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## REFLECTIONS

Hello dear friends and church family. I have been praying for us all during this summer for guidance in all things. It has been good, scary, self-examining, secluded, joyous, numbing, reflective, and fearful. The list of emotions is just never ending as each day brings on a wave of new feelings. We need to be reminded, though, when the world seems so chaotic and confusing, it should draw us nearer and nearer to GOD. Let go of what the world is doing and focus on the love of our true friend and caretaker, GOD. Draw closer in our relationship with our Holy Spirit inside us and listen to the gentle whisper of GOD telling us not to fear the world but to fear our Lord who will turn the feeling of fear into mercy that will fill our hearts. Reach and search for GOD daily and live surrounded by the hand of the Almighty. Frustration is a word that comes to mind that sums up all the feelings we have been experiencing this time in our lives. We are frustrated with those that do not seem to care about anyone but themselves. We are frustrated with walking into places and having to put on a face covering and thinking if others just would have listened. We are frustrated with the whole thing and wish we could go back to the way it used to be. I am afraid that is not going to happen for quite some time, if ever. I pray we can have some feeling of normalcy in time. Are we frustrated with all the statues being torn down and all the unrest? What will become of all this? It will not be the same, that is for sure.

Now that I have depressed you, let us start thinking about what we need to do to repair the damage that has occurred. How do we go about it? I feel just as we approach every fix it project, we need to gather facts, buy materials, and do the repairs. I wish it could be this easy, but we need to start somewhere and do our part in fixing our world one job at a time. This is a big major project that needs leaders, foremen, and workers that want to make a difference and repair all the damage, all working together because we love people, we love our community, and we love our country and the world. Let us work together. Let us lead as Jesus led his people from sin to a new covenant that can never be broken. History will never go away because we lived it. We have memories and stories that tell the good and the bad of life here on earth. We started being frustrated, then in bewilderment and now we need to move on to reconciliation, revitalization and rebirth. What did Jesus teach us about rebirth? We need not forget the past but remember and learn and move forward in a new light and righteousness that brings us closer to our heavenly host and GOD of all creation. In times of darkness, we need to be that city on the hill shining bright for all to see and to come to understand the grace, faith and love of GOD and what has been proclaimed through history for the world. The Three Simple Rules ring louder today than ever before. Do no Harm. Do Good. Stay in Love with GOD every day. Reach out and be the hands and feet to heal this hurting place we call home for now. Let the light of salvation shine bright. Have a wonderful rest of summer. Stay safe. Be humble and kind. Join together in unity for all GOD'S people say... AMEN.

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 August

*August 2, 2020*

**Old Testament**

Genesis 32:22-31

**New Testament**

Romans 9: 1-5

**Gospel**

Matthew 14: 13-21

***“WRESTLING”***

*August 23<sup>d</sup>, 2020*

**Old Testament**

Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

**New Testament**

Romans 12: 1-8

**Gospel**

Matthew 16: 13-20

***“KEYS OF THE KINGDOM”***

*August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

**Old Testament**

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

**New Testament**

Romans 10: 5-15

**Gospel**

Matthew 14: 22-33

***“WALKING ON WATER”***

*August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

**Old Testament**

Exodus 3: 1-15

**New Testament**

Romans 12: 9-21

**Gospel**

Matthew 16: 21-28

***“WHAT IS OUR STUMBLING  
BLOCK”***

*August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

**Old Testament**

Genesis 45: 1-15

**New Testament**

Romans 11:2, 29-32

**Gospel**

Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28

***“BLIND LEADING THE BLIND”***

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

# ↪Holcombe News←

## Seeking a Church Steward

Stewardship is defined as the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. This was demonstrated perfectly when a team of people met at our church building recently and cleaned, removed bushes and worked hard to maintain our facility despite the fact that we have been unable to meet for what feels like a very long time. A big "thank you" to those volunteers! Our Trustee's Committee has always worked hard to care for the physical structure we call the church and our Financial Committee works hard to ensure that there are enough funds to care for the physical and spiritual needs of our church. We are currently seeking someone who feels called to act as the Church Steward. This primarily involves ensuring that the kitchen has the supplies needed to take care of fellowship hour (when we are able to meet again!) as well as the supplies to keep the restrooms stocked (we certainly want to have adequate toilet paper!). For anyone who feels led that this is their mission in the stewardship of our church please contact Pastor Paul and he can fill you in on the details.



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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.**



## **Holcombe Mission Committee minutes – July 14, 2020**

Present: Carol Cote, Mary Beede, Jim Beede, Cheri Bingham

Reviewed minutes from our last meeting (3/10/2020).

Discussed what we have been unable to accomplish due to shut-down during Covid-19 pandemic.

Discussed/prioritized what we wanted to accomplish this year going forward.

Revised our 2020 Yearly Plan to continue our Special Sunday offerings, our Noisy Bucket offerings, and our special projects. Made plan for our food pantry collection, Care-Net baby bottle collection, student fund drive to support our Lake Holcombe & college students, and our Christmas Family collection (if done this year).

Special Sunday offerings will be done on the second Sunday each month with envelopes placed by the bulletins & collection plate for folks to pick up & use as desired.

Noisy bucket offerings will be done every fourth Sunday and the bucket left out for the 2 remaining fifth Sundays (August & November) to hopefully catch up for the missed months.

We will review our plan next month & readjust as needed.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11 at 1pm.

## *Holcombe Mission Projects*

We work on a variety of mission projects throughout the year. Check the Mission “project board” at the rear of the sanctuary to check on our current project.

Many of our projects support our local community, such as our Food Pantry collections, our Care-Net “baby bottle” collection, funding to support Wisconsin UMC camp scholarships for local students, funding for “Support the Troops”, collections of school supplies and “urgent need” supplies for our Lake Holcombe school, warm mitten and sock collections, packages for our college students - Just to name some recent local projects.

We also support a missionary at the Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in Zambia with a budgeted Advance Special to help pay his salary. The current missionary being supported is Temba Nkomozepe. In addition to this we take a monthly “Noisy Bucket” offering that goes to support the work done at the agriculture center.

We have supported the mission collections taken at our Wisconsin Annual Conference – including filling flood buckets and making school & layette kits.

We support & help to promote the special offerings of the United Methodist Church. These include Human Relations Sunday, UMCOR, Native American Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday, Golden Cross (Wisconsin Conference), World Communion Sunday and United Methodist Student Sunday.

While 2020 has been a challenging year for our country, our community, and our church, together we can continue to support those in need!

The collection of beverage can tabs is ongoing and you may bring your collection and place in the container in the entrance at Holcombe UMC. Place a small container to collect them at home near your recycling as a reminder. Everyone in the family can do this mission project.



Temba Nkomozepe is a missionary with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries serving as an agriculturalist at Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in Kanyama, Zambia. He was commissioned in October 2017.

The Mujila Falls Center traces its origins to the Musokatanda Agriculture Project, launched in 1995 by Global Ministries missionaries in the southern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Civil conflict there caused the relocation of personnel to Zambia and the reconstitution of a food security ministry at Mujila Falls on 1000 hectares of land donated by Chief Kanyama of the Lunda People. The chief's condition was that the center would teach basic sound agricultural principles to the residents of his chiefdom. It was dedicated in the year 2000 and has steadily grown in scope and importance to the area, also providing outreach to refugees from DRC.

Temba takes part in a range of agricultural, education, and health projects, as well as church growth and development. Mujila Falls raises essential crops, such as corn, and engages in small animal husbandry, cattle and goat milking, fruit culture, tree nurseries, fish culture, and research.

Temba is from Zimbabwe where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in agriculture from the United Methodist-related Africa University in Mutare. He holds both Master of Science and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in agricultural civil engineering, with an emphasis on water resource management, from Kyungpook National University in Daegu, South Korea. He has worked for the Green Impact Trust, Caritas Harare, and for the Zimbabwean Department of Agricultural Extension.

Born into an Anglican family, Temba was baptized and confirmed in that church at age 15. "Since then, I've grown spiritually and experienced the rebuke and love of Jesus Christ." At the time of his commissioning as a missionary, he was attending a congregation of the non-denominational Celebration Church in Harare.

Temba's favorite Bible verse is from 2 Kings 3, where the Lord fills a valley with water and protects it so people and animals can drink. "This passage", he says, "shows me that irrigation, or agricultural engineering, can play an important role in the will of God. I have made it my commitment to contribute to bringing together the perfect environment and inputs to grow crops and improve people's livelihoods."

## **Holcombe United Methodist Church**

### **Ad Council 7/16/20**

Convened: 4:40 p.m. by Bill Stimeling, Chair.

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

Minutes 6/11/20: Bonnie moved to Accept and approve minutes, second by Cheri, carried.

No correspondence.

Treasurer's report: Carla Ingalls sent in report. Sue moved to accept and approve report, second by Mary, carried.

Former Bell Tower Fund was brought up and discussed. This fund was used for the paver engraving. Consensus to separate from the memorial fund and reopen for additional pavers to be added. Will look into engraving possibilities, monument agency or through the school at a much more reasonable rate.

Bill will notify Carla that we would like half year individual giving reports and over all church giving notice on where we stand to go out in same mailing.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reports he is feeling good about the way in-person worshipping has been going and that from feedback from others they also agree. Will continue online services and daily devotionals.

Trustees Report: Revisit by fire inspector was made, the hallway and entrance has been cleared, fire extinguisher has been serviced and batteries for the exits signs have been ordered and will be installed when received. There is a heater in the garage that used to keep the building at a steady 68 degrees that for some reason is not working. Trustees will check into that.

Membership report: needs updated info on members. Paul, Tracey and Sue will work on that.

SPRC: Cheri reports they will meet August 31.

Finance Report: Bonnie reports giving down due to pandemic and allow return of parishioners to in-person services. Cheri noted we will be needing a counter to replace one that has stepped down. They would count the fourth Sunday each month and one fifth Sunday each year.

Missions Report: They had met and discussed a tentative plan for revised Special Giving Sundays, 1st Sunday will have a flier in bulletin and 2nd Sunday the envelopes for that Giving. Noisy Bucket will restart every 4th and 5th Sunday. Will hold Care net fundraiser, another Food Pantry collection and one for school children. If the school is going to help a family for Christmas, we will help with gifts need by end of November.

No Samaritan Fund Report as Aron Cote is out of town. The fund is low right now.

UMW Report: Karen reported unit is meeting with a consistent core group of Ladies that attend and we will be able to meet our budgeted pledge. Personal Care Kits to be given out from Food Pantry is on-going.

Worship Report: They have met and doing what can be done in the best way we can. Praise for Pastor Paul for continuing online connections to our congregates. Would love to have screens and filming capabilities especially now to be able to share more.

Education Report: Adults waiting to start up again and will use what materials we have to start out with. Discussion on starting youth Sunday School, with Elizabeth willing to start up if she has a good core group to be here. She will be emailing the 4 families currently enrolled for their input on starting up. Council recommended holding class in the fellowship hall rather than the classroom due to safe distancing guidelines. Also outdoor class can be held. September is tentative start date.



Need the inventory spreadsheet from Jennifer Heidtke that she had started. Also a need for Purchaser for the church supplies.

Joni Weinert asked about Madrigal, which of course cannot be held this year, but maybe possible to get a choir together for a choral concert in the future. Council has signaled a go ahead for that.

Annual Conference will be Off. 23rd and 24th virtually and Pastor will be at school then.

Charge Conference will be at Jim Falls or virtually, no date set yet.

Carla will be applying for a \$1000 grant to get the sound system -- video, screens and everything up to ready status for all services in person and online.

Elizabeth sent us forth with a prayer.

Bonnie moved to adjourn, second by Mary, carried. 5:45p.m.

Next meeting August 13th at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dahlstrom.

# →Jim Falls News←

## **Jim Falls Ad Board July 7, 2020 Zoom meeting**

A Zoom meeting of the Jim Falls Ad Board was held on July 7. Vanette will still pick out the Sunday videos and decorate the altar but would like someone else to do the rest of the worship. Pastor Paul will ask Mary if she would consider that.

The cross is repaired and now lighted.

Thank you to Robbie Baker for mowing the lawn this summer.

Scrap metal prices are down and the church would have to pay too much to have a dumpster brought in. Bob contacted another scrap company and got the same quote there so it was decided to not bring any dumpster at this time.

Tess has contacted Tracey and removed names from the birthday and anniversary list that no longer attend our church. She will contact those not on the list. If you are not on the list, please also let her know your birthdays and anniversary.

Discussion was held on a drive up donut fry but we need too many workers to do the donut fry and it was decided it is not safe at this time.

Dinner dates were discussed and will be decided as each one approaches.

Meeting adjourned.

Tess Stipek, secretary

# 2020 August Birthdays and Anniversaries!



## Anson

5 Lee & Shellie Crogg  
10 Jade Saxton-Jensen  
15 Connie Kinderman  
17 Lee Crogg  
19 Mark & Mary Benson  
    Lucas Roshell  
28 Denise McIlquham

## Jim Falls

11 Lynn Dunlap  
    Cole Kressin  
15 Brian Bautch  
24 Don Ellis  
26 Howard Dresel  
30 Lynn & Carol Dunlap

## Holcombe

2 Rog & Mary Paulsen  
    Jerry & Kay Vaughn  
3 Anna Hillebrand  
6 Bill & Karen Stimeling  
7 John Bell  
11 Sue Crank  
18 Lillian Zoromski  
19 Kathy Minot  
23 Todd & Sarah Sauerwein  
24 Kay Vaughn  
31 Trevor McCoy  
    Bill Stimeling



# August

Anson, Holcombe, and Jim Falls  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A)	3 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	4 Men's Brkfst 7:30a (H) Worship Comm 9a (H) Lay Servant 10a (C)	5	6	7	8
9 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A)	10 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	11 Missions 1p (H) Food Pantry 2-5p (H)	12	13 UMW 1:30p (H) Ad Board 6p (H)	14	15 Men's Brkfst 7:30a (JF)
16 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A)	17 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	18	19	20	21	22
23 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A)	24 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	25 Food Pantry 2-5p (H)	26	27 Worship Comm 10:30a (JF)	28	29
30 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A)	31 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)					

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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.**