

The Messenger



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From the Pastor



Every culture has guiding narratives. They include the one about working hard, advancing, and making it easier for the next generation (the American Dream narrative); that you, and just you, are able to raise up your station (the Bootstrap narrative); or that romance will fix all our problems (the Princess narrative). These stories become how we understand the world around us and what is important to us. But these three are imperfect narratives. In the absence of better stories, we accept these stories, and feel our resolutions are unobtainable and leave us feeling incomplete, like we've failed. We need better stories. There are many reasons why people are part of a church and why we read these same stories year after year: They are filled with compelling narratives, stories that tell us about what it means to be fully human and to live life well.

When we come to this time in our Christian year, we have been traveling together on a journey of Lent, a journey of honest reflection, discernment, forgiveness, repentance, and reconciliation. It brings us right to Resurrection. In a single moment 2000 years ago when Jesus' Resurrection revealed that the powers of this world will not kill love. And resurrection is perhaps our most important narrative. It tells us that we are not our worst day, we are not limited by what has been, we too can have new life. Resurrection is every day that we get to try again, to love the world and our neighbors and ourselves again. Resurrection is that we might bear the scars but we are not always knocked down. Resurrection is that even in this life, we are always given second chances.

This is our narrative, one of new life. It doesn't always fit into the world that holds on to and exploits our regrets and worst moments, our failings and missteps. But this is the narrative we need. This season of Easter may this be your story, may you remember and step into the resurrection, the new life, every day. Again.

Pastor Jim

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Our Top Story



Annual Flower (and Bake Sale) Sale Fundraiser 2023 for Genesee Church

Welcome to our annual Mother's Day Flower (and Bake Sale) Fundraiser hosted by the 1st Congregational Church of Genesee. Please share this with your friends and family!

Pre-order and payment due by Wednesday, April 26th. Give to Sue Fleming, drop off at 10:30 AM Sunday worship, give to the office - during church office hours, or send by mail Attn: Flower sale.

Pick up: Flowers and Bakery on Saturday, May 13th, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM (at the Ed. Center) -- *in time for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th!!!*

Pre-orders taken for Homemade baked goods on a separate signupgenius.com online.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Fleming, Mary Ann Ludtke, Rhea Whiteley or leave a message at the church office.

Spread the joy of flowers and homemade bakery with your family, friends and neighbors!

A copy of the Flower Order form is attached to the end of this document. A paper copy can be found in the envelope attached to the front door of the Ed. Center.

Welcome to the April, 2023 special edition of the Messenger. We currently meet at 10:30 AM. We share our pastor with the Hartland, UCC. As such, we have the late service (10:30 AM) six months and Hartland gets it the other six months.

On New Year's Day, January 1, we began meeting – at the Education Center. Services will remain at the Education Center through (and including) Sunday, April 9. (Easter Sunday). On, Sunday, April 16, we will go back to the church sanctuary for our services.

During this time, we will continue to have communion on the first Sunday of the month. First Sunday of the month services will remain at the Ed. Center.

At 9 AM, a “zoom” service is broadcast from the Hartland UCC. For those of you unable to get to our 10:30 AM 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

Church Budget Update:

The most recent income and expense figures are highlighted below.

February Income	\$3,503.00
February Expenses	\$4,921.00
Net Total	-\$1,418.00

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. Listen to the good word and say “hello!”

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.

Church Office Hours

I (Scott Burdette) am usually in the church office from 2 – 4 PM on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The office phone number is **262-968-3849**.

In addition, below are the Rev. Jim Langreder's hours (during a typical week). In emergency, call Pastor Jim at **262-309-5086**.

Monday:	Genesee 8 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday:	Hartland 8 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday:	Hartland 8 AM – 11 AM Genesee 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM 6:30 PM (Bible Study)
Thursday:	Genesee 8 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday and Saturday:	OFF
Sunday:	8 AM – 12 PM

APRIL - MAY USHERS

The following teams / individuals are scheduled to usher on Sundays in April and May. Arrive by 10 AM (for the 10:30 AM 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**.

April 2	Deacons
April 9	OPEN
April 16	OPEN
April 23	OPEN
April 30	OPEN
May 7	Deacons
May 14	OPEN
May 21	OPEN
May 28	OPEN

Hope Center – Service dates

We are one of 46 congregations, throughout Waukesha County, who serve the meals at Hope Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 5 PM, for the 5:30 PM meal; and we are usually finished by 6:30 PM. Hope Center is located at 502 N. East Av. In Waukesha. A special thank you to everyone who served at Hope Center in past years. Our 2023 service dates are Wednesday April 12 and Friday, June 30. Please put these dates on your 2023 calendar.

EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL – MAY events

Listed here are the dates of meetings, holidays and events in April and May 2023. 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. Bible Study: 6:30 PM – 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays

APRIL

SA 1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY

SU 2 PALM SUNDAY

10:30 AM service at the Ed. Center
w/ communion

TU 4 Spring ELECTION DAY – VOTE!

TH 6 MAUNDY THURSDAY

6 PM Potluck Dinner followed by 7 PM service
Hartland UCC

FR 7 GOOD FRIDAY

Service at Genesee Ed. Center, 7 PM

SU 9 EASTER

10:30 AM service at the Ed. Center
w/ communion

WE 12 2 PM: Executive Board

5 PM – Serve at Hope Center
NO Bible Study

SU 16 10:30 AM service at church

SA 22 EARTH DAY

SU 23 10:30 AM service at church

**Newsletter Copy due for
May - June edition**

WE 26 Flower Sale: pre-orders and payments due

FR 28 ARBOR DAY

SU 30 10:30 AM service at church

MAY

MO 1 MAY DAY

FR 5 CINCO de MAYO

**SU 7 10:30 AM service at the Ed. Center
w/ communion**

SA 13 Pick-up flowers and bakery (Ed. Center)

SU 14 MOTHER'S DAY

10:30 AM service at church

WE 17 2 PM: Executive Board

SU 21 10:30 AM service at church

**Newsletter copy due for June
special edition**

SU 28 PENTECOST

10:30 AM service at church

SU 29 MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

SU 4 Special Service at church w/ communion
180th Anniversary of Genesee Church

Graduating? Let us know.

Are you, or someone you know, graduating from High School, College, etc. in May or June? Let us know. Call the office at **262-968-3849**. Graduates will be published in the May – June issue.

Choir

Anyone interested in forming and singing in a choir – call Pastor Jim at **262-309-5086**.

Bible Study

meets at 6:30 PM on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays. Verses from the next Sunday's lectionary will be read, studied, and reviewed.

Explore God's Word Daily

Copies of the devotional booklet, "The Upper Room," for May – June, 2023 are available where you pick-up your Sunday bulletin. Every page has inspirational reading and a Bible verse for each day.

180th Anniversary

Sunday, June 4 marks the 180th Anniversary of Genesee Church. The 180th Anniversary committee has met and plans are in process for the **BIG** event. Stay tuned for full coverage in the May-June Messenger.

A FINAL NOTE 🎵

The deadline for the May-June edition is Sunday, April 23. The deadline for the June special edition is Sunday, April 19. The deadline for the May-June edition is Sunday, May 21. To submit an article, event information, or to receive your newsletter via e-mail, send e-mail to: geneseechurch@wi.twcbc.com

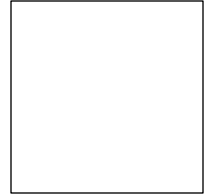
Articles submitted in person need to be typed or written legibly.

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TIME VALUE MAIL
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



Join us for worship
– at the Ed. Center
10:30 AM, Sunday worship
thru Sunday, April 9
(Easter Sunday)
Worship at the church sanctuary
resumes Sunday, April 16.
1st Sunday of the month:
COMMUNION
at the Ed. Center

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Mother's Day Flower (and Bake Sale) Fundraiser 2023

1st Congregational Church of Genesee

Your Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:

Orders & payment due Wednesday, April 26th

Pick up flowers & bakery on Sat. May 13th 9:00am-12:00pm

Orders taken for Homemade baked goods on our link at Signupgenius.com or call Mary Ann Ludtke: 414-828-1234

Flower Sale Questions? Call Sue Fleming: 262-470-6572

Bake Sale Questions? Call Mary Ann Ludtke: 414-828-1234

Photos of plants available for viewing on our facebook page: 1st Congregational Church of Genesee

12" Porch Pots \$28.00			
Type	Color	Quantity	Total
Begonias -Grower's Choice(what's ready at time of delivery)	Pink		
Dragon's Wing or Whopper (circle 1st choice)	Red		
Coleus	Assorted		
Dahlias-one color per pot-Grower sends best	Assorted		
Color preference? Add here & we'll send to grower>>>			
Geraniums	Red		
	Pink		
Lantana	Mixed		
Potunia	Assorted		
Scaveola	Blue		
Sunpatiens	Assorted		
Zinnia	Mixed		
Totals =			\$

Planters-prices below		Quantity	Total
12" Patio Planter-Sun(Geranium/Spike/Vinca)	Red \$40		
12" Patio Planter-Sun(Geranium/Spike/Vinca)	Pink \$40		
12" Herb Planter-Sun	Asst. Herbs \$28		
Totals =			

10" Hanging Baskets \$28.00 - Great gifts for Mom's Day, Sun, May 14th			
Type	Color	Quantity	Total
Fuchsia	Assorted		
Geraniums, Ivy	Red		
	Pink		
	Lavender		
Impatiens, Shade	red		
	pink		
	mixed		
New Guinea Impatiens, Sun	Red		
	Pink		
	Lavender		
Million Bells	Red		
	Pink		
	Mixed		
Garden Basket 10"	Mixed		
Portulaca (Moss Rose)	Assorted		
Wave Petunia	Patriotic -Red/White/Blue		
Totals =			\$

Great gifts for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14th!!!

"Flowers are like friends; They bring color to your world." – Unknown

Annuals Sold in full flats only = \$21.00 each			
48 per flat unless noted below			
Share a flat with family, friends, neighbors!			
Alyssum	White		
	Purple		
Begonia with Green Leaf	Red		
	White		
Shade-Sun. 40 per flat	Pink		
	Red		
Begonia with Bronze Leaf	White		
	assorted		
Shade-Sun 40 per flat	silver foliage		
Coleus - shade to part sun	Red		
Dusty Miller -sun	White		
Impatiens - shade	Pink		
	Mixed		
Lobelia - part shade	blue		
Marigold -Tall -sun 40 per flat	Yellow		
	Orange		
Marigold -Dwarf -sun	Yellow		
	Mixed		
Pansy - part shade	mixed		
Petunia -sun	Red		
	White		
	Pink		
	Blue		
	Mixed		
Portulaca(Moss Rose) -sun	Mixed		
Salvia -sun	Red		
Salvia -sun	Blue		
Snapdragons (Tall)-sun	Mixed		
Snapdragons (Dwarf)-sun	Mixed		
Profusion Zina (Dwarf)-sun 40 per flat	Mix		
Dreamland Zinnia-Dwarf 40 per flat	Mix		
Totals =			\$

4 1/2" Potted Annuals	Sold as full trays only-	Share a tray with family & friends!	
10 per tray	\$50 each	Quantity	Total
Dracaena Spikes	green foliage; sun or shade		
Potato Vine - assorted colors	full to part sun		
Coleus - assorted colors	full to part sun		
Dragon Wing Begonias-assorted colors	full sun,/full shade, bushy, long bloomer		
Million Bells - assorted colors	part to full sun heavy flowering		
Geraniums - Red	sun		
Geraniums - White	sun		
Geraniums - Pink	sun		
Geraniums - Rose	sun		
Geraniums - Salmon	sun		
Totals =			\$

	Quantity	Total
\$25 Vouchers for Sale		\$

- Valid until June 30, 2023

Great option for those who would like to go to Shady Lane Greenhouses & shop!

Good on regular priced merchandise & services only.

Sales tax not included. Not valid with other coupons & discounts.

Address: W172N7388 Shady Lane, Menomonee Falls, WI

Grand Total Cost (Flowers & Vouchers) = \$

Payment by Cash or Checks payable to: 1st Congregational Church of Genesee

Order forms and payment due by Wednesday, April 26th

Drop off at any Sunday Church Service

Weekdays: during office hours. Call: 262-968-3489

Mail to church office: W306 S5075 Church St. Mukwonago, WI 53149

Contact Sue Fleming: 262-470-6572

Don't forget to order your Bakery Treats!

Visit our Signup genius (the link is on our Weekly Update emails)

or call: Mary Ann 414-828-1234 or Rhea 262-617-8512

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Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!