



Message from the Pastor:

*O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
For God's steadfast love endures forever!*
(Psalms 106, 107, 118, 136)

It's not as though I don't have anything to be thankful for. Quite the contrary, I have a great deal to be thankful for. It's not that I think that I am more responsible for the good things in my life than God is. Rather, I believe that all that I have and all that I am able to do with it is a gift of God from the great bounty of God's creation. I believe that every person that I love, every person that matters to me in any way, in fact, every person, is a child of God and shares the world with me through God's grace. It's not that I believe that God is far off or that God created the world and walked away. No, I believe that God continues to create and to be involved in creation in an intimate way. I believe that God is in relationship with every human being, whether they acknowledge it or not, and that that relationship is one of love.

If I believe all these things (*and I do!*) then why do I ever forget to give thanks? One would think that I would be walking around in a perpetual "attitude of gratitude." And yet sometimes a day will go by without a prayer of thanksgiving, or even a quick expression of "Thank you God!" It may be a day that is so wonderful that I am completely wrapped up in my own feelings of well-being. It may be a day in which I have accomplished so much that I am proud of my skills and intelligence and basking in the glow of high self-esteem. It may be a day that is so difficult, frustrating, or disastrous that there is no room for any good feelings or thoughts. Whatever kind of day it is, the fact is that my relationship with God suffers when I forget to give thanks.

I can give thanks for the beauty of the earth and the people that surround me. I can give thanks for all the things and skills I have that God has given and helped to develop. I can give thanks that God is "beside me to guide me" through difficulties, frustrations, and disasters. On any given day, I can give thanks to God.

November is the month of the *holiday* of Thanksgiving. But let's not limit our giving thanks to one single day. Let it be a month of giving thanks to God. Let it be the beginning (or the restart) of a lifetime of giving thanks to God - an attitude of gratitude, each and every day.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Matt Stengel



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Salem Nutritional Center Tuesday, November 18th 9:00am—1:00pm 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 November:

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.

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| 11/2: | Joshua 3:7-17 | Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37 |
| | 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 | Matthew 23:1-12 |
| 11/9: | Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 | Psalms 78:1-7 |
| | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13 |
| 11/16: | Judges 4:1-7 | Psalms 123 or 76 |
| | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Matthew 25:14-30 |
| 11/23: | Ezekiel 34:11-16 | Psalms 100 |
| | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Matthew 25:31-46 |
| 11/30: | Isaiah 64:1-9 | Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 |
| | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 | Mark 13:24-37 |

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 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 Mandy in 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 5:00pm. Please e-mail to Deb Babbage at dbabbage@rochester.rr.com. Thank you.



Thoughts from Deacon Dee:

- I just finished reading a book, *Renovate or Die*. We know the world has changed and it always does. This book was enlightening about the state of the United Methodist Church today as it has been coming since 1950's. I had no idea growing up in the church and going to seminary that the church today would be one that would need to be rebuilt. The book also is about the mainline denominations not just UM's. The book reminds us that God is going to get thru this, for God is still God. There will still be witnesses to God's presence and there will be those whom God uses to reach people with God's love and grace. The early church proved this...
- Our history is 200 years of missions, buildings, systems, and commitments. If our mission is to bring people to Christ and influence culture around us... how are we doing? This book suggests we need to be Missionaries not members. We need to ask hard questions... Why do people need Christ? Why do people need the church? Why do people need this particular church?
- Leonard Sweet says the mainline church built a system that produced members, believers, and consumers just as the world was shifting away from joining big institutions to wanting authentic movements that offered application behavior, clarity of beliefs, high expectations and real relationship with hands-on, life changing-experiences. We produced *church*. People were told to come a bit, give a little bit, and say a whole lot. It turns out the church was built on sand and today it has shifted again. In the 1700's the Methodist movement began due to the influence of John Wesley in England. It happened because he needed to work on his Christian journey and wanted to change the church to change the world. The Methodist Church did not happen in England his country but in America. It was founded on bringing the word of God to all. Today we have come full circle to the early Christians who wanted this also. But what can we do?
- The author suggests Renovating. Rebuilding and moving in a new direction is scary. He mentions we tend to study things hoping to figure things out. It has not helped. It is never a convenient time to renovate and everybody is never going to be totally on board. We are the chosen leaders to lead the church at this time.
- Surrounded in mystery, with imperfect plans in hand, we must move forward. The time is now! The author says if we don't change we're going to die! He says a 2008 survey shattered the myth that 50% Americans go to church. He proved showed only 17.5% of Americans go to church. With this low number the church is at a historical low and is in danger of losing any significant influence on American culture.
- Renovation and innovation, not just redecorating is needed. To insiders (those of us who have been coming for awhile) there have been just a few redecorations and it feels different. To an outsider or new person there was no major differences. Leonard Sweet says we need to push the reset button on Christianity to reach people today.
- Redecoration is about cosmetics- an attempt to spruce up the place and to make things appealing on the surface and without much structural changes. Renovation is closely associated with innovation starting something new from scratch. Something you birth, new life carrying the burdens and traditions from the past which require more tools. Renovation is to refurbish, revamp, remodel in a major way, restore, modernize, or reinvent. It's more work and risky. It may mean moving a wall or remove it totally.
- The author goes on to say our only option for the future of church is Renovation. Look around at churches alive, growing and in ministry. They are the ones who have not just redecorated but went the risk to Be the Church and rebooted somehow. It may mean sacrifice some of our ways of doing things, some of our personal preferences for the sake of those we do not yet know. This means our focus, our presentation, our systems, and our way of doing things. We all know about the Corporations who did not make the change with society shifts. How can we BE THE CHURCH TODAY is pondering in my heart and soul.

Dee



Annual Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 8th, 2014

9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

1924 Maiden Lane, Greece NY

Fellowship Hall

Crafts and Christmas Decorations

Baked Goods, Books

and New-to-you Bargains galore!

Home-made Food to delight!



The Kitchen crew has been working on
their popular lunch menu.

Come with your appetite and you won't leave hungry!



Sponsored by the Greece United Methodist Women



Advent Celebration Opportunities

Adult Small Group Study:

Not A Silent Night

by Adam Hamilton

Imagining Jesus from Mary's point of view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. In this book, Adam Hamilton begins at the end, with Mary at his crucifixion and resurrection; travels back in time as she witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby. This year, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary.

Sunday Mornings 10:00—11:00 am OR

Monday Evenings 6:30 - 7:45pm

Kerrison Room

Starting Sunday 11/30th, Monday 12/1st

Adult/ Youth Small Group Study:

A Different Kind Of Christmas: Living and Giving Like Jesus

by Mike Slaughter

A practical and inspirational study based on Slaughter's popular book, *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday*, this five-week study will empower your family, and our church to reclaim the broader missional meaning of Jesus' birth and experience a Christmas season with more peace and joy than any gadget or toy could ever bring.

Youth will meet: Sunday Mornings,

10:00—11:00 am, Room 10, starting 11/30th

Adults will meet: Wednesday Evenings,

6:30—7:45pm, Kerrison Room, starting 12/3rd

Soho's Book & Bagel Group: ***Starting 11/19th***

The Women of Christmas: Experience the Season Afresh with Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna

by Liz Curtis Higgs

When it comes Christmas, the stories of shepherds, wise men, and other male figures often dominate our thinking. But right from the start, women played vital roles in God's beautiful plan to redeem the world through Jesus.

Group meets Wednesday @ 9:30-11:00am
Soho's Bagel Café, Stone Ridge Plaza

Christmas Concert



Please join us on December 13, 2014 @ 4:00 p.m. There will be music performed by our Choir, The Treble Clefs and some other guest artists! You will have an opportunity to sit back and sing Christmas Carols before, during and after the performances. Then we hope you will join us in the fellowship hall for Chili, Christmas Cookies and Cocoa!

Save the date now and plan for a fun and fulfilling afternoon!



Saturday, December 6th

4:00pm—Hanging of the Greens. Come prepare the Sanctuary for Advent
5:00pm—Dedication Service
6:30pm—Pot Luck Dinner. Bring a dish to pass or free-will offering



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Thanksgiving is just around the corner; a time for families, special meals and a time for thanks for all we have. Each year, our Greece Coalition of Churches hold a pie sale, featuring pies from Kelly's Apple Farm. The proceeds from the sale help in the sponsorship of another home (our 6th is coming up next year). You can help by ordering a pie or pies for that special day. A representative from the Outreach Committee will be at a table in the King Commons Area to take your orders on three Sundays preceding Thanksgiving (2nd, 9th, & 16th). You can also order directly by calling Bill Mason at 453-9038 or at wmason@rochester.rr.com. Ordering early helps us (and Kelly's) plan, so place your order asap. See the form below or watch for them in Sunday bulletins as well as at the order table.

Thanks for your support!



HOLIDAY PIES FOR HABITAT HOUSES



SUPPORT THE GREECE CHURCHES HABITAT PROJECT BY ORDERING YOUR THANKSGIVING PIES NOW!

Homemade pies from Kelly's Farm Market in Hilton, NY, made from scratch without preservatives with fruit grown on their own farm.

Pies are deep 10 inch homemade fruit pies, weighing about 4.5 lbs.

Pies freeze nicely, buy now and can serve at Christmas

All profits stay within our own Coalition

ORDER YOUR PIES BY SUNDAY, NOV. 16th , pick up on Tuesday, Nov 25th.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

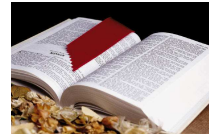
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| Apple Crumb | | \$16 | |
| Apple Raspberry | | \$16 | |
| Christmas Crumb (Apple, Cranberry, Pineapple) | | \$16 | |
| Pumpkin | | \$16 | |
| Apple Crisp | | \$12 | |
| Totals | | | |
| In lieu of, or in addition to pies, I(we) would like to make a donation to the project of: | | | |
| Grand total | | | |

Pastor Fall Bible Study—Immersion Bible Study: Genesis

Pastor Matt is once again offer a Thursday Bible study at noon (at the church - bring a lunch if you want) and at 7:00 p.m. (at the Villages at Unity). You may switch back and forth between the sessions if you can't make all of one or the other.

The subject will be the book of Genesis, using the Immersion Bible Study series to frame our discussion. Genesis contains many of the familiar stories of the Bible – from Creation and the Garden of Eden to Noah to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to Joseph and his brothers – and many others along the way.

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| Class Schedule: | 11/6—Book: Chapter 4 | Genesis Chapter 10 and 11:1-9 |
| | 11/13—Book: Chapter 5 | Genesis Chapter 11:10—Chapter 20 |
| | 11/20—Book: Chapter 6 | Genesis Chapter 24– 28:9 |
| | 11/27—Thanksgiving—No Class | |



Chicken BBQ DRIVE THRU **Thursday Nov 6 4:00-sell out** **Reserve yours today** **Cost \$10**

2 sides: Low salt Potato, coleslaw, or baked beans
Roll and dessert

Old Testament Succoth Booth

This month, come and see a Harvest display in the King Commons area. This helps us to remember where we came from in our Old Testament roots.

We will gather our harvests of canned goods to contribute to the Feast of Ingathering from Old Testament Days or as we call it...donating turkey and food items to share in giving to prepare the Thanksgiving baskets for families in our community.

Harvest gatherers dwelt in booths (Succoth) or trellis-roofed cabins as they worked in the fields to rest from the heat and hard work.

This past summer and especially this month has been a time of celebrating the harvest of crops and fruits and the close of another agricultural year.

We have much to be thankful for. Join others, ***all month***, by bringing in food for the Thanksgiving food collection. ***We will assemble and dedicate the food baskets on Sunday, November 23rd.***

GIVING MITTEN TREE: **ITEMS NEEDED BY 12/9/14**

Thank you for being willing to collect gifts at the holiday time for Villa of Hope youth!



Here is the list of items that we need to collect for our youth and their families. Anything you can donate goes directly to youth and children and Villa of Hope and will be greatly appreciated.

General “Wish List” items for Villa of Hope Holiday Wishes Program:

- They loved our homemade mittens, scarves, hats, and purchased ones
- Sports equipment –basketballs, baseballs, footballs, soccer balls
- Craft items- paper, paint, stickers, craft kits, drawing supplies, jewelry making kits
- Journals
- Coloring books
- Games- Monopoly, Yahtzee, Uno, Scrabble, Pictionary...
- Gifts cards to Walmart, K-Mart, Target, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, Movie Theaters, Laser Quest, Michaels, Jo Ann's
- Hair straighteners (irons)

Thank you and God Bless.

Message from Outreach:

"School days, school days, dear old Golden Rule *days* . . ." Each of the six recipient schools was surely in a euphoric *daze* after receiving a big box of school supplies! In all, we collected:

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| > 73 dry erase markers (+ 1 bottle of cleaner + 1 eraser) | > 12 boxes of colored pencils |
| > 65 erasers (17 big + 48 individual) | > 10 markers |
| > 65 spiral notebooks | > 10 packages of mechanical pencils |
| > 65 paper/pocket folders | > 9 packages of paper |
| > 57 glue sticks (+ 4 bottles of Elmer's) | > 8 boxes of tissues |
| > 29 composition books | > 7 plastic folders |
| > 27 boxes of crayons | > 6 containers of disinfectant wipes |
| > 22 packages of #2 pencils | > 6 packages of pens (+ 2 packages of red pens) |
| > 15 backpacks | > 3 packages of index cards |
| > 14 rulers | > 2 protractors |
| > 12 pairs of scissors | |
| > 1 partridge in a pear tree---> just kidding | |

Next, Outreach members will be at the tables in the commons area November 2, 9, and 16, taking pie orders to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Just roll out a little "dough" from your purse or wallet and enjoy dessert, no measuring or mixing required.

While we're considering dessert, let's think about shopping for our annual Thanksgiving basket project. On Sunday, November 23, the traditional Bucket Brigade will stack up the altar with offerings of canned goods, frozen turkeys and other fixins. In addition to the seven "baskets" pledged to the Food Shelf, we will sort, assemble, and pack more boxes to fill requests phoned in to the church. (Included in the Food Shelf's newsletter is a suggestion to provide inexpensive foil roasting pans and items such as soup, cereal, juice, pasta.)

Outreach members, who will sort and pack, are looking for volunteers willing to help us deliver the boxes to families unable to come to church to pick up their food. Please let Karen Pearson know if you can help (392-3892 or kgp@rochester.rr.com).

Thinking ahead to December, we hope to be able to provide assistance to families in need in four ways: filling "Christmas Bags" (shopping with a specific food list); collecting mittens, scarves, and hats for the Mitten Tree; collecting toys for the Villa of Hope; and taking donations in various forms for the residents of Grace House (helping men released from prison get re-established). *Stay tuned to the December newsletter for details.*

"Till then, my noble friend[s], chew upon this . . ." [Julius Caesar, Act I, scene ii]: "let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier." [Mother Teresa] Our church makes a huge difference in the community, bringing joy to so many (turkeys, notwithstanding).

Karen Pearson

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.

Participants can, if they want, bring a soup/dessert to share. Contact Dee.



**November Meeting: 12th
5:30—6:30, Fellowship Hall**

Page Turners Monthly Book Club:

November Selection:



**The 100 Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of
the Window and Disappeared**
by Jonas Jonasson

A reluctant centenarian much like Forrest Gump (if Gump were an explosives expert with a fondness for vodka) decides it's not too late to start over . . . After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home, believing it to be his last stop. The only problem is that he's still in good health, and in one day, he turns 100. A big celebration is in the works, but Allan really isn't interested (and he'd like a bit more control over his vodka consumption). So he decides to escape. He climbs out the window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey, involving, among other surprises, a suitcase stuffed with cash, some unpleasant criminals, a friendly hot-dog stand operator, and an elephant (not to mention a death by elephant). It would be the adventure of a lifetime for anyone else, but Allan has a larger-than-life backstory: Not only has he witnessed some of the most important events of the twentieth century, but he has actually played a key role in them. Quirky and utterly unique, *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* has charmed readers across the world.

***Everyone is invited to discuss this book on
Thursday, November 20th at 10:00am in the
Kerrison Room.***

No Meeting in December

January Selection: *The Hurricane Sisters* by
Dorothea Benton Frank

Tuesday Book Group:

an Invisible Thread

By Laura Schroff & Alex Tresnhowski

The true story of an 11 year-old panhandler and a busy sales executive, and an unlikely meeting with destiny.

This book is part of the United Methodist Women's reading program.

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

Questions, contact:

Linda Hoffman, facilitator
lmhoffman@rochester.rr.com

Bagel and Book Study:



Move On: When Mercy Meets Your Mess

By Vicki Courtney

Life is often messy. Often times our first instincts are to hide, deny, ignore, or run. In *Move On* best-selling author Vicki Courtney helps readers come clean with their muddy messes, revealing the deeper issues they must face, including the need for approval, struggles and broken dreams, shame, legalism, idols, & Christian snobbery. Once we face our messes, God, with his sweet mercy, can help us to get real, deal, and truly move on. Then with Mercy by our side, we are able to break free and experience the grace and freedom God intends.

Group meets Wednesday

@ 9:30-11:00am

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

**Come Join Us! Friends Welcomed
Books are available through Dee**

**See Page 4 For Upcoming Advent
Study starting November 19th**

Greece United Methodist Women:

Executive Meeting – November 24th, 2014 @7:00pm in Room 9
Chris Collins, president



CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Deborah Circle will not continue to meet.

Miriam Circle: November 10 at 7:00 pm at church

Ruth Circle: November 11 at 12:30 pm in Room # 9

Trip to Ireland presented by Chris Collins

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: Friday, November 7th – World Community Day

Theme: “Through God Our Hands Can Heal”

Speaker: Dr. Ruth Scott

Time: 9:30 – 1:00 pm

Place: Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 141 Adams St., Rochester, NY 14608

Registration: \$ 3.00 – Brown Bag Lunch, dessert & beverages provided

FALL BAZAAR: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th from 9:00 – 2:00pm— Flyer on Page 4

Come to shop for gifts and enjoy the fellowship and fun at the Fall Bazaar. There are so many unique craft items, Christmas decorations for the house and an assortment of things at Attic Treasures. The costume jewelry table is always a way to find a gift for someone or yourself! And a “Must Stop” is lunch with the famous chicken & biscuits, sloppy Joes, hot dogs & homemade desserts. See you there!

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Christmas Breakfast at 8:00 am in Fellowship Hall with Miriam hosting.

Widows and Widowers Group:

Next meeting:



Sunday, November 16th
@ 2:00pm.
Fellowship Hall

New Grief Forum/Parental Loss

If you or someone you know has lost a parent, a new grief forum is starting in November.

Our first meeting will be Sunday, November 9th at 2:00pm in the Kerrison Room.

Any questions, contact Sally Lepi.



Sunday School Mission Project—

“Stamp Act” for Curriculum

Starting November 1st 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. Even in the age of e-mail, people are still using stamps. Help us by collecting your used envelopes and trimming them so the stamps have at least a 1/3 of paper left around them. If you are not comfortable trimming the stamps, just bring in the used envelopes in and our volunteers will trim them for you.

Thank you in advance for helping us spread the God’s word to others in the world.

Any questions, please contact Jean Lee.



The Worship Committee is looking for people who want to aid their fellow worshipers each Sunday.

The **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 @ 455-5549. At present the months of June & July are open.

We are also looking for a few extra **Communion Stewards**. This is a once a month obligation (and most likely only a few times a year). If interested, contact Mary Vande Logt.



Worship Committee

Greeters for both Worship Services



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. Plus if you would be willing to assist her in setting up the schedule give her a call.

Want to Serve as a Usher

Interested in serving you 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.



**There is a need for ushers to serve at the 11:00 Worship and Praise service. Sign-up is for weekly rotation.*

Nursery Servants are Needed



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.

We are desperate to offer this hospitality and are very short on having 2 adults per worship services.

Please sign up today with Sally Lepi call or email slepi20002000@yahoo.com



STEWARDSHIP



A website for the Institute for Faith, Work & Economics presented the four principles of Biblical Stewardship. The first begins with the principle of ownership, quoting the 24th psalm “The Earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” The section goes on to define stewardship as “the commitment of one’s self and possessions to God’s service, recognizing that we do not have the right of control over our property or ourselves.”

The article goes on to define the “principle of responsibility”, “the principle of accountability”, and finally the “principle of reward”. There were several excellent quotes, Biblical references and conclusions in those sections. In the very near future, we will be developing our own stewardship theme and asking for your commitment for the coming year. Watch for our mailing and respond accordingly on stewardship Sunday around mid-November (to be scheduled yet). Your support over this year has enabled us to stay relatively close to budget, although we’re running behind on our commitment in support of the conference.

Your ongoing support into next year and the future is sincerely appreciated.

Bill Mason

Holiday Shopping Can Help Our Budget

As you shop this Christmas and holiday season, if you shop online, you can help our church as you shop.

UMCmarket.org is a marketplace containing many of your favorite shopping sites. If you register with UMCmarket.org, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to Greece United Methodist Church.

Just log in to UMCmarket.org, and follow the instructions to choose Greece UMC to receive your donations. There is an FAQ tab if you have questions about how it works

Finance Report:

September numbers show we had spent, for the total budget of the year, \$235,277.07 and had \$8,721.46 yet to spend for a total of \$243,998.53. We had usable income of \$238,609.13 which leaves a deficit of \$5,389.40.

Our income continues to come in according to the estimates but cannot keep up with the expense Budget. The Budget gap contributions are helping a lot.

Statements have been issued. Please call me if there are questions.

The Carmines fund raiser is going Ok. We made \$19.25 from the Sunday breakfast and the October 7th dinner. We need more people to participate. This helps with expenses.

We are coming to the time when envelopes for 2015 will be issued. If you do not wish to have them please contact me so arrangements can be made.

God Bless, Bill Brado



Are you a leader or a follower?

Maybe you can be both... You don't have to choose one over the other.

Are you a Follower?

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Are you a LEADER?

Leaders are initiators.

Leaders are willing to step up and take on the task.

Leaders are intuitive, and once they have a general direction for something, don't have to be told what to do every step of the way.

Leaders push for action, and are not content with simply sitting still.

Leaders drive to the finish line.

Leaders don't let fear or a strong sense of anxiety paralyze them. They attack fear. Head on. And are willing to lean heavily into the rough waters and push through.

Leaders are innovators. They try new things. They are willing to fail, but fail trying.

Leaders embrace change. They invite change in their own lives and in the context of their leadership because they know change many times is the way we grow and improve.

Leaders accept responsibility, and are motivated by more things on their plate and under their leadership, vs. less.

It drives leaders crazy to not make progress.

Are you a leader? An initiator?

Perhaps a better question is this...

Are you a Follower and Leader?



Congregational Updates

Passings:



Alfred Brownell—October 1, 2014

Sonia Ingle—October 1, 2014

Ed Start—October 10, 2014

Address Updates:

Heather & Joseph McGrain

Barbara & David Miroff

Bob Rood

Kelice Lewthwaite



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November Birthdays



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November Anniversaries:



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Sunday Volunteers: Thank you to all our Volunteers!

Nursery

11/2: Melissa Dunn/Karen Ingle

11/9: Barb Miroff/Missy Symonds

11/16: Phyl-Ann Helmes/Kali Iachetta

11/23: Janice & Erich Ruppert Jr.

11/30: Sally Lepi/ Kali Iachetta

Ushers

9:00: Eric & Kelly Frank,
Gary & Neva Benson

11:00: Eric Ruppert, Sr. Leader

Liturgists

11/2: No Liturgist

11/9: Linda Hoffman

11/16: Karen Pearson

11/23: Neva Benson

11/30: Tom Klingenberg

Projectionists: -

11/2: Earl Ridley/Jonathan Standhart

11/9: Neva Benson/Sarah Babbage

11/16: Jonathan Standhart/ Earle Ridley

11/23: Ellen White/ Jonathan Standhart

11/30: Earle Ridley/ Sarah Babbage

Alzheimer's and Dementia Seminars

Chris Albee, Executive Director, Atria Senior Living has offered info/support/training to anyone who is dealing with aging issues or parents or people who are wanting to know more about Alzheimer's and Dementia.

**The Seminar Series/Support Group will be on
Monday nights 1st of the month
in Room 9, 6:30-7:30pm**

November 3

Disease/Dementia

December 1

Working As a Team...Including Your Families

November 2014—As of 10/15th

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 All Saints Day |
| 2 Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM Fellowship Hour & Education for all ages 10:00 AM Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM | 3 AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM Alzheimer's & Dementia Series 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop #5 6:30 PM | 4 General Election 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM Carmine's church fundraiser 8:00 AM Staff Mtg 9:30 AM Book Study 10:00 AM Women's AA 10:30 AM Guitar 2:30 PM Weight Watchers 5:30 PM Education Team 7:00 PM Treble Clefs 7:00 PM Praise Band practice 7:00 PM | 5 Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM | 6 Bazaar set-up Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM Pastor Matt's Fall Bible Study 12:00 PM Outreach Committee 12:30 PM Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser 4:00 PM Pastor Matt's Fall Bible Study 7:00 PM | 7 Bazaar set-up AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM | 8 Emmaus Gathering 8:30 AM UWM Fall Bazaar 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM |
| 9 Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM Trustee Committee meeting 10:00 AM Fellowship Hour & Education for all ages 10:00 AM Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM Grief Forum/ Parental Loss 2 PM | 10 AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop #5 6:30 PM Miriam Circle 7:00 PM | 11 Book Study 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM Weight Watchers 5:30 PM SPRC 7:00 PM Treble Clefs 7:00 PM Praise Band practice 7:00 PM | 12 Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Dinner and Devotions 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM | 13 Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM Pastor Matt's Fall Bible Study 12:00 PM Pastor Matt's Fall Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #195 7:00 PM | 14 AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM Youth Overnight Gathering Aldersgate 7PM— Saturday 4PM | 15 Newsletter Deadline Today Youth Overnight Gathering Aldersgate Until 4PM |

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| 16 Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM Fellowship Hour & Education for all ages 10:00 AM Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM Widow/Widower Group 2:00 PM GUMC Hosts District Charge Conferences 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM | 17 AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM Ruby Tuesday Church Fundraiser 4:30 PM to 10:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop #5 6:30 PM | 18 Salem Nutrition Center 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM Weight Watchers 5:30 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Treble Clefs 7:00 PM Praise Band practice 7:00 PM | 19 Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM | 20 Page Turners Book Group 10:00 AM Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM Pastor Matt's Fall Bible Study 12:00 PM Pastor Matt's Fall Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #195 7:00 PM | 21 AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM Conference Youth Gathering 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM | 22 |
| 23 Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM Fellowship Hour & Education for all ages 10:00 AM Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting 6:00 PM | 24 MS Society Support Group 10:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop #5 6:30 PM UWM Executive Meeting 7:00 PM | 25 Staff Mtg 9:30 AM Book Study 10:00 AM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM Weight Watchers 5:30 PM Treble Clefs 7:00 PM Praise Band practice 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting 7:15 PM | 26 AA 12:00 PM | 27 Thanksgiving Day Women's AA 11:00 AM | 28 Thanksgiving weekend AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM Boy Scout Troop #195 lock in 6:00 PM AA 7:30 PM | 29 |
| 30 Undie Sunday Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM Fellowship Hour & Education for all ages 10:00 AM Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM | | | | | | |