

# GALENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**September 27, 2020**

**Confirmation Sunday**

**\*NEW INFO THIS WEEK**

Mission: **"Love God" "Love Neighbor" "Make Disciples"**



**Affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network**

God, as known to us in Jesus Christ, welcomes all.

## WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

*We welcome ALL and practice loving acceptance of each person and respectful discussion of our differences. The community's health and welfare is of great importance to us. We invite you to join us online for worship (Facebook or web site). Until group worship, study, and gatherings are resumed at our physical location, we will post links for worship, reflections, prayers, & meetings on [www.facebook.com/galenaumc](https://www.facebook.com/galenaumc) and on our website [www.galenaumc.org](http://www.galenaumc.org).*

**SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> at 11 am - Outdoor Worship**

**Confirmation Service -Rec Park**

**Emma Blaum, daughter of Alaina and Matt Blaum**

**Ruby Dickerson, daughter of Hillary & Jay Dickerson**

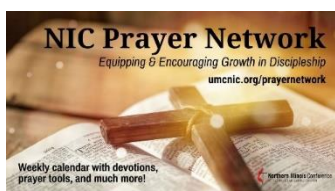
**Brooke Dittmar, daughter of B'Ann and Dan Dittmar**



**Friends, the video from the 20<sup>th</sup> was too dark with the contrasting sun against the darkness within the pavilion. The recording will be edited & emailed. It was a beautiful day & worked well except for the brightness.**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - October 11<sup>th</sup> - outdoor worship service – info to come.**

**H.O.P.E. YOUTH** continue their Gear St. Ministry, keeping the Sunshine Box replenished weekly. PLEASE COLLECT for the Sunshine Box: *mouthwash, dental floss, razors, shaving cream, tooth paste, body wash, 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, glass cleaner.*



**The Discipleship Task Force** is launching this new webpage to provide an opportunity to join together in common prayer. This webpage will host a weekly prayer calendar with a Bible verse and devotion by a NIC pastor along with some holy humor and other resources. It will encourage us to pray for a NIC church, pastor, events of the week, and more. We encourage groups to gather for a short time of prayer starting with our NIC Prayer Network page, but

individuals can join in privately from their computer.

~The Discipleship Task Force invites laity or clergy who are aspiring writers to submit a devotion (250 words), including a Bible verse and prayer. Share what is on your heart with the NIC by emailing [discipleshiptf@umcnic.org](mailto:discipleshiptf@umcnic.org).

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

We encourage you to donate by mail or online- FaceBook or Web Site.

### "Change for the Better" July, August & Sept. FACING FORWARD FOR HOMELESS

(#5000007) Facing Forward to End Homelessness ends homelessness for families and individuals by offering home, help and hope. Facing Forward provides permanent housing, education, advocacy, and social services. Facing Forward to End Homelessness has been transforming the lives of Chicago's most chronically homeless women and children for 30 years by empowering them with the stability of a real home and the tools they need to go from powerless to confidently independent. We are currently providing housing, hope and help to 64 single women and 57 families. The United Methodist Church was one of Facing Forward's initial founding denominations. \_\_\_\_\_

A DONATION BUTTON HAS BEEN ADDED TO FACEBOOK and OUR WEB SITE

OUR NEW WEB IS UP & RUNNING. Register for OUTDOOR SERVICE

AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from nearly one million public charitable organizations.



"Shop and Share" ANY TIME for Galena UMC! Do your online shopping through iGive.com, and Galena UMC receives a percentage of the sale. iGive is a free service to causes and members. Since 1997, iGive has grown to 350,000+ members supporting 50,000+ causes and raised over \$9 Million! Select "Galena UMC" as your

"cause" before you shop.

- iGive members generate donations by shopping online at any of our 2,400+ [Stores](#).
- There are no added costs, obligations, nor any hidden fees.
- You don't need to enter any codes, notify the store, or iGive. It's all automatic!

**MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT** by combining iGive with AmazonSmile: Did you know that when you use iGive to shop at Amazon, you'll generate even more money for Galen UMC? AmazonSmile's 0.5% plus iGive's 0.8% donations add up to a generous 1.3% of your purchase donated to us!

### UMCOR COVID-19 RELIEF ASSISTANCE #3022612 Global Fund

Since the start of the novel coronavirus outbreak, UMCOR has been working with health boards, medical professionals, disaster management coordinators and faith leaders to prevent the further spread of this disease. Now it is clear that the impact of COVID-19 will be far-reaching and demands an even greater response. Even as you shelter in place, you can be there for others. When you say "yes" to supporting the UMCOR COVID-19 Response, you will help bring God's love to life for those who need it most. Through your Galena UMC Mission team (designated Mission Funds), we donated \$500 for UMCOR COVID-19 Response Fund. **By giving through The Advance, 100% of your donation reaches your chosen mission project or ministry.**



## UM News Weekly Digest

[www.umnews.org](http://www.umnews.org).

## PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS **\*\*NEW OR CHANGED IN RED.**

**We pray for the many touched by the fires in California, Washington and Oregon, the hurricanes and floods along the eastern coast, and the continuing spread of the corona virus.**

**Wayne Shepherd** is in the hospital and undergoing many tests. Please hold him in prayer.

Please hold **Sarah Newton** in prayer. Sarah continues chemotherapy; **Kay** had eye surgery on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Aug. Please continue recovery prayers; **Michele Allen**, Rob Boothridge's daughter has lung cancer that has metastasized to the brain; **Daniel Sabin's** surgery has been moved to October in UW Madison. Let us continue to hold Daniel in prayer; prayers for **family members** of Elisa including **Judy McDonald**-open heart surgery; Nick & Elisa-**Elisa's grandfather** passed away during the hurricane in Louisiana; **Richard Willis**, Jorene Lieb's brother, suffered a stroke and has had brain surgery, pneumonia and other complications; **Anita Chamberland** is under the care of Hospice & resting comfortably.

Please continue prayers for **Larry Cook and family: Amy (Cook) McDermott and Curtis Cook**, Larry's grandson; prayers for **Lonna & her family** and **Joni Decker**, Lonna's daughter, and for Lonna's niece, **Diane Roling** with lung cancer; **please hold Bev DeBord in prayer; Please hold Ben's niece, Charity, in prayer; prayers continue for Dave and Annie Silaggi;** continue prayers for **Lisa & Terry Prindle; lease continue to hold the Ericson family in prayer;** Ron and Carol Ericson's sons: Brent Ericson (Veronique), Steve Ericson (Susan) & Mark Ericson. Please hold **Kenneth Schubert** , who passed in Feb. & his family in prayer.

**Please continue to hold Betty Kabara** in your prayers; **Donna W's nephew** and prayers for her sister, **Joan Hesselbacher** and for **Darin Davis**, great-grandnephew; **Ginny Carroll's nephew, Randy Bush**, diagnosed with cancer in his liver, pancreas & bile duct, his tumors is shrinking; **Michael McDonald, RN, Elisa's nephew; Maureen Shepherd's** family including her **cousin, Linda Gress;** prayers for **Janette Bader & family;** prayers for **Pat Bull** -transitions; prayers for **Margo Simmons & Mike;** prayers for Pam McKinsey's family-her sister **Melanie & her mother, Eileen Henrichs;**

**Corey Hyslop**, Suzanne's nephew, quadriplegic, hospitalized for severe pain & complications; Prayers for those in **resident at Galena Stauss Nursing home and all nursing homes; Prayers for** Zambia's hunger-missionary, **Betty Tsala & sons, Lanie & Shaun;** prayers for all **detained/separated children, Immigrants; victims of gun violence & all experiencing PTSD; all responders** to the many 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 which 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 for 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 or cemeteries at this time; for maintaining connections during a time of sheltering in our homes; and **prayers** for healing from the **sins of racism.**

**We pray for Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd and all who have lost their lives because of the sin of racism and police brutality. We pray for Jacob Blake and his young children who witnessed a Kenosha police officer shooting him seven times in the back on Sunday while trying to detain him. Bishop Sally Dyck: MAY GOD'S HOLY BREATH BREATHE UPON US TO BE A FORCE OF RACIAL JUSTICE IN THE CHURCH AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES BECAUSE THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE WHO CANNOT BREATHE! BREATHE ON US, BREATH OF GOD! AMEN**

*Make a Joyful Noise!*  
**LET US BE THANKFULL FOR THOSE WHO GIFT THEMSELVES  
to the community & the church through  
The Galena Handbell Choir & The Galena UMC Choir.  
We look forward to worshipping together as we celebrate new life**

## **GALENA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Greetings Ladies,

The **Rockford District's Annual Meeting** was held through **Zoom on September 19th**. The program was: RACIAL JUSTICE "Becoming Anti-racist". The Guest speaker was Pastor Violet Johnicker who is the current pastor at Brooke Rd. UMC, Rockford Member of the NI Conference Anti-Racism Task Force. I look forward to sharing more information with you. Thank you,  
Sherry Marc



### **"Change for the Better" October-November-December**

Northern Illinois Justice For Our Neighbors (NIJFON) provides free high-quality legal services to low-income immigrants, engages in education and advocacy efforts and builds cross-cultural relationships.

In addition to legal services provided by skilled attorneys at clinics across Northern Illinois, staff and volunteers provide hospitality and needed childcare, assist with requisite paperwork and offer a free legal

consultation for every immigrant who comes to the clinic.

Rooted in the United Methodist Church and moved by our faith to welcome immigrants, we are a non-profit organization that welcomes people of all background and faiths.

#### **Services NIJFON provides:**

- Family-based petitions
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- U-Visa (for victims of crimes)
- T-Visa (for victims of trafficking)
- Removal defense
- Asylum, withholding of removal
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Adjustment of Status
- Naturalization and Citizenship
- Violence Against Women Act protection (VAWA)
- Religious Worker Visas
- NACARA
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

#### **Appointments**

Please call 773-609-4401 for an appointment.

**Aurora Clinic Site**

**Chicago Clinic Site**

**Rockford Clinic Site**

**Buffalo Grove Site**

**Crystal Lake Site**

**Give to NIJFON**

*Please note: NIJFON is not able to take employment-based visa cases in which a company sets aside a position and pays for the visa application for their worker. To learn more about our parent organization, the national Justice for Our Neighbors, visit [nijfon.org](http://nijfon.org).*

**Follow @Northern Illinois JFON**





**Racism is a sin, and The United Methodist Church is committed to challenging the unjust power structures that support it and working for equality in all areas of life.**  
**What can you do?**

- **Pray:** We listen for the voice of Jesus in our private acts of devotion and our public acts of worship. The Upper Room has collected resources for the [spiritual work of overcoming racism](#).
- **Connect:** We begin our work by joining hands and hearts to journey side by side. Seek diverse blogs, podcasts, news outlets, and new relationships.
- **Show up:** We seek to be present at the rally, to the pain of others, and for opportunities to use our voices for change.
- **Act:** Jesus calls us not only to speak, but to join in the work of liberating the oppressed. Join [Church and Society](#) of the United Methodist Church in their work for civil and human rights. Connect with [United Methodist Women](#) in their work for racial justice. [Suggested Resources for Becoming Anti-Racist:](#) Discipleship Ministries Hire people of color. Spend responsibly. Work for justice

To learn more, contact [AntiracismTF@umcnic.org](mailto:AntiracismTF@umcnic.org)

## United Nations International Day of Peace 21 September



**PHOTO:**UN Photo/Marco Dormino

Members of the audience at a performance put on by a communal youth theatre project to promote peace and reconciliation in Gao, Mali (2014). UN Photo/Marco Dormino

**Theme: Shaping Peace Together:**

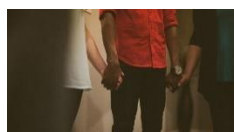
Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

This year, it has been clearer than ever that we are not each other's enemies. Rather, our common enemy is a tireless virus that threatens our health, security and very way of life. COVID-19 has thrown our world into turmoil and forcibly reminded us that what happens in one part of the planet can impact people everywhere. The 2020 theme for the International Day of Peace is "Shaping Peace Together." Celebrate the day by spreading compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the pandemic. Stand together with the UN against attempts to use the virus to promote discrimination or hatred. Join us so that we can shape peace together.



## Discipleship Ministries United Methodist Church

**Praying for Change: Daily Prayers for Anti-Racism** BY DEREK WEBER

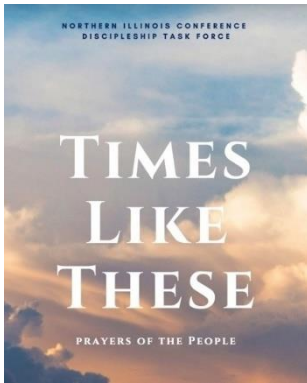


[https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/praying-for-change-daily-prayers-for-anti-racism?mc\\_cid=61e9cf1b5e&mc\\_eid=530a143162](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/praying-for-change-daily-prayers-for-anti-racism?mc_cid=61e9cf1b5e&mc_eid=530a143162)

In this Kairos moment of protest and awakening, Discipleship Ministries and other agencies and bodies of the United Methodist Church are providing resources and guidance on how to become anti-racist individuals and churches. Please seek out the help you need in this time of transformation.

The Worship Team of Discipleship Ministries believes, however, that such a change will not happen unless the whole process is bathed in prayer every step along the way. To that end, we will be providing daily prayers to help keep us all centered on the journey ahead. From Monday through Friday, a new prayer will be posted here for your use as personal devotion, to share in your small group, or for use in corporate worship.

If you wish to receive these prayers each day in your email, the process for signing up is outlined below. If you would like to submit a prayer, please contact the Worship Team and we would be glad to work with you on how to submit for posting. Join with us in this season of prayer and change in our denomination and beyond.



## COLLECTION OF PRAYERS FOR THE TIMES

<https://www.umcnic.org/news/nic-prayer-booklet-for-times-like-these>

Don't worry about anything? That's pretty hard to do these days! In addition to the effects of the pandemic, the economy, and whether the rising momentum against racism will produce change, we have all experienced personal concerns with family, friends, transitions and lost celebrations. Yet it is when we pray that we are able to pour our hearts and minds out to God. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NIC Discipleship Task Force asked clergy and laity to submit daily prayers, which were shared on the conference social media sites and website.

Those prayers have been assembled into an online booklet, "Times Like These," for reflection and devotion. **"This collection of prayers is a way to pray for God's peace that surpasses all understanding,"** said Bishop Sally Dyck. **"Use it as a guide to pray when you don't know how or what to pray. Use it as a prayer-starter. Use it as a way to see into the hearts of others in our annual conference. Let it open your heart and mind to God's peace!"**

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*By God's grace, the Galena United Methodist Church is the Body of Christ  
Striving to fulfill Christ's Great Command to love God & love neighbor,  
& Christ's Great Commission to make disciples.*

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**God, as known to us in Jesus Christ, welcomes all.**

We welcome 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.

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birthday  
i thank God  
for you.

**SEPTEMBER**

**29 Janette Bader**

**OCTOBER**

7 Linda Schafer  
8 Dennis Irwin  
9 Stephanie Hoppe  
10 Janet Eggleston  
15 Lonna McDermott  
16 Vanessa Fair



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