



The Messenger
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Dedicated to building a strong Christian family for all of God's children, working together for the purpose of putting our faith and love into practice.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

(A Note from the Editor)

As many of you are aware, Pastor Kim was recently hospitalized and is currently recovering from gall bladder surgery.

Consequently, she needs lots of rest. So we'll forego the pastor's monthly message for this issue of The Messenger.

Also, Pastor Kim moved into the parsonage last month. We are especially happy to have her close by. No longer commuting from Albany, she'll save all that travel time!

Of course, the congregation will also benefit from Pastor Kim's close proximity. Most of all, this move will allow us to be truly "united" as a church family.

With September just around the corner, I pray God will continue to provide us with focus and guidance as we seek to "grow" disciples (within the church) and "make" new disciples in the communities and workplaces around us.

Pastor Kim,

We pray for your continued health and healing, in Jesus Name. AMEN



Pastor Kim



Semi-Annual HUGE Summer Book Sale

Looking for a summer beach read? Want to revisit the classics? Or is cooking, crafts, or home improvement more up your alley? Look no further. The Book Nook at Grace United Methodist Church in Ravenna is holding its semi-annual **HUGE Summer Book Sale** on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 9, 10, and 11. The hours are 9:00 to noon and 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday and Friday. And, 9:00 to noon on Saturday.

There's something for everyone. Hardcover and paperbacks. Novels and non-fiction. Tens of thousands of books to choose from—along with a mini-rummage sale. Book prices: hardcovers \$1.00 each, paperbacks 50 cents each, both buy 5 get one free. Children's books are 25 cents each or five for a \$1.00. CD's, DVD's and VHS tapes, as well as puzzles and games, are also available. Breakfast and lunch will be available all 3 days.

Limited donations (no more than two boxes or bags) are welcome through July 30. Good condition (no torn or damaged covers, missing or water damaged pages, mold and dirt free). No textbooks, encyclopedias, or out-of-date computer and medical/health books.

NO DONATIONS PLEASE August 1 through 25 while we set up, conduct, and take down the sale.

We still need volunteers: **Setup:** Aug. 4, 6, 8 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Takedown Aug. 11 (especially!) 3:00 pm, Aug. 13, 14 from 9:00am -3:00 pm

Cashiers. Sign up in the church hall.

VOLUNTEERS...APPRECIATED & NEEDED

Total book sales, as of 6/30/18: \$5,358



HUGE
Book
Sale
& Mini-
Rummage

Who: You

What: Bargains on
tens of thousands
of books

When: Thurs. Aug.
9 and Fri. Aug. 10,

9-3 and 6-8 pm; Sat. Aug 11, 9-3

Where: Book Nook at Grace United
Methodist Church (Ravena, NY)

Why: For your enjoyment and to
promote literacy & fellowship

EVANGELISM NEWS

We're looking forward to once again representing Grace UMC at the annual Friendship Festival at Mosher Park. This is a wonderful opportunity to let people know who we are...the friendly church on the hill.

We love to give away children's books and free bottled water, which has become our custom. We also give away lots of smiles!



- 4 Jim Youmans
- 9 Ken Bliss
- 9 Elizabeth Robertson
- 9 Brian Phillips
- 10 Audry & George June
- 10 Brian & Sharon Phillips
- 11 Marlene McTigue
- 12 Barb Bullock
- 14 Edna & Ralph Rominger
- 16 Beth Babcock
- 17 Pastor Judi & Pastor Allen
- 18 John Ginder
- 18 Stacey Youmans
- 21 Jonathan Haslett
- 21 Evangelyn Seymour
- 22 Mark Contreras
- 24 Gabriella Selbe
- 25 Devin Whitney
- 25 Ryan Roe

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Just a reminder that our annual Backpack Blessing is Thursday, August 16th.

Free dinner with ice cream sundaes at 6pm followed by the blessing of the backpacks at 6:30. School supplies and backpacks will be provided to children who are struggling financially. If you know of a child who could benefit, please have them contact Kate Robertson by phone or text at 518-225-1495 or email rarksr@gmail.com. School supplies, backpacks or monetary donations to support this project will gratefully be accepted! School supplies in need are: glue sticks, post it notes, dry erase markers, sharpies, folders, binders, dividers, index cards, crayons, markers, Kleenex boxes, Lysol wipes, pencil cases, colored pencils, erasers, marble notebooks, zip lock bags, sharpened pencils, highlighters, lined paper. Due to generous donations from Walmart, I have an abundance of spiral notebooks, so please do NOT donate any notebooks.

I don't know when you're sending this out, but if it's before 8/2 you can add this part, but if it's after, don't bother putting it in.

Come join us on Thursday, August 2nd from 6-9 as we race around Ravena with our second annual Amazing Race! Based on the TV show, teams of kids will be given clues to go from one location to another to perform various challenges for fun and to help the community. If interested, please contact Kate to register your child ahead of time. We are also looking for adults to help at various locations or to drive the children.

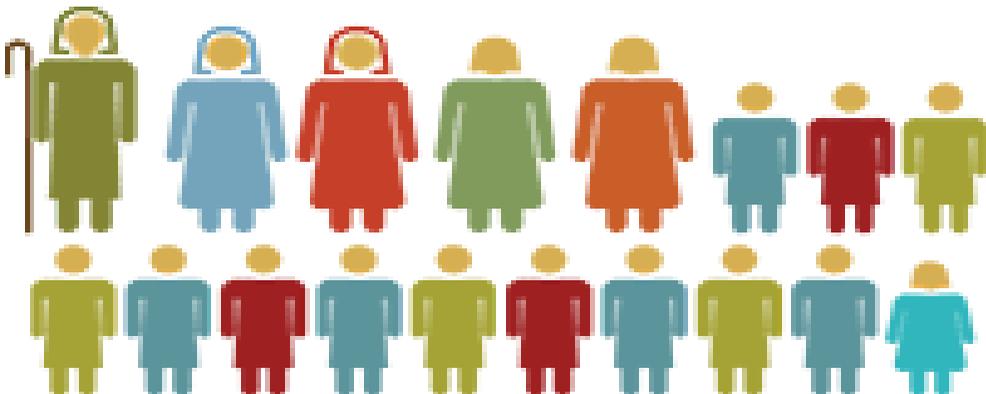


Sunday school's origins

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.



FALL FAIR NEWS

Starting with 2017's Fall Fair report, plans were launched for this year's fair. Familiar booths like Country Kitchen, Silent Auction and the Chicken BBQ will all be back. However, the Pet Parade may not be happening (unless there is someone willing to take a leadership role).

Another area in need of leadership, is the Craft Table. *Are you a "crafty" person?* If so, please call the church office or send an email (756-6688; graceumcravena@statetel.com) if you are willing to coordinate the Craft Table or take charge of the Pet Parade. Also, please contact the church if you are willing to bake pies, cakes or cookies for the County Kitchen.

There has been some interest in adding "talents" to the themed baskets & gift cards that are part of the Silent Auction. In past years, bids were made on particular talent or services (offered by individuals in the church or friends of the church) such as landscaping, babysitting, cooking etc.

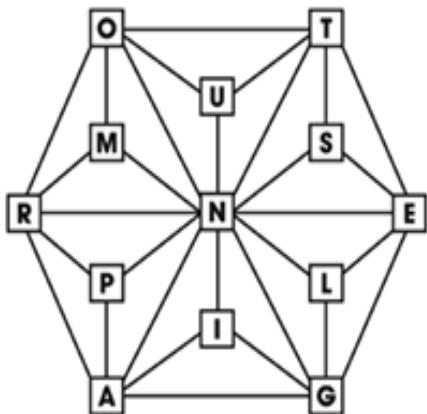
Do you have a special talent to offer? If so, contact the church office.

The next meeting will be Aug. 23 at 7:00pm. All interested members are encouraged to attend. **The Fall Fair will be Sept. 22nd from 9am-3pm.**



Puzzle!

Try to spell as many words as possible. Start anywhere and move along the connecting lines. Don't skip letters; for example, you can't form *must* because to get from *m* to *u* you'd need to skip either *o* or *n*. You may return to use the same letter twice, as when you form *noun*, but you can't use the same letter twice in a row.



4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: 4-letter words: gain, pain, lens, mote, page, nuts, nest, sent, rain, pant; 5-letter words: giant, paint, vents, notes, stone, stout, motor, mount; longer words: morning, routes, giants, mounts, promote, ragging.

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