



# THE MESSENGER

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## PASTOR LUIS' CORNER

Friends,

*If I went up to heaven, you would be there.*

*If I went down to the grave, you would be there too! Psalm 139:8*

*"...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"*

*Acts 1:8*

It is easy to be grateful for good times. When the sun is shining, flowers blooming and birds singing, it's easy to give thanks.

On the other hand, it's not easy to be grateful when it's raining, and we must carry a load of groceries into the house.

It takes special effort to give thanks for tough times as well as good, for setbacks as well as successes, for weakness as well as strength.

Henri Nouwen, a Dutch priest, wrote "Still, we are only truly grateful people when we can say thank you to all that has brought us to the present moment."

If we cannot get beyond dividing our lives into that which we want to embrace and all the rest that we prefer to forget, then we will not experience the fullness of God in all of life. Perhaps God has something to say through our inconvenient times, even when carrying groceries through the rain and the bag breaks, spilling eggs, and apples onto the ground.

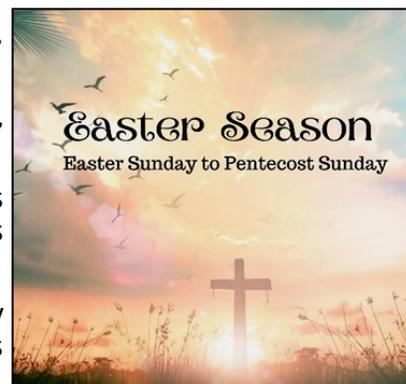
We are Easter people, the body of Christ here and now. In the midst of messiness, chaos, uneasiness, and life struggles "the call" is to not take it away. Contrary, the call, the invitation, the challenge is to be witnesses of Christ' Resurrection. It does not specify how (maybe that's what we think), or when, however it to be done everywhere. It doesn't say, wait until you are ready, equipped, prepared. The first witnesses of the Resurrection were confused, amazed, scared of what had happened to Jesus' body. They were not ready or prepared for what they found. The Women ran back to the disciples and shared what they saw. Under no circumstance were they worried about others' perception or opinions of them, they just witnessed. And then we became Pentecost People, people empowered by God's Spirit to humbly respond to the invitation. Now there are no excuses, we always will have one. No other time, like our time now, do we need to carry on our witnessing of God's love, God's compassion, and God's grace.

Looking ahead for what is left of the Easter Season, let's see if we can look at every experience that has brought us to where we are now and trust that we have never been apart from God. God's providential care has been with us all along. Let's carry on.

Blessings & peace,

Luis Felipe Reyes

*Lead Pastor*



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### Those for whom we pray:

Eric Gabriel	Brooke Copeland	Benji Landis
Diana Grace	MIke Milyanovich	Pat
Nancy	Sam Rucker and	Nancy Miller
Jim	Cris Woodin	Kirk Reed
Linda	Don Clayberg	Sue
Howard and	Sherry Probasco	Pat Theyse & family
Sue Keller	Ray Larson	Lillian Mikan
Tom Snell & Family	Bernard and	Dorris Gangwer
Betty Lou Finn	Vonnie Fuller	Mike Keller
The Dykema Family	Lois Cullison	Yvonne Johnson

### We extend our sympathies to the family of:

Don Taylor

### The Service Personnel and Their Families

Cpt. Mark Browning,	MMN1 Frank Huftalin	*Maj Steve Haack
*SGT Ben Bushno	*LT Matthew Herbaugh	SPC Caden Grimaldi
SGT Shaune Clark	PVT Trevor Bassett	PV2 Rachel McMillion
SGT Matthew Einhorn	PO3 Samuel V. Bell	*CPL Joshua Caraballo
PFC Timothy Einhorn	CPT Ed Richter	SPC Sutit Jackson
PO1 Frank Incapreo	SGT Brock Grimaldi	PV2 Liam Keller
SSG Christopher Isabel	E4SPC Alexis Jones	E-5 PO Hayden Royer
Lt. Col. Garrett Slack	E3PFC Max Keller	E-3 Amanda Royer
SFC Matthew "Scott" Stewart	A1C Brock Larson	<i>*indicates deployed personnel</i>

### Please keep your pastors & your church family informed!

As policies surrounding confidentiality and patient's rights continue to be adjusted, hospitals and nursing homes no longer contact church offices to notify them that church members have been admitted. To insure that you desire and receive pastoral care, please call the church office, or have a friend/family member call on your behalf.



Congratulations to Frank Huftalin and Kayla Gervais on their marriage April 21st. Frank is the son of Bert and the late Karen Huftalin and grandson of Don & Sandra Huftalin and Jean Fitzpatrick..

# May 2023 Worship Schedule

Saturdays at 5:00pm;  
Sundays at 8:30 & 10:00am  
Sundays at 9:15am only during  
the summer beginning May 28th



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**Please note time change:** The Worship, Music & Arts Committee meeting it was voted to condense down to one worship service on Sundays for the summertime. This will begin on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend) and go through Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, (Labor Day Weekend). The Sunday service will be at 9:15am. This change only affects Sundays as we will continue with worship on Saturdays @ 5pm.

Watch for other areas of ministry that will be sharing programming for the summer including activities after worship. This change will also allow for easier worship service staffing.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

### **Sunday, May 7, 23- Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*One of the biggest questions we must face as followers of Christ is that of how our faith interacts with the crises in our world, and our engagement with them. It can be tough to walk the line between faith as an escape that makes us feel safe by “protecting” us from the world’s problems, and faith as little more than a framework for directing our own efforts to fix things. The third way – that of participating in God’s saving work while simultaneously trusting God for the outcome in our lives and world – is not always easy to live.*

#### **Readings**

Acts 7:55-60 & John 14:1-14

### **Sunday, May 14, 23- Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*In the light of the huge struggles we face in the world today, it can be tough to speak about God’s presence, especially when we seek to affirm God’s presence with those who suffer. But, the readings all call us to embrace the reality that God is with us even in the dark times, and that it is in God that we all “live, move and have our being” – whoever we may be.*

#### **Readings**

Acts 17:22-31 & John 14:15-21

### **Sunday, May 21, 23- The Ascension of the Lord (Seventh Sunday of Easter) Confirmation Sunday**

*The Ascension is one of those significant days in the Liturgical Calendar. There is so much meaning, so many ways of approaching the readings and yet it remains a day of celebration and an invitation to deeper encounter with God.*

#### **Readings**

Acts 1:1-11 & Luke 24:44-53

### **Sunday, May 28, 23 – Day of Pentecost (Summertime Worship)**

*Sometimes it feels like the celebration of Pentecost has become an exercise in missing the point. What was a radical, communal, inclusive, and world-shifting event has become, in much contemporary practice, and individualist, exclusive, status-quo sustaining experience with little more to commend it than a sense of euphoria. If only we could recapture some of the Church-birthing impact of this significant day, both the Church and the world around it would, like the Pentecost spectators, be amazed by what God is doing among us.*

*May the Spirit of Pentecost disturb, challenge, and empower us!*

#### **Readings**

Numbers 11:24-30 & John 7:37-39 (John 20: 19-23)

## Food Pantry Needs

Food Pantry needs for this week include canned soup, canned beans and canned fruit. Also we welcome canned tuna, canned chicken, mac & cheese, cake mixes and any other non-perishable grocery items.



Recent retirements have reduced our volunteer staff numbers.

We would also like to extend an open invitation to any interested SUMC members to volunteer to serve on Monday mornings or afternoons. (weekly or monthly Full Shifts or Partial Shifts a possibility)

This is a great opportunity for SUMC members to be the "hands and feet of Jesus" serving the less fortunate of our community.

Those interested can contact the office to get more information from Co-Directors Joel Maurer & Gerry Olson

## Hope Haven Meal Assistance Needed for May and June

Prepare or buy just one course or the entire meal to feed 50 people! Deliver your contribution to Hope Haven in DeKalb or drop it off at the church by 3:30 on Monday. **Please call the church (815-895-9113) to let us know which delivery option you will be using. Sign-up at the Resource Center in the Concourse or by calling the church office at 815-895-9113.**



## Leading Ladies has a New Name

Since we are now under the umbrella of United Women in Faith we will become known as the Grace Circle. We are still the same faithful, supportive, loving, fun, active, and serving group of women. We are open to all. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. If you would like more information contact Cheryl Callighan (815) 748-5714.

## UWF Spring Plant and Bake Sale

Sally Scott has again offered the opportunity to spruce up your gardens with some of her beautiful flowers. UWF will be on hand to help you choose and dig up a variety of plants.

We will also be offering an assortment of yummy baked goods from the kitchens of our own talented bakers and chefs. Plan on visiting us and enjoying Sally's beautiful yard. As always proceeds from this event will be donated to UWF missions.

\*\*\*If you are willing to donate baked goods, please bring them to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Friday, May 19. Thank you in advance for your donations, support and prayers.



## UWF Unit Meeting

Thursday, June 1 at 7:00pm

Please join us for an Ice Cream Social. Watch the bulletins for more information

## GRADUATES!

You are invited to join us for a special service to honor your graduation. If you are wanting to be recognized on Graduation **Sunday, June 4 at the 9:15 service, please email the church office at [office@sycamoreumc.org](mailto:office@sycamoreumc.org) with: Your name, school graduated from, school planning to attend and your major by Tuesday,, May 30th** so that your post graduation plans can be included in the church bulletin. Memorial Scholarships will also be given out that day. If you send the information in after that date we cannot guarantee you name will be in the bulletin.



**American  
Red Cross**

**BLOOD DRIVE AT SUMC  
Saturday, May 20th  
from 8:00-1:00 in the gym**

For an appointment  
Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit  
[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)

### **May's Drive-thru Dinner**

Pork Chop Dinner hosted by the Sycamore Lions

**May 17 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Cost: \$14.00/ticket

Menu: Pork Chop, Baked Beans,  
Applesauce, Snickerdoodle Salad and Roll

Tickets are available at the church office

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

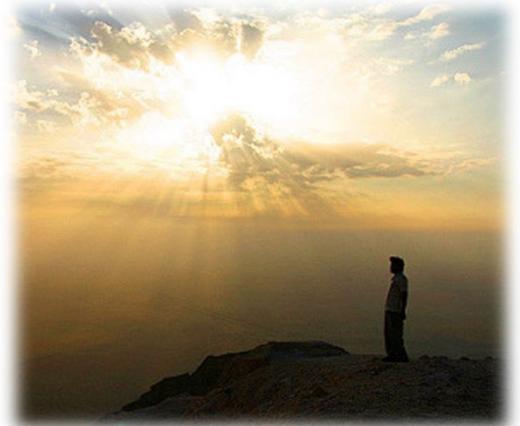
### **ARE WE WILLING TO SACRIFICE?**

We have celebrated Easter. A reminder of what real sacrifice looks like and the promise of a new life filled with hope today, not in the far distant future. We are called to take the life examples of Jesus and be his disciples, becoming a living example for others to see and follow. Author and Pastor Michel Piazza asks the question "What will your sacrifice be?"

Rev. Piazza suggests we take a look at our calendars, our bank accounts, and our debts. Are we overscheduled, overdrawn, and spending ourselves into debt for stuff that really doesn't matter? How often do you think that your garage, your basement, or your attic is so full of stuff you might have to rent a storage unit to hold the overflow. Doing some serious Spring cleaning and donating the excess to charity is a start.

Rev. Piazza offers a further suggestion by introducing the concept of "Enough." Instead of overconsumption on material things, try redirecting your energies in a different way. Rather than overspend or overextend, Rev. Piazza says try the simple act of deliberately doing kindness each day for someone who cannot repay you. Add time to spend with your children, a friend, or a neighbor to give moral and spiritual support (and helping them with a project is an added bonus). And take time for yourself by going to an extra church service, bible study, or group meeting to grow your own spirituality.

As you reevaluate your priorities and make your sacrifice, think of these words from 2 Peter 1:3, "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." Thank you for your support of the ministries and missions of Sycamore United Methodist Church to help make a difference throughout the connectional denomination. Securely give online at [www.sycamoreumc.org/giving](http://www.sycamoreumc.org/giving); text "giving" to 815-895-9113; or mail your offering to the church office at 160 Johnson Avenue, Sycamore, IL 60178.



## SING A NEW SONG!

April was a very busy month for the music ministries! Many extra nights of worship, rehearsals, preparations, and presentations!

Would like to say thank you to worship leaders, the praise band, and the tech team. Would also like to thank the soloists, instrumentalists who assisted during holy week and throughout the month. Thank you to the children's choir and directors for all your tireless work and commitment. And, thank you to the chancel choir for leading many worship services and presenting an amazing cantata the weekend after Easter! A shout out to Kevin Buick for an amazing narration for the cantata. And, many thanks to you, our church family, whose kind words, encouragement and being engaged with us musicians the music during worship!

On Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Handbell Choir, under the guidance and direction of Mary Thomas, wrapped up another successful season of ringing! We say thank you to Mary and the ringers for giving us some pretty beautiful and inspiring songs throughout the year!

We head into May still leading worship, still singing, still playing, still leading worship! There is still time to join in.

Summer will soon be upon us, and, I'm always in need of anyone with musical or artistic talents to share. Singers, guitar players, instrumentalists et. please consider sharing with us.

You don't necessarily need to sing either. We'd love to see someone do a liturgical dance or share a hidden talent. Let me know where you think you might fit in! More exciting things ahead. As pastor said on Sunday, don't stay in the tomb, come on out and share your God Given Talents and abilities with us!

Until then, I'll be seeing YOU....in the MUSIC!!!

Peter Hansen  
Music, Worship and Arts Director



## ABC PRESCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

It is hard to believe that our school year is almost over. There are so many emotions running through all of us here at ABC Preschool. We've had so many successes this year as each child has flourished in his and her own way.



We will celebrate 39 children heading off to kindergarten with graduation ceremonies on Thursday, May 25 & Friday, May 26. We invite family and friends to join us as we send them off with blessings and celebrations.

ABC Preschool was able to accommodate 90 children in our programs this year. That would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our team and SUMC staff. It was a year of doing what needed to be done to meet the needs of local families.

The program continues to expand here at ABC Preschool. We had great success with our all-day preschool program option this year. We will be offering a 2-day, 3-day, 4-day and a 5-day program for our four-year-old kids this coming year. We will continue to offer Early Drop Off, and our After-Care program Monday through Thursday afternoons. The all-day option has been very successful. If you know anyone who is looking for a quality early childhood education for their child, have them call and talk to Lisa.

Once again, we thank you for all you have done to make this an incredibly successful year and we look forward to working together with everyone in the coming year. Our parent night will be held in August. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Blessings,  
The ABC Preschool Staff

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

## UPDATES TO RESOURCE AND WELCOME CENTERS



I hope everyone enjoyed the Holy Week events and worship services here at the Sycamore United Methodist Church. I certainly did - especially the Easter Cantata. It was awesome. What a story it told!

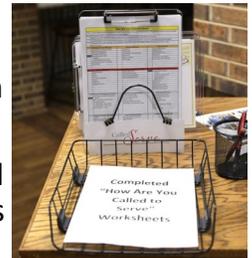
I hope you have seen some of the updates to the Concourse with the Welcome Center and the Resource Center. (See Picture 1) The staff, with input from the congregation, has come up with a list of discipleship and service opportunities - the "How Are You Called to Serve?" worksheet. The goal is to provide every church member with a list of opportunities and their descriptions to grow faith through the service of church and neighbor.

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The process of identifying your service opportunity is simple:

**A worksheet** that lists the opportunities available for service to the different church ministries is on a clipboard that is on top of the Welcome Center. (See Picture 2)

For example, listed under *Outreach Ministries* are opportunities to serve in our Food Pantry, Coat Ministry, Good Neighbor Refugee Team, and to support DeKalb County's Hope Haven shelter, Meals on Wheels, and the Safe Passage shelter.



**The Resource Center** is divided into 12 cubbies. Each cubby contains a basket. Most of these baskets contain folders with detailed descriptions, time requirements, and which church staffer to contact for more information on each ministry area. (See Picture 3)

Stop by when you are in the Concourse and have a look. If you find an opportunity that fits your talents, availability, and interests, select the item or items on the worksheet, fill in your name and contact information on the bottom, and leave it in the designated basket. The appropriate church staff member or committee member will then contact you.

Please understand that this is just the initial service opportunity worksheet. We look forward to developing ways to support this congregation in its spiritual growth as we get feedback from each of you. If you have an idea or project in mind, find a church staffer and share your thoughts.

Just think about how much this church could accomplish and contribute to our community if each one of us volunteered for our "just right" opportunity to serve! Wow!

Buzz Wheeler,  
Minister of Congregational Care

### ***Have you moved? Gotten rid of your landline phone?***

Have you had any change in your personal information such as phone number, address, email address, marital status or name change? Have you had an addition to your family? Please call the church office at 815-895-9113 or email us at [office@sycamoreumc.org](mailto:office@sycamoreumc.org) so that we can update our records.

# DESTINATION: DISCIPLESHIP!



## Destination: Discipleship - Our Next Steps...

Summer, the time of year where we take time to gather and enjoy the long missed warmth of the sun. Schools are dismissed, but the long awaited summer fun is about to begin here at SUMC!

Your Discipleship Team continues to meet monthly to develop our Intentional Discipleship System to help live our mission to “Gather, Grow, and Serve: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” This system will help us to develop programming that meets everyone where they’re at on their personal journey of discipleship.

Summer offers us opportunities to try new things, so we can fine tune the programming we will offer in the fall. We are excited to introduce “Next Steps”. Next Steps is a weekly, one hour time for God’s children of all ages to gather and grow individually and as a group. Next Steps begins June 4th from 10:30-11:30am, which will be immediately following our summer worship service at 9:15am. We will worship together as the whole church, so kids will remain in worship. This allows us to teach our children the beautiful liturgy, hymns, and worship practices of the United Methodist church. Activities and busy bags available at the Resource Center and the Kids Corner in the chapel are there for those who need a little more room to groove!

There will be offerings for all age levels:

- **Nursery:** Jesus story and play for infants through 3yo
- **One Room Sunday School:** from kids 4yo to entering MS
- **Adult Worship Reflection:** looks at the week’s text, discusses the sermon, and the next steps to live out our mission.
- **Youth Worship Reflections:** for MS and HS Youth
- **Prayer Band:** will gather 8-10 people to pray for the needs of people in this church, the community, and the world.
- **Topics on Discipleship:** offers special programming on a weekly basis to explore different areas to enrich our understanding being a disciple who transforms the world.

This summer let’s embrace the warmth of the sun and allow it to warm and inspire our souls to connect with God and with one another!

Blessings Abound,  
Becca Rome

## **KIDS CORNER:**

**Nerf Challenge** - May 21st from 12-1:30. Come engage in fun and fellowship in this high energy activity in the gym. Kids bring their favorite nerf toy and we provide the darts, safety gear, and of course SNACKS!! We will serve pizza and popsicles between rounds. Register by texting “NERF” to the church phone number.



**VBS will be out of this world!** Kids ages PK (age 4 & 5) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to blast off with us as we shine Jesus’ light through our “STELLAR” experiences. We will have songs, snacks, and games.. OH MY!!! Reserve your child’s spot on the SUMC Lunar Lander by texting VBS2023 to the church number (815)895-9113. You don’t want to miss lift-off!

**Campfire Party** - June 3rd from 6-9pm join us for dinner and smores over an open fire on the church front lawn. We will eat together, watch a movie, play some games, and have fireside worship after the sun goes down.

## REFUGEE GOOD NEIGHBOR TEAM

We continue our weekly and sometimes extra visits with our families from Somalia and Venezuela. Both teams are enjoying getting to know and help the families.



Small advances in the Somali women becoming more trusting and outgoing with the team are being seen. One visit included a game of Jenga, which was the first time for this family and the team to engage in a fun activity. The younger girls are shy with our team members and seem to like to stay in their room and enjoy the companionship of each other. Team reports they can hear laughter coming from the girls, which is never a bad thing. The eldest daughter, Hamido was helped with learning how to navigate English class online, which she takes via Zoom. Asha (the mother) was taken to a clinic to get medicine for an eye appointment. Daughter ZamZam was taken to a bank and was helped with opening up a checking account. Trips to grocery stores were made. We hear them tell of visiting friends in Chicago. On April 21, the last day of Ramadan they went to the mosque with friends visiting from Somalia and prayed for 3 hours. We are looking forward to better weather days, so that the team can take them for walks to the various parks in Aurora.

Our friends from Venezuela, the Osti Yrtiagos are doing very well. Luis and Lisbeth both got jobs. Luis with Berry Global (a plastics factory) and Lisbeth with Hello Fresh! Luis began his 6 week training for his position as a packaging machine technician. This position is a promotion from the first position he was offered, as a fork lift driver. We are happy that his varied skills have been recognized and being used. The promotion included a pay increase and bonus! Lisbeth will begin her job after Luis finishes his training, as someone needs to be home to make sure the children get to school and back home. Hello Fresh! is a meal home delivery service. Lisbeth will be working in the area of meal preparation, which is something she was interested in, a job using her cooking skills.

Son Fernando is doing well in school and making friends. He is now on a soccer team with West Aurora high school. Cliff and Katie Lo's 2 sons have played soccer with Fernando and they say he is very good! Daughter Ari has opened up with team members and has gotten to enjoy our visits. We get big smiles and even hugs from her now. She loves school and has made friends.

Lisbeth found out that Vance's birthday was April 9 and wanted to have a party for him. We arranged for the family to come out to Sycamore and a pizza party was held at the Lo's. Lisbeth made Vance a flan for his birthday, along with a layered jello dessert. Both were delicious and it's not everyday one can say they were treated to homemade birthday flan.

The family had to leave their cat behind when they came to America. World Relief has been trying to get the cat flown to America, but so far, no luck. The cat, Zoe, is a support cat for Lisbeth and she misses her dearly. So the team decided to gift Lisbeth and family a new cat. The Lo's and Alex went to TAILS on Easter Sunday and via a phone conversation with Lisbeth, a new kitty was chosen. Kitty was taken to the family on Easter Sunday. Astrid is their new cat and she is well loved already.

Several of us enjoyed an evening out together at the World Relief Global Gala this past Friday. It is a fund raising event that included dinner and entertainment. We heard about some of the amazing work that World Relief does and several success stories from refugees. World Relief expects to serve 7,000 refugees this coming year in the Chicago area.

If you are interested in volunteering and joining our Good Neighbor team, please leave your contact info in the church office or email [office@sycamoreumc.org](mailto:office@sycamoreumc.org) and someone will reach out to you to let you know of ways you can help.

Susan Mossholder and Vance Moore, team members

# MAY 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

The deadline for the June issue of The Messenger is May 20th

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 12:00 PM Magic Mondays 12:00 PM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Trustees	2 5:00 PM Titans Baseball 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 3 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study & Dinner	3 11:15 AM Prayer Study 4:00 PM Christian Kids 5:30 PM Children's Choirs 6:00 PM Confirmation Cookout 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Crew 360	4 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM TOPS 5:00 PM Titans Baseball 5:30 PM Visioning Team 6:30 PM Pack 141 Den 2 7:00 PM Prayer Study via Zoom	5	6 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast 9:00 AM Memorial Committee 9:00 AM Titans Baseball 5:00 PM <b>Saturday Worship Service</b>
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are going to have a new church directory! Pictures will be taken on July 19, 20, 21 and 22. Watch for more details in the June newsletter and upcoming bulletins.

# 184th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

# Fill the Truck

## Mission Challenge Collection Drive

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center 1551 Thoreau Dr. N. Schaumburg, IL

## Tuesday, June 6

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Wednesday, June 7

7:00 am - 12:00 pm

\*Times subject to change



The NIC Board of Global Ministries is coordinating with Midwest Mission to organize its annual conference collection drive for Midwest Mission's Most Needed Items.

### MIDWEST MISSION CURRENTLY HAS A URGENT NEEDS FOR:

- Liquid Laundry Detergent – 100 - 105 oz.
- Liquid Household Cleaner – 54 - 80 oz. (no spray bottles)
- Liquid Dish Soap - 42 - 64 oz.
- Shampoo – 12 - 19 oz.
- Hand towels or other Personal Dignity Kit items (no kitchen towels)
- Rulers (12" long with metric) or other School Kit items
- 24 Heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gal.) or other Tornado Kit items
- Receiving blankets – 28" x 28" to 32" x 32" or other Birthing Kit items

### If you prefer to make a financial contribution or a bulk purchase, you can:

- Send a check written to the Northern Illinois Conference with the Advance #50000150 in the memo section
- Give to Midwest Mission online [midwestmission.org/donate](http://midwestmission.org/donate)
- Send a check written to Midwest Mission Distribution Center, 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558
- For competitive prices on Midwest Mission's bulk supply wish-list items, check the website below for a links

Midwest Mission will be on site to accept the above Most Needed Items and any Midwest Mission kits, bleacher lumber, retired firefighting gear, treadle sewing machines, gently used hand tools, new or slightly used medical supplies and equipment.

Find out more at [umcnic.org/2023MissionChallenge](http://umcnic.org/2023MissionChallenge)

