



## CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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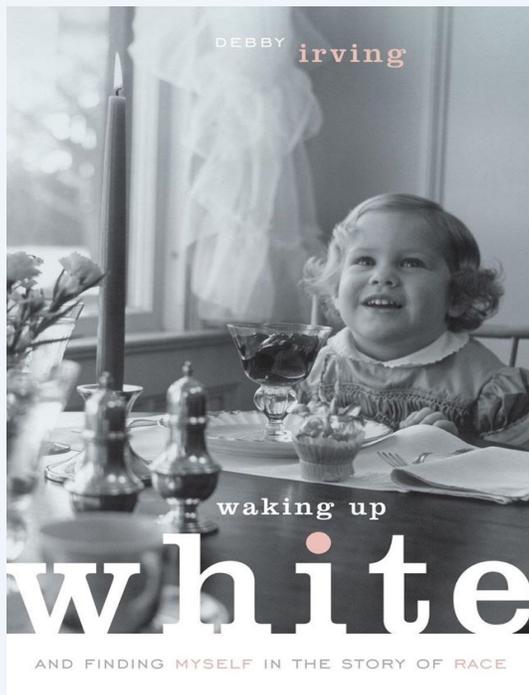
July 2, 2020

### **Online Service ONLY on Sunday July 5th**

Pastor Melinda is under the weather. While she does not think she has SARS-Covid-19, she does think it prudent to self-isolate given the times we are living in. One of our first rules for gathering is “if you are feeling sick, stay home.” As a result, worship will be conducted online only and transmitted from her home. She regrets the inconvenience.



Flat Jesus joined Jeri Mullen, Linda Murrelle and Pastor Melinda in the Grocery Gift Card & personal care products giveaway. 40 households totaling 97 people were assisted through this program.



## SUMMER READING—FALL SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

What is the role of white people in the work for racial justice? What does it mean to be white? What is white privilege?

Let's read together "Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debby Irving <http://a.co/4jVHSwd> as our summer read. You can find the book at Amazon at the link above or you can borrow it from Spalding Library in Athens.

**About the book:** For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing. Then, in 2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan. In *Waking Up White*, Irving tells her often cringe-worthy story with such openness that readers will turn every page rooting for her—and ultimately for all of us.

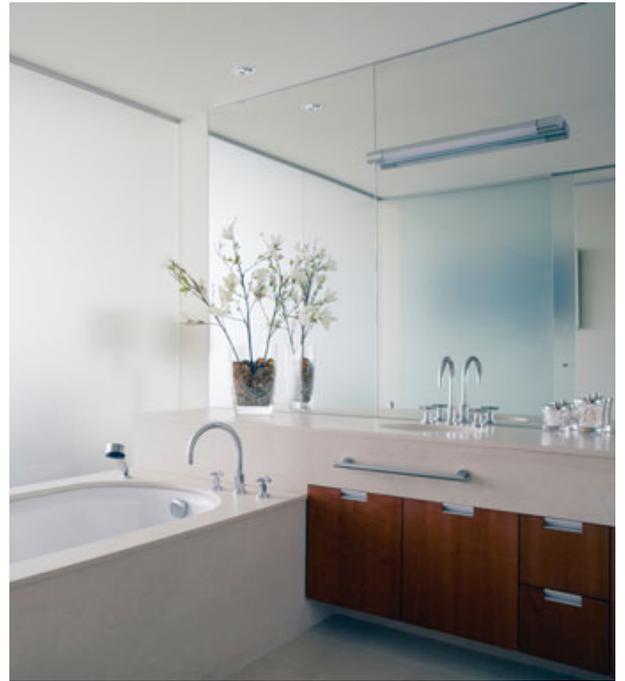
**Once I've read the book, then what?** You can post your thoughts and reactions on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1125401861166408/>

In August, small group discussions will be arranged, most of which will be online. The small groups will be held in September. The conversations are facilitated by members of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Athens and Sheshequin (UUCAs). The Rev. Darcey Laine, minister at UUCAS as well as our pastor, the Rev. Melinda M. Artman, are hopeful that we engage broad sections of our community in reading this book.

**Why might I want to read this book?** Issues of race are once again leading stories on social media, television news and on the front page of newspapers. The majority white communities of the Valley are a perfect place—and a safe place—to explore how race may affect one's education, ability to buy a house, or get a job. As Christians we can explore further how our faith affects our perception of race and whether the Holy Spirit prompts us to address matters of inequality.

# Upscale Resale

## Good stuff for Good prices



### Fall Fling re-imagined

Covid-19 causes us to rethink our fundraisers. We are not able to have our Fall Fling as originally envisioned. Much of the donated items are good quality household items and we're running out of room to store them!

Our current great idea is to have an "Upscale Resale" event, probably toward the end of July. The event will be outside, on a Friday to coincide with the Farmer's Market. Hours will probably be 10 to 5ish.

We need your help to figure out if the event can go forward because no event can happen without workers.

### Will you volunteer to:

Set up from 7 a.m. until 9:30ish?

Staff the booths?

Take down the site from 5:30 until done?

Cart the "left overs" to the Salvation Army?

Please note that we WILL be using safety protocols - wearing masks, keeping 6 feet away from one another, following one way in/one way out.

With our church closed for several months, we need creative ways to raise additional money. Will you help? Contact Rose Carpenter or Linda Murrelle.

# **AWC MOVIE NIGHTS**



**DRIVE-IN  
SIGHT AND SOUND FILMS**

**JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> RUTH**

**JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> JONAH**

**JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> MOSES**

**AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> NOAH**

**AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup> JOSEPH**

**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> SAMSON**

**SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> JESUS**

**All movies begin at 8:30 pm, please arrive between 8:00-8:30 pm**

**The Sound will be filtered through your radio inside your vehicle.**

**We will have popcorn and beverages available for purchase under the pavilion during the movie. All proceeds will go towards the many upcoming projects at the church.**

**Invite your friends & family to enjoy these wonderful films!**

**Cost \$5 each person (10 & under free)**



**WISHING  
EVERYONE  
A  
HAPPY  
HEALTHY  
AND  
SAFE  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY**



Bonnie Garrity	7/4
Emma Cole	7/5
John Johnson, III	7/5
Helen Tracy	7/8

Special good wishes to Gerald & Janice Patton  
who will be celebrating their 60th  
wedding anniversary Thursday, July 9th.  
Congratulations!!

