



# The Lantern

February 2024

Faith United Methodist Church, Edmore MI

## From Pastor Lem's Desk

Well, mid January was rather snowy; many of us were snowed in for a few days until we could get plowed, shoveled, or snow blown. In Edmore the driving was slippery. When some of us did get together we reminisced of the blizzard of 1978 (now that dates many of us) But this January the snow came, and we carried on. Though we had a few postponements, we persevered. Which leads me to the scripture. "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres". (1 Corinthians 13 6-7 NIV)

It is indeed love that keeps us going. We persevere (endure) for the cause of Jesus Christ. The Love of God that is in us allows us to carry on our ministries despite what comes at us. Love always perseveres.

## Lenten Soup supper and Bible study.

During this Lent season, I will be teaching a Bible study on Thursday evenings. This will be combined with a soup supper that we will open to the public. All meetings will start at 5 PM we will serve the soup until 6:30 allowing those who are working to join us.

The dates for the Suppers and study are below. Notice that we start on Ash Wednesday; then the next week we meet on Thursday evenings. This way the last study will be on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week.

### Dates for Lenten Soup supper and Bible study:

February	Ash Wednesday (Bring your valentine)
February	22nd Thursday
February	29nd Thursday
March	7th Thursday
March	14th Thursday
March	21 st Thursday
March	Maundy Thursday

Blessings

*Pastor Lem*

# Movie Musings

Sallie Horner

## The Hill

The Hill is a true story about a baseball player named Ricky Hill played by Colin Ford. It is rated PG and was new as of October 17, 2023. Ricky was the son of a small-town traveling pastor (Dennis Quaid). Ricky was a gifted boy both in his Bible studies and in batting home runs in baseball. In spite of the fact he had to wear leg braces as a result of having a degenerative spinal disease, he never quit trying.

He and his older brother played baseball using a stick for a bat. His father would not agree to Ricky joining a team when the other boys finally allowed him to play with them. However, Ricky joined a team and became an excellent player.

He played baseball in high school and the local coach called major league scouts to come and watch Ricky play. The coach even went to see the pastor trying to get him to allow the boy to play. The boy was driven by his faith and love for the sport, and he continued to play against his father's wishes. Ricky's disease and the division it caused in his family had to be overcome so he could fulfill his dream of playing professional baseball.

He had a real challenge playing for the most famous coach (Scott Glenn) who had to give the go-ahead for Ricky to be on a major league team. The part of the movie about him trying out for major league could have been made into another movie. It was a great family movie that I would highly recommend.

Bible verse I chose:

**“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” (Galatians 6:9)**

## The Lost Holiday:

### The Jim and Suzanne Shemwell Story

This movie is a moving and exciting true story about an estranged couple, Suzanne and Jim Shemwell, a couple who misunderstood each other. The woman in the family wants to control everything. When her estranged husband comes home to ask her if he can spend a few days there because her brother is staying at his place, she reluctantly agreed.

While she was out, he decided to fix the snow mobiles so they could go riding. Their little girl could stay with her grandmother and the boy could go stay with a friend. Dad had a hard time convincing his wife to go, but eventually they were off on their adventure. They found themselves in a life-or-death ordeal when they were accidentally trapped in a blizzard during an adventure gone wrong.

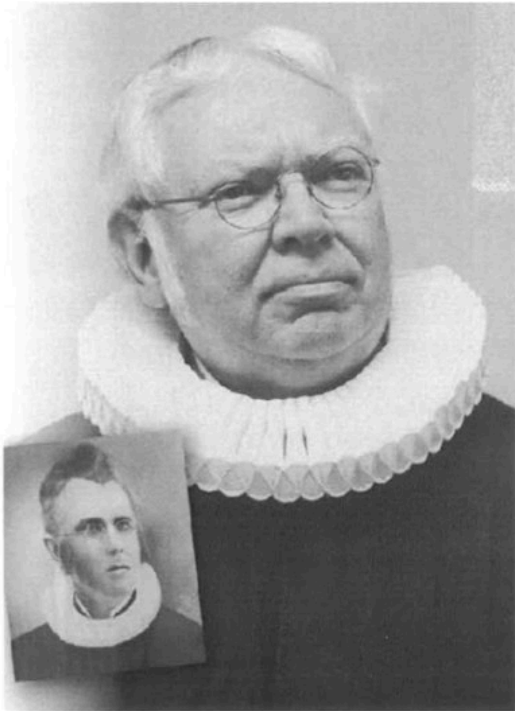
The wife's father had died in a similar situation, so the entire village searched for them. The wife's brother and the older daughter's boyfriend refused to end the search when the police ended the community search at the advice of the grandmother. The ending is happy, and I thought it was uplifting and fun to watch.

Bible verse I chose:

**“I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:12-13)**

# Dinner and a Show

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb 11 th 1 PM. After church, there will be a potluck dinner. At approximately 1 PM, Dr. Gary Hauck will perform a one man show becoming Rev. Ole Amble. The town of Amble was named after Rev. Amble who, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, pastored seven churches in the Montcalm County Area with over 1,000 total members. Don't miss this special event!



## “An Afternoon with Rev. Ole Amble”

***Presented by Dr. Gary L. Hauck***

**Sunday, February 11, at 1:00 p.m.**

**Faith United Methodist Church  
833 S. First Street  
Edmore, MI 48829**

Rev. Ole Amble was Montcalm County's pioneer Lutheran preacher of the 1800s and 1900s, who pastored up to seven area churches at one time with more than 1,000 members. As a Norwegian immigrant, he became the spiritual leader of Michigan's Scandinavian communities. Dr. Gary L. Hauck is the author of the biographical novel, "They Call Me, Reverend Amble," and portrays Amble in a dramatic performance.

# Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 1, 2023



## Members present:

Jane Beach, Angela Hopkins, Pastor Lema Becky West.

## Members absent:

Leonard Jordan, Georgia Bohne.

## 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 was called to order on January 11th 2024, 11 AM

- Prayer was led by Becky West
- Jane Beach shared a devotion on Priorities.
- Georgia Bohne will do devotions for the next meeting.

## 2. Review of previous minutes:

- The minutes from December 12th, 2023 were reviewed.
- With no changes or corrections, Jane Beach moved to accept the minutes as printed. Pastor Lem seconded. Motion passed.

## 3. Treasurer's Report -Church financial reports for December 2023 and Calendar year 2023 were reviewed.

- December 2023:     **Income: \$10,461.02; Expenses: \$10,327.11 Net: +133.91**  
      YTD:       **Income: \$142,435.75; Expense: \$153,673.03; Net: -\$11,237.28**

All bills and Ministry Shares are paid.

- Ministry Shares for 2024 will be approximately \$1,000 less than 2023. Finances will continue to be closely monitored and trends for the year will be noted.
- Jane Beach moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Pastor Lem seconded. Report accepted by group vote and placed on file.

## 4. Old Business

None at this time

## 5. New Business

None at this time

## 6. Around the Table

Nothing at this time.

## 7. Next meeting - Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, 11 AM

## 8. Meeting ended around noon

**FREE! OPEN TO EVERYONE!**



## **Food Truck**

*4-5 pm sign up*

*5 pm food distribution*

*sponsored by*

*Montabella Ministerial Association*

*Edmore, Mi 48829*

*For more information please call*

*989-427-5575*

**Please bring containers for your food**

**Feb. 22, 2024 at Edmore Church of God-  
123 E. Main Street.**

**4 pm sign up 5 pm food distribution**

**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.**



# Notice Board

## Attendance / Offering

	Offering	Attendance
Jan 07	\$3,244.00	43
Jan 14	\$0,465.00	Church Cancelled
Jan 21	\$2,170.00	44
Jan 28	\$1,320.00	70

2022 YTD      Not available

2023 YTD      Not available

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## Person of the Month

We want to thank Peggy Graham for all the years she has spent being our secretary. She has worn many hats; and if you listed all the tasks that she has done for FUMC you would have a list a mile long. She was often the first person representing our church when people came to call. She is truly a disciple of Christ. We hope she will enjoy her well overdue retirement with her family and friends. Happy camping!

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## From Jane Beach

Hello FUMC family,  
Angela has resigned from the secretary position as her elder care family needs her for more time. Our very own Sunday School Teacher, Priscilla, is going to be in the office in addition to her Sunday School job.

Welcome Priscilla!!!

# February 2024 Reminders

## Birthdays

Feb 06 Sara Slusher  
Feb 07 Catherine Naru  
Feb 10 Angela Hopkins  
Feb 19 Ron Huff Jr  
Jan 20 Matt Croll  
Feb 21 Ritchie West  
Feb 27 Pat Loveless  
Feb 27 David Kruithoff  
Feb 28 Janice Wilson

## Anniversaries

None

## Service Men and Women

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

*(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  
Max & Marie Cook - Arbor Grove

# Calendar of Events

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 1 pm Euchre	<b>2</b> 6 to 8 pm YFC Euchre	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>  Holy Communion	<b>5</b> 10 am M&M's	<b>6</b> 1 pm Women in Faith	<b>7</b> 9 am Crafters	<b>8</b> 1 pm Euchre	<b>9</b> 6 to 8 pm YFC Euchre	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10 am M&M's	<b>13</b> 11 am Finance Meeting	<b>14</b> 9 am Crafters	<b>15</b> 1 pm Euchre	<b>16</b> 6 to 8 pm YFC Euchre	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>  Noisy Offering	<b>19</b> 10 am M&M's	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9 am Crafters 6 pm Friends & Fellowship	<b>22</b> 1 pm Euchre	<b>23</b> 6 to 8 pm YFC Euchre	<b>24</b>
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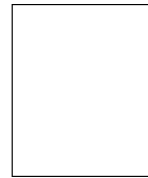


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Sunday School/Gathering 9:00 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Children's church/Sunday School 10:30 am

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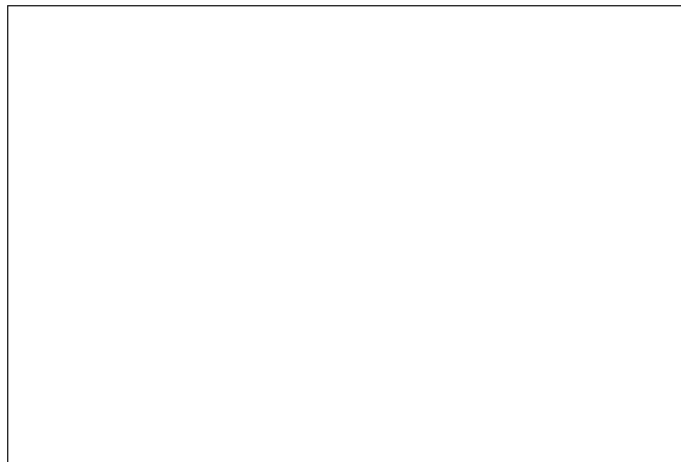
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