



Greece United Methodist Church

# *THE ENLIGHTENER*



September 2013

*A Message from our Pastor:*

***I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself.  
(Colossians 2:2)***

As my secretary was on vacation one summer (not at Greece, but at a previous church), I sat her desk, using the computer. On a small piece of paper on the desk a note was written: “*United*”, not “*Untied*.” I am not sure exactly why the note was there, perhaps a mistake had been made that she did not want to repeat. Whatever the reason was, it caught my attention and got me thinking. It is one of those mistakes that a spellchecker program would not pick up, because it is a substitution of one real word for another. It is also a very important mistake, because it changes the character of who we are. The error would make us the *Untied* Methodist Church.

This is a small error, except for the fact that *United* and *Untied* have opposite meanings. One is what we want to be; the other, what we want to avoid becoming. What I find interesting, and instructive, is what makes the difference in these two words, and indeed in these two concepts: it is the position of “i.” Where “i” is (I am?) makes all the difference. It is an attitude thing. If I (and all the other “I’s” that make up “We”) see myself as part of a whole, then we are bound to one another – we are united. If I am committed only to myself, and my way, and my opinion, then we are untied.

The apostle Paul, in writing to the church at Corinth (see 1 Corinthians 12) used the concept of the church as a body. The parts of the body are not, nor can they be, identical. Yet they make one whole; they experience pleasure and pain together. Stub your toe, and see whether that small part experiences the event by itself. Kiss your beloved, and see whether the mouth alone responds to that pleasure.

Like Paul, and Jesus before him, my hope and prayer is that we may be one, *united* and not *untied*. This does not mean that we should all be alike, or think alike. It means that we should learn and develop the Spiritual Gifts that God has given each of us. It means recognizing the different personality characteristics that each of us has as a gift from God, and choosing opportunities for ministry that compliment those characteristics. It does not even mean that we should all be in agreement all the time. It does mean that we should respect and care for one another, and commit to being one church together – the Body of Christ in this place and time – the *United* Methodist Church.

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



### **Worship Schedule for September:**

#### **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.

9/1:	Jeremiah 2: 4-33 Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16	Psalms 81:1, 10-16 Luke 14:1,7-14
9/8:	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Philem 1-21	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 Luke 14:25-33
9/15:	Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28 1 Timothy 1:12-17	Psalms 14 Luke 15:1-10
9/22:	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 1 Timothy 2:1-7	Psalms 79:1-9 Luke 16:1-13
9/29:	Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15 1 Timothy 6:6-19	Psalms 91:1-6,14-16 Luke 16:19-31

#### **Altar Flowers**



*If you like a formal arrangement placed in honor/memory of a loved one, call Betty LaMonica. Arrangements are \$25.*

#### **Anniversary Ministry**

*I am currently updating the anniversary master list. Please contact me of your special day at [dham1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dham1@rochester.rr.com) Thank you Dick Hamblin*



#### **Birthday Ministry**



*We would love to recognize your special day. Please e-mail Mandy in the office to let us know if your birthday is not on our calendar. [greeceumc@frontiernet.net](mailto:greeceumc@frontiernet.net)*

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



### *Thoughts from Dee:*

We are a church in transition. As we journey together, we know we are not who we were in the 60's and 70's. We are a people of God and as such, we know we cannot continue as we did 50 years ago. 200 years ago it was necessary for the church to step in and teach on Sunday mornings as children worked 6 long days a week and Sunday was the only day off. They learned to read and write with the bible.

I recall being at a Christian Educators' Conference 25 years ago and hear a prophet say: Sunday school is dying and will not be around in 20 years. There was a gasp and chatter through the 800 people gathered. No way. It has been and will be so and we will make it continue. Years later we realize that for most churches, it has come to pass that Sunday morning is no longer the time to gather for Christian Education. Sports and other activities have made Sunday just another day and for many, it is a day of relaxing and about us, - not about taking time to worship God.

Since I arrived, we have seen changes in the Christian Education opportunities. We had children, but no youth in classes. Now, we have lots of youth and few children who come on Sunday mornings. We are discovering that we have children in worship who leave for Children's Church. This is the one time we have them - as they do not come earlier for Sunday School. This Fall, we will begin to have a Children's Church team of people who will rotate to provide this second Sunday School program. The program will be based on the Scripture lesson in worship.

Thank you all who have helped in any way in the nursery and Children's Church during worship. We are on this faith journey together and need to continue to evaluate and plan for the future.

Shalom.

### **Sunday Breakfast—September 8th**

**9:15 to 10:35 in Fellowship Hall**

**YOU are invited to join others in a welcome Breakfast Buffet in Fellowship Hall. Come, chat, and catch up about summer adventures. Also, hear about the new and exciting programs that are coming this fall.**



**Buffet will include: Quiche, Pancakes, Muffins, French Toast, Sausage and bacon, OJ, Coffee, and Tea. A donation for food would be helpful to cover expenses.**

### **NEW!!!!!! Pastor's Bible Study class**

A short-term (6-8 weeks) class on the Book of Acts of the Apostles will be held on **Mondays (noon, over lunch and 7:00 p.m. )** The noon and evening sessions will be identical to each other in terms of teaching content, while the group discussion may go in different directions. Pastor Matt Stengel will lead the class, **beginning September 16.** Study materials will be available soon.

### **Church Council Meeting**

**September 24th**

**7:15pm in Room 9**

Tom Klingenger will continue to use devotions from David Adam's book "*Eye of The Eagle.*" for our meetings.

Anyone planning to help or intends to be with children/youth at GUMC needs to put this training on your calendar.

### **Safe Churches for Safe Children: Policy into Action**

GV District Safe Sanctuary Training

Saturday September 14, 2013, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon  
at the Rush UMC (6200 Rush Lima Rd), Rush, NY 14543  
585-533-2170

There is no cost for this training – there will be no childcare provided.

All churches have a safe sanctuary policy in effect in their church –  
part of that policy should include regular training.

Leaders are: *Rev. Dr. Wilfredo Baez, Rev. Jennifer Green,  
Rev. Todd Goddard*

*\*\*Please let Dee know if you are planning to attend.\*\**

### **Safe Sanctuary new background checks required:**

Leaders in the church worked and created the Safe Sanctuaries Policy 3 years ago. We will be assembling a task group to look at our policy compared to the new UM Upper New York Conference Policy.

This Fall, all persons who are volunteering with GUMC children and youth in activities/childcare, etc. will be required to have an updated basic background check.

#### **Nursery Schedule:**



9/1: Karen Ingle/Missy Symonds

9/8: Gale Huber/Kali Iachetta

9/15: Janice & Erich Ruppert Jr

9/22: Barb Miroff /Tyler Nicholas

9/29: Kim & Chelsea Whittemore

#### **Children's Church:**

Children's Church meets in the room next to the nursery. Each week we will explore the Bible story of the morning. Children K through 4th grade are invited to join together for activities following the Children's time in worship service.



### **Dinner and Devotion with Dee and Debbie**

**New Program!!!**

Wednesdays have been commonly refer to as “hump” day as we all thank God that our week is half over. How about we take an hour that day and focus on all the great things God has to offer us? A sort of a midweek reboot to center us back on God. That is what Dinner & Devotion is all about—Coming together to break bread and reflect on God's presence in our lives. Dee and Debbie will provide a soup and salad dinner, along with some treats. Participants can, if they want, bring a dish to share. **We will start the program by meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month starting in October.**

**Join us for our first meeting, Wednesday, October 9th,**

**5:30-6:30pm, in Fellowship Hall**

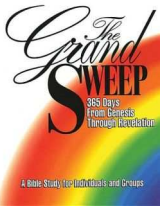


*New Bible Study Offering!!*

## **The Grand Sweep: 365 Days from Genesis Through Revelation**

By J. Ellsworth Kalas

J. ELLSWORTH KALAS



This is a wonderful opportunity to join others as you read the Bible in 365 days. We will gather once a month to discuss and reflect what we have read daily. Please sign up if you are interested in taking this wonderful journey through God's Word. Manuals and response books are available through Dee.

**We will meet the fourth Thursday of every month, from 6:30—8:00pm in Room 10 starting September 26th for the overview and introduction.**

### **Page Turners Monthly Book Club:**

September Selection:



#### **The Light Between Oceans** by ML Stedman

After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season and shore leaves are granted every other year at best, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby.

M. L. Stedman's mesmerizing, beautifully written novel seduces us into accommodating Isabel's decision to keep this "gift from God." And we are swept into a story about extraordinarily compelling characters seeking to find their North Star in a world where there is no right answer, where justice for one person is another's tragic loss.

**Everyone is invited to discuss this wonderful novel on Thursday, September 26th at 10:00 in the Kerrison Room.**

October's selection: **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

### *Tuesday Book Group:*

#### **A Thankful Heart: How Gratitude Brings Hope and Healing To Your Heart**

*By Carole Lewis*

So many people are stuck in the pain of their problems, unable to see beyond the hurt in their lives. Giving thanks in such circumstances may seem impossible, but thankfulness is a powerful tool God uses to heal wounded hearts and transform "stuck" people. In *A Thankful Heart*, readers will hear real life stories from people like them who have discovered the power of thankfulness to change both their inward attitude and their outward situation

**Books now available at Barnes & Noble, parking lot entrance  
Group meets Tuesday @ 10:00am in Room 9**

Questions, contact:

Linda Hoffman, facilitator  
lmhoffman@rochester.rr.com

### *Bagel and Book Study:*

#### **God's Riches at Christ's Expense**

*By Ronnie Daniels*

God's riches at Christ's expense, is a composition of stories about the antedated accounts that have to do with some of the people whose lives were dramatically changed after their encounter with Jesus. Follow their turbulent paths as each person happens upon Jesus during the most poignant time in their lives. Were their brushes with Jesus just a chance meeting or was their means of arrival predetermined to reveal our need for a savior? You decide. Observant to the era of time, artistic overview was given to ensure that each story was authentic when referring to the historical facts, people and places.

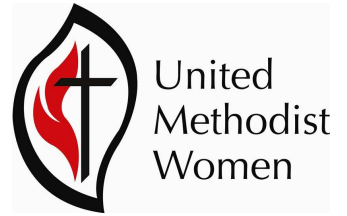
**Group meets Wednesday @ 9:30**

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

**\*\*New book will be selected at the end of the month.**



## **Greece United Methodist Women:**



**Executive Meeting – August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Room # 9**  
**Chris Collins, president**

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS:**

**Deborah – September 8<sup>th</sup> – See Karen Ingle, chairperson, for details**

**Miriam – September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at church – Linda Hoffman, chairperson**

**Ruth – September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in Room # 9 – Shirley Hardy, chairperson**

**Please join us for our September organizational Circle meetings & enjoy the fellowship of United Methodist Women.**

### **DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**Genesee Valley District United Methodist Women's Annual meeting is September 21<sup>st</sup> in Geneseo, N.Y.**

**The guest speaker will be Ganzalo Martinex deVedia of the Worker Justice Center of NY. The afternoon session will consist of an interactive discussion following up from the morning speaker's address in addition to a discussion highlighting the book, In Our Backyard, a Christian perspective on Human Trafficking in the United States.**

**Reading certificates and Mission Today certificates will be awarded at this meeting.**

**Information regarding reservations will be available at the September Circle meetings or from your District officers, Arlene Martin, Neva Benson and Gale Huber.**

### **November 2 – Fall Bazaar**

**It is not too soon to start making crafts for the Bazaar**

**Jewelry – Sort through your costume jewelry & make a donation to this popular booth. Linda Bruley is the chair this year.**

### **September 28<sup>th</sup> - Men's Appreciation Breakfast**

## **Widows and Widowers Group:**

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** marks the next get together of our Widows and Widowers group. **We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall at 2:00** and look forward to having you join us. For those who have previously attended our get-togethers (notice they are NOT meetings), you know they have primarily consisted of fellowship activities. At our September meeting we will also discuss the possibility of exploring other activities which might interest you in addition to games; for example, conversations having to do with general life issues, etc. We can also do both by splitting the time if the group so chooses. The purpose of this group is to provide an opportunity to come together for fellowship and shared experiences.



**We will have a guest at our October, 20th, time together and are pleased that Mary Martin will join us to share with us her insights and answer questions.**

**Even if you have been a widow or widower for some period of time, please join us. Light refreshments will be served. Sharing your experience(s) will undoubtedly be helpful to those who have recently lost a spouse. If you have questions, feel free to call Linda or Gale.**

### *Finance Report:*

We are now 32 weeks into 2013. Our pledged giving and Non Pledge giving is lagging behind by \$2,827.34.

With the summer months upon us its important that pledges are kept up so bills can be paid. The budget gap we planned on in the budget is behind by almost \$4,000.00 while shared giving is \$450.00 ahead of schedule. The fund raisers budget is on schedule.

It appears that we will have a shortfall of \$26,485.08 at the end of the year.

We will be cutting back on giving envelopes by 50. Numbers 250-300 will be changed. You will be notified in your quarterly statement in October.

I hope everyone is enjoying this nice cool weather.

Have a nice summer.

Bill

**Electronic (E-Giving) giving is now available. Contact Lisa Kostyshak or Donna Lashbrook.**



### *Message from Outreach:*

#### **Elementary School Supply Collection**

(read to the tune of "My Favorite Things")

Notebooks and spirals and glue sticks and pencils,  
Rulers and crayons and markers and stencils.  
Colorful folders stacked high in a pile,  
All these are sure to last quite a while.

When the bus stops, when the kids come, when the  
doors open wide,

We simply remember how we helped supply,  
And then we are filled with pride!

A multitude of thanks for your ongoing support,  
donations, and smiles. Your generosity and compassion  
make a notable difference to the elementary students  
in our community. **GUMC rocks!**



### **Thanksgiving Baskets**

Mark your calendars for November!!! It will soon be time to round up turkeys and other gobbler goodies for Thanksgiving baskets. Watch for upcoming information from Outreach. We hope to have another successful year providing baskets for our community.



### *Message from Outreach:*

#### **Undie Sunday**

**Sunday, September 29th**

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



**GUMC Family  
Ice - Skating Party  
Sunday, September 22nd  
2:00-3:30 pm**

**Skating Institute of Rochester  
1 Boys Club Place  
Rochester, NY 14608**

\$3 per person or \$10 per household  
If you have your own skates, please bring.

### **Youth Planning Meeting**

**September 8th**

**6:00—8:30 pm**

**JR/SR High Youth and Parents**

Please plan to come and chat about youth ministry for the upcoming year. There are lots of opportunities for our youth and it is important to get a feel for what they would like to accomplish this year.

**Meeting will be at Jim and Kim Whittemore's house  
on 112 Shoreway Dr. Phone: 392-256**

### ***September Birthdays:***

Not available for web edition



### ***Address Changes:***

#### **Eric Niemeyer**

216 Laverne Dr,  
Rochester, NY 14616

#### **Doris Duval**

Hamlet Apt 505  
1471 Long Pond Rd  
Rochester, NY 14626

#### **Barbara Stewart**

8410 Indian Wells Way  
Naples, FL 34113

#### **Eric & Janice Ruppert**

41 Blue Grass Ln.  
Rochester, NY 14626

#### **Jim Curthoys**

122 Falmouth St., Apt 14  
Rochester, NY 14615



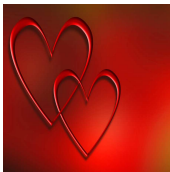
### ***Messages of Gratitude:***

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, emails, and cards for my father, George Tompkins. He came through his heart and lung surgeries with a lot of success. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he is still recovering. We feel so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Debbie Babbage & family



### ***September Anniversaries:***



Not available for web edition.

## **Heart to Heart Ministry**

At Greece UMC, there are several people who are now homebound and no longer have anyone attending to their needs. Can you help one?

There are shut-ins who just need words of cheer and communion taken to them once a month. Interested?

There are people who would like a regular visit from someone just to chat. Will you help one person?

There are people who are in hospital/short term rehab/nursing home settings or older adult residences who would love a visit every couple of months? Can you visit one or two?

There are people who would love a personal shopper just to pick up the basics or take them out for groceries...

Contact Sharon or Dee for more info.





## **What Brings Someone to Church if They Don't Know God? Don't Know OF God?**

I heard this question yesterday. It made me stop and think.

People who don't know God... What questions do they have? Are they even thinking about church? What problems are they trying to solve? Are they the same ones I am trying solve? Or different? What are their insecurities? Do I have any of those in common? What makes them feel secure? What makes ME feel secure? What might help them solve their problems? How have I solved my problems? Who is available to help answer their questions? Who is available to guide them?

How about the person who knows nothing about God?

...the person who has heard this Jesus name, but only knows it as that guy down the street who gets in a lot of trouble? Would an advertisement containing "Learn to be like Jesus?" be a good thing?

...the person who can't conceive that there is such a thing as "spiritual health" because there's too much worry about getting food. Today. Not even worried about tomorrow's food yet. How do you reach someone like that?

*What can people at Greece UMC do to help these people Know God?*

*Not just "**know of God**" but really **Know God**?*

Have these thoughts gone through your head...?

"I can't help with that"    "I don't know how"    "I'm too old"    "I'm too young"  
"I don't have any ideas"    "I don't have the right skills"    "I don't have time"

And my favorite... "We've never done it that way before"

*You may have noticed that streets accommodate cars. When did that happen?  
What about before cars? Do you suppose people said... What craziness!! Do you suppose they said that'll never work?*

Well... my new mantra is...

Don't say "I/We can't" , Say "How Can I/We"

It doesn't matter where you are in life's journey. Or what your skill set is. Or how much money you make. Or if you're a college graduate. Or never finished college. Everyone has something to contribute, somehow. **YOU CAN DO SOMETHING!!**

Start small – start praying. Really, how much time does it take to say a small/quick prayer once a day – "Dear Lord, Please guide me and help me see the path you want for me"

Open your mind to possibilities. If you open your mind to possibilities, the rest will follow. Maybe it will be slowly unfolded before you. Maybe it will be a sudden jolt. To start, you must be open to what God has in store for you, what God has in store for us, what God wants us to do to reach others.

One day you will find yourself doing something you never even conceived possible. Believe me. It's true. I know.



## STEWARDSHIP

Bill Mason

It's hard to believe that Fall is just around the corner and our church activities will go back into full swing. As you might expect, our financial intake goes down in the summer as folks take vacations etc. For the church to support its full schedule, your financial support, along with your involvement, are vital. Over the last few years, we've seen several encouraging signs including our youth taking on some special programs. Some of which have involved out of country mission projects, Johnson City work efforts and just plain involvement in and around the church. Our Outreach Committee supports many local needs. We've taken a leadership role in financing and building 5 Habitat homes and hope to see the start of a 6<sup>th</sup> later this Fall. Well...I'm sure I've missed several other projects and commitments, but you've get the point (and my apologies if I've missed your favorite).

Your support of the First Sunday giving to help support our Budget is important. As you recall, we asked for \$10 additional each First Sunday, or whatever you could afford. Not too far down the road, we'll be requesting your commitment for 2014 giving. I recently received a mailing that included a sample giving card with "A Step of Faith" chart in it with income and % of giving from, along with a suggested increase from your present giving with the suggestion of a 10% increase from this year's giving. We hope when that request comes, you'll consider giving what you can.

### *Staff Highlight:*

Rev. Deanna Finch has served at Greece United Methodist Church for 6 years.

Dee grew up in the Buffalo area in Western New York always knowing she wanted to make a difference. She learned about the global community, diversity and acceptance of others at an early age as her family hosted people from around the world. By 11th grade Dee was teaching Sunday school. Beginning in 11th grade her church sent her off for Christian education training.

Dee has a degree from Buffalo State in Social Work. During seminary, she became aware of Diaconal servant ministry and it made sense for her. She became a Diaconal Minister and when the roles changed in the church structure became a Deacon. She is ordained clergy as a Permanent Deacon in the Western New York Conference as well as certified in Christian Education and Youth Ministry.

After several positions including Christian Educator, Hospice Chaplain, Associate Minister, Program Director, Dee now serves at Greece UMC. Dee has worked with youth at the District level and local churches to train them for leadership. She has been highly involved with District Youth programs in Syracuse, Buffalo and Rochester. She has worked with the Conference Youth (CCYM), Jurisdictional Youth Ministry, as well as National Youth Ministry leadership for many years. She continues to support youth getting involved in leadership and activities outside the church. The youth she influences bring back who they have become to the local church youth ministry.



*Random Fact - Dee's favorite cookie is a cutout sugar cookie with icing*

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

By Bill Mason

Another house (home) complete, that's five now for the Greece Coalition. Most of us don't have a reason to drive down Brown St, but I think you'd be surprise at the changes, most of which are Habitat homes. Those are only the changes easily seen. Homes on the side streets off of Brown also are showing signs of change, again , mostly due to Habitat (and at least two from our coalition including our first and fifth homes). All this doesn't include financing a home in Hubli, India from excess funds from our first home. Our church has taken a significant lead in these project, something we should be very proud of. We hope you'll support the sixth when it starts.

Along that line, we should be doing our annual Kelly Thanksgiving Pie sale; something else to look forward to. As part of fundraising, we've done that, along with Sticky Lip BBQ's and have other things planned (watch for them). We anticipate the building will probably begin sometime towards Fall, 2014. Thanks for all your support on the past projects!



**Weightwatchers** at GUMC—2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
September 10, 2013 @6pm in Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy:

**Guest Success Stories,**  
**Recipes to Taste,**  
**Prize Give-a-way**

Have you noticed people in the congregation shrinking this summer? There are several people who are part of our Tuesday night Weight Watchers Group who have been very successful. Do you know who they are? We have some pretty good statistics. Since the group started in September of 2011 we have lost 600 lbs. Our current group has lost 200. We are inviting you to an open house on September 10, 2013. We meet at 6:00 pm. We would welcome you as a guest so see what we are all about. Hope to see you there.



**"Whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow"**  
**Proverbs 13:11**



*"UMCmarket is a new, innovative and easy way to help achieve your revenue goals and to support your ministries."*

Moses Kumar  
General Secretary, GCFA of The United Methodist Church

Support our church for FREE while shopping online! Just sign up to the church's new fund-raising program [www.UMCmarket.org](http://www.UMCmarket.org) which has been approved by the UMC Global Ministries. A percentage of your shopping will be donated to **our church**. Go to UMCmarket and become a member!

- You can become a member and shop directly from [www.UMCmarket.org](http://www.UMCmarket.org).
- Browse through all the categories and choose to shop from hundreds of stores.
- When you shop using the web site OR the browser app the stores will donate a portion of your purchase back to GREECE UMC!

UMCmarket is developed in cooperation with GCFA of The United Methodist Church.

SIGN UP and GET STARTED: [www.UMCmarket.org](http://www.UMCmarket.org)

## **Holy Humor**

*Submitted by Dick Hamblin*

A letter written in a childish scrawl came to the post office address to "God". A postal employee, not knowing exactly what to do with the letter, opened it and read: "Dear God, My name is Jimmy. I am 6 years old. My father is dead and my Mom is having a hard time raising me and my sister. Would you please send us \$500?". The postal employee was touched. He showed the letter to his fellow workers and all decided to kick in a few dollars each and send it to the family. They were able to raise \$300.

A couple of weeks later, the same post office received a second letter addressed to God. The boy thanked God for the recent infusion of cash, but ended with this request. "Next time, would you send the money directly to us? If you send it through the post office they deduct \$200.





## Complimentary Financial Workshop Series

Hosted By: Greece United Methodist Church  
1924 Maiden Lane, Rochester, NY 14607



## How can you reach your financial goals and dreams?

Let Primerica teach you the fundamental concepts that have helped millions of our clients build financial security.

### Workshop #1 How Money Works

Thursday, September 26  
6:30PM

1924 Maiden Lane

- How do I build a solid financial house?
- How do I pay off my debt years sooner?
- How does my life insurance policy *really* work?
- The Rule of 72
- The high cost of waiting to save
- The three different savings accounts you need

**RSVP: Deacon Dee – 330-2710**

Workshop #1 – How Money Works	9/26/2013
Workshop #2 – Finding Extra \$\$: The 90 Minute Challenge	10/17/2013
Workshop #3 – Debt Management	11/21/2013
Workshop #4 – Save More, Make More	12/12/2013
Workshop #5 – Investment Awareness	1/16/2014
Workshop #6 – Money Plans for Kids/Grandkids	2/13/2014

## Did you know?

Indebted Americans spend 3.5 hours a day worrying about debt.

*PR Web, June 29, 2010*

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*Konnichwa - M'hororo - G'day- Hola*

*Hello from Vacation Bible  
Adventure*

*August 19-22, 2013*

*God's Word around the world*



*Where did we go?:*

*Japan/Zimbabwe/Australia/*

*Mexico*

Neighbors are: friendly/giving/forgiving/  
welcoming

We learned about:

Sarah and Abraham Welcome Visitors

Widow gives cheerfully

Jesus forgives Zacchaeus

God welcomes everyone

Much thanks to all the  
many volunteers  
who spent time and energy  
in ministry for children of  
our community.

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.

(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](http://rubytuesday.com)*

Organization's Name: **GREECE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Event Name: **GREECE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DINN**

Date(s) of Visit: **8/12/2013 9/16/2013**

For directions to the restaurant or a peek at the menu,  
visit [rubytuesday.com](http://rubytuesday.com)

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2525 WEST RIDGE ROAD,  
ROCHESTER NY



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*Monday, September 2nd, 2013*

*11:00am – 11:00pm*

*200 Paddy Creek Circle, Greece NY 14615*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Church School off	Labor Day	Tuesday Book Study 10:00 AM	Bagel and Book/Bible 9:30 AM	Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM	AA 12-1	Retrovaille 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45	Office Closed	Staff Mtg 10:30 AM	AA 12-1	Women's AA 11:00 AM	Creative Hands 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	
	Applebee's Fundraiser 11A-11P	Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM to 7PM	Bell Choir 6:15 PM	Girl Scouts #872 6:30 PM	AA 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	
	AA 12-1					
	Silver Squares 12:30 PM	Weight Watchers 5:30 PM				
	Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM to 7PM	Education Team				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45	AA 12-1	Primary Election Site 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM	Bagel and Book/Bible 9:30 AM	Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM	AA 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Emmaus Gath- ering 8:00 AM
	Silver Squares 12:30 PM					
Trustee Committee meeting 9:30 AM	Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM to 7PM	Tuesday Book Study 10:00 AM	AA 12-1	Women's AA 11:00 AM	Creative Hands 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	
		Staff Mtg 10:30 AM	Bell Choir 6:15 PM	Girl Scouts #872 6:30 PM	AA 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	
Welcome Back Breakfast 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Miriam Circle 6:30 PM	Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM to 7PM	Chancel Choir 7PM			
	Boy Scouts Troop #5 6:30 PM	Weight Watchers 5:30 PM				
Deborah Circle 6:00 PM						
Youth/Parents Meeting 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM		SPRC 7PM				
		Treble Clefs 7PM				

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<b>15</b> Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45 Widow/Widower Group 2:00 PM	<b>16</b> Ruby Tuesday Church Fundraiser 11A - 10P AA 12-1 Silver Squares 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM to 7PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Membership Care Ministry Team 7 PM	<b>17</b> Tuesday Book Study 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 10:30 AM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM to 7PM Weight Watchers 5:30 PM Finance Committee 7PM to 8:00 PM Treble Clefs 7PM	<b>18</b> Bagel and Book/ Bible 9:30 AM AA 12-1 Bell Choir 6:15 PM Chancel Choir 7PM	<b>19</b> Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM Girl Scouts #872 6:30 PM	<b>20</b> AA 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Creative Hands 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM AA 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45 All church Ice Skating Party 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	<b>23</b> AA 12-1 Silver Squares 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM to 7PM Boy Scouts Troop #5 6:30 PM	<b>24</b> Tuesday Book Study 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 10:30 AM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM to 7PM Weight Watchers 5:30 PM Treble Clefs 7PM Church Council 7:15 PM	<b>25</b> Bagel and Book/ Bible 9:30 AM AA 12-1 Bell Choir 6:15 PM Chancel Choir 7PM	<b>26</b> Thursday Page Turners Book Club 10:00 AM Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM Women's AA 11:00 AM Girl Scouts #872 6:30 PM How Money Works Financial Workshop 6:30 PM	<b>27</b> AA 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Creative Hands 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM UMW prep 3:00 PM AA 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	<b>28</b> UMW Appreciation Breakfast 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM
<b>29</b> Undie Sunday Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45	<b>30</b> AA 12-1 Silver Squares 12:30 PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30 PM to 7PM Boy Scouts Troop #5 6:30 PM UWM Exective Meeting 7PM					