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REFLECTIONS

Hello and GOD'S blessings to you all. I am in constant prayer for us all as we keep on keeping on. It has been a trial and a test of our well-being, and our sense of self and our way of life. I pray we do not have a new normal in certain things when all this is said and done. It does let us think of new beginnings. We have an opportunity to find ways of renewing and refreshing ourselves in fresh ways at this time. Look back on this year so far, from where we were to where we have come, and now to where we are going. We find ways to deal with everything the world sends our way. Do you see where GOD has been there for us and how GOD never leaves our side? GOD carries us through our troubles in this world. We are not guaranteed anything or promised tomorrow. We need to give thanks and praise for each new day. As we have seen the wonderful colors of fall come and go and our first white snow on the ground on a cold October day, let us give thanks and praise to the one who is in control. Now, more than ever, I put my trust in the Lord to help me every day; to pray and listen even more to the whisper of GOD'S voice leading me. We have a struggle ahead of us all in the coming months that I am genuinely concerned about and pray about frequently. It is not about who is going to win or lose, though, it is about what humanity is going to look and feel like. How are we, as children of GOD, going to move forward and are we going to be able to? Will we become more cynical and defensive or are our hearts going to be open and compassionate to one another? That is my fear and prayer to all the world. Where are we heading? How is life turning, and will it be for the good of all people? What is going to be the new beginning after we have made it to the other side? Why do I feel an uneasiness about the future and what civilization will look like in the next coming months? Why do I feel we are moving in the wrong direction? My concern is if we are seeing the predictions from revelation unfolding right in front of our eyes. What are we doing to prepare and to help others see where they need to follow and pick up their own cross? I pray we will lead as many as we can to GOD. Today is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. If the trumpet sounded today, will you leave or will you stay? Yes, I am asking, and do you know the answer? Do you know Jesus? Do your friends know Jesus? If the answer is "NO," then we have work to do. AMEN. Become a new beginning for someone. Reach out with hope on our lips, peace in our minds, joy in our souls, and love in our hearts for all of GOD'S people. Do not let evil sway our thoughts with hatred, fear, or anxiety of our future. No more waiting till tomorrow because tomorrow may never come. The trumpet will sound, and it may be too late. Feel GOD pushing us and being a light for us to dwell in on our path of this journey here on earth to a life of eternity with all in heaven. GOD blesses us all and we need to bless all, as well. It Is Well with My Soul!

Amen

Love and Laughter

Pastor Paul+

→ Charge News ←

To all my sacred siblings in Christ in our Wisconsin Conference,

I look with deep sadness and dismay at the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases across our wonderful state and wonder when this will come to an end. As the winter months arrive, the flu season approaches, and the pandemic continues to flourish and spread, I increase and intensify my prayers for health and wellness, safety and vitality for all people. To that end, I continue to strongly recommend that our churches do not engage in in-person worship during these difficult days.

Across our Conference, we are receiving daily reports of pastors and parishioners who have contracted COVID-19 and are suffering through the disease. This impacts individuals, families, communities, and congregations, and the more we are together, the longer this terrible virus will continue to spread. I know, and I share the grief, of how hard it is not to be able to be together to worship and praise God. I am continually amazed and inspired by the creativity of our pastors, worship leaders, and teachers to provide online alternatives. Safety, health, and protecting life must be our top priorities as disciples of Jesus Christ. Setting aside our personal wants and desires to return to church is the responsibility of every Christian – the health and well-being of others is the most important thing.

There will come a day in our future when we can return to our regular engagements and encounters. On that day, we will rejoice. On that day, we will sing, and we will celebrate. On that day, we will give God thanks and praise that we have emerged from the wilderness into the Promised Land. That day is coming, but that day is not yet here.

We have not mandated that churches cannot meet following the most stringent protocols of masking, social distancing, numbers in attendance, and sanitizing guideline, but this is the closest I can come. I am asking all Wisconsin United Methodists to NOT gather in-person until our state health officials tell us it is safe to do so. We are suffering, and many lives are permanently damaged or lost. It is our duty and our privilege to care for one another and not spread this terrible virus.

Please know that you are all in the prayers of your Bishop and cabinet. We care very deeply, and we will continue to do all in our power to thrive through this pandemic and get our churches open and fully functioning again.

Thanks be to God!

In Christ's Love,

Hee-Soo Jung, PhD
Bishop

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.

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.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

The 2020 Charge Conference will be November 14th at 9 am. This will be an online Zoom meeting. Pastor Paul will need your email address if you would like an invite to the conference. You can send it to chipcoumc@outlook.com or call 715-595-4967.



Scripture readings for the month of November

November 1st, 2020

All Saints Sunday

Old Testament

Psalms 34: 1-10, 22

New Testament

Revelation 7: 9-17

1st John 3: 1-3

Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-12

CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS

November 8th, 2020

Old Testament

Joshua 24: 1-3, 14-25

New Testament

1st Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Gospel

Matthew 25: 1-13

ENCOURAGE ALL IN FAITH

November 15th, 2020

Old Testament

Judges 4: 1-7

New Testament

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Gospel

Matthew 25: 14-30

WE DON'T KNOW WHEN

November 22nd, 2020

Old Testament

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

New Testament

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Gospel

Matthew 25: 31-46

GIVE AND SHEPHERD ALL

November 29th, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

Old Testament

Isaiah 64: 1-9

New Testament

1st Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel

Mark 13: 24-37

NEW BEGINNINGS OF HOPE

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*



Coming soon! Advent bags!

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.



Thanksgiving Day

THOUGHTS

“Thanksgiving isn’t just a day. It’s a way we can live our lives every day” – Katrina Mayer

“To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven”
– Johannes A. Gaertner

“Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance”
- Eckhart Tolle

“Appreciation can change a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.” – Margaret Cousins

“Now is no time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what there is.”
- Ernest Hemingway

→Holcombe News←

Holcombe UMC Mission Moment – November 2020

What a crazy year this has been!! Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we were closed for the spring and now are temporarily (pray it is temporary!) not able to hold in-person worship services. However, you have been a faithful, supportive congregation of believers-THANK YOU!

Our Holcombe Mission's committee didn't meet in October due to gathering restrictions for our church & for Chippewa County but we want you to know that we are still working on Missions and our projects are ongoing! Please support our **Holcombe UMC first**, and then these projects as you are able and led to do.

We successfully completed the 'Soles for Souls' shoe collection. Thank you to all that donated, and to Jim & Mary Beede for making the delivery to Zion UMC in Chippewa Falls.

We had planned to just have our 'School Fund Drive' to support our Lake Holcombe school & our college students during September and October, but are going to continue into early November. If you have one of the decorated lunch bags or a red-lettered envelope at home you can still return it anytime. If easier, you may include this with your regular offering. Just remember to note on your check what amount is for regular giving and what is for the 'School Fund Drive'. We have cards for the college students that you may sign, or add a note of encouragement for them. Look for them on a table in the fellowship area starting early in November. These will not be sent out to the students until later in November.

The baby bottle collection has also started to support the Care-Net ministry in Ladysmith. Many of you have supported this project in the past and are familiar with it. For those wanting to know more, information about this ministry is available by the baby bottles. If you already have one of the baby bottles they may be returned anytime to the church. There are still bottles available for pick-up in the fellowship area. All were sanitized & are ready for you to use to collect coins, paper money, a check, etc. Please put your name on the list when taking one & cross it off when returned. As above (with the school fund drive) we will continue to collect for this project through early November. Again, if easier, this may be included on a check with your regular offering—just note what it is for and the amount. We are still unsure if there will be a collection for a 'Christmas' family this year. We will let the congregation know when we find out more.

The UMC church-wide special offering for November (11/8/2020) is **UM Student Day**. Offering envelopes and information about this special offering will be available at the church. This offering goes to the conference and is used for United Methodist scholarships and the UM Student Loan Fund, administered by the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry (GBHEM). Participating conferences may award scholarships to UM students who reside in the conference & who attend or will attend a UM related college or university.

We know that many individuals and churches are struggling financially at this time. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to help and give accordingly as God leads you.

In Christ's love

Your Holcombe Mission Committee



Did you know the Holcombe UMC is signed up with the Scrip program to raise money for the church? This is such an easy way to fundraise without doing any extra work!

Do you shop at Walmart, Target, Amazon, Starbucks, etc? You can purchase Scrip cards (gift cards) for these stores and many more at face value and the church receives rewards from your purchases. It's that easy!

Some of the many benefits of purchasing scrip cards are:

- Scrip gift cards are perfect for following a household budget.
- Families can shop both in-store or online with participating retailers.
- Scrip gift cards are just like using a credit/debit card, but without the fraud risk.
- Scrip program earnings are greater than credit card rewards (typically 3 – 15%)

The last order of the year will be due to Jane on December 5th. Contact Jane Skaare to purchase or with questions at 715-595-6025 or jskar3@hotmail.com



→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.

➔Anson News←

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ANSON STAINED GLASS SALE IN DECEMBER?

We're planning our glass sale to allow you to do some Christmas shopping and to keep everyone safe. This year, we will be taking appointments to come to the sale. The sale will begin on Sunday, November 29th and be held daily until Saturday, December 5th.

Only 3 people will be allowed to make an appointment at one time. You are welcome to find 2 friends to come with you! Masks will be required and distancing planned. The appointments will be on the hour, allowing 50 minutes to browse. Checkout lines will be short!! There will be a 10 minute period between appointments to allow time to clear and clean.

You will find our usual variety of large and small stained glass items, holiday, snowflakes, snowmen, abstract, etc. There are a limited number of stepping stones, porch pots and new items, of course. Please bring checks or cash as credit card sales may not be available.

Please call Kim King at 715-382-4776 or email Kathy Cernohous at kcernohous@gmail.com to schedule your appointment.

Kathy Cernohous

Anson Church



2020 November Birthdays and Anniversaries!



Anson

4 Ben & Barb Ginder
7 Dan Crogg
30 Austin Sande

Jim Falls

4 Jen Ellis
8 Carol Dunlap
16 Keith Pitsch
26 Sheila Sundlin

Holcombe

5 Walt Guthman, Jr.
6 Mya Warwick
8 Walt & Karen Guthman, Jr.
9 Don & Suzanne Crank
Olivia Larson
11 Mykalah McCoy
16 Dana Pahl
22 Gail Laudenslager
24 Tate Sauerwein
27 Jerry Vaughn
28 Julie Burns
29 Joshua Willmarth



November

Anson, Holcombe, and Jim Falls
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2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion ALL SAINTS DAY	2 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	3 Men's Breakfast 7:30a (H) Worship Committee 9a (H) Lay Servant 10a (C) Board of Trustees 5p (H)	4	5 UMW 1p (JF)	6	7
8 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship UM STUDENT DAY	9 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	10 Food Pantry 2-5p (H) Missions 1p (H) Ad Board 6:30p (JF)	11	12 UMW 1:30p (H) Ad Board 4:30p (H)	13	14 Charge Conference Zoom meeting 9 am Let Pastor know your email address for an invite
15 24TH Sunday after Pentecost Worship	16 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	17	18	19 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	20	21 Men's Breakfast 7:30a (JF)
22 Reign of Christ/ Christ the King Sunday Worship	23 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	24 Food Pantry 2-5p (H)	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent Worship	30 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	LAST SCRIP ORDER OF THE YEAR IS DUE BY DECEMBER 5TH.				

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Anson UMC

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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.