

NEIGHBORS IN CHRIST PARISH

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“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

The People of the United
Methodist Church

Bishop Hill Community United Methodist Church

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Galva First United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Galva First

9am Worship

Bishop Hill Community

10:15am Worship

*Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where
hope died,*

As he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! As we enter the month of April, we celebrate our Risen Lord! The journey to the cross and the empty tomb carried us through the month of March, from winter into spring. We sang songs, shared meals, raised money for mission, and cast visions for our future.

Now we continue our journey with hope and excitement to see what the future brings us. We have new life in our local churches, and we see the global church coming together for sacred conversation and the work of the united body of Christ. We have seeds to plant for the summer, and goals to connect and communicate more with our congregations and communities.

As we embrace with joy this Easter season, I want to invite you to think of the different ways that our churches have supported and empowered you and your families. What are the ministries that have most touched your hearts? What are the activities that have drawn you closer to God and to each other? What are the words or the actions that make your soul sing? And how can we share that with others? How do we share the joy and hope and peace that we have with those who need it most?

Peace be with you,
~ Pastor Rebecca

*Let the moon embrace the blessing, let the sun sustain the cheer;
Let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!*



Bishop Hill Kyrka Nyheter

We collect the Tin Cup Offerings the last Sunday of each month. Tin Cup collection was \$50.00 and went to the Galva Food Pantry.

Galva Food Pantry: Jan. - Apr. & July - Oct.

Honor Flight: May & June

Hillcrest Home: Nov. & Dec.

BH Community Club

4/24 - Noon Luncheon



4/9 - 6:30pm Trustee mtg.



4/9 - 7pm Admin mtg.



4/22 Kent & Susan Youngstrom



4/19 Linda Martin
4/20 Curtis Hawkins
4/20 Beth Magnuson
4/21 Don England
4/26 Tammy Hawkins



1-Lynn Travis
1-Amanda Gross
3-Shirley Crisco
3-Paul Jaquet
4-Russell Josephson
8-Cathy Ren
9-Katy Fargher
13-Keth Gearhart
14-Greg Fargher

14-Jordan Bates
15-Tracy Warner
21-Kristi Craig
21-Don England
22-Tom McIntire
22-Aiden Moore
22-Miriah Anderson
27-Addison Moore
28-Jerry Scott



United Women in Faith

April 11: 9:30am Esther Circle in Epworth Hall. Hostesses:

April 25: 2pm UWIF in Epworth Hall with meal at noon and program to follow.

Please keep saving pop tops for Ronald M0cDonald House and pennies for missions.



Galva First UMC Finance Report			Bishop Hill UMC Finance Report		
	Feburary	Year to Date			Feburary
Income	12,892.31	20,929.21	Income		2,790
Envelopes	9,866	17,213	Tithes and offerings		2,760
Plate Offerings	108	287	Tin cup		30
Building 4 God	310	700			
BH Reimpursement	1275.31	1,275			
Other	1333	1,454			
Expenses	12,215.48	25,815.32	Expenses		2,303.68
Worship	349.6	1,048.00	Apportionments		221
Administration	715.89	1,425.68	Utilities		377.37
Pastoral Ministry	6,455.17	13,273.21	Cleaning		80
Church Property	4,572.60	8,286.55	Pulpit Supply		100.00
Apportionments	0	1,211.00	Galva Reimbursement		1275.31
Special Offerings	0	195.00	BH Arts Council		250
Unbudgeted	122.22	375.88			

General Fund Balance at end of month: \$759.49

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Knox County Nursing Home * 800 N. Market, Knovxille, IL 61448 (309) 289-2338;

Naomi Peterson, RM 311 and Virginia Young

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Home Bound Hillcreast 14688 Il Hwy 82 RM—W7 B2, Geneseo, IL 61254 (309) 944-2147: **Nore Larson & Lois Johnson**



If you are interested in helping with this outreach program of visiting our home bound, contact Sue Schulz at 309-927-3327. * means the facility wants address mailed via C/O the facility with resident name listed with NO room #.



We will again be participating in the Books for Africa program. Our goal is to increase our 55 gallon containers from our three we sent last year. With a thoughtful donation from the Kewanee Public Library we are almost there. This year we are asking for children's books ONLY or any type of devotionals. It can be Bible study books, Christian magazines, Upper Rooms, etc. We will have a tub available in the entrance of the church for your donations. Monetary donations to assist with shipping and the purchase of the containers are welcome as well! Thank you for your support.



Galva First Vision Statement

Over the last year, we have been working on casting a vision for our church, through reading the Unstuck Book, having listening sessions, and our recent strategic planning workshops. Out of these efforts, we have developed a Vision Statement:

“We envision Galva First United Methodist Church as a welcoming community of faithful disciples of Christ who reach out to people where they are and invite them into a personal relationship with God and each other.”

As we strive to live into this vision, we have set goals to be developing and empowering relationships, improving communication with all groups, and supporting families to meet needs in our community.

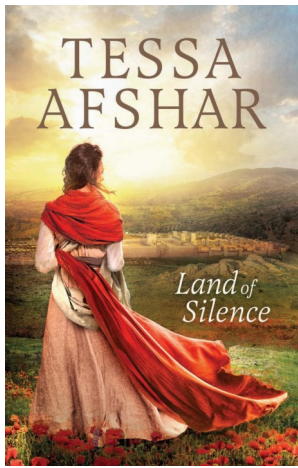


Prayer Shawl Meetings

Meeting dates for April 2024, are the 12th with the meeting at 10am at the Senior Citizen Center and on the 26th, with the meeting at 10am in Epworth Hall.

We look forward to getting together once again.





UWIF READING PROGRAM

The Books for 2024 have arrived and are in Fellowship Hall ready for checkout. We encourage **everyone** to check out our library - you need not be a member - just sign the book out.

April Reading Program Pick

Land of Silence by Tessa Afshar is biblical fiction imaginatively elaborating on the short gospel story of the woman who stealthily touches Jesus's robe and is healed. Afshar takes you into the ancient time and place of Jesus's life. Her portrait of the commerce and business of the time interesting, making the family business a central aspect of the story.

Spring Word Search

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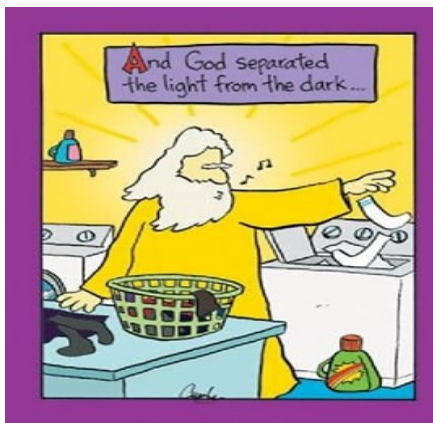
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BUTTERFLY
CHICK
EASTER
EGGS

FLOWERS
GREEN
GROW
HATCH
JUNE
MARCH
MAY
NEST

PASSOVER
PUDDLE
RAINBOW
RAINCOAT
SEEDS
SHOWERS
SPRING
UMBRELLA



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Holy Humor Sunday

The empty tomb is the greatest prank ever pulled on the forces of evil, and so we continue our celebration of Easter by filling the church with laughter and joy! You are invited to join in the fun on April 7th and come to worship dressed creatively, prepared to make a joyful noise, and ready to party! If you have favorite church jokes that you want included, please feel free to send them in to the church office or bring them written down to the service.



This April, the Quad Cities Walk to Emmaus Community is hosting a Men's walk on April 18-21st and a Women's walk on April 25-28th. The Walk to Emmaus develops Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It also benefits less active members who are seeking to renew a relationship with God, grow spiritually, or discover firmer foundations for their lives. The program begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity that is wrapped in prayer and signs of sacrificial service. It continues for the rest of participants' lives with follow-up groups that, along with the local church's offerings, contribute to participants' ongoing growth in grace. Please reach out to Pastor Rebecca if you are interested in going for the first time as a pilgrim, sponsoring someone to go, or looking for ways to help with the Walks.



Scan to visit the
General Conference Website

Pray for our IGRC Delegates and General Conference

The 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church was delayed due to the pandemic, and will be happening in 2024. This body of elected delegates from around the world will meet in Charlotte, North Carolina from April 23 through May 4 to deliberate policy, doctrine, and denominational statements for The United Methodist Church. More information can be found at <http://gc2020.umc.org>

You are invited to pray for the General Conference, and to pray by name for our Illinois Great Rivers Conference delegates.

General Conference: Janice Griffith, Sara Isbell, Randy Robinson, Eric Swanson, Bev Wilkes Null, Paul Black, Anna Fender, Anish Hermon, Christina Krost, Pamela McDavid

Jurisdictional Conference: Jessica Baldyga, Curtis Brown, Nicole Cox, Mike Crawford, Jennie Edwards Bertrand, Beth Fender, Vince Rohn, Sylvester Weatherall, Susan Connor, Curt Franklin, Sydney Pappas, Kelsey Ross, Erik Slingerland, Andrea Stuby, Ann Wagle

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<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
	1 9:00am Bible Study Courtyard	2	3 7pm GF Boy Scouts	4	5	6
7 Holy Communion & Holy Humor Sunday 9:00am GF UMC Service 10:15am BH UMC Service	8 9:00am Bible Study Courtyard 6pm M & E mtg 7pm GF Now Council	9 5:30-7pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm BH Trustees mtg 7pm BH Adm mtg	10 7pm GF Boy Scouts	11 9:30am Esther Circle in Epworth Hall	12 10am Prayer Shawl gathering will be held at the Galva Senior Citizen Center	13
14 Native Ameri- can Ministries Sunday 9:00am GF UMC Service 10:15am BH UMC Service	15 9:00am Bible Study Courtyard Noon Newsletter Deadline	16	17 7pm GF Boy Scouts	18 6pm Worship Committee 7pm Pastor/Parish Committee	19	20
21 9:00am GF UMC Service 10:15am BH UMC Service	22 9:00am Bible Study Courtyard	23 5:30-6:45pm Girl Scouts 7pm GF Trustees mtg	24 Noon Bishop Hill Community Club luncheon 7pm GF Boy Scouts	25 2:00pm UWIF mtg.	26 10am Prayer Shawl gathering will be held in Epworth Hall	27
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Combined Parish
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Should you need to leave a message for office staff after hours, please call the office phone at 932-246 or call Chuck & Sherry at 932-8308 or cell 507-2284. Email & office answering machine to be checked twice daily.

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Galva First Places of Service for April 2024

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	
LITURGIST	Tim Black		Kay Boland	Sherry Linscott	
GREETERS		John Lewin		Chuck & Sherry Linscott	

Bishop Hill Places of Service for April 2024

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	
GREETERS	Dorothy Ericson	Eldon & Deni Menken	Marty Ray	Linda Martin	