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REFLECTIONS

Happy March to you all!

At this time of year, I struggle with the length of our winters and know others struggle, as well. All my life, I have never minded winter. I still enjoy it, but there is something about the end of February to the end of March that just gets to me. It is hard to put into words, but it is just a bummer or a drag to deal with the darkness, snow, and cold for this long. Do some of you feel my pain? Do we feel the disappointment when the weatherman tells us for the next couple of days it will be cold and when it does warm a bit, we will see snow? Yep. You just want to curl up somewhere and hibernate for the next few weeks waiting for spring. There is a name for this and a reason we feel this way at this time of the year. It is called "Seasonal Affective Disorder" or SAD. We experience mood changes and symptoms like depression at this juncture of the winter season. The stark bareness of the winter is enough, in time, to depress anyone. It seems we become as cold as the weather outside. Do we recognize this feeling in our own souls? Do we feel how slowly it creeps inside of us and penetrates deep to where we are lost and depressed? We do not even know it occurs and yet here we are sitting staring at something but looking at nothing. We have given in not knowing when or why. The struggle is real for many. We have had enough and are looking forward to newness, rebirth, and revitalization. We anticipate the snow disappearing and the brown slowly turning to green. We move from our sadness to an awakening just like the earth. We are awakened from our depressed dark, lonely, coldness not only from our environment but also our souls. Let us think about it. Is this why the seasons change in the progression they do? We come from the dark and cold and walk into the warmth and light. Is this all part of GOD'S great plan for all living things on earth? In the weeks to come, is this the reason we look at ourselves and feel something we cannot put our finger on? We know we are feeling something. Is that something GOD and our relationship with the divine? We have a feeling deep inside, a sense of something in our innermost being that tugs at our soul. When Lent begins, I feel it touches all people, believers, and non-believers. It arouses feelings we are not familiar with, a craving for GOD'S love and being drawn to it. Throughout these 40 days of Lent, we are having these feelings of misery, lostness, and loneliness. Is it coincidence that Lent happens at this time of the year? GOD is so amazing to show us the final victory which is through Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit that dwells inside us all. What a perfect time to shift these feelings around and ignite our flame of hope and positivity! GOD helps us to prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The meal on Thursday evening and all the uncertainty and confusion. The sorrow and pain of the crucifixion on Good Friday. The blessing, the understanding of eternal life with the Resurrection on Easter morning. This is what gets me out of the funk that has crept inside. This is what refuels my flame inside and brings my thoughts back to GOD and my relationship to be a light to the world. Join me today and every day to bring this light to the world. We will shine bright across the world, stronger than ever, reaching out for all to see. Let us all show the world we are not perfect but are children of GOD who follow where the shepherd leads us. GOD bless us all with happy thoughts and positive energy during this moment in time. Walk outside feel the sun's warmth on us and the son's warmth on the inside! A new day is coming with Christ. Amen.

Love and Laughter

Pastor Paul+

➔ Charge News ➔

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.

BOOK STUDY

There is still room to join the book study. Call Pastor Paul if you are interested. He does have one extra book.

SERVICES BACK IN SESSION

The Anson church has decided to start services again as of February 17th. The Holcombe Church will return to regular services on March 7th, 2021 and Jim Falls Church will resume services on April 4, 2021. 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. They are at the Holcombe Church. If you had your pictures taken you can come in and grab one.



Press Release

February 25, 2021

[General Conference Postponed to 2022](#)

Meeting on February 20, the Commission on the General Conference made a decision to further postpone the 2020 General Conference until August 29 – September 6, 2022 in Minneapolis, Minn. as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the safety of mass gatherings and travel. A link to the full announcement is included below.

[Bishops call Special Session of General Conference, create timeline for moving forward](#)

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In response to the further postponement of the 2020 General Conference, the Council of Bishops (COB) is calling a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church (UMC) to be convened online on May 8, 2021.

[According to the call letter signed](#) by COB President Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey, the Special Session will be held in accordance with Division Two - Section II - Article II of The Constitution of The United Methodist Church as recorded in Paragraph ¶14 of *The Book of Discipline* (2016).

The purpose of the 2021 Special Session of the General Conference will be limited to gaining a quorum in order to suspend the rules for the sole purpose of allowing the use of paper ballots to act upon 12 pieces of legislation that would enable the church to effectively continue its work until the postponed 2020 General Conference is held in 2022. While other potential amendments were considered, it was agreed that these 12 pieces of legislation would enable the church to continue its administrative functions appropriately.



Scripture readings for the month of March

March 7th, 2001

3rd Sunday in Lent

Old Testament

Exodus 20: 1-17

New Testament

1st Corinthians 1: 18-25

Gospel

John 2: 13-22

GOD is wiser and stronger

March 14th, 2021

4th Sunday in Lent

Old Testament

Numbers 21: 4-9

New Testament

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Gospel

John 3: 14-21

UMCOR Servitude

March 21st, 2021

5th Sunday in Lent

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

New Testament

Hebrews 5: 5-10

Gospel

John 12: 20-33

Prepare the WAY

March 28th, 2021

Palm/Passion Sunday

Old Testament

Isaiah 50: 4-9 / Psalm 118

New Testament

Philippians 2: 5-11

Gospel

Mark 11: 1-11

What do we prefer?

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*

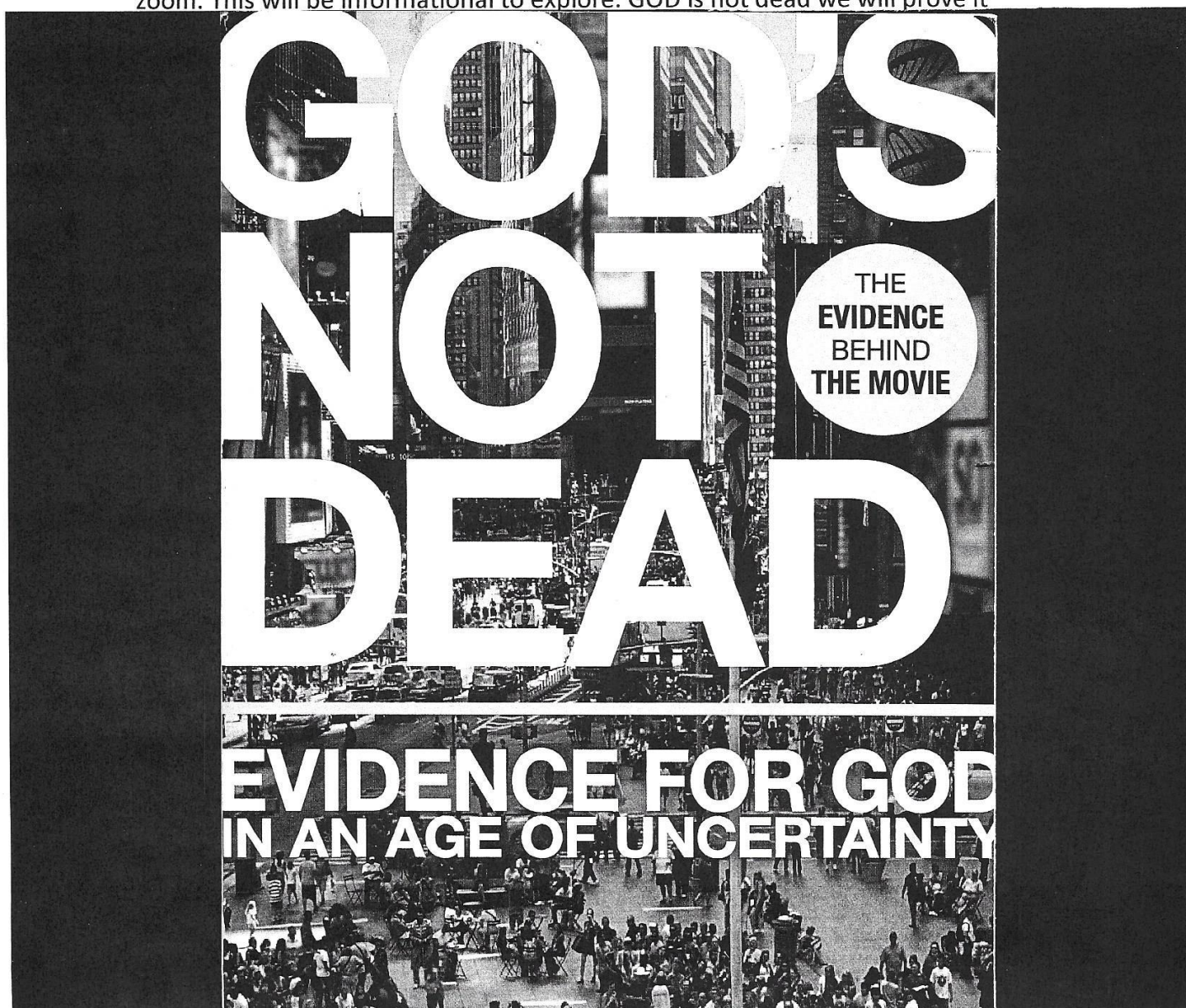
Would you like to be included
on the prayer chain? Call Gail
at 715-559-6434 or email at
storm1935@gmail.com and she
will add you to the list.



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:

Paper products; toilet paper, paper towels, etc

Variety of soups other than tomato, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom

Cake mixes

Elbow noodles

Pickles and olives

Odd and end items such as baking supplies, spices, etc

They can take venison now

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

JESUS JOY

He is Risen!



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SUNDAY

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DISCIPLES

EMPTY

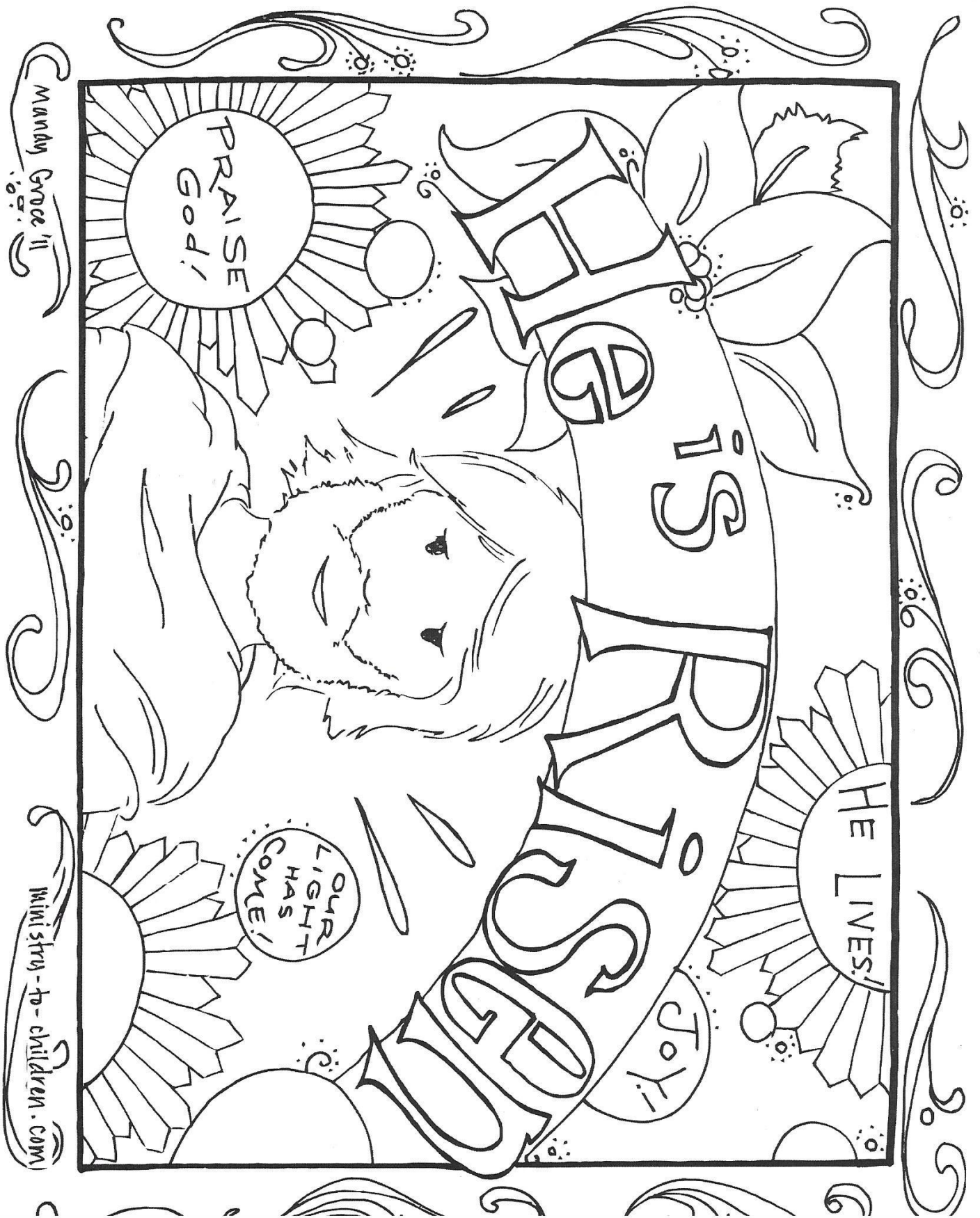
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RESURRECTION *Scavenger* HUNT

- Something White - Represents the Purity of God
- Something Black - Represents Sin
- Bread - Jesus Broke this & Shared it with His Disciples
- Coins - Judas Betrayed Jesus in Exchange for Money
- Thorns - Represents Crown of Thorns on Jesus' head
- Perfume - Poured out on Jesus' Feet
- Two Pieces of Wood / Sticks - Represents the Cross
- Nails - What Secured Jesus to the Cross
- Something Sour - What Jesus was Given to Drink
- Something Red - Represents Jesus' Blood
- Something Torn - The Veil in the Temple Split in Two
- Spices - Used to Prepare Jesus' Body for Burial
- A Rock - Represents the Tomb
- 3 of Something - Represents the # of Days in the Tomb
- Something Empty - He Has Risen!
- White Cloth - All that Remained in the Tomb
- Something New - The Old Things have Passed Away!

*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus - 1 Timothy 2:5*

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Mandy Grace '11

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→Holcombe News←

HOLCOMBE UMC AD COUNCIL 02/16/2021 MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:30p by Jeff. Present was Jeff Anders, Liz Dempsey, Bonnie Gundlach, Paula Pake, Cheri Bingham, Carla Ingalls, and Pastor Paul.

Pastor Paul opened with a prayer.

There no minutes from the last meeting.

Carla gave the treasurers report and there was a motion to accept from Bonnie and Paula 2nd. Motion carried unanimously. Carla also asked that someone from the scholarship committee please notify her annually as to who will receive the scholarship.

Pastor Paul's report covered Lent, Ash Wednesday drive through, and he stated that the Food Pantry is doing well at their new location.

No report from the Trustees, Membership Committee, or SPRC.

Cheri reported on Missions who met last week. New envelopes and pew cards are ordered. Camp registration is online.

Jeff gave Aron's report for the Samaritan Fund. They donated to five victims. They had great fundraising over the holidays but they can always use more.

Discussion was held on helping with the Holcombe Prom. It was decided to put an article in the Parish Post asking for donations.

Discussion was held on returning to in person worship services. Jeff stated he would like to see it by March 7th, 2021 if we could do it safely. Services will still be live streamed for those not able to attend. Motion by Bonnie, 2nd by Paula to return on March 7th. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff asked if we need to meet every month as most committees didn't have anything to report. Liz stated she thought it was necessary. Carla stated that Jim Falls meets every other months. No action taken.

Next meeting will be March 16, 2021 at 5:30p

Pastor Paul gave a closing prayer.

Motion to adjourn at 6:25p by Bonnie and 2nd by Paula. Motion carried unanimously

Submitted by
Jeff Anders

Holcombe UMC Mission Committee Minutes – February 9, 2021

Meeting held at the church at 1:00 pm with 4 members present: Liz Dempsey, Jerry Vaughn, Pastor Paul Messmer, Cheri Bingham.

Pastor Paul started the meeting with prayer.

Old business for discussion & follow up:

Quarterly schedule (Jan-March) and UMCOR Sunday

Odanah Native American church – received message from Carla that the check sent had not been cashed. Liz contacted Micheal John Reszler & they have had a problem with the handling of some mail that comes to the church. He sent his home address & requested we sent any correspondence to that address. Carla will reissue our check to them. We also briefly discussed finding out if they have specific needs that we could help with rather than just a cash donation.

New envelopes and pew cards have been received for the Special Sunday offerings. List given to committee members of where funds for each Special Sunday offering goes/what it supports.

School collection for urgent needs of Lake Holcombe students– Liz contacted the school & they have several needs for the students. They suggested a cash donation & let them purchase their needs. We did this in the fall but committee members felt they & the congregation would prefer a listing of specific items & allow the members to purchase the items. This was our method prior to the pandemic & was well supported by the congregation.

Camp scholarships – There is \$838.20 in the camp scholarship fund to help provide funding for students/families to attend one of our state UMC camps. The conference does not plan to publish books this year but information about the camps & the schedule is available online. All registration will be done online this year. There is additional information at the conference camp website: **wiumcamps.org**. We will be planning to promote camp attendance in the spring.

Christmas gifts for the college students- have received feedback from a couple students, and one gift has not yet been delivered. We mailed that one out for a third time & hopefully the student receives it!

Care-Net fund drive has ended (one bottle still not returned?) Carla may send them a check for the amount collected. We will be returning the bottles to their agency soon.

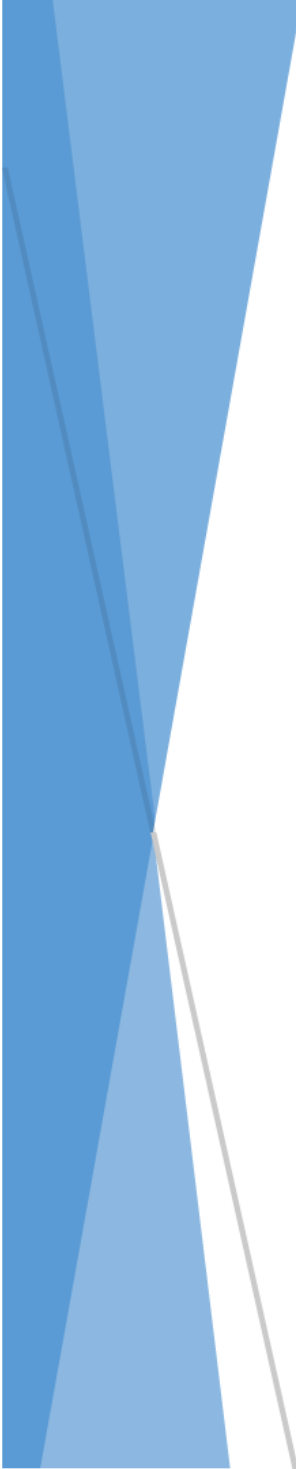
New business:

Received a ‘Thank-You’ from Temba Nkomozepi, the missionary that Holcombe UMC supports at Mujila Falls. He will begin regular correspondence & send the church a quarterly newsletter. They can also be followed on Facebook @ Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre.

Ingathering 2021 – Annual Conference will be June 18 – 19, 2021. It will be held virtually again this year. Each district has designated pick-up and drop-off sites. All donations must be dropped off at one of the designated sites for our district between **Monday, June 14th and Monday, June 21st**. All churches are encouraged to begin collecting for the Personal Dignity Kits and the Homecare Kits. We will soon post a list and have a container available for the collection. Items may be put together in a kit, or they may be donated separately. We briefly discussed support for the Holcombe Prom, being held without support of the school this year. Decision made to send this to the Ad Board meeting next week, since we currently do not have undesignated funds for this in Missions account.

Next meeting March 9th at 1:00 pm.

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

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➤Jim Falls News←

The Jim Falls Church will resume in person services on Easter Sunday April 4, 2021. Masks will be required and social distancing will be practiced.

➤Anson News←

COVID CAN'T STOP SPRING FROM ARRIVING!!

And it can't stop the plants from popping up! The Glassy Gals from Anson have begun preparation for their Spring Glass and Garden sale. We mask up and keep our distance and have started the cut, grind, solder process to make great garden art. Watch for details....it will be in mid May!!

2021 March Birthdays and Anniversaries!



Anson

10 Bella Saxton-Jensen
17 Travis Griesbach
21 Bianca Eder
23 Logan Roshell
29 Melissa Crogg
31 Matt Wickham

Jim Falls

5 Shirley Davis
7 Wencle Stipek, Jr.
11 Carla Ingalls
27 Christal Sweeney
29 Debbie (Don) Ellis
Bob Ingalls

Holcombe

6 Darla Rouleau
10 Roger Larson
13 Liz Dempsey
20 Jessica Anders
22 Veda Anders
24 Tom Cigan
27 Jim & Rhonda Mataczynski
31 Bonnie Gundlach



March

Anson, Holcombe, and Jim Falls
UMC

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) Board of Trustees 5p (H)	3 Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (H)	4 UMW 1p (JF)	5	6
7 3 rd Sunday in Lent Worship With Holy Communion 8:30a(H) 11:15a (A) God's Not Dead Zoom book study 6p (C)	8 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF) Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (JF)	9 Missions 1p (H) Food Pantry 2-5p (H) Ad Board 6:30p (JF)	10 Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (H)	11 UMW 1:30p (H)	12	13
14 4 th Sunday in Lent Worship 8:30a(H) 11:15a (A) God's Not Dead Zoom book study 6p (C)	15 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF) Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (JF)	16 Ad Board 5:30p (H)	17 Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (H)	18	19	20 Men's Breakfast 7:30a (JF)
21 5 th Sunday in Lent Worship 8:30a(H) 11:15a (A) 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) Parish Post information due to Tracey	24 Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (H)	25 Worship Committee 10:30a (JF) Scrip orders due to Jane Skaare (H)	26	27
28 Palm/Passion Sunday Worship 11:15a (A) With Noisy Bucket 8:30a(H) God's Not Dead Zoom book study 6p (C)	29 Food Pantry 4-6p (JF) Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (JF)	30	31 Coffee & Convo with Pastor 1p (H)			

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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.