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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Official Newsletter of Galena United Methodist Church*

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## Earth Day & Global Ministries Earthkeepers

April is Earth Month. Churches typically observe Earth Day Sunday during the month of April, usually around April 22. It is an opportunity to reflect on the goodness of God's creation and the human responsibility to steward it through worship, education and action.

Global Ministries seeks U.S.-based United Methodists to lead grassroots environmental projects that are action-oriented, anti-racist, bold and entrepreneurial. Global Ministries EarthKeepers is a training program that equips US-based United Methodists to launch and grow environmental projects in their communities. Topics include eco-theology, anti-racism, community organizing, and project planning. All participants plan a project during the training. For more info, visit Creation Justice Ministries at [www.umcmmission.org/earthkeepers/](http://www.umcmmission.org/earthkeepers/).



## Easter Flowers Dedication for HOPE Youth Group's Sunshine Box

Let your "EASTER FLOWERS" become a Dedication or Remembrance. Your donation will support HOPE Youth Group's Sunshine Box, located on Gear Street in Galena. Write "Easter Flower Dedication" on your check or designate an amount on your giving check. Please email or call Pastor Catiana to let her know to whom the flowers are dedicated.

You can also collect the following to help replenish the Sunshine Box: 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.

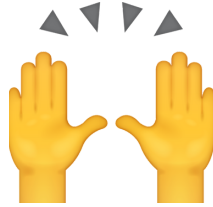
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# Prayer Joys and Concerns



Prayers for those whose lives have been touched by the shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, and Boulder, Colorado. We pray for common-sense gun regulation to prevent senseless murders from happening.

Prayers of peace and reconciliation for our country; 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 these last few months and their families in prayer.

Please pray for Lonna's health and Lonna's daughter Joni Decker; Melissa, Janette's granddaughter, who recently had a portion of her lung removed; Charlene had knee surgery. Hold her in prayer as she recovers; Prayers for Wayne Turner's health issues; Prayers for Betty Kabara's health.

Please continue to hold Dale and Judy's son Ryan in prayer as he is in recovery from his leg issues. Continue prayers for Daniel Saben who is waiting for test results as he continues to slowly recover from surgery with the possibility of more. Pray for Cheryl White as she is in recovery after her knee surgery.

Continue prayers for Eileen Henrich, Pam McKinsey's mom, and prayers for Pam's sister, Melanie; Prayers for Ester Lieberman who is now in hospice at home.

Please hold Sarah and Carter in prayer as Sarah continues chemotherapy. Michele Allen, Rob Brotheridge's daughter has lung cancer that has metastasized to the brain; prayers for family members of Elisa.

Please continue prayers for Larry Cook and his family; Curtis Cook, Larry's grandson; please hold Bev DeBord in prayer; Ben's niece, Charity; Dave and Annie Silaggi and Lisa and Terry Prindle.

Prayers for Janette Bader and family; prayers for Pat Bull - transitions; prayers for Margo Simmons and Mike; continue prayers for Corey Hyslop, Suzanne's nephew, a quadriplegic, hospitalized for severe pain and complications; 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; for maintaining connections during a time of sheltering in our homes; and prayers for healing from the sins of racism.

# Sharing Our Gifts

We encourage you to donate by mail, on our website [galenaumc.org](http://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 these services when you shop online with iGive and Amazon Smile.

Amazon Smile 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](http://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.

iGive is a free service. 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 nor obligations. No codes needed; It's automatic.



## 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](http://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](http://www.galenaarc.org) to learn

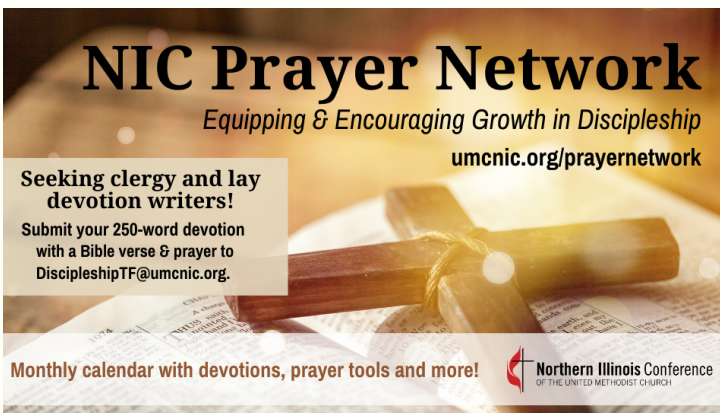
more about upcoming activities and services.

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



A great way to stay connected and receive updates about happenings in our district!

[www.facebook.com/NICRockfordDistrict/](https://www.facebook.com/NICRockfordDistrict/)



## NIC Prayer Network

*Equipping & Encouraging Growth in Discipleship*

[umcnic.org/prayernetwork](https://umcnic.org/prayernetwork)

Seeking clergy and lay devotion writers!

Submit your 250-word devotion with a Bible verse & prayer to [DiscipleshipTF@umcnic.org](mailto:DiscipleshipTF@umcnic.org).

Monthly calendar with devotions, prayer tools and more!

Northern Illinois Conference  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



LAITY CONVOCATION 2021

## The Other Side

Making our churches vital in a post-pandemic world

Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey   Rev. Adam Hamilton   Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Pove

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO

Recording available at [umcnic.org/laity](https://umcnic.org/laity)

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## Building coNEXTion

NIC Youth Leader Symposium 2021

### Virtual Youth Leader Symposium

Saturday, May 1, 2021  
9:00 to 11:30 am  
via Zoom  
Cost: \$10



DISCIPLESHIP  
Task Force of the Northern Illinois Conference



Featured Speaker:  
Rev. Dr. Heather Lear  
Teaching and Research Fellow  
The Foundation for Evangelism

Register at [umcnic.org/calendar/youth-leader-symposium](https://umcnic.org/calendar/youth-leader-symposium)

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## April Birthdays

11	Patricia Allen-Stewart
12	Kendall Hartwig
15	Ginny Carroll
19	Adam Eggleston
20	Clint Bader
23	Jeff Bader
24	Troy Muehleip
25	Bev DeBord
29	Jay Dickerson
30	David Silaggi
30	Vincent Newton

## Read the April Reporter online

You have options! Read the April Reporter in two different ways: print and online!

Visit [www.umcnic.org/reporter/](https://www.umcnic.org/reporter/) to read the April Reporter and catch up on the previous month's publications. To request a print subscription, please email [communications@umcnic.org](mailto:communications@umcnic.org).



**Goal: To Live Out the Conviction that Racism is Incompatible with Christian Teaching**



# **EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

(From Christmas Poinsettia Dedications)

**Remembering our loved ones as we celebrate the Resurrected Christ!**

In memory of **Our Parents, Ricki and Bill Franz and Lill and Irv Nejd** by Pat Bull

In memory of **Mary Lou Cook** by Larry Cook

In memory of **Bob Price** by Charlene Buran Price

In memory of **Wayne McDermott** by Lonna McDermott

In memory of **Loved Ones** by Lonna McDermott

In memory of **Breeze Bohnsock** by the Dittmar Family

In memory of **Earl Bader** by the Janette Bader family

In memory of **Smiley (Irwin) Nejd** by Pat Bull

In celebration of **our families** by Dennis and Mildren Irwin

In memory of **Bill Wilmarth and loved ones** by Donna Wilmarth

In memory of **Bill Wilmarth and Grandparents** by David, Heidi and Ben

In memory of **Carol and Ron Ericson** their sons: Steve (Susan), Brent (Veronique) and Mark

In memory of **Jaxson John Murphy, our grandson** by Pat and John Willy

In memory of **Keith and Grace Clayton, our parents** by Pat and John Willy

In memory of **Family Members** by Karen and Justin Hughes and Ruth Langas.

In memory of **Jim and Mary Jane Vincent** by Mary, Ruth, Sarah, Bill and Martha and families

In memory of **Paul and Jim Newton** by Carter, Sarah, Paul, Jane and Vincent Newton

In memory of **Ben and Elisa Thorward, Sr.** by Elisa Skeeter

In memory of **nephew, parents, and brothers** by Terry and Ginny Carroll

In memory of **Dusty Dowd, Dave's dad,** by David and Annie Silaggi

In memory of **Bob DeBord** by Beverly DeBord and family

In memory of **Eck DeBord and Elsie DeBord Virtue** by Beverly DeBord and family

In memory of **Betty and Harold Stephens** by Lynn and Mike Sisler

In memory of **Vivian and Clyde Sisler, Cheri Sisler** by Lynn and Mike Sisler

In memory of **Orville and DeVorah Rodden** by Jim and Suzanne Sproule

In memory of **Marion and Willard Henze** by Dale and Judy Henze

In memory of **Pearl and Harold Miller** by Dale and Judy Henze

In memory of **Brett Muehleip** by Darcy and Ingrid Muehleip

In honor of **Dana Herrick** from David and Annie Silaggi

In honor of **Ingrid, Tom, John**

In honor of **The Muehleips:** from Ingrid Muehleip In honor of **Norman "Huck" and Carolyn**

In honor of **The Glanmans:** from Darcy Muehleip

In memory of **Bill, Ella, Delbert, Laverne, Paul, Darrell "Doc" and Joyce** by Darcy and Ingrid Muehleip

In memory of **Tom, Myrtle, Greta, Arleen "Auts" and Jeannie.**

In memory of **Serena and Ernest Powell** by Pastor Catiana

In memory of **Wayne Shepherd, Anita Chamberlain, Kenneth Schubert, Charles Primrose**

(GUMC members passing in 2020)



# Bakeless Bake Sale

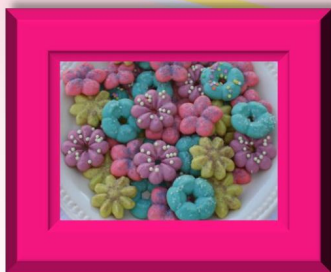
*Celebrating Spring  
Fundraiser through April*



# Spring

**You are invited to**

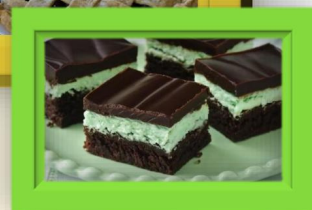
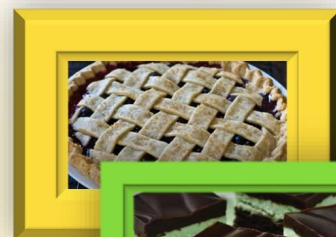
**NOT bake a cake, pie, cookies, or brownies. You do NOT have to find the recipe, shop for ingredients, mix or bake. No cleanup involved. Take a moment and add up what you could have spent to help with this project either by baking or buying and simply make a donation to our mission.**



*Our Galena UMW is active in supporting our Pledge to Mission, our scholarship program and local organizations in our district. With your help and God's blessings, we can continue our strong traditions to place*  
**Faith, Hope  
and**

***Love into Action.***

**Galena  
United Methodist  
Women  
Donations can be  
mailed to  
Galena  
UMW Treasurer  
125 S. Bench,  
Galena, IL 61036  
Or donate at  
Facebook/GUMC  
galenaumc.org**





# 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

# United Methodist Memberships



**ILLINOIS CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES**  
worldmethodistconference.com



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**WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**  
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