

# GALENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH January 24, 2021

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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



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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).



**Thank you to all who participated in our Remember & Share a Gift Poinsettia Mission Project**  
**We raised \$670. Enough for a Heifer, a goat, some ducks and Bees!**

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

25 Maureen Shepherd  
26 Bill Ortman  
27 Syd Sincok

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

### SHARING OUR GIFTS

**We encourage you to donate by mail or online on FaceBook or our Web Site.**  
**A DONATION BUTTON HAS BEEN ADDED TO FACEBOOK and OUR WEB SITE**



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## From the District Superintendent

Dear Rockford District's friends,

On Saturday, February 13, the Board of Laity will be holding the **Laity Convocation**, an annual training event for the laity and clergy in our conference. Have you attended a Laity Convocation in the past? If not, this will be a good opportunity for you to attend. This event will be via Zoom, and the theme is **"The Other Side: Making Our Churches Vital in a Post-Pandemic World."**



It is important to mention that Methodism, in all its roots, has a long history celebrating and recognizing the ministry of the laity. In the early days of American Methodism, the laity served and maintained congregations between the circuit riders' visits. Today, laypeople are the front line of daily ministry at the workplace, home and community.

Throughout my life, I have seen and experienced how important the work of the laity in the church is. Laity invests their time, energy, resources and many other things to help and sustain their churches. Laity and clergy are called to be light in this world! We need to ignite our candles of faith, hope and love to light the lives of others. How can we do this? With openness, hospitality, generosity, compassion and love. We cannot be blind to the needs of this world; we cannot be deaf to the cry of others; we cannot be indifferent to injustice around us. We need solid commitment, courage, passion and love so we can tell and demonstrate to others that God is love and that God lives in us.

As the beautiful hymn by David Haas says, "We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God."

Laity, continue doing a good work in your churches. You are appreciated and valued.

**See you at the LAITY CONVOCATION!!**

Only by God's Grace,

**Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer,** Rockford District Superintendent

### Shepherding Team

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



- 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.

## PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayers for our country for peace & reconciliation; please hold our friends and families who have, had or are being tested for COVID-19, in prayer; Continue to hold our dear members and friends who passed away these last few months and their families in prayer: **Roy Lewis, Carole Koester, Dave Ream**, Ginny Carroll's nephew, **Randy Bush; Bill Whitehouse**, brother in law of Bill Marc and Sherry; Karen Hughes' husband, **Wayne**; Lonna's niece **Diane Roling; Wayne Shepherd**, holding Maureen & family in prayer; **Mary Lou Cook**, Larry's wife; **Ron & Carol Ericson's** sons: Brent Ericson (Veronique), Steve Ericson (Susan) & Mark Ericson.

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; Bill Marc** in prayer for health concerns; 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**; Prayers for **Ester Lieberman** who is now in hospice at home; and prayers for **Lonna & her family** and prayers continue for **Joni Decker**, Lonna's daughter.

Please hold **Sarah & Carter** in in prayer as Sarah continues chemotherapy; 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**; and continue prayers for **Lisa & Terry Prindle**.

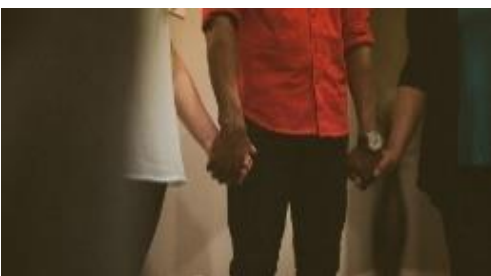
Prayers for **Janette Bader & family**; prayers for **Pat Bull** - transitions; prayers for **Margo Simmons & Mike**; **continue prayers for Corey Hyslop**, Suzanne's nephew, quadriplegic, hospitalized for severe pain & complications; **Prayers for Zambia's hunger-missionary, Betty Tsala & sons, Lanie & 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 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/prayernetw](https://umcnic.org/prayernetw)

## 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 & 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)

*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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