

# THE NEW BRANCH



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*Last one till fall.*

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## Calendar

Knitting, Tuesdays at 10:00AM  
 ROMEOS, Fridays, 12:00PM  
 JULIETs, Last Friday of the month 12:00PM

- Game Night, June 3, 6:30-8:30PM
- Men's Group, June 5, 6:00PM
- Stephen Ministry Group II, June 1 & 15, 7:00PM
- Council Meeting, June 12, 7:00PM
- Stephen Ministry Group I, June 13 & 27, 4:00PM
- Service & Advocacy Meeting, June 11, 11:30AM
- Book Group, June 20, 7:30PM; for Zoom link contact Rick Watkins
- Spiritual Growth Group I, June 26, 7:15PM

## SATURDAY FUN NIGHT!

*Regardless of age, come join us for...*

### GAME NIGHT

Saturday, **June 3**

First Saturdays of the Month

6:30-8:30 pm, Lower Fellowship Hall

Please bring a snack or drink to share as well as games to play.

No Sign-up is necessary.

Questions? Contact Rob Stevens at 314-1938 or [robertstevens11@gmail.com](mailto:robertstevens11@gmail.com)



The **Men's Group** Annual Steak Roast will be at John and Sue Amrine's home, 136 Crescent Road in Fairport on Monday, **June 5**. We'll convene at 6:00 PM. This event is just for the men.

**Planning a meeting/event?** Please contact Barbara in the Mountain Rise office to schedule your meeting/event and avoid calendar conflicts!

**Juliet's** will be meeting on Friday, **June 30, 12:00PM** at Flaherty's, 113 Pittsford-Palmyra road, Macedon across from Wayside nursery. Please contact Jane Stock at (585) 704-2630 or [hjs@frontiernet.net](mailto:hjs@frontiernet.net) to make your reservation or with questions.



June 4, Trinity Sunday

# Children & Youth

June is the last month for Komma Kids to meet before the beginning of Summer!

Thanks to all the people who taught, offered support, or were very encouraging of the various activities and projects that involved the children. Looking forward to September, which will include a teacher orientation, a welcome breakfast and weekly opportunities for the children to learn, grow, and celebrate being a part of the Mountain Rise Faith community.

The new gardens are flourishing, just like our children and youth...and add to the beauty of our church community and the wider world.

Elisabeth Hammer,  
Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator

## Book Group Travels Centuries in next Selection

The book group will meet on **Zoom at 7:30 on June 20** to discuss *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab. Come join us to discuss the price of making a Faustian bargain that allows you to live forever.

RSVP to Rick Watkins at [rwatkins12@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rwatkins12@rochester.rr.com) or 585 203-1629 for a link to the meeting.

## Property Committee at Work!

- Contacted Magic Seal to arrange for new sealing and striping part of the upper parking area that didn't last from last year's effort.
- Oiled the locking mechanism in the lower door.
- Repaired the vacuum cleaner again.
- Worked with the sign committee in planning the placement of the new sign.
- Met with town authority on clarification of sign placement restrictions.
- Identified our property lines in relation to placement of new sign.

**VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!**

FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to **CREATE A LOGIN** the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, **OR** if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.






# Church Council

## Notice for Mountain Rise UCC in Perinton

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, June 4, 2023. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and will also be available for participation via Zoom starting at 11:30 am. Here is the link for the meeting:

Topic: Mountain Rise's Zoom Meeting

Time: Jun 4, 2023 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3908931198>

Meeting ID: 390 893 1198

### Your Council Members:

Faye Eaton, Chair

Position Vacant, Vice-Chair

Carol James, Council Secretary

Gary Schaefer, At-Large

Linda Boesl, At-Large

Rob Stevens, At-Large

Kathy Nixon, Communications Committee Chair

### Ministry Committee Chairs:

Faith Formation - Steven Grace

Fellowship - Dave Ackroyd

Caring Connections - Sherry Shaffer and Cheryl Pipkin (co-chairs)

Spiritual Life and Worship - Ted Nixon

Service and Advocacy - Jack Heister

### Council Monthly Meetings

You are welcome to attend Council meetings. At present they are scheduled to be held on the second **Monday** of each month at 7:00 pm at church; next scheduled meeting is **June 12**.



**ROCHESTER PRIDE**

**Save the Date**

**Saturday, July 15**

**Rochester**

**Pride Parade**

**Support Our**

**LGBTG+ Community**

If you would like to help organize our effort please contact Nicky McClain (he, him, his) at [nickymcclain@gmail.com](mailto:nickymcclain@gmail.com)



June 14



# Service and Advocacy

## For Justice and Peace

Glenn Alexander, from Citizens Climate Lobby, to speak at the Color Fairport Green Meeting at Mountain Rise on **June 15 at 7:00PM**

**His 30 minute presentation will be on the Inflation Reduction Act**

If you are want to make your residence and vehicles more energy efficient while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, this presentation may be for you, The Biden administration passed a sweeping package of legislation in 2022 known as the Inflation Reduction Act that includes generous financial incentives to transition individuals and commercial organizations to a clean energy economy. Both homeowners and renters are eligible for a combination of tax credits and cash rebates when they take steps to electrify their households, or simply make them more weather resilient.

Glenn’s presentation will help you become more familiar with these incentives and which ones could apply to you personally.



June 18

### Perinton Food Shelf Needs

**An Emergency Food Relief Organization**

Needed: Spaghetti, stuffing, boxed jello, pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned carrots, canned mixed vegetables, baked beans (not pork and beans), granola bars, canned pears and shampoo.

Thank you so much for your support. You can always check the web site to find the current Food Shelf needs. It is [www.perintonfoodshelf.org](http://www.perintonfoodshelf.org).

**New plan for Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity (GRHFH)**

Our Perinton Coalition faith community has been active for over 20 years, funding and building in the Rochester area. We have provided newly-constructed homes for qualified home owners every three years and are looking to continue our involvement.

Other churches have not been that fortunate.

Several churches have had money but few workers. Others had plenty of workers and but lacked the financial piece.

We have now joined with six other faith-based groups to fund and build a home every year.

- Name: Greater Rochester Interfaith Builders
- We will fund and build a home every year.
- Mountain Rise will continue its yearly financial support.
- Mountain Rise will recruit workers every 3 years starting next year (2024).
- There will be opportunities for working on this year's build at 108 Ackerman St. in the Beechwood area in the fall.

See Bill Holliday or Nick McClain for more information.



June 19

**Service and Advocacy Meeting Scheduled**

Next meeting is June 11, 11:30am after worship.

**Available Now**



Pronoun stickers are available and are a great way to raise awareness about gender inclusiveness. Wear these in support of inclusivity: a simple act toward a just world.



Mountain Rise has two updated assisted listening opportunities. One is a loop system to connect with individual hearing aids, the second is new headsets (located on the bench outside the sanctuary).

Anyone interested in learning how to connect hearing aids to the loop can contact Sherry Shaffer at [sherks@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sherks@rochester.rr.com).

*We pray especially for these members, friends, and loved ones of Mountain Rise:*

**Please advise the church office of any changes.**

- Family & Friends of Marilyn Williams on her passing
- Aamir & Family on the passing of their Aunt Bill Holliday, on the passing of his brother Pam Miller, health concerns
- Bill Stratton, health concerns
- Dorie Starks, health concerns
- Barbara Ackroyd, health concerns
- Lisa Lydum, health concerns
- Phoebe Coats, health concerns
- Kersting's daughter, health concerns
- Matt O.
- John Meyer
- Gary Bresnahan
- Wilan Uthman
- Kay Uthman



**Pastoral Care**

If you feel a need for pastoral care or know of someone who does, and would like to meet with the on-call pastor, please contact the office by phone or e-mail. Respecting your need for privacy, our pastoral care team will not automatically call, or may not be aware of your need. Please let us know how we can help. Call 223-2433.

**MOUNTAIN RISE**

The UCC was founded in 1957 as the union of several different Christian traditions: from the beginning of our history, we were a church that affirmed the ideal that Christians did not always have to agree in order to live together in communion. The United Church of Christ is one of the most diverse Christian churches in the United States. To read stories about our history and future visit [ucc.org](http://ucc.org).

- The United Church of Christ Seeks to...
- Be Inclusive, not Exclusive
  - Celebrate diverse membership & Christian belief
  - Be united and uniting, yet...
  - Affirm each congregation's autonomy
  - Be Committed to Justice & Peace

*God is still speaking... life evolves. we evolve. faith must evolve...are we still listening?*