



*In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

– C.G. Rossetti, 1872

Many of you will recognize these words from the Christmas carol, *In the Bleak Midwinter*. Others will recognize the scene from day-to-day life of the middle of winter in western New York. Though the winter things are cold and gray, the trees are bare. Things appear to be dead. Snow has fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow. By February, the weather gets to be extreme and burdensome. Some of us have had the cold soak into us all the way in to our souls, so that our spirits are as frosty as our fingers and toes.

The scene set in the Christmas carol is the world into which Christ came that night in a stable long ago. It speaks of the winter weather, but it also speaks of the state of the world and the hearts of individuals as well. Jesus came into a world that had become hard and cold (*sound familiar?*).

The relevance of this verse is not limited to Christmas time; nor is it limited to the time of Caesar Augustus, or to 1872. Jesus continues to enter human hearts to this day. Just as the cold of winter did not deter his physical birth, the coldness of the world and of human hearts does not deter his coming to help thaw them out. And even today, even if our hearts are cold as stone, hard as iron, Jesus Christ is not deterred from entering.

Perhaps the events of your life – sadness, illness, death, frustration, loss – have caused you to close up, to stop feeling because it is too painful. Maybe you have not turned to the Lord in so long that you figure that your soul is too cold for Jesus to come in, even for a visit. Maybe you feel not only that your situation is beyond hope, but that **you** are beyond hope.

But Jesus still can and will enter your life and your heart. No heart is so cold, no human life so inhospitable that the love of God, and the forgiving and saving grace of Jesus Christ cannot live there.

You believe in the promise of Spring – you know the snow will melt, eventually. Believe also in the promise of God in Jesus Christ. Believe that Jesus came that **you** may have life and have it more abundantly, more joyfully, more hopefully. A cold heart, even a frozen spirit can be thawed out by the warmth of God's love. Let Christ be born, even in the bleak midwinter of Greater Rochester, even in the bleak midwinter of our lives.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Matt



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Weight Watchers Open House

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6:00-6:30pm

**Come and join others who wish
to lose weight.**



**Chocolate treats/
recipes will be shared.**

Worship Schedule for February:

Worship Service - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.



What follows are the Lectionary Readings for each Sunday. Each week, the theme of the service 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.

2/2:	Micah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Psalms 15 Matthew 5:1-12
2/9:	Isaiah 58:1-9a 1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Psalms 112:1-10 Matthew 5:13-20
2/16:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Psalms 119:1-8 Matthew 5:21-37
2/23:	Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23	Psalms 119:33-40 Matthew 5:38-48

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:

The New Year is here! It's time to regroup and weed out stuff.

What if we walked through our building like it was the first time? Would we ask why is that there? Why did they make the coat closet so big? Why don't people use the front doors? Why is the sanctuary still look like the 1960s model of church? Why don't we use a whole wing of classrooms? What if...???

As we continue to be on this journey Nurture Ministry continues to evolve as our needs change and aware we need to reach out of our doors to the community sharing our love in action. Today, I ponder questions. Many of you have been active for years here and others are walking in our doors joining us now. I ponder how we need to restructure Nurture Ministries so more people can be in ministry together. There are so many ways to share our gifts and graces within the Body of Christ here at GUMC and out in the community in the name of Jesus and GUMC.

In past years, Christian Education Team has offered much of the program and activity around here. At this moment, we are working on dividing up the activities in the Nurture Ministries category. I am looking for people to step forth boldly who would like to help make a difference.

Please look at the list and let me know if you are interested in a ministry opportunity:

Education - Sunday morning/small groups of various topics/short term opportunities to grow spiritually and personally. Groups/Retreats/Seminars in a variety of settings are happening. We are planning a 4 day trip to Washington DC to study a social concerns topic in the fall. Women's retreats and Aging and Parenting Seminars are coming.

Heart to Heart Ministry - info found on a page in this newsletter.

Youth - our youth need people who relate to them. We need a team of adults who will play and retreat with them.

Fellowship - monthly events are being planned. Want to help with a Square Dance? Progressive Dinner? Game Night?

Hospitality - We need to be welcoming as people come here. Want to help?

Drama Team - On a regular basis we will have messages to share thru drama.

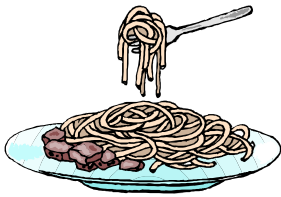
St Joseph's Villa of Hope - looking for support with art projects with kids.

Atria Bible Study with Senior Residents - come join in fellowship with Seniors who want to learn more about the scriptures for Sunday Worship.

Please know that my dream is we have a team for the list above. Interested?

Let's just do it! Share the love and joy of Christ to others,

Dee



Pasta Dinner, January 25th

4:30 - 6:30pm

Donation Appreciated

Served Buffet style -Spaghetti, Angel Pasta and Penne

Salad Bar/Dessert Bar

Bread/Beverages

Proceeds benefit Youth Ministry Spring Event—April 4th—5th



All Church Read Selection for 2014—The Sunset Limited

This year we have selected a play for our All Church Read: **The Sunset Limited** by Cormac McCarthy

A startling encounter on a New York subway platform leads two strangers to a run-down tenement where a life or death decision must be made. In that small apartment, “Black” and “White,” as the two men are known, begin a conversation that leads each back through his own history, mining the origins of two fundamentally opposing world views. White is a professor whose seemingly enviable existence of relative ease has left him nonetheless in despair. Black, an ex-con and ex-addict, is the more hopeful of the men—though he is just as desperate to convince White of the power of faith as White is desperate to deny it. Their aim is no less than this: to discover the meaning of life.

Deft, spare, and full of artful tension, *The Sunset Limited* is a beautifully crafted, consistently thought-provoking, and deceptively intimate work by one of the most insightful writers of our time.

Limited number of books will be available for purchase in February. Also, you can find it at Barnes and Noble and our public library.

Please join us, Sunday, March 2nd from 12:15—2:30, for a pot luck lunch. During our lunch, we will have an opportunity see a video of a stellar performance of this play by actors Samuel L Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones. After, we will have an opportunity for discussion.

Sunday Morning (9:30AM) Gatherings

Children's Sunday School Class: TBA

Youth Sunday Gathering: Exploring Christian denominations and world religions

Adult Forum Class: Christianity's Family Tree by Adam Hamilton



Church Event!! Game Night!!



**Saturday,
February 15th
Fellowship Hall
Beginning 6:00pm.
Join us when you can.**

**Bring a dessert to share.
Pizza & Drinks will be provided.
Bring a Friend!!**



Sub Sale



ORDER YOUR SUBS FOR THE SUPER BOWL

Pick up on Sunday, February 2

9:30 AM / 10:30 AM / 12:00PM

ORDER YOURS TODAY - - - DROP OFF ORDER IN COMMONS - -

Sponsored by the GUMC Youth -\$\$ to help fund their Spring Youth Gathering in Syracuse, NY, April 4-5

____ 1/2 Sub (\$6)

____ White Bread

Pick Up Time:

____ Whole Sub (\$8)

____ Wheat Bread

____ 9:30

Meat:

Cheese:

____ 10:30

____ Ham

____ American Cheese

____ noon

____ Salami

____ Cheddar Cheese

____ Turkey

____ Provolone Cheese

____ Assorted (Ham, Turkey, Salami)

Toppings:

Condiments:

____ Lettuce

____ Mayo

____ Tomato

____ Italian Dressing

____ Onion

____ Mustard

Orders/Payment needed by 1/30

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

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.

Next Meetings:

**February 12th & 26th,
5:30—6:30pm Fellowship Hall**



Page Turners Monthly Book Club:

February Selection:

2014 If All of Rochester Read Selection



The Snow Child

by Eowyn Ivey

Alaska, 1920: a brutal place to homestead, and especially tough for recent arrivals Jack and Mabel. Childless, they are drifting apart—he breaking under the weight of the work of the farm; she crumbling from loneliness and despair. In a moment of levity during the season's first snowfall, they build a child out of snow. The next morning the snow child is gone—but they glimpse a young, blonde-haired girl running through the trees.

This little girl, who calls herself Faina, seems to be a child of the woods. She hunts with a red fox at her side, skims lightly across the snow, and somehow survives alone in the Alaskan wilderness. As Jack and Mabel struggle to understand this child who could have stepped from the pages of a fairy tale, they come to love her as their own daughter. But in this beautiful, violent place things are rarely as they appear, and what they eventually learn about Faina will transform all of them.

**Finalist for the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.
Author will be in Rochester March 19th—21st.**

***Everyone is invited to discuss this novel on
Thursday, February 27th at 10:00am in
the Kerrison Room.***

March's selection: To Be Announced

Tuesday Book Group:

New Book—Starting 2/4

Just Like Jesus: Learning To Have a Heart Like His

By Max Lucado

God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you there. He wants you to be just like Jesus. Can you think of a better offer?

**All are welcome to this group which meets
on Tuesday mornings at**

10:00am in Room 9.

**Books now available at Barnes & Noble,
parking lot entrance**

Questions, contact:

Linda Hoffman, facilitator

lmhoffman@rochester.rr.com

Bagel and Book Study:



What We Talk About When We Talk About God

By Rob Bell

Pastor Rob Bell explains why both culture and the church resist talking about God, and shows how we can reconnect with the God who is pulling us forward into a better future. Bell uses his characteristic evocative storytelling to challenge everything you think you know about God. *What We Talk About When We Talk About God* tackles the misconceptions about God and reveals how God is with us, for us, ahead of us, and how understanding this could change the entire course of our lives

Group meets

Wednesday

@ 9:30-11:30am

Soho's Bagel Café,

Stone Ridge Plaza

Come Join Us! Friends Welcomed!



STEWARDSHIP



Have you submitted your financial commitment for 2014? To date, we've received 96 responses with another 12 still outstanding as of this writing, based on prior year commitments. If you haven't yet responded, please do so as soon as possible. Entering 2014, we need to support a budget that shows a deficit of \$30,000, based on estimated financial commitments and other income (i.e., Storybook Nursery). The commitments received total \$185,395; if the outstanding commitments are received, it would raise the possible total to approx. \$205,000.

Our committees have taken on the task of finding ways to raise income through fundraisers. Over the last couple of years, we have asked you to consider giving an additional \$10 (or whatever you can afford) on the first Sunday of each month, an effort which has been reasonably supported. We are asking you to recommit yourself to that extra level of giving for 2014; we hope we can count on your support.

Bill Mason, Chairperson

An Invitation to Tithing from the Pastor

I want to add to Bill Mason's message on Stewardship, and issue an invitation that can be viewed as a challenge.

The Hebrew scriptures of the Bible, also known as the Old Testament, especially in the books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy, records the Law of the Tithe (e.g. Deuteronomy 14: 22). "Tithe" is an old word in English that means "one-tenth." The Law of the Tithe stated that (assuming an agricultural society) one tenth of the harvest of any given year belonged to the Lord, and was given to God through the Temple ("tithing"). The same scriptures also commanded that a portion of the crop, a fringe around any given field, should be left for the poor to harvest for themselves, along with any "gleanings," or grain that had fallen on the ground (Leviticus 19:9). In our modern society, we think of tithing in terms of money instead of crops. Under Hebrew law, one-tenth, or a tithe of our income would be given to God through the church.

But, as Paul the Apostle says in the Letter to the Romans (6:14): We are no longer under law, but under grace. Therefore, we are no longer bound by the Law of the Tithe. Yet we are still called as Christians to give. What is our guide for giving? Jesus did not give specific instructions, but told his disciples to give sacrificially, and beyond what is required or expected. He, himself, gave himself completely on our behalf. In Jesus' time, tithing was what was expected. For Jesus' followers, tithing is a baseline from which to reach higher. But tithing can be a big sacrifice and a huge commitment.

You may be skeptical about whether it is even possible for you to tithe. The people that I know who tell me that they tithe, tell me that it is a great blessing to them rather than a burden. I want to invite you to try tithing on a short-term basis. The period of Lent, from Ash Wednesday on March 5 to Easter on April 20, is traditionally a time of sacrifice, and taking on of personal challenges. For the period of Lent, I invite you to try tithing, and see whether you are blessed by the endeavor. *[One of the few places where God invites the people to test him is the test of whether tithing will bring a blessing (Malachi 3:10).]* If you want to continue the experience, it may well become a life-style for you. If you find you cannot continue, you may find that you can give more than you expected. I would love to hear about your experiences with this. I trust God will bless the effort.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen
(Ephesians 3:20)

Pastor Matt Stengel



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The Pie Sale was a success as the Coalition sold 548 pies, raising a net of \$3,506; GUMC sold 35 pies, raising \$186 plus an additional \$155 in donations, totaling \$341. We now have raised a total of \$23,448 towards the \$65,000 needed to sponsor a home. We'll be working with FCHH to decide on a time to commit to sponsoring our next home (the sixth in the City of Rochester). Watch for our next fundraiser – working a Wednesday night dinner at Hope Lutheran, part of their program of Wednesday night dinners during Lent, with the working group keeping any proceeds for their mission work. Also on the agenda for next Spring is a 5k run(walk) somewhere in the Fetzner Rd. area once we work out all the details as well as our annual Sticky Lips BBQ sale. Your support of our fundraisers is deeply appreciated. Once we commit to the next house, consider volunteering to work on the house; you'll find it a rewarding experience.

Watch for the following: **Wed. March 5th** – Spaghetti Dinner at Hope Lutheran (part of the Wed. night dinners during Lent with proceeds going to group working the dinner). Tickets will go on sale as soon as available. We could use help preparing the dinner the night before and serving the dinner on the 5th – let me know if you can volunteer. **Thurs. May 22nd** – Sticky Lips BBQ dinners. Tickets will go on sale a few weeks before the event with dinner pick up at the Hope parking lot. We can use volunteers the day of the sale to help with the distribution.

We're also working on sponsoring a 5k run (walk as well), hopefully for early April. More info will be available soon, depending on where we start the walk. Again, once set up, we'll be looking for volunteers to help in many ways, including along the route and to help with a pancake breakfast for the runners/walkers at the completion of their 5k.

Bill Mason

Finance Report:

2013 is now in the books and it was not as bad as the anticipated income and budget indicates. The Church had \$318,770.25 in usable income and we spent \$322,806.00. Regular pledges were short by \$3,000 and the budget gap giving was short by \$6,000 of the anticipated number.



Shared Ministries estimated giving was \$1200.00 over the estimate. There was designated giving by some to this effort. The balance was made up from current expenses and Missions. We managed almost all of our goal here.

Over-all we did a good job of meeting our responsibilities.

2014 will be another challenge for us as there are 12 pledges still out which will change this number in the estimated income for the year. If you haven't pledged and wish to do so, please contact me at 225-2363.

Thanks for all of your cooperation in 2013.

Bill Brado

Greece United Methodist Women:

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



CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Deborah – February 9th – See Karen Ingle for details

Miriam – February 10th – Health Kits & Pot Luck Supper at 7:00 at church

Ruth – February 11th – 12:00 in Room # 9 for Pot Luck lunch. Bring dish to pass, no desserts, as those will be provided by the Committee.

UMW SUNDAY:

On January 19th the UMW were in charge of the service with Installation of Officers at the 10:45 service. The speaker was Valerie Clark. Valerie shared her experiences on her Mission trip to Haiti. It was an inspiring message & speaks to UMW commitment to mission work, local & global.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED:

World Day of Prayer Celebration is on Friday, March 7th, 2014 at Asbury Methodist Church. This is always an inspiring program. The program is from 1:30 – 2:30. Refreshments following the program are provided by Church Women United.

DATES TO PUT ON YOUT CALENDAR:

Used Clothing Sale is April 26. It is not too early to begin going through clothes in your closet. As I was putting away Christmas gifts, some gifts were clothes, I removed several clothing items that have been taking up space. Handbags, shoes, belts and linens are other things that can be donated. It is time to simplify one's life!

MEMBERSHIP:

If any women in the congregation are interested in attending any of the UMW Circle meetings, contact Neva Benson, Sally Lepi or any UMW member.

Widows and Widowers Group:



Next Meeting:

**Sunday, February 16th
at 2:00pm**

Youth Event! Jump Into DCYM!

**Begin at Faith UMC @ 7:30pm,
Friday, Feb 7 to Sat. Feb 8 at 10:00am
Cost \$10.**

Bring some munchies to share.

Games! Movies! Skyzone! Food!

M M M is back!

Yes friends, March Music Madness is returning this year! Save the date, Sunday, March 16th. Concert at 2:00pm featuring Haejeun, our wonderful organist/pianist and her friend Sung and friends. Our choir and other groups will also be participating. As a bonus, there will be a Brunch after Worship before the Concert. What an awesome way to beat the winter blahs! A free will offering will be taken to cover the food expenses.

**Come join us for a special music
experience. Bring a friend!**

For more info contact Sharon Neary



February Birthdays:

Not available for web edition.

Check with main office.



February Anniversaries:

Not available for web edition.

Check with main office



Congregational Updates

Note of Gratitude:

Thank you to everyone who said prayers, sent cards, called or just thought of me. My heart procedure on January 6th was successful and I am very grateful! I'm feeling quite well and looking forward to February 18th when I will see my doctor for my follow-up appointment and, hopefully, be given the okay to drive again!
--- Arlene Martin.



Marriage:

Robert & Sarah Klingenberger 1/4/14



Deaths:

Donna Gustke 12/6/2013

New Address:

Rob & Sarah Klingenberger
Not available for web edition
Check with main office



Sunday Volunteers:

Nursery

2/2: Janice & Erich Ruppert
2/9: Melissa Dunn/Kali Iachetta
2/16: Barb Miroff/Ellegra Nier
2/23: Debbie & Missy Symonds



Projectionists

8:15/10:45

2/2: Sarah Babbage/Jonathan Standhart
2/9: Kara Down/Chris Standhart
2/16: Neva Benson/Melissa Dunn
2/23: Ellen White/Donna Lashbrook



Liturgists

8:15/10:45

2/2: No Liturgists—Communion Sunday
2/9: Sharon Neary/Linda Hoffman
2/16: Gale Fischer Huber/Chris Collins
2/23: Dick Hamblin/Carolyn Arnold



Ushers

8:15: Dick Hamblin/ Earl Ridley
10:45: Tom Hinterman's Team



*Thank you to all who volunteer and contribute
to our worship experience.*

NEW!!!! Congregational Want-Ads

The Communications team has approved an area for members of the congregation to advertise their services, products, and business. All advertisements need to be 30 words or less.

Interested in saving money on Auto and/or Home insurance? Want peace of mind that you are not paying too much? For details, Call Lisa Kostyshak

Need help with raking, shoveling, etc? Our exchange student Daniel is looking for work. Call Jim & Kim Whittemore



Thoughts from Co-Lay Leader Lisa Kostyshak...

Welcome to February. Wow, where did January go already?

This is the last installment of questions posed by Ted Anderson when he visited us last fall. I hope you take some time to ponder these questions.

Ted's Question - What have you learned this year as you've been building new relationships with neighbors in your community?

Lisa's musing -- I wonder how many in our church are comfortable building new relationships. I for one, do not find it comfortable to reach out to people I don't know. It's an effort. It takes thought. I have to put my head in the game to make it happen. It's not my natural style. But, sometimes you have to stretch beyond the comfortable for the greater good. How about you? Is it in your comfort zone to build NEW relationships?

Ted's Question - How are you implementing those learnings in your current ministry?

Lisa's musing -- I wonder what Ted considers a ministry...? Book club is a ministry. Daily prayer is a ministry. Smiling at everyone you pass during the day is a ministry. Going out of your way to do something nice for someone is a ministry. Starting a new bible study is a ministry. Crocheting baby blankets is a ministry. So... What is your personal ministry? How are you using it to build new relationships with neighbors in your community? Is there a group ministry we should start?

Ted's Question - What kind of practices might you as a congregation begin to put into everything you are doing so you might be a learning congregation, and can be finding new ways of understanding your neighbors that will make you more effective in reaching new people with the good news of Jesus Christ?

Lisa's musing -- HUH?? I had to re-read that like three times to understand it -- how about you? I think this means something like... What are we (the congregation) doing/building/creating to understand our neighbors. If we understand them better, we might be able to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to them in a way that they understand. We might be able to create a ministry that speaks to them. We might be able to build a relationship with them because we're speaking in a language they understand. What language might that be? Spanish? Dutch? How about the Facebook and Twitter language? How about the picture language? How about drama? You may say it is a stretch, but drama is a form of communication is it not?

OutReach

"Good actions are the invisible hinges on the doors of heaven." -- Victor Hugo

Undies galore! We collected 17 packages of undies--that's 124 pairs--which were delivered to six local elementary schools!

Our next opportunities to fill up the Undie Sunday basket will be **March, June, August, and November**. Thanks to all who donated!

Stay tuned for Mission Sunday plans!

Karen Pearson & Gail Mason



Lent is Coming.....

- ♦ **Pastor Matt's Lent study is a Bible Study on Mondays 12:00 and 7:00 pm.** More to be said later... Begins March 6
- ♦ **Attention Parents!!!** Parent support group will be a Lent opportunity led by Mary Anderson, "Raising up children/youth today". Mary is trained to facilitate opportunity for students/parents in relationships and understanding. Support meetings will be Monday nights and will help parents in their quest to raise up children and youth.
- ♦ **SoHo's Group** will read and chat on time of preparation in Lent
- ♦ **Dinner & Devotion** will have Lent themes during March and April.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Seminars

Chris Albee, Executive Director, Atria Greece 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

Feb 3	Overview of Alzheimer 's disease and Dementia
March 3	Principles of Person-Centered Care and Development of a Holistic Care Plan
April 7	Understanding and Managing the Challenging Behaviors
May 5	Successful Communication Strategies
June 2	Therapeutic Activity for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia
July 7	Personal Care: Maximizing ADL Independence
August 4	Enhancing Nutrition and Hydration
September 8	Environmental and Safety Considerations for Persons with Alzheimer's
October 6	Disease/Dementia
November 3	Sexuality
December 1	Working As a Team...Including Your Families

The PRIMERICA® Depoian Team Presents “Live & Learn” about Long Term Care

Special Guest Speaker
Rev. Dr. Janice Lee Fitzgerald

Presenting

Caregiver Stress: Caring for Yourself So You Can Care for Your Loved Ones

Janice will help you identify signs of physical and emotional caregiver stress, self-care strategies and things to discuss with your health care provider, she'll provide a list of resources and more.

Join us for a **COMPLIMENTARY** financial workshop to learn about:

- What is long term care insurance?
- Who needs it?
- What are the benefits?
- How it works... and more!

Enjoy refreshments and an informative hour of powerful knowledge!
If you would like to attend, please call and reserve your spot today!

TWO DATES/LOCATIONS – Reserve Your Seat!

Date: Saturday, February 8th
Time: 1:00 pm
Phone: 585-339-9681
**Location: 1171 Titus Ave, Suite J,
Rochester, NY 14617**

Date: Monday, February 24th
Time: 6:00 pm
Phone: 585-739-8368
**Location: 1924 Maiden Lane
Rochester, NY 14626**

For additional information on Primerica,
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You are invited to
A Community Memorial Service for
Our Neighbors Who Have Died
Over the Past Year with No Family or Resources

Sunday, February 9th, 2014 - 2:00 P.M.
Peace of Christ at St. Ambrose Church
25 Empire Blvd. Rochester, NY 14609
Corner of Empire, Culver and Clifford

Music, Readings & Refreshments

GRCC Faith In Action Network has organized a number of pastoral leaders to preside and attendees to be present for burial services for people who have died without family or resources. We will be celebrating this second memorial service for the people we have accompanied to date. We invite you and ask you to invite others to join us .



All are welcome
Sponsored by: GRCC Faith In Action Network
For More Information call:

(585) 254-2570 grcc1@frontiernet.net

ENJOY A MEAL WITH US AND WE'LL GIVE BACK.

Ruby Tuesday

COMMUNITY GiveBack PROGRAM

100% OF THE GIVEBACK AMOUNT IS DONATED DIRECTLY TO THE ORGANIZATION.

Ruby Tuesday is extremely proud to be part of your hometown and believes in giving back. As a fellow member of the community, we invite you to participate in...

Ruby Tuesday's Community GiveBack Program.

Grab your family and friends and join us at the 2525 WEST RIDGE ROAD location on the dates listed below. Please present this flyer to your server, and we will give back 20% of your purchase to the organization.

HOW IT WORKS

(We apologize but we cannot accommodate coupon usage or other discounts in conjunction with our GiveBack Program.)



To make a reservation, call us at 585-225-4750 or visit us online at rubytuesday.com

Organization's Name: GREECE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Event Name: GREECE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Date(s) of Visit: 2/17/2014

For directions to the restaurant or a peek at the menu,
visit rubytuesday.com

Ruby Tuesday

2525 WEST RIDGE ROAD,
ROCHESTER NY



GUMC eats out 1st Monday of the month.

New time/rules eating at Applebee's.

Applebee's Dining to Donate program will donate up to 20%* of the participants total food bill to GUMC! It's a great way to raise additional monies for the church budget and we socialize while doing it.

Fundraising Rules

- Church attenders, members, their friends, families, neighbors, etc. can dine/ carry out on their designated day between 4pm - 9pm at the Applebee's Restaurant on Paddy Creek off Ridge Road.
- Designated evenings are 1st Monday of the month.
- At the end of the meal, turn in the flyer to the server to be collected at the end of the fundraiser.
- We will donate a percentage of the food and non-alcoholic beverages purchased.
- We will receive donation check within 30 days of fundraising date.

WITH THESE NEW RULES- THE ONLY WAY OUR CHURCH WILL RECEIVE MONEY IS: IF WE GIVE AWAY FLIERS AND ENCOURAGE NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS TO DINE 1st MON. INVITE A FRIEND OR TWO TO JOIN YOU FOR DINNER.

Come join us!

This is how eating out works: GUMC usually has 10-12 fliers used by attenders. With the rule changes we will not be raising any extra monies. We need to make sure we are giving the coupons away to be used by others.

0% - If your group brings in 0 to 19 flyers, you will get 0% back!

10% - If your group brings in 20 to 30 flyers, you will get 10% back!

15% - If your group brings in 31 to 49 flyers, you will get 15% back!

20% - If your group brings in over 50 flyers, you will get 20% back!

GUMC need your support to continue this eating out fundraiser.

Eatin' Here is **Good** for the Neighborhood!

Applebee's® will donate 10% of your check
(excluding tax and tip) to:

Greece United Methodist Church

Monday, February 3rd, 2014

4:00 – 9:00pm

200 Paddy Creek Circle, Greece NY 14615

Voucher **MUST** be presented in order for organization to receive credit. Please present this voucher at time of payment to have 10% of your check's value, excluding tax and tip, donated to the organization above. Not to be used with other discounts or promotions. Vouchers are not to be distributed in the restaurant or within the perimeter of the parking areas. Subject to availability. Applebee's reserves the right to accept or reject requests from organizations at its own discretion. Valid for date listed above.



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Heart to Heart is a new ministry at GUMC to care and take a pulse of aging people in our congregation.

Would you be interested in serving others in the name of Greece United Methodist Church?

We have a list of people who are homebound, shut-in, in the hospital, in nursing or residential. You may choose someone you know and already help or visit on a regular basis. But will do so officially now in the name of the church. Please designate who you would like.

Please mark the circle to show where you could share God's love and yours to others:

- ☐ Pray for others
- ☐ Make a phone call or two on a regular basis (weekly or monthly ok)
- ☐ Give someone a ride to an appointment
- ☐ Provide transportation for someone who would like to attend worship (it might involve a wheelchair or not)
- ☐ Adopt a homebound church member
- ☐ Visit someone in their home
- ☐ Visit someone in the hospital
- ☐ Visit someone in residential areas
- ☐ Visit someone in nursing home
- ☐ Visit someone and serve communion
- ☐ Visit someone and do some errands needed
- ☐ Visit/contact more than one person

This is a wonderful way you can represent the church and care for someone else.

Please sign up today and put this paper in Deacon Dee's mailbox.

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

February 2014—As of 1/15th

Please see Website for updates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Inform to Transform Training Day 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Adult Girl Scout Winter Gathering
2 Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45 Souper Bowl Sub Sale 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM Sunday School 9:30 AM	3 Applebee's 11A -11P AA 12:00 PM Silver Sq Dancers 12:30 PM Guitar 2:30 PM Alzheimer's and Dementia Seminar 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30PM	4 Staff Meeting 9:30 AM Tuesday Book Study 10:00 AM Guitar 2:30 PM Weight Watchers & Open House 6PM Pinewood Derby 6:45 PM Ed Team 7:00 PM Treble Clefs 7:00 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM	5 Bagel & Book Study 9:30 AM AA 12:00 PM Bell Choir 6:15 PM Pinewood Derby 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM	6 Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM	7 AA 12:00 PM Creative Hands 1:15 PM Pinewood Derby 6:00 PM Youth Overnight with District 7:00 PM to 10:30 AM AA 7:30 PM	8 Emmaus Gathering 8:30 AM Liza's Child Care Training 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Youth Overnight with District 7:00 PM to 10:30 AM
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