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REFLECTIONS

Greetings and joyful blessings to you all! How are we holding up this winter, so far? The days are getting a little longer and the sun is a little warmer each day. I have been reflecting on my life lately because of many reasons. I have shared personal things at church and other places and have reflected and contemplated how life evolves and matures to a state of well-being. I know I have had good times throughout my life, some better than others. As I have grown older, I appreciate my life more and more and come to a purpose of self-worth finding purpose in my life that makes me aware of short comings and strengths. I am reaching a point where I feel relevant and sustain my life of self-worth. How about you? How do you define or reflect on your self-worth and purpose of life? Are you comfortable in your skin? These are questions we self-examine in our lives daily. GOD loves us no matter what we do and say because we are children of GOD. Now, that doesn't mean we are without sin. We do fail. That is where grace and the love of GOD helps us to get through those times and helps us to understand. We must mature and learn so we may feel good about ourselves through the toughest of times and trials. GOD carries us through these times so we can reach the other side and to eternal life. Feel good about ourselves because GOD does. GOD cares about our whole being. Our humanism is what separates us from our Lord and the son Jesus brings us back collectively to GOD. Scripture reminds us we don't think like we did as a child. As we do grow, day by day, our spiritual life changes and matures as well as our physical being. Feel good about ourselves every day because we have purpose. We have GOD given gifts to share. Be courageous enough to let the Holy Spirit use us in ways we thought were impossible. Nothing is impossible if we let our Lord in heaven lead the way and we follow. Lay our shame at the base of the cross to be taken with the rest of our sins through the power of Christ crucified. The resurrection is for our well-being and self-worth to be humble disciples of Jesus here on earth. We are worthy to be GOD'S children, to reach out, to touch others so they, too, can lay their sins and fears at the base of the cross. Lay down our lives to joyful humble service to GOD. These are thoughts and reflections to think about as we go through our Lenten season. We are preparing for the teaching, the betrayal and trial, then the brutality, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. After lent, reread this and see if you feel the same way. Reflect and think about if it has changed us in any way. GOD changes us in ways we don't even feel or think about. Let GOD show us who we are in the name of Jesus for the transformation of not only ourselves but for the world, one person at a time. AMEN

Love and Laughter

Pastor Paul+

→ Charge News ←

Scripture readings for the month of March

Please sign up to be a liturgist and share your gifts



March 1st - 1st Sunday in Lent

Old Testament

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3:1-7

*Responsive Reading

Psalms 32 UMH #766

New Testament

Romans 5: 12-19

Gospel

Matthew 4: 1-11

TEMPTED

March 8th - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Old Testament

Genesis 12: 1-4

*Responsive Reading

Psalms 121 UMH #844

New Testament

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

Gospel

John 3: 1-17

SAVING

March 15th - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Old Testament

Exodus 17: 1-7

*Responsive Reading

Psalms 95 UMH #814

New Testament

Romans 5: 1-11

Gospel

John 4: 5-42

THIRSTING

March 22nd - 4th Sunday in Lent

Old Testament

1 Samuel 16:13

*Responsive Reading

Psalms 23 UMH #754

New Testament

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel

John 9: 1-41

BLINDED

March 29th - 5th Sunday in Lent

Old Testament

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

*Responsive Reading

Psalms 130 UMH #848

New Testament

Romans 8: 6-11

Gospel

John 11: 1-45

LIFE

***NOTE:** We will be having responsive readings and sung response every Sunday in Lent

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 2/13/20

Present: Bill Stimeling, Cheri Bingham, Pastor Paul Messmer, Bonnie Gundlach, Mary Beede, Sue Dahlstrom, Karen Stimeling, Elizabeth Hillebrand

Convened at 4:30 P.M.

Bill opened with a reading from "Five Minute Bible Workout For Men" taken from Is:33:6

Minutes from 1/9/20 received, Karen moved to accept with the revisions made, Bonnie second, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Carla Ingalls sent report to board. In her absence, her statement of nothing else to bring attention to, Bonnie moved to accept, Mary second, carried

Madrigal: to date net of about \$7,500. Ham dinner made \$1,106.19 and thrift sale made \$883.02. We will determine the destination of the tithe from these events to be decided at the March meeting. \$438 sent to Camaraderie Club for sending care packages to our local troops around the world from Taste of The Tundra event.

Pastor's Report: Lent just around the corner -- Ash Wednesday is Feb. 26th. Will have Faith Link Cafe. Need to extend invite to all area.

Trustees: Sue reported committee working on the following

- Bell tower light replacement
- Cross neon light fixing (Jim Falls church having theirs worked on also so possible together to save call cost)
- Cracked tiles in entry by kitchen and pastor's office - Jeff Anders to research a glue or crack filler to match color that maybe better than replacement
- Probable stands to be used for displays will research cost and if can be made cheaper by local carpenter (s)
- Carpet replacement was suggested to wait on parking lot fix.
- One estimate for parking lot received from Monarch done by halves and total cost of \$104,000+. Waiting for another from Oium.
- Spring Cleanup to include outside and inside cleaning, painting two new doors installed in storage garage, window refinishing.
- Need for snow shoveling person(s).
- Hope to keep same lawn mowing person as he does a great job.
- Duct work filters have been found not installed, so are being installed and duct covers being cleaned by Jeff.
- Website upkeep not a trustee item, will wait to see how new Administrative Assistant will work with it.
- Trustees will meet on first Tuesday of odd months at 5:30 p.m.

SPRC: meet quarterly. Robbie Baker use the new chair. Tracy, Administrative Assistant is working on Website and Pastor reports she is doing well. Parish Post to be sent to area churches to help with event notifications.

Finance: Bonnie stated nothing to report.

Missions: Cheri reported the following;

- Sock collection going well.
- March will start food pantry collection.
- Human Relations Sunday is this coming Sunday.

- Camp registration are now available on paper as well as on line.
- Egg collection for April going to camp scholarship fund.
- Noisy bucket funds to continue to go to Mujila Falls, Africa mission project.
- They welcomed two new members to this committee.

UMW: Karen reported working on improving this unit to help it be sustainable and grow.

Worship: Karen reported her and Bill went to St James UMC while in New Hampshire, they had words of inspiration on banners that were impressive. They had a confirmation service that Sunday.

Christian Education: Sue reported a change in classes for adults. Bill will be conducting the class in March concentration will be on covenants.

Elizabeth reported there is no confirmation class now, and the elementary students have signed up to be scripture readers, greeters, acolytes and ushers! Yeah!

We will set a date at the March meeting to update the Ministry Plan.

Jennifer Heidtke will still be doing work for funerals. We need someone designated to do shopping for supplies for the church. Jennifer has list of items we usually purchase.

Upcoming events: Flag Day Follies --was suggested we tithe proceeds to troop mailings and/or the Military Memorial being planned in Holcombe.

Next Ad Council meeting March 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Karen sent us forth with a prayer for God to forgive us, renew us, send us out to be usable instruments, that we may take seriously the meaning of your cross! Amen

Bonnie moved to adjourn, second by Mary, carried.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dahlstrom.

Holcombe Welcomes you to our Neighborhood

Wed. Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

**Each Wednesday – Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Apr. 1 free
supper at 6 p.m. followed by visits with the High
Priest Caiaphas, Nicodemus, Barabbas, Joseph of
Arimathea and Mary Magdalene**

Fri. April 10 – Good Friday

**Sun., April 12 – Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m./breakfast &
Easter Service 8:30 a.m.**

Holcombe United Methodist Church

Missions Committee Meeting Minutes

February 11th, 2020 at 1:00pm

Present: Pastor Paul, Liz Dempsey, Mary & Jim Beede, Jerry Vaughn, Carol Cote, Cheri Bingham

Cheri shared a devotion from the Faith We Sing, page 2237 and Pastor Paul opened with prayer.

Reviewed old business:

Taste of the Tundra raised \$438 for "Support the Troops" packages being sent.

Sock collection going well & will continue through February. Cornell Courier requested information on the project & will publish an article inviting the public to participate.

Mujila Falls- Per Carla, the noisy bucket offerings are going to support the agriculture center & get sent in monthly with church apportionments. The Holcombe church covenant agreement is a budget item & goes to support Temba Nkomozepi, the missionary that replaced Paul Webster. This is sent in once a year. The Mission line item on the budget will be used only for special projects that we are doing at Holcombe (such as money raised & then used for college student packages). There is a separate line item for Camp Scholarship funds.

In regard to the noisy bucket offerings, we will try to mention what it is supporting each time it is collected.

Reviewed yearly calendar and our special project for August will be school supplies for the Lake Holcombe School. The November project will be for our HUMC college student packages.

New business: Set some specific Sunday offerings for February and upcoming months.

Human Relations Sunday will be 2/16/2020. Noisy bucket on 2/23/2020.

UMCOR Sunday will be 3/15/2020. Noisy bucket on 3/22/2020.

Noisy Bucket on 04/26/2020.

Native American Sunday will be 5/17/2020. Noisy bucket on 5/24/2020.

We will be collecting food items for the Holcombe food pantry for the 5 Sundays in March.

We will have an Easter egg collection to raise money for camp scholarships throughout April.

Holcombe scholarship form needs updating. Cheri will do this.

Possible Soles for Souls shoe collection??? Unsure if other churches are doing a collection but we have been asked when we will be having a collection. Committee will check on this.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 10th at 1:00 pm.

Minutes by Cheryl Bingham

Holcombe UMW meeting minutes, 2/13/20

Present: Karen Stimeling, Cheri Bingham, Elaine Sharp, Liz Dempsey, Claudette Smith, Mary Beede, Sue Dahlstrom

Sue served strawberry shortcake and goodies for the fellowship.

Karen lead us in a unison prayer to open the meeting.

January minutes of the Executive Committee meeting were read by Karen. Cheri moved to accept with amendments, second by Sue, carried.

February Treasurer's report was brought by Cheri. We had a balance of \$585.87 after all disbursements have been made for the end of the year. Receipts of \$5.40 and disbursements of \$16.00 made in January brought a balance of \$575.27. Bank shows balance of \$615.99 as checking for \$42.70 to Church Women United/Fellowship of the Least Coin has not been cleared. Their office is in process of moving. Sue moved to accept report, second by Claudette, carried.

Response Magazine reported on by Mary. She read part of article written by Rev. Javier Viera, to keep focused on our purpose from beginning to end. Reported also how we UMW will be represented at the General Conference with 4 new petitions that will prioritize women, children and youth including celebrating Children's Sabbath in October, protecting the girl child and right to vote (19th amendment) Numerous cards sent out by Elaine -- sympathy, thinking of you, birthday and congratulations to church and community members since taking Sunshine position in January. New cards requested to go to Buck Steele and student scripture readers. Elaine also handed out copies of the new reading list for the reading program.

Social Action dates to remember:

- Mission Action Day -April 4th at St. Paul's UMC, Green Bay
- Spring Day of Enrichment- April 25th, Rice Lake UMC (need to know who is going by 4/15/20)
- NW District Fall Gathering- Sept.19th at Holcombe UMC
- WI Conference Fall Gathering- Oct. 16-17

Karen asked that someone take one of the 4 tasks of the Mission Today Award for 2020 to make one recommendation on how we can do even better as a unit to be reported at next meeting. Liz has Faith, Mary has Hope, Elaine has Love and Sue has Action.

NW District Team reports (we have three of our members serving) Cheri is Program Resources Coordinator and has read and recommends "Cage Without Bars". New to the position and encourages us to participate in the reading program and continue reading "Response" magazine.

Mary is on the Nominations Committee and was in Eau Claire yesterday. There are two positions open that need filling, Vice President and ENI Coordinator. Karen and Billie LaBumbard will be helping to make phone calls with this.

Liz is the new President, acting V.P. and Education and Interpretation, encourages us to "make plans so we can be who we are proposed to be".

Unfinished business:

2020 Bazaar do we continue? call by other name? revenue from it?... Decided to not have Bazaar this year as we will be hosting Fall Gathering for some revenue and for less hectic schedules in the fall. Hope to get another event going in early fall (pre-school start) with athletic director and coaches involved and health care professionals. An all-day event with a meal, activities, demos, talks on importance of eating properly, being drug free and so on. Sue to contact people at school to see if enough interest from the coaches to go ahead.

Quilt Show: recommended to go on with this event. March we will set up a committee for kitchen prep, supplies, publicity in Parish Post and Facebook/ Community Page etc.

Spiritual Growth: Liz read of today's mission focus, no missionary birthdays. Also she needs ideas of what to present at Fall Gathering.
Karen will come up with dates to plan outings with Alice Troupe and Lil Zorowski in Chippewa and Ruth Jiskra and Helen Wager in Cornell

Next meeting: March 12th at 1:30 P.M. Hostess: Liz, Program: Sue
Mary moved to adjourn, Liz second, carried

Cheri had combined Jan and Feb programs : "Taking the Unexpected Path" and " How the Light Gets In"

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dahlstrom

Maple Syrup and Meatball Supper & Bake Sale



Where:

Jim Falls United Methodist Church

13883 Hwy S South Jim Falls, WI

When: **Wednesday, April 15th**
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

MENU: meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy,
coleslaw, corn, home-made biscuits with
real maple syrup, dessert and beverage.

Cost: **Adult ticket \$10.00**
Child's ticket \$5.00 (5 -12 years old)

2020 March Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Anson

10 Bella Saxton-Jensen
17 Travis Griesbach
21 Bianca Eder
23 Logan Roshell
29 Melissa Crogg
31 Matt Wickham

Jim Falls

4 Hope Ford
Riley Potapenko
5 Shirley Davis
6 Eli Ford
7 Olivia Barkley
Wencle Stipek, Jr.
8 Gavin Dollarhyde
11 Carla Ingalls
17 Pat Webb
27 Jim Allen
Ashton Roper
Spencer Schwingle
Christal Sweeney
29 Debbie (Don) Ellis
Bob Ingalls

Holcombe

3 Janis Giebel
6 Darla Rouleau
8 Leo & Lois Grueneich
10 Roger Larson
13 Liz Dempsey
Robert Warwick
17 Tyler Andres
20 Jessica Anders
21 Lee Glenn
22 Jessie Andres-Koehler
Veda Anders
24 Tom Cigan
27 Jim & Rhonda Mataczynski
31 Bonnie Gundlach



Anniversary Blessings



March

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday in Lent Worship w/ Holy Communion 8:39a (H) 10a (JF) 11:15 (A) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	2 Food Pantry (JF) 4-6p	3 Men's Breakfast (H) 7:30a Worship Committee (H) 9a Lay Servant (C) 10a Board of Trustees (H) 5p	4 Choir Rehearsal (H) 5p Faith Link Café free meal 6pm (H)	5 UMW (JF) 1p	6	7
8 2nd Sunday in Lent Worship 8:30a (H) 10a (JF) 11:15a (A) Children's Sunday School 10a (H) Adult Sunday School 10a (H) Daylight Savings Time Change	9 Food Pantry (JF) 4-6p	10 Missions (H) 1:00p Food Pantry (H) 2-5p Ad Board (JF) 6:30p	11 Choir Rehearsal (H) 5p Faith Link Café free meal 6pm (H)	12 UMW (H) 1:30p Ad Board (H) 6p	13	14
15 3rd Sunday in Lent Worship 8:30a (H) 10a (JF) 11:15a (A) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	16 Food Pantry (JF) 4-6p	17	18 Faith Link Café free meal 6pm (H)	19	20	21 Men's Breakfast (JF) 7:30a
22 4th Sunday in Lent Worship 11:15a (A) w/Noisy Bucket Offering 8:30a (H) 10a (JF) Children's Sunday School 10a (H) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	23 Food Pantry (JF) 4-6p	24 Food Pantry 2-5p	25 Choir Rehearsal (H) 5p Faith Link Café free meal 6pm (H)	26 Worship Committee (JF) 10:30a	27	28
29 5th Sunday in Lent Worship 830a (H) 10a (JF) 11:15a (A) Adult Sunday School 10a (H)	30 Food Pantry (JF) 4-6p	31				

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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.