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REFLECTIONS

Good day wonderful people of the Chippewa County Churches.

Summer is still holding on. Well, it is today as I sit here thinking and pondering about life. There was an Instagram video of Mary and I's granddaughter Harper asking, "What is the purpose of life?" Pretty profound for a five-year-old to even be thinking about what is the purpose? Do we have one? She thought about the answer and said she didn't know. No surprise at this stage in her life, but how about us? Do we know? Reverend Rick Warren has many books on a purpose driven life. Can we define what is a life filled with purpose? Have we read any of Reverend Warren's books? Can we put a finger on our purpose and are we driven to fulfill that purpose? Are we recognizing why we are here and what we are being asked to do? Is there such a thing? I believe there is, and we have special gifts that we are to use to fulfill that purpose. Psalm 139: 11-15 "¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me, and the light become night around me," ¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³For you created my inmost being you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth." GOD knows us even better than we know ourselves. GOD has given each of us a purpose to explore, to reveal, to fulfill. A project to complete while on this journey along life's way. I truly hope we are all enjoying the ride, know our gifts, and accomplishing our GOD given purposes. Do not let the darkness fill our lives; reach out and be the light GOD and Jesus talk about. There is no darkness when we are with GOD. The days are getting shorter, and each day is one less we have on this earth. Keep focused on our purpose. Let go and let GOD. I am reminded that it is simple and yet it is hard to do. Simplistic in nature, but so hard to implement into our lives and our commitment to do in life. Do not judge, stop gossiping, no forcing of wills or guilt trips, we need to treat people fairly, love everyone. When we see and read it in the bible, it does not seem too hard at all. Now, put it into daily practice and tell me, or better yet, pray to GOD on how well we have done. It is tough stuff, but I'm telling you it is not impossible. Through Christ all is possible! GOD conquers all the world's problems. Feel all the Love Jesus talked about and what GOD promises us each day. Let's go back to the beginning and what Miss Harper was asking. "What is the purpose of life?" I pray one day she will be able to answer that question for herself. I pray for all of us to understand and work on our purpose driven by GOD life. Fall is here. As the seasons change, we reflect on our past to help us not make the same mistakes today or tomorrow. Do not let our past be our prison cell! Time marches on. What beat of the drum are you dancing too? Search out your special gift and purpose to shine the everlasting light of GOD to all the world. Always be "GOD IS GOOD" ALL THE TIME / ALL THE TIME "GOD IS GOOD" at peace. Amen

<u> → Charge News</u> ←

Anyone from the charge can be included on our prayer chain. Call Gail at 715-559-6434 or email at storm1935@gmail.com to be added to the prayer chain. Nomination's committees / charge conference preparation

To all churches - LET US BE BOLD

Rev. Barb suggested the following Scripture versus to begin our process:

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.
(2 Timothy 1:7)

• I am creating something new. There it is! Do you see it? I have put roads in deserts, streams in thirsty lands (Isaiah 43:19)

As summer passes and we begin feeling the cool of fall, the thoughts of charge conference start coming up and nomination committees. We need to start thinking and looking for people to be a part of the leadership of our churches. I am encouraging all people to be a part of our churches in any way they can. People are what make our churches what they are today and working toward our future of the charge. Congregations, if GOD is tugging at your heart to be more a part of church, please come and talk to pastor or other leaders. We have worked on making meetings more streamlined and every other month rather than every month. Please we are looking for committee members in all three churches. We have a good time, and it is a time to support our churches in ways that are positive and fresh for everyone who comes through our doors. Nominations committees let us start planning meetings to begin the process. I will try and get a later date for charge conference as we did last year and it will be by zoom again. Let us all join together and be part of the church that Jesus began.

Love and Laughter

Pastor Paul+

The River By Garth Brooks

You know a dream is like a river, ever changing as it flows. And a dreamer's just a vessel that must follow where it goes. Trying to learn from what's behind you and never knowing what's in store, Makes each day a constant battle just to stay between the shores.

Refrain:

And I will sail my vessel til the river runs dry. Like a bird upon the wing, these waters are my sky. I'll never reach my destination if I never try. So I will sail my vessel til the river runs dry

Too many times we stand aside and let the water slip away Til what we put off til tomorrow has now become today. So don't you sit upon the shoreline and say you're satisfied! Choose to chance the rapids and dare to dance the tides!

Refrain:

And I will sail my vessel til the river runs dry. Like a bird upon the wing, these waters are my sky. I'll never reach my destination if I never try. So I will sail my vessel til the river runs dry.

There's bound to be rough waters and I know I'll take some falls, But with the good Lord as my captain, I can make it through them all

Refrain: And I will sail my vessel til the river runs dry. Like a bird upon the wing, these waters are my sky. I'll never reach my destination if I never try. So I will sail my vessel til the river runs dry.

This song is full of messages!

- 1. Take Chances. Dare to do things that might frighten us but if we feel it's the right thing to do, trust that God will be there to help. When we succeed, we "dance the tides" and if things don't quite go as hoped, we try to learn from the experience.
- 2. Don't put off til tomorrow because it will become today and an opportunity could have slipped away.
- 3. Life isn't all butterflies and rainbows but with God as our "Captain" and trusting in Him, he will get us safely through the rough waters.



Scripture readings for the month of October

<u>Please sign up to be a liturgist and</u> <u>share your gifts and talents.</u>

October 3rd, 2021 World Communion Sunday Old Testament Job 1:1 and 2: 1-10 New Testament Hebrews 1: 1-4 and 2: 5-12 Gospel Mark 10: 2-16 "Jesus Praises Us"

October 10th, 2021 <u>Old Testament</u> Job 23: 1-9, 16-17 <u>New Testament</u> Hebrews 4: 12-16 <u>Gospel</u> Mark 10: 17-31 *"All Things Are Possible"* October 17th, 2021 <u>Old Testament</u> Job 38: 1-7, 34-41 <u>New Testament</u> Hebrews 5: 1-10 <u>Gospel</u> Mark 10: 35-45 *"We Are All Equal"*

October 24th, 2021 UMW Sunday Old Testament Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 New Testament Hebrews 7: 23-28 Gospel Mark 10: 46-52 UMW Ladies' Service

October 31st, 2021 Reformation Sunday Old Testament Ruth 1: 1-18 <u>New Testament</u> Hebrews 9: 11-14 <u>Gospel</u> Mark 12: 28-34 "There Is No Other"



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AT HOLCOMBE AND JIM FALLS UMC.

We welcome all to come and share an evening with family and friends as we watch on the big screen inside!

(Unfortunately beware that at times dates do change)

FREE popcorn, and you bring your drink to enjoy. Some seating provided or bring your own!

Movies start at 7pm at both locations.

October 6th @Jim Falls UMC - "Blindside"

October 7th @ Holcombe UMC - "I Can Only Imagine"

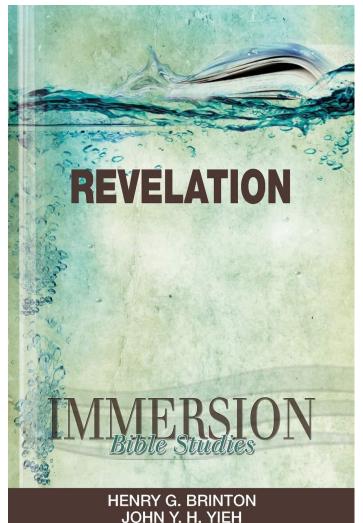
October 20th @ Jim Falls UMC - "I Can Only Imagine" October 21st @ Holcombe UMC - "The Shack"

November 3rd @ Jim Falls UMC - "The Shack"

November 4th @ Holcombe UMC - "God's Not Dead #3"

November 17th @ Jim Falls UMC - "God's Not Dead #3" November 18th @ Holcombe UMC - "90 Minutes in Heaven"

BOOK STUDY STARTING IN OCTOBER



STARTING IN OCTOBER WE WILL BEGIN A BOOK STUDY ON REVELATIONS. WE WELCOME ALL TO COME AND JOIN AS WE WILL DO THIS ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON IF WE ARE ABLE. THE BOOKS ARE ON AMAZON AND CHEAP IF YOU BUY USED, I HAVE BOUGHT FOUR IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD BUT WANT TO JOIN. PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

LIKE ALL OUR STUDIES WE WILL BE DECICING ON A DAY OR EVEN 2 DAYS TO MEET AND HAVE FELLOWSHIP AND TALK ABOUT THIS AMAZING BOOK OF WHAT IS TO COME WHEN THE TIME ARRIVES.

REMEMBER STARTING IN OCTOBER.

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT PASTOR PAUL.

Lake Holcombe Food Pantry

Now located at the Lion's Club Building at 27867 County Highway M. It is open every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 5 pm. For donation drop off or food emergencies call Dawn at 715-827-0884.

We are always looking for any donations to help stock the shelves. Here are some of the things that they can use this month:

Paper products toilet paper paper towels Kleenex paper grocery bags napkins

Jim Falls Food Pantry

Located the Jim Falls Church at 13883 County Hwy S. It is open every Monday from 4pm to 6 pm. Donations can be dropped off at this time or Friday's from 11a to 2 p. For food emergencies call Bob at 715-577-2705.

We are always appreciative of any donations we receive but right now the shelves are low of the following items:

Paper products; toilet paper, paper towels, etc.

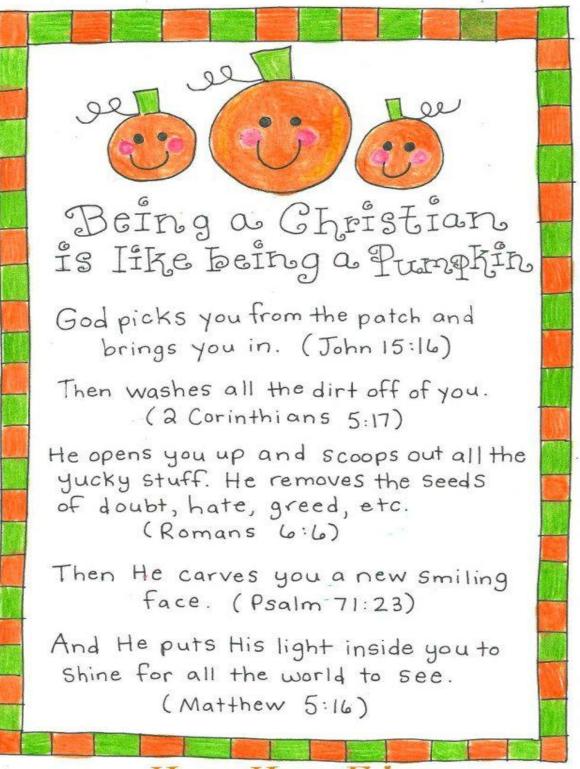
Cream of Mushroom soup

Diced tomatoes

Saltine crackers

Tea bags

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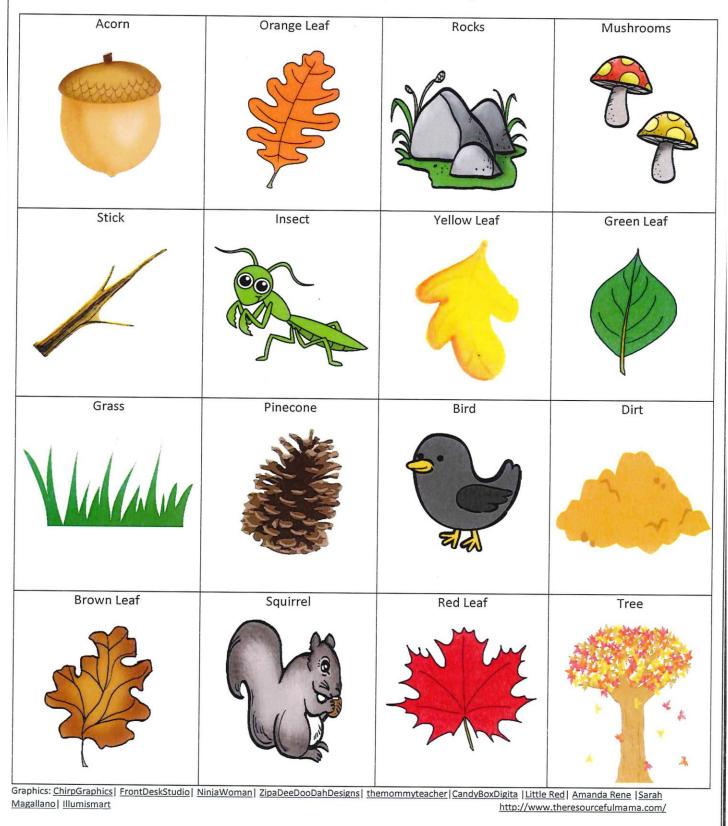
Happy Home Fairy





Fall Nature Scavenger Hunt

Find as many as you can and put an X through them.



<u>→Holcombe News</u>

Holcombe Mission Committee 9/14/2021

Present: Pastor Paul, Mary Beede, Liz Dempsey, Carol Cote, Jerry Vaughn, Sharon West, Cheri Bingham Meeting started at 1:00pm with a prayer by Cheri. Old business –

Odanah (Liz): Liz has been in contact with Alex Dickerson from the Odanah church. He is once again the contact person for Odanah. Liz, Pastor Paul & Jerry plan to visit there on Tuesday, September 21, if it works for all involved. Liz reports she plans to take printer paper, socks, baby quilts, childrens VBS materials to them. They will evaluate to see what their needs are and how we can be in mission with them.

School collection for urgent needs at Lake Holcombe School: Several items have been collected but some items are still needed. We will ask for the list to be put in the Parish Post again for October.

Soles-4-Souls shoe collection: We have received many shoes & boots. These will be packed up & delivered to Zion UMC in Chippewa Falls the week of 9/20. New business-

Refugee collection- Pastor has received several items for this that he will be delivering this week. Items may still be donated for delivery at a later date.

Student Sunday Special offering will be done on 11/28/2021. We discussed making small gift bags and presenting them to any post-high school students that are present for worship on 12/19, 12/26 or 1/2/22. We will do this in place of mailing them to students. Students will need to personally be present (since we really want to see them when they are home for winter break!). We will put a notice in the November Parish Post regarding the Student Sunday special offering and in the December issue regarding more specifics about student gifts & recognition.

Christmas Gift Tree- We discussed collecting hats, socks, mittens & gloves in December. We will plan on having a 'giving tree' with these items going to the Lake Holcombe school students and to the Holcombe Food Pantry.

Christmas Family- we will be checking with the school to see if this will be held this year. We will wait to decide on participating until we have more information.

Trunk or Treat- We discussed serving hotdogs (in place of other treats) at Trunk or Treat when held at the school. Volunteers will be needed for serving.

Looking further ahead we discussed other plans/events (such as Taste of the Tundra). Some in our group seemed to feel that, while enjoyed in the past, we may need to try something different to create more interest for others in the community. More discussion to be done on this over the next couple months.

Committee membership/Leadership- We welcome Sharon West to the group!! Cheri voiced the desire to take a break from leading the group (but is willing to continue working on the committee.) Anyone interested, please talk to Pastor Paul. Meeting closed at 2pm with prayer by Pastor Paul. Next meeting Tuesday, 10/12/21, at 1:00pm. Minutes by C. Bingham

LAKE HOLCOMBE BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

It's back-to-school time & we want to support our local students & teachers! We will be collecting supplies to help with their urgent needs over the next few weeks. Please check below to see what items we will be collecting (basic school supplies may also be donated – but other groups are also collecting those, so we would like to help with some other needs). **Thank You for your help**

Kleenex Disinfectant wipes Small (child-size) masks *Sweatpants or leggings (size 4-6X) *Girls & Boys underpants (size 4-6X) *Girls & Boys small socks *Shoes (Sizes 12, 13, 1, 2) * These items will allow young students to change clothing & stay at school should they have an "accident".

> Headphones or Earbuds Handheld calculators (4 function or scientific) Flash Drives

Basic school supplies needed all year: Pencils, spiral notebooks, folders

ADULT TIME OF EXPLORING SCRIPTURE

10 A.M. SUNDAY MORNINGS. ANYONE CAN JOIN US FOR ALL OR SOME!

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

5TH

"HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS" FOCAL PASSAGE: JEREMIAH 29:1-23

PURPOSE: TO EXPLORE HOW TO LIVE OUT GOD'S CALL TO SHOW HOSPITALITY TO THE "STRANGERS" IN OUR LIVES.

12TH "BEING BOLD TO JOIN" FOCAL PASSAGE: LUKE 7:36-50 /MARK 2:13-17 PURPOSE: TO GROW IN SENSITIVITY TO THE FEELINGS OF OUTSIDERS, LETTING THAT AWARENESS SHAPE OUR OUTREACH TO THEM.

19TH "OPENING THE DOOR TO CHRIST" FOCAL PASSAGE: GALATIONS 2:11-21/ROMANS 10:1-13 PURPOSE: TO DISCOVER HOW RESPONSIBLE FREEDOM IN CHRIST SHAPES OUR LIVES AS CHRISTIANS IN TODAY'S WORLD.

26TH "CITIZENS OF GOD'S HOUSEHOLD" FOCAL PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 2: 11-22/ PHILIPPIANS 3:2-21 PURPOSE: TO DISCOVER THE PRIVILAGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING A CITIZEN IN GOD'S HOUSEHOLD.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

3RD "THE CHURCH'S ACTIVITIES" FOCAL PASSAGE: ACTS 2:37-47/4:32-37 PURPOSE: TO DISCOVER HOW THE CHURCH WAS SHAPED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT STILL SHAPES THE CHURCH TODAY.

10TH "THE CHURCH AS ONE BODY" FOCAL PASSAGE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-31 PURPOSE: TO LET PAUL GUIDE US IN CELEBRATING AND SHARING THE UNIQUE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN EACH OF US IN BUILDING UP CHRIST'S BODY.

17TH "THE CHURCH AS A DISCERNING BODY" FOCAL PASSAGE: MATHEW 5:1-11/16:13-19 PURPOSE: TO BE EMPOWERED AND EQUIPPED TO DISCERN JESUS' CALL TO CONFRONT CHALLENGES TO GOD'S KINGDOM IN TODAY'S SOCIETY.

24TH"THE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL"FOCAL PASSAGE: REVELATIONS 3:1-6, 14-20 ANDROMANS 12:9-17PURPOSE: TO BECOME AWARE OF THE SIGNS AND CAUSES OF SPIRITUAL STAGNATION AND DEVELOP ACOPING STRATEGY.

31ST "COVENANT RENEWAL" FOCAL PASSAGE: DEUTERONOMY 29 PURPOSE: TO LET MOSES SHOW US THE NEED FOR, AND THE SHAPE OF, COVENANT RENEWAL FOR US TODAY.

<u> →Jim Falls News</u>

Thank you to everyone that worked at the donut fry......we had to take our sign down and limit some orders by the end of the day. People definitely missed our donuts. Thank you also for our customers' patience waiting for their orders.

UMW meeting at the church on Oct. 7th at 1 pm.

<u>→Anson News</u>

Anson was happy to host the Yellowstone Art Trail. We opened the sanctuary and the dining hall, asked for masks to be worn and had about 200 guests in the 2 day event. Many commented on the stained glass windows in the sanctuary made by ladies of the church and asked if they could join our woman's group. I said sure and feel welcome to attend services on Sunday!!

Meanwhile, our oil fueled furnace is misbehaving and it needs a cure by our sale in December. Perhaps a new furnace is in order.

We collected shoes for Soles for Souls and added about 35 pair to the collection at Zion. Pastor Paul took our donations to Fort McCoy and we will continue to gather needed supplies of diapers, personal care items, warm clothing, prayer mats, etc.

2021 October Birthdays and Anniversaries!



Jim Falls

1 Taylor Kressin 6 Loren Lueck 18 Jeff Ellis 19 Steve Maier 28 Wayne & Joan Dunlap Keith & Roxann Pitsch

<u>Anson</u>

6 Kyra Yeakel 16 Lee & Jean McIlquham 21 Mary Benson 23 Jean McIlquham 30 Greg Saxton-Jensen 31 Lindsay Wickham

Holcombe

1 Roger & Alice Larson 3 Don Crank Darci Schmitt 4 Joe Hillebrand Roger & Elaine Sharp 9 Kaylie Walters 10 Bob Kunze Justin & Lacey Moore 15 Pastor Paul Messmer 24 Shelby Justus 26 Barb Flouro 27 Brendan Anders Lois Grueneich Kelly Justus Jim Mataczynski 28 Ken Flouro



October

Anson, Holcombe, and Jim Falls UMC

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 World Communion Sunday 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A) Exploring Scripture – Adult 10a (H)	4 Men's Brkfst 7:30a (H) Coffee & Convo 1p (JF) Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	5 Lay Servant 10a (C)	6 Coffee & Convo 1p (H) Movie Night 7p (JF) "Blindside"	7 UMW 1p (JF) Choir 5:30p (H) Movie Night 7p (H) "I Can Only Imagine"	8	5
10 Sunday Worship 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A) Exploring Scripture – Adult 10a (H)	11 Coffee & Convo 1p (JF) Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	12 Missions 1p (H) Food Pantry 2-5p (H)	13 Coffee & Convo 1p (H)	14 UMW 1:30p (H) Choir 5:30p (H) Worship 6:30p (H)	15 Haunted Trail 7-9p Behind the LH School	16 Men's Brkfst 7:30a (JF) Haunted Trail 7-9p @ LH Schoo Trunk or Treat 2p LH School
17 Sunday Worship 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A) Exploring Scripture – Adult 10a (H)	18 Coffee & Convo 1p (JF) Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	19 Ad Board 5:30p (H)	20 Coffee & Convo 1p (H) Movie Night 7p (JF) "I Can Only Imagine"	21 Women's Brkfst 8a @ LH Cafe Choir 5:30p (H) Movie Night 7p (H) "The Shack"	22	2:
24 UMW Sunday 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A) Exploring Scripture – Adult 10a (H)	25 Coffee & Convo 1p (JF) Food Pantry 4-6p (JF) SCRIPT ORDERS DUE (H)	26 Food Pantry 2-5p (H)	27 Senior Lunch 12-2p (H) Coffee & Convo 1p (H)	28 Choir 5:30p (H)	29	30
31 Reformation Sunday 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A) Exploring Scripture – Adult 10a (H) HAPPY HALLOWEEN!						

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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					Of rest

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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.