

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

August 27, 2020



Reserve Your Seat

Did You Make Your Reservation for Saturday or Sunday? Please make sure you do as we are limited to 25 people in the Nave. Please feel free to call the office before 4:30 today or email Pastor Melinda

Melinda.artman@gmail.com



We are in need of volunteers to help with a “Pop Up Food Pantry” that St. John Lutheran church will be sponsoring on September 14th. “Chop” Child Hunger Outreach Partners orders, pays for and supplies the food and volunteers supply their time and labor. We need folks willing to package boxes and folks able to lift the boxes and carry them to the trunk of families cars. We also need a few volunteers willing to get close enough to families in their cars to take down a little information. Masks are required to be worn. Time specifics will follow at a later date. If this is something that you would be willing to help with please call the church office and let us know. This is just another way that we can help out our community members in need during the pandemic.



Life Passages

Today (Thursday) at noon Pastor Melinda presided over graveside services for Mr. George F. "Jeff" Carling (74). Jeff's grandparents were Sayre residents, (his grandfather was a local dentist) and attended the Church of the Redeemer. Jeff spent summers with his grandparents and attended worship with us when he was visiting. Jeff grew up to become an athletic director and coach

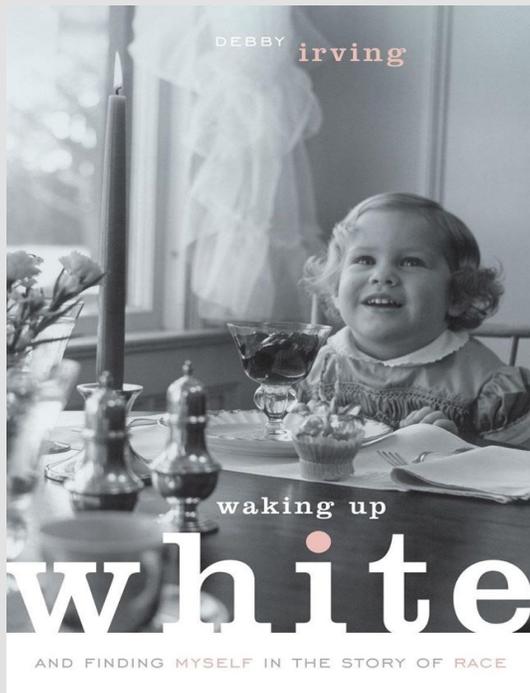
of baseball and basketball in private schools and junior colleges. Jeff's grandparents and parents were all buried from our Church and their graves are located at Tioga Point Cemetery. It was his wish to be buried with his family. He leaves a widow Phyllis, and several nieces and nephews. Please keep them in your prayers. Rest eternal grant him O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.



Elaine Ferris 8/28

Beverley Clare 8/30

Collen Dunne 8/31



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.



Hello everyone,

Killing two requests with one email .

My Brother's Keeper has been allowed to gather again to make sleeping bags for the homeless and blankets for shelters. We continue to be blessed with donation and need only a few things.

We always seem to need men's pants, (elastic waist is best) but take all kinds. No small size please. Used is fine , just clean and not ripped.

We have started including a cloth mask in each bag. If anyone is stitching at home and have any to share, they would be most welcome.

We always need toothpaste. Travel size OK but the next size larger (2.2 oz or 2.7 oz,) is even better ,(more toothpaste for less \$). Disposable razors.

Athens Methodist church runs Feed My Sheep food pantry. The last time they were open they had the most people ever, lots of new families ! Line of cars out the parking lot! A new commercial refrigerator was delivered this week . Not only will that make room to store more milk, eggs and cheese, but we are putting the word out , if you have a garden producing more veggies than you can use, please consider donation the extra bounty to the pantry.

The next food pantry is Sept. 10th so donations can be left Wed. Sept 9th around back, in ramp door ,(white laundry baskets right there , you don't have to enter the church).

If you don't have a garden but want to contribute, 1 lb box of pasta, pasta sauce ,peanut butter canned veggies or fruit are needed. Each family is given a roll of toilet paper too.

Many thanks for all who have been supporting "Ugly Quilts" for 27 years now.

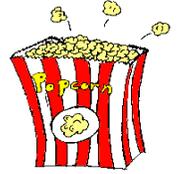
Any questions about My brother's Keeper ,call Gloria Riegel 570-888-0885or Pam Secrist.570-888-9053.

Questions about the food pantry direct to the church at 570 888 2241.

Many thanks !



A W C MOVIE NIGHTS



DRIVE-IN

SIGHT AND SOUND FILMS

AUGUST 28TH JOSEPH

SEPTEMBER 11TH SAMSON

SEPTEMBER 25TH 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)

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I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (Matthew 16:24)

