

JULY 18, 2021

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Official Newsletter of Galena United Methodist Church*

**Join us for 10 am Sunday Worship on July 25 in our church sanctuary**

## United Churches of Galena - Apple Tree Project 2021-22

Dear Friends and Members of Our Church,

Even though Galena is recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic, a large number of families are still struggling to provide basic school necessities. But together we can continue to meet the ongoing needs of our community's children.

Because of the pandemic, last year we asked for monetary contributions only. Through the Apple Tree Project, an amazing number of caring people helped make it possible for Galena's disadvantaged students to begin the 20-21 school year with all necessary items. And because of the success of last year's approach, we are again asking for anyone who wishes to support the project to make monetary contributions.

You can contribute to this important cause in several ways:

\_\_\_\_\_ Place your check or cash donation in an Apple Tree envelope provided at the church

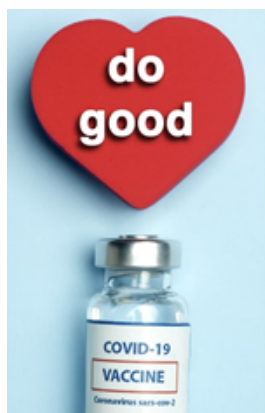
\_\_\_\_\_ Make a contribution through our on line campaign at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mail a check, payable to **United Churches of Galena**, to:  
*Pam McKinsey, 1721 Donegan Street, Galena, IL 61036*

We know that, everyone continues to struggle. But all donations, regardless of size, make a difference. **Together we can make sure that no child has to face the first day back to school unprepared.**

THANK YOU!

## Do Good - United Methodist Movement for COVID-19



The United Methodist Church has a long history of supporting health care efforts, from running clinics to praying for health care workers to advocating for public health measures. We are part of a long history of Christians who have done their best to combat disease, pestilence, and plague. At this moment, encouraging people to be vaccinated against COVID-19 is one of the most effective things we can do to promote public health. The goal is simple: to have all of our churches encouraging their members, friends, families, and neighbors to get vaccinated or to speak directly with their primary care physician about their vaccine questions.

**Please read our Return Report for our latest updates. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.**

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# 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 help others register for their vaccinations.

Hold our dear members and friends who passed away this last year and their families in prayer. Carolyn Grey suffered a stroke last week and is currently in rehab with therapy 3 times a day. Please hold Carolyn and Tom Grey in your prayers (2120 S. Monroe Street, Spokane, WA 99203). Bill Hottenstein, GUMC's former neighbor, passed away from pneumonia. Hold his family in prayer.

The Celebration of Life for Wayne Hughes was held Saturday, July 3 at Furlong Funeral Home in Galena. Wayne passed away on Oct. 15, 2020. Continue prayers for his wife Karen, son Mike, grandson Justin and his wife, Peggy, and great grandson Porter. Esther Lieberman passed away last Sunday. Please hold her family and friends in prayer.

Prayers for Elisa Skeeter's family and neighbors. Hold Lonna and her daughter Joni in prayer, health concerns. Wayne and Mary Turner's health issues; Betty Kabara's

health; Daniel Saben, continued prayers for new treatments and possibly surgery; 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 process of healing; Pray for Sarah's brother, Bill, who has cancer. Prayers for the Brotheridge family as Michelle has passed away; Larry Cook and his family; Curtis Cook, Larry's grandson; Bev DeBord; Dave and Annie Silaggi; Lisa and Terry Prindle; Janette Bader and family (6481 N. Bowden Road, Scales Mound).

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 Zambia's hunger-missionary, Betty Tsala and sons, Lanie and Shaun. Continued 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 and whose lives are now being celebrated in houses of worship.

## July-September "Change for the Better" is Mujila Falls Agricultural Research Center

During the months of July, August and September, our Change for the Better will be supporting Mujila Falls Agricultural Research Center, Zambia (#15016A), an organization that addresses hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training in extreme North West Zambia.

The original goals and objectives of the project were to increase protein, minerals and vitamins in the diet to reduce high infant mortality and low life expectancy of the Lunda People. It was also to help the Lunda People to increase family incomes by becoming more effective and efficient farmers. The desired long-term impact is to help to make the Lunda farmers and their families competitive in agricultural pursuits that benefit from high rainfall and abundant available land. These include milk, fruit and meat production, gardening and field crop production.

To learn more about Mujila Falls, visit <https://www.facebook.com/MujilaFallsAgCenter/>.



16 Sarah Newton  
16 Sophia Wachter  
17 Christopher Miller  
23 Kay Primrose  
25 Betty Kabara  
27 Peter Eggleston  
30 Bennett Anderson  
30 Ruth Langas  
31 Cassie Steines

### Read July NIC Reporter Online

Read the NIC July Reporter and previous publications online [umcnic.org/reporter/](http://umcnic.org/reporter/).

### July 27 - Golf Outing Fundraiser for Food Pantry

The United Churches of Galena is sponsoring a golf outing for Galena Food Pantry at Eagle Ridge, South Course on Tuesday, July 27, starting at 10 am. You can support this worthy cause as a player, a donor (individual/business), or as a volunteer on the day of the golf outing.

For more info, visit [www.galenafoodpantry.org](http://www.galenafoodpantry.org). You can register at any Eagle Ridge Golf Course, or Galena Food Pantry (219 Summit Street) between Noon-5 p.m. on July 22.

### UMW Meeting - Aug 18

Our next regular meeting will be held in our fellowship hall on August 18 at 1 pm, and ZOOM will also be available for those unable to attend.

## NIC Prayer Network

*Equipping & Encouraging Growth in Discipleship*

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





## 4-Week Worship Series: Quest

Whether you travel far away or see your local surroundings as if for the first time, pilgrimage has long been a spiritual practice, and "journey" a deeply-felt metaphor for our spiritual lives. "Quest" comes from the Latin root meaning "ask, seek." This four-week worship series will encourage us to open ourselves more fully to the curiosity and wonder, reflection and transformation that travelers—not merely tourists—experience when they choose to immerse themselves in soul-widening adventures. This series is adapted from Marcia McFee's Worship Design Studio worship series based on an "adventure" guide for small groups by Tamara Gieselman and Kina Mallard, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, UMC.



## Stockton UMC - 54th Annual Willow Folk Fest Aug. 14-15

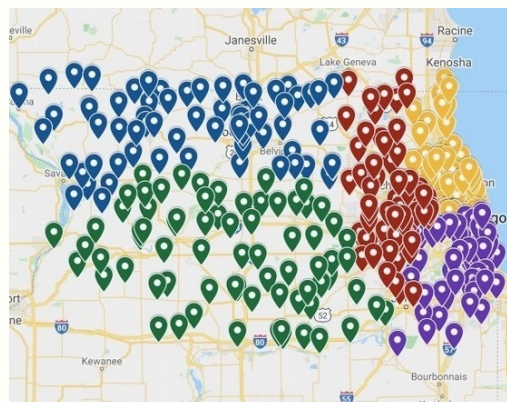
Willow United Methodist Church (6522 S. Willow Road, Stockton) will hold its 54th annual Willow Folk Festival on August 14-15. Food and drinks will be available. For details, call 815-947-3789.

## Volunteer to help GUMC at Galena Country Fair

**Please consider helping us!** Galena United Methodist Church has been invited to raise money by volunteering at Galena Country Fair. Our potential for earning is directly related to the number of volunteer hours we work. **The deadline to sign up for a shift is on or before August 31. If you would like to sign up for a shift, please contact Pat Willy at 815-776-0897.**

## Northern Illinois Conference Redistricting has begun

As previously communicated, the shift from six to five districts began on July 1, 2021. All churches have been assigned new identification numbers for appointments and insurance and benefits payments. The redistricting plan provides for about 71 churches per district. We divided the conference into north and south, giving each district new names! The district names are Lake North, Lake South, Prairie Central, Prairie North, and Prairie South. We will become a part of the Prairie North District.



For those serving on district committees now, we will use a similar model used for church mergers for at least a year where people who have been serving in a leadership capacity will continue with someone else who has been serving in that same leadership capacity. This will be an opportunity to develop a culture of cooperation and unity and potentially a cross-fertilization of creative approaches to ministry.

# 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 you shop online with [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) and [smile.amazon.com](http://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, visit [resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcgiving](http://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 at Galena Food Pantry, please visit [galenafoodpantry.org](http://galenafoodpantry.org).



## Donate to Sunshine Box

Help our HOPE Youth Group replenish the Sunshine Box, located on Gear Street in Galena.

You can help HOPE replenish the Sunshine 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.

# About Reconciling Ministry Network

Reconciling Ministry Network equips and mobilizes United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

**This movement is rooted and rising.** For over thirty years, we've been working to make the Church a place for all of God's children. **Now we're embarking on a new chapter of our work that honors our roots and gives rise to tendrils of growth** – deep and wide – all across the movement.

Rooted & Rising is a call to the Reconciling movement for the next season of our collective work for LGBTQ justice and inclusion in the Church. It represents our vision for a Church that thirsts for justice and that searches for living water, no matter what the denomination decides when the General Conference meets.

The two foundational pillars of those strategies are:

1. RMN's commitment to center intersectional justice and equity
2. A renewed focus on and strategic approach to our grassroots work



New Reconciling Churches, Communities, Campus Ministries, and Colleges are asked to recommit and adopt the following statement.

***"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."***

We invite RCs to revisit your Reconciling statement and join our collective endorsement of intersectional language.

We invite Reconciling Ministries to renew your commitment to help multiply the Reconciling witness in your church, district, and/or conference.

We invite Reconciling Ministries to renew your commitment to the financial support of RMN and its important work.

<https://rmnetwork.org/rootedandrising/>



# Galena UMC Leadership Board, Nominations, & Teams 2021

Galena United Methodist Church Pastor: Rev. Catiana McKay

## LEADERSHIP BOARD

CHAIR	2021	Lynn Sisler
Lay Leader	2021	Sherry Marc
	2021	Dale Henze
	2022	Ginny Carrol
	2022	Dan Dittmar
	2022	Julie Eggleston
	2023	Jay Dickerson
	2023	Dennis Irwin
	2023	Joe Lieb
Pastor		Catiana McKay
Recording Secretary		Suzanne Sproule

## LAY LEADERSHIP (NOMINATIONS)

CHAIR		Pastor Catiana
LAY LEADER		Sherry Marc
Young Adult	2021	Julia Lieb
	2021	Suzanne Sproule
	2022	Kay Kroencke
	2021	Judy Behnke Biegon
	2022	Elisa Skeeter
	2022	Roberta Turner

**Some teams have been inactive during COVID. Please let Pastor or Team member know if you want to join a team or begin one.**

## MISSION TEAM

CO-CHAIR	Charlene Price
CO-CHAIR	Kay Kroencke
	Janette Bader
	Julie Eggleston
	Jorene Lieb
	Mildren Irwin
	Sherry Marc
	Elisa Skeeter

## RECONCILING MINISTRIES TEAM

Re-formation underway

## SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

Julie Eggleston, Charlene Price, Dennis & Mildred Irwin, Elisa Skeeter, Suzanne Sproule, and Patricia Allen-Stewart

## DIGITAL MINISTRY TEAM

Julia Lieb, Denis Irwin, Pat Bull, and Pastor Catiana

## WORSHIP/CELEBRATION TEAM

CO - CHAIR	Judy Henze
CO - CHAIR	Annie Silaggi
	Julie Eggleston
	Elisa Skeeter
	Sarah Newton
	Sue Sciutto

## MEMORIAL TEAM

CHAIR	Donna Wilmarth
	Larry Cook
	Mike Sciutto
	Jerry Krohn (Trustees)
	Dale Henze
UMW Co - Presidents	Sherry Marc & Judy Behnke
Lay Servant	Julie Eggleston
Membership Secretary	Roberta Turner
Financial Secretary	Academy Advisors, LLC
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Judy Behnke Biegon (alternate)
Sanctuary Steward	Darcy Muehleip
United Churches of Galena	Karen Hughes
Church Treasurer	Mildred Irwin
Communion Steward	Academy Advisors, LLC
	Lonna McDermott

## EDUCATION TEAM

CHAIR	Hillary Dickerson
	Dale Henze
	B'Ann Dittmar
	Sherry Marc
	Julie Eggleston
	Marlene Niec
	Jorene Lieb
	Charlene Price
	Darcy Muehleip
	Sarah Newton (consultant)

## HISTORICAL TEAM

## WORSHIP TEAM

ACCOMPANIST	Cody Clayton
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Pam McKinsey
BELL CHOIR	Meg Gibbs
CHAIR	Pastor Catiana

**REMEMBER...your Leadership Board IS:  
Administration Council  
Finance  
Trustees AND  
Staff Parish  
ROLLED INTO ONE ACCOUNTABLE BOARD**

# 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



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**WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**  
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