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## REFLECTIONS

Hello and welcome to the beginning of a new month and what that all means for us. It means the start of the change of seasons. These months where our seasons change seem to provoke uneasy feelings in us more than other months of the year. People that do not like change struggle when the change of seasons occurs. Change is an extremely hard thing for people to accept. We like things to stay the same and to not disrupt the norm of what we are accustomed to. I think that is why we have had such a rough time this year and all the changes that have been forced on us all. Not able to see loved ones, businesses closing and not knowing when they could reopen among other things and watching the news in disbelief. 2020 has definitely been a year of new ways of doing things. Nothing is normal still today. We are keeping our distance, wearing a face covering and taking second looks at everything and everyone. How do we keep it all together? How do we keep ourselves with an optimistic outlook when it feels at times our world is being crushed and crumbling around us? These are times we need to find a place of security and comfort. A place we can let our guard down and let things go. Where is that place for you? Where do you go to refresh and renew? I know of only one place to go and be completely safe and secure and that is with GOD. How you get to that place is up to you and the Holy Spirit. GOD is always reaching out to us in ways we cannot understand or explain, but we know GOD is there. Through all that has happened so far this year and all the change, I pray you have taken time to come to GOD in prayerful silence. Listen to the gentle breeze and breath of GOD upon our hearts. Let those uneasy and fearful feelings go and let the Lord fill us with strength and courage to keep moving forward with confidence. Confidence and conviction that the world will not overcome us, and we will make it through any change and uncertainty the world tries to fill us with. If you are a person that does not like change then turn and stay with GOD because the unconditional love of GOD is constant, never changing and never altering or faltering. The unconditional love that can heal, calm, comfort, and sustain us in this life and beyond. The world will be in constant change and we can find confidence knowing we have a love that protects us. GOD is never changing and is stronger than anything here on earth. There is comfort for all who seek it. Let the lord diminish our uneasiness of the world and fill us with confidence and reassurance that all things will be ok no matter what the next change may be. Wonderful people, do not let our feelings paralyze or overwhelm us, feel the Holy Spirit take control and free us from them. What a great GOD we have that loves us so much that we can come to at any place and any time. We will make it through all the change the world sends our way and embrace a time of change to the next season of the year. The season I love very much and am going to give thanks everyday as the transformation begins. GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I.

Love and Laughter

Pastor Paul+

## ➔ Charge News ➔

While church service is back in session and we appreciate the giving we are receiving we are still down in numbers. Did you know you can give online? Visit our website at [www.chippewacountychurches.org](http://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 donate.

Online services will still be posted on your church's Facebook page on Sunday's around 11 am for those of you who don't feel comfortable attending.

We are grateful that we are being allowed to hold church services again but be aware that things are still changing every day. We keep up to date with Chippewa County Health Department and if they put us at high risk again we will have to shut down. Any changes to our current situation will be updated on the website at [www.chippewacountychurches.org](http://www.chippewacountychurches.org)



## Scripture readings for the month of September

***September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

Old Testament

New Testament

Gospel

***Pastor Paul Off***

***September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

Old Testament

Exodus 14: 19-31

New Testament

Romans 14: 1-12

Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

***“HOW MANY TIMES?”***

***September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

Old Testament

Exodus 16: 2-15

New Testament

Philippians 1: 21-30

Gospel

Matthew 20: 1-16

***“GENEROSITY”***

***September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

Old Testament

Exodus 3: 1-15

New Testament

Romans 12: 9-21

Gospel

Matthew 16: 21-28

***“WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?”***

**Please sign up to be a liturgist and share your gifts.**

# ***NOTICE***

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**It is that time of year again for nominations and we are looking for people to help within the church. I am asking all people if God is tugging at your heart to be more active in the church. Please let us know. We are always looking for volunteers and people to share their gifts and time for our church, the community and to serve in other ways for God.**

**Please let us know!**

**Then we are looking for individuals to help with Sunday School at the Holcombe Church and to start a program in Jim Falls. We want to come up with an idea and a way to bring Sunday School back to life. We want to help enrich young lives in our communities in faith and spirit.**

**There is a shortage of canning supplies in the marketplace and the church is asking if anyone has jars, rings, lids they are not going to use if they would like to bring them to church and we can distribute them to others in need of those supplies.**

**There are many ways to share our gifts and to reach out to those in need please consider lending a helping hand.**

**Thank you**

**Love and Laughter**

**Pastor Paul+**

# →Holcombe News←

## Holcombe UMC Mission's Committee Minutes for 8/11/2020

Present: Mary & Jim Beede, Liz Dempsey, Jerry Vaughn, Carol Cote, Cheri Bingham. (Pastor Paul was able to join us for a short time during break from his school schedule)

Meeting started at 1 pm with a prayer.

Reviewed minutes from July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, along with schedule of planned missions for remainder of 2020.

Cheri ordered new special Sunday offering envelopes & has posters for use on our display board.

Golden Cross offering taken in August. Native American Sunday offering will be taken in September. Liz will coordinate for this offering. Still need current contact information for the Odanah UMC.

(Note- Cheri contacted North West DS Barb Certa-Werner & has received new contact info. Micheal J. Reszler is their current spiritual leader, email: [michealjohn\\_rez@live.com](mailto:michealjohn_rez@live.com); phone 715-979-1701.)

Liz will contact him to check on their needs!

Discussed and made a tentative plan for the September project of a school fund drive. Cheri will share our plans with the Ad Council when they meet this week. Will plan to use a backpack & decorated brown paper lunch sacks to help promote this fund drive with our congregation. Folks may take a bag & bring it back with checks, cash or coins to support the mission. Returned bags may be placed in the backpack on Sunday mornings.

Mary has called Care-Net and will be picking up baby bottles for the October project. We discussed whether we should go ahead with the collection for the food pantry. Decision to focus on the care-net collection, but to check and see if there are specific needs for the food pantry, rather than doing a broad collection this time (we did a limited collection in March prior to being shut down for the Covid pandemic. Will review this at our September meeting.

Looking further ahead, Liz will contact the school regarding the Christmas family collection.

Nobody offered any new business to discuss & the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Next meeting planned for September 8, 2020 at 1:00pm.

## **Holcombe United Methodist Women**

### **Minutes for 8/13/2020**

Present: Mary Beede, Karen Stimeling, Claudette Smith, Cheryl Bingham, Liz Dempsey, Sue Dahlstrom.

Karen called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with us reciting our pledge and a short prayer.

Sue read July minutes. Mary moved to receive and accept with second by Liz, carried.

Cheryl presented treasurer's report. Sue moved to receive and accept, with second by Claudette, carried. NWD-UMW pledge of \$800 was paid as well as \$22 to Sunshine fund. Balance of \$425.14. Assembly Fund is now at \$1527.32.

For Spiritual Growth: Mary presented us with a synopsis of the "Response" magazine's articles and pictures. Also she highlighted the "Drs Without Borders" program about a Dr. that had to do surgery, a C-section, with only cell phone lights. Both mother and baby did well and how they are such a strong light of healing to the world.

Mary has contacted most officers in the district and they are willing to hold their office for another year.

Social Action: in Elaine Sharp's absence, Sue presented a website for UMW e-news which has lots of other links to further our knowledge and participation in many areas of current challenges and programs. Also brought up was "The Weaver" and "Catch the Vision".

Liz presented the Prayer Calendar and its mission emphasis on Mexico's Children's home for abused and homeless children.

Northwest District resources chair: Cheryl reported on two books "If Eve Only Knew" and "Courage to be yourself". The first had to do with the "places" or "back seats" where women were expected to stay in and the second was true stories by teens.

Mary said lack of interest to fill positions was not just here but all over.

Liz said a conference group of 6 met for first time since January just to get newsletter out. Will be available mid-September. Reading Program report out at the same time. Talk of an outdoor meeting with catered food for fall. January meeting will be at Holcombe. Want to meet the \$45,000 budget goal.

Sunshine: in Elaine's absence, Karen and Sue had list of cards sent last month and Karen will call her about continuing in this role for next year.

September program taken on by Karen will be Pledge to Mission for 2020 and the first program in the new 2021 program book.

October program taken on by Mary will be the Prayer and Self Denial and the second program in the new book.

November program taken on by Sue will be World Thank program from the new book, If Barb Bender can and will make it, she will do the World Thank program and officer installation.

Ideas presented for the Christmas program, potluck or whatever we come up with to do. Will finalize plans at later date.

Claudette went through the program book and really likes it.

We will work on Offer at the October meeting.

Officer list needs to be handed in to district by January.

Other:

2021 program books here one for unit and one each to Karen and Liz. \$13 each owed to Cheryl. All three paid her.

Upper Room Devotionals will go down to ordering 20. Will hand out during church. Left over copies maybe can go to a prison?

Mary, Sue and Karen each brought more personal care Kits to give away through the Food Pantry.

Mission Recognition Pins need to be ordered soon.

UMW Sunday was not brought up but need to next time.

Cheri motioned to adjourn, with Claudette second, carried.

Sue present the program. First from the book Mary is donating "Women United For Change 150 Years in Mission". Then from the program book, how has God illuminated our lives and each other. Living our lives as Children of The Light.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dahlstrom.



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**NEEDED: We are back in service and are enjoying the congregation once again. However, we are in dire need of volunteers to keep the church clean. Please pick a date on the sign-up sheet located on the table in the Fellowship Hall.**

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## **Holcombe United Methodist Church**

### **Ad Council Minutes for 8/13/2020**

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

Bill convened at 4:30 leading in with a devotional by Robert H. Ramey Jr. on John 15:16. Being chosen by God to go forth and bear fruit that will last.

Correspondence from:

Aron Cote, would not be here, daughter home.

Carla Ingalls' treasurer's report and questioned where check to Obanah church it has not been cashed yet. Bonnie moved to void the check and will be reissue at later date or to another entity, second by Elizabeth, carried.

Sharp's reported signboard has a faulty hinge and is dangerous. Pastor reported Jeff Anders has it repaired.

Minutes presented by Sue, motion to receive and accept by Mary, second by Bonnie, carried.

Treasurer's report as sent by Carla motioned by Sue and second by Bonnie to receive and accept with question concerning amount paid to Cintas Fire Protection of \$352.08 (Pastor thought it was to be lower).

Pastor is done with schooling from last two weeks and will be back in the pulpit Sunday.

The \$1000 grant that Carla applied for has been received for sound system updated programs,

He also asked how outside services were accepted and should we do more. Consensus was yes if not too hot or raining.

He asked about starting small gatherings just to talk, release tensions and pressures due to life as we know it now. Would be here at church and pastor will mention it during services. A cook out was also mentioned.

The Camaraderie Club has requested using our building every Monday from 9 to noon. With guidelines in place and church members in attendance, to make sure proper clean-up is done, Karen made motion and Sue second to grant them the use of our building. Pastor will contact to let them know.

TOPS is meeting here Wednesday mornings.

Notice to all groups on using the building, proper cleaning procedures and guidelines that need to be followed will be needed for group to sign and agree to.

Trustees: Sue reported the hallways and entries have been cleared of obstacles, exit signs have new batteries, filters are in place and Signboard has been repaired. She will contact Jeff to see if he can fix the heater in storage garage.

Bell tower chimes and lights as well as the blacktop issues are in the works.

Membership: Pastor to send Sue copy of current member list to compare with her list to get everyone up to date with current phone numbers emails and addresses.

Anniversary number of years to be added by the names in Parish Post list.

SPRC will meet September 28, 2020.



Finance: Everyone should have received the half year Individual giving statements and an update of where we stand as a church financially in the mail.

Missions met Tuesday. Next month is Native American special offering. Also school supplies will be collected. There will be a backpack with paper lunch bags in to take and return with your offering. (Like the chicken and eggs at Easter).

Samaritan Fund has been donated to recently, but still low if someone needs help.

UMW met today. Karen reported we have Good lessons and discussions and are trying to meet our goals.

Bill lifted Ron Laudenslager up in appreciation for all he has contributed in product and sweat equity to our church. His handiwork is still here.

Worship committee looking for a theme for Advent. Possibly having some "characters" appear to supplement the services.

Education - Sue reported receiving study books so no lack of materials. Possible to hold an evening class as well as the Sunday morning one.

Elizabeth reported she has a new job in Wausau which is great for her to teach and will be head veterinarian! The rest of the congregation needs to step up to help educate the youth! We won't let them fall on that! But, we sure will miss her!! Huge thank you to Elizabeth for the diligent work educating youth for confirmation into Methodist Church life.

Supply purchaser has been found! Shelby Justus has volunteered! Thank you! Thank you!

Annual conference held by Zoom Oct 23 & 24th.

Charge Conference at Jim Falls and by Zoom. Need to notify Pastor Paul if want to take part in that.

Next meeting: September 10th, 2020 at 4:00 instead of 4:30.

Sent forth with another word for Mr. Ramey in support of an encourager!

Motion to adjourn by Bonnie, second by all. 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dahlstrom.

# **Lake Holcombe Lions Club Car Show**

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**Lions Pavillion, Corner of Hwy 17 & Cty Rd M**

<b>Car Show &amp; Swap Meet</b>	<b>9am – 2pm</b>
<b>Charcoal Chicken Dinner</b>	<b>10am – 2pm</b>
<b>Carry outs only</b>	

**Registration 8am**

**Awards and Raffle Drawing 2pm**

**\$10/show car - \$20/swap meet space**

**More info call Bryan @ 715-312-0793**

**SPECTATORS FREE**

**Show is open to ALL years & makes of cars, trucks and cycles**

**Participant and Spectator Voting**

**Awards for TOP 10 CARS AND TOP 2 CYCLES (no classess)**

**Lions Choice Award – People's Choice Award – Kid's Choice Award – Dash Plaques**

**Vendors Welcome – Call Aron @ 715-559-4633**

## ➔Jim Falls News←



The Jim Falls Elementary school is doing a clothing drive and I am inviting us all to join and give of things you could donate for the purchase of playground equipment for the school. We as the Chippewa County Churches can give clothing and bedding to be turned into cash to help offset the cost of the equipment. Stay tuned for more information.



# 2020 September Birthdays and Anniversaries!



## Anson

4 Greg & Amanda Saxton-Jensen  
 7 Pam McIlquham  
 8 Shellie Crogg  
 Glen & Pam McIlquham  
 16 Craig & Holli Sande  
 Carol Zwolanek  
 24 Logan & Adrienne Baier  
 25 Isabella Sande  
 29 Matt & Lindsay Wickham  
 30 Wyatt Crogg

## Jim Falls

13 Eunice Maier  
 Randy & Sara Smith  
 15 Sheri Hall  
 T.J. Rolland  
 18 Tim Maier  
 Vicky Strupp  
 21 Jim Strupp  
 22 Roxann Pitsch  
 28 Brian & Marge Lazarz  
 Randy Smith

## Holcombe

3 Kaden Crank  
 Paul & Mary Messmer  
 4 Jerry & Lee Blunt  
 12 Kaleb Willmarth  
 13 Gary & Irene Knowlton  
 Gary Knowlton  
 16 Deloris Larson  
 17 Aron & Karen Cote  
 19 Karen Stimeling  
 20 Norma Severson  
 Kurt Stimeling  
 21 Carol Cote  
 Rae Hering  
 24 Mark & Brenda Cigan  
 Greyson Heidtke  
 25 Del Schmitt  
 Betty Tripp-Berg  
 26 Marc Burns  
 Kierra Walters  
 27 Mike Minot  
 29 Jim & Shelby Justus



# September

Anson, Holcombe, and Jim Falls  
UMC

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Men's Brkfst 7:30a (H) Worship Committee 9a (H) Lay Servant 10a (C) Board of Trustees 5p (H)	2	3 UMW 1p (JF)	4	5
6 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost With Holy Communion 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A)	7 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	8 Missions 1p (H) Food Pantry 2-5p (H) Ad Board 6:30p (JF)	9	10 UMW 1:30p (H) Ad Board 4p (H)	11	12
13 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A)  Special Sunday Offerings: Native American Sunday	14 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	15	16	17	18	19 Men's Brkfst 7:30a (JF)
20 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A)	21 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	22 Food Pantry 2-5p (H)	23	24 Worship Committee 1030a (JF)	25	26
27 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 11:15a (A) With Noisy Bucket 8:30a (H), 10a (JF)	28 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)  SPRC 6:30p	29	30			

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Bill Stimeling (HC)

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North West District Superintendent | Barb Certa-Werner

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## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

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**HOLCOMBE 8:30 A.M.**

**JIM FALLS 10 A.M.**

**ANSON 11:15 A.M.**