



From Pastor Lem's Desk

Well with this newsletter we bid Peggy Graham a happy retirement.

Peggy, as the church secretary treasurer, has served the Edmore Faith United Methodist Church faithfully for fifteen years, so, we are excited that she is off to travel and chase the grand kids. So, to Peggy and Dennis we say, "Live Long and Prosper in the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ".

Just as the Christmas season has ended a new year arrives. Do we have goals and dreams for this year? Of course we do. All of us have a goal or two to accomplish each day. As Peggy pursues her goals in retirement, we all will pursue our daily goals. So, what do you want to do this new year? Write that down and see if you achieve that goal. See how far you get to completing that goal. As Oswald Chambers observes it is not the end that God is interested in it is the journey. That is a good goal, a day to day walk with God.

God bless your journey through this year

Pastor Lem

Movie Musings

Sallie Horner

More Beautiful for Having Been Broken

A broken FBI agent named MaKensie suspended from her job and struggling with the loss of her mother, travels to the small mountain town she used to visit as a child. She is befriended by a special needs boy who possesses the extraordinary gift of healing others through his unbroken spirit and unique outlook on life. Though she is hurting, she begins to see through his eyes as the puzzle pieces fall into place. She befriends Freddie and his mother, Samantha.

The boy has two deformed arms and hands, and he has asthma; but he keeps a smile on his face through all of his difficulties in life. It is a gentle, passionate, and touching drama that will appeal to the whole family. It is available on Prime Video and is a heart warming story. Although he is bullied by others, she stands by him as does his mother. She came to his defense and became very close to the boy who she wanted nothing to do with him at the start. It is rated 4 out of 5, but my take on it is that it is a five. It is another feel good movie that all can enjoy.

Bible verse I chose:

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7:12

PapawLand

The movie covers a single parent raising a teenager where both have difficulties with their lives. Both experience dread and levels of depression that so many of our society face today. It is rated 4.6 out of 5 and is available on Amazon Prime.

The mother tells her son about how she had him out of wedlock as a means of getting out and away from her father. It stars Carmen Mitchel and Spring Hunter.

It was slow getting going but gave the watcher a peek at some life issues as he went to the church with his grandfather. When he was to go back home with his mother, he wanted to stay with his grandfather but his mother made him go with her.

He seemed so down and depressed, and no issues were ever resolved just like so many parents struggle with parenting teens. It wasn't my favorite movie, but it did offer some guidance in parenting.

The fifth commandment says:

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you” (Exodus 20:12). This commandment, and the blessing attached to it, are repeated throughout the old and new testaments.



We Have a Quilt for You

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, Peggy Graham! Peggy sold the beautiful Michigan quilt that has been on display in the narthex.

Sharon Deal has created all of our collegiate creations and she does exceptional work. We Crafters knew that any potential buyer for this Michigan quilt would be over-the-moon at his or her good luck. Peggy found her for us, and we just want to thank Peggy for her efforts on our behalf.

Crafters hope to find additional buyers as we do have quilts available in various sizes for your last minute shopping. One of our larger quilts will be added to the display rack in the narthex and we will be seeking a buyer once again. Keep in mind that we'll make quilts to order if you wish special colors or designs.

Patriotic quilts continue to be our current focus and their construction will continue through the winter.

United Women of Faith Meeting

December 05, 2023

Eleven women enjoyed a Christmas potluck with lots of good food.

Meeting was opened with reading of our purpose.

Santa (Hazel) distributed gifts to all. Thank you.

Fran gave a presentation entitled "Christmas Hope".

Secretary report given by Jean for November meeting. Report accepted.

Treasury report given by Georgia. Motion given by Pat to give HAVE MERCY \$100. Seconded by Pat L. Motion carried. We have \$367.74. Discussion held. It was decided to leave this money and use for needs that may develop this month. Our account will be removed from Huntington Bank and placed in the Montcalm

Employees Credit Union. Motion made to add Janelle to the checking account. Seconded by Kathy. Motion passed.

Discussion held re—the Christmas dinner on Christmas at 2 PM.

Cards will be sent to Linda Dobbrastine (knee injury) and to the Kanes (health).

Meeting adjourned by President Janella.

Next meeting to be determined. (Jan. 2 nd ??)

Submitted by Jean Croll.

Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Attendance:

Becky West, chairperson, Jean Croll, Georgia Bohne, Jane Beach, Peggy Graham, Janella Hicks, Pastor Lem.

Pastor Lem opened the meeting in prayer..

United Women in Faith - Janella:

There were 15 people in attendance at the last meeting. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful potluck luncheon. Discussed the upcoming Christmas dinner.

UMF would like to meet with other UMF groups from the Central Bay district. At this time they are not receiving any information from the district as to events going on. Hazel gave each person in attendance a special gift.

Trustee:

A solar light has been installed on the flagpole but is not working at the current time.

A new refrigerator has been purchased for the parsonage.

An updated used freezer was donated.

Bids for an on-demand hot water heater have been received.

Missions:

No report.

SPRC:

We have one application for the office job as Peggy retires on Dec. 28. An interview has been set up for Dec. 13.

Education:

The children's Christmas play am will be on Dec. 17

Budget:

Went over the 2024 budget as presented by Finance. Becky made a motion to approve the budget. Janella 2nd Motion carried.

Memorial:

monies will pay for the new solar light.

Discussed what will happen to the current Nativity Scene that doesn't work well here. The wind blows it over all the time. It was decided to give it back to the family of Colleen Naru as their memorial money paid for it.

Worship:

Jean is working on special music for Christmas.

Christmas Eve service will begin at 7 pm

Discussed if the Sunday potluck should be cancelled. Georgia suggested having just soup and sandwiches and not cancelling it.

Hazel is sending out Christmas cards to those who attend church here.

Pastor Lem:

Looking to take a vacation sometime in January or February.

Pastor Lem suggested maybe having the Community Band that he is part of come in and put on a concert.

Old business:

Christmas parade- ran out of candy about halfway thru the parade, will need to do a lot more bags for next year. Need to hand the candy out and not throw it out of a moving vehicle. There were a lot of good activity's throughout the weekend.

Need to enter a float in the Potato Festival Parade.

Suggested taking food to our shut-ins.

Plan to make goodie baskets for the apartments consisting of individual size soaps, shampoo, hand sanitizer, detergent and maybe some slippers.

Wish List (for Memorial Money)

Rails for the platform in the front of the church

On demand hot water heater

Blinds for the fellowship hall

Storage totes for the Christmas trees.

New video camera for the sound booth. Rails for the platform in the front of the church

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New Business

Need to start planning for Lent. Pastor would like a soup luncheon each Thursday during lent.

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Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023



Members present:

Jane Beach, Georgia Bohne, Peggy Graham, Pastor Lem, Becky West.

Members absent:

Leonard Jordan.

Note:

The following member will need to receive communication via the regular mail as she does not have email:
Georgia Bohne

1: The Finance Committee Meeting called to order at December 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

- Prayer was led by Pastor Lem.
- Georgia Bohne shared devotions on Winter and Choosing Positive Thinking.
- Jane Beach will do devotions for the next meeting.

2: Review of previous minutes:

- The minutes from November 14, 2023, were reviewed..
- With no changes or corrections, Jane Beach moved to accept the minutes as printed.
- Peggy Graham seconded. Motion passed.

3: Treasurer's report:

Peggy provided copies of Church Financial Reports for November 2023

- November 2023 Income: **\$10,864.75** Expenses: **\$13,758.86** Net: **(\$2,894.11)**
- All bills and Ministry Shares are paid.
- YTD we are approximately **(\$11,321.19)**
- Finances will continue to be closely monitored.
- Jane Beach moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Georgia Bohne seconded.
- Report accepted by group vote and placed on file.

4: Old Business:

- None at this time.

4: New Business:

- 2024 Budget.
 - Budget reviewed and discussed.
 - Jane Beach moved to accept the 2024 Budget; Peggy Graham seconded. Budget approved by vote to send on to Church Council.

4: Around the Table:

- Peggy said she had enjoyed being part of the Finance Committee and will miss working with us.
- Jane, Pastor Lem, Georgia and Becky expressed appreciation for Peggy.

7: Next meeting:

Tuesday, January 09, 2023 at 11:00 am

8. Meeting was ended around noon.

Notice Board

Attendance / Offering

	Offering	Attendance
Dec 03	\$1,695.00	40
Dec 10	\$2,837.00	43
Dec 17	\$3,224.00	43
Dec 24	\$761.02	49
Dec 31	No information	
2022 YTD	\$133,249.44	
2023 YTD	\$113,162.50	

From Jane Beach



Our sincere January 2024
Dear Faith UMC Family and
Friends,
Thanks for your generosity in
participating in our annual
Christmas LOVE offering. LOVE
offering gifts were given to

Peggy and Pastor Lem in the days immediately
preceding Christmas. Your kind outreach is an
additional demonstration of the caring for which
our church is always noted. Thanks again and
blessings for the New Year.

Jane Anderson Beach
SPRC Chairperson

Retirement Potluck for Peggy

Please plan to attend a 'Good Bye Peggy' potluck on
January 14th immediately after church. Bring your
'special' dish to share as we spend time celebrating
with Peggy. Individual cards and remembrances are
welcome .

From our New Secretary - Angela



Hello! My name is Angela Hopkins and I am
pleased to be your new church secretary/treasurer. I
come from just south of Sheridan on M-57 four miles
to the east.

I was the Sunday School assistant here before. I have
prior experience as a church
secretary. I like to sew, do crafts, and I am learning
to quilt.

I look forward to working with all of you.

Have a Happy New Year!
Angie

From Jane Beach

Every Day Can be a Christmas

When Christ was born, so was our hope. This is why
I love Christmas. The event invites us to believe the
wildest of promises. He did away with every
barrier, fence, sin, bent, debt, and grave. Anything
that might keep us from him was demolished. He
only awaits our word to walk through the door.
Invite him in. Escort him to the seat of honor, and
pull out his chair. Clear the table; clear the calendar.
Call the kids and neighbors. Christmas is here.
Christ is here.

One request from you, and God will do again what
he did then: scatter the night with everlasting light.
He'll be born in you. Let "Silent Night" be sung!
Every heart can be a manger. Every day can be a
Christmas. The Christmas miracle—a yearlong
celebration!
Max Lucado

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Food Truck

4-5 pm sign up

5 pm food distribution

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Please bring containers for your food

January 18, 2024

at the Church of God (123 E. Main Street)

***The next one is April 18 at Faith United Methodist Church**

(833 S. First Street)

***Next one is July 18 at the Church of God (123 E. Main Street)**

***The last one is October 17 at Faith United Methodist Church**

(833 S. First Street)

NOTICE: We will be doing registration in the parking lot.

Please do not leave your cars.

As you register you will be given a number and directed to a parking space.

Food items will be placed in the trunk of your car, the back hatch or in the bed of pickups.

January 2024 Reminders

Birthdays

Jan 02 Lisa Longnecker
Jan 05 Don Youngs
Jan 08 Tina Jordan
Jan 09 Dan Barkholz
Jan 16 Marie Cook
Jan 19 Sherry Kruithoff
Jan 20 Cullen Christensen
Jan 23 Sebastian Christensen
Jan 24 Carole Nevills
Jan 30 Eric Horner

Anniversaries

Jan 18 Eric & Sallie Horner

Service Men and Women

Joshua Guild
Robert Nemetz
Chris Arganbright
Joseph Schmitt
Mike West
John Withey - deployed
Asher Felty
Tawny Frick - deployed
Paul Clouse

(If there are any changes please let Angela know so she can keep this updated)

Continued Prayers

Keith Eldred
Craig & Tonya VonDracek
Joan Rasmussen
Sharon Lesky
Linda Montague
Vonna Montague
Jana Montague
Paul & Diana Lambe
Carol Dodson
Joy Gail Hendrics - Healed of liver cancer
Sallie Horner
James & Kim Tanis
Max & Marie Cook
Mrs. Edy's Orphanage
Troy & Deb Bongard
Family of Jerry Rasmussen
Family of Duane Shepardson
Family of Steven Purcell
Family of Charles Griffin
Family of Lane Jensen
Kathy Perkins
Greg Perkins
Brianna - friend of Janella Hicks

Assisted Living / Nursing Home

Sue Isham - Greenville United Memorial Ext Care
Bruce & Jean Sabin - Arbor Grove

Calendar of Events

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2	3 9 am Crafters	4 1 pm Euchre	5 6 to 8 pm YFC Euchre	6
7  Holy Communion	8 10 am M&M's	9 11 am Finance Meeting 12 pm Trustee's Meeting	10 9 am Crafters	11 1 pm Euchre 6 pm Worship Meeting	12 6 to 8 pm YFC Euchre	13
14 Peggy's Retirement Party	15 10 am M&M's	16 Church Council Mtg	17 9 am Crafters 6 pm Friends & Fellowship	18 1 pm Euchre Feeding America Food Truck 4 pm Signup 5 pm Food Distribution	19 6 to 8 pm YFC Euchre	20
21  Noisy Offering	22 10 am M&M's	23	24 9 am Crafters	25 1 pm Euchre	26 6 to 8 pm YFC Euchre	27
28	29 10 am M&M's	30	31 9 am Crafters			

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Sunday School/Gathering 9:00 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Children's church/Sunday School 10:30 am

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