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REFLECTIONS

I hope this finds you well and doing good. I cannot believe it is December already, but still in a way I am thankful that it is coming to an end. The year we have had and with all that is still going on in the world is frightening. We have seen such an increase in people affected, and I think we all know someone who has had it or is infected. I pray daily for those that have the virus and for us all to be safe and make it to the other side. Keep us all in our prayers. Last week I was doing my seasonal ritual of switching out my pictures that hang on our walls at home and in my office. If you do not know I am a fan of Terry Redlin paintings and the stories they tell. Ok I can hear Mary saying, "I am more than a fan, but a crazy fanatic and am obsessed and way over the top!!" Yes, I do own quite a few and am always looking for a deal on one I do not have to add and find a place for on a wall. I have ones that depict certain seasons and in the spring and fall I switch them around. In the fall I especially gaze at these pictures and reflect on Christmas and think of a time long ago and the values and difficulties of those that worked hard every day to make a living. I think about them enjoying family and gathering with friends and what a major part of their lives was filled by these relationships. Helping neighbors and going to church on Sunday morning to come together and celebrate and lend a hand to all in need. I think of today and how that has changed so much. From many not wanting to know our neighbors or for some not even being with family, or seeing our immediate families in separate rooms looking at a device rather than sitting down and talking or joining for a meal. I get progress and life evolving and keeping up with the times. Still I long to sit with my kids and talk with them instead of them picking up their phone and sitting there in their own world. I sit and watch patiently waiting and in time I will finally ask a question or make a statement so they hopefully will lower the phone and start a conversation. Do you share in these feelings? I think about our relationship with GOD, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. GOD remains seated there quietly waiting for us to look up and into the eyes of the one who genuinely loves us. We are coming to Advent, the preparation to celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. GOD becoming mortal and living among us to lead us to the way that shows us grace, blessings, and a love we can never fully comprehend or understand but is there for each and every one of us. Christ the child that changed the world one miracle, one parable, one healing at a time. In a way I feel we need to go back a little bit and open our lives to our families, friends, the neighbor, even a stranger. Jesus never met a stranger but a child of GOD when he was here on earth and if we just listen to the spirit, we will have peace on earth. What gives you peace, how about hope, where do you find joy, do you feel loved? I will look at these pictures and reflect on days gone by and the way people lived but my true emotions that I feel are coming from the Holy Spirit and how it moves me because of the beauty that is painted in my heart more than the strokes on a piece of paper. Make room for GOD, reach out to our fellow folks in a way that will shine the love of GOD on them. Terry painted these pictures to remember his childhood and how things were and share those feelings to the world. GOD wants us to share our lives with the world in our way. It may not be a painting on a wall but will touch people's lives and stir up emotions in our own way through GOD. A savior is born so we can all be saved and share in the glory of life eternal. Let our painting of life, our light from Christ, be a beacon for emotions to be revived for all. Mary and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A time for new beginnings for us all.

Amen

Love and Laughter

Pastor Paul+

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know you can give online? Visit our website at www.chippewacountychurches.org and click on the Charge tab. Click on the GIVING button and it will bring you to the link for the Wisconsin Annual Conference where you can securely give to your church.

→ Charge News ←

SERVICES SUSPENDED

We have received notice that we are to suspend church services until the New Year. We will continue with our virtual service on Facebook and through our website. Any questions please call and someone will return your call. Please pass the word on to others that may not see this notice. Any changes to our current situation will be updated on the website at www.chippewacountychurches.org

DIRECTORY

The Church directory is completed and uploaded to Lifetouch who has a team working on getting the books completed.



Scripture readings for the month of December

December 6th, 2020

2nd week of Advent

Old Testament

Isaiah 40: 1-11

New Testament

2 Peter 3: 8-15

Gospel

Mark 1: 1-8

A NEW PATH

December 13th, 2020

3rd Week of Advent

Old Testament

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

New Testament

1st Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

A NEW TESTIMONY

December 20th, 2020

4th Week of Advent

Old Testament

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

New Testament

Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel

Luke 1: 26-38

A NEW STRENGTH

December 24th, 2020

Christmas Eve

Old Testament

Isaiah 9: 2-7

New Testament

Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel

Luke 2: 1-20

A CHILD OF NEW BEGINNINGS

December 27th, 2020

Old Testament

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

New Testament

Galatians 4: 4-7

Gospel

Luke 2: 22-40

A NEW YEAR



Christmas Eve service outside at Holcombe UMC will be at 7pm out front under the lit tree. Please dress accordingly because we will be outside.

(Weather Permitting)

We will also have a virtual service that will be on our Facebook pages just like the Sunday services. The time for it to air will be announced later.

Coffee & Conversations with the Pastor



*Small group meetings on Mondays at the Jim Falls Church
and Wednesday's at the Holcombe Church at 1 pm*



Advent bags are ready!

Bags for adults and children will be filled with activities, reading plans, and ideas to help you celebrate Advent in your home. Whether we are worshipping in person or virtual, this gift will enhance your Advent season. Bags will be available for pick up at the churches on Sunday, November 22. Please let Pastor Paul know if you would like yours delivered.

↔Holcombe News↔

Holcombe UMC Mission Committee – November 2020

Our committee met at 1:00pm on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, with 3 members present: Pastor Paul, Liz Dempsey & Cheri Bingham.

Pastor Paul started the meeting with prayer.

Reviewed the September 2020 meeting minutes, as well as the October update written for the Parish Post.

Old business:

Odanah church was sent check for 2019 & 2020 Native American Sunday offerings. Liz will check to be sure they have received this.

Received a 'Thank-You' from the Chippewa Family Support Center for the donation of 4 boxes of warm socks that the congregation donated.

Update on ongoing projects:

Care-Net baby bottle collection is still in progress. Several bottles are still out and the opportunity to give to this will continue through December. Please try to return all bottles by the end of the year.

Special Sunday offerings- decision to hold on these for November & December.

Noisy Bucket offerings- Since we are not meeting in-person for worship we have not been collecting these offerings. The group felt that this was a very much needed project. The 'Noisy Bucket' and information about what it goes toward will be moved to the entryway. Folks can bring in their offering of coins when the church is open & the counters will deposit when they process the general offerings.

Missionary Covenant Relationship Agreement- This was included in the 2021 budget for the HUMC. The group decided to continue with a one-year agreement (rather than a 3 year or indefinite period). Cheryl was directed to complete the form for Carla & the General Board of Global Ministries. (Note-this fund goes to help support a missionary working at Mujila Falls in Zambia, Africa.)

The Holcombe Food Pantry was being moved to their new facility on the day of our meeting. We decided to hold on a church sponsored food collection until 2021. Those wishing to donate food or funds should do so directly to the food pantry.

School Fund Drive- Thank you to all that supported this project to benefit urgent student needs at our Lake Holcombe school, as well as our college students. The group worked on a list of college students & will send them a note of encouragement from the HUMC along with a small gift in early December.

Cheryl will contact Carla about the allocation of the funds collected for the project.

New Business:

The Holcombe UMC will sponsor one family from Holcombe for Christmas. Liz has been working with the school regarding this project and she will be coordinating efforts for our Mission's group. There are 3 children: two boys ages 9 and 13, and one girl age 17. All gifts will need to be at the church no later than 12/9/2020. More information regarding this, as well as suggested gifts, will be posted when available.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Our next HUMC Mission meeting will be at 1:00 on Tuesday, 12/8/2020.

Your Holcombe Mission Committee

HOLCOMBE UMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/12/20

PRESENT: BILL STIMELING, PASTOR PAUL MESSMER, KAREN STIMELING, MARY BEEDE, BONNIE GUNDLACH, SUE DAHLSTROM. CARLA INGALAM WILL TRY TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM. ARON ON THE WAY TO FLORIDA.

BILL CONVENED MEETING AT 4:05 P.M. AND ASKED KAREN TO LEAD A DEVOTIONAL, SHE READ "DEVINE WORK" TAKEN FROM GEN. 2:15 – GOD WORKS THEREFORE WE NEED TO WORK.

MINUTES: MARY MOTIONED AND BONNIE 2ND TO RECIEVE AND ACCEPT, CARRIED.

TREASURER'S: WAITING FOR ZOOM CONECTION.

BILL HANDED CONTENTS OF THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX FROM SUPERIOR CHOICE AFTER THEIR CLOSING TO SUE FOR THE TRUSTEES TO GO THROUGH.

PASTOR'S RPORT: ADVENT COMING, WOULD LIKE AS MANY PARTICIPANTS AS POSSIBLE DOING DIFFERENT TIMES WANTS TO LIGHT UP THE TWO BIG TREES OUT FRONT. POSSIBLE LIVE NATIVITY AND FIRE PITS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE OUTDOORS OTHER SUGGESTIONS OFFERED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED.

TRUSTEES: SUE REPORTED JEFF ANDERS HAD RECEIVED SOME BIDS FOR SNOW REMOVAL WITH TUCKER HETCHLER BEING THE LOWEST AND ALSO INCLUDES THE SHOVELING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. THIS MEETING CONCURRED THAT THE TRUSTEES SHOULD MAKE THE CHOICE OF SNOW REMOVAL/SHOVELING PERSON, GET A CONTRACT SIGNED AND PROOF OF INSURANCE A.S.A.P. ALSO THE HEATER IN STORAGE SHED HAS BEEN FIXED, THOUGH A PART HAS BEEN ORDERED DUE TO IT SOUNDING LIKE IT SHOULD BE REPLACED SOON.

ZOOM NOT WORKING TONIGHT SO CARLA AND CHERI WILL NOT BE JOINING US. TREASURER'S REPORT ON HOLD.

MISSIONS: MARY REPORTS SOLES FOR SOULS VERY SUCCESSFUL AND WILL POSSIBLE DO EVERY YEAR. WE HAVE ONGOING LOCAL MISSIONS-- CARDS WILL BE AT CHURCH TO SIGN FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND OFFERINGS FOR THOSE GIFT CARDS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED. BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER FOR LADYSMITH'S PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER IS ONGOING. ALSO, THE LOCAL CHRISTMAS FAMILY GIFT PROJECT IS NOW ON MORE INFO ON THIS IN THE PRAYER CHAIN.

UMW: KAREN REPORTED MET TODAY, WENT OVER OUR BUDGET, HAD A GOOD PROGRAM, WELCOMES EVERY VISITOR, AND THE LADIES WILL DECORATE THE SANCTUARY (SOMEWHAT MODIFIED) ON SUNDAY THE 29TH AT 1:00P.M.

WORSHIP: ANYONE WISHING TO HELP WITH SERVICES PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR. IN-PERSON SERVICES ON HOLD UNTIL 2021.

EDUCATION: SUE WILL STOP THE SHIPMENTS FOR ADULT STUDIES AS WE NOW HAVE HALF A YEAR OF MATERIAL AND ARE NOT MEETING. STILL LOOKING FOR A CHILDREN'S LEADER. SATURDAY 11-14-20 IS THE **CHARGE CONFERENCE** IN JIM FALLS BY ZOOM. (OR AT INDIVIDUAL HOMES).

NEXT MEETING 12=10=20 AT 4:00 P.M. MARY SENT US FORTH WITH A PRAYER. BONNIE MOVE TO ADJOURN, CARRIED 4:30 P.M.

HOLCOMBE UMW 11-12-20 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT: KAREN STIMELING, MARY BEEDE, CHERI BINGHAM, JEAN WOLFE, LIZ DEMPSEY, CLAUDETTE SMITH, SUE DAHLSTROM

1:40 KAREN CONVENED MEETING WITH OUR PURPOSE AND UNITY PRAYER.

KAREN CALLED CHRIS DREXLER AS SHE WAS TO COME AND INSTALL OFFICERS, BUT UNABLE TO DUE TO SNOW CONDITIONS.

MINUTES: CLAUDETTE MOTIONED, JEAN 2ND TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT, CARRIED.

TREAS. REPORT: SUE MOTION, MARY 2ND TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT, CARRIED. BALANCE: \$580.79 IN CHECKING AND \$1533.06 IN SAVINGS REPORTED BY CHERI AND THE ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM SCCU TO NORTHWESWTERN IN CORNELL.

BUDGET WAS REVIEW AND DISCUSSED WITH A TOTAL OF \$2027.50 DESIGNATED FOR NEXT YEAR.

MARY REPORTED ON "RESPONSE" MAGAZINE ARTICLES FROM THE SEPT/OCT ISSUE ON WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING DURING THE PANDEMIC AROUND THE WORLD FROM MAKING SOAP IN THE CONGO TO MAKING SOUP IN INDIA AND BAGGING LUNCHES IN USA. MARY ALSO RELATED ON THE HISTORY OF OUR ORGANIZATION THROUGH THE LAST 150 YEARS OF CHANGING TIMES AND NAMES TO WHO WE ARE TODAY.

MARY THOUGHT ERMA DAVID, SUE CRANK AND MARY PIETENPOL MAY COME TODAY, BUT SINCE IT'S SNOWING, THEY PROBABLY CHANGED THEIR MINDS, BUT ALL DOING WELL.

E & I: LIZ RELATED THE MISSION CONCENTRATIONS OF THE PRAYER CALENDAR TO US. 1. GLOBAL MIGRANT WORKERS RIGHTS AND 2. CLIMATE CHANGE- EFFECTS ON THE PEOPLE AND THEIR LIVELYHOODS. TWO ITEMS OF GREAT CONCERN WERE DEAD TREE FALL NOT BEING CLEARED AND BECOMING FIRE HAZARD. AND WHERE DO THE SPENT APPIANCES GO AFTER THEY HAVE STOPPED WORKING AND WE GET A NEW MACHINE?

FOR SOCIAL ACTION SUE MENTIONED TODAY'S EAU CLAIRE LEADER'S FRONT PAGE ARTICLE TO "WEAR YOUR MASK" HOW VERY IMPORTANT THAT IS -- IF NOT FOR YOURSELF, THEN FOR THOSE YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH.

LIZ REPORTED SPRING ENRICHMENT MAY BE BY ZOOM IN SPRING. 5 MORE UNITS LEAVING UMW IN OUR STATE.

ELAINE SHARP TOLD KAREN SHE HAD SENT OUT 153 CARDS THIS YEAR SO FAR. KAREN NOTIFIED HER OF TATE AND GRACIE'S SPORTS INJURIES FOR HER TO SEND GET WELL CARDS TO.

DISCUSSION ON DECORATING THE CHURCH FOLLOWED, DECIDED TO DECORATE MODERATELY THE SANCTUARY/ ALTER/FRONT OF CHURCH NOV. 29TH AT 1:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING 12/10/20 AT 1:30 SUE WILL HAVE THE PROGRAM.
JEAN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SUE 2ND, CARRIED.

Gift Tree Family - 2020

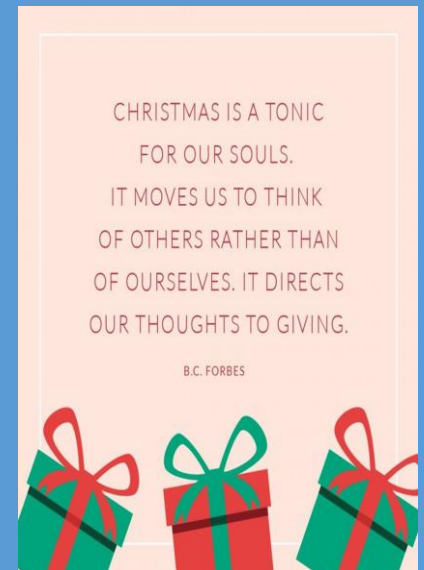
Please thank Jane Ash, and through her two other women, from the school who are working diligently to surface the families in need this year.

Our family is #20 and any gifts provided need to have that number on the gift whether wrapped or not.

The three children and their wishes or needs are:

1. Boy - grade 3/age 8- size 8/9, needs hat and gloves, likes Legos, hot wheels.
2. Boy - grade 8/age 13 - junior size m (he is kind of tall and skinny), model planes, likes non-fiction books, likes WW2 books.
3. Girl – grade 12/age17 – size women m, drawing pencils, watercolors, sketch pads. Likes poetry. (Ripikarn, and author Ellen Higin)

The gifts can be wrapped or not and dropped at the church in Holcombe by **December 9th**. Be sure to include a label that indicates the family #20 and the recipient boy age or girl. Thank you, as always for your generosity and particularly this year where there is so much anxiety and need.



LAKE HOLCOMBE CAFE'S

HOLIDAY CARE PACKAGES

Send your loved ones near and far, some holiday cheer from The Lake Holcombe Cafe!

Call us to order your packages.

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and Cornell zip codes.

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Call us to order your care package!

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Box #1 \$37.00

- 2 loaves of bread (white or wheat)
- Maple syrup (pint)
- Maple Magic BBQ sauce
- 2 Caramel Rolls
- 4 Jen & Ben's Hot Chocolate Mixes
- Homemade Caramel corn or Seasoned Pretzels

Box #2 \$27.75

- 2 loaves of bread (white or wheat)
- 2 Caramel Rolls
- Maple Syrup (pint)
- ½ dozen cookies
- 1 dozen Lindt truffles

Box #3 \$25.95

- 1 Loaf of bread (white or wheat)
- 1 coffee mug
- 4 Jen & Ben's Hot Chocolate Mixes
- ½ dozen cookies
- 8 Whiskey truffles

Box #4 \$44.75

- 1 Loaf of bread (white or wheat)
- 2 Cinnamon Twists
- Maple Magic BBQ Sauce
- Travel Coffee Mug (2 complimentary coffees)
- 1 dozen Lindt truffles

Cookie Decorating Box \$6.95

- Kids will love this!
- 1 dozen cookies
- White Buttercream frosting
- Christmas sprinkles

Build Your Own Box

- Loaf of bread (white or wheat) \$2.95
 - Raisin Bread \$4.95
 - Cinnamon Bread \$4.95
 - Caramel or Cinnamon Roll \$1.75
 - Cinnamon Twist \$1.75
 - Muffins \$1.75
 - Cranberry Orange
 - Blueberry
 - Cinnamon French Toast
 - Caramel Apple Scones \$1.75
 - Seasoned Pretzels \$2.25
 - Caramel Puff Corn \$2.95
 - Puppy Chow \$2.95
 - Party Mix \$3.95
 - Urbal Tea \$1.75
 - From Milwaukee, WI
 - Brain Booster
 - Cran Apple Detox
 - Equilibrium
 - Homemade Whisky Truffle Cups \$4.50 1/2 dozen
 - Cookies \$3.00 for ½ Dozen
 - Peanut Butter Blooms
 - Sugar Kiss Cookies
 - Sugar Cut Outs (frosted or unfrosted)
 - Ginger Snaps
 - Chocolate Chip
 - Peanut Butter
 - Strawberry Pockets
 - LHC's Coffee (beans or ground) ½ pound \$4.50
 - Jeffrey's Crunchy Snacks \$2
 - Homemade Strawberry Jam \$7
 - Maple Syrup \$8.95
 - From Gilman, WI
 - Magic Maple BBQ Sauce \$6.95
 - From Gilman, WI
- Plus a box fee and shipping.

Prices do not include shipping.

⇒Jim Falls News⇐

Jim Falls Spirit of Christmas Collection

The "Spirit of Christmas" is a non-profit organization that receives and distributes Christmas gifts to needy families in Chippewa County. Our church has collected gifts and monetary donations for this organization for many years. In 2019 they served 544 families and 1,473 children received gifts that without the love and generosity of many might not have otherwise. Since we won't have our usual giving tree at our church this year, we are asking that if you are able, please mail your donations to our church Treasurer at the following address.

Carla Ingalls
11582 161st Street
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Please make your check payable to Jim Falls United Methodist Church and write Spirit of Christmas in the memo line.

We will combine all donations and will also include money that has already been collected and send it on to them.

Thank you for considering this very special and important organization in your holiday giving.

Blessings to all.

2020 December Birthdays and Anniversaries!



Anson

5 Kathy Cernohous-Hauser
8 Ben Ginder
22 Chuck & Laura Boos
27 Brent McIlquham
28 Brian Crogg

Jim Falls

2 Steve Kressin
15 Dylan Smith
24 Joan Dunlap

Holcombe

4 Sue Dahlstrom
6 Dawn Rank
7 Max Sauerwein
Pete & Jean Wolfe
8 Ron Laudenslager
10 Matt Heidtke
12 Lauren Samardzich
13 Randy Crank
Ervin Larson
16 Catherine Miller
17 Jeff Durkee
18 Barb & Ken Flouro
20 Clarice Cote
25 Dick & Rochelle Catlin
28 Jim & Mary Beede
29 Claudette Smith
31 Clara Anders



December

Anson, Holcombe, and Jim Falls
UMC

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Men's Breakfast 7:30a (H) Worship Committee 9a (H) Lay Servant 10a (C)	2	3 UMW 1p (JF)	4	5
6 2 nd Sunday of Advent Online Worship Service "A NEW PATH"	7 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	8 Missions 1p (H)	9	10 UMW 1:30p (H) Ad Board 5:30p (H)	11	12
13 3 RD Sunday of Advent Online Worship Service "A NEW TESTIMONY"	14 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	15	16	17	18	19 Men's Brkfst 7:30a (JF)
20 4 TH Sunday of Advent Online Worship Service "A NEW STRENGTH"	21 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE OUTSIDE SERVICE 7:00p (H)	25	26
27 1 ST Sunday after Christmas Online Worship Service "A NEW YEAR"	28 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	29	30	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.