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REFLECTIONS

Hello wonderful people! Let's be in joyful thought and prayer of the memories and challenges of the summer that went by so quickly. This is a year that will be talked about and remembered for years to come. How are you going to remember it? How will it be a reflection in your memory bank? Will there be highlights? What will yours be? If you say "NO" or can't think of any, then you need to come to church more or find positive people to enjoy your time with. Don't let the world dictate the way you feel or the way you live your life. Sure, we must deal with trials and conflict, but we also have celebrations and harmony. I am thinking of that harmony and, as a so-so singer, I know when harmony sounds great. The chords ring and create a sound that is pleasing to our ears. It is enjoyable and wonderful to hear and enjoy. Then, when the notes are off, just a little sharp or flat, then it is not so pleasing, but annoying to our ear. We want to leave and get away from the unpleasing sound. I think about this year so far and feel like I am sitting at a concert listening to a tone-deaf choir, but I cannot leave. Let us take a moment to reflect on this for a bit. What happens if GOD is our music teacher and conductor and we are the choir. We would have some good singers and some not so good and a little off key. Does GOD kick the ones out that may not sing as well? Does GOD put them in the back and try and hide them or tell them to sing softly? No! GOD will take them and work with them and encourage them to do their best and to sing out proudly. That is what we need to do now!! Be encouraging. Bring a friend to rehearsal no matter how good or not so good they sing. Don't ask others to be quiet, but to sing out and make a joyful noise for GOD to hear. When we are singing, teaching, working for GOD, GOD will have a big smile and tell you, "good job"! Help others as they struggle with notes and lyrics. Help them stay on pitch and be with them from one measure, on to the next, right to the end of the song. That is how we should live our lives, GOD leading us as a choir standing and singing a tune for all to hear and be a part of. Think back to a concert you went to and how many in the audience sing out and sing along with the performers on stage. We see how it lights up their faces and gives them a great feeling hearing the wonderful song being sung back to them. Like GOD listening and enjoying our voices ringing back to heaven and throughout the world. Let's make the rest of this year be a joyful noise and to sing at the top of our lungs and let the world hear how GOD leads us not only in song but in life. Don't be shy or hide our GOD given talent. Let it shine and overcome the shadow of darkness that seems to be all around us. When we reflect on this year, think about how we joined together and sang in harmony on the last measures of our song. The harmonies will be outstanding and fill all ears with a sound that will be talked about for years and years! That is what I want the world to remember about this 2020. How we came together and produced a concert where everyone played a part. The encore of encores for all to participate and hear! 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 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

The Church directory is completed; Lifetouch had again shut down the Church Directory operations but I have received an email that they have a small group working on finishing up directories so I'm hopeful it will be completed soon.



Scripture readings for the month of October

October 4th, 2020

World Communion Sunday

Old Testament

Exodus 20: 1-4 7-9, 12-20

New Testament

Philippians 3: 4-14

Gospel

Matthew 21: 33-46

PRODUCING FRUIT

October 11th, 2020

Old Testament

Exodus 32: 1-14

New Testament

Philippians 4: 1-9

Gospel

Matthew 22: 1-14

BE GLAD IN ALL

October 18th, 2020

Old Testament

Exodus 33: 12-23

New Testament

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Gospel

Matthew 22: 15-22

IMITATORS OF GOD

October 25, 2020

UMW Sunday

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

New Testament

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Gospel

Matthew 22: 34-46

**SERVICE, COMMITMENT,
LOVE**

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

Notice

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.

We are still wearing masks and practicing social distancing as much as we can. 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

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Coffee & Conversations with the Pastor



*Small group meetings on October 5th at the Jim Falls church
and October 7th at the Holcombe church at 1 pm*

→Holcombe News←

Holcombe UMC Mission's Committee Minutes for 09/08/2020

Members present:

Mary & Jim Beede, Jerry Vaughn, Liz Dempsey, Pastor Paul Messmer, Cheryl Bingham

Meeting started with prayer by Pastor Paul.

Reviewed minutes of August 2020 meeting.

Discussion:

Liz has had contact with Mike, the spiritual leader at Odanah Native American church. They will be opening back up on September 13, 2020. Their correct mailing address is P.O. Box 38, Odanah, WI 54861. We also have a new contact phone number for Mike. We will try to arrange for him to come to Holcombe & speak sometime in 2021. Native American Sunday will be celebrated at HUMC on September 13th with a special offering & prayer.

Our September special mission project is a **school fund drive** to support both our local students as well as our college students. We will have a card for each college student available for the congregation to offer words of encouragement & then sign. We will be mailing them to the students at their home address. We have decorated lunch bags available for folks to take home and use to collect coins/paper money, and then return later in the month and place them in the front pocket of our school backpack. There are also envelopes for use to make a one-time cash or check donation to this project. (In the past we have collected items for urgent needs at the Holcombe School. In view of the Covid pandemic & needed precautions, we are doing a fund drive instead this year to allow the school to help purchase what is needed.)

Noisy bucket offerings will be done on the 4th Sunday of each month plus on the 5th Sunday in November (11/29). Beginning in 2021 Noisy Bucket will be every 4th Sunday.

Care-Net baby bottle collection will be in October. Mary will pick up the bottles & sanitize for the congregation.

We will also have a list of high need items for the Holcombe food pantry available for the congregation in October.

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on **October 4, 2020**, the first Sunday of October to coincide with our regular communion schedule

November & December projects and special Sundays are being planned. Liz still is trying to make contact regarding a Christmas Family collection.

Soles for Soles - Jim & Mary announced that they have been in contact with others from our circuit and a shoe collection will be done during September, with shoes needing to be delivered to the collection point at Zion UMC in Chippewa Falls early in October. Shoes should be in pairs (tied or buckled together) and placed in one of the collection boxes at the church. Pastor will have an announcement put on Facebook for those in the community wishing to donate shoes. Mary will announce this at Sunday services for the congregation. Pastor Paul has requested that anyone with unused canning jar lids that they do not plan to use, to offer them to those in the community needing them.

Meeting ended with prayer.

Minutes by C. Bingham



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%)

Contact Jane Skaare to purchase or with questions at 715-595-6025 or jskar3@hotmail.com





Saturday October 24th, 2020 at 1 pm

Pumpkin Contest: Bring your carved or decorated pumpkin to the Trunk-or-Treat event. Drop off your pumpkin to be judged while you walk through the Trunk-or-Treat line!

Categories:

4K & Kindergarten

1st & 2nd Grade

3rd & 4th Grade

5th & 6th Grade

7th & 8th Grade

High School

Costume Contest: 1:30 pm

Categories:

0-3 year olds

4K & kindergarten

1st & 2nd Grade

3rd & 4th Grade

5th & 6th Grade

7th & 8th Grade

High School

Please remember to follow COVID guidelines!

→Anson News←

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ANSON STAINED GLASS SALE IN DECEMBER?

GAME ON!! But it will be different this year. The glassy gals have been meeting, socially distanced, and have been producing beautiful stained glass items. Instead of having many people gathering on one day, we will be taking appointments and you will have a whole week to shop! The sale week will be the first week of December. Details will be in November newsletter, and we will be using our email list also to notify people. I hope you can support us; our sales are used to fund outreach projects.

Kathy Cernohous

Anson church



2020 October Birthdays and Anniversaries!



Anson

6 Kyra Yeakel
16 Lee & Jean McIlquham
21 Mary Benson
23 Jean McIlquham
30 Greg Saxton-Jensen
31 Lindsay Wickham

Jim Falls

1 Taylor Kressin
6 Loren Lueck
18 Jeff Ellis
19 Steve Maier
28 Wayne & Joan Dunlap
Keith & Roxann Pitsch

Holcombe

1 Roger & Alice Larson
3 Don Crank
Darci Schmitt
4 Joe Hillebrand
Roger & Elaine Sharp
9 Kaylie Walters
10 Bob Kunze
Justin & Lacey Moore
15 Pastor Paul Messmer
24 Shelby Justus
26 Barb Flouro
27 Brendan Anders
Lois Grueneich
Kelly Justus
Jim Mataczynski
28 Ken Flouro
29 Joe & Rita Cigan



October

Anson, Holcombe, and Jim Falls
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2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				¹ UMW 1p (JF)	²	³
⁴ 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A)	⁵ Food Pantry 4-6p (JF) Coffee & Conversation w/Pastor 1p (JF)	⁶ Men's Breakfast 7:30a (H) Worship Committee 9a (H) Lay Servant 10a (C)	⁷ Coffee & Conversation w/Pastor 1p (H)	⁸ UMW 1:30p (H) Ad Board 4:30p (H)	⁹	¹⁰
¹¹ 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A)	¹² Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	¹³ Food Pantry 2-5p (H) Missions 1p (H)	¹⁴	¹⁵	¹⁶	¹⁷ Men's Breakfast 7:30a (JF)
¹⁸ 20 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a (H), 10a (JF), 11:15a (A)	¹⁹ Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	²⁰	²¹	²² Worship Committee 10:30a (JF)	²³	²⁴ Trunk-or- Treat event Church parking lot 1pm (H)
²⁵ 21 st Sunday after Pentecost 11:15a (A) With Noisy Bucket 8:30a (H), 10a (JF)	²⁶ Food Pantry 4-6p (JF)	²⁷ Food Pantry 2-5p (H)	²⁸	²⁹	³⁰	³¹

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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.