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REFLECTIONS

Welcome to the winter wonderland here in Wisconsin! It has come and is not leaving anytime soon, I'm afraid. Like good Wisconsinites we will make it just fine!! The older I get, the more I understand about becoming a snowbird, but I still enjoy the snow, the cold, and beauty of winter. As I sit here this cold December day, I reflect on Christmas' and New Year's past and what we did as a family, going to my Parents siblings' homes and celebrating and enjoying our time together. My first friends were my cousins as they were for some of you as well. We would get out and have a ball no matter if we were at the family farm or in Detroit, MI. we had a blast. We are in the peak of the holiday season with Christmas just a few days past and looking forward to the New Year. A new year, a new house, a new community, lots of new things for Mary and I. There are always new things happening in all our lives daily. The true constant is the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts and filling us full of GOD'S light. We are never lost or walk in darkness if we keep constant openness of the Spirit's love and guidance. Let it consume you and share it with all. Where can we go wrong when we are led by GOD and feel the Holy Spirit directing us to be like Jesus each day? We cannot let the world devour our lives. It is like a blizzard with its wind and snow penetrating in the smallest of cracks. No matter how much we bundle up and protect ourselves, it seems to find a way in. Therefore, we need GOD and to fellowship together with others to help us keep from being penetrated and overcome. Ring in the New Year, not just with resolutions of change, but with reflection of resilience to be a person of positive energy, of being Christ like in all things. People love others who are real and try to be kind, compassionate, forgiving of all wrong. Is that obtainable? "YES!" Yes, it is, and it starts with us this New Year! Every day is a new day of opportunity and excitement for goodness and mercy. Let's join together, loving and caring for all people. Our cousins may have been our first friends, but to reach out and make brothers and sisters in Christ makes us a family of fun-loving people even in the coldest and snowiest of days. Love and cherish these reflections of a life overflowing with living water for all who thirst to drink. Jesus Christ is that life we need to reflect to everyone. Join our hearts, our souls, and our hands, to do the work and use the gifts GOD gave us for a purpose filled life. There's no time like now to answer our call. Say Yes when Jesus asks, "who will I send." Stay warm by the fire and by the light of GOD. Wishing you all a wonderful NEW YEAR!! Mary and I are so looking forward to being here and reaching out to all!

Love and Laughter,

Pastor Paul+

→ Charge News ←

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Please sign up to be a liturgist and share your gifts.

January 5th

Old Testament

Isaiah 60: 1-6

New Testament

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

“Star of Grace for All”

January 12th

Old Testament

Isaiah 42: 1-9

New Testament

Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel

Matthew 3: 13-17

“Baptism Isn’t Just A Little Water”

January 19th

Old Testament

Isaiah 49: 1-7

New Testament

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Gospel

John 1: 29-42

“Do We Proclaim”

January 26th

Old Testament

Isaiah 9: 1-4

New Testament

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Gospel

Matthew 4: 12-23

“We All Belong”



A Note from Pastor Paul

Mary and I would like to thank everyone for the nice words and wonderful hospitality we have received in our first 5 months here. We are looking forward to the future and sharing and reaching out to all people. Thank you all for the cards and gifts and an amazing advent and Christmas. Looking forward to a New Year for Chippewa County Churches!!



THERE'S STILL SOME TIME TO SIGN UP TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY. THE LAST PHOTOGRAPHY DATES AVAILABLE WILL BE JANUARY 7TH & 8TH, 2020. THEY WILL BE TAKEN AT THE HOLCOMBE UMC. YOU CAN SIGN UP BY CONTACTING JENNIFER AT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 715-595-4967 OR BY EMAILING THE CHURCH. **PHOTOS ARE TAKEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

→ Holcombe News ←

HOLCOMBE UMC TASTE OF THE TUNDRA COMING SOON

Saturday, February 1st at 11:30 a.m. Chili....chili....chili.....and more chili! That's **CHILI**, not chill, although we admit that it could be a very chilly day. This is not only a **free meal** but it is a **competition** that ensures the free meal. So, the more chili brought to the competition, the more free meal available to any and all who come.

BUT.....this day is not totally about chili, it is also about fun and games as well as great eating. Games include any board games brought to play during all of the other commotion. There will be a craft project and possibly face painting. All plans are not complete.

Pie and Cake Walks – 10 chances, not free but a \$1 per attempt while “walking, waltzing, or dancing” your way around the circle! And, in the meantime, our best in Pie/Cake silent auctioning as side-bar fun.

Fun begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Holcombe United Methodist Church on W. Hwy M less than 1/4 mi. off Hwy 27. Depending on the weather, there may be some outdoor nonsense/colder fun going on for you and your younger ones. For those who bring chili – it needs to be brought in a slow cooker if at all possible by 11:15. Our judges are dressed for the occasion, primed for this event and are totally committed to being absolutely fair. SO, COME JOIN US. Oh andThere is a Traveling Trophy that goes home with the winner.

Unapproved Holcombe Ad Council minutes December 6th, 2019

4:30 time due to Madrigal practice

Convened 4:30 P.M. Those present for the meeting were Pastor Paul, Cheri Bingham, Mary Beede, Bonnie Gundlach, Bill Stimeling and Liz Dempsey. Jim Beede was also present.

Mary Beede served as interim secretary.

- Meeting opened with Liz reading from Revelations a scripture describing “The Church is a place...”
- Pastor Paul had no report.
- Minutes from the previous meeting, Nov 14, 2019, were reviewed and approved. Communications received were read and shared with the Council.
- Treasurer, Carla Ingalls, was not present but the November 2019 report was available for review and discussion. Motion by Bonnie to accept/approve the report, second by Cheri. Approved
- Finance Committee discussion led by Bonnie, regarding the 4th quarter of 2019 report to congregation. Decision was to give this report on the first Sunday of January, 2020.
- SPRC – Cheri announced that Jennifer Heidtke, Administrative Assistant, in the church office will be leaving this position. This will be announced in all three churches on Sunday, December 8th. Cheri will make this announcement for the Holcombe UMC. The committee will begin the process to find a replacement.
- Membership Committee – Sue Dahlstrom was not present but Pastor Paul said they have been working on the membership list as presented at the Charge Conference and making good progress.
- Worship Committee – Liz reported that all Advent readers are chosen; a new song will be used for Children’s Time during worship. Christmas Eve service is 7:30pm on Tuesday, Dec 24th at the Holcombe church.
- UMW- Cheri announced UMW meeting and Christmas pot luck will be Wednesday, Dec 18th, beginning at 9am to decorate the church for Christmas.
- Mission Committee met today at 3:45pm. – Cheri gave a report on the mission projects and agenda of the meeting. Decision to continue Covenant Relationship with a missionary. The Student Sunday Offering was \$258. This was used to do our College Student package and mailing for an end of semester/exams gift from the church to show our support to them. There was a motion by Bill and second by Bonnie to reimburse Cheri for monies she spent/\$168.64. Also, the congregation will be helping three local families with gifts for the children. This will be for 6 children ranging in age from 2 – 12 years. These need to be delivered by December 18th. Motion by Cheri/second Liz to do these three families.
- Nominations Committee – almost complete, will be printed and shared at the January meeting.
- Trustees: Sue not present but a communication from Monarch Paving with a bid for the parking lot was listed at \$104K
- Ministries Discussed – Thanksgiving Service in Cornell was well attended and was very nice. Events discussed for 2020 are February 1st for Taste of the Tundra; Flag Day Follies with Troop recognition; Italian Dinner.
- Picture Book and Directory – completion by end of January 2020.
- Ministry Plan for 2020 will be January 19th at 11A.M at the church.

Minutes are subject to revision and are not approved until read/ratified by Administrative Council. Respectfully submitted by secretary pro-tem, Mary Beede

HUZZAH!

The nineteenth year of Madrigal performances is in the books and everyone in attendance said it was the best one ever. The many pieces, that together lead to a wonderful evening, all went like a well-oiled machine. Huzzah!

The hard-working folks who showed up to help on “Castle-Up” day had everything stored/moved and structures assembled by 1:30p, much earlier than in past years. Huzzah!

As always, the “Marketplace” and “Castle” were decorated beautifully and the tables readied for guests ahead of their arrival. Huzzah!

The Madrigal feasts were scrumptious and served piping hot. The servers and kitchen-crew were amazing. Huzzah! And as always, the traditional closing portion of the Madrigal centered on the Nativity story from the Gospel of Luke... a most appropriate way to focus on and celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus.

Thank you to everyone. Huzzah! Joni Weinert, Director

Missions Committee Meeting Minutes

December 5th, 2019 at 3:45pm

Present: Mary & Jim Beede, Liz Dempsey, Pastor Paul Messmer, Cheryl Bingham

Reviewed old & new business, including:

- Email received from Carla Ingalls regarding the Supporting Our Students collection. In addition to all the items donated for Lake Holcombe School (pants, socks, underwear, notebooks, pencils, kleenex, antiseptic wipes, etc.) we received \$258 in monetary donations. She has opened a line-item listing on her reports for Missions. The \$258 plus a previous \$50 gift, from a Camaraderie Club breakfast hosted at church, brings the balance to \$308. She asked that we share this with the Ad Board. Group also decided to have Cheryl share this information with the congregation on 12/8. We are so blessed to have such a supportive congregation!
- Approved reimbursing Cheryl \$168 for purchases made & shipping of packages to college students.
- We still would like to purchase some small shoes as requested by the school, as these were not donated. Cheryl will check on purchasing these for the group, using part of the funds collected.
- Discussed our HUMC Missionary covenant agreement. The recent agreement was for Rev. Paul Webster but decision made last month, and per discussion with Rev. Webster, to now have this go to Rev. Temba Nkomopezi (agriculture program) who has taken over the role. We discussed & opted to list Betty Tshala (nutrition program) as an alternate, to help ensure that our support goes to one of the Board of Global Ministry missionaries working at Mujila Falls. The Covenant form will be sent to Carla for completion & payment of support.
- Pastor Paul reported that Jennifer is planning a Christmas Family collection. She has information regarding 3 families. She has let the school know that our church will be collecting for 2 families (children ages 8, 2 & 5), and possibly adding the third family that still needs a sponsor. Our group opted to wait on adding a third family, pending approval of the Ad Board which was meeting immediately after our meeting.
- We are planning to have a “warm socks” collection in January.
- We will have new members hopefully joining the Missions Committee in January. At the January meeting we will need to set goals & schedule for the year, along with setting the day & time of meetings that works for all members.

Minutes by Cheryl Bingham

As many of you know I have accepted a full-time position and will no longer be serving as the administrative assistant, which was effective December 16th. I have enjoyed my time serving the congregations of Anson, Holcombe, and Jim Falls United Methodist Churches. Thank you for being so understanding and supportive throughout my short time working with you.

So with that being said, this will be the last Parish Post that I compose/design.

Blessings,
Jennifer Heidtke

2020 January Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Anson

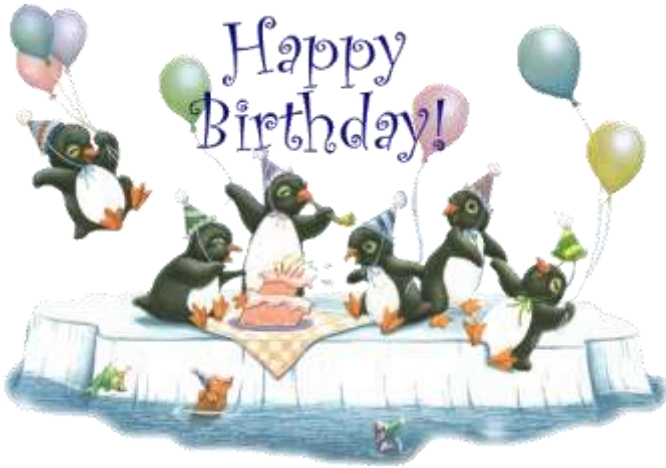
1 Alberta Koneazny
3 Loris Siddons
5 Wayde Crogg
9 Mike Dumholt
18 Brent & Shirley McIlquham
21 Adrienne Baier

Jim Falls

3 Izabelle Schwingle
7 Gladys Barnett
Kayla Dunlap
14 Jim Raleigh
18 Deb Dresel
20 Wayne Dunlap
22 Sarah Bourget
27 Jim & Shari Raleigh

Holcombe

3 Kerri Crank
5 Mat Cigan
Bryan Derdzinski
Butch Wendell
8 Jan Gezel
10 Carol Bell
Matt & Jennifer Heidtke
Bob Langland
11 Lacey Moore
Kirsten Wendell
13 Anneleise Willmarth
14 Evan Swanson
15 Karen Guthman
17 Gwen Severson
18 Ray Guthman
21 Hilary Wendell
24 Lee Blunt
Todd Sauerwein
26 Sarah Sauerwein
27 Kelley Andres
Rhonda Matacynski
30 Karen Derdzinski
31 Jerry Blunt



January 2020

Anson, Holcombe, Jim Falls UMCs

H - Holcombe UMC, JF - Jim Falls UMC, A - Anson UMC, P - Pastor,
C - Charge, D - North West District, NW12 - North West Circuit 12,
AC - Wisconsin Annual Conference

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Epiphany of the Lord Worship w/ Holy Communion 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	Food Pantry (JF) 4-6p	Men's Breakfast (H) 7:30a Worship Committee (H) 9a Lay Servant (C) 10a Lifetouch Photo (H) 2-3p Missions (H) 1:30p Trustees (H) 5p	Choir Rehearsal (H) 5:00p	UMW (JF) 1p		
Baptism of the Lord Worship 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A) Children's Sunday School 10a (H) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	Food Pantry (JF) 4-6p	Food Pantry (H) 2-5p Ad Board (JF) 6:30p	Choir Rehearsal (H) 5:00p	UMW (H) 1p Ad Board (H) 6p		Men's Breakfast (JF) 7:30a
2nd Sunday After the Epiphany Worship 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	Food Pantry (JF) 4-6p	NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	Choir Rehearsal (H) 5:00p	Worship Committee (JF) 10:30a		
3rd Sunday After the Epiphany Worship 11:15a (A) w/ Noisy Bucket Offering 8:30a (H), 10a (JF) Children's Sunday School 10a (H) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	Food Pantry (JF) 4-6p	Food Pantry (H) 2-5p	Choir Rehearsal (H) 5:00p			February 1 Taste of the Tundra (H) 11:30a

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

HOLCOMBE 8:30 A.M.

JIM FALLS 10 A.M.

ANSON 11:15 A.M.