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REFLECTIONS

Hello everyone,

I pray you are well, and the Holy Spirit is filling you with excitement for the coming of Easter and the joy of knowing we are forgiven through the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus! GOD has made a covenant with every single one of us. A covenant that no human can ever break! Even this virus is no match for the Love of GOD!!! It was a very hard decision to cancel events at church. We have suspended all church group activities for 2 weeks and then will come together and re-evaluate. Keep looking on our Facebook pages and website. We will also send out emails, again letting everyone know! The surprising thing is all the bars being closed in Wisconsin!!! Uff Da!! Let's be serious, though. As of now, there isn't a case of the virus in our communities, but it is all around and is closing in fast on the area. Please be smart. We want us all to be able to worship when we can gather again.

It has really affected me in many ways and thoughts. I wonder how all this happened. What are we going to do and why are we in such a panic? The world will keep turning. My concern is how this is going to affect us after the virus is controlled and not a threat anymore. What will life after corona look like? These are my thoughts that keep me up at night wondering. How will the stock market bounce back? Will we keep social distance as the norm? Will we be able to afford anything or only certain things? We will survive the virus, of course, but will we be able to survive the world after? This is where I rely on GOD! This is where I come to Jesus saying, "Take my fear and lead me to where you are taking me, without a single worry or second guessing." Now is where our FAITH should be the strongest. Pray and reach out to others. Be the body of Christ for all! Now is our moment to shine out to a world that is hurting and trying to recover. We need to be the beacon of love, grace and a blessing to all people.

We have time to sit and read our bibles, listen, and discern when talking to GOD. No excuses. We now have the time to reconnect with our Lord and Savior. Let the Holy Spirit touch you and open the door to your heart. There is no fear when we walk with GOD. Whom shall I fear when I am a child of GOD? Reflect on these words. Live by these words. Trust in these words from GOD. The panic is losing its grip on people and we are coming together even though we are apart physically. The fate of where our world goes from here is up to GOD and us as the hands and feet to fulfill that plan. GOD loves you and I love you! Always.

Love and Laughter

Pastor Paul+

→ Charge News ←

HOLCOMBE UMC UPDATES

Quilt Show will be postponed hopefully to a later date this year

Ham Dinner in May is on hold

JIM FALLS UMC UPDATES

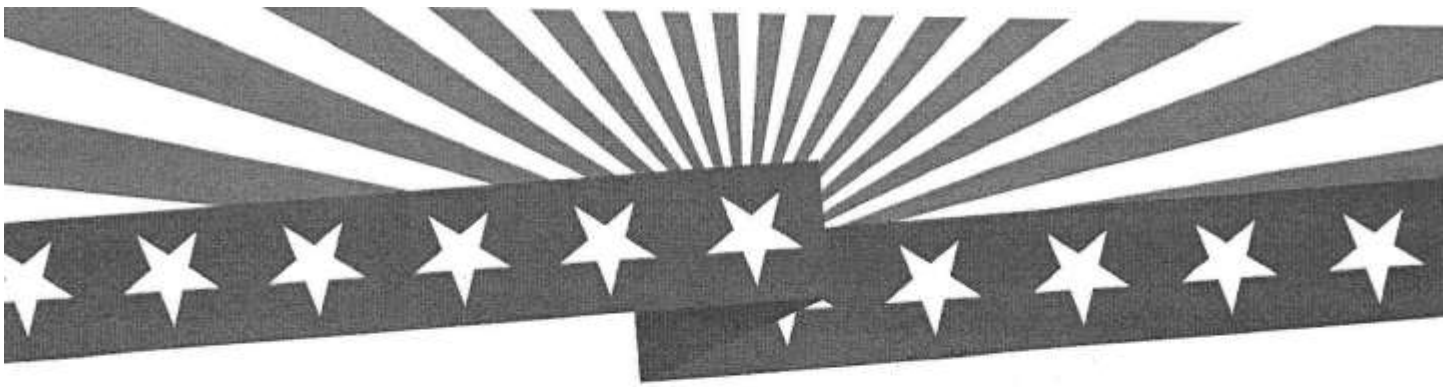
Maple Syrup and Meatball Supper has been postponed

CHARGE

All worship services will be recorded and posted on the church's Facebook pages, sent as an email to anybody who receives the parish post via email, and also posted on the church website. Keep checking the church website for updates.

www.chippewacountychurches.org

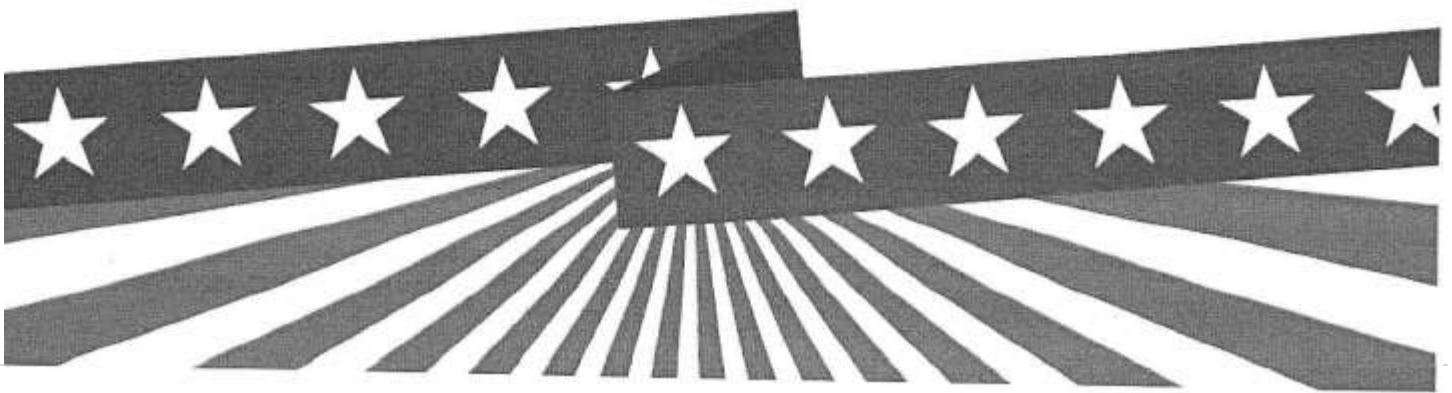
*I included the full April calendar in case things take a miraculous turn for the better and we are able to return to our previously scheduled events.



GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Let us pray every day as we protect ourselves through this storm. We also need to protect our church and make sure we can gather when that time comes. I am reaching out to our congregations to remember our church in this time so we can be ready and able to do GOD'S work now during and after. We all want to help bring GOD to our congregation and communities when we can gather together again. The problem is we don't know when that time will be. It is up to us to keep our giving to the church even though we are not able to attend. I know this is a tough time for all of us and I pray that it will not be a prolonged time of absence. Please I am just asking that we don't forget the church when the world needs us the most.

Thank you Love and Laughter Pastor Paul+



Scripture readings for the month of April

Please sign up to be a liturgist and share your gifts



April 5th - Palm Sunday

Old Testament

Psalms 118

New Testament

Philippians 2: 5-11

Gospel

Matthew 21: 1-11

PALM OR PASSION

April 19th - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Old Testament

Acts 2: 14, 22-32

New Testament

Peter 1: 3-9

Gospel

John 20: 19-31

DON'T DOUBT

April 12th - Easter Sunday

Old Testament

John 20: 1-18

New Testament

Colossians 3: 1-4 / Acts 10:34-43

Gospel

Matthew 28: 1-10

RISEN FOR ALL

April 26th - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Old Testament

Acts 2: 14, 36-41

New Testament

1st Peter 1: 17-23

Gospel

Luke 24: 13-35

STICK AROUND

***NOTE:** I am Prayerfully hoping we will be in worship by this time! Keep watching for information daily as we see what lies ahead!! Otherwise, find our services on our Facebook pages, our website and Email. Thank you and stay safe.

Holcombe United Methodist Church Camp Scholarship Application

We have camp scholarships available to help with partial payment to Wisconsin United Methodist camps for 2020. Please be aware that any scholarship awarded will be made directly to the camp and not to the individual camper.

Camp information is available at the church, or online information is at: **www.WIUMCamps.org**

Name _____ Age _____

Parents name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ Phone# _____

Camp interested in attending _____

Dates of the camp _____ Camp cost \$ _____

++Parent(s) signature _____

Please tell us what you hope to get / learn from this camp experience:

****We would also like you to share with us the highlights of your time at camp after you return.**

Note: Additional camp scholarships may be available by contacting the Wisconsin United Methodist Camp website at: www.WIUMCamps.org . Forms are also available at the church.

For questions regarding the Holcombe church scholarships you may contact the church office at: 715-595-4967, or you may email:

Liz Dempsey: lizzied23@live.com Cheryl Bingham: cherjeanb@hotmail.com

Drop off the application at the church, or mail to: Holcombe United Methodist Church, 27841 County Hwy M, Holcombe, WI 54745

→Holcombe News←

Holcombe UMC unapproved Ad Council meeting minutes 3/12/20

Present: Bill Stimeling, Pastor Paul Messmer, Karen Stimeling, Carla Ingalls, Mary Beede, Sue Dahlstrom, Elizabeth Hillebrand, Cheryl Bingham

Bill convened meeting at 4:30.

Karen read opening devotion from 1st John.

No correspondence.

Minutes--Sue: motioned by Cheri, second by Mary to accept, carried.

Treasurer's report--Carla: Cheri motioned to accept, Mary second, carried.

Designation of tithes from the Ham Dinner, Thrift Sale and Madrigal-- \$900.00; Karen motioned to divide three ways \$300 to each of the following, Lake Holcombe Education Foundation, Cornell/Lake Holcombe After School Program and Cornell VBS program. This was seconded by Elizabeth, carried.

Flag Day Follies funds will be designated for the troop mailings by the Camaraderie Club.

Pastor report: Paul asked how we should go about safety concerns with the Corona virus happening. An announcement on Facebook and elsewhere reminding people if they are sick or just uncomfortable attending, that they should stay home. We will miss them, but want them safe as well as ourselves. Collection plates will not be passed but rather placed at the back for offering to be deposited at end of services each week. Counters will take precautions for their safety as well. And would still like large screen TV or projector and screen for church use, stated TV is more flexible in usage and where set up. Will take that up with Trustees.

Trustees --Sue: Jeff Anders looking into epoxy grouting for cracked tiles for a color match, also he has filters on order for all the vents. He will vacuum vents as filters are installed. Bell tower lights are also on the docket for replacement of burned out lights. Choir room clock battery has been replaced. Elizabeth said son Jacob will help trustees with checking out the Bell tower ringing setup. Bill has plans to get hallway cleared of Madrigal items this week. TOPS to meet here at church Wednesdays at 8 for 2 hours. Sue to get Bell tower undecorated as weather is warmer. We are looking for someone responsible for snow shoveling duties.

SPRC--Cheri announced they met 2/24/20. Charge Conference is early again this year. They will meet in May about Missions visions of the 3 churches.

Missions--Cheri/Mary: Sock collection is done. Food Pantry on going now. April will have the chicken collection for camp scholarships. June will do the baby bottle collection. Soles for Souls is being looked into. This Sunday is UMCOR Sunday. There is to be a Youth Lock-in in Eau Claire. More info later.

UMW --Karen: Hopes of partnering with Lake Holcombe Improvement Association in care of our lake water. Quilt Show plans in the works -- need people to help hang the quilts.

Worship--Karen: Evaluate as we go. Will take suggestions! Working on Lent-- Barnabas this week. We have Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service at Trinity.

Education --Sue/ Elizabeth: Adult studies on going. Elementary students (4 on regular basis) will be reading scripture, ushering and serving as acolytes and communion stewards the next couple of months. Names to be on the back of the bulletins.

Tentative date for the Ministry Plan set for 3/29/20 at the church from 2-4 p.m.

Looking for supply purchaser for the Church.

Tracy is working on new directory.

Joni Weinert to meet with Madrigal kitchen crew to see if it will be a go for this year or not.

Annual Conference June 5,6,7,8.

Next meeting April 9th at 4:30 p.m.

Pastor Paul sent us forth with prayer.

Adjourned 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dahlstrom.

Missions Committee Meeting Minutes

March 10th, 2020 at 1:00pm

Present: Jim & Mary Beede, Carol Cote, Jerry Vaughn, Cheri Bingham

Meeting started with a devotion.

Discussed old business-

Sock collection has been completed with a great response from the congregation. A big THANK YOU to all who responded & donated socks!!

Camp scholarship form was updated, published in the Parish Post, and is available at the church (along with the conference scholarship form & camp information booklet).

Jim & Mary will plan to follow-up on the Soles for Souls project. No info available yet.

Food pantry collection currently in progress (through March 29th), and food already being donated. Thank You!!

New business-

UMCOR Sunday scheduled for 3/16. Envelopes are ready for use in Sunday bulletins. Mary will promote in worship service that day.

Plans ready to promote the Easter egg collection in April. Proceeds to be used for camp scholarships. See separate article in April Parish Post.

Noisy bucket will be on Sunday, April 26th. Proceeds to support Mujila Falls.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting scheduled for April 14th at 1pm.

Minutes submitted by C. Bingham

UMW will be collecting travel size personal care products to make kits to be available for anyone who would like them. Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash, puffs/ wash clothes, disposable razors are some things. Watch for updates as we would like this to be a continuous mission. Thank you!

Holcombe UMW meeting minutes, 3/12/20

Present were Karen Stimeling, Elaine Sharp, Cheryl Bingham, Claudette Smith, Liz Dempsey, Mary Beede, Sue Dahlstrom, Pastor Paul Messmer.

Liz served a delicious dessert and fixings.

Karen opened the meeting at 1:37 with leading us in our purpose.

Sue read last month's minutes. Cheri motioned to approve, Liz second, carried.

Treasurer: Cheri brought a revised February treasurer's report with a balance of \$558.32 because of two checks that had not cleared the bank. Cheri also brought the March report, with one check still not cleared, but is found and will be deposited soon. Balance of \$712.68, minus \$16.95 check for an actual balance of \$695.73. Assembly Account unchanged at \$1926.35. Claudette motion to accept March report, Mary second, carried. Sue motioned to accept amended February, with Liz second, carried.

Spiritual Growth: Mary reported on articles from both the last and current "Response" Magazine Partnering for a Moral Economy.

Social Action: Elaine provided information regarding the Corona virus and keeping healthy as can be.

Membership, Nurture and Outreach: Mary handed out an updated membership list with current phone # and emails. Also informed us that Mary Pietenpol is having health problems.

Education and Interpretation: Liz read about the Russian camp mission and a number of birthdays of persons in missionary positions.

Northwest District Officers

Cheri mentioned another way to identify the year of the books we have for the reading program.

Liz and Mary informed us of the focus on the 5 giving areas by the speaker for Eau Claire gathering and "Catch the Vision" is available.

Sunshine: Elaine was thanked for her dedication to getting greetings to church and community members. She sent 29 cards out in February! Includes Birthday, Thank you, sympathy and thinking of you cards.

Assigned from last month: Ideas were presented Liz brought out doing more with scripture, not just to plant the seeds, but to grow and harvest souls. Mary wants us to bring back a Mission U study and share with more people. Elaine would like us to share more of what we do in love in the Parish Post and possibly the newspaper articles. And Sue would like to start up "personal care kits" to be given out at the Food Pantry and the Little Library. These would include travel size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, wash cloth, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant to fit in a quart zip lock bag.

All wonderful ideas to grow our unit. Sue to put short article in Parish Post each month, regarding our ideas and what we as a unit are doing to share with others.

Sue hopes to get with school athletic coaches to see if interest in a "Wellness" event before next school year starts on Monday.

Date to get together with Ruby, Gail, Alice and Lil in Chippewa to be coordinated by Karen.

Holcombe unit census to National to be done tomorrow.

2020 Quilt Show: May 2nd quilts registration by 4/29. Will ask for fewer salads. Kitchen crew and people to hang the quilts needed.

Adjourned.

Sue led the program-- "Lighting the way through partnership"

Next meeting: April 9th. Program-- Elaine, Hostess--Cheri

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dahlstrom.

Let's Go to Camp

Holcombe Easter Egg Mission Project

The Missions Committee has chosen the Lenten Season Offering collected for the mission project "Let's Go to Camp". It will be given to our church established fund to assist with the cost to attend one of the three Wisconsin United Methodist Church Camps.

Plastic eggs containing a Bible verse and a special treat are available in a basket to take home and return the following Sunday with coins/gifts of money to support the Lenten Season mission project. Printed information and posters are on display in the Fellowship Hall at the display table describing the church camps, Wildfire, Pink Lake Camp and Lake Lucerne Camp.

There are camps structured and provided for everyone, for children, youth, families, and seniors.

Visit the table of camping materials or ask questions to see if there is a camp that interests you. Contact persons are Cherri Bingham, Mary and Jim Beede, Jerry Vaughn, Carol Cote, Liz Dempsey, and Pastor Paul.

A Blessed Easter Season to All.

➤Jim Falls News←

Jim Falls Ad Board minutes 03/10/2020

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted; treasure's report was accepted with no discussion; No report from worship committee; Trustees report: Neon has been taken down from the cross and is being repaired/replaced by Sign Art. Pastor Paul was wondering if they might be interested in looking at/replacing the neon of the cross at Holcombe as well. Bob said he would contact them and have them contact Pastor Paul; Men's group nothing to report except we will be looking at bringing back the dumpster for this spring. New business: Recruiting for Sunday school: Keith stated that it has been on his mind a lot on how we can get more kids involved and coming to church so that we might get a Sunday School program going again. He suggested that we have a VBS this summer and hopefully that would be a kickoff for a campaign to start getting children involved. He thought about passing out fliers near the end of the school year and it was discussed that we should have a 2 day VBS minimum and shoot for the week of 08/17 or the week of 08/24 to hold VBS. It was also discussed that we would pass out fliers in the area and also see if Anson would like to partner with us regarding not only VBS, but also teaching Sunday School once we get that up and running; Dinner Dates: they were read and approved; Birthday and Anniversary calendar: Tess had sent Brian an email stating that she thought it would be a good idea to update and remove the names of people who are either no longer around or no longer attend church. She said that she would be willing to work with Tracy and go through the calendar to get it updated. She wasn't sure if she needed board approval or not and at any rate we all thought it would be a good idea to get that list updated; Spring dinner: Bob brought up an idea of a way to increase our sales for the Meatball dinner by offering a buy one and receive second for ½ price fliers that we would place in the outlying areas to draw in more people. We all thought that would be a good idea; Pastor Paul: Pastor mentioned that he would like to get a Wed night contemporary service started in Jim Falls, he also stated that we will be having Good Friday service at Anson this year and that perhaps Jim Falls and Anson could alternate years for these services. Good Friday service will be at Anson at 5:30; Keith made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Robbie...

2020 April Birthdays and Anniversaries!



Anson

4 Ann Crogg
5 Kim King
7 Charlene Colvin
12 Lee McIlquham
Glen McIlquham
18 Christopher Griesbach
27 Shirley Boyea

Jim Falls

5 Sandy Lueck
10 Laurie Kressin
15 Austin Affolter
17 Marge Lazarz

Holcombe

2 Hailey Minot
6 Irene Knowlton
11 Rita Cigan
12 Ruth Jiskra
14 Jean Johnson
20 Randy & Kerri Crank



April 2020

Anson, Holcombe, Jim Falls UMCs

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 UMW 1p (JF)	3	4
5 Palm / Passion Sunday Worship W/ Holy Communion 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A) Children's Sunday School 10a (H) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	6 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	7 Men's Breakfast 7:30a (H) Worship Committee 9a (H) Lay Servant 10a (C)	8 Choir Rehearsal 5p (H) Faith Link Café *Free Supper 6p (H)	9 UMW 1:30p (H) Ad Board 6p (H) Holy Thursday Service	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunrise Worship Breakfast 6:30a (H) Easter Sunday Worship w/ Holy Communion 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	13 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	14 Food Pantry 2-5p (H)	15 Faith Link Café *Free Supper 6p (H) Maple Syrup & Meatball Supper 4:30-7pm (JF)	16	17	18 Men's Breakfast 7:30a (JF)
19 2 nd Sunday of Easter 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A) Children's Sunday School 10a (H) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	20 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	21	22 Choir Rehearsal 5p (H) Faith Link Café *Free Supper 6p (H)	23 Worship Committee 10:30a (JF)	24	25
26 3 rd Sunday of Easter 11:15a (A) W/ Noisy Bucket Offering 8:30a (H), 10a (JF) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	27 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	28 Food Pantry 2-5p (H)	29 Choir Rehearsal 5p (H) Faith Link Café *Free Supper 6p (H)	30		

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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.