

The Messenger



A Newsletter of the
Genesee 1st Congregational, United Church of Christ, Inc.

September – October, 2023

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From the Pastor



September marks the beginning of a new year of church programming. We ramp up our Sunday school, get back on track with the lectionary readings each week and everyone seems to get back into more of a routine, even if you have had children out of school for a long time. September is the unofficial start to fall and is filled with

shorter days, crisper and cooler air, and the sense of familiarity and also change.

I remember waiting to get the news of which teacher I got! Hoping that my friends were in the same class. The excitement and anticipation, but also the worry that perhaps I wouldn't know many of the kids in my class. The world we live in today is similar to how we grew up, but in many ways it is also vastly different, filled with so many tough situations for our young friends to navigate. And for all those reasons we offer blessings over our students.

But, as has been for generations, schools continue to be a place where the adults in positions of power play out the politics of the day. Issues of class, integration, our nations history, gender and sexuality are being fought with our schools as the battlefield. It is no wonder when schools become the places where some have made children the casualties of fighting, and it's no wonder so many students are searching out places to be fully themselves and to be safe. And for all those reasons we offer blessings over our students. We bless and pray for our students and our teachers. We believe that they are becoming and growing into who God is calling them to be, unique and built for community.

We bless and pray for our students to find safe places and people—teachers and friends—who will encourage them to do their best and to be themselves. And pray that they feel and know this community of First Congregational is a safe place for them, too.

So, on September 10th, just as the school year has started, we're going to bless our teachers and stu-

dents with a Backpack blessing. Students: bring your backpacks with you on Sunday morning to church!

Are you and your family struggling this year? Do backpacks and school supplies feel like a huge financial struggle? Let Pastor Jim know, we want to help lighten that burden.

Pray for our students this year, for their safety and their learning, for who they are and who they are becoming. And pray for our school administrators, that they may be led to uplift and advocate for *all* students.

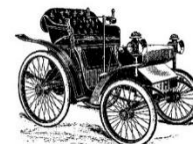
Peace and Love: *Pastor Jim*

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262-309-5086

OUR TOP STORY

12TH Annual Genesee Church Car Show



Saturday, September 9
8 AM – 2 PM

Sponsored by S/S Automotive

- Dash Plaque to first 100 cars
- Food and Beverages
- Music
- Prize Drawing at 1 PM

\$8 donation per car – proceeds go towards the community, church and Children's Hospital

Free spectator admission!

For more information contact S/S Automotive
[262-968-3324](tel:262-968-3324) ssautomotive.pro

Welcome to the September-October, 2023 edition of the Messenger. We share Pastor Jim with the Hartland, UCC. As such, we have the early service six months and Hartland gets it the other six months.

Our Sunday service is currently at 9 AM. This will continue throughout 2023. We meet in the church sanctuary every Sunday of the month – except when it’s a FIRST Sunday. On the first Sunday of the month we meet at the Ed. Center (that brick building next to the church) – and communion is served.

Currently, the Hartland service is at 10:30 AM and is livestreamed on the Genesee and Hartland Facebook page; and You-tube channel (First Congregational UCC, Hartland, WI.)

Bible Study

This is your opportunity to learn about the Bible. It is held every 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday, at 1:30 PM. For specific dates in July and August, see the events calendar on page 3. The topic for discussion at each Bible Study is the sermon message for the following Sunday.

Church Budget Update:

The most recent income and expense figures are shown below.

July Income	\$3,217.00
July Expenses	<u>\$6,099.32</u>
Net Total	- \$2,882.32

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!”

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.

How do I contribute my offering?

There will be circumstances – seen or unseen – in which we can’t make it to church on Sunday. 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 AM (for the 9:00 AM service). Your job is to greet people, hand out bulletins, light candles and take collection. For the latest update, or if you are unable to fulfill your commitment, please notify Diane Sickels at **262-968-3954**.

September 3	Deacons
September 10	OPEN
September 17	OPEN
September 24	OPEN
October 1	Deacons
October 8	OPEN
October 15	OPEN
October 22	OPEN
October 29	OPEN

Explore God’s Word Daily

Copies of the devotional booklet: “*The Upper Room*” for September - October 2023 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 an inspirational reading and accompanying Bible verse for each day.

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...”

2 Timothy 3:16 (RSV)

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 – 12:30 PM
Genesee 12:30 AM – 2:30 PM
- Thursday:** Genesee 8 AM – 12 PM
Hartland 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER events

Listed here are the dates of meetings, holidays and events in September, October and early November, 2023. All dates are correct at the time of publication. All events are at the Ed. Center, unless otherwise noted. Service time is Sundays, 9 AM – at church - (except 1st Sundays - at the Ed. Center)

SEPTEMBER

- SU 3** 9 AM service at the Ed. Center w/ communion
- MO 4** **LABOR DAY**
- WE 6** 1:30 PM – Bible Study
- TH 7** 9 AM – Mindful Yoga
"Pastor and Pie" – 8 AM – 2 PM
- SA 9** *12th Annual Car Show* – 8 AM – 2 PM
- SU 10** **RALLY DAY**
9 AM service at church
"Blessing of the Backpacks"
- MO 11** **PATRIOT DAY**
- WE 13** 1:30 PM – Bible Study
- TH 14** 9 AM – Mindful Yoga
- FR 15** *Movie Night* – 6 PM
- SA 16** SAFEHOUSE: 4 – 7 PM
Back to School Potluck – Hartland UCC
- SU 17** 9 AM service at church
October special edition copy due
- WE 20** NO Bible Study
- TH 21** 9 AM – Mindful Yoga
- SA 23** Autumnal Equinox – 1:49 AM CDT
Fall begins
- SU 24** 9 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP
"Blessing of the Animals"
In church if inclement weather

- WE 27** 1:30 PM – Bible Study
- TH 28** 9 AM – Mindful Yoga
- SA 30** 6 – 9 PM
- Elvis and Oldies show fundraiser

OCTOBER

- SU 1** **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
9 AM service at the Ed. Center w/ communion
- WE 4** 1:30 PM – Bible Study
- TH 5** 9 AM – Mindful Yoga
- SA 7** 4 – 7 PM: *20th Annual Pig Roast*
- SU 8** 9 AM service at church
- MO 9** **INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY**
COLUMBUS DAY
- WE 11** 1:30 PM – Bible Study
- TH 12** 9 AM – Mindful Yoga
- SU 15** 9 AM service at church
- WE 18** NO Bible Study
- TH 19** 9 AM – Mindful Yoga
- SA 21** **SWEETEST DAY**
- SU 22** 9 AM service at church
November-December edition copy due
- WE 25** 1:30 PM – Bible Study
- TH 26** 9 AM – Mindful Yoga
- SU 29** 9 AM service at church
4 – 7 PM: *Trick or Treat "Safe Spot"*
- TU 31** **HALLOWEEN**

NOVEMBER

- WE 1** **ALL SAINTS' DAY**
1:30 PM – Bible Study
- TH 2** 9 AM – Mindful Yoga
- SU 5** 9 AM service at the Ed. Center w/ communion
Daylight Saving Time (DST) ends
Fall back one hour
- TU 7** **ELECTION DAY**

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- 12th Annual Car Show* (see article on Page 1)
Saturday, September 9, 8 AM – 2 PM
- Movie Night*
Friday, September 15, 6 PM
- Elvis & Oldies Show fundraiser*
Saturday, September 30, 6 – 9 PM
Tickets = \$15
- 20th Annual Pig Roast*
Saturday, October 7, 4 – 7 PM

Pastor and Pie

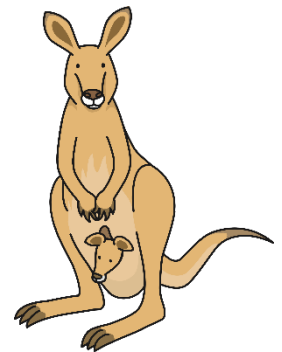
Thursday, September 7, 8 AM – 2 PM



This is your chance to meet with our new pastor, Rev. Jim Langreder, any time between 8 AM and 2 PM. Get a piece of pie!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 24
9 AM Outdoor Service



Rally Day

Sunday, September 10, 9 AM service



Blessing
of the
Backpacks

Coming Saturday, September 30

Elvis & Oldies Tribute Show
6 – 9 PM

Starring Dakota Pongratz

\$15 per ticket

Money raised from show goes
directly to the church.

Tickets available at the church office:
262-968-3849

Movie Night

Friday, September 15, 6 PM



Family friendly,
Pizza,
Popcorn,
Candy

20th Annual Pig Roast



4 – 7 PM,

Saturday, October 7

(See next page for ways YOU can help!)

Safe House

Back to School Potluck
Saturday, September 16, 4 - 7 PM
at Hartland, UCC

Trick or Treat "Safe Spot"

Sunday, October 29, 4 – 7 PM

C-A-N-D-Y !

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Pig Roast & Prize Drawing, Saturday, October 7th, 4 – 7 PM

Mark your calendar and tell your friends! Here's a few things to keep in mind as we get closer to our event:

1. Advance ticket sales will begin at the end of August for take out and dine in orders
2. Donate prizes to our drawing.
3. Let us know if you're interested in having a 'salad prep party' the day before the event like we did last year.
4. Join our 'decorating and set-up party' sometime in the 1st week of October. Let us know if you're interested.
5. Sign up to work at the event: let us know if you can work for 1 hour during the event. There are tasks for people of all abilities, so please contact us.
6. Sign up to donate food/supplies: our sign-upgenius.com request will come to you at the end of August/beginning of September.

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!

- Rhea Whiteley

Fall Raffle is Back!

The Women's Fellowship, of Hartland UCC, is sponsoring a fall raffle for the church again this year. Genesee, UCC is welcome to participate! Prices remain at \$5 each for tickets (or 3 for \$10). Tickets can be picked up at church on Sunday mornings starting in late August. (We will also have a supply at the Genesee Church office.) [By law we are not allowed to mail tickets.] So far, the prizes are...

- 2 Packer tickets for Dec. 17 vs Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- 4 Badger tickets for Oct. 14 vs Iowa Hawkeyes
- \$250 Cash
- Barbara Rambadt floral giclée print
- Quilt, wall-hanging / lap quilt size

Winning tickets will be drawn Sunday, September 24 following worship at Hartland, UCC.

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT (LIR)

Now that many of you, who are reading this right now, are retired, or nearing retirement, or simply have the time to learn new things, things you've always wondered about, we've got what you are looking for.

This fall, there will be a series of classes, on numerous interesting topics, at both the Genesee and Hartland churches. Turn to page 8 for a preview of the classes available, costs, times and locations.

CONFIRMATION

Teens and their families interested in participating in Confirmation this fall and winter should contact Pastor Jim ASAP. (262-309-5086) He is working on a plan that will work with our busy kids and families. Confirmation will begin in late September and end in June. If you missed the typical time for your confirmation because of Covid or any other reason, over the last few years, he recommends that you reach out to him. This will be a combined effort of the Hartland, Genesee and East Troy churches.



Notes from the Middle

In October 2012, I journeyed to Lebanon, Kansas.

Today, I am standing in the middle of America. Located in a park near the junction of AA Road and 130 Road, the geographical marker – pictured above – marks the exact center of the contiguous 48 United States. If you were to make a cardboard cutout of the (lower 48) United States and balance it on a pin, the pin would puncture the cardboard right here.



On a cool October afternoon, I sat down at a picnic table in the park. I sense the awesome isolation of this place. The nearest town, Lebanon, Kansas, is two mile to the southeast. Its water tower and grain silos beckon. A solitary farmstead sits in the valley across from the park. In every other direction, harvested fields reach to the horizon. The tourists, if there were any, have left for the season. In some ways this place is like many others in America’s heartland; and yet, by location alone, it is very special. At this very moment, I, alone, am the most central person in America! Lest I be overcome with visions of great power and grandeur, I humble myself with the realization that this temporary “power” is one of location only.

The fact is that all of us are born off-center; not just in physical location, but in our relationship with God. A long time ago, when God had finished creating the world, He made a special place at the center of His creation. Adam and Eve knew it as “Eden.” They lived a good, well-centered life. God “walked” with them in the garden and knew them personally (Genesis 3:8). Long story short, Adam and Eve sinned against God by not following His directions. Then were banned from the Garden of Eden. Since then, Adam’s descendants – including us – have been living life off-center. All “religions”* developed since those days have made attempts to get us back on-center and reconcile us to the will of God. All have been the vain attempts of us humans, and all have ultimately failed.

[*I define “religion” as those attempts by humanity to try to reach out to God: to reconcile ourselves to God. In Christianity ALONE, God reaches down to us, completing the “circuit.” In that sense, and perhaps that sense alone, “Christianity” is NOT a religion.]

Is there a way to again be reconciled to the will of God, a way to get back on-center with the life God intends for us to live? YES! Like Dorothy, in the “Wizard of Oz,” do we need to go back to Kansas to return to the center of God’s will? NO! Before we chalk off our failure to be reconciled to God as just another part of our lowly human condition, and write ourselves off as unworthy of knowing our creator, know this... Even while we were failing in our attempt to reach God, He has already reached down to us. God, and God alone, has given us a “way” to get back on-center with Him! (see Romans 5: 8)

That “way” is the true message of the Christmas Story. The story begins some 2,000 years ago in a small backwater town of the mighty Roman Empire: Bethlehem. God provided a way for us to be reconciled to Him and get back on-center with His will. He also gave us a way to get back the eternal life that Adam lost at the “closed gates” to Eden. He sent His only son, Jesus, to us; not as a king or mighty warrior, but as one born in a lowly manger. The story, as we know it, is very serene. Angels make a special visit, Mary and Joseph adore their newborn son, shepherds come to worship Him and wise men bring gifts. Then we leave the Christmas Pro-

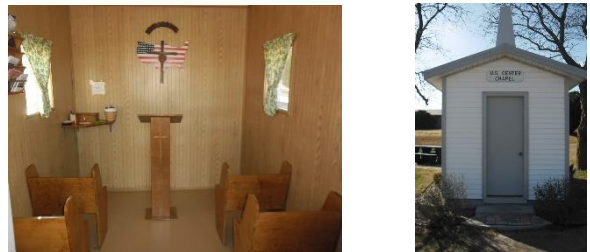
gram and go home. We leave the baby Jesus in the manger! Wait people! There is more to the story!

Jesus grew up and lived among us, sharing our human condition. He taught God’s message in the synagogues and on the hillsides; he cared for people and healed their conditions. He showed us how to get back on-center with our God and showed us the way to eternal life with Him, in His “kingdom.” Then one day, His mission on earth was fulfilled. Fearing competition to the Emperor’s worldly authority, those authorities prosecuted God’s son and nailed Him, as a common criminal, to a cross. By “Good” Friday afternoon, Jesus was dead. That evening, He was lying in a tomb. The Roman officials gave a sigh of relief: STORY OVER!

WRONG! If all we had were the Christmas Story and a well-lived life, then Jesus is no more than just another great profit. Mohammed is dead! Buddha is dead! ...“Why do you seek the living among the dead?” “...He is not here...” “...He has risen,...” (Luke 24:5; Mark 16:6) That first Easter Sunday morning, the resurrected Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and, later, the disciples.

We still live with our human conditions. We continue to disobey God’s will. But now, because of the resurrection, we can be reconciled, again, to God; we can get back on-center with His will; and one day we can have eternal life in paradise. “For God so loved the world, that WHOEVER believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Scott Burdette, on the road near Lebanon, Kansas



U. S. CENTER CHAPEL – inside and outside
Located in the U. S. Center Monument Park

A FINAL NOTE 🎵

The deadline for the October special edition is Sunday, September 17. The deadline for the November-December, 2023 edition is Sunday, October 22. 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 Challenggers

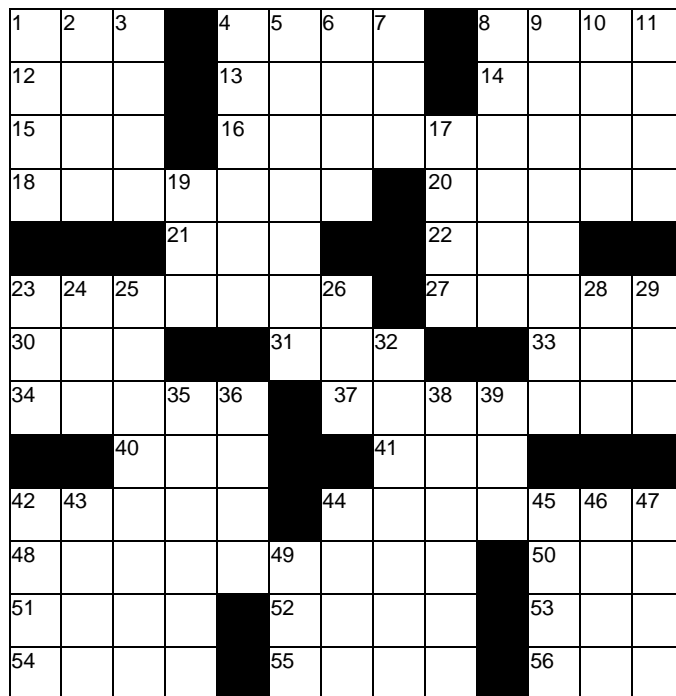
Genesee Church Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Fedora, e. g.
- 4 Medicie portion
- 8 Smack
- 12 Spanish cheer
- 13 Epochs
- 14 Musical sound
- 15 Sorrow
- 16 Wavering
- 18 Indulgent
- 20 Desert stops
- 21 Fall behind
- 22 Zilch
- 23 Oil refinery
- 27 Discolored spot
- 30 Actor _____ Mckellen
- 31 Time unit (abbr.)
- 33 Vane dir.
- 34 Growl
- 37 Doctor's client
- 40 _____ culpa
- 41 Sweet spud
- 42 Hen's perch
- 44 Lose hope
- 48 Accord
- 50 A Gershwin
- 51 Brood
- 52 Common skin problem
- 53 Current church pianist
- 54 Williams and Kennedy
- 55 Achieves
- 56 School subject (abbr.)

DOWN

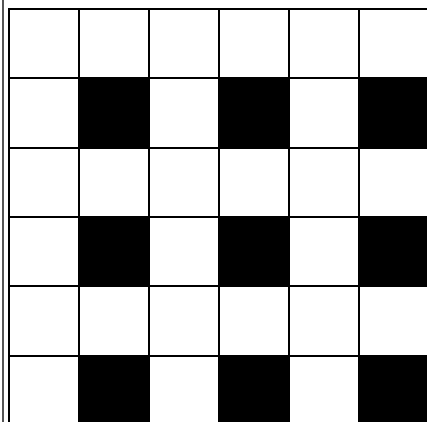
- 1 Coyote's cry
- 2 Medicinal plant
- 3 Juvenile
- 4 Vanquish
- 5 Grove products
- 6 Pepper's companion
- 7 NJ time zone
- 8 Narrow waterway
- 9 Superman's gal
(2 wds.)
- 10 Green Gables girl
- 11 Wooden fasteners
- 17 Many years
- 19 Sick
- 23 Family mem.
- 24 Gent
- 25 Captivated
- 26 Salesperson, briefly
- 28 Rural hotel
- 29 Fishing snare
- 32 Hot red pepper
- 35 Adjusts again
- 36 Overdue
- 38 Samples food
- 39 Little demon
- 42 Log float
- 43 Fairy tale monster
- 44 Art _____
- 45 Staff member
- 46 Tehran's Country
- 47 Pealed
- 49 Irate



Answers to previous puzzles in July-August Messenger

CROSS MIX

In the puzzle below, anagram each group of letters to form 6-letter words. Place the six words into the diagram so that the words read across and down in crossword fashion.



- AEBDGR
- AEOCLR
- AODGNR
- EOBRKN
- EOUGHN
- EOUYGL



MIND TICKLER

Pumpkin pie	\$1.20
Berry clusters	80¢
Cookie	40¢
<u>Slice of cake</u>	<u>70¢</u>
TOTAL	\$3.10

There are other answers. Yours may vary from the one listed.

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT (LIR) class schedule

#402 Switch On Your Brain DVD \$20.00

Instructor James Langreder

Date: Mondays: Sep. 25; Oct. 02, 09, 16, 23, 30

Time: 9:30 –11:00 a.m.

Place: In person only—First Congregational Church of Genesee UCC

What would you do if you found a switch that could turn on your brain and enable you to be happier, healthier in your mind and body, more prosperous, and more intelligent? Based solidly on the latest neuroscientific research on the brain, as well as Dr Caroline Leaf's clinical experience and research, you will learn how thoughts impact our mind and body. You will learn how to detox your thoughts using her practical, detailed and easy-to-use 21-Day Brain Detox Plan. The application is for all walks of life. You won't be able to make changes to create quality, positive lifestyles—unless you first choose to get your mind right and switch on your brain. The ability to think and choose and use your mind correctly is often the hardest step -but it is the first and most powerful step.

#403 The Complete Guide to Smartphone Photography DVD \$15.00

Instructor: Sharon Kraklow

Date: Mondays: Oct. 30; Nov. 06. 13. 20

Time: 9:30 –11:30 a.m.

Place: In person & Zoom Hybrid –First Congregational Church of Genesee UCC

This course explains the principles of photography in relationship to your phone. You'll learn some of the basic buttons and tools, but the course focuses primarily on the concepts behind better photography. No matter what phone you happen to have, you'll be able to take better photographs if you understand these principles. This class is for both the novice and the more experienced individual.

#417 China: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know DVD \$20.00

Instructor: Michael Whiteley

Date: Tuesdays: Sep. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 03, 10, 17

Time: 9:30 –11:30 a.m.

Place: In person only –First Congregational Church of Genesee UCC

China –everything you ever wanted to know about China is brought to life by your instructor who has extensive knowledge, educational and real-world experience with the country including travels to China more than 50 times over the last 25 years. Learn about Chinese culture, travel, history, food, language, politics and economics. Understand what it is like to work and live in China; get to know key cities and tourist attractions; learn how Chinese people work, think and live their daily lives; share in photos and artifacts. You will better understand how China and US relations will impact the future while mastering the “do's and don'ts” of Chinese culture.

#419 Caring for Relationships Made Easier \$10.00

Instructor: Ron Kral

Date: Tuesday: Oct. 31 (Repeat of #416 at Waukesha)

Time: 9:30 –11:30 a.m.

Place: In person only –First Congregational Church of Genesee UCC

Your instructor comes with a Masters Degree in Educational Psychology from UWM, 16 years as a school psychologist, completion of the Clinical Training Program at the Brief Family Therapy Center in Milwaukee, as well as certification at the “7 Principles Leader Training” from Gottman Institute. He has conducted workshops, provided therapy and written articles on a variety of issues pertaining to family therapy, parenting and interpersonal relationships. This class will provide a common sense way of viewing relationships, along with a practical approach for nurturing and maintaining them at home, work and in the community. Based on the research and clinical work from the Gottman Institute, you will be provided with a way to see and respond to others in positive ways, along with a method for repairing damaged connections. Come prepared to learn and have some FUN! Repeat of #416 at Waukesha.

#420 The Other Side of History: Daily Life in the Ancient World, Part 1 of 4 DVD\$20.00**Instructor: Sharon Kraklow****Date: Tuesdays: Oct. 31; Nov. 07, 14, 21, 28; Dec. 05****Time: 9:30 –11:30 a.m.****Place: In person & Zoom Hybrid –First Congregational United Church of Christ, Hartland**

Over the course of 48 richly detailed lectures, Professor Garland covers the breadth and depth of human history -from the perspective of the so-called ordinary people and from its earliest beginnings through the Middle Ages. This is your chance to get beyond the abstract dates and figures, kings and queens and battles and wars that make up so many historical accounts. Part 2 & 3 in spring 2024, Part 4 in the fall 2024.

#423 Experiencing Hubble DVD\$20.00**Instructor: Geetha Srinivasan****Date: Tuesdays: Oct. 17, 24, 31; Nov. 07****Time: 1:30 –3:30 p.m.****Place: In person only–First Congregational United Church of Christ, Hartland**

A few hundred miles above Earth, there is a remarkable telescope with a crystal-clear view across the universe. For two decades, the Hubble Space Telescope has been amassing discoveries that rival those of history's greatest scientists and explorers, making it the most important and productive scientific instrument ever built. Although it never ventures beyond low-Earth orbit, Hubble's location high above the blurring effects of the atmosphere gives it an unrivaled vantage point for investigating phenomena throughout the cosmos.

#430 The Story of Freedom in America, Part 1 of 2 DVD\$20.00**Instructor: Sharon Kraklow****Date: Wednesdays: Nov. 01, 08, 15, 22; 29; Dec. 06****Time: 9:30 –11:30 a.m.****Place: In person & Zoom Hybrid–First Congregational United Church of Christ, Hartland**

The United States has the oldest constitution in the world. With the exception of the Civil War, our political order has persisted for over 225 years. What has made America so exceptional in its longevity? Dr. Rufus Fears argues that our Founders uniquely relied on historical thought, using the knowledge of the past to make decisions in the present and plan for the future. Their knowledge of the lessons of history equipped them to create an enduring political order. Prof. Fears, with his inimitable style and his true wisdom, explores the American experience of freedom from the Revolutionary War to the present day. He tells the stories of struggle, sacrifice, and heroism that created the unique model of American freedom. Part 2 will be in the spring 2024.

#438 Understanding Genetics: DNA, Genes & Real-World Applications DVD\$20.00**Instructor: Geetha Srinivasan****Date: Wednesdays: Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 01, 08, 15, 22****Time: 1:30 –3:30 p.m.****Place: In person only–First Congregational United Church of Christ, Hartland**

We use it routinely to cure diseases, solve crimes and reunite families. Yet we've known about it for only 60 years. What we're continuing to learn about it every day has the potential to transform our health, our nutrition, our society, and our future. What is this powerful mystery? It is DNA—deoxyribonucleic acid, the self-replicating material present in nearly all living organisms. Award-winning teacher, author and cancer researcher Dr. David Sadava unlocks its mysteries in his new course "Understanding Genetics: DNA, Genes and Their Real-World Applications." He guides us through decades of scientific discovery and the weighty implications for us—as individuals and as a society.

#441 Old Testament Foundations, Part 1 of 2 \$20.00**Instructor: Rev. Dr. David Schnepf****Date: Thursdays: Sep. 14, 21, 28; Oct. 05, 12, 19****Time: 9:30 –11:30 a.m.****Place: In person—First Congregational United Church of Christ, Hartland**

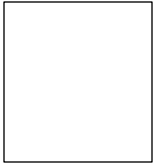
As an ordained minister with over 38 years of experience, a Master of Divinity, a Doctor of Ministry, and extensive class instruction in New Testament Foundations and Bible Study, your instructor has vast experience and knowledge to bring to this course. The course focuses on the texts of the Old Testament and the historical, literary and theological threads which are interwoven throughout the texts. In Part 1, you will explore the formation of the Hebrew people, their enslavement, liberation, covenant in the wilderness, the period of the Judges, the reign of Kings, and the Patriarchs. Part 2 will be in the spring 2024.

#452 The Story of India**DVD\$20.00****Instructor: Geetha Srinivasan****Date: Thursdays: Oct. 19, 26; Nov. 02, 09, 16, 30 No class Nov. 23****Time: 1:30 –3:30 p.m.****Place: In person only—First Congregational United Church of Christ, Hartland**

As a native of India, your instructor brings a unique and personal perspective to this course. You will be going back centuries to the formation of India, delving into its ancient civilizations, history, religions, culture and traditions. The course will cover the Indian subcontinent from the ancient to the modern.

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