



# Galena UMC Recovery & ReTurn Report

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### Weekly Update ... from Dale

Our reopening church committee met again this week and we are reaching toward some new and interesting changes. Our newest development.... We will be holding our weekly church service on September 20<sup>th</sup> as an outdoor service at rec park. We will be celebrating confirmation Sunday as we meet for this service. Pastor Catiana has addressed all issues surrounding this service as her part to this report. Please note that this service will be held at rec park with all safety precautions followed. It must also be noted that this service will be in person AND offered as an on-line service for those not able to attend or not comfortable attending.

**Thoughts for this week.....** we do not like going through trials and dark times, but that should not stop our ministry. When do we see the light better, outside in the daylight or at night? It is the same light no matter what time it is, but we may see the light in the darkness in new and amazing ways.

### Medical Tip of the Week ...from Dennis

Refer to FAQ page 1 for more detailed answer



**Is it safe to get together with friends and family outdoors? What about Rec Park? What about the Confirmation service planned for Sunday September 20th?**

It should be safe if you follow all the usual precautions. The risk of spreading the virus outdoors is much less than inside in an enclosed, poorly ventilated space. Just remember these important things that you can do to protect yourself, your family, and other churchgoers:

- Mask up. The church will have masks available for those who forget to bring one.
- Don't touch your face or mask with your hands
- Maintain your distance, at least 6 feet and more if possible

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- Use hand sanitizer before the service and as you leave. The church will provide hand sanitizer if you have forgotten yours.
- Please do not attend in person if you are coughing, sneezing, have a fever, or are in any other way not feeling well.

**Notes ...from Charlene ...** I'm finding that "staying in touch" seems to be the only good thing coming out of this pandemic. The more we can hold our church family close, the better it feels, whether it's by phone calls or notes. We really are all in this together.

***"Just when the caterpillar thought that his world was about to end, he turned into a butterfly!"***

### **Blessings ... from Pastor Catiana**

Friends, my task in this week's report, as you may have gathered, is to share more details about our Recreation Park Confirmation Worship service on September 20th. This was originally planned for May however, the delay needs no explanation but only a joy in finally recognizing and celebrating the work and commitment of Emma, Ruby, and Brooke to their faith. Confirmation isn't just a personal rite but involves the families of the confirmands and the entire congregation who are commended to "Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love"(The United Methodist Hymnal, p.43).

As has been previously shared, we will take all safety precaution's in our preparation for you. However, we will be zooming the service live and will record the service for your viewing. We want you to make a comfortable and safe choice for your needs. Details are as follows:

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

Our confirmands:       Emma Blaum, daughter of Alaina and Matt Blaum  
                              Ruby Dickerson, daughter of Hillary & Jay Dickerson  
                              Brooke Dittmar, daughter of B'Ann and Dan

**We have reserved the Grey-Eagle Pavilion #128 at Recreation Park.** All safety precautions will be taken. Spacing for family units or individuals will be marked & sanitized.

You may bring your lawn chairs. We will have a few. We invite you to call the office, the pastor, email with reservations, or register online. We will record the service and provide zoom for those who prefer to view from home.

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