

GALENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **January 17, 2021**
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembered & Human Relationship Day

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 and on our website www.galenaumc.org.



**Thank you to all who participated in our
Remember & Share a Gift Poinsettia Mission Project**
We have raised enough for a Heifer, a goat, and some ducks!

Thank you!! Judy Henze

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.*



JANUARY

15 Ingrid Muehleip
21 Carol Redfearn
23 Mary Redfearn
25 Maureen Shepherd
26 Bill Ortman

27 Syd Sincock
27 Jonathon Reddington
28 Juli Clayton
29 Pat Willy
30 Vivienne Anderson

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Remembering & Celebration

Sunday, January 17, 2021

This 3rd Sunday in January, may we remember and celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

One way we, United Methodist, do this is through observing Human Relations Day. It is an opportunity to recognize that Jesus is not staying behind the walls of the church building. Among the many lessons we've learned during the pandemic is that even when United Methodist churches must close their doors to physical worship gatherings, we continue to partner with God in ministry. Jesus is at work in our communities, building relationships that may seem unlikely and that transform hearts, minds and spirits. Our congregation's Human Relations Day offerings join with those of other United Methodist churches to connect and build up new realities that reflect God's desire for wholeness. **Please designate your gift "Human Relations Day".**

In this season of epiphany, we read and sing "When the Song of the Angels is Stilled," a setting by composer Elizabeth Alexander of Howard Thurman's poem "The Work of Christmas."

"Howard Thurman (1899-1981) was raised by his grandmother, who had been enslaved. In 1925, he became an ordained Baptist minister. He was dean of chapel at Howard University and later became the dean of chapel at Boston University, the first black chapel dean in a majority-white university in the United States. Co-founder of the first major U.S. interracial, interdenominational congregation, Thurman's theology of radical nonviolence shaped a generation of civil rights activists.

Thurman mentored Dr. King, and this poem strongly evokes their mutual life callings. Thurman's powerful text extends the story of Christmas beyond the birth of Christ to include a call for social justice action by Christ followers. "When the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins:

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

From "The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations" by Howard Thurman. © 1985 by Friends United Press.

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PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayers for our country for peace & reconciliation; Roy Lewis passed away last week after a brief time in hospice. Keep his wife, Nancy and his family and friends in prayer; Carole Koester, former teacher and community leader, died of Covid in a care facility in Dubuque. Hold family and friends in prayer; please hold B'Ann's dad, **Norm Bohnsack**, in prayer. He is at University of Madison Hospital, as he had a fall at home and broke 3 ribs and has a lacerated spleen; please hold Donna W's nephew, **Brian Witzenburg** in prayer and prayers for her sister, **Joan Hesselbacher** and for **Darin Davis**, great-grandnephew; continue prayers for healing for **Daniel Sabin**; prayers continue for **Dave Ream's** wife, Carrie and his family after his passing in late Nov.; Ginny Carroll's nephew, **Randy Bush**, passed away, Saturday, November 29th. Please continue to hold the family in prayer; **Bill Marc** in prayer for health concerns. He's doing well; prayers for **Elisa's sister, Judy**, following heart surgery; continue prayers for **Eileen Henrich**, Pam McKinsey's mom and prayers for Pam's sister, **Melanie**.

Please continue prayers the family of **Bill Whitehouse** who recently passed away. Bill was the brother in law of Bill Marc and Sherry; **Prayers for Ester Lieberman** who is now in hospice at home; **Prayers for the Hughes family following the passing of Wayne**. Service will be held at a later date. Our condolences and love to Mike, Justin, Porter Wayne, and Karen; Prayers for **Lonna & her family**; prayers continue for **Joni Decker**, Lonna's daughter and our condolences to Lonna & her family on the death of her niece **Diane Roling**; continue to hold **Maureen Shepherd & family** in prayer following the death of **Wayne**.

Please hold **Sarah & Carter** in in prayer as Sarah continues chemotherapy. They have recovered from COVID; **Please hold our friends and families who have, had or are being tested for COVID-19, in prayer**; Please hold **granddaughter Rachel**, in prayer as she undergoes some tests; **Betty Kabara** is doing well.

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; Please hold Ben's niece, **Charity**, in prayer; **prayers continue for Dave and Annie Silaggi**; continue prayers for **Lisa & Terry Prindle**; **please continue to hold the Ericson family in prayer**; Ron and Carol Ericson's sons: Brent Ericson (Veronique), Steve Ericson (Susan) & Mark Ericson.

Prayers for **Janette Bader & family**; prayers for **Pat Bull** -transitions; prayers for **Margo Simmons & Mike**; **continue prayers for Corey Hyslop**, Suzanne's nephew, quadriplegic, hospitalized for severe pain & complications; **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. We pray for the many affected by the fires in California, Washington and Oregon, the hurricanes and floods along the eastern coast, and the continuing spread of the corona virus.**

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.**

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 Bishop Sally Dyck



Discipleship Ministries United Methodist Church
Praying for Change: Daily Prayers for Anti-Racism BY
DEREK WEBER

[Umcnic.org/pravernetw](https://umcnic.org/pravernetw)

Shepherding Team

Our strategic goals for the Conference (approved at AC2019) to be implemented through a two-year plan are:



Shepherding Team
Northern Illinois Conference

- To Grow and Reach New Disciples of Jesus Christ.
- To Live Out the Conviction that Racism is Incompatible with Christian Teaching.
- To Increase the Number of Highly Vital Congregations.

[Click here](#) to learn about the Annual Conference Shepherding Team and download the 2019 ACST Strategic Goals brochure.

Change for the Better™ ARC January-February-March

Galena ARC: Child Care Facility, Community Recreation ...<https://www.galenaarc.org>

“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. Please indicate on your donation an amount and write “Change for the Better” on your memo line. Thank you!! We are finding more ways to connect as community partners!



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



My dear siblings in Christ, I'm saddened, shocked, and concerned with what happened in the Capitol on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. I never thought that these acts could happen in the United States of America, a country seen as an example of democracy by many other countries. I respect that people want to express themselves, but I totally condemn the violence, hate, racism, disrespect, and insurrection. Today more than ever, our role as Christians/Methodists is to be instruments of peace, unity, and reconciliation. As your District

Superintendent, I encourage you to be united in prayer for our country and be intentional in sharing with others that violence is not the way. We can build a better community, country, and world with peace, love, tolerance, and hope. Let there be peace on earth!!

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 (NIV)

Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer, Rockford District Superintendent

***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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