



Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.
(1 Peter 4: 8-10)

As we plan the church finances for the coming year, we hear a word that is not used much outside the church: "Stewardship". Stewardship, however, is about more than money, and it is not something we only do during a "campaign." It is a way of life.

The root of the word is "Steward:" one who takes care of things for someone else. (In older English, it was "styward:" the one who kept watch on the pigs.) You have probably been a steward in your life. If you have ever been given Power of Attorney for someone, you are the steward of their legal affairs. If you ever watched your neighbor's house while they were on vacation, and fed their cats, and brought in the mail, then you were that neighbor's steward. If you ever borrowed anything, you were the steward of that thing, responsible to see that it was used correctly, and returned in good condition. Parents often remind their children (though maybe not in these words) that they are stewards of the family's finances ("turn out the lights!"), material goods ("get your feet off the coffee table!"), reputation ("you're not going out looking like that!"), and future ("someday you'll have children of your own, *then* you'll understand!").

When we speak about stewardship in church, we are talking about the fact that we are stewards of a world that belongs to God. Whatever we own according to the laws of our society, ultimately belongs to God, because God has created it. Even the things that we make with our own two hands ultimately come from the raw materials that God has created and placed here for our use. All that we are, all that we have, even the time and space we live in, belongs to God. We are stewards, and therefore accountable to God for how we use and care for what God has entrusted to us. In addition to being accountable, we also ought to be grateful to God, and find ways of expressing our gratitude. (See Deuteronomy 8)

We can do this in many ways, but the organized way of expressing praise, and thanksgiving, and worship, and service to God is through the church. We who are members of the church all made a pledge, when we were confirmed, to be loyal to the church and support it with *our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service*. I believe this makes a good framework for stewardship of the portion of our life that we give back, in gratitude, to God.

Our *prayers* are communicating with God. Through them, we ask God's help, healing, guidance, and correction of the individual, families, and programs that make up our ministry. We pray alone and together.

Our *presence* is the physical act of being there. It strengthens our worship, encourages those around us, strengthens our programs and makes them more effective, increases our ability to reach out, and generally raises the mood of the congregation.

Our *gifts* are money and things that we offer and give to the church, as well as our special talents that we use to strengthen the ministry. Talents may be something for which we have received special training, or they may be God-given, such as artistic talent and creativity.

Our *service* is those things that we can do that are not our specialty, but are useful and helpful. *Service* may be assisting someone who has particular *gifts* in a certain area of ministry. It may also be doing something that almost any-one can do, but somebody needs to do it.



When we hear the word "stewardship" around the church, let's not just run for the checkbook (or hide it!). Stewardship is what we do with all that God has given us. Church stewardship is about giving of ourselves in many different ways to the praise and glory of God, and to the service of God and God's people. What can you do? What will you do?

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, call Betty LaMonica. Arrangements are \$25.*



Anniversary Ministry: *Please contact me of your special day at dham1@rochester.rr.com
Thank you, Dick Hamblin*

Birthday Ministry: *We would love to recognize your special day. Please e-mail the office to let us know if your birthday is not on our calendar.
greeceumc@frontiernet.net*



Deadline for all newsletter articles is the 15th of each month by 12:00pm. *Please e-mail to Deb Babbage at dbabbage@rochester.rr.com. Thank you.*



Widows and Widowers Group:

Sunday, November 15th at 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall.



**Salem Nutritional Center
Tuesday, November 17th
9:00am—2:00pm
Please join us for a morning of serving.**

Donations Needed:

40 cans of Tuna

5 Pies

Empty Coffee Cans

5 Jars of Mayo

Plastic Shopping Bags

**Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 24th
@ 7:15pm Room 9**



Message from Outreach:

Undie Sunday : Sunday, November 29th

Please bring in new packaged children's underwear to give to our local schools for children in need.



Thoughts From Deacon Dee, As fall is upon us, we know what is coming. At this time of year the harvest and bounty are/have been brought in from the field before the freeze hits.

If we were to go to a Jewish synagogue this month, we would see in the gathering space a Succoth with gourds and branches upon it to remember the period of their history wandering. We will have one in Jim King Commons beginning November 1 until thanksgiving baskets are prepared on November 22.

A reminder about what a "Succoth" is. Succoth or Sukkot literally means "Booths." The Jews were in the Desert of Sinai and lived in booths for forty years. As they wandered, Moses, their leader, being faithful to following God, lived with people in portable Sanctuaries or temporary shelters. Sukkot also reminds us of the Old Testament Exile and the pains of life but remaining faithful. We are reminded to celebrate what we have and give back to God. Today, we celebrate Sukkot to remind us of being faithful and giving back to God.

The Sukkot is great fun for the children. Building the Sukkot each year satisfies the childhood fantasy of building a fort, and dwelling in the Sukkot satisfies a child's desire to camp out in the backyard. The commandment to "dwell" in a Sukkot can be fulfilled by simply eating all of one's meals there. The fall is a time to celebrate "the festival of rejoicing." When Israel was not exiled, the early fall was a time of joy for it was the end of the planting season. The summer crops grown are harvested and processed in late summer and Sukkot, a fall holiday, has a place in the end of the main harvesting period.

We celebrate our Jewish roots and @GUMC like to remember with the Sukkot to remember the bounty given to us to help others. The children and youth create it and make designs and hang various ornaments and fruits in it on November 1.

We are asked to bring in canned goods for the Thanksgiving food baskets and for the Greece Food Shelf. We can create from our gifts of groceries. Bring canned goods in before or on Sunday, November 22 to the altar. Or bring any time and leave them in the Sukkot to be taken to the Altar on Sunday the 22st.

We are living in times when so many around us are hungry and struggling, but there is found a great joy to know we have reached out in love to people with food. This is an opportunity to give back and share as we reach out to others with the Good News of Jesus and the Love of God.



Blessings to you! Deacon Dee

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

Important Town Hall Presentations

2016 Church Budget Presentation:

Sunday, November 8—10:00-11:00am

Members of the Finance committee will be presenting the 2016 budget. This is an excellent opportunity to hear the budget proposal. Committee members will answer your questions.

2016 Stewardship Campaign:

Sunday, November 15—10:00—11:00am

You've heard the budget and goals for 2016, now is your opportunity to find out how you can be a part of making our dreams a reality.

All of the congregation is invited to both these informative meetings.

Worship Schedule for November:

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.



11/1:	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalms 24
	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
11/8:	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	Psalms 127
	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
11/15:	1 Samuel 1:4-20	1 Samuel 2:1-10
	Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
11/22:	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Revelation 1:4b-8
	Psalms 132:1-12	John 18:33-37
11/29:	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalms 25:1-10
	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

National Bible Week - Nov. 22-29

Join us in *Fellowship Hall, 10:00-11:00am*, as we have activities and devotions to kick-off this special week. Bibles will be given to those who do not have a Bible. What a wonderful way to dive deep into the Word.

Sunday Morning Advent Series:

**The Journey—Walking the Road to Bethlehem
Sundays, November 29th—December 20th
10:00-11:00am**

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

Discipleship Hour : 10:00—11:00am

Fellowship Hall:

11/1: No Class

11/8: Town Hall Presentation: 2016 Church Budget

11/15: Town Hall Presentation: Stewardship

11/22: National Bible Week Kickoff Forum

11/29: Advent Study: The Journey—Walking the Road to Bethlehem by Adam Hamilton

Classrooms:

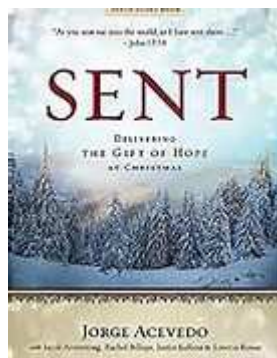
Children's Class: (Meet in Rm 9) Five Practices for Children

Youth Class: (Meet in Rm 10) Five Practices for Youth

Adult Class: (Meet in Kerrison Rm.) The Call by Adam Hamilton



Advent Small Group Studies:



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

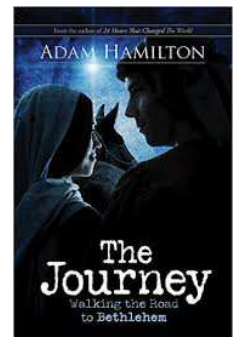
As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them . . . —John 17:18

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

Small Groups will meet in individual's homes. Dates, addresses, and times TBA

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Wednesday, November 25th—December 23rd 9:30-11:00am at Soho's Bagel Café
Sundays, November 29th—December 20th 10:00-11:00am in Fellowship Hall

Save The Date:



Saturday, December 5th

4:00pm: Decorating

5:30pm: Service

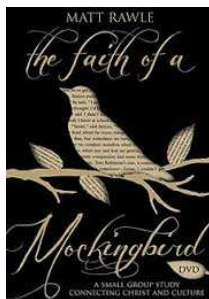
6:00pm: Pot Luck



Small Group Study:

Faith of a Mockingbird

In *The Faith of a Mockingbird*, based on Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, pastor and author Matt Rawle uses Lee's beloved characters to explore Christian faith, theology, and ethics. Join Scout, Atticus Finch, Boo Radley, and Tom Robinson in this four-week study considering God's world and what it all means.



Sessions are on Mondays, thru Nov. 16th at 6:30-7:30p.m.
See Debbie Babbage for books.



Dinner and Devotion

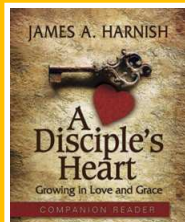
with Dee and Deb

Let's come together to break bread and reflect on God's presence in our lives. Dee and Deb will provide a soup and salad dinner, along with some treats.



Our next Wednesday, 5:30-6:30pm, meeting is:

Nov. 11th (No meeting Nov. 25th due to Thanksgiving)



Bagel and Book Study:

A Disciple's Heart: Growing in Loving and Grace

By James A. Harnish

We hear a lot about "spiritual journey" these days. But it's more than just trendy wording. Although he didn't use the phrase, that's what John Wesley was really all about—taking steps and continually walking a path that transforms the heart and helps us grow into the likeness of Christ. This study attempts to reclaim and, in a sense, reinterpret Wesley's idea of "Christian perfection."

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

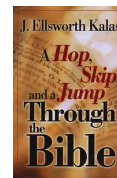
Soho's Bagel Café, Stone Ridge Plaza
Contact Deacon Dee for books.



Tuesday Book Group:

A Hop, Skip, and a Jump Through the Bible

by J. Ellsworth Kalas



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

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

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

Page Turners Monthly Book Club:

The Wonder Garden

By Lauren Acampora



Like Edith Wharton, Acampora seems to understand fiction as a kind of elegant design. As characters reappear in one story after another, Acampora reveals herself as a careful architect... lovely prose... often a single sentence twists sinuously, charged with positive and negative electricity."—*New York Times Book Review*

Rochester's Writers & Books Debut Novelist Selection. The author, Lauren Acampora, will be in Rochester November 20th at 7:30 at Writers & Books. Tickets are \$10 for general public.

**Everyone is welcomed to join us Thursday,
November 19th at 10:00am in the Kerrison Rm.
discussion. (Note the date is a week earlier due
to Thanksgiving.)**

December: We will be off for the holiday.

Grand Sweep Bible Study

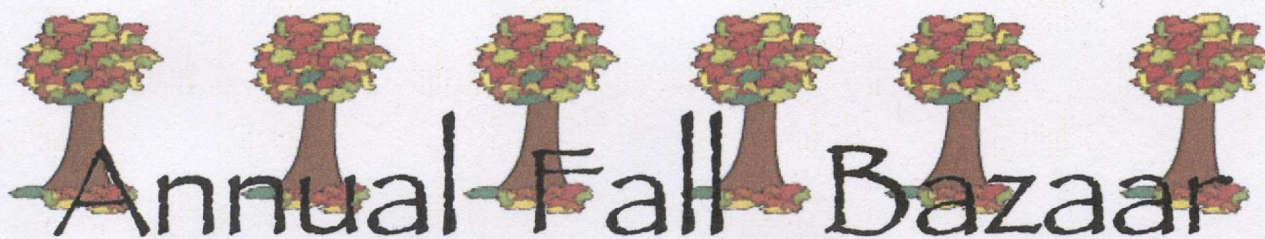
Ever want to read the Bible cover to cover and could not do it? 360 days in the Bible with a source written to guide you along and a monthly discussion group to make sense of it all.

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,
November 2nd, 7-9pm**





Annual Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 7, 2015

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

1924 Maiden Lane, Greece NY

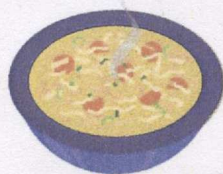
Fellowship Hall

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!



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STEWARDSHIP



2015 – A year of challenges, actions and progress. We are on track to meet our goal of paying 75% of our UM Shared Ministries and also meeting our adjusted budget goals. To accomplish this we had to make some sacrifices including replacing our Secretary with volunteer help and reducing the Deacon's job to half time. We also took on regularly scheduled fundraisers, asked for and received time and talent efforts from our congregation. Through all this, we have continued a high level of ministry programs and services. Our facilities have been kept up thanks to the efforts of our trustees and some scout programs, along with volunteer help.

2016 – Another year of challenges, actions and progress. Our Finance Committee is working on developing a budget that will continue to support our staff, programs, facility maintenance and a plan to reach 100% of our UM Shared Ministries. To accomplish this, we'll once again need your help through time, talent and giving. . A theme for this campaign is "*Extravagant Giving – Responding to God's Generosity*". This follows the recent theme of Sunday services focusing on "*Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*", a study by the Rev. Robert Schnase. You'll hear more about that during our stewardship campaign.

Throughout November, you'll receive letters, hear or experience presentations, and will receive a commitment card for 2016. November 22nd has been targeted for Commitment Sunday. Please plan on returning your commitment card that Sunday

Bill Mason

Finance Monthly Report:

Through week 41 of this year, pledged giving is at 107%, which means people are paying ahead. We show a plus \$4,000.00 between pledged and Non Pledged income.

Miscellaneous fund raisers is \$6,018.00 ahead of the estimate and we have another fund raiser to go along with Carmines, Ambit which is UMC Market.

You can get information from the office on this one. We received \$51.39 from this fundraiser last month. We are entering our Pledge drive part of the year. Its time to seriously consider what you want to do for 2016.

Our September numbers show a \$2,000 drop from August. We are now ahead by \$7,454.72.

Hope everyone has a great Fall season. Enjoy the colors.

Bill



GREECE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, Nov. 30th, at 6:30 p.m., Room 9.
Linda Hoffman, President.

Circle Meetings: **Miriam:** Monday, Nov. 9th, at 6:30 p.m., Room 9.
Reading Program presentation by Phyllis Miller.

Ruth: Tuesday, Nov. 10th, 12:30 p.m., Room 9.
Contact Shirley Hardy for details.

Fall Bazaar: Saturday, November 7th.
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The Bazaar is our main fundraising event of the year. Please donate some items to our Attic Treasures Booth, make some hand-crafted items for our Variety Booth, make some baked goods and/or volunteer to help. Contact Chairman Sharon Neary if you would like to help.

Christmas Breakfast: Sunday, December 6th.
8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.
Circle chairmen will have details soon and info will be in the newsletter next month.

Church Women United: World Community Day
Friday, November 6th, 2015.
Theme: "Our Journey Together". Guest speaker: Audrey Davidson
Location: East Penfield Baptist Church, 2635 Penfield Rd., Fairport, NY 14450
Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Attendees are invited to bring non-perishable food items for The Community Food Cupboard of Rochester.

Did You Know: that our unit is one of six units who received the District Five Star Award for 2014?
The certificate is posted on the bulletin board between Pastor Matt's and Deacon Dee's offices. The award is given to the units who have given to all five channels of Mission Giving.
The channels are: Pledge To Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift To Mission, Gift In Memory and World Thank Offering.

Fall Conference Youth Gathering

Aldergates UMC

November 20-21



Fall Youth Gathering event provides spiritual growth and encouragement for the youth and youth advisors who attend. During these two fantastic days, youth participate in workshops, worships live bands, praise our risen Lord Jesus Christ! More details to come!

Youth need to see Dee if interested in registering.



HOLIDAY PIES HABITAT HOUSES



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 near completion). You can help by ordering a pie or pies for that special day. There will be someone manning a table in the King Commons Area to take your orders on three Sundays preceding Thanksgiving (1st, 8th, & 15th). 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. Payment with your order is helpful; make checks payable to Greece UMC and note Habitat Pies in the appropriate area on your check. If you're interested in helping receive and distribute the pies on the 23rd, please call me.

Thanks for your support! Bill Mason



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. 20th , pick up on Tuesday, Nov 23rd.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

PIE VARIETY	QTY	PRICE EA.	TOTAL PAID
Apple Crumb		\$16	
Apple Raspberry		\$16	
Christmas Crumb (Apple, Cranberry, Raspberry)		\$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			

Message from Outreach:



Thanks to everyone for the wealth of school supplies, filling our two big boxes to the brim! Over 500 items were divided and delivered to the Villa of Hope (check their Facebook page for pictures!), and six elementary schools: West Ridge, Holmes Road, Autumn Lane, Longridge, English Village, and Brookside. In addition to verbal thanks and hugs, we also received thank you notes from West Ridge, Autumn Lane, and the Villa.



Here's the scoop:



. . . 56 spiral notebooks . . . 30 boxes of crayons . . . 28 boxes of pencils (+ Ziplock bag full) . . . 24 glue sticks . . . 24 composition books . . . 22 two-pocket folders . . . 20 dry erase markers . . . 19 plain folders . . . 17 backpacks . . . 14 plastic folders with pockets & brads . . . 11 packages of Post-it notes . . . 10 packages of pens . . . 8 scissors . . . 8 rulers . . . 7 three-brad folders . . . 5 packages loose leaf paper . . . 4 small pencil sharpeners . . . 4 packages colored pencils . . . 3 packages Pink Pearl erasers . . . 3 packages pencil-top erasers . . . 3 bottles Elmer's Glue . . . 3 packages colored markers . . . 1 package tab dividers . . . 1 package construction paper . . . 1 compass . . . 1 calculator . . . 1 protractor . . . 1 package brushes . . . 7 boxes Zip-lock bags . . . 4 rolls paper towels . . . 4 packages wipes . . . 3 boxes tissues . . . 1 bottle hand sanitizer.

W O W !!!

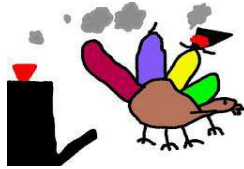
In addition to thanks from the schools, we've received thank you expressions from several of our Missions Pledges. From the director of Development at the Open Door Mission: "Thank you for sharing your heart through your generous donation. . . . May God continue to bless you." From Don, Outreach Director at Saving Grace Ministries: "We are honored to accept your gift . . . and grateful for your dedication." From Jaime, President & CEO of Willow Center (victims of domestic violence): "Your gift saves lives!" From Gerianne, Vice President of Development at the Villa: "Thank you for your gift of \$250 and for showing kids like Fawziyya that you want to make a difference." And, finally, from Pierre, President & CEO of the Heifer Project: "Families in rural villages like Peru, India, and Ghana have more secure futures to look forward to . . . because of your generosity."

And speaking of generosity, it's almost time for our annual Thanksgiving basket project. On Sunday, November 22, the traditional Bucket Brigade will take over the altar area with offerings of tasty comestibles as well as load up the "turkey boxes" stationed in the commons area. In addition to the eight boxes pledged to the Food Shelf, we will collect, sort, and pack food for requests called in to the church office. Following each service, we would appreciate help lugging the food-filled bags to the Fellowship Hall for sorting.

We are also looking for volunteers willing to help deliver boxes to families unable to pick them up at church. If you can help, please contact Karen Pearson at kgp@rochester.rr.com).



Thinking ahead to December, we hope to provide assistance to families in need by filling "Christmas Bags" (shopping with a specific food list) and collecting mittens, scarves, and hats for the Mitten Tree.



Just for fun . . . a poem by Jack Prelutsky

The turkey shot out of the oven
and rocketed into the air,
it knocked every plate off the table
and partly demolished a chair.
It ricocheted into a corner
and burst with a deafening boom,
then splattered all over the kitchen,
completely obscuring the room.
It stuck to the walls and the windows,
it totally coated the floor,
there was turkey attached to the ceiling,
where there'd never been turkey before.
It blanketed every appliance,
it smeared every saucer and bowl,
there wasn't a way I could stop it,
that turkey was out of control.
I scraped and I scrubbed with displeasure,
and thought with chagrin as I mopped,
that I'd never again stuff a turkey
with popcorn that hadn't been popped.



Thoughts from Lay Leader Lisa Kostyshak

In all things, be thankful.

Be Thankful for your messy house.
It means you have a place to live.

Be Thankful for your arguments with your relatives and friends. It means you're not alone.

Be Thankful for your dirty laundry. It means you have clothes to wear.

Be Thankful for your ability to listen to complainers. That means your ears allow you to hear.

Be Thankful for the parking spot the farthest away. It means you are capable of walking.

Be Thankful for the snug clothes. It means you have more than enough to eat.

No matter how hard life can get, go to bed grateful that you still have a bed.

No matter how bad you have it, wake up each day thankful for your life. Someone somewhere else is desperately fighting for theirs.

Some people grumble because roses have thorns. I am thankful that thorns have roses.

Sometimes I feel bad about myself because I don't like some of my features. Then, I realize some people don't even have features. Be thankful.

Be thankful for the bad things in life. They open your eyes to see the good things you weren't paying attention to before.

Be thankful for the pain of your mistakes. You are alive, you are human, you are not perfect, and you are learning.

Be thankful when you are filling the gas tank in the cold and windy snow. It means you have a car, and the money to fill the tank to get you where you need to go.

Be thankful for what you have. You could have more, but you could also have less.

Be thankful for all the struggles you go through. They make you stronger, wiser, and humble. Don't let them break you, let them make you.

1 Chronicles 16:34 (Common English Bible)
***Give thanks to the LORD because he is good,
because his faithful love endures forever.***



***Instead of focusing on all the bad, be thankful for all the good.
Each day is a blessing from God.***

Congregation Updates

Passings:



Ron Call 10/7/15
Jessie Scott 10/9/15

Address Updates:



*Not available for web edition.
Please call church office for details.*

November Birthdays

*Not available for web edition.
Please call church office for details.*



November Anniversaries

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What are YOU Thankful For?



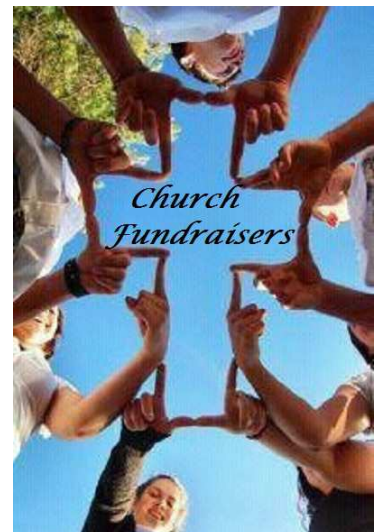
Fundraiser Updates

Thank you to all who have helped in some way to make our fundraising successful. These fundraisers help support our church and the many ministries we have to offer our community.

April 19:	Chicken BBQ	Profit: \$793.86
May 17:	Evening of Enchantment	Profit: \$668.56
May 31:	Chicken BBQ	Profit: \$841.90
June 20:	Summerfest	Profit: \$2,114.52
July 16:	Chicken BBQ	Profit: \$1,044.51
Aug 13:	Chicken BBQ	Profit: \$761.00
Sept 17:	Chicken BBQ	Profit: \$1,043.00
Oct 15:	Pig Roast BBQ	Profit: Over \$900

SAVE THE DATES:

Sat, Nov 7	UMW Fall Bazaar	9:00-2:00pm
Sat, Jan 23	Pasta Dinner Buffet	4:30—sellout
Sat, Feb 27	Chicken & Biscuits	4:30-sellout
Wed, March 17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner	4:30-6:30pm
Sun, March 27	Pancake Breakfast	10:00-11:00am





Sunday Morning Servants

Nursery:

11/1: Kim Whittemore & Cindy Lane
11/8: Barb Miroff & Missy Symonds
11/15: Debbie Symonds & Melissa Dunn
11/22: Karen Ingle & Phyl-Ann Helmes
11/29: Sally Lepi & Kali Iachetta

Projectionists:

	<u>9:00am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
11/1:	Norma Rapini	Earle Ridley
11/8:	Kara Downs	Jonathan Standhart
11/15:	Neva Benson	Earle Ridley
11/22:	Earle Ridley	Sarah Babbage
11/29:	Ellen White	Earle Ridley

Ushers:

October

<u>9:00am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Eric & Kelly Frank	Erich Ruppert Sr.
Gary & Neva Benson	

Liturgists: 9:00 service

11/1: Liturgist
11/8: Holly King
11/15: Dennis Wake
11/22: Neva Benson
11/29: Sue Sepkowski

Greeters:

9:00 11:00

Not available at the newsletter deadline.

Counters:

11/1: Cindy Lane, Keineth Stone, Sally Lepi
11/8: Mary Vandelugt, Sally Lepi, Chelsea Whittemore
11/15: Mary Vandelugt, Kim Whittemore, Chelsea Whittemore
11/22: Bill Brado, Barbara Brado, Dick Hamblin
11/29: Bill Brado, Barbara Brado, Dick Hamblin



Worship Committee

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

Altar Guild: Members serve for a month to care for the chancel; filling the candles, hanging the paraments as required, and preparing for baptisms. This work can be done any time during the week, with the candles being checked between services. If you are interested, contact Phyl Ann Helmes.

Communion Stewards: This is a once a month obligation (and most likely only a few times a year). If interested, contact Mary VandeLogt.

Greeters: We are looking for people who would like to greet people 15 minutes before 9:00 and 11:00 Worship. Anyone can be a greeter, individuals, family groups, youth. If interested, contact Deacon Dee.

Ushers: Interested in serving your congregation in a small but significant way? Why not become part of one of the ushering teams? Groups of four members serve for a month once or twice during the year. Contact Tom Hinterman in person, or Hinterman.Tom7@Gmail.com

Nursery: Sally Lepi, Nursery Coordinator is looking for people to help serve a week in the nursery during worship. Could you sign up? We need to be able to give people with young children the option during both 9 and 11am for childcare.

Projectionists: Lisa Kostyshak, coordinator, is looking for projectionists for both the 9 and 11 am services. Please contact her if interested.



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Please see Website for updates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints' Day Daylight Saving Time Ends Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM Discipleship Hour & Education 10:00 AM Praise & Worship Service 11 AM Confirmation Class 12 PM	2 AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM The Faith of a Mockingbird 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM The Grand Sweep Bible Study 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	3 Carmine's Fundraiser Voting Day 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM Tuesday Book Study 10AM Education Team 7:00 PM Treble Clefs 7:00 PM Praise Band practice 7 PM	4 Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Choir 7:00 PM	5 Atria Sr Bible Study 10:45 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM Boy Scout Troop #195 7:00 PM	6 AA 12:00 PM UMW Craft Fair Set Up 1:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM	7 UMW Craft Fair 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
8 Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM Trustee Committee meeting 10:00 AM Discipleship Hour & Education 10:00 AM Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM	9 AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM The Faith of a Mockingbird 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Miriam Circle 7:00 PM	10 Tuesday Book Study 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:30 PM SPRC 7:00 PM Treble Clefs 7:00 PM Praise Band practice 7:00 PM	11 Veteran's Day Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Dinner and Devotions 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Choir 7:00 PM	12 Atria Sr Bible Study 10:45 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM Boy Scout Troop #195 7:00 PM	13 AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM Cub Scouts #173 6:00 PM AA 7:30 PM	14 Emmaus Gathering 8:30 AM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 Newsletter Deadline Traditional Worship 9 AM Discipleship Hour & Education 10 AM Praise & Worship Service 11 AM Confirmation 12 PM Widow/Widower 2 PM Ann. Church Conf 4 PM to 6 PM	16 AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM The Faith of a Mockingbird 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	17 Salem Nutrition Center 9 AM Tuesday Book Study 10 AM Finance 7PM Treble Clefs 7:00 PM Praise Band practice 7PM	18 Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Newsletter Crew 12:30 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Choir 7:00 PM	19 Page Turners 10:00 AM Atria Sr Bible Study 10:45 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM Boy Scout Troop #195 7:00 PM	20 AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM Conference Youth Gathering 7:00 PM to 12:00 PM AA 7:30 PM	21 Conference Youth Gathering 7:00 PM to 12:00 PM
22 Traditional Worship 9 AM Discipleship Hour & Education 10 AM Praise & Worship Service 11 AM Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting 6:00 PM	23 MS Society Support Group 10:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM	24 Tuesday Book Study 10AM Treble Clefs 7:00 PM Praise Band practice 7:00 PM Church Council 7:15 PM	25 Bagels and Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Choir 7 PM	26 Thanksgiving Women's AA 11:00 AM	27 AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM AA 7:30 PM	28
29 Undie Sunday Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM Discipleship Hour & Education 10 AM Praise & Worship Service 11 AM Confirmation 12 PM	30 AA 12:00 PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30 PM UMW Executive Committee 7:00 PM					