

The Messenger



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Pastoral Ponderings

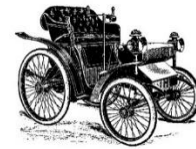
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! - I wish to thank you, for the cards and for the prayers, which were offered during my surgery and recovery. I am still in the process of recovery, which is expected. But I am starting to feel stronger, and I look forward to continued progress in the days to come. I want to thank both of our moderators, Sharon and Mike, for their support during my time of surgery. At times, I felt as though I was covered by a blanket of prayer. Thank you for allowing me the time away to heal.

Program – “When God left the building”

This video is for congregations, which in previous decades were large and now are skeletons of their former size. It asks the question, what does the future of similar mainline churches like ours hold for us. The video will be shown on September 18, approximately 12:00 (noon), immediately following our worship service at Hartland, in the room downstairs. In order that we know how many people to prepare for, I ask you to sign up on a list to indicate how many in your part will be attending and what dish you would like to bring to share, such as a vegetable, meat, fruit, or a desert. The film traces the journey of two churches, who have chosen different paths for their future. I plan to offer a short discussion following the video with a promise that we will finish in time for all of you to drive home safely to see the packer game. (The Packers play the Bears in the evening.) I believe that this is an important video for both congregations to watch. Everyone is invited to attend and participate.

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11TH Annual Genesee Church Car Show



Saturday, September 10
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Save the Date!

Genesee Church Education Center
W306 S5075 Church St., Genesee, Wisconsin

- **First 100 Cars get a dash plaque**
- **Food, beverages and music**
- **\$8 donation, all proceeds to go toward community, church and Children’s Hospital**
- **Huge Raffle at 1 p.m.**

We need your assistance with serving Food (and in other areas). Contact B. J. Williams at 262-844-3501. Be willing to say “I can help.”

Sponsored by: S/S Automotive
Contact: 262-968-3324

www.ssautomotive.pro
e-mail: bj@ssresearch.com

19th Annual Pig Roast (& Chicken) Luau



4 – 7 p.m.,
Saturday, October 8

Save the Date!

Genesee Church Education Center
W306 S5075 Church St., Genesee, Wisconsin

When we all share our time and talents and treasures, our light shines bright in our community!

Here's what you can do to help:

1. **Sell tickets and spread the word about the Pig Roast:** Advance tickets are on sale now thru Sunday, September 25th. Same prices as last year! Save money and buy in advance --- all meal tickets can be used for dine in or carry out meals. The more tickets we can sell in advance, the better we can control our food costs. Buy tickets: at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service, call or e-mail the church office and leave a message, or call Mary Ann Ludtke at **414-828-1234**.
2. **Donate prizes to our drawing.** *We will not have the same donations as in past years, so we really need your help.* Here's some ideas:
 - a.) go to your favorite business and ask for a donation (we have donation request letters available at Sunday service or contact the church office).
 - b.) Donate your own prize (ie: gift baskets, handmade crafts, bakery, etc.).
 - c.) purchase a gift card to donate.
3. **Sign up to help set-up, decorate, prep food and work at the event!**
This year we will have a 'salad prep party' the day before the Pig Roast event as we have in the earlier years.

We will also be having a 'decorating and set-up party' sometime in the last week of September/1st week of October. Let us know if you're interested and what times you're available.

Sign up to work at the event: let us know if you can work for 1 hour during the event serving food, cleaning tables, packaging take-out orders and kitchen clean-up afterwards. Invite some friends and family members and all work a shift serving food or join the kitchen clean-up party afterwards! There are tasks for people of all abilities, so please contact us. We are always short-handed and if everyone signs up to help for 1 hour, we all have 2 hours to enjoy the event with our guests!

4. **Sign up to donate food/supplies:** your generous donations of food/supplies/desserts/prizes is what makes this event successful! All donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

We will have a signupgenius.com coming out soon for volunteering and donations. You can also contact Mary Ann Ludtke or Rhea Whiteley.

Help us open our doors and invite our family and friends to this wonderful fundraiser to support the life and missions of our church.

Thanks! Your Outreach committee

Explore God's word daily

Copies of the devotional booklet: "The Upper Room" for September – October, 2022 are available. Call the church office at **262-968-3849**, or come to worship service on Sunday morning, to get your copy. On every page is a daily inspirational reading and Bible verse.

Building Rental available

Do you have a large family gathering, wedding, birthday party, etc., but not enough room to host it? Both our Education Center and Church are available to responsible parties. Call the church office at **262-968-3849** for details and a rate schedule.

Welcome to the September-October, 2022 edition of the Messenger. On Sunday, July 17 our service time went to 9 a.m.. We share Pastor Dave with the Hartland, UCC. As such, we have the early service six months and Hartland gets it the other six months

Our Sunday services are in the church sanctuary. The exception to the rule is that our monthly communion service is at the Ed. Center. Having monthly communion at the Ed. Center allows for handicap accessibility.

At 10:30 a.m., a “zoom” service is broadcast from the Hartland UCC. For those of you unable to get to our service, here is the link to that service.

To Join the group via Computer or tablet or smartphone, click on the following link or copy into your browser. <https://zoom.us/j/396301165> Password = 365422

You may also join by going to <https://zoom.us> and click on the “JOIN A MEETING” heading at the top of the webpage.

- When prompted, enter:
- Meeting ID: 396 301 165
 - Password: 365422

- To join meeting by phone (Audio only)
- Call 1-312-626-6799
 - and enter when prompted:
 - o Meeting ID: 396 301 165
 - o Password: 365422

Bible Study

This is your opportunity to learn about the Bible. It is held every Wednesday, at 10 a.m., at the Hartland UCC – (Capitol Dr. at Church St.) The study had been on Summer hiatus but will reconvene on Wednesday, September 7 – with a study of the gospel of Mark. You may attend live by going to Hartland, OR like the “zoom” service, it is a “virtual” event for those in Genesee. To Join the group via Computer or tablet or smartphone, copy the following link into your browser.

<https://zoom.us/j/324446460>

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- Meeting ID: 324 446 460
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Church Budget Update:

The most recent income and expense figures are highlighted below.

July Income	\$2136.00
July Expenses	\$6338.93
Net Total	-\$4202.93

We continue to be grateful for all the gifts contributed by our members. We pray for God’s grace and blessings as we continue to navigate through these challenging times. We value your fellowship. Join us at our Sunday service, enjoy the beauty of our church building, listen to the good word and say “hello!”

How do I contribute my offering?

Not only are our services back in the sanctuary (except once a month at the Ed. Center for communion), but we are back to having ushers take the collection. For those of you who absolutely, positively can’t make it to the Sunday services...make checks out to “Genesee 1st Congregational, United Church of Christ” OR, if you prefer, just “Genesee Church.” Send them to the church office – GENESEE CHURCH / W306 S5075 Church St. / Mukwonago, Wi 53149-9732. Our treasurer, Angela, picks them up on a weekly basis. OR You can mail your check direct to Angela: Angela Williams / W956 Miramar Rd. / East Troy. Wi. 53120.

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER USHERS

The following teams / individuals are scheduled to usher on Sundays in September and October. Arrive by 8:30 a.m. (for the 9 a.m. service), greet people, hand out bulletins, light candles and take collection. Contact Diane to help fill one of the open slots. For the latest update, or if you are unable to fulfill your commitment, please notify Diane Sickels at **262-968-3954**.

September 4	Deacons
September 11	OPEN
September 18	OPEN
September 25	OPEN

October 2	Deacons
October 9	OPEN
October 16	OPEN
October 23	OPEN
October 30	OPEN

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Learning in Retirement Class

I am excited to share that I will be teaching a class on the Foundations of the New Testament as part of the Learning in Retirement program of Waukesha County. The class will meet on Thursday mornings starting on September 15th and lasting through October 20th. The course will be taught in person, downstairs in the fellowship hall and will also be offered through zoom. You will need to register through the Learning in Retirement program. Previously, I taught several semesters in New Testament Foundations, as an adjunct professor at the University of Indianapolis. I also taught both courses for the pastors in the United Methodist Church for those individuals seeking to be licensed. I am very grateful for the opportunity to teach once again. If you are interested in learning more about the writings of the New Testament, please consider registering for the class.

Bible Study

Please mark your calendars. Bible study will resume on Wednesday September 7 at 10:00 a.m. with a new study on the gospel of Mark. Please consider joining us for this inspirational time of learning and fellowship.

I remain grateful for this opportunity to serve as your interim pastor. It is my hope and prayer that God will be pleased with all that we do and accomplish together.

Pastor Dave Schnepf

pastordaveschnepf@gmail.com (c) 618-402-2041

Church Office Hours

I (Scott Burdette) am usually in the church office from 2 – 4 PM on Wednesdays and Thursdays. In addition, Rev. Dave Schnepf is usually in the church office from 2 – 4 PM on Wednesday and 9 AM – 4 PM on Thursdays. In emergency, call Pastor Dave at [618-402-2041](tel:618-402-2041).

Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER events

Listed here are the dates of meetings, holidays and events in September and October 2022. All dates are correct at the time of publication. All events are at the Ed. Center, unless otherwise noted. First Sunday services are at the Ed. Center with communion.

SEPTEMBER

- SU 4** 9 AM service at the Ed. Center w/ communion
- MO 5** **LABOR DAY**
- WE 7** Bible Study reconvenes, 10 a.m., with a study of the book of Mark. Broadcast from Hartland UCC. Zoom link on page 3.
- SA 10** 11th Annual Car Show: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- SU 11** 9 a.m. service at church
RALLY DAY
PATRIOT DAY
- SU 18** 9 a.m. service at church
Newsletter copy due for October Special ed.
- TU 20** 5:30 p.m.: Executive Board
- TH 22** 8:03 p.m.: Autumnal Equinox – fall begins
- SU 25** 9 a.m. service at church

OCTOBER

- SU 2** **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
9 a.m. service at the Ed. Center w/ communion
Neighbors In Need (NIN) offering
- SA 8** 4 – 7 p.m.: 19th Annual Pig Roast
- SU 9** 9 a.m. service at church
- MO 10** **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY (COLUMBUS DAY)**
- WE 12** 5 p.m.: Serve at Hope Center
- SU 16** 9 a.m. service at church
- SU 23** 9 a.m. service at church
Newsletter copy due November – December Messenger
- SU 30** 9 a.m. service at church
4 – 7 p.m.: Trick-or-Treat “Safe Spot”
- MO 31** **HALLOWEEN**

NOVEMBER

- TU 1** **ALL SAINTS DAY**
- SU 6** 9 a.m. service at the Ed. Center w/ communion



Notes From a Lighthouse

Near a rocky beach on the south shore of Lake Superior rises the Whitefish Point Lighthouse (see photo above). It is said that on a calm night its light can be seen more than 15 miles out. Whitefish Point is located where an often-turbulent lake narrows. It forms the entrance to the calmer waters of Whitefish Bay. Although a safe harbor is located only two miles south of here, displays at the nearby "Shipwreck Museum" attest that the bottom of the lake is a graveyard of old shipwrecks.

Flashback to 1975. The morning of November 9, a freighter, bound for Detroit, carrying 26,116 tons of taconite pallets (iron ore) left Duluth, heading for Sault Ste Marie. It was a sunny day and seas were calm. In the early evening of November 10, the "gales of November came early." In the stormy weather, the ship suddenly foundered about 17 miles northwest of here. That evening, the Edmund Fitzgerald, along with its 29 crew members, were added to the graveyard list. Today, the boat anchor of that great ship serves as a lasting memorial to those who met an untimely fate.

12 miles south of here is another, far more peaceful, place. Along the shore of Whitefish Bay is a small village, placed serenely within the beauty that is the north woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Its natural attraction and the nearby Tahquamenon Falls has made it a mecca for tourists. This Genesee-size village sports four motels, four restaurants – with one "coming soon" - and an assortment of local businesses. I called the place a much-needed vacation. The map calls it "Paradise."

We all encounter "storms" in our lives: the death of a loved one, a life-threatening illness, ... Before we embark on one of the many voyages we will take in life, we are able to decide: "stormy" – wait a while OR "calm" – set sail now. Once the voyage is underway, we have no choice as to what storms may arise. When the clouds roll in, some will turn back and give up – never living life to its fullest. Some will take a "leap of faith" and persevere. Rarely, some will take on water and become "shipwrecked."

On the seas of life, let God be your "lighthouse." In calm weather, always pray for guidance – thanking God for his blessings. It is God that calms the seas. On stormy seas, know that your faith is being tested. Pray not that God will end the storm, but that you may get through it. If "shipwreck" is eminent, pray that God may yet get you to a calm shore. Yet, know firmly that if all else fails, and your earthly life itself is lost, God is still faithful. He has given us the promise of eternal life and has sent his son, Jesus, to be our "eternal lifeboat." Don't wait for "shipwreck" to get on board. To those who believe in Jesus, and call upon his name, God has given the promise of eternal life ... in "Paradise."



Tahquamenon Falls, Michigan

TRICK-OR-TREAT "Safe Spot"

On Sunday, October 30 the Education Center becomes a "Safe Spot" from 4 – 7 p.m. This is the time for "Trick-or-Treat" in the Town of Genesee. To feed our hungry ghouls, ghosts, goblins, etc., your Candy Donations are appreciated. Please fill the "Candy Donation" tub during the month of October. Thank you!

Serving at Hope Center

Genesee Church will serve the meal at Hope Center on Wednesday, October 12. Up to eight volunteers will be needed. Trays with brownies, cakes, etc. are served for desserts and are always welcome. To volunteer call Scott at **262-968-3830**. Hope Center is located at 502 N. East Av., in Waukesha. Please note this date on your calendar, and be there by 5 p.m. Our service dates for 2023 are not set yet. We'll let you know as soon as we get that information.

Neighbors in Need (NIN)

Sunday, October 2 is World Communion Sunday. That Sunday our church will have the opportunity to share communion with a multitude of brothers and sisters in denominations worldwide. On October 2 YOU will also have the opportunity to participate in a special offering that will make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than us: NEIGHBORS IN NEED – NIN. NIN is “a special offering of the U.C.C. that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.” One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries; and two-thirds is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries. **Mark Sunday, October 2 on your calendar** and have your special offering ready for this great cause!

Messenger Available via E-mail

If you are not receiving your newsletter via e-mail, and you have an e-mail address, send an e-mail to: geneseechurch@wi.twcbc.com and the secretary will get you on the e-mail list. Also, let us know if your e-mail address changes by sending an e-mail using your new e-mail address. Thank you for helping us save mailing costs.

A FINAL NOTE 🎵

The deadline for the October special edition is Sunday, September 18. The deadline for the November-December, 2022 edition is Sunday, October 23. To submit an article, event information, or to receive your newsletter via e-mail, send e-mail to:

geneseechurch@wi.twcbc.com

Articles submitted in person need to be typed or written legibly.

Scott W. Burdette



Puzzle Changers

Genesee Church Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Genesis woman
- 4 Speed checker
- 9 Poet's "before"
- 12 Zero
- 13 Wash away
- 14 Baked dessert
- 15 Total up
- 16 _____ span
- 18 Average mark
- 19 Naps
- 20 Upper bodies
- 22 Walk heavily
- 25 Preface
- 28 Vegas cube
- 29 Soak through
- 32 Chafe
- 33 Chair
- 34 Everybody
- 35 Positive responses
- 37 Immaculate
- 40 Portland's state
- 44 Breakfast food
- 47 "_____ clear day"
(2 wds.)
- 48 Sudden rushes of cattle
- 50 Actor _____ Allen
- 51 Cargo weight
- 52 Act the ham
- 53 Shoe front
- 54 Likely
- 55 More angry
- 56 Common conjunction

DOWN

- 1 Legislate
- 2 MTV feature
- 3 Senior
- 4 Good sense
- 5 Skilled at painting, e.g.
- 6 Love foolishly
- 7 Summer drinks
- 8 Sublets
- 9 Incident
- 10 River (Sp.)
- 11 Poetic twilight
- 17 Tit for _____
- 21 Drink daintily
- 23 Hamm or Farrow
- 24 Teacher's favorite
- 26 Regret
- 27 Out-of-date
- 29 Pouch
- 30 House extension
- 31 Glamorous
- 33 Compass pt.
- 36 Pencil end
- 38 Elbow location
- 39 Neck parts
- 41 Must, informally
- 42 Garlic's kin
- 43 Appointed
- 45 Movie fish
- 46 Bloodhound's clue
- 48 Bus depot (abbr.)
- 49 Blouse

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Answers to previous puzzles In July - August Messenger

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The Reformation – WORD SEARCH

As you find the words, from the WORD LIST, in the grid below, in any direction – vertically, horizontally or diagonally – circle each letter in the words. The remaining letters spell out a special message.

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WORD LIST

- BULL, THESES
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- THEOLOGY
- SALVATION
- MONK
- PAGAN

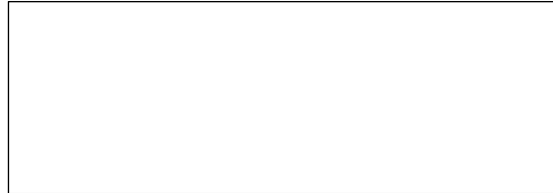
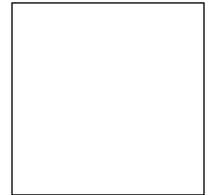
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THANK YOU JESUS! AMEN.

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TIME VALUE MAIL
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



Genesee
9 a.m., Sunday worship – at church
1st Sunday of the month –
service at the Ed. Center
Hartland
10:30 a.m., Sunday worship – see page 3 for “zoom” link

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