



***“The Voice”* Newsletter of The United Church of Mapleton**

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF MAPLETON

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Nursery Care

9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

10:10 a.m. Youth Group and Adult

Sunday School for all ages



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 a.m. Kilties
2 Daylight Saving Time ends 9:00 a.m. Worship with Comm. With Loaves & Fishes Collection 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. Choir 10:10 a.m. Sun. School	3	4 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder	5 6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out planning meeting 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education	6 3:00 p.m. Bible Study	7	8 9:00 a.m. Kilties
9 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Budget mtg. 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. Choir 10:10 a.m. Sun. School	10 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship	11 Veteran's Day 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder 6:00 p.m. Veteran's Day Dinner	12 8:00 a.m. MRHS Plan Test in Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. Deacons	13	14	15 RECYCLE! 9:00 a.m. Kilties
16 9:00 a.m. Worship with The Well Youth Center Collection 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. Choir 10:10 a.m. Sun. School UCM Youth Group	17	18 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. UCM Youth Group	19 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees	20 3:00 p.m. Bible Study Voice Articles due into church office	21	22 9:00 a.m. Kilties
23 Christ the King 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. Choir 10:10 a.m. Sun. School 4:00 p.m. Chili Cook-off	24	25 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder 3:00—6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Workday	26	27 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 9:00—Noon Loaves & Fishes Workday
30 1st Sun. in Advent 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. Choir 10:10 a.m. Sun. School						

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Date:	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Greeters:	Carolyn Becker	Wally and Joyce Johnson	Mabelle Larson	Ron and Judy Conrad	Jeff and Jodie Gerds
Coffee Hour:	Diaconate	Women's Fellowship	The Well Youth Center	Board of Christian Education	Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf
Head Usher:	Bob Shubert	Bob Shubert	Bob Shubert	Bob Shubert	Bob Shubert

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Sunday, November 2nd, 2014 we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf.

Please consider giving monetary gifts and/or non-perishable items to this meaningful mission.

The United Church supports Loaves & Fishes in this way on the first Sunday of each month.

The Well Youth Center

Sunday, November 16th, 2014 our Coffee Hour and Collection jar will go towards helping support our local youth at The Well Youth Center.

The United Church supports The Well Youth Center in this way each month.

Adult Church Choir

The United Church Adult Choir practices each Sunday following the morning worship service.



Please join us! New voices are always welcome!

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call Karen Stanton at 524-4956 or Joyce Johnson at 524-3727. Please let them know your prayer request, including the name of the person to pray for if applicable, and whether or not you would like your request included in the church's public prayer list or if you'd prefer the request be kept privately within the prayer chain.

Church Financial Envelope

For privacy and ease, please make a notation on the front of your envelope: **c/o Financial Secretary**. Thank you!



Baby Shower

An Open House Baby Shower will be held for Pastor Ashley and Jeff Whitaker on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m. —Noon in the Fellowship Hall of the United Church.



The Whitakers are registered at Target and Babies R Us.

Pastor’s Corner

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Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
 Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
 Know that the Lord is God.
 It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
 Give thanks to him, bless his name.
 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

I think most folks are aware that clergy often form into groups based on one commonality or another for mutual support and edification. For example, I’m part of a group of all American Baptist clergy in the Twin Cities area that meets every other month, a group of female MN Conference UCC clergy that meets online, and the Mankato Area Ministerial Alliance for all Mankato area clergy that meets monthly during the academic year.

I’m also part of a truly unique group called the Young Clergy Women Project (YCWP). The YCWP is open to all Christian clergywomen under the age of 40. We have a website, a very active Facebook group, and we meet once a year in person for a few days of high-quality continuing education and soul-nourishing fellowship. I found the image below posted earlier this week on the YCWP Facebook page: “ThanksLiving ‘14”

It’s an invitation to be especially mindful of how our lives are filled with blessings each day during the month of November, which seems only natural for the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving across this country. You take special notice of the “word” for each day, notice a way in which you find that blessing in your life that day, take a picture of it (or a symbol of it), and post it on Facebook with the caption #thanksgiving14. The hope with any such short-term practice, like Lenten devotions or this one, is that it will impact our lives long past its end date.

This month, I want to invite each of us to join in this daily devotional practice. I know not everyone is a “friend” of Facebook, but I don’t think social media or even photography is required for this. Instead, you could print out or cut out the image below and put it somewhere where you’ll see it each day, maybe on your bathroom mirror, your dresser, or the fridge. As you go about each day, pay special attention to how God’s Spirit is active in your life through that word of blessing and thanksgiving.

Whether or not you take a picture, take a moment of prayer to connect with God, give thanks to the Lord, and worship the Lord with gladness – on that day, throughout this month, and in every day and month yet to come. Amen!

Blessings,
 Pastor Ashley



Youth Group Updates

November Voice

From Pastor Ashley

Youth, youth families, and anyone who might like to volunteer to help with the Youth Group: here's an **updated** schedule of Youth Group activities between now and the end of the year.

As always, if you have any questions or ideas for the Youth Group, let me know by email (pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org) or cell phone (381-8199)!

UCM Youth Group November/December 2014 – Updated Dates & Times!

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, November 16th
 - ◇ 1:00pm – Loaves & Fishes Thanksgiving Box Packing Service Event, St. Teresa's Catholic Church
 - ◇ After packing Thanksgiving boxes, we will immediately leave together for our November Fun and Fellowship Event, which is bowling at Wow! Zone in Mankato. With this earlier time, we will likely return home before dinnertime, but snacks will be provided at Wow! Zone.
- Tuesday, November 18th
 - ◇ 3:00 – 6:00pm – Youth are invited to come back to St. Teresa's Catholic Church to help distribute the Thanksgiving Boxes to families.
- Sunday, December 10th
 - ◇ 10:00am (After Worship) – Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal. Youth are needed to help with the program as narrators. Lines will not need to be memorized and will be handed out for review in advance.
- Friday, December 12th
 - ◇ 5:00 – 9:00pm – Parents Night Out, a community service event benefitting Cows for Christmas (Heifer International). Parents are invited to drop off their children at The United Church for a kid-free evening of Christmas gift shopping or a date night. Free will cash donations will be accepted to support Cows for Christmas.
 - ◇ Youth are asked to help by playing with children at this event (decorating cookies, watching movies, making crafts, playing games, etc.).
- Sunday, December 14th
 - ◇ 9:00am (During Worship) – Children's Christmas Program Presentation. Youth are needed to help with the program as narrators. Lines will not need to be memorized and will be handed out for review in advance. (Youth will not have costumes to wear, but "nicer" clothes would be good.)
 - ◇ 1:00pm – Loaves & Fishes Christmas Box Packing Service Event, St. Teresa's Catholic Church
- Tuesday, December 16th
 - ◇ 3:00 – 6:00pm – Youth are invited to come back to St. Teresa's Catholic Church to help distribute the Christmas Boxes to families.
- Sunday, December 21st
 - ◇ 6:00pm – December Fun and Fellowship Event – Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange. Youth are asked to bring a fun/funny, wrapped "white elephant" gift worth no more than \$10 to exchange. Pizza and snacks will be provided for dinner.

In Our Prayers

Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma Baack, Shirley Bowen, Hutch Cramer, David Keller, Stan Solie, Alberta Samuelson, Marge Walters
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All those who are grieving and mourning
- The 2015 American Baptist Churches, USA Biennial Mission Summit, to be held June 26-28 in Overland Park, KS, including the many people and groups involved in its planning and leadership.
- Benjamin Brockmann of Lake Crystal, age 6, a family friend of the Allevens, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia
- Isaac Kolstad, who continues to recover from a serious head injury, has now advanced to an outpatient recovery center. The Kolstads are friends of Joe and Sheila Samuelson.
- Dawn Dietz, who learned that her lymphoma has recurred. Dawn's chemotherapy treatment will likely begin in early November.
- Norma Baack, who is recovering from a broken hip at the Masonic Home of Bloomington, MN.
- Mary Karel, the sister-in-law of Sharon Shuck, who is recovering at home after a heart health scare
- Tucker Shuck, Sharon's grandson, who recently completed Marine Corps basic training and who now continues his military education in Pendleton, California
- Jonathan Ziert, of Mankato, the president of Greater Mankato Growth and the boss of Jack Madsen's grandson, who is undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of cancer
- The Heldt family, of Rochester, MN. Pete and Sue Heldt used to teach in Mapleton. Sue passed away in early October after a struggle with cancer.
- The family and friends of Tom Considine, the brother of Jack Madsen's son-in-law, who was killed in a car accident on Thursday, October 2nd.
- Kathy Cox, who had shoulder surgery in late October
- Jonathan Cruz, son of Rev. Eddie Cruz, Associate Executive Director of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Jonathan lives with the effects of a traumatic brain injury as a result of a car accident; he underwent surgery on his hand to help relax those muscles in mid-October.
- Shirley Bowen, who had a car accident late last week and was hospitalized through Sunday. She is now recovering at home.

The prayer requests and praises shared with the congregation during **October's** worship services include:

Prayers:

- For a friend going through many life changes all at once
- For the safety for all people involved in the fall harvest
- For a young couple dealing with marital problems
- For a friend with lymphoma
- For a safe harvest season for our farmers, their families, and everyone involved in the harvest
- For healing in the ongoing Ebola epidemic
- For Seabeana and Brymm, twins born to Jeremy Jacob and Sara Johnson on October 12th at 9:00 a.m. at only 24 weeks. Seabeana is breathing on her own, but Brymm isn't doing as well.
- For Lee Severtson, son-in-law of Joe and Sheila Samuelson, who had a heart attack a week ago
- For Hugo John, who was hospitalized Saturday evening with heart issues, and who is now recovering at home
- For Marge Walters, who recently fell and is recovering at the Mapleton Community Home

Thanksgiving:

- For the recognition the kit program has brought to The United Church; blessings for those who gave generously; great blessings for those who receive these kits and prayers that they may give them hope
- For Doug and Laura Fritz's anniversary

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In Our Prayers continued...

- To God for a fun and successful football season so far for Maple River without any serious injuries

The All Africa Baptist Fellowship (AABF), a region of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), has declared October 12 as Ebola Sunday. American Baptist Churches, USA (ABCUSA) joins the BWA in supporting a day of prayer for the Ebola crisis. "Let us pray for victims and their families, for medical staff who selflessly continue to serve, and for the Church as pastors and members are called to minister in the midst of this outbreak." (ABCUSA General Secretary Roy Medley)

How to Contact Pastor Ashley

My office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. In the afternoon, I may be in the office, or I may be out in the community for pastoral care or outreach. If you'd like to stop by to visit another time, just email or call. Monday and Saturday are my days off.

My email address is: pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org. If I'm not in the office, my phone number is (507) 381-8199.

Pastoral Care Connections

If you or a family member is ill, in the hospital, is homebound, would like a pastoral care visit for any reason, or would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, **please let the church know!** Feel free to contact Pastor Ashley, a Deacon, or the church office to let us know so that we may serve you.

Pastor Ashley's phone number is: (507) 381-8199 and the church phone number is: (507) 524-3141. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Wheelchair Assistance

If you are in need of wheelchair assistance on Sunday mornings, please let us know by calling the church office at (507) 524-3141 ahead of time to make arrangements **or** you may have an usher assist you on Sunday morning when you arrive at the church.

There is a ramp located on the east side of the church which can be utilized by parking in the east parking lot. If it is too difficult for you to push a wheelchair up the ramp, please feel free to contact an Usher or Deacon for assistance.

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastoral Relations committee (PRC) exists to foster healthy and clear communication between pastor and congregation. PRC meetings are a regular and confidential means of support and accountability for the pastor.

PRC members keep their ear to the ground in the congregation to help keep the pastor in-the-know about possible issues or concerns, and they can bring constructive and addressable concerns to the pastor from the congregation.

Our current PRC members are Jeff Gerdtts (Chair), Stanley Whitney, Laura Fritz, and Warren Allevan.



Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction



All proceeds to benefit

Cows for Christmas (Heifer International)
Sunday, November 23, 2014, 4:00 pm
The United Church of Mapleton

Think your chili is hot stuff?? Contestants Wanted!!

- ⇒ Choose from three categories:
Mild 'n' Mellow | Hot 'n' Spicy | White 'n' Light
- ⇒ Provide 5 quarts of chili for tasting
- ⇒ Blind taste testing—winners will be selected by popular vote
- ⇒ There will be one winner in each category plus one overall winner
- ⇒ Entries must be to the church by 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23
- ⇒ Freewill donation will be collected for chili supper/taste testing

Chili Entry Deadline is Sunday, November 16
Donations also accepted for
Silent Auction! For example...

- ⇒ Gift certificates, gift cards
- ⇒ Handcrafted items, baked goods
- ⇒ Gift baskets
- ⇒ Services

more information, to register as a chili contestant, or donate items for the auction, please contact Marian Mallory at 507.524.3000 or 319.493.0301

The Well Youth Center

The Well Youth yearly schedule will continue as: Tuesdays—Fridays from 3:00—5:00 p.m.



Holiday Boxes are back!

It's that time of year and in the holiday spirit, Maple River Loaves & Fishes will again be handing out Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes. In these boxes are a complete meal, including a turkey or ham and all the trimmings plus dessert.

We will be packing the boxes on November 16th and December 14th at 1 pm at St. Teresa's and handing them out on November 18 from 3-6 pm and December 16th from 3-6 pm at St. Teresa's in Mapleton. We can always use volunteers to help!

The cost for the boxes is \$40/box and we anticipate handing out over 120 this year for each holiday. Please consider sponsoring a box (or several) this holiday season.

Thank you for your generous support for our food shelf. God Bless!

Loaves & Fishes

As always, you are encouraged to stop by the food shelf and see your mission field up close. Our hours are 3:00-6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9:00-noon on Saturdays. Also, we are always in need of volunteers to work a few shifts at the food shelf. Contact your food shelf board member for details. They will be so glad to hear from you!



Because of your generous support, Maple River Loaves and Fishes continues to feed the hungry in our area. Thank you!

Loaves & Fishes Love Item for November:

Canned Vegetables

Each month, The United Church features a "love item" of special focus for members to donate to Loaves & Fishes. This helps stock the shelves at Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf and helps increase our giving to this worthy and much needed mission in our own town. There is one Love Item per month that you're encouraged to look for as you're out shopping throughout the month, especially if you see a coupon or a sale! Of course, this doesn't mean you can't bring other food items or cash donations. This is just a fun way to think about supporting Loaves & Fishes!



Our Love Item for November is canned vegetables!

Eating a diet rich in vegetables as part of an overall healthy diet may reduce risk for heart disease (including heart attack and stroke), help lower blood pressure, reduce the risk of developing kidney stones, and help to decrease bone loss. Most vegetables are naturally low in fat and calories. None have cholesterol. (Sauces or seasonings may add fat, calories, or cholesterol.) Vegetables are important sources of many nutrients, including potassium, dietary fiber, folate (folic acid), vitamin A, and vitamin C. (*Source: choosemyplate.gov*).

Please bring cans of vegetables to help fill the Loaves & Fishes cart throughout the month of November. Also, keep an eye out for our December Love Item, which will be featured in the bulletin beginning the last Sunday of November!

Free Community Breakfast

On the second Saturday of each month, everyone in the community is invited to a free breakfast held at St. John Lutheran Church from 8:30—10:30 a.m. This is a great way to connect with friends, neighbors and meet people who are new to the community. Hope to see you Saturday morning **November 8th!**



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Treats For Troops

Packing of boxes for Treats for Troops will be held **Saturday, November 8th, 9:00 a.m.** at St. John Lutheran Church in Mapleton. You may pick up a Treats for Troops shopping list by the designated box in the Narthex. **Please have items to the church Narthex Wednesday, November 5th by noon.**

One sailor on the USS Howard said, "To my heroes back home! Thank you very much, your support means a lot! Thank you for taking the time to prepare all of the care packages. It put a smile on all 26 of us. It made us proud to serve and will continue to do so with dignity and pride."

Veteran's Dinner and Program

The Veteran's Dinner will be held **Tuesday, November 11th, 6:00 p.m.** at The United Church of Mapleton in the Fellowship Hall.



Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the Plaid Piper or with calling Amy Gabler, 524-4828; or Arleen Hanson, 524-4602. Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, November 7th.

2 Buck Wednesday!

Come in and dine on **November 5th, 11:30 a.m.**, at our Mapleton Senior Dining, located at the Town and Leisure Center for \$2 meal of Chicken Ala King catered by Ecumen of Mapleton and sponsored by Pioneer Bank of Mapleton. All Seniors 60+ are welcome!



Please contact your local Senior Dining site manager Darlene Fezler before October 28th at 524-4868, to let them know you will be in attendance.

Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels of Mapleton

You are invited to dine at the Town & Country Leisure Center! Nutritious and delicious **Meals are served daily, Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.** The cost of a meal is \$4.00, as a suggested donation for those 60+. Low-salt and diabetic meals are available. Stay afterwards to play cards or games and to enjoy the company of others.



Meals on Wheels is also available for those who wish to eat at home.

Call Darlene at (507)524-4868 for more information or to reserve your meal.

Community Closet

The Community Closet is having a very busy fall. Lots of donations and lots of merchandise going out each week. We will continue our \$3 bag sale on clothing and shoes. By moving more clothing at such a great savings, we are able to have a more rapid turnover in clothing. We had a good run on Halloween items and costumes and now we are ready for the Holiday season. We have lots of decorations as well as Holiday clothing and gifts. We appreciate all the donations that we receive and are so grateful for all the groups that keep the Closet open on Saturdays.



Just a reminder that we can not take any electronics or furniture. If you are able, please take your donated items to the top of the stairs and place in front of the door to the left. Thanks for all your support.

The Closet is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-noon. If you have a non-profit group that would like to take advantage of profits from the Closet, please call Gay Rice at (507) 524-4040 for more information.

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to St. Teresa’s Catholic Church Monday **November 10th from 1:00—7:00 p.m.**

Appointments may be made by calling Peg at 420-1286 or sign-up online at www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code: 017145. Thank you for your support!

Nominating Committee

It is that time of year when we need to fill positions on several boards. Please start praying about where you could be of assistance to your church! We need a person to serve as Nominating Committee and a Church Clerk. If you feel you can serve in any of these areas, please contact a member of the Nominating committee: Ella Conrad, Laura Fritz or Jola Walker.

Ecumenical Choir

We invite you to participate in the Ecumenical Choir which will sing during the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service to be held at St. John Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. The Ecumenical Choir will practice Wednesday, November 12th and Wednesday, November 19th, 7:15 p.m. in the St. John Church Sanctuary. We hope to see you there!



Church on the Move

All of our church members are invited to attend the Minnesota Conference UCC’s **Church on the Move** at Associated Church, 800 Havana Rd, Owatonna, MN on **November 8th, from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. with registration starting at 9:30 a.m.**

Listen to a compelling keynote on just what makes a church a thriving church from Rev. Rick Wagner! Thriving churches make a difference in people’s live. How is your church making that difference?

Registration fee is \$10/person which includes lunch. Bring a team of 5 and your fifth person comes at no cost.

The Youth Group had fun carving pumpkins together on October 26th!



Report of Mission Committee

During the month of October we have been receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing/Neighbors in Need mission offering. This wonderful mission helps people all over the world including the United States. If there is a disaster any where in the world they will be there to help. Sunday, October 26th is our last Sunday to give to this great mission, so please give generously.

We are in the process of another collection for Treats for Troops. Please do what you can to brighten the lives of these men and women who serve our country so we may live in peace. You will find a list of items you may purchase located by the box in the narthex and on the bulletin board.

Remembering our local missions is a great way to make our local community a better place to live in. Please stop in at Loaves & Fishes or The Well Youth Center to see all of the good things that are taking place. We are very fortunate to have these missions at our local level.

Thank you to everyone for all you do to make our world a better place in which to live.

Respectfully submitted by Roberta Ward, Mission Chair

Thank You!

The United Church Women's Fellowship  would like to thank the members of our congregation who contributed to our very successful Craft, Quilt, and Bake Sale on October 11, 2014. Through your contributions of baked goods, crafts, quilts and time, we made a profit of \$832.75.

Please consider joining our Women's Fellowship meetings which are held on the 2nd Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. We have devotions, a business meeting, planning for events to be held in our church, fellowship and a yummy lunch. We need you to help us with some new ideas for our meetings!

Women's Fellowship

October 13th, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Louise Webb. There were 8 members present. Devotions were given by Mary Beth Fritz. Secretary report was given and accepted as read. Cheer Chairperson, Mabelle, sent out four birthday cards, two sympathy cards and one get well card.

A discussion was held on our Craft, Quilt and Bake Sale. We made \$832.75 and discussed adding a lunch or coffee to this sale. Mabelle, Louise and Darlene will be bringing bars. Mabelle, Ruth, Lousie, Joyce and Mary Beth will work.

On Saturday, October 18th, the Women's Fellowship will serve a lunch for the family of Franklin Olson. The family has asked for coffee, lemonade, and bars. The lunch will be held from 1:30-2:00 p.m. for about 50—75 people.

We discussed a baby shower for Pastor Ashley and the date was set for Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

The United Church will be hosting the Veteran's Dinner this year. Menu will be turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, and a pumpkin dessert. We will plan on 150 people in attendance.

Circle # 3 is in charge of coffee hour for Sunday, November 9th.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, November 10th. At this meeting we will work on the Veteran's Dinner preparations.

Meeting adjourned.

After our meeting, a delicious lunch was served by Ruth Cummings.

Respectively submitted by Darlene Fezler, Secretary

Board of Trustees Meeting

October 22, 2014

Board Members Present: Dick Dietz, Ron Conrad, Patrick Pfeffer, Chad Kunkel, Gary Fritz, Lisa Shubert
Treasurer: Keith McCutchen

Meeting called to order by Dick Dietz at 7:09 pm.

Secretary's minutes from September meeting reviewed.

Motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Chad Kunkel and seconded by Ron Conrad.

Treasurer's report reviewed.

Bills to be paid were presented. Praise Banners contacted the office and wants to know the status of the payment for their invoice. Keith does not have a bill from them. It appears Pastor Ashley purchased some banners on her personal credit card so there should not be an outstanding invoice. Keith will discuss with Pastor Ashley to make sure Praise Banners is contacted.

After much discussion, it was decided that we need to review and better define the reimbursement procedures. This can be reviewed at a future meeting.

Motion to approve bills was made by Chad Kunkel and seconded by Patrick Pfeffer. Motion passed.

Old Business

1) Pew Cushion Fund

The current balance in the fund is \$6,865.00. This is approximately \$1,500 short of what it would cost to put cushions on all pews in the entire sanctuary. Discussion ensued regarding whether we should hold ordering the cushions until we have enough to do the entire sanctuary.

Motion was made by Lisa Shubert to purchase what we can with what is in the pew cushion fund and exhaust that fund since we will be able to purchase additional cushions with the same pattern in the future should additional funds become available and seconded by Chad Kunkel. Motion passed.

2) Stewardship Drive

We have received 14 pledges for a total of \$36,240 as of October 12th.

3) Parsonage Egress Window and Basement Bedroom

Patrick Pfeffer did contact Ron Schultz and Ron will be doing the work and completing it by November 15th. As of October 19th, the work had not yet been started.

4) Pastor's Annual Review and Contract

Dick, Lisa and Chad met with Pastor Ashley and Jeff Gerdts (Pastoral Relations representative) on Thursday, October 2nd to review the past year with Pastor Ashley.

The Board of Trustees discussed the pastor's contract and what changes were being considered for next year and the impact it would have on the budget. Dick will work on finalizing the contract and present it to Pastor Ashley within the next couple weeks.

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5) 2015 Budget Review

Dick and Keith reviewed the initial budget they put together based on this past year's income and expenses and the 2014 pledges that have been fulfilled and what is still pending. Dick will be distributing a finalized budget within the next week for review and approval by the committee.

6) Roof Repair

Discussion was tabled until the November meeting.

New Business

1) There are three overhead lights that are burnt out at the front of the sanctuary and need to be replaced. Dick will contact Doug to see if he has a ladder long enough to reach them. He will also check to ensure we have enough bulbs.

2) Pastor Ashley has requested the church to pay the registration based on our average attendance (\$220) and then an unlimited number of members can register at \$40/each. If a church does not register, each attendee would need to pay \$165. She would really like to promote the opportunity in hopes of getting more attendees from our church. She and Jeff both plan to attend.

A motion to pay the \$220 registration fee so additional members would only pay \$40 was made by Lisa Shubert and seconded by Gary Fritz. Motion passed.

3) There have been issues with PayPal as to how much we can draw down per month. Dick and Keith are looking into a better method for online payments. They will report back to the committee when they have some options.

Money Counters:

November – Ron Conrad

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned – motion made by Ron Conrad at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Shubert, Secretary