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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Official Newsletter of Galena United Methodist Church

Join us THIS SUNDAY for our In-person Worship

Join us this Sunday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship Service in the Northern Lights Pavilion at Galena Recreation Park! If you plan on attending in-person, please register on our website at www.galenaumc.org/events or call Pastor Catiana at 630-935-3312.

NEED YOUR GRADUATES!

Contact Pastor Catiana with info on your recent graduates, this includes anyone graduating from middle school, high school, trade schools, and college. We would like them no later than Wednesday, May 26. We will celebrate the graduates next Sunday during worship.

ShareChurch Hospitality & Leadership Workshops



APRIL 22

Join us for an all online conference designed to equip church leaders to make everyone feel welcome and included, from first time visitors to deeply engaged members—in person or online. Pastors, staff, and volunteers focused on the ministry of welcome, hospitality, visitor care, outreach, connections and membership will all find tangible takeaways. The cost is \$49 for individuals and \$389 for a watch party of 10 people. Register online at <https://sharechurch.com/event/art-of-hospitality-conference-2021/>.

Call Pastor Catiana to register for these events.



SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2021

Whether you are clergy, church staff, or a lay leader in your church, join us for Leadership Institute 2021. You will experience three days of inspiration, practical ministry tools and proven strategies to strengthen your church and your own leadership. We are assessing the feasibility of safely hosting a smaller in person conference in addition to an all online offering. More information to come.

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Getting to know our church better:

Your GUMC Governance Board Bios

SHERRY MARC: In 2013, Bill and I moved to Galena, where we had already attended many worship services over the years with our daughter Tara and family and joined the church in 2015. Our daughter Trisha and her family live in Texas and son Tyler lives in California. We have 7 grandchildren and 2 super sweet mini dachshunds that join me often on Zoom meetings. In June, Bill and I will celebrate our 46th Anniversary. I will continue to serve as Lay Leader on the Church Board. Because I serve as the UMW President and on the Mission/Outreach Team, I will represent them as needed. I look forward to seeing where this new year will lead us. I also serve on the Rockford District UMW team.

GINNY CAROL: I have been a member of this church ever since we moved here in 1968. My husband, Terry, started his teaching career here teaching Industrial Arts at the High School. We have three children, Christy Charles lives in Mt Carroll, Karla Keilman lives in Chicago, Matthew here in Galena and four wonderful granddaughters. I have been on several different committees in this church throughout the years. I am also a member and Treasurer of the UMW.

JAY DICKERSON: My wife Hillary and I have lived in Galena since 2005. Our daughters are Lillian, 19; Maya, 17; and Ruby, 15. Since 2003, I have worked for The Galena Gazette, where my dog, Max, is the goodwill ambassador. I am taking a course toward a Master's Degree and a certification to teach high school English. I'm the president of the Galena Center for the Arts board; the past president of the Kiwanis Club of Galena; the secretary for the Galena Area Chamber of Commerce; and a past president of the Northern Illinois Newspaper Association.

DALE HENZE: I am married to Judy for fifty years (June 2021) and we have four children: Chad in Connecticut, Ryan in Iowa, Kyle in Arizona, and Britni in Indiana. My career has been in education. I first was a teacher of agriculture, followed by junior-senior high school principal, then middle school principal (in Galena, 23yrs.) followed by 17 yrs. teaching at the college level at UWPlatteville.

DAN DITTMAR: I have been a member of this church since 1995, when I was married here to my wife B'Ann. We have two children, Brooke (14) and Chase (16). I have been a trustee for for 10+ years.

LYNN SISLER: I met my husband, Mike, after I moved to Galena as a new teacher in 1973. We raised two sons. Brad lives in Aurora, Colorado with his wife, Rachael, and two girls, Elly (9) and Brie (7). Andy lives in Pewaukee, Wisconsin with his wife AlexSandra. I am a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and proud to be a member of the GUMC family.

JOE LIEB: I grew up in Elizabeth, Illinois, and began doing concrete construction work in 1973. In 1988, I married my wife, Jorene, and we have three children: Jacob (29), Joy (26) and Julia (22). I grew up Lutheran, but joined the Savanna United Methodist Church when I married my wife. We moved to Galena in 2000, and we have been members of GUMC since 2006. I have been a trustee for 10 years.

JULIE EGGLESTON: I was baptized, confirmed and married in GUMC. I was in choir and edited the newsletter before I moved to Wheaton, Illinois, where I transferred membership to Gary Memorial UMC. There I was involved in Christian education and mission. I was drama director for the Wednesday evening "Shine!" Service. When I returned to Galena, I again edited the newsletter for awhile and became involved with mission, choir, VBS, and led some book studies. I was briefly on the district mission committee and a certified lay servant.

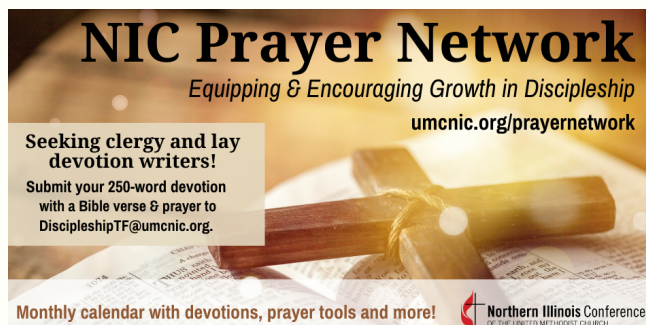
Your GUMC Governance Board Bios - Cont.

DENNIS IRWIN: I am a retired internist. My wife, Mildred, and I met in Micronesia. We have been married 41 years. We have lived in Hawaii, Pohnpei (Micronesia), California, Guam, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Galena for the last five years. Galena is my favorite. We have four children in DC, Baton Rouge, Chicago, and Minneapolis, but no grandchildren. We joined the church four years ago. I have been a Trustee for most of that time and a member of the Finance Committee for three years. I am on the Board of the Galena Rotary Club.



Read NIC May Reporter: Print & Online

Read the NIC May Reporter and previous publications online: www.umcnic.org/reporter/



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Donate to HOPE Youth's Sunshine Box



Help HOPE Youth Group replenish the Sunshine Box today! The Box is located on Gear Street in Galena.

You can help replenish the box by donating the following items: mouthwash, dental floss, razors, shaving cream, body wash, toothpaste, feminine products, baby wipes, body lotion, face wash, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes, canned fruit, Clorox wipes, kitchen sponges, dish detergent, garbage bags, zip lock bags, and glass cleaner.

Prayer Joys & Concerns

Prayers for peace and reconciliation within our country and within our world; prayers for an awareness of the senseless violence and gun obsession in our country and prayers that we take action through common sense gun legislation and open hearts. Prayers for healing from the sins of racism. May our awareness turn into healing action.

Please hold our friends and families who have, had, or are being tested for COVID-19, in prayer. Prayers of thanks for the vaccine and for those who continue to donate their time and effort to help others register for their COVID-19 vaccinations. Hold our dear members and friends who passed away this last year and their families in prayer.

Pray for Chase as he has surgery to remove a steel bar that's in his chest to correct his Pectus Excavatum. Please pray for Lonna's health and Lonna's daughter Joni Decker; Prayers for Janette Bader's health and her granddaughter, Melissa; Wayne and Mary Turner's health issues; Betty Kabara's health; Daniel Saben, slowly recovering from surgery with the possibility of more; Cheryl & Jim White; Eileen Henrich, Pam McKinsey's mom, and Pam's sister, Melanie; and Ester Lieberman, in hospice at home. Please hold Sarah and Carter in prayer as Sarah continues her healing process.

Roberta Turner developed shingles following her 2nd Covid vaccination. Please keep her in your prayers; and hold Pastor Patricia's brother, Andy, in prayer for health issues.

Prayers for Michele Allen, Bob Brotheridge's and Lois Brotheridge's daughter with lung cancer that has metastasized to the brain; family members of Elisa; Larry Cook and his family; Curtis Cook, Larry's grandson; Bev DeBord; Ben's niece, Charity; Dave and Annie Silaggi; Lisa and Terry Prindle; Janette Bader and family.

Prayers for Pat Bull - transitions; Margo Simmons and Mike; and Corey Hyslop, Suzanne's nephew, a quadriplegic, hospitalized for severe pain and complications. Prayers for Pastor Catiana's aunt, Maxine, in hospice in Utah.

Prayers for Zambia's hunger-missionary, Betty Tsala and sons, Lanie and Shaun. Prayers for all detained/separated children, immigrants; victims of gun violence & all experiencing PTSD; all responders to tragedies in our country & around the world; prayers for the people of the United Methodist Church as we find a new expression of more fully living into the grace-filled ministry of our faith; and prayers for our United Methodist Church and its ministries.

Prayers for peaceful solutions to world issues that are too often addressed with violence. May the peace of Christ prevail. Prayers for the world and its leaders facing difficult decisions every day. May decisions be made with wisdom and care for the benefit of all.

Prayers for all health care workers and for all frontline workers trying to provide critical services at a dangerous time for themselves; Prayers for loved ones who have died but whose lives cannot be celebrated in churches at this time and for maintaining connections during a time of difficult traveling and connections.

Sharing Our Gifts

We encourage you to donate by mail, on our website galenaumc.org or on our Facebook page. A DONATION BUTTON HAS BEEN ADDED TO FACEBOOK and OUR WEBSITE. "Shop and Share" any time for Galena UMC!

GUMC receives a percentage of the online sales when you shop online with iGive.com and smile.amazon.com.

iGive campaign encourages support for local churches

The #IGiveUMC campaign inspires United Methodists, and others, to honor important individuals in their lives by donating to local churches. Upcoming celebrations, such as Father's Day, are perfect opportunities to launch the campaign in your congregation and community!

For more info about the campaign, visit resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcgiving.



Galena Food Pantry needs your help!

Would you like to donate to help those affected by food insecurity?

Due to the pandemic, the need to support food banks has heightened. To donate, send your donations directly to the Galena Food Pantry or send donations to us, indicating Galena Food Pantry as the destination for the amount.

To volunteer or to find more information about the Galena Food Pantry, please visit galenafoodpantry.org.

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER: GALENA ARC

"Believe in Us." Together we bring sustainability. For 45 years the ARC and community support have allowed Galena to flourish. Work with us to provide our families art, sports, fitness,

child care, and educational programming second to none. Visit Galena ARC: Arts, Community Recreation and Child Care Facility online at www.galenaarc.org to learn

more about upcoming activities and services.

Please indicate an amount and write "Change for the Better" on your check's memo line.

Return Guidelines for Galena United Methodist Church

Our in-person worship services will be held at the Northern Lights pavilion at Recreation Park beginning on May 23rd at 10:30am. We believe that having an outdoor service should create the safest environment. The fresh moving air and families being properly distanced should greatly reduce or eliminate the chance for infection. We are planning to be in our sanctuary for services beginning in July 11th. We offer the following guidelines to maximize the safety and well being of all of those present:

1. We will offer preregistration for those planning to attend. Please register on the church website so that we can plan according to expected numbers, etc. The registration link can be found at galenaumc.org. Registration is appreciated but not required for attendance.
2. Masks are not required for persons who are fully vaccinated; however, those who feel more comfortable wearing a mask are encouraged to follow their comfort level. Persons who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a mask.
3. The area will be cleaned and sanitized. Mr. Clean would be impressed!! There will be hand-sanitizing stations set-up as well.
4. We will have the area set up to ensure appropriate social distancing. Families, please sit together, we can get more people in the area this way. If you wish to bring lawn chairs for seating around and near the pavilion, that is certainly acceptable and helpful for the social distancing.
5. Offering plates will not be passed among congregants. We will have a central collection station in the pavilion for collection of the offering.
6. We will have bulletins (left untouched for 48 hours) available. We will also distribute the bulletin via e-mail in advance if attendees wish to print their own from home prior to attending the service.

All services will be recorded and uploaded by Sunday afternoon for those who are unable to attend in-person.

Also, please be aware that the Northern Lights pavilion is reserved for the Methodist Church for the full day on all summer Sundays. If you wish to use the area for any gatherings, please feel free to do so.



Galena UMC

Recovery & ReTurn Report

May 19, 2021 Week #48

Galena's ReTurn Team

Dale Henze – Chair
Dennis Irwin
Charlene Price
Patricia Allen–Stewart
Bill & Sherry Marc
Jay & Hillary Dickerson
Dave & Judy Biegon
Karen Hughes
Darcy Muehliep
Pastor Catiana McKay

Weekly Update ... from Dale

Well, it has been many Sundays since we have been able to gather as a church for worship. Perhaps we did not expect our time of separation to last as long as it has, but from the Lord's good hand, we have experienced an extended time of exile from the corporate body of Christ on earth. And by that same hand, it seems we are slowly coming out of exile. Praise him for this sweet mercy!

We are looking forward to coming together this Sunday, May 23rd, at the Northern Lights pavilion at recreation park. We wanted to make you aware of what that will look like and have attached a copy of the guidelines for our reopening. You have likely seen these guidelines previously, but we ask that you review them yet again. Our committee has spent many hours discussing how best

to gather again for worship in these strange times. We have tried to consider all the variables that are in play in our "new" world. Following the various guidelines about the virus and providing an environment for corporate worship has not been easy to balance. We beg your prayers and patience as we seek to navigate the ever-changing waters in which we are all swimming. Things will be different, but we hope that these necessary changes will only be temporary. We will continue to evaluate the situation and make adjustments as needed. We welcome your feedback.



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"How will I ever learn history when every day the world keeps makin' more?"

Notes ...from Charlene ...

Let us continue our phone calls and notes. "Staying in touch" truly blesses both the giver and the receiver especially in this time of pandemic. Hold our church family close. We are all in this together.

Medical Tip of the Week ... by Dennis

CORONAVIRUS

Now we who have been vaccinated can be unmasked, so what?

Until this pandemic ends around the globe, resistant variants are a real risk to all of us, even the fully vaccinated. A recent publication from the Wisconsin Council of Churches sets forth the following good advice on reopening our church:

DO:

- Continue to follow COVID-safe practices until background levels of virus are very low
- Plan gathering and building re-opening carefully and thoughtfully.
- Adopt a “two out of three” approach: masks, social distancing, gathering outdoors
- Follow state, local, and any ecclesial guidelines, which are not affected by the new CDC advice
- Provide an example of good health practices, particularly for children who have not been vaccinated
- Gather in ways that do not exclude or put at risk unvaccinated members of the community, such as children or medically vulnerable individuals

DON'T:

- Decide the pandemic is over
- Rush into re-opening, disregarding medical and commonsense advice
- Discard safe worship practices
- Ignore state or local health regulations or ecclesial requirements
- Act in ways that require unvaccinated or vulnerable members to choose between being safe and participating in the community

This is good advice. For our church, if we know that everyone in the room has been fully vaccinated, it is safe to unmask inside the building. However, if you feel more comfortable keeping your mask on, please do so. Caution and prudence will always be supported.

Blessings...from Pastor Catiana A perfect message for Pentecost!

(a sharing from Superintendent Fabiola's May message)

The month of May is when we remember the Aldersgate experience from John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement. He felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and his life changed radically. John Wesley was a courageous man: he preached the gospel in many places and he was a prophetic voice at that time. In one of his sermons, he said, “Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergy or lay; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on Earth.” This phrase of John Wesley, written in 1777, does not make distinctions. He asked for those who would be willing to serve the Lord without fear.

Would you consider yourself one with no fear to share the Good News? Don't be afraid to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ; don't be afraid to be a prophetic voice in our communities; don't be afraid to share words of peace, love, and hope; don't be afraid to begin new things in ministry. Today more than ever, our world needs us. We are facing a new reality and a new “normal.” Let us not go back. **Let us look ahead with new ideas, creativity and vision to be better disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are not alone;**

God is with us every step of the way. Remember: Do No Harm ... Do Good ... Stay in Love with God!
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

About GUMC

By God's grace, the Galena United Methodist Church is the Body of Christ striving to fulfill Christ's Great Command to love God and to love neighbor, and Christ's Great Commission to make disciples. Galena United Methodist Church is affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network. God, as known to us in Jesus Christ, welcomes all.

OUR MISSION

**Love God.
Love Neighbor.
Make Disciples.**

We welcome ALL people of any race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, social or economic status, employment status, or life situation; including people with physical or mental illness or disability. We practice loving acceptance of each person and respectful discussion of our differences.

Our missional giving includes United Churches of Galena Food Pantry, Riverview Compassionate Care, National Child Safety Council, Rosecrance Behavioral Health, Prisoner Release, Riverbend Food Depository, Homelessness in Chicago, and UMCOR National and UMCOR International disasters from Hurricanes to Missionary Support around the world.

Ministry Team and Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Catiana McKay
Ministers:	The Congregation
Accompanist:	Cody Clayton
Choir Director:	Pam McKinsey
Hand Bell Choir:	Meg Gibbs
Digital Ministry:	Julia Lieb
Technical:	Dennis Irwin
Sound:	Karen Hughes
Acolytes:	Emma Blaum, Lilly Dickerson, Maya Dickerson, Ruby Dickerson, Brooke Dittmar, Chase Dittmar, Vanessa Fair, Aamirha Hallman, and Owen Holcomb

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