

Hello Church,

As you have heard, I will be ending my ministry at Racine UMC May 8. I will be taking a position as Chaplain at Samaritan Bethany Senior Living Center in Rochester.

In doing so, I will no longer be available to provide pastoral services to you. I must maintain proper boundaries and ethical practices by not interfering with whomever your next Pastor will be.

I pray that you stay focused on making disciples for Christ. In my humble opinion, the church must be the church. That is to teach what Jesus taught and do what Jesus did and does. I pray that you give attention to the Holy Spirit in your midst. It is there that you will find power and direction.

May God bless you and keep you in the faith.  
Peace & Grace, Pastor Glen

## Pastoral Transitions



Each summer, many United Methodist clergy and their families move to a new ministry setting. At the same time, congregations say goodbye to their pastor and get ready to welcome a new pastor. Prayer is needed for everyone involved.

In the United Methodist Church, all clergy are appointed to their places of ministry by the bishop for one year (July 1-June 30). The majority are reappointed to the same church multiple times. A variety of factors are considered in making an appointment, including which gifts match which ministry setting. ([Click here](#) for more information about the appointment process.)

According to the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, there are [four stages of a pastoral transition](#). Such transitions can be a bit scary for the pastor and the congregation, but they allow for great new opportunities for both. To make for an effective and enjoyable transition, it's important to embrace the journey and the changes that accompany it.

Below are a variety of excellent and free resources to help local churches and pastors as they make this transition—along with scriptures that relate to a time of transition. (If there are other resources you've found helpful, e-mail them to [communications@minnesotaumc.org](mailto:communications@minnesotaumc.org).)

### Resources

*For Congregations:*

- [50 Ways to Welcome Your New Pastor or Associate Pastor](#)
- [40 Ways to Welcome Your New Pastor](#)
- [So, You're Moving: Guidance for Pastors and Churches in Leadership Transitions](#)
- [Suggestions for Churches With a Young Pastor](#)
- [Suggestions for Churches With a Single Pastor](#)

*For Clergy:*

- [Best Practices in Pastoral Transitions: Results of a Survey of United Methodist District Superintendents](#)
- [Guide to Pastoral Transitions \(Part 1: The First 30 Days\)](#)
- [Guide to Pastoral Transitions \(Part 2: Day 31 and Beyond\)](#)
- [So, You're Moving: Guidance for Pastors and Churches in Leadership Transitions](#)
- [Social Media and Pastoral Moves](#)
- [50 Ways to Improve Pastoral Transitions](#)

### Scripture for a Time of Transition

- **I Corinthians 1: 3-9:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **Proverbs 3:5-6:** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
- **Jeremiah 29:11:** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- **Ephesians 2:10:** For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- **1 Peter 5:7:** Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.
- **Matthew 6:33:** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Kim Jackson      Jessica Nathaniel**

**Worship 8:30**

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**Pastoral Coverage for  
Racine United Methodist Church,  
May 9 through June 26, 2016**

**Pastoral Care;** Pastor Wane Souhrada (Stewartville UMC), or his designees, will be available to provide the following pastoral care in the event of deaths, emergencies, or hospitalizations—from May 9 until the arrival of the new pastor near the end of June. Pastor Wane may be contacted at [wosouhrada@gmail.com](mailto:wosouhrada@gmail.com) or in emergencies, call 507-520-8962. Pastor Wane can also assist your church with administrative concerns if this is needed, or contact the district superintendent.

**Worship Schedule**

- May 8— Rev. Glen Holland (pastor at Racine, last Sunday in worship)
- May 15—Rev. Josh Doughty (Rochester: Bethany UMC)
- May 22—Rev. Clay Oglesbee (DS, River Valley District), Confirmation Sunday
- May 29—Libby Henslin (Kasson UMC member and approved for licensed pastor)
- June 5— Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon (Rochester: Christ UMC), Sacrament of Holy Communion
- June 12—Renee Wilson (lay speaker from Stewartville)—507-261-5413,
- June 19—(By arrangements made by the Racine church leaders)
- June 26—New Racine pastor (Appointment still to be determined)

*Clay D Oglesbee*

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**Minnesota Annual Conference Session**

*Generosity is not simply about money. It is an attitude and a way of life that's rooted in a deep understanding that life is a gift and it comes from God, who loves us extravagantly and unconditionally.*

*The 2016 annual conference session, taking place from June 21-23 in St. Cloud, will focus on this idea through the theme "Living Generously—Unleashing God's Gifts."*

*"Eucharist means 'good gift,'" said Director of Ministries, Rev. Cindy Gregorson. "God in Christ extends to us a good gift—the gift of love and life—and invites us to be a good gift to others. Generosity is being a good gift in all that we do and are. It is how we welcome others, how we bless others, how we speak to others."*

*This year at annual conference, we will not only talk about generosity; we will practice being a good gift to one another and to the St. Cloud community. will to go four projects. This year's offering has both a hands-on component and a financial component.*

***Racine Food Shelf***

Open Thursday night 6-7 pm and  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 9 to 11 am

***Library***

Open 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 9 to 11 am

***Choir***

The choir is always looking for new members. If you are interested in singing with us or if you play an instrument and would like to play during a worship service please speak to Deb Goeldi.

These are our May dates:

May 11 @ 7:00 May 17 @ 7:00 May 23 @ 6:00



***Movie Night***

***Want to plan a movie night?***

If you have a movie suggestion please let Jeff Goeldi know. The movie will be announced during announcements at Church, we plan to have one soon.

## *Racine UMC Food Shelf*

Thank you to all who are helping with the food shelf.

There are so many ways you all support our food shelf, from the time you give, the money you give, the prayers you support our food shelf with. These are all valuable gifts.

Have you ever wondered how we get the food for our food shelf?

Tracy Hoover reviews what food we have and then through the Channel One website an order of available food is placed and with the assistance of several people food is picked up at Channel One and stocked on the shelves. Food that will not fit on the shelves is stored in the Pie Room as many of us call it. Some of the dry food is in the refrigerators and freezers for safekeeping, when they are not being used for something else.

Periodically I am able to get breads, bagels, muffins, rolls, and buns, these items are free.

Sometimes I am able to get fresh fruits and vegetables, these items are also free. I do need help from those of you taking care of the food shelf making sure that this food stays fresh and is also thrown out when of questionable freshness. Please feel free to throw out these items. As Channel One says what does it matter if they throw it out or we throw it out. At least we have given people the opportunity to get it.

If you are at the food shelf and feel the need to put more items on the shelves, please check out this wonderful hiding spot and do as the Spirit moves you.

If you have questions or other thoughts please feel free to let me know and I will try to answer them.

Thank you for serving others. Tracy Hoover

## 2016 Race Track Clean-Up

**May 15, June 26, July 17,**

**July 31, Aug 28,**

**Sept 22-23-24-25**

### **Readers**

#### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Vicki Schroeder
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Jackson Helget
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Karen Goldsmith
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Goeldi
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Dawn Vrieze

#### June

- 5<sup>th</sup> – **Sandy Schatz**
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Mark Marburger
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Gina Schatz
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Robin Vrieze



### **Greeters**

#### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Del & Sandy Schatz
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Austin & Gina Schatz
- 15<sup>th</sup> – The Warren Family
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Steve Wesenburg
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Steve & Kari York

#### June

- 5<sup>th</sup> – **Helen York**
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Mark Marburger
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Jeff & Deb Goeldi
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Marian Johnson

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