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REFLECTIONS

Hello and good day to you all.

Here we are in the doldrums of winter and I am asking how you all are holding up; I pray staying warm and safe. I am sitting here this morning in my office looking for the words to enlighten or maybe encourage or just to muse? The title is reflections and what does that mean? Do we just look in our past and see where we have come from? (Reminisce) Is it to look in the mirror and see ourselves or to look out across the water and see the sky and earth shining back at itself? Then it occurs to me how do we reflect onto the earth? How do we come across to others? Then maybe we should look in the mirror and decide if we are liking what we see. We need to pause, take a deeper look, then ask ourselves are we or are we not pleased with who we are staring at. What do others see? Normally we do not worry about what others think because we are who we are, but when we are confused or in bewilderment who are we reflecting? Then we need to pause and evaluate the cause of this dissatisfaction in ourselves. The Holy Spirit affects us in many ways, is this one of those effects? For us to think about our reflection on the world just like the water of that calm lake. What does the world perceive every day when our reflection is seen? Is there beauty and happiness or sorrow and ugliness? I think this is on my mind because of the coming months of winter and not really thinking about spring quite yet. The days of loneliness, being cooped up and just our emotions being down is what we unfortunately are looking at in the days to come. The struggle is real and even more with the year we have had and continuing to have. We are a work in progress and the affect the Holy Spirit has on us moves us and shakes us to follow and reflect the life of our Lord. Touching other hearts like Jesus has touched ours, shining bright like a warm summer afternoon. Sitting near the cool water and watching the ripples over the surface and the rays casting and shimmering brightly reflecting all around. (Can you feel it?) How can we be the same in people's lives? Can we be those rays of light shining and taking away the sorrow and ugliness? Isn't that the affect we are called to reveal to all people? To take away the sadness, darkness and misery that always wants company. GOD wants our company and the company of others to join in and rejoice! Are we willing to be that light that shines bright? Let us go back to that mirror, are we brilliant, are we delightful, do we reflect positive rays of light on all. Do we also bring a ripple of kindness that swells over our world? Do we sparkle when the rest of the world is dark and dingy? Here is what I want you to reflect on, only you can answer these questions when you look in the mirror, you are the only one who lets people see if the Holy Spirit is affecting you. You are the one who decides if you are a wave of joy filled living water or sludge. How is the world going to reflect on us when our time here is completed? Will they say, "There was always something about them that brightened a person's day"? Reflection has many thoughts, views, and meanings in our lives, have you thought about what reflective qualities you bring out and share. Have a conversation with GOD and let the Holy Spirit influence who we are as children of GOD. Let the Spirit fill and overflow our hearts and when we look in any mirror or person looking at us. We all see forgiveness, kindness, hope, and a love that is never failing for all. Love being a child of GOD planted firm, a pillar that stands with righteousness and strength for the whole world to see. Be a beautiful reflection for all to admire and be amazed by in the name of Jesus. 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 further notice. 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.

My beloved Wisconsin siblings in Christ,

I greet you in this New Year. 2020 has been a wilderness challenge for us, but we are a people of the Good News – we are not through the wilderness yet, but we are striving toward the Promised Land.

I am reminded of God's promise through Moses to Joshua from Deuteronomy 31:7-8, "Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel: 'Be strong and bold, for you are the one who will go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their ancestors to give them; and you will put them in possession of it. It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.'"

I want us all to hear the promise of Moses – God is with us. God will not fail or forsake us. We should leave behind fear and dismay and trust in the Lord. It is easy for us in Wisconsin to think we are through the wilderness that the COVID pandemic caused because the numbers of new cases are falling. But as we look at the rest of our country, we see that there is still a long way to go.

But we have good news of vaccines, and a deeper commitment to wearing masks, and healthy social distancing. Our churches have been praised and affirmed for not holding in-person services and meetings, for taking every possible precaution to protect each other and to use creative means of staying connected.

We may need to continue this way for months to come, but with the brightening light of the Promise Land, growing ever brighter. I am so proud of all the precautions and safety measures our laity and clergy members have taken. Well done, good and faithful stewards. Now let us stay the course for the necessary months ahead so that when we return fully to our sanctuaries and churches, we do so with the assurance that all will be well, healthy, and thriving.

We understand the deep desire for gathering and being together, but we also need to be aware of, and understand, the risks that gathering poses.

Like John Wesley's Three Simple Rules, we have adapted Three Simple Rules for Re-Entry:

Be Cautious:

To determine your best next steps as a local congregation, we recommend that you follow your local County Health Department Guidelines for gathering. Information pertaining to your county's guidelines and county/public health numbers can be found here: [Wisconsin County Information](#). We encourage your leadership team to access the vaccine information on the Wisconsin Health Department website and share it with your congregation. We also encourage everyone to get a flu shot if they have not done so already. We ask that you remember John Wesley's rule of "Do No Harm" when making your decisions for re-entry. Please remember the vulnerable in your congregations and communities when developing your re-entry plan.

Be Gracious:

We ask that you show grace to those who may have differing opinions of what the re-entry process may be for your church and congregation. Be gracious to those who may choose to remain in a virtual setting, or choose to safely worship in person, whether that be laity or clergy.

We ask that you encourage one another while making these hard decisions. Work collaboratively and creatively with one another. Remain respectful of the decisions that your laity and clergy leadership are making regarding whether to open the building or not.

Be Flexible:

Be mindful that cases, vaccines, and information are changing daily. Remain flexible with your re-entry plan knowing that you may have to pivot back to virtual. Make a plan that has tiered phases to it so that you can quickly adjust without having to have an “all or nothing” plan. Finally, please remember to follow the CDC guidelines of social distancing, mask-wearing, and proper hygiene. [CDC Guidelines](#)

Experts are recommending proper ventilation and air purification systems.

Matching grants, through the Conference Board of Trustees from the Groat Bequest for Rural Ministries Foundation account, are available to support technology projects that improve virtual accessibility for rural churches. For more information or to apply, please [click here](#).

Know my beautiful Wisconsin people, I am praying for you all. I think of all of you daily, and I rejoice in your faithfulness through these difficult days. Let us put 2020 behind us – taking with us all that it taught us – to enter 2021 stronger, smarter, healthier, and more faithful than ever before. Bless you. Thanks be to our God.

In Christ's Love,

Hee-Soo Jung, PhD
Bishop



Scripture readings for the month of February

February 7th, 2001

Old Testament

Isaiah 40: 21-31

New Testament

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Gospel

Mark 1: 29-39

FREELY

February 14th, 2021

Transfiguration Sunday

Old Testament

2 Kings 2: 1-12

New Testament

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Gospel

Mark 9: 2-9

REVEALING

February 17th, 2021

Ash Wednesday

Old Testament

Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

New Testament

2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:10

Gospel

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

BEARING OUR SOULS

February 21st, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

Old Testament

Genesis 9: 8-17

New Testament

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel

Mark 1: 9-15

**WATER WASHES AWAY
(Renew our Baptism)**

February 28th, 2021

2nd Sunday of Lent

Old Testament

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

New Testament

Romans 4: 13-25

Gospel

Mark 8: 31-38

WE HAVE A CREDIT!

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*

Holcombe lay leadership

Worship leaders

Pastor Paul Messmer
Liz Dempsey, Joni Weinert, Rhonda Mataczynski, music ministry
Kay Vaughn, altar guild | communion stewards
Karen Stimeling, Liz Dempsey, Ken Flouro, Bill Stimeling, lay servants

Audit Committee

Bob Gamache, 2020
Elizabeth Hillebrand, 2021

Board of Trustees

Jeff Anders - chair, 2022
Ray Guthman, 2020
Erv Larson, 2021
Dean Krizan, 2021
Bob Kunze, 2022

Church Council

Jeff Anders, chair
Paul Pake

TBA, recording secretary

Liz Dempsey, Worship
Bonnie Gundlach, finance
Cheryl Bingham, Staff-Parish
Carla Ingalls, treasurer | financial secretary
Jeff Anders, Trustees
Karen Stimeling, UMW
TBA, United Methodist Men's Group
TBA, representative of learning team
Aron Cote, Samaritan Fund
Cheryl Bingham, Missions
Sue Dahlstrom, membership coordinator
Shelby Justus, 2020 kitchen coordinator
TBA, 2020, youth member-at-large
Pastor Paul Messmer (ex officio)

Church historian

Sue Dahlstrom
Suzanne Crank

Committee on Finance

Bonnie Gundlach, chair
Pastor Paul Messmer
Paula Pake, Member at large
Cheryl Bingham, representative of Staff-Parish

Jeff Anders, representative of Trustees

Aron Cote, samaritan fund
Carla Ingalls, treasurer | financial secretary

Committee on nominations and leadership development

Pastor Paul Messmer, chair
Jennifer Heidtke, 2020
Jeff Anders, 2021
Bill Stimeling, 2021

Learning team

Karen Stimeling, Bill Stimeling, Sue Dahlstrom, Liz Dempsey, Elizabeth Hillebrand, Betty Tripp-Berg, Pastor Paul Messmer

Fellowship coordinator

Bonnie Gundlach

Front-lawn marquee

Roger and Elaine Sharp

Funeral hospitality

Shelby Justus

Head usher

Jeff Anders

Membership Committee

Sue Dahlstrom, coordinator
Shelby Justus, 2019

Memorials coordinator

Sue Dahlstrom

Missions Committee

Cheryl Bingham, chair
Jerry Vaughn
Carol Cote
Jim Beede
Mary Beede
Liz Dempsey

Circuit NW 12

Jim Beede
Mary Beede

Prayer chain

Gail Laudenslager

Samaritan Fund Steering Committee

Aron Cote, chair
Jennifer Heidtke
Shelby Justus
Sue Dahlstrom
Jane Skaare
Bob Gamache
Mary Krizan
Pastor Paul Messmer

Scholarship Committee

Gloria Willmarth, 2020
Brenda Rahn, 2021
Paula Pake, 2022

United Methodist Women

Karen Stimeling, president

Worship Committee

Liz Dempsey, Chair
Karen Stimeling
Ken Flouro
Bill Stimeling
Kay Vaughn
Rhonda Mataczynski
Pastor Paul Messmer

Children's Sunday school

Robbie Baker, lay representative

Jim Falls lay leadership

Worship leaders

Pastor Paul Messmer
Mary Messmer-Chair
Becky Scheidler, Sheri Hall organ | piano
Jim Strupp, Sheila Sundlin, Communion stewards
Vanette Sherman, | altar guild
Keith Pitsch, lay leader | lay servant
Brian Bautch, lay servant

Audit Committee

Robbie Baker
Tess Stipek

Board of Trustees

Bob Ingalls, Chair
Bob Rosenburg
Brian Bautch

Church Council , Finance

Brian Bautch, Chair
Keith Pitsch, lay leader | financial secretary
Robbie Baker, representative of Staff-Parish | United Methodist Women
Bob Ingalls, representative of Trustees
Carla Ingalls, treasurer
Pastor Paul Messmer (ex officio)
Tess Stipek, membership secretary | recording secretary | 2020 member at large
Christal Sweeney, Christian education
Sheri Hall, 2020, member at large
Eunice Maier, 2021, member at large

Circuit NW 12

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development

Pastor Paul Messmer, chair
Keith Pitsch, lay leader
Tess Stipek

Marquee

Keith Pitsch

Membership Committee

Tess Stipek, chair
Sheila Sundlin
Pastor Paul Messmer

Memorials secretary

Carla Ingalls

Prayer chain

Vanette Sherman

United Methodist Women

Robbie Baker, president

Anson lay leadership

Worship leaders

Pastor Paul Messmer
Karen Petersin, Jenn Larson, piano
Earl McIlquham, head usher
Ann Crogg, Communion steward
Laura Boos, Shirley Boyea, Altar Guild

Audit Committee

Kim King
Shirley Boyea

Board of Trustees

Jean McIlquham, Chair
Lee Crogg, 2020
Don Hauser, 2021
Dan Crogg, 2020
Brent McIlquham, 2020

Church Council / Nominations & Leadership Development

Kim King, chair
Laura Boos, finance
Lee McIlquham, lay leaders
Don Hauser, representative of Staff-Parish | treasurer
Jean McIlquham, representative of Trustees | Membership secretary
Pastor Paul Messmer (ex officio)
Kathy Cernohous, recording secretary
Shirley Boyea, 2020, member at large
Lee Crogg, 2020, member at large

Committee on Finance

Don Hauser, treasurer | chair
Pastor Paul Messmer
Laura Boos, financial secretary
Kim King, Church Council chair

SPRC

Don Hauser
Lee McIlquham, lay leader

Membership secretary

Jean McIlquham

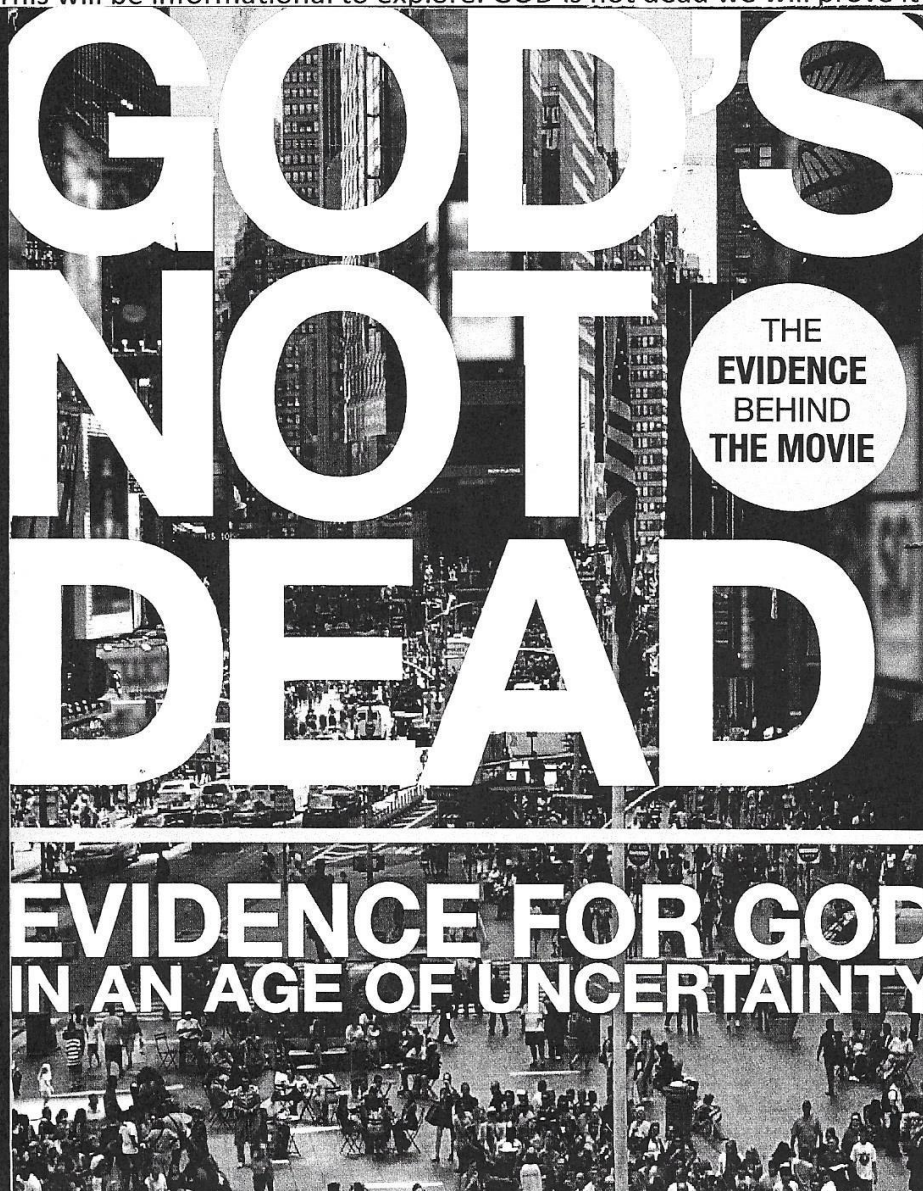
Memorials secretary

Laura Boos

GOD'S NOT DEAD

Zoom book study by Rice Brooks

We are starting a new book study to come together and share our thoughts. The book is about the movie "GOD'S NOT DEAD" This is not a study of the movie, but a study of the evidence that is explained in the movie. The evidence of GOD'S existence and how science proves it. We welcome all to come and join us starting on February 21st at 6pm. Lets engage in good conversation from the comfort of our homes. The books are on amazon for around three dollars used. Let me know if you need a book and interested in joining our Sunday evening book study by zoom. This will be informational to explore. GOD is not dead we will prove it



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

Cake Mix

Cookie Mix

Cookies

Pickles

Cereals

Snack Bars

Cereal and/or fruit bars

Microwave popcorn

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:

Eggs

Toilet Paper

Cream of Mushroom soup

Peanut butter

→Holcombe News←

HOLCOMBE UMC AD COUNCIL 12/10/2020 APPROVED MINUTES

I JOINED ABOUT 4:10, ASSUMED BILL CONVENED AT 4:00 HE WAS READING A BIT FROM PETERSON.

PRESENT BY ZOOM: BILL AND KAREN STIMELING, PASTOR PAUL MESSMER, CHERI BINGHAM, CARLA INGALLS, SUE DAHLSTROM. AND MARY BEEDE BY PHONE, AND BONNIE GUNDLACH COULD LISTEN IN ONLY.

KAREN MOTIONED TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT LAST MEETING MINUTES, 2ND BY CHERI, CARRIED

CARLA SENT BY EMAIL THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021. SHE RECEIVED APPORTIONMENT AMOUNT TODAY IN THE MAIL – DOWN SLIGHTLY BY \$240.00—TO \$14,904.00. CHERI MADE MOTION TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT WITH THE APPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT, SUE 2ND, CARRIED. CARLA ALSO REPORTED DOWN ON GIVING FOR THE YEAR (DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS), BUT STILL OPERATING IN THE BLACK.

PASTOR REPORTED CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WILL BE OUTSIDE AT THE CHURCH UNDER THE DECORATED TREE. THERE WILL BE COUPLE OF FIREPITS GOING, TEA LIGHTS, SINGING, THE SERVICE WITH READINGS AND TO BRING BELL TO RING. TIME IS 6 P.M. THIS WILL BE LIVE AND WILL BE POSTED ONLINE AS WELL AS A VIRTUAL SERVICE.

JEFF ANDERS HAS AGREED TO HEAD THE AD COUNCIL STARTING JANUARY 2021 AND SANDI LESMEISTER HAS TAKEN ON THE ROLES OF LAY LEADER AND DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE DID NOT MEET BUT CHERI UPDATED THE GROUP ON WHERE THE LOCAL MISSIONS ARE. THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN GIVEN A CHECK TO BE USED FOR URGENT NEEDS OF STUDENTS. AND SCRIPT CARDS WILL BE SENT TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS. CARENET BABY BOTTLES WILL BE COLLECTED IN JANUARY. CHRISTMAS FAMILY COLLECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND DELIVERED.

SAMARITAN FUND: ARON COTE COULD NOT GET ON TO THE ZOOM MEETING BUT SENT A MESSAGE THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY ST. FRANCIS CHURCH REGARDING THE FUND AND HE TOLD JACKIE MEYER TO SEND THOSE FUNDS TO THE CHURCH AS HE IS IN FLORIDA. HE ALSO ENTERED A PLEA ON THE HOLCOMBE COMMUNITY PAGE ON BEHALF OF THE SAMARITAN FUND AND THE FOOD PANTRY THAT DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

UMW: KAREN REPORTED NO MEETING TODAY, BUT THE LADIES ARE KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH ONE ANOTHER. (PHONE AND EMAIL). WILL WAIT FOR JANUARY TO DECIDE IF WILL MEET THEN. CHERI ADDED THAT THE NW DISTRICT UMW WILL BE HOSTING A ZOOM SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT MEETING LATE MARCH OR PROBABLY THE 1ST OF MAY THAT WILL LAST 2 ½-3 HOURS AS OUR D.S. HAS ENCOURAGED US TO HAVE SOMETHING.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE HAS NOT MET, SO EVERYTHING HAS FALLEN ON PASTOR'S SHOULDERS AND WE **"THANK PASTOR AND MARY"** FOR ALL THE DEVOTIONALS AND WORSHIP SERVICES AND THEIR DEDICATION TO THE TASK!! BILL WILL HAND THE GAVEL OVER TO JEFF AT THE NEXT MEETING AFTER HIS CONFIRMATION TO THE AD COUNCIL CHAIR. THIS WILL BE MARY BEEDE'S LAST MEETING.

AFTER CHERI PRAYED US OUT, WE ALL SAID "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BE SAFE" AND SO ENDS THIS CHAPTER. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! (ACTUALLY, **SEE YOU CHRISTMAS EVE AT 6 P. M.**)

BLESSINGS TO ALL! RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY SUE DAHLSTROM

HOLCOMBE UMC AD COUNCIL MEETING 1-14-21 BY ZOOM, UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: BIL AND KAREN STIMELING AT HOME, PASTOR PAUL MESSMER AT CHURCH, JEFF ANDERS AT CHURCH, CARLA INGALLS AT HOME, CHERI BINGHAM AT HOME, BONNIE GUNLACH AT CHURCH AND SUE DAHLSTROM AT HOME. CONVENED AT 5 P.M. WITH BILL PASSING THE GAVEL (VIRTUALLY) TO JEFF AS NEW VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON OF THIS ENTITY.

DECEMBER MINUTES: BONNIE MOTIONED TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT, SECOND BY CHERI, CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: BILL MOTIONED TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT, SECOND BY BONNIE, CARRIED

PASTOR'S REPORT: PAUL STATED WE'RE JUST TRYING TO KEEP AFLOAT WITH SUNDAY MORNINGS AND WEEKDAY DEVOTIONAL BEING VIRTUAL. WILL BE STARTING A ZOOM BOOK STUDY ON SUNDAY NIGHTS. LENT PROGRAMING IN THE WORKS. HOPING TO BE OPEN FOR IN-PERSON MEETING BY ASH WEDNESDAY BUT WILL WAIT ON THE CONFERENCE'S CALL ON THAT.

DICUSSED SHORTAGE AND/ OR LACK OF APPOINTMENT TIMES TO GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE.

TRUSTEES: SUE REPORTED TRUSTEES NEED TO LOOK AT CONTENTS TAKEN FROM SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX TO SEE IF NEED OF ANOTHER, SHE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS NEEDED. JEFF REPORTED ONE SIDE OF THE ENTRY POST LIGHTS HAD BEEN FIXED AND NEW HEATER IN STORAGE GARAGE HAS BEEN INSTALLED. A CONTRACT WITH TUCKER HETCHLER IS NEEDED FOR HIS PLOWING/SHOVELING SEVICES.

MEMBERSHIP: SUE REPORTED CONTINUING TO UPDATE AS GET NEW ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS.

SPRC: CHERI REPORTED THEY HAD NOT MET, BUT DID APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CHARGE COLOR PRINTER, NOTING THAT CURRENT ONE DIED AND UPDATING TO COLOR WAS OF MINOR COST COMPARED TO BLACK PRINT ONLY AND A LESSER VERSION WAS CALLED FOR AS FEWER BULLETINS ARE BEING NEEDED TO BE PRINTED. THE COST FOR HOLCOMBE WILL BE \$147.55/MONTH FOR TWELVE MONTHS

FINANCE: N/A, BUT BONNIE SAYS TO REMEMBER TO SEND IN OFFERINGS AND TYTHES TO KEEP THE CHURCH RUNNING. MISSIONS: MET TUESDAY WITH 5 MEMBERS. DECIDED THEY WOULD GO ON A QUARTERLY YEAR PLAN TO KEEP LOCAL MISSIONS GOING. SPECIAL OFFERINGS WILL HAVE ENVELOPE SUITABLE FOR MAILING. THERE WILL BE TUBS PLACED IN THE CHURCH FOR FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS OR FOR ANY SPECIAL FUNDRAISERS AS THEY COME UP FOR THE CONVIENCE OF PEPOLE DROPPING OFF ITEMS.

SAMARITAN FUND: ARON COTE IS IN FLORIDA AND UNABLE TO JOIN TONIGHT, BUT SOME MONIES HAVE COME IN FOR THIS MISSION.

UMW: KAREN REPORTED MET TODAY WITH 5 WOMEN, PROGRAMS ARE SRILL BEING PRESENTED AND MARY BEEDE IS CALLING EVERYONE AHEAD OF MEETING SO WE CAN STAY IN TOUCH WITH ONEANOTHER. WE ALSO DISCUSSED FUNDRAISING OPTIONS FOR THE GROUP.

WORSHIP: KAREN IS NO LONGER THE CHAIR, BUT STILL ON THE COMMITTEE. LIZ HAS OFFERED TO CHAIR.

ADULT EDUCATION: SUE HAS 2 QUARTERLY UNITS ON HAND. TALKED OF SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM FOR THE STUDIES STARTING IN FEBRUARY.

YOUTH EDUCATION: STILL LOOKINMG FOR SOMEONE TO COVER THIS IMPORTANT ARM OF THE CHURCH.

WE THANK EVERYONE AS THEY CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS, ZOOM MEETINGS, STUDIES, DEVOTIONALS, SERVICES, OFFERINGS/ COLLECTIONS COUNTING AND BANKING, ACCOUNTING AND COUNTLESS OTHER "CHORES" NEEDED TO KEEP US ALIVE AND WELL AT HOLCOMBE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

PASTOR LEAD US IN A CLOSING PRAYER, BONNIE MOTIONED TO ADJOURN WHICH WAS CARRIED WITH US ALL WISHING EACH OTHER SAFE LIVING AND A GOOD NIGHT!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY SUE DAHLSTROM.



United Methodist Women: Thank you to the members who have been attending our meetings while keeping safe COVID distances. The wonderful programs given by members have continued. We thank the three District officers in our Unit for their faithful work. Our monthly monetary giving toward our pledge to the District UMW has been less due to lower attendance. Thanks to those who send their donation to Cheri. My prayer is for you and yours to stay healthy. God bless.
Karen Stimeling, UMW President



Holcombe UMC Mission Committee Unapproved Minutes

January 2021

The HUMC Mission Committee met on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 1:00 pm with 5 members present: --Carol Cote, Jerry Vaughn, Liz Dempsey, Pastor Paul Messmer and Cheri Bingham.

Liz started our meeting with prayer.

Concerns for the group members were shared- Jim & Mary Beede unable to attend today due to Jim's recent injury, and Cheri's upcoming surgery on her ankle.

Old business- discussed projects finished in December (School donation, Christmas cards for our college students, and the Christmas Family collection). Per Pastor Paul another family was also supported due to a sudden need. Care-Net baby bottle collection nearing completion and we need all bottles returned.

New business: Made tentative plans for projects that we felt needed to be done in 2021.

We decided to try planning our Special Sunday offerings and our local projects on a quarterly basis. Last year we made a yearly plan and then the pandemic hit causing that plan to need major adjustment. (Despite that, we were able to accomplish amazing things for missions due to the help of our congregation!)

We discussed the Special Sunday offerings and the new system that has been initiated by the UMC. There will be **one** envelope that can be used for all 6 special offerings and that can also be mailed. These will be ordered and hopefully available soon.

There are also new "Pew Cards" with information for each of the offerings. We will continue to use the Golden Cross envelopes we already have for this offering made to support projects in our Wisconsin conference. In the first quarter of the year we decided to support the UMCOR special offering.

We decided to try using tubs for an ongoing collection to support the Holcombe Food Pantry. We will try to keep the congregation posted on some of their current needs as we go through the year so items may be added to our regular shopping lists & dropped off at the church when convenient. We will also plan to use this same system to collect items for urgent needs of the Lake Holcombe School students (such as mittens, gloves, underwear for small children, etc).

We will keep the "Noisy Bucket" available in the entryway and encourage the congregation to continue supporting this project. Information about this is available by the bucket.

While we are frustrated, along with the congregation, at not holding in-person worship services, we have much to be thankful about and we can continue to support needed mission projects.

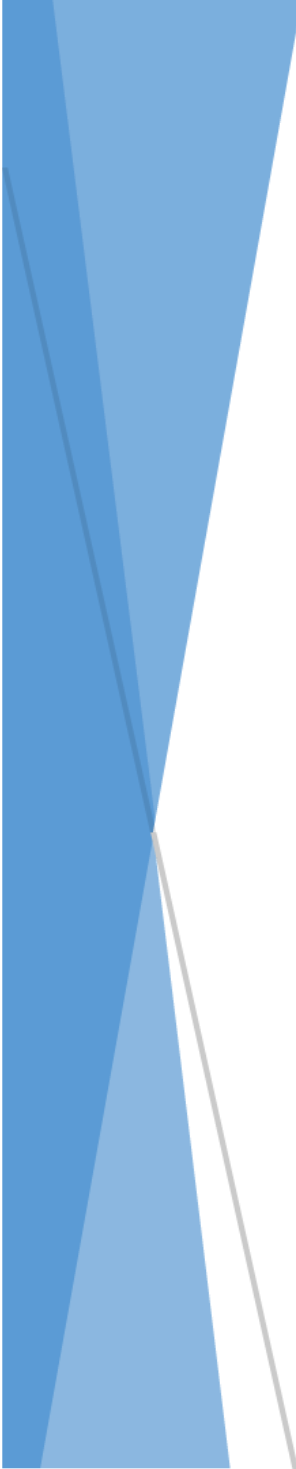
***We request that each member of our congregation think about what projects and special offerings that you would like to see supported. You may share this with any member of the Mission Committee.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Paul.

Next meeting scheduled for February 9, 2021 at 1:00pm.

Minutes submitted by C. Bingham

For spiritual support, online church services, or Samaritan fund requests. Pastor Paul Messmer Holcombe Methodist Church.
Call or Text +1 (608) 387-1396



THE SAMARITAN FUND IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE SAMARITAN FUND HERE IS A BRIEF HISTORY. THE FUND WAS STARTED ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO BY ERIC AND JODI BROSTED TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY. GOVERNED BY THE CHURCH, A BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSIDERS EACH CASE AND MAKES A DECISION. IT IS DESIGNED TO HELP PEOPLE WITH DIRE NEEDS TO HELP THEM GET THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME IN THEIR LIVES. RENT, HEAT, ELECTRICITY, ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY THINGS WE HAVE DEALT WITH. DUE TO FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS OF OUR FUND, YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE BENEFITS ONE TIME. WE DO NEED DONATIONS! THIS IS A WAY TO DIRECTLY GIVE TO OUR COMMUNITY! IF YOU WISH TO GIVE, SEND YOUR GIFT TO THE HOLCOMBE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO THE HOLCOMBE METHODIST CHURCH AND WRITE SAMARITAN FUND IN THE MEMO LINE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

HOLCOMBE METHODIST CHURCH
27841 County Hwy M
Holcombe, WI 54745

→Jim Falls News←

Jim Falls Ad board via Zoom on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021

Brian Bautch emailed the ad board members these attachments in advance: Ad board agenda and a copy of Carla's December 2020 financial report.

Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer. Carla read the minutes from our October 13th meeting. Treasures report was read and accepted. Keith collected \$100 for Spirit of Christmas and that along with \$225.00 from the noisy bucket was sent to them.

Pastor Paul said Sheri Hall doesn't want to be on the Ad board

Igniting Ministries/Worship Committee/Old Business:

- Brian Bautch got an email from the conference about 2021 updating church leaders.
- Vanette doesn't want to be on the Worship Committee, but will continue decorating the altar.
- Church Mutual- we were charged \$11.00 to ship the building monitor.
- Joan Dunlap asked to use the desk in the office. She offered a donation for the use of the internet

Trustee Report/ Men's group

- Bob Ingalls talked to Jim Strupp about ideas for the church sign
- Jim Strupp took 2 broken water heaters and received \$16.20
- Bob Ingalls asked about getting a dumpster- no dumpster

New Business

- Social distancing
- Older members need the opportunity to get together, but are worried about exposure to Covid 19 virus
- Stanley is meeting (Keith preaches sometimes) He said a small number of people attend.
- We asked Pastor Paul when we would be able to meet in church. He doesn't know when the conference will allow it.
- Pastor Paul has a daily devotional. We like the Sunday online service, and the singing as Mary plays the guitar, too.
- There was a peak in Covid cases due to the holidays.
- Vaccinations for Covid: Governor Evers thinks it will be this summer. Emergency people, first responders, health care workers, and nursing home residents are receiving the vaccination now.
- When more people get vaccinated, then we can think about meeting in church again.
- Carla is thankful there hasn't been any deaths due to Covid in our churches.
- Carla asked Pastor Paul about the Bible Study on Zoom. Pastor Paul said the people like it because they are keeping in touch.
- Bob Ingalls appreciates the daily devotions.
- A loaner copier is being installed tomorrow (Jan 13th) at the church office in Holcombe and they will remove the 2 old copiers. A new copier has been ordered.
- Keith Pitsch is putting some of the giving statements in the church mailboxes. He needs the addresses so he can mail the rest.
- Keith reported that there were 12 people who are regular givers in 2020.
- Carla Ingalls said it is a miracle that we are doing well financially.
- Pastor Paul uses the online giving—he said it is simple to use.
- Bob Ingalls put an ad in the newspaper about our food pantry.
- The food pantry is busier now with new people
- Food Pantry is doing OK during the pandemic. They get food from West Cap, Feed My People, and Gordy's gives free baked goods.
- Carla Ingalls said people have been generous during the pandemic which is inspiring.
- We need to pray for each other during this pandemic.

Keith Pitsch made a motion to adjourn. Carla Ingalls seconded the motion.

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Anson United Methodist Administrative Board Meeting 1-25-2021

Present: Pastor Paul, Lee Crogg, Kim King, Kathy Cernohous, Jean McIlquham, Don Hauser

The meeting was called to order by Kim. Pastor Paul opened with prayer.

The secretary's report from the conference call meeting on 10/29/20 was read approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in the general account is \$16,147. Balance in the stained- glass fund is \$31,997.50. Balance in the Memorial is \$4131.04. Don reported expenses in 2020 of \$15,447.74. Income in 2020 was \$10,872.50 from membership and \$3031 from other sources; \$396 from the glass sale, \$135 from an insurance rebate, \$1500 grant from the Methodist Church foundation, \$1000 in memory of Pastor Dave Busker from Tom Roycraft. Members are often mailing their donations directly to Don. 2020 apportionments have been paid.

Old business: The total income from the December glass sale was \$4746. \$396 was returned to the general fund from donations, sales of pickles, honey, crafts, etc. The glass fund has provided several donations: \$410 was donated to the Jim Falls Food pantry, \$500 to the Open Door Clinic, \$500 to the homeless in Chippewa and \$500 to the Jim Falls school playground fund. Kaye Vaughn, from the Holcombe Church, is closing her stained glass studio and has donated about \$5000 in glass supplies to Anson. A \$200 donation was sent to the Holcombe church as she designated. Church Mutual has provided a water sensor, now placed in the woman's bathroom. It will alert us to a broken pipe. Don tested the sensor by putting water on the floor. He received both a text message and a phone call to alert to the water spill. He also received a message when the problem was resolved. The service is at no-charge.

SPRC report: There has not been a recent SPRC meeting.

New Business: Don reports receiving the \$1500 grant. There was discussion about using the funds to purchase a projector and screen, fixing the leaking kitchen faucet or improving air quality in the basement glass work area. No decision was made. After discussion, it was decided to reopen the church for services beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 6:45 pm and then on Sundays at 11:15 am. We will follow conference guidelines, with masks required, no singing, collection plate in back, 6 foot distancing, individual prepackaged communion, hand sanitizer and bathroom wipes. The County limits of 15 people in the gathering will be strictly followed. Should it become necessary, Kathy has offered to take reservations, but typically our attendance is under that number. Pastor Paul will continue daily devotions and his on- line church service each Sunday, offered through face book and the church website. A Lent study program is being planned.

Other business: As the cost of fire inspection from Cintas has risen, other alternatives will be researched. The Ezra report is due in February.

Meeting adjourned, Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Cernohous, Recording secretary

2021 February Birthdays and Anniversaries!



Anson

7 Brian & Melissa Crogg
Beth McIlquham
9 Brianna Griesbach
16 Laura Boos
18 Barb Ginder
21 Darla Crogg
Shirley McIlquham
24 Don Hauser

Jim Falls

4 Shari Raleigh
6 Cory Stipek
9 Serena Stipek
17 Matthew Pitsch

Holcombe

1 Mary Beede
5 Mark Cigan
Eliot Dixon
Mike & Kathy Minot
Carol Severson
7 Sandi Lesmeister
Vic Rouleau
10 Brenda Cigan
Jennifer Heidtke
12 Dave Pietenpol
13 Lori Popp
16 Jacob Hillebrand
17 Alice Larson
19 Aron Cote
Elizabeth Hillebrand
21 Dennis Baker
25 Ronald & Gail
Laudenslager
27 Erma David
28 Jodi Anders



February

Anson, Holcombe, and Jim Falls
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2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF) Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (JF)	2 Men's Brkfst 7:30a (H) Worship Comm 9a (H) Lay Servant 10a (C)	3 Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (H)	4	5	6
7 5 th Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Service "FREELY"	8 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF) Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (JF)	9 Missions Comm 1p (H) Food Pantry 2-5p (H)	10 Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (H)	11 UMW 1:30p (H)	12	13
14 Transfiguration Sunday Worship Service "REVEALING"	15 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF) Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (JF)	16 Ash Wednesday Worship Service "BEARING OUR SOULS" Ad Council 5:30p (H)	17 Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (H)	18 Parish Post information due to Tracey	19	20 Men's Breakfast 7:30a (JF)
21 1 st Sunday of Lent Worship Service "WATER WASHES AWAY" (Renew our Baptism) God's Not Dead Zoom book study 6p (C)	22 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF) Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (JF)	23 Food Pantry 2-5p (H) *Scrip orders due to Jane Skaare (H)	24 Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (H)	25 Worship Committee 10:30a (JF)	26	27
28 2 nd Sunday of Lent Worship Service "WE HAVE A CREDIT!" God's Not Dead Zoom book study 6p (C)						

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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.