



# THE ENLIGHTENER



March 2013

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*Message from our Pastor:*

When you have eaten your fill and built houses and live in them... Do not say to yourself "My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is God that gives you the power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

(Deuteronomy 8: 12, 17-18)

We are in the season of Lent. It began on Ash Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> this year, and will continue until Easter on March 31st. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. Our personal preparation is traditionally a time of introspection, self-examination and repentance. We can think of it as taking a look at our lives, assessing where we are going and where we ought to be going, and correcting course as necessary.

It is a good time to consider our Christian stewardship. *Stewardship* is a term that often gets reduced to "how we handle money," and "how much we give to the church." It is that, in part, but it is much more. John Wesley, in his sermon "The Good Steward," points out that a steward is a person who is entrusted with what belongs to another. The steward is not free to use the property in whatever way they choose, but only in accordance with the will of the owner. It has been said that "*stewardship is everything you do after you say 'yes' to Jesus.\**" When we say "yes" to Jesus, we begin to recognize that everything that exists is from God, and belongs to God. *Christian stewardship* acknowledges that we are stewards of what belongs to God.

God entrusts to us our selves (body [actions], mind [thoughts], and soul [intentions]), our talents, our relationships, our time, our environment, and our resources. We are capable of using these in any way that we choose; many people choose to use them in entirely self-serving ways. As Christians, however, we have said "yes" to God as revealed in Jesus Christ, and therefore we acknowledge that we are accountable to God for how we handle them. Since they belong to God, we ought to strive to use them as God intends. What that means, in particular, to each of us is a matter that each of us needs to learn. We do that through prayer, through the study of the scriptures, through listening to teachers who have prayed and studied, and through conversation with others who are seeking to learn God's will for their lives.

We are accountable to God for our stewardship of what God entrusts to us. That means that we ought to be striving to be able to look God in the eye and say, "I am taking good care of myself and my family; I am loving your people as you love them; I am caring for your world; I am using my talents and my resources in every way that I can to please you, glorify you, and serve you."

I am thankful for God's grace, because I can seldom say that I am doing all that I can. And even when I am doing all that I can, it is not all that I want to do in response to the great love that God has shown to me. Let this time of Lent be a time for all of us to consider:

How am I caring for myself and my loved ones?  
Am I loving God and other people as God has loved me?  
Am I using the abilities, money, and time that God has entrusted to me  
in ways that I would be proud to discuss with God?  
How can I do more to respond to God's love?

In Christ's love.

Pastor Matt Stengel

(\* from Clarence Stoughton, former President of Wittenberg University in Ohio)

## Worship Schedule for March:

### Two Worship Services - 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

What follows are the Lectionary Readings for each Sunday in March. 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.

|      |                  |                |                       |                     |
|------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 3/3  | Isaiah 55:1-9    | Psalms 63:1-8  | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 | Luke 13:1-9         |
| 3/10 | Joshua 5:9-12    | Psalms 32      | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 | Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 |
| 3/17 | Isaiah 43: 16-21 | Psalms 126     | Philippians 3:4b-14   | John 12: 1-8        |
| 3/24 | Isaiah 50:4-9a   | Psalms 31:5-11 | Philippians 2:5-11    | Luke 22:14-23:56    |

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#### *Holy Week Worship:*

##### Maundy Thursday: March 28

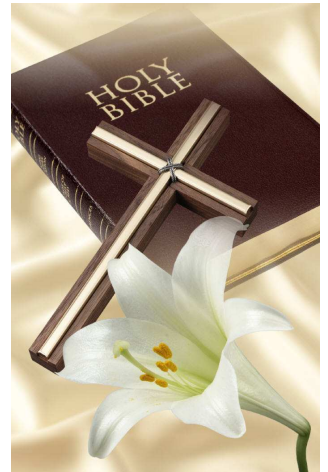
- 6:00 Seder Meal Celebration in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

##### Good Friday: March 29

- 7:00 Tenebrae service

##### Easter: March 31

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise worship  
(outside, weather permitting)
- 7:30 Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall for all who want to join together.
- 8:15 Worship
- 10:45 Worship



#### *Lectionary Readings for the Holy Week:*

|       |                         |                       |
|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3/25: | Isaiah 42:1-9           | Psalms 36:5-11        |
|       | Hebrews 9:11-15         | John 12:1-11          |
| 3/26: | Isaiah 29:1-7           | Psalms 71:1-14        |
|       | 1 Corinthians 1:1-18-31 | John 12:20-36         |
| 3/27: | Isaiah 50:4-9a          | Psalms 70             |
|       | Hebrews 12:1-3          | John 13:21-32         |
| 3/28: | Exodus 12:1-14          | Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 |
|       | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  | John 13:1-17, 31b-35  |
| 3/29: | Isaiah 52:13-53:12      | Psalms 22             |
|       | Hebrews 10:16-25        | John 18:1-19:42       |
| 3/30: | Job 14:1-14             | Psalms 31:1-4, 15-16  |
|       | 1 Peter 4:1-8           | Matthew 27:57-66      |
| 3/31: | Acts 10:34-43           | Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 |
|       | 1 Corinthians 15:19-26  | John 20:1-18          |

*Thoughts from Deacon Dee:*

*What are you reading for your spiritual journey this Lent? I receive a daily email from the Upper Room to create a thought of the day for me to ponder. A generous donor funds this to equip the world to pray together. This free resource is from Upper Room Ministries thru the GBOD (General Board of Discipleship of the UMC).*

*The Upper Room magazine's mission is to provide a model of practical Christianity, accessible in varied formats, to help people feel invited and welcomed into God's presence to:*

- listen to scripture as God's personal message, linking their stories to God's story;
- commune with God in prayer;
- see their daily choices and small acts of obedience as part of God's work;
- realize our connection through Christ as a universal family of believers; encounter the living Christ and be transformed into Christ's likeness.

Today's Devotional:

*Read Luke 12:22-31*

*All these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knows that you have need of these things. But rather seek the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

*- Luke 12:30-31*

We woke up late on the morning of a big event at our church. As we got ready, my wife and I decided to save time by picking up breakfast en route.

As the children were getting in the car, their faces looked sad. Finally, one of the younger children began crying. "You didn't give us any breakfast," our five-year-old said.

As my wife told her that we would be picking up breakfast on the way to church, I chimed in and asked, "Honey, have we ever failed to give you something to eat?"

"No," she replied. Once she realized that we would always feed her, she dried her tears and went happily to church.

Her fear of going hungry and having her needs unmet reminded me of my walk with God. Many times I have been sad or afraid that God has not heard my prayers, seen my need, or realized that I was hungry. Like our daughter, I too have cried out when I felt God had forgotten me.

I am learning to trust that God promises never to leave us or to forsake us. God is always working on our behalf whether we can see it or not. Cassius Rhue (South Carolina, USA)

**Check out The Upper Room devotions on line**

[devotional.upperroom.org](http://devotional.upperroom.org) and read and live with new thoughts.

**Happy Easter, Dee**



## March Music Madness has been cancelled.

If you have any questions, please  
contact Sharon Neary

### COFFEE HOUR BAKERS

Wonderful GUMC Coffee Hour Bakers are needed for  
coffee hour goodies each Sunday.

Tracy Kester will be setting up and cleaning up at the  
end of coffee hour.

Cookies would need to be in the James King Commons  
by 10:30 each Sunday morning.

We would need 4-5 dozen of something  
(cookies-brownies-muffins-etc).

Please contact Linda Hoffman or Tracy Kester.



### Dinner Theater Event!!!

## "The Body in the Belfry"

Saturday, March 16th at 6:00 pm

3 course meal

Salad/Steak/Chicken/Baked Potato/Dessert

Cost \$12.00

A comedy mystery play by Doris Wald about  
Jesus' friends and others gathered one week after  
the death and resurrection. Participants in the  
play will be our youth and congregation.

Please bring your family and friends to a  
wonderful evening that will help support our  
summer mission trip to Johnson City.

(Please bring your own steak knives.)

*Page Turners Monthly Book Club:*  
*March Selection:*

### **The Casual Vacancy** by J.K. Rowling

When Barry Fairbrother dies in his  
early forties, the town of Pagford is  
left in shock. Pagford is, seemingly,  
an English idyll, with a cobbled  
market square and an ancient abbey,  
but what lies behind the pretty  
façade is a town at war. The empty  
seat left by Barry on the parish  
council soon becomes the catalyst for  
the biggest war the town has yet seen

**Join us March 28th at 10:00 am in  
the Kerrison Room as we discuss  
this wonderful book.**

Tuesday Book Group:

### **Constantly Craving** *By Marilyn Meberg*

Counselor and author Marilyn Meberg  
knows all about cravings. She also knows the  
One who knits us together, desires and all.  
With wit and compassion, Marilyn helps us  
understand our appetites, offers advice for  
managing them here on earth, and  
encourages us to eagerly await the day when  
we will find total satisfaction in  
heaven.

**Group meets Tuesday @ 10:00am  
in Room 9**

Bagel and Book Study:

### **Give Up Something Bad for Lent** *By James W. Moore*

Instead of giving up desserts or chocolate,  
why not select something that spiritually I  
would be **whole** lot better off without? Why  
not choose certain acts or certain  
attitudes or certain habits or certain sins that  
have the power to contaminate, infect, or  
poison my soul?

**Group meets Wednesday @ 9:30  
Soho's Bagel Café , Stone Ridge Plaza**

## Youth Ministry

**March 3 Confirmation Class 12:00**

**March 10 Greece Food Shelf 10:00—11:00 am.** Meet at 500 Maiden Lane to pack boxes of food for families in need in Greece.

**March 10 District Youth Event at Aldersgate UMC**

**March 16 Lenten Dinner Theater “The Body in the Belfry” 6:00pm**

We are looking for youth and adults to participate in this Lenten drama. Let Deacon Dee know if you are interested in being in the drama or helping with the dinner. This will be an experience for all ages and a good dinner out for everyone in church.

**March 17 Confirmation Class 12:00**

**March 22-23 Confirmation Retreat at Camp Ashbury with other confirmation youth. \$40**

**March 28 Maundy Thursday Seder Meal and Lock-in**

**April 26 – 28 Conference Youth Gathering in Syracuse**

**June 24 – 28 Vacation Bible School**

**July 29 – August 2 Summer Mission Trip to Johnson City.** This mission opportunity is open to all youth (8<sup>th</sup> grade +) and adults who would like to be in Work Crews with youth. The jobs we will do need people with skills and interest in helping. We will work with Volunteers in Mission on projects that could be from damage of the flood from 2 years ago. Please contact Deacon Dee if you are interested in going. We will be with 2 other groups and need to know now who is going! Dee needs to turn in the participate list. Right now the list is: Vicki, Ashley, Deacon Dee, Pastor Matt, Linda Hoffman, Who are we missing...??? YOU!!! Anyone is welcome to join in.

**March 1 Deposit of \$75.00 is due.**

### Confirmation

|                                  |                  |                                                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, March 2                | 10:00 – 11:00am  | Greece Food Shelf                                      |
| Sundays, March 3,10,17           | 12:00            | Class                                                  |
| Saturday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> | 6:00pm           | Body in Belfry Dinner Theater                          |
| Friday, March 22-23              |                  | Confirmation Retreat Camp Ashbury                      |
| Tuesday, April 2                 | 9:00 – 1:45      | Salem Nutrition Center                                 |
| Saturday, April 13               | 9:00             | Temple B'rith Kodesh Worship and Bat Mitzva            |
| Saturday, April 20               | 10:00 - 11:00 am | Greece Food Shelf                                      |
| Sunday, May 5                    | 5:00-8:00pm      | Walk a Labyrinth and Youth Gathering at Asbury 1st UMC |

## STEWARDSHIP

Bill Mason

As most of you are aware, Gail and I lived in Carlisle, Pa from 1987 to 1995 before we returned and renewed our membership here at GUMC (something we never considered ended). To this day, we continue to receive the newsletter from the church we attended in Carlisle, Allison UMC. They are in the process of merging with two other Methodist churches in Carlisle (for several reasons) and then relocating to a new location as one new church.



To borrow from their newsletter they point out four pillars that they called "Mission Measures of Carlisle UMC". They were Worship, Serve, Grow and Connect. The explanations included daily communicating with God, passionately exalting the Lord, humbly serving others, studying God's Word, continually sharing Christ and sacrificially giving of time, treasure and talent. They didn't label them Stewardship, but they certainly cover all forms of stewardship.

In another section, they encouraged weekly church attendance, tithing, praying, mission participation, Bible studies, small group participation, support of ministries, staff, volunteers, congregation, pastors and church leadership, attending church meetings, and passionately pursuing a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Again, all forms of stewardship. We only ask that you consider doing what you can with the time, talent and treasures that God has blessed you with.

### *Messages from the congregation:*

Dear friends at GUMC,

How I have missed seeing all of you friends while I was absent. I loved all of the cards and messages that you sent to me. It made my days a lot easier. I am doing fine and plan to see you again when the weather cooperates.

Sincerely,  
Dolores Charles

I would like to thank everyone in the congregations for their concerns about the passing of my daughter Brenda on November 25th, 2012. She is greatly missed by family and friends, especially during the holiday season.

God's Blessings,  
Gwenith Allen

### *Congregation Updates:*

#### **Passings:**

Bob Hogeman died Feb 6th.

Art Maupin died Feb 5th.

### *Trustee Report:*

You might have noticed recently that two oak trees are missing from in front of the sanctuary.

These trees were planted by Willard and Karl VanPutte as a gift to our church in the early 70's.

Over the years, a combination of road and sidewalk construction, insect and disease pests took their toll and they were in decline. With the blessing of the VanPutte family, the trees were removed.

Plans are underway to replace them with smaller, spring-flowering trees that will be planted farther apart so that as they mature, they will not hide our beautiful building.

Karen Klingenberger,  
Trustee





### *Finance Report:*

6 weeks into 2013, our pledged income is ahead of schedule. Our non pledge income is also ahead. Many people are paying ahead in anticipation of traveling south for what remains of the winter.

We have received \$1715.00 after 6 weeks of Shared Ministry Donations and have paid \$2474.19 toward the 75% goal in 2013.

6 weeks of Budget gap has resulted in \$859.00. Our budget goal in 2013 is \$14,000.00. If you multiply this out you will see it falls short of the mark by around \$7,000.00. This has become a very important item the first week of the month if we are going to make our budget this year.

We still have 12 pledges out from the Stewardship drive. If you would like to pledge either call me at 225-2363 or drop a pledge in my box outside the Office.

Lastly our Budget income for 2013 after 6 weeks shows a shortfall of \$761.89 for the year. Maybe after the snow and the cold weather we will pick up the pace.

God Bless,

Bill Brado

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk -The Seven Last Words of Christ March 29, 2013 – 9:00 a.m**

This solemn pilgrimage will begin with a short prayer service at First Genesis Baptist Church, 292 Hudson Avenue, then with youth and adults carrying the cross we will make 7 stops reflecting on the Seven Last Words of Christ. Along the mile and a half route we will stop to pray and “make holy” sites of both violence and hope. Sponsored by GRCC-Faith In Action Network, in collaboration with the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, the faith community of Upper Falls/Hudson Avenue and congregations from all over Monroe County will be participating in this event.

**Contact: Marie Gibson – 254-2570**

**[grcc1@frontiernet.net](mailto:grcc1@frontiernet.net) or**

**Rev. Dr. Denise Yarbrough- 275-8422**

**[dyarbrough@admin.rochester.edu](mailto:dyarbrough@admin.rochester.edu)**

### *Message from Outreach:*

*I received this note from the Holmes Road nurse this month. All five nurses thanked us profusely for the undies! Karen Pearson*

Thank you all so much for your delivery! I already used a pair today:) You are all such a blessing. We truly appreciate your generosity

Kelly Schiffhauer, RN,BSN  
Holmes Road Elementary School Nurse  
(585) 966-4905

### **Next Undie Sunday Easter Sunday!**

Boys' and girls' underpants (mostly small and medium) are needed. The undies, delivered to West Ridge, Brookside, Holmes, Autumn Lane, and Long Ridge elementary schools, are very much appreciated by the nurses.

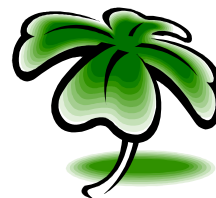
Thanks, as always, for your generosity!



### **Mission Sunday is set for March 17.**

Gale Huber will be speaking about her trip to Cambodia during the service

Enjoy cookies and coffee, provided by Outreach, following the second service. Let the wearing and the giving of the green begin!



### ***Nursery Request!***

***Adults and Teens are needed  
for the 10:45 service.***

***Please contact  
Sally Lepi at 453-0714  
if you can help.***

## UMW Human Trafficking Update

As many of you know, two years ago, our UMW unit here in Greece, along with others in the Genesee Valley District, focused on a human rights, social justice initiative to bring awareness of the enormity of the *human trafficking problem* to our congregations and our communities. At that time, there is no question that human trafficking was absolutely flying under the radar in this country. It was still considered to be a problem affecting other countries and which we knew too little about. The term “modern day slavery” seemed to be an over-exaggeration, which it most certainly is not. It is second only to drugs as an illegal enterprise. Due to the efforts of many people and organizations, including ours, the problem is slowly emerging from the darkness and beginning to see the light of day. Last year, on UMW Sunday, Rev. Cathy Stengel spoke to us of her personal observations at the airport in Tampa of human trafficking taking place for all to see. Nationally, January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Awareness is the first step in allowing ourselves to be better educated about the subject.

In our church, some of our youth, their parents and others have been made aware that this problem concerns them as well, as documented in the DVD “Not My Life,” in which one segment follows a teenager from Oklahoma who was rescued from traffickers at a truck stop after she had run away from a middle class home life and got caught in the web of sexual human trafficking. Her story, unfortunately, was not unique.

Our UMW unit was well educated on how prevalent the problem is in the Town of Greece when we were invited last October by the Aldersgate unit to attend a program where Greece Police Chief Todd Baxter spoke about human trafficking occurring in Greece—in our backyard. He told us the Greece Police had closed nine massage parlors which were fronts for sex trafficking and that it is indeed a problem for law enforcement. He was very specific about making sure our children and grandchildren were aware of traffickers who not only had a huge presence on the Internet but also preyed on vulnerable teens. We were impressed by the fact that Chief Baxter is making an effort to see that officers under his command were receiving additional training sponsored by the State so that victims of human trafficking, especially women and girls, were treated like victims instead of criminals and were referred to agencies where assistance could be given.

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hot Line Number to call if you ever suspect that human trafficking is taking place is **888-373-3888**. The three main areas where trafficking is most likely to take place is sexual prostitution, domestic servitude (nannies, household help) and migrant labor or forced labor, as in restaurants, hotels, etc.

United Methodist Women will continue our work for social justice in the area of human trafficking as well as focusing on poverty and its effect on the lives of women, children, and families, advocating for all where human rights have been denied.



## United Methodist Women:

*Executive Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2013. At 7:00 pm in Room 9/10 Chris Collins, President*

### CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Deborah Circle: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m., Games at nursing home or for shut-ins.

Miriam Circle: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Room 9/10, Lenten Program by Phyllis Helmes.

Ruth Circle: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m., Room 9/10.

### GENESEE VALLEY DISTRICT UMW COMMUNION BREAKFASTS: March 23rd.

The breakfasts will be held at the following churches: Pavilion, Perry, Pultneyville, Wayland & Wesley. Details will be in the District Newsletter. Please contact Chris Collins if you are interested in going.

### “MISSION TODAY” UNIT:

We have been awarded a Bronze “Mission Today” Unit Certificate by the district! For more information, please contact Neva Benson who was instrumental in our earning this certificate.

**GRACE URBAN MINISTRIES:** On March 26<sup>th</sup>, UMW members will prepare food to be served at this facility. We hope you can help with the food preparation or donations. See Linda Hoffman for details.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED:** April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**GENERAL MEETING:** Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Room 9/10. Program Topic: Fire Safety.

**USED CLOTHING SALE:** Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

“Declutter Time” – Take a moment to go through your closets and put aside items that you are not using. Please donate women’s, men’s and children’s clothing, coats, shoes, handbags and belts. If you haven’t worn something in a year, you probably won’t wear it next year. Children’s clothing and yarn are always needed. Take a look in your linen closet for towels, bedspreads and linens that are unused.

We need your “stuff”!

\$5.00 per bag – come and shop!

Join the “Used Clothing Challenge” to make 2013 a big success!

All monies go to UMW missions, local and global.

**MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET:** Friday, May 10. More details to follow.

**MEMBERSHIP:** All women in our congregation are welcome to attend any of our Circle Meetings or General Meetings. Please contact Neva Benson or Sally Lepi, Membership Co-Chairmen, if you are interested.

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### EASTER FLOWERS

On Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, you may wish to have a potted plant in memory or honor of a loved one. The flowers will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and you may pick them up after the service you attend (7:00, 8:15 or 10:45). Please fill out your order below **and place it with your payment in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.**

If preferred, in lieu of a plant, you may make a donation to the Gateway Home to help in its work with the developmentally disabled.

Lilies or Mums \$8.25

Reiger Begonias \$9.00

Tulips or Hyacinths \$7.25

ALL PLANTS MUST BE ORDERED BY THURSDAY, MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>

(PLEASE PRINT) GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT: \$\_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ (Type of Plant(s) OR \$\_\_\_\_\_ For Gateway Home

~ ~ ~ Please include payment with your order ~ ~ ~

## **Library Resource Center Update**

### **A Bit of History**

The Library Resource Center (LRC) at Greece United Methodist Church was organized on May 8, 1994, with Jane Vannicola at the helm. Pictures in a photo album show the LRC moved into its current location near the front of the sanctuary in approximately 1992, from its earlier location in a slim room that is now part of the Choir Room. Pastor Robert Sapp and Deacon Sandra Stoica signed off on a Mission Statement dated May 2003, which said “support the teachings of the United Methodist Church and serve the congregation in the promotion of Christian learning and growth.”

### **New Technology**

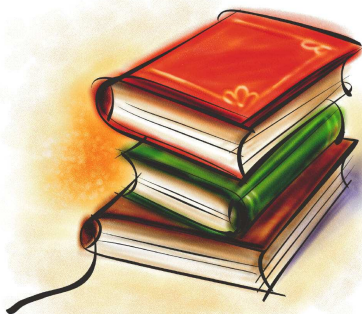
Jane Vannicola has spearheaded a move to digitize the operations of the LRC. The LRC Committee chose a software package, ResourceMate, and a desktop computer was donated to the LRC by Glen and Karen Pearson to make this a reality. The transition is underway, with the cataloguing efforts being led by Chris Collins. In the future it will be possible to search the library catalog and borrow items from a simple software package.

### **Transitions**

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Jane Vannicola has decided to retire from her position with the LRC after nearly 30 years of intense devotion to this library. Jane has worked tirelessly on all aspects of the library, from acquisitions and cataloguing to fundraising and administration. She was always especially dedicated to promoting the use of the library with the Sunday School classes. Kim Whittemore and Jane Banta are in the process of learning the ropes from Jane and will be reaching out to current LRC Committee members to find out who wishes to continue. It is especially appropriate to extend a big thank-you to Barbara Pike and Phyl-Ann Helmes as they have been serving continuously on the LRC Committee with Jane Vannicola since its inception.

### **Recruiting for the Future**

The LRC Committee will oversee the running of the library and will have an initial planning meeting on Sunday March 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Additionally, we are in need of volunteers to help with the digital cataloguing of our library collection (no experience required!) and to volunteer to help with “Children’s Time” for Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings from approximately 9:30-9:45 or 10:00 (again, no experience required only enthusiasm for kids and books!). Another way to get involved would be helping with a Used Book Sale. (Details TBD, but feel free to start saving your used books for us!) If any of these tasks appeal to you, please contact Kim Whittemore [nywhits@yahoo.com](mailto:nywhits@yahoo.com) or Jane Banta [janefox47@gmail.com](mailto:janefox47@gmail.com)



## Church Communication in Motion

A small action-oriented group meets periodically to make a difference in how information is communicated in and around our church community. Mostly, we don't meet, we just do what needs to get done. Everyone in the group is committed to doing one or more activity to work towards better communication.

**Our Focus:** We realize that people consume information in many different ways. We are striving to feed information to everyone in all the ways it is consumed in our church community - both internally and externally focused.

Here's a partial list of thing are being actively worked:

- **Monthly Newsletter** - New format, a new name. Delivered by mail, email, web site, and printed copies are available in the commons area.
- **Weekly e-news** - we are actively pursuing how to distribute weekly upcoming news about the church via email and possibly other electronic ways to increase awareness.
- Our church has a **Facebook** page "**Greece UMC**". It has 47 Likes - some people and some other pages - including "Rethink Church" and "The United Methodist Church". Do you know you can share the page with your friends on Facebook?
- Our church **web site** has been up and running for a few months now. The church calendar is on the web site - Mandy puts it all on the web site, in addition to her master calendar in the office. Not sure if you know when a meeting starts? Go look it up on the web site!  
[www.greeceumc.org](http://www.greeceumc.org)

Communicating information inside the church... We are working on projecting announcements before the services, and also in the commons area. Keep an eye out for progress on those fronts.

Building awareness in the community - this is a topic that we're just beginning to discuss.

NOTE: There are other things that will come up and be worked on. This is just a sampling of the kinds of things that are being addressed and worked on.

Any questions, contact Lisa Kostyshak at [lkostyshak@gmail.com](mailto:lkostyshak@gmail.com)

## DO YOU HAVE AN OUTSIDE KEY? The outside locks are being changed.



Please see Earle Ridley (trustees) to exchange your key for a new one.

**Or** see Amanda Lowell in the office.

Replacement keys are ready for pick up.

**Once the locks have been changed, your old key will not work.**

## Ten Simple Words:

### Jesus, Mission, Pastor, Field, Connect, Read, Simple, Discipline, Fruit, Spirit

Ten Words offered to help you remember how to help with positive change in our congregation's outreach to make disciples of Jesus Christ to transform the world. Wrapped around everything is **PRAYER**, seeking God's wisdom and discernment that our efforts will be in accordance with His plan and purpose.

**JESUS** is first and most important to remember as we do anything in the church. He is "the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through [him]" (John 14:6). How do you help someone understand that?

**MISSION**: Why do we go to church? What purpose is there in our gathering? How is the church different from a social club where we have fellowship and we work to help other people?

**PASTOR**: If the church is to grow and be successful in its mission, pastors have to lead. Laity in a congregation provides leadership too, but in a different way. It has to be along with the pastor, not separate from (and certainly not in conflict with) the pastor's vision and leadership.

**FIELD**: In 1739, John Wesley found that very few people were in the church building, so he began to preach in a field. The result? About 3,000 people heard the Gospel message of grace that day! Wesley's greatest preaching impact was outside where the people were. Go out and find your field!

**CONNECT**: You connect with God through Jesus Christ. You connect with people inside the church. You connect with people outside the church - new people. When is the last time you made a new connection?

**READ**: "Continuous learning" is a key principle for today. Stephen Covey calls it, "sharpening the saw." Bible books help increase knowledge of Christian belief and practice, the United Methodist Church, and new ideas for reaching people with the Gospel. What have you read lately?

**SIMPLE**: Our world and our church are complicated. People are easily distracted. How can we tune out the distractions, the complexities, the "stuff" of our world and focus on what really matters?

**DISCIPLINE**: Spiritual disciplines are practices that help us develop qualities and habits in our lives that are more Christ-like, closer to God. They include worship, prayer, study of scripture, and the Lord's Supper (Communion). How does the word "Discipline" apply to you? In what way is God nudging you to develop better habits?

**FRUIT**: "Fruit" is a great metaphor for the results we should see in both our personal lives and in leadership of our church. First, how do our personal lives bear Fruit? What results should we expect? Each of us is different, so the "Fruit" of our lives will look different. However, there are some common qualities for those who follow Christ.

**SPIRIT**: Jesus said "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). As we began with Jesus, following, learning, and growing, we go forward in the Spirit - Jesus present with us, even now. Wow! The book of Acts describes how that Spiritual power came upon the first disciples, enabling them to do the things Jesus did - and to carry out the mission he gave them.

**Nursery Schedule:**

3/3: Phyllis Miller & Ashley Sheldon  
 3/10: Phy-Ann Helmes & Kali Iachetta  
 3/17: Melissa Dunn & Vicky Standhart  
 3/24: Sally Lepi & Kali Iachetta  
 3/31: Gale Huber & Vicky Standhart

**Children's Church:**

3/3: John Dunn & Kim Whittemore  
 3/10: Sonia Ingle & Debbie Symonds  
 3/17: Jenni Barth & Tracy Kester  
 3/24: Karen Pearson & Melissa Dunn  
 3/31: Becky Lopez & John Dunn

**March Birthdays:**

*Not available for web edition*

**Save The Dates:**

April 6th We are starting a beginner exercise/dance class at Church

April 13th-  
Road Rally brought to you by  
Family Life Ministries

June 15th-  
Summer fest-all Church event



## GREECE CHURCHES HABITAT PROJECT 2011-2012



By the time you read this our home should be near completion and dedicated. Our homeowner, Sylvia Pardner, should be in the process of relocating. This completes our fifth home in the City of Rochester plus a sixth home funded in Hubli, India on with funds from our first project. Flower City Habitat is now approaching 200 homes built in the City, and we're proud to be a significant part of that.

We continue going forward as a coalition, hoping to find more churches to join our efforts. Fund raising efforts will go on well into the future, with hopes of sponsoring our next home in 2014-15. There are always opportunities for volunteering on Habitat projects, always rewarding as you meet other volunteers and prospective homeowners. Simply log on to [www.rochesterhabitat.org](http://www.rochesterhabitat.org) and look for the volunteer prompt, and select your workday(s) after providing info about yourself.

Watch for information on our ongoing fundraisers like Sticky Lips BBQ (probably in May) as well as our annual Thanksgiving Kelly pie sale. Your support has been great!

Thanks for your support,

Bill Mason



# 2013 Vacation Bible School

## Everywhere Fun Fair:

### WHERE GOD'S WORLD COMES TOGETHER

#### GUMC UPDATED NEWS:

***DIFFERENT TIME FOR VBS*** June 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>

**5:15 – 6:00pm Dinner**

**6:00 – 8:30 pm VBS for all ages**

Have you ever wanted to help or attend Vacation Bible School but could not due to working?

Contact Deacon Dee if you need more info.

*At this exciting child-friendly fair, participants will experience the love of Jesus, meet welcoming neighbors from the Bible and explore the everyday life of neighbors from Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Mexico.*

*All will discover that God's love welcomes everyone, as they learn about love and serving God and how to be a neighbor to the world.*

*Everywhere Fun Fair has exciting attractions such as Bible storytelling, Global Games, rockin' Music, super Science, cool Crafts, and more!*

*Everywhere Fun Fair takes participants to a global celebration with the look and feel of a world's fair.*

*Everywhere Fun Fair is Love the Lord your God...and love your neighbor as yourself.*

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## EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR Volunteer Form

We need EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR VBS volunteers! June 24-28, 2013

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I can help BEFORE EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR VBS. I can:

- |                                                    |                                                |                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for VBS              | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate publicity  | <input type="checkbox"/> Paint backdrops  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute publicity      | <input type="checkbox"/> Make costumes         | <input type="checkbox"/> Make phone calls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with preregistration | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide supplies      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gather donations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create decorations        | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare craft packets |                                           |

I can help DURING EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR VBS. I can:

- |                                                   |                                                |                                                  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Neighbor Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Be a registrar        | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide transportation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take photos              | <input type="checkbox"/> Greet participants    | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Dinner        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for the children    | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up rooms each day | <input type="checkbox"/> Help In Preschool Group |

I would like to help AFTER EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR VBS. I can:

- |                                               |                                                |                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send thank-you cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Take down decorations | <input type="checkbox"/> Return donated items |
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Get involved!!  
Be on the DCYM Leadership  
Team!!!!  
Learn More and Sign up at  
this meeting!!!

# DCYM YOUTH SPRING EVENT

Sunday March 10 2 – 5 pm  
Starts at Aldersgate UMC

Sign up to go to  
Annual Conference

Bring a snack  
to share!

Want to be on  
CCYM?  
Put your name for-  
ward here!

**Bring a Group, a Friend or Come Alone!**

Just Come and Have **Fun!!!**

First we will meet, eat and then go bowling

\$10 a person (For Bowling...shoes included!!)

Want to know more? Contact Derek Hansen [dhansen@aumcgreece.org](mailto:dhansen@aumcgreece.org)

or Mary Anderson [mcanderson54@gmail.com](mailto:mcanderson54@gmail.com) ! *And let us know you are coming!!!*

**Don't STRIKE OUT...Come Join the fun!**

# 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, March 18, 2013*

*11:00am – 11:00pm*

*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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# March 2013

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| <b>3</b><br>8:15 & 10:45: <a href="#">Worship Services</a><br>9:30-10:30 AM: <a href="#">Church School</a><br>11:45 AM: <a href="#">Fellowship (immediately following 2nd service)</a>                                                                                                    | <b>4</b><br>12 PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>12:30 PM: <a href="#">Silver Square Square Dancers</a><br>2:30-7:00 PM: <a href="#">Guitar Lessons</a><br>6:30 PM: <a href="#">Girl Scouts</a><br>6:30 PM: <a href="#">Boy Scouts</a>                                         | <b>5</b><br>10:00 AM: <a href="#">Tuesday Book Study Group</a><br>10:30 AM: <a href="#">Staff mtg</a><br>2:30-7:00 PM: <a href="#">Guitar Lessons</a><br>5:30 PM: <a href="#">Weight Watchers</a><br>7 PM: <a href="#">Christian Ed</a><br>7 PM: <a href="#">Treble Clefs</a>                           | <b>6</b><br>9:30 AM: <a href="#">Bagel and Book/Bible</a><br>12PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>6:15 PM: <a href="#">Bell Choir</a><br>7:00 PM: <a href="#">Choir</a>  | <b>7</b><br>10:30 AM: <a href="#">Atria Sr Bible Study</a><br>11 AM: <a href="#">Women's AA</a><br>11:30- 1:00 PM: <a href="#">Pastor Matt Book Study</a><br>6:30-8:30 PM: <a href="#">Girl Scouts</a><br>7:00-8:30 PM: <a href="#">Pastor Book Study</a>                                       | <b>8</b><br>12PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>7:30PM: <a href="#">AA</a>                                                                                           | <b>9</b><br>8:00 AM: <a href="#">Emaus Gathering</a>                     |
| <b>10</b><br>8:15 & 10:45: <a href="#">Worship Services</a><br>8:15-12 PM: <a href="#">Youth Sunday</a><br>9:30 AM: <a href="#">Trustee Committee meeting</a><br>9:30-10:30 AM: <a href="#">Church School</a><br>11:45 AM: <a href="#">Fellowship</a><br>2 PM: <a href="#">Deb Circle</a> | <b>11</b><br>12 PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>12:30 PM: <a href="#">Silver Square Square Dancers</a><br>2:30-7 PM: <a href="#">Guitar Lessons</a><br>6:30 PM: <a href="#">Miriam Circle</a><br>6:30 PM: <a href="#">Girl Scouts</a><br>6:30 PM: <a href="#">Boy Scouts</a> | <b>12</b><br>10:00 AM: <a href="#">Tues Book Study</a><br>10:30 AM: <a href="#">Staff mtg</a><br>12:30 PM: <a href="#">Ruth Circle</a><br>2:30-7 PM: <a href="#">Guitar Lessons</a><br>5:30-6:30 PM: <a href="#">Weight Watchers</a><br>7 PM: <a href="#">SPRC</a><br>7PM: <a href="#">Treble Clefs</a> | <b>13</b><br>9:30 AM: <a href="#">Bagel and Book/Bible</a><br>12PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>6:15 PM: <a href="#">Bell Choir</a><br>7:00 PM: <a href="#">Choir</a> | <b>14</b><br>9:45 AM: <a href="#">Storybook</a><br>10:30 AM: <a href="#">Atria Sr Bible Study</a><br>11 AM: <a href="#">Women's AA</a><br>11:30-1:00 PM: <a href="#">Pastor Matt Book Study</a><br>6:30-8:30 PM: <a href="#">Girl Scouts</a><br>7:00-8:30 PM: <a href="#">Pastor Book Study</a> | <b>15</b><br>12PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>6:00 PM: <a href="#">Boy Scout Pack 173</a><br><a href="#">Blue Gold Award Dinner</a><br>7:30PM: <a href="#">AA</a> | <b>16</b><br>6:00 PM: <a href="#">Lenten Dinner Theater for all ages</a> |

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| <b>17 Mission Sunday</b><br>8:15 & 10:45: <a href="#">Worship Services</a><br>9:30-10:30 AM: <a href="#">Church School</a><br>11:45 AM: <a href="#">Fellowship</a> (immediately following 2nd service)                                                                                       | <b>18</b><br><a href="#">Applebee's Fundraiser</a><br>12 PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>12:30 PM: <a href="#">Silver Square Dancers</a><br>2:30-7:00 PM: <a href="#">Guitar Lessons</a><br>6:30 PM: <a href="#">Girl Scouts</a><br>6:30 PM: <a href="#">Boy Scouts</a><br>7:00 PM: <a href="#">Membership Care</a>                                    | <b>19</b><br>10:00 AM: <a href="#">Tues Book Study</a><br>10:30 AM: <a href="#">Staff mtg</a><br>2:30-7:00 PM: <a href="#">Guitar Lessons</a><br>5:30-6:30 PM: <a href="#">Weight Watchers</a><br>7:00-8:00 PM: <a href="#">Finance Committee</a><br>7 PM: <a href="#">Treble Clefs</a> | <b>20</b><br>9:30 AM: <a href="#">Bagel and Book/Bible</a><br>12PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>6:15 PM: <a href="#">Bell Choir</a><br>7:00 PM: <a href="#">Choir</a> | <b>21</b><br>10:30-11:00 AM: <a href="#">Atria Sr Bible Study</a><br>11 AM: <a href="#">Women's AA</a><br>11:30-1:00 PM: <a href="#">Pastor Matt Book Study</a><br>6:30-8:30 PM: <a href="#">Girl Scouts</a><br>7:00-8:30 PM: <a href="#">Pastor Book Study</a>                                                          | <b>22</b><br>12PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>Starts 5:50PM: <a href="#">Confirmation Retreat</a><br>7:30PM: <a href="#">AA</a> | <b>23</b><br><a href="#">Genesee Valley District UMW Communion Breakfast</a><br>- <a href="#">Confirmation Retreat</a><br>Ends 3:00 PM |
| <b>24</b><br>8:15 & 10:45: <a href="#">Worship Services</a><br>9:30-10:30 AM: <a href="#">Church School</a><br>11:45 AM: <a href="#">Fellowship</a><br>6:00-9:00 PM: <a href="#">Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting</a>                                                                         | <b>25</b><br>12 PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>12:30 PM: <a href="#">Silver Square Square Dancers</a><br>2:30-7:00 PM: <a href="#">Guitar Lessons</a><br>6:30 PM: <a href="#">Girl Scouts</a><br>6:30 PM: <a href="#">Boy Scouts</a><br>7 PM: <a href="#">Vacation Bible School planning meeting</a><br>7 PM: <a href="#">UMW Executive Committee</a> | <b>26</b><br>10:00 AM: <a href="#">Tues Book Study</a><br>10:30 AM: <a href="#">Staff mtg</a><br>2:30-7:00 PM: <a href="#">Guitar Lessons</a><br>5:30-6:30 PM: <a href="#">Weight Watchers</a><br>7:00 PM: <a href="#">Treble Clefs</a><br>7:15 PM: <a href="#">Church Council</a>      | <b>27</b><br>9:30 AM: <a href="#">Bagel and Book/Bible</a><br>12PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>6:15 PM: <a href="#">Bell Choir</a><br>7:00 PM: <a href="#">Choir</a> | <b>28 Maundy Thurs</b><br>9:45 AM: <a href="#">Storybook</a><br>10:30 AM: <a href="#">Atria Sr Bible Study</a><br>11 AM: <a href="#">Women's AA</a><br>6:00-7:15 PM: <a href="#">Maundy Thursday Seder Meal</a><br>6:30-8:30 PM: <a href="#">Girl Scouts</a><br>7:30 PM: <a href="#">Maundy Thursday Worship Service</a> | <b>29 Good Fri</b><br>12PM: <a href="#">AA</a><br>7 PM: <a href="#">Worship Service</a><br>7:30PM: <a href="#">AA</a>      | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                              |
| <b>31 EASTER SUNDAY</b><br><a href="#">Undie Sunday</a><br>7:00-7:30 AM: <a href="#">Easter Sunrise Service</a><br>8:15 & 10:45: <a href="#">Worship Services</a><br>9:30-10:30 AM: <a href="#">Church School</a><br>11:45 AM <a href="#">Fellowship</a> (immediately following 2nd service) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                        |