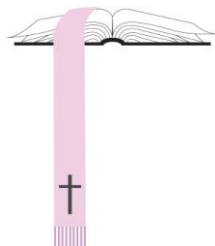


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Rhonda's Reflections



WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE

At Easter, we celebrate that Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To those who are unfamiliar with the meaning of Easter, it is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the disciples of Christ, (that's you and me) it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So, what does Easter mean to you? The question is **not** What do you believe? The question is, what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean when you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter People?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: how you live your daily life.

Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of God's People.

"What difference does Easter make anyway?" Your life will be the answer to that question. Live as Easter People Every day!

Holy Week Worship

March 28 Palm Sunday Worship 10:30 Children Singing

April 1 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m.

April 2 Good Friday Worship 7:00 p.m.

April 4 Easter Sunrise Service 6:45 a.m.

Easter Breakfast to go 7:30 a.m.

Easter Worship 10:30 a.m.

See You in Worship,

Rev. Rhonda



BURIED IN YOUR BACKYARD

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to God and those around us for God's glory. As

time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Don't forget that we now have online giving! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device by going to the app store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" the download is free. We also have a button on our website that will also take you to the Vanco site. This service is available for your convenience!

WAYS TO KEEP INFORMED DURING THIS PANDEMIC

Updates will be through **Call-Em-All**, and also posted on our webpage: www.stpaulsuccsm.com and our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-United-Church-of-Christ-St-Marys-Ohio-244329649061259/>

AGAPE MISSION: Our *goal again this year is 2000*. Let's get rolling early this year and put the rolls in the Elevette Room. Currently, our totals are 597 rolls of toilet paper and 270 bars of soap. If you would like for me to purchase rolls for you, I can do this. Just give your donation to me or the office. I will be glad to help out. So, let's just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support of Agape projects. Jane Nuss.



DON'T FORGET

Deadline for articles, announcements, etc. for the **May** issue of *The Communicator* will be **April 19th**.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Do you need assistance registering to receive the covid vaccine or do you need a ride to your location?? We want to help. You can call the church office (419-394-3811) or contact Jane Nuss (419-305-9629) or Lynda Hadley (419-305-3668) and we will help with scheduling an appointment or arranging transportation for you. You can call the hospital to make an appointment at 419-300-1132 or visit their website at grandlakehealth.org. The sooner we all get vaccinated, the sooner we can see those smiling faces again as we sing our little hearts out!!

OPEN HOUSE AND BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER FOR NORMA LHAMON

Norma will be turning 100 years young on April 28th. Express your birthday wishes to Norma at an Open House on Sunday, May 2, 2021, from 2p-4p here at St. Paul's in Fellowship Hall. The practice of social distancing and masks will be observed.

If you unable to attend the Open House, please feel free to send her a birthday card! You can mail the card to:

Norma Lhamon
11817 Mallard Lane
St. Marys, OH 45885

Musical Notes



"Shout to the Lord"

The Bible contains promises for every problem and a word of assurance for every need. When faced with anger or anxiety, we can always find a word from God to nudge us onward and upward — if only we'll open His Book. That's what Darlene Zschech did one dark day in 1993.

Darlene was born in 1965 in Brisbane, Australia, and she grew up singing. When she was about fifteen, her father, who had recently given his life to Christ, enrolled her in a Christian scouting program; and through that program she received Jesus Christ as her Savior.

Years later, one day in 1993, Darlene faced a daunting and discouraging personal problem. In her heaviness, she entered the study of her home and sat at the old and out-of-tune piano her parents had given her when she was five.

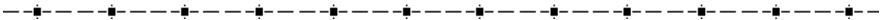
Opening her Bible, she started reading Psalm 96.

As Darlene meditated on that psalm, her fingers pressed the keys of the piano, and the music and words began to flow. In about twenty minutes the song was done. For several days she sang it to herself as the truths of the song ministered to her own heart. She had not previously called herself a songwriter, so Darlene was reluctant to share it with anyone. But mustering her courage, she finally asked the music pastor at her church to listen to it. She was so nervous she kept stopping and apologizing. She even asked him to stand over by the wall and turn away from her while she sang it.

He assured her the song was wonderful, and shortly afterward they sang "Shout to the Lord" during the offering at church. The

congregation took to it quickly, standing and joining in the song, though the words hadn't been prepared for bulletin or screen. Darlene's pastor, Brian Houston, predicted it would be sung around the world.

And so it has.



NOTICE

Due to COVID-19, the Easter Bake Sale at Minster Bank is canceled again this year.

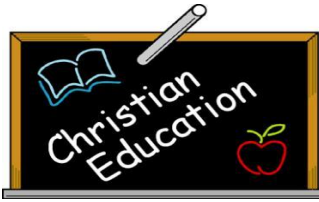


**BREAKING BREAD
COMMUNITY MEAL**

Breaking Bread will be serving from **4:30 to 5:15pm** (unless food is all gone before this). **Grab and Go from your car only.** Looking forward to providing delicious free meals to our community. Every Thursday except the first Thursday of the month.

- April 8
- April 15
- April 22
- April 29


BREAKING BREAD' COMMUNITY DINNER - If you would like to make a financial contribution to help with costs for the weekly community dinner, these will be gratefully accepted. Donations can be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office. Please be sure to indicate your name on the envelope if you would like to receive credit on your giving statement. Contributions of #10 canned food are also accepted



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

4 – Bree Howell	13 – Jose Schmackers
6 – Joey Vanderhorst	18 – Emma Birt
7 – Claydon Milner	24 – Emma Wibbeler
8 – Harrison Silber	

February Perfect Attendance

Nursery None Pre K Lucy Klosterman Kindergarten None 1st Grade Arianna Ickes Toby Turner Amelia Klosterman 2nd Grade None 3rd Grade Henry Klosterman 4th Grade Emily Turner 5th Grade Haley Anderson Ava Winget Ryen Chishlom	6th Grade None 7th Grade None 8th Grade Caleb Turner 9th Grade Cody Birt 10th Grade Brooke Turner Charley Spencer 11th Grade Brett Speckman 12th grade Emma Birt 
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MESSAGE FROM MARY

In February, the Sunday school collected canned goods for Agape. We collected enough canned goods to fill a grocery cart. Thank you everyone for your donations.

On March 21st, the High School kids prepared and presented a Seder Meal to the Sunday school children. A Seder Meal is a ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover.

Sunday school children have been coloring postcards to be delivered in early April to our local first responders and doctor offices.

Palm Sunday the children will march through the sanctuary signing "Filled with Excitement" while some of the children will be playing musical instruments.

Since we are going into the time of sadness from the death of Christ, we will also be going into the time joy as he arose from death. I will say to you, as I said to my children years ago as they got up in the morning... Rise and shine and give God your glory!

Blessings to you and your family,
Mary Holtzapple

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Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!!!

Interested in camp this summer? The 2020 summer camp registration portal is now open!

Visit <http://www.ohioucc.org/outdoor-ministries/> to register for camp! There are opportunities available for people of all ages, so check your calendar and get ready for a summer of fun! If you have any questions about camp, see Mary Holtzapple!

Be sure to check out the Outdoor Ministries website for helpful information as you begin to plan for camp!

Youth Director Opening: St. Paul's United Church of Christ, St. Marys is seeking an energetic, organized and creative youth leader. Candidate must have excellent communication skills and be able to work with all age ranges of our congregation, with a focus on Senior High youth and school age children.

The person should be a lay member of the United Church of Christ or a person with like beliefs of the United Church of Christ. Position is part-time.

Send resumes to: St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Attn: Pastor Rhonda Hainer, 201 N. Perry Street, St. Marys OH 45885. Applications can also be picked up at this address.

Aluminum Can Recycling for the Youth Group - Thank you to everyone who is saving aluminum cans for the **YOUTH GROUP**. We will continue to save, collect, and recycle cans. Cans need to be **rinsed out** and brought to St. Paul's - **just leave them behind the curtain under the stairs of the Creation Station door.** If you have a lot of cans and would like to just take them on to recycling and donate the money, it may be just as easy once they are in your vehicle. Thank you for your support.

DISASTER KITS

With Spring rains comes flooding. The Northwest Disaster Team is looking for more clean-up kits. They're needed to help dispose of debris left from floodwaters, and also to rid homes of mold and mildew. Some of our church family have received such kits when flood waters invaded their homes.

Buckets are being provided by the Women's Guild. We are asking for monetary donations to fill these buckets. Donations may be placed in a marked envelope labeled for Clean-up kits. This way some items can be purchased in bulk.

Thank you,
Mission Outreach Committee

Personal Hygiene Kits

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16"x32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel, or micro-fiber)
- One wash cloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package (found at discount dealers like sallybeauty.com)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One bath size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids
- Place all items in a ONE GALLON ZIP-LOCK BAG
- Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its journey.

WOMEN'S NEWS

QUILTERS

Our quilting ladies meet on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to ??? in the sewing room. Questions? Call Margaret Hunter at 419-733-4332
(Note: We don't meet in the summer months).

MESSAGE OF THANKS TO THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Thank you for the Valentines. It was a pleasant surprise. Also, thank you for the cards and telephone calls.

Shirley Huckeriede

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Thank you to the St. Paul's Women's Guild for the wonderful contribution you made to the elevator fund in memory of our mother.

Had she been able to visit, she would have made use of our new elevator. She read the monthly Communicator with interest, excited by this new accessibility for all.

Thank you,
Rev. Rhonda Hainer and the Hemenway family



Thank You Everyone for all the prayers and wishes! Your thoughts and prayers meant the world to me and my family! Covid got into my lungs, lowering my oxygen and making it difficult to breathe. While I was in the hospital, I was given Remdesivir, oxygen, blood thinner, steroid treatments and insulin. Please continue to stay safe, wear masks, and get vaccinated when you can. I don't want anyone to have to go through what I did.

Herb Burroughs (son of Virginia Burroughs)

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Dear St. Paul's UCC and Women's Guild,

Thank you for your generous gifts to Back Bay Mission! Your gifts of Friends of the Mission make it possible to meet the most urgent needs of the poor and marginalized of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Your gift is already at work strengthening neighborhoods, seeking justice, and transforming lives. You're helping a homeowner stay in their home, providing homeless families with apartments, making sure people have enough food, and giving people the support they need to make their lives better.

Most importantly, your gift is making sure that Back Bay Mission is here to provide a safe and welcoming place for everyone who comes through our doors. Thank you for partnering with us through your generous gift. We- and those we serve – are ever grateful.

Grace and Peace,
Kenney Washington, Director of Client Services

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Breaking Bread,

Thanks again for the nice meals on Thursdays. I sure enjoy every one of them and your hard work each week.

Sandra Clausing

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To my St. Paul's Church family,
I want to give a special thanks to Pastor Rhonda for her words of compassion and encouragement to me for the very nice service she gave for Bob's funeral.
Also, thanks to all of you who remembered with prayers, kind words of sympathy and offers of help. I am fortunate to be a part of this church family.

Carol Waesch

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Dear St. Paul's UCC:

Just wanted to let you know how much we appreciated the delicious cookies!

Thank you!
St. Marys Post Office

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To all the kind, thoughtful people of St. Paul's UCC, I would like to express my thanks for all of the telephone calls, cards and copies I have received here at Otterbein. They are much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Joanne Dammeyer



Rodney Martin has moved into Vancrest. His new address is:

Rodney Martin
1035 Hager Street
St. Marys, OH 45885

He would love to receive Thinking of You cards and notes!

Birth Announcement



Evan William Bush was born on March 11, 2021. Evan weighed 7 lbs 7 oz. and was 19" long. Evan is the son of Jill (Anderson) and Tony Bush, and the grandson of Kirk and Becky Anderson. Congratulations!

On March 7, 2021, the church through baptism welcomed Larra Lee Sue Bower, daughter of Karen and Brian Bower. Larra is the granddaughter to the late Larry Schaaf and Della Schaaf, Michelle Schaaf, and the great-granddaughter of Rose Leffel.



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On March 7, 2021, the church through baptism welcomed Ford Andrew Klosterman and Lucy Sue Klosterman into the church. Ford and Lucy are the children of Todd and Emily Klosterman. Grandparents are the late Larry Schaaf and great-grandmother Rose Leffel.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of the following member(s) who have passed away since the last newsletter:

- Robert Waesch – February 25, 2021*












*Indicates Pastor Rhonda conducted services.



- **To the Elevator Fund in loving memory of her grandmother, Ruth Seewer:** Tina, Joe, Peter and Ellie Jacob.
- **To the Elevator Fund in memory of Cindy Huckemeyer:** Chuck and Joyce Greenawalt, Encova Insurance, Lynn and Carol Schmidt.
- **To the Elevator Fund in memory of Ruth Henschen:** Lynn and Carol Schmidt.
- **To the Elevator Fund in memory of Agnes Hemenway:** Dan Busch.
- **To the Back Bay Mission in memory of Agnes Hemenway:** Wilma Dyer
- **To the Elevator Fund in memory of Bob Waesch:** Lynn and Carol Schmidt, David and Donna Shreiner, Joan Hausfeld, Janet Schmidt, Crouse family, Steve Schmitmeyer family, Ron and Michelle Sudman, Ken and Regina Sudman, Linda Rempe and family, Jean and Fred Waesch, Janet Riggensbach, Tom Craft, John and Deb Moeller, Robert and Lillie Miller, Judy Waesch and Family, Dick and Ann Hudson, Karen James, and Grace Young, Virginia Burroughs and Adele Fast.
- **To the Breaking Bread Fund in memory of Agnes Hemenway:** Mary McDonald.
- **To the Endowment Fund in memory of Bob Waesch:** Glenn and Lynda Hadley, Ron and Margaret Hunter, Gary and Sara Seewer, Chuck and Joyce Greenawalt, Rebecca Rasaweher.
- **To the Memorial Fund in memory of Bob Waesch:** Sharon Gottschalk.



The Bulletin Board

-  If you will be going to the hospital or if someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office and let us know.
-  Please call the church office with address corrections or if you do not see your **Birthday** or **Anniversary** listed during the correct month. Call 419-394-3811. Thank you!!
-  **CALL-EM-ALL** - Please let the church office know if you are experiencing any problems with the Call-Em-All phone messages. **Also, if you would like to be removed from the calling list, listen to the broadcast and at the end follow their directions to 'opt out' of any future broadcasts - this will remove your number from the calling list.** Thank you!
-  **Cell phone # for Pastor Rhonda** (563) 210-3508
-  **rhainer@bright.net** – Rev. Hainer's e-mail address.
-  **smucc@bright.net** - church e-mail address. Use this to e-mail articles for the newsletter/messages for the Sunday bulletin.
-  **christianed@bright.net** - Christian Education and Youth Director email address.
-  **cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com** to contact Carol Schmidt for the Email Prayer Team Requests.
-  **spmedia@bright.net** – to contact Jim Huckemeyer or Rich Spencer email address.
-  **www.stpaulsuccsm.com** - church web site address and most current worship service videos can be seen here.
-  **Televised worship service-** our worship service here at St. Paul's is shown on **TSC cable - Digital channel 1 OR non-digital channel 2,** every Sunday at 10:30 am and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. There is a one week delay of the service shown.

STAFF OF ST. PAUL'S UCC:

... **Rev. Rhonda Hainer, Pastor**
... **Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant**
... **Amy & Mark Dieringer, Youth Directors**
... **Jim Huckemeyer, Director of Music**
... **Maddy Frankenhauser, Director of Children's Music**
... **Andrea Spencer, Organist**
... **Ann Vogel, Organist**
... **Cynthia Hanover, Pianist**
... **Bob Schumacher, Custodian**
... **Rich Spencer, Audio and Video**
... **Carol Schmidt, Email Prayer Team Contact**
... **Mary Holtzapple, Christian Ed Coordinator**
... **Kim Opperman, Church School Superintendent**
... **Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher**
... **Kim Opperman, Nursery Supervisor**

EYEGASSES FOR THE NEEDY - collected by the church school classes. Donated glasses should be placed in the basket at the North entrance to the sanctuary.

Kroger Fund Raiser for the Women's Guild – If you would like to support Women's Guild with the Kroger fundraiser, log on to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com to sign up & register your Kroger Plus card. **NPO# is SK5720**. If you do not use the internet, but would like to sign up, please contact Jane Nuss or Kris Vanderhorst.

LIFT CHAIR is available for 'loan' to anyone in the church who might have a need for it. Please call the church office for more information.

ATLAS 600 VISION MACHINE – QUANTITY OF 2 - to assist those who have vision problems with reading books, newspapers, prescription labels, writing personal checks or viewing family photographs - making this possible with video magnifiers.

WALKERS - If you have need of a walker for assistance in getting around, please call the church office. One of our church members has several different type walkers, which are available for loan.

RESTROOM ITEMS: If you have a need for shower chairs, toilet seat elevators and hand-held shower adapters, please call the church office. One of our church members has graciously donated a few of these items.

LAMINATOR - available in the church office. This is used by the Sunday School teachers for classroom projects and activities and by the office staff. We will also laminate items for church members for a fee of \$1.00 per item (**NOTE: maximum size we can laminate is 8 ½ x 11 inches**).

OFFERING ENVELOPES - are distributed by quarterly mailing. Please notify the church office if you are not receiving envelopes and would like to be added to this mailing list. Also.....**PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**

COPIES - if you need copies made of any personal items, you may stop by the church office and we will be glad to make them for you. If it is a large project, it is best to call ahead. **Cost for making copies for church members is 15 cents per copy if you use the office paper or 10 cents per copy if you bring your own paper.**

THE DVD/CD DUPLICATOR in the church office enables us to make multiple copies of the morning worship service. Please call the church office to request a copy. **The charge for duplicating a DVD will be \$2.00 each.** Monthly sets of worship DVD's can also be mailed at a cost of \$10.00 per month. Call the church office for more information.

2021 CHURCH OFFICIALS

President of Congregation	Jeff Dieringer
Vice-president of Congregation	Darren Caywood
President of Consistory 2021	Marsha Landers
Vice-president of Consistory 2021	Lynda Hadley

2021 Members of Consistory

Elders:	Jane Nuss	Marsha Landers
	Joan Leffel	Mary Holtzapple
	Kevin Gehres	Lori Now
Deacons:	Lynn Schmidt	Melinda Silber
	Lynda Hadley	Kelly Kill
	Susan Braun	Linda McDonald
	Jennifer Ginter	Susan Spencer
	Becky Anderson	Jill Dickman
	Carol Schmidt	Jen Lucas
Trustees:	Kyle Opperman, Larry Kill and DeWayne Marsee	

FINANCIAL REPORT

February 2021:

Current Fund:

- Budgeted through February 28, 2021 = \$ 43,904.34
- Received through February 28, 2021 = \$ 35,854.78
- Expenses through February 28, 2021 = \$ 39,959.45
- Received through February 29, 2020 = \$ 32,282.00

Mission Fund:

- Budgeted through February 28, 2021 = \$ 2,500.00
- Received through February 28, 2021 = \$ 1,377.00
- Received through February 29, 2020 = \$ 1,705.00

Status of 2021 Budget:

Current Fund:

- Budgeted through March 31, 2021 = \$ 65,856.51
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- Budgeted through March 31, 2021 = \$ 54,880.42
- Received through March 17, 2021 = \$ 48,089.28

Mission Fund:

- Budgeted through March 31, 2021 = \$ 3,750.00
- Budgeted through March 17, 2021 = \$ 3,125.00
- Received through March 17, 2021 = \$ 2,388.00

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2021 CONSISTORY MEETING

The regular meeting of St. Paul's UCC Consistory was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Marsha Landers. Pastor Rhonda Hainer opened the meeting with a Lenten prayer.

Present: *Elders:* Jane Nuss, Mary Holtzapple, Kevin Gehres, Lori Now, and Marsha Landers; *Trustees:* Larry Kill and Kyle Opperman; *Deacons:* Kelly Kill, Melinda Silber, Jennifer Ginter, Susan Spencer, Carol and Lynn Schmidt, Linda McDonald, Susan Braun, Becky Anderson, Jill Dickman and Jen Lucas. Also present were, Treasurer, David Dickman, and Administrative Assistant Carolyn Garrison. Pastor Rhonda Hainer, and custodian, Bob Schumacher.

Christian Education and Nurture: Mary Holtzapple

- The Sunday school children are currently studying the books of the Bible.
- The high school kids will be serving a Seder Meal to the Sunday school children on March 21st during Sunday school time.
- The children are currently coloring postcards to send to the local first responders.
- On Palm Sunday the children will enter the sanctuary with their palms and singing a special song.
- Wanted to remind everyone that in our Constitution, anyone that wants to help with the Sunday School classes/Nursery, must have a background check completed first.

Minutes:

- Minutes from the February 10, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Jen Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes. Lori Now seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: David Dickman

- David reviewed the Financial Report for the month of February 2021. David was proud to report that the loan from the Building Fund has been paid off. There being no other questions, President Marsha asked to file the financial report for review by the church Administrative Assistant.

President's Report: No report**Pastor's Report:** Rhonda Hainer

- Pastor Rhonda thanked everyone for the cards, gifts and kind words when her mother passed. Thank you also for the donation of a bush to be planted in memory of her mother.

Loose Offering:

- Loose offering is already designated for April.

Budget and Finance: David Dickman

- David reported that the final bills have been received from Dorsten totaling \$216, 257.41. With the money raised, the Trustees will have to pay \$10,775.55.

Trustees: Kyle Opperman

- The new valve for the boiler has been ordered.
- We have switched insurance companies. The policy is pretty much identical; however, this with this new company, our premiums are much less than what they were before.
- Concrete has been repaired at the new elevator entrance.

Elders: Jane Nuss

- We will be having communion on Maundy Thursday and twice on Easter Sunday.

Deacons: No report

Christian Mission and Outreach: No report

Personnel: Jen Lucas

- Personnel has met and we continue to make revisions to the employee handbook. No major revisions. Just updating.
- We are working on recruitment of a new Youth Director. We have had a little bit of interest.
- Personnel is establishing a calendar of events so as to better prepare for yearly contracts, considering wage increases, and year-end reviews.

Elevator Committee: No report

Stewardship Committee: Kevin Gehres

- The postcards for the hospital have been delivered with cookies. A big thank you goes out to Jane, Marsha and Joni for arranging everything. Next, we will be sending out postcards with lifesavers to our first responders as well as the staff at the post office.
- We are currently working on doing a spotlight on each committee to be run on the screen prior to worship service as well as have it on our church website. This is to educate everyone on what these committees do and what role they play within the church. We are using this concept rather than have the informational fair that we were unable to do because of Covid.
- The committee is updating the brochure we had for the Mom-2-Mom sale. We will be using this brochure along with a coupon to come to worship with us and redeem the coupon for a candy bar. Carolyn has been in contact with the Chamber and the brochure and coupon will be placed in the Chamber welcome bags.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Jane Nuss asked if we can open the remainder of the doors to the church on Sunday. Currently, there are two doors that haven't been opened back up since we came back to full worship. It was asked why the doors were locked to

begin with and Carolyn spoke up and said that entrances were restricted when temperatures were being taken, etc. Mindy Silber made a motion to unlock all doors on Sunday. Jennifer Ginter seconded. Motion passed.

- Kevin Gehres asked about the research of bereavement leave. President Marsha stated that a guideline has been received from the Association which has been passed on to Pastoral Relations and Personnel. Personnel is to review and get back with Pastoral Relations and then to the Consistory for approval.
- Pastor Rhonda brought up that a couple of Sundays ago there was a couple in church. Rhonda did not personally see them, but others said that they did. No one seems to know who they were. Rhonda asked everyone to take that motto of SHINE, I for invite. Even though we are wearing masks, we want to be as welcoming as possible. The couple did not return the following week. Rhonda asked that if you see someone that you do not know or recognize, it is quite alright to say “You know, I’m not recognizing you with your mask on, have we met?” or “I’m forgetting your name, can you remind me of your name?” It’s a simple thing to do. Just make them feel welcome. With Palm Sunday and Easter are fast approaching, invite people to come worship with us.

There being no further regular business, Jill Dickman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Gehres seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Landers, 2021 Consistory President
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant

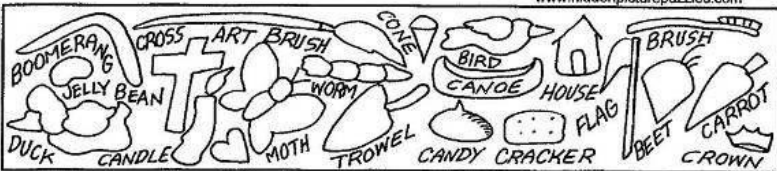


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