



February 2015

THE MESSENGER

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A Newsletter for the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Park Falls, WI

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Worship: 9:30 AM

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UCC Consistory Meeting January 11, 2015

Members present: Amy Heizler, Jim Corbett, Arlene Morrison, Laurie Fox, George Faltinosky, Kurt Brown, and Juliet Corbett (filling in for Jacci Wirsing)

The meeting was called to order by Amy Heizler, Moderator @ 10:45 a.m.

Jim Corbett led the group in prayer.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Franck presented her monthly financial report by mail. She has resigned her position, but will continue on until a replacement has been found. Discussion revolved around the Pieper Electric bill that was presented. The job has yet to be completed and the current bill is for \$902.09. The estimate is \$7,205; \$665 of which will be paid for by Arlene as a gift to the church. There is a bit of confusion as to what the \$902.09 covers, so George will call Pieper Electric to find out and to ask when the job will be completed. A motion was made by Jim to accept the financial report and pay the Pieper bill; seconded by Laurie. All in favor; motion passed.

Old Business

Employee Evaluations:

Pay raises were discussed. Evaluations still need to be completed for Mark and Lynn. Pat's raise took effect on January 1, 2015. Amy is recommending a raise of \$2 per choir session for Mark and \$3.50 per organ service. This would be an increase from \$30 for choir to \$32 and from \$52.50 to \$55 for playing the organ. This is approximately a 7% raise for Mark. Lynn's evaluation will be on January 19, 2015. Amy is \$754 in mission pledges. It was decided that we would make a pledge of \$900 instead.

MAC Committee Reports:

EQUIPPING: Snow removal was discussed. Jerry Smart will continue to snow blow the sidewalks.

recommending a raise from \$8.40 to \$9.00 per hour for Lynn. Jim made a motion to accept these recommendations and Amy seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

The Annual Budget was presented and reviewed. There will be a slight adjustment made to the budget before the Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Amy Heizler and seconded by Jim Corbett to accept the financial report and the budget as printed. All in favor; motion carried.

Giving Statements: Jill reported to Amy that there is a problem with the reports. Amy will look into this.

Annual Meeting: Arlene will talk with the Circle of Faith and the Women's Fellowship about hosting a brunch for the Annual Meeting. Amy will ask for volunteers for a Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting. We are in great need of more volunteers in the church.

New Business

Coffee Sunday: Discussion revolved around how often to schedule coffee Sundays. We have been having trouble finding volunteers. It was decided that we would try to have it every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Laurie will email Lynn so that she can include this in the newsletter.

Our Church's Wider Missions: Arlene reported that OCWM has set our goal at \$1,050 for 2015. She feels this amount is unrealistic and is reluctant to pledge that amount. This year we only took in

His charge is \$10 per trip. Laurie asked Jerry to turn in a list of dates once a month. This month he is submitting a bill for \$10. Amy made a motion to pay this bill. Jim seconded; all in favor; motion passed. Joe Cervenka will continue to plow the parking lot for \$40 per trip. The snow blower is not

working again. Jim called Severson's. They will repair it, but if it breaks one more time, he is suggesting replacement and will explore prices, if needed. Jerry also submitted a bill for supplies for Sunday coffee supplies. Arlene reminded the Consistory that there is Memorial money that has been allocated for just this purpose (a gift from Tom Heizler's sister). Laurie contacted Signature Signs about taking the pastor's name off of our sign.

INSPIRING: Lenten services were discussed. It was agreed upon that we would like to share services with Christ the Servant, even though we do not have a pastor. Laurie will call Pastor Gwen. February 18, 2015 is Ash Wednesday and that will be hosted at Christ the Servant. We will host on February 25, and George will organize. Arlene and Jim volunteered to help.

EDUCATING: George will begin confirmation classes soon. Hopefully the students can be involved in the planning of our Lenten services.

INVITING: Visitation: Rev. Arnie Bolin has volunteered to visit our members when hospitalized in Woodruff/Minocqua. Members need to call the church office when they know of members who are hospitalized so that we can schedule visitation. Pastor Gwen has also volunteered to visit our members and serve them communion. Amy spoke with Rebecca Johnston, our Interim Conference Minister about guidelines for visitation. Jim volunteered to coordinate a group of members who could become trained in visiting, not only the hospitalized, but also shut-ins.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on January 25, 2015 after the church service.

A motion was made by George to adjourn and seconded by Laurie; all in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Juliet Corbett, for Jacci Wirsing

Circle OF Faith

Submitted by Jacci Wirsing

Circle of Faith held their January meeting on Monday, the 19th.

Present were: Betti, Jodi, DiAnn, Alice, Renee, Jean, and Jacci

We will be doing a Coffee Sunday on February 22nd.

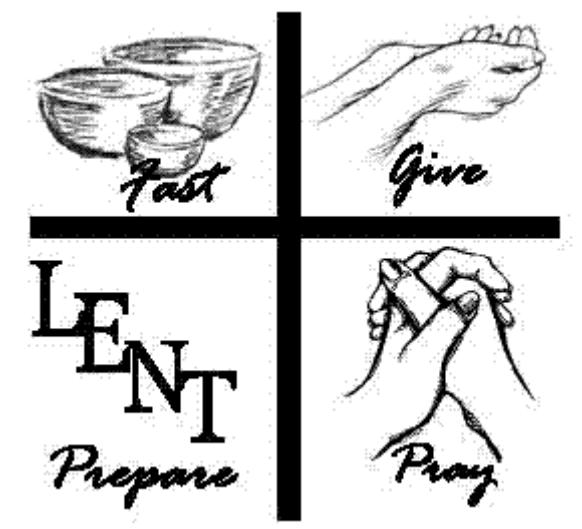
We will be doing a Palm Sunday breakfast. We will provide the food and we will have a free will offering. Jacci will check with George about getting the confirmands to help serve and clean tables .

We are still looking for new banners. Please check the internet and bring any ideas to the next meeting.

Next meeting will be February 23rd at 4:30 pm and we will make final plans for the breakfast and also work on picking out the banners.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 1:30 pm.



February Ministries

USHERS

<u>February 01</u>	Ferkovich Family
<u>February 08</u>	Gwinn Family
<u>February 15</u>	Hennes Family
<u>February 22</u>	Morisson Family

If you cannot usher on your assigned Sunday, please call Jim Ferkovich at 715-762-2385.

OFFERING COUNTERS

<u>February 01</u>	Kurt & DiAnn Brown
<u>February 08</u>	Renee Donner/ Alice Megna
<u>February 15</u>	Arlene Morrison/Lois Gwinn
<u>February 22</u>	Jana Ferkovich/Heidi Peterson

SCRIPTURE READERS

<u>February 01</u>	Joan Wells
<u>February 08</u>	Terri Kaiser
<u>February 15</u>	Heidi Peterson
<u>February 22</u>	Mark Donner

COMMUNION SERVERS

<u>February</u>	Morrison Family
<u>March</u>	Corbett Family

If you are on any of these lists and cannot make it on your assigned day, please call someone else to change dates. Thank you for volunteering!

CHANCEL CHOIR UPDATES



Practices are at 8:45a.m. before services. Dates for February 2015 are the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.
New members are always welcome. If you would like to join the choir, contact Mark Donner at 715-762-2808.

Church Office Hours

Our office is open from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 on Wednesday and Friday.

Phone number - 715-762-3220

Please leave a message and your calls or emails will be answered during these times.
 Church Secretary – Lynn Kunding

Lord's Cupboard

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>10:00 a.m. – Noon</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>10:00 a.m. – Noon</u>



God's Office Hours: 24/7



Poinsettia Care

Poinsettias like lots of bright, indirect sunlight and prefer humid conditions (so you may want to mist your plant if your home is very dry due to heating or climate). As for watering, let the soil dry out between watering. The soil should be dry to the touch. Also, be sure not to let the plants pot stand in water at the plants base or saucer(A layer of pebbles in the bottom of the tray keeps the plant out of the water and increases the humidity around the plant). Poinsettias are sensitive to extreme temperature, so don't place your plant next to a heater or near a drafty window or doorway. A daytime temp of around 65 degrees and nights around 60 degrees will provide perfect conditions for your poinsettia. Whitefly can sometimes be a pest for this plant; check your purchase closely. If you pick it up, and things fly, and they're white, well, there it is. Pretty easily taken care of with insecticidal soap or my favorite indoor pesticide, pyrethrine (made of daisies; it's organic and safe if you don't drink it).

02/01	Heather Schmitt
02/01	Erin Hennes
02/05	David Carden
02/06	Laurie Fox
02/06	Harrison Graceffa
02/09	Sarah Hennes
02/12	Bruce Peterson
02/17	Jalen Elise Brunell
02/24	Katie Rockwell
02/26	Cindy Greenwood
02/27	Kay Hennes
02/27	Jacci Wirsing

No Anniversaries for this month.

December 2014 TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Jill Franck

Opening Balance	\$3428.15
Capital Savings*	0.00
Income	8830.29
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>(4363.87)</u>
Ending Balance	\$7895.17

*Capitol savings was added for cash flow (out) earlier in the month, November had five Sunday's, which reflects the high ending balance.

Happy Valentine's Day

**Lenten Wednesdays
Christ the Servant (CTS) and First
Congregational Church (UCC)**

Ash Wednesday- February 18, 2015, services will be held at Christ the Servant Church and here at UCC. Services will begin at 6:30 p.m. service with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

The remainder of the 5 Wednesday will follow the theme "Jesus' Teachings on Forgiveness". When you are the host church your pastor or lay minister will preach on the Gospel lessons below.

1st Wednesday, February 25th, at CTS, (Mark 11:20-26, Faith & Forgiveness)

2nd Wednesday, March 4th, at UCC, (Matthew 6:7-15, Forgive as God Forgives)

3rd Wednesday, March 11th, at CTS, (Matthew 5:21-26, Reconciliation)

4th Wednesday, March 18th, at UCC, (Luke 15:11-32, Restoration)

5th Wednesday, March 25th at CTS (Luke 23:32-43, Pardon)

Soup supper's at 5:30 pm – **The host church makes the soup and provides beverages. Visiting church brings desert. Worship service beginning at 6:30 pm.**

There will be an offering taken at the end of worship. Checks and envelopes will go to your respective church. Loose change and bills will be given to the Lord's Cupboard.

Any questions please call Pastor Gwen at 414-531-7924 (cell) or 715-769-3535 (home).

Bible Word Search

Responsibility to the Church

M C H U R C H S
E L E A D E R S
C E L V D W I E
A V P N O I S N
R R T R G L R T
B E G N A H C I
M S O B E Y Y W
E V I T I S O P

All the words listed below are in the puzzle – left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle it. After you have found all the words, the leftover letters will form a mystery answer.

Words: Change, Church, Embrace, God, Grow, Help, Leaders, Love, Obey, Positive, Pray, Serve, Witness



American Heart Month ~ February 2015 ~ Black History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rev. Coy Choir	2 Ground Hogs Day 	3	4 Thank a Mailman Day	5	6	7
8 Rev. Bolin Choir	9	10	11	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13 Early Release from School	14  Valentine's Day
15 Rev. Meier Choir	16 No School Presidents' Day	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18 Rev. Coy Ash Wednesday @ 6:30 pm(CTS & UCC) NO soup supper	19 Women's Christian Fellowship meeting at 1:30 pm	20	21
22 Rev. Bolin Choir George Washington's Birthday	23	24	25 Lenten Service @ (CTS)	26	27	28
			Christ the Servant (CTS) United Church of Christ (UCC)			

Come worship with us!

9:30 am, Sunday Worship

With communion service held on the first Sunday of each month.



No matter where you are
on your life's journey,
you are welcome here!

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