes we have sponsored to date, by year indicated. Each required our coalition to raise \$65,000 and help provide volunteers to build the home. Each home was dedicated to the homeowner when it was complete. Each homeowner had to help build the home and attend classes that would help with budgeting, routine home maintenance, and other similar training sessions. The homeowner assumed a 20 year mortgage for the value of the home with monthly payments that they could meet, based on their family size, monthly income, etc. Currently, the existing mortgages are non-interest bearing.

On April 10th, Miriam Circle gave me and a Habitat representative the opportunity to put on a program that gave the background of Habitat International, the local affiliate (Flower City Habitat for Humanity) and our Greece church coalition. Hopefully they enjoyed hearing about Habitat and gave them an understanding about how Habitat for Humanity came into existence, the development of the local affiliate and our coalition. I know that the two of us enjoyed their company for the evening and made us sharpen up a little on our own knowledge. THANKS Ladies.

If you think you'd like to get involved in any way, please contact me at wmason@rochester.rr.com or 453-9038. I can always use someone to represent our church (the founding church) at meetings I'm not able to attend.

Bill Mason



**Walk. Give.
Change the
world.**

crophungerwalk.org
888-CWS-CROP

One community garden at a time.

Those aren't just **potatoes** in Edulia and Gregorio Vaquera-Galarza's hands... They are the **instruments** of social and economic **prosperity**. Before, the farmers in their indigenous community in Bolivia barely survived on a diet of boiled corn. Their children were weak from malnutrition.

Today they grow an ample supply of nutritious fruits and vegetables in a community garden. They harvest enough food to feed their families and a surplus to sell in the market. With the income they make, they are able to purchase protein to supplement their diet and buy more seeds for the garden.

Through the CROP Hunger Walk, you are there, investing in Edulia and Gregorio and their smiles are thanks to you!

Just last year, 50,217 global neighbors like Edulia and Gregorio were provided stable sources of nutritious food.

GREECE CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m.

For more information on how you can donate or participate please contact Glenna Johantgen by either calling her at 585-269-0133 or by email at glenna7417@yahoo.com.



It's After Easter – Now What?

So, Easter is done for the year of 2017. We've celebrated the most monumental event in the history of the Christian church. So, now what?

You're told to spread the word. Go tell others what He has done for the world. Go love your neighbors. Practice the Golden Rule. Be like Jesus.

Maybe you're wondering how do I do that? Perhaps you just need a simple reminder because you're stuck in a rut of routine behavior. Comfortable, routine behavior.

Well here's some simple ideas. And, while the ideas might be simple, the implementation of the ideas can be hard, because it might require you to change your comfortable, routine behavior.

In all the stories I've read or heard, no matter what version of the Bible, which book of the Bible, Jesus is always portrayed as humble. So, to be like Jesus, you should be humble. Put others first. Put others needs before our needs. Make others a higher priority.

Jesus never chose to follow the crowd. He knew what the right thing to do was, and he always did it, no matter what the consequences. So, to be like Jesus, do the right thing. I like to call it "take the high road". If you always take the high road, do the right thing, like Jesus would have done, you won't necessarily be the favorite in the crowd, but your soul will be whole. Think about it – which do you have to live longer with – that crowd telling you to do, or your soul?

Kindness was demonstrated by Jesus in everything that he did. In fact, for those that "the crowd" thought did NOT deserve kindness, he showed MORE kindness. HUH?? Yeah, you read that right. People who were unworthy or undeserving in the eyes of "the crowd" may have received more kindness from Jesus than your regular, every day, righteous person. So, when you see someone who has done something wrong or bad or hurting, be extra kind to that person.

Listen. Jesus did. Oh sure, there were times that he did a lot of speaking, like when he was addressing an entire crowd, but when the numbers were smaller, he didn't overpower. He listened. He guided. You want to be more like Jesus? Listen more, talk less.

So, there you have it. Four simple ideas that you can do to work towards being like Jesus

Be humble. Do the right thing. Be Kind. Listen.

Usually, I reference a Bible verse at the end of these articles. Well, instead, here's a stretch goal for you. See if you can find Bible verses that illustrate these four.

Finance Monthly Report:

Budgeted Income as of Week #15 - 04/09/17

<u>Budget Total</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Non-Pledges</u>	<u>Received</u>
<u>Needed YTD</u>		<u>Needed YTD</u>		<u>Needed YTD</u>	
\$91,450.19	\$91,274.95	\$57,169.81	\$58,044.50	\$12,452.83	\$14,233.40

Current Income (Usable) vs Expenses as of the end of March 03/31/17

<u>Usable</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Yet to Spend</u>	<u>+/-</u>
\$73,952.00	\$84,991.70	\$0.00	-11,039.70*

* Note: This shortfall seems pretty large, but there were many onetime expenses the Treasurer had to pay early in the year. I am already seeing this gap being made up in April. However, if you fell behind on your pledge payments over the winter, please do what you can to make up the deficit now if possible.

Missions Pledge Campaign

The Missions Pledge campaign for 2017 received 50 pledge cards totaling \$16,461. This total exceeds the 2016 Pledge of \$15,086. Thank you for your generosity.

Greece UMC Fundraisers

Please sign up and help support the Chicken BBQ and other fundraisers this spring and summer. These efforts help raise monies that go directly to help maintain the Church. No experience is necessary and the many friendly volunteers will help you to fit right in. Just pick a date and sign up. It is fun and helps with an important part of our budgeted income.

Best regards, Bill Kostyshak, Financial Secretary

Sunday Morning Servants



Nursery:

5/7: Gale Huber & Barb Miroff
5/14: Sally Lepi & Kali Iachetta
5/21: Kim Whittemore & McKenna Patterson
5/28: Janice & Erich Ruppert, Jr

Projectionists:

	<u>9:00am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
5/7:	Kara Down	Earle Ridley
5/14:	Earle Ridley	Melissa Dunn
5/21:	Cheryl Sheldon	Earle Ridley
5/28:	Neva Benson	Sarah Babbage

Ushers:

	<u>9:00am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
	Melissa Dunn, Karen Ingle Kara Down, Tom Hinterman	Brett Zeller

Liturgists:

5/7: No Liturgist
5/14: Cathy Magans
5/21: Karen Pearson
5/28: Tom Klingenberg

Counters:

5/7: Tom & Karen Klingenberg, Chris Collins
5/14: Tom & Karen Klingenberg, Chris Collins
5/21: Keith Kroon, Melissa Dunn, Norma Rapini
5/28: Keith Kroon, Melissa Dunn, Norma Rapini

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

Passing:

Jean Lee 03/27
Gordon Milligan 03/27



New Address:

Cheryl Hutchins
NOT AVAILABLE FOR WEB EDITION



New E-mail:

Janice Ruppert:
NOT AVAILABLE FOR WEB EDITION

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



May Birthdays

NOT AVAILABLE FOR WEB EDITION



May Anniversaries

NOT AVAILABLE FOR WEB EDITION



May 2017 as of 4/15th. Please see Website for Updates.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA 12PM Silver Squares 12:30PM UMW Executive Committee 6:30PM	2 Tuesday Book Study 10AM Education Team 7PM Praise Band practice 7PM	3 Bagel and Book Study 9:30AM AA 12PM Bells 6:15PM Chancel Choir 7PM	4 Atria 10:30AM Women's AA 11AM Boy Scout Troop #195 7PM	5 AA 12PM Creative Hands 1:15PM AA 7:30PM	6
7 Traditional Worship 9AM Discipleship & Education for all ages 10AM Praise & Worship 11AM	8 AA 12PM Silver Squares 12:30PM Miriam Circle 6:30PM	9 Tuesday Book Study 10AM Ruth Circle 12:30PM SPRC 7PM Praise Band practice 7PM	10 Bagel and Book Study 9:30AM AA 12PM Dinner and Devotions 5:30PM Bells 6:15PM Chancel Choir 7PM	11 Atria 10:30AM Women's AA 11AM Boy Scout Troop #195 7PM	12 AA 12PM Creative Hands 1:15PM AA 7:30PM	13 Emmaus Gathering 8:30AM
14 Traditional Worship 9AM Trustee Committee meeting 10AM Discipleship & Education for all ages 10AM Praise & Worship 11AM	15 Newsletter Deadline Today AA 12PM Silver Squares 12:30PM	16 Salem Nutrition Center 9AM Tuesday Book Study 10AM Finance Committee 7PM to 8PM Praise Band practice 7PM	17 Bagel and Book Study 9:30AM AA 12PM Chicken BBQ food prep 1PM Bells 6:15PM Chancel Choir 7PM	18 Atria 10:30AM Women's AA 11AM Newsletter Crew 12:30PM Chicken BBQ set-up 3PM Chicken BBQ - Drive Thru 4PM Troop #195 7PM	19 AA 12PM Creative Hands 1:15PM AA 7:30PM	20
21 Traditional Worship 9AM Discipleship & Education for all ages 10AM Praise & Worship 11AM Widow/Widower Group 2PM	22 MS Society Support Group 10:30AM AA 12PM Silver Squares 12:30PM	23 Church Council Tuesday Book Study 10AM Praise Band practice 7PM	24 Bagel and Book Study 9:30AM AA 12PM Dinner and Devotions 5:30PM Bells 6:15PM Chancel Choir 7PM	25 Ascension Day Page Turners 10AM Atria 10:30AM Women's AA 11AM Troop #195 7PM	26 AA 12PM Creative Hands 1:15PM AA 7:30PM	27
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