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The MESSENGER

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

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First Congregational Church Consistory Meeting Minutes December 14, 2014

Members present: Amy Heizler, Jim Corbett, Arlene Morrison, Jill Franck, Laurie Fox, George Faltinosky, Mark Donner (who has been nominated to fill Jim Ferkovich's position), and Juliet Corbett (filling in for Jacci Wirsing)

The meeting was called to order by Amy Heizler, Moderator @ 10:40 a.m.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Franck presented her monthly financial report. A motion was made by Laurie Fox and seconded by Jim Corbett to accept the report as printed. All in favor; motion carried. The budget for 2015 was discussed, especially in regards to a shared pastor with Mellen.

New Business

Interim pastoral contract:

The proposed contract for William Brown was presented and discussed. The general consensus was that the cost was going to be too great and that we would be better off continuing with pulpit supply for the time being. Laurie Fox did request help in scheduling future pulpit supply. Mark, Arlene, and Amy all volunteered to help.

Employee Evaluations:

The evaluation process has begun and will continue through January. Discussion revolved around offering employees a raise in pay. Pat Kinnear's review has been completed. A motion was made by Jim Corbett to increase the hourly wage for the custodian's position from \$8.40 to \$9.00. Laurie Fox

seconded, all in favor; motion carried. It was also mentioned that employees have not received a Christmas bonus during the last few years. Amy said this has already been taken care of this year.

MAC Committee Reports:

EQUIPPING: George reported that the entire roof will be replaced. We received an insurance check for the hail damage that will help pay for a portion of this expense. There was discussion regarding snow removal at the church. George will call Jim Ferkovich and Jerry Smart to clarify who is providing this service.

INSPIRING: Mark reported that the Christmas Eve Service will be music and readings. Laurie will be contacting Pastor Gwenn regarding Wednesday Lenten services.

EDUCATING: No report.

INVITING: No report, although there was discussion with regards to visitation of shut-ins and members who are hospitalized. One option would be to ask Pastor Gwen from Christ the Servant to provide visitation. It was also suggested that perhaps members could be trained to perform visits. Jim Corbett will investigate the rules regarding HIPAA, and Amy will see if the conference has any guidelines for lay visitation. Amy and George are researching listening devices. Peace Lutheran has used Wausau Music, so Amy will contact

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them to see what they can do for us.

The next meeting will be January 11,
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 @ 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Juliet Corbett, for Jacci Wirsing

CIRCLE OF FAITH

Submitted by Jacci Wirsing

There was no December meeting. In its
place we decorated the church and had
a pizza party. The Consistory members
contributed with helping to put up a live
tree once again this year. Everyone did
a beautiful job!

On January 5, 2015 we will meet to
remove the Christmas decorations. It
will start at 4:00 p.m. and all help is
appreciated. The more workers the
faster we will be done. Anyone who
would like may bring snacks. We will
have our meeting when we are all done
taking down the decorations.

Hope that everyone had a Merry
Christmas and may you all have a
Blessed New Year.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship had their
annual nut sale. Nuts are still available
at The Gift Shop in Park Falls.

We meet and did our annual community
project of putting together cookie tins.

The 2015 chairman for our group is Lois
Gwinn.

Mission Project

We set up the "angel tree" again this
year. The gifts went to the Lords
Cupboard. Thank you all for
participating in this mission project. We
received an abundance of presents
again this year.

Also thank you for the generous
contributions to the Christmas Mission
collection.



Nuts for Sale
The bags of **Mixed Nuts** (salted, no peanuts), **Cashews** (salted) and
Pecans for sale. The nut sale is a money raising project for The
Women's Christian Fellowship. The Gift Corner is selling any available
nuts. The nuts are ten dollars per bag.



January Ministries

USHERS

<u>January 04</u>	Peterson
<u>January 11</u>	Fox/Heizler
<u>January 18</u>	Norlander
<u>January 25</u>	Ferkovich

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

OFFERING COUNTERS

<u>January 04</u>	Kurt & DiAnn
<u>January 11</u>	Renee & Alice
<u>January 18</u>	Arlene & Lois
<u>January 25</u>	Jana & Heidi

SCRIPTURE READERS

<u>January 04</u>	Arlene Morrison
<u>January 11</u>	Alice Megna
<u>January 18</u>	George Faltinosky
<u>January 25</u>	Lois Gwinn

COMMUNION SERVERS

<u>January 04</u>	Franck Family
<u>February</u>	Morrison 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 January 2015 were not available at time of printing. 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.

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 Kundinger

Lord's Cupboard

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

**I Had Planned
Talitha Arnold**

"I had planned to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord. . . and I made preparations for building." - 1 Chronicles 28:1-10

King David had great plans, but God had other plans. The one thing he wanted most—building the Temple—he had to leave for his son Solomon.

David's story is a good one for this year's final days. What plans did you have for 2014? What do you need to let go of?

As the year draws to a close, a prayer by Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, written shortly before his assassination in 1980, offers this insight:

"It helps now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

"We plant the seeds that one day will grow," Romero continued. "We lay foundations that will need further development.

"We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning . . . an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

"We may never see the end results," Romero concluded, "but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen."

Prayer

Help us step back and take the long view, O God. Thank you for the seeds you've helped us plant this year, the foundations you've enabled us to lay. Give us the wisdom to let go of other things. Like King David and Archbishop Romero, remind us that we are called to be workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. Amen.



01/08	Rosie Slack
01/10	Bill Oswald
01/11	Heidi Peterson
01/19	Gary Griesel
01/25	Carol Keller
01/26	Lore Wakefield
01/31	Elfrieda Falstad



01/21	Nels & Kathy Lee
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NOVEMBER 2014
TREASURER'S REPORT

Opening Balance	\$1118.09
Capital Savings*	1000.00
Income	4066.60
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>-2755.94</u>
Ending Balance	\$3428.15

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



Pointsettias Given in Memory of:

In Memory of
Heisler & Burns Families

From the Heisler Family

In Memory of
Rich Morrison

From Arlene & Family

In Memory of
Dale Falstad

From Mom

In Memory of Howard & Carol Henning
& Marion "Mickey" Heizler

From Amy & Louis Heizler

In Memory of the
Wells & Moxmess Families

From
Joan Wells

In Memory of
Jerry Johnson

From Bebe & Rick Johnson

In Memory of
Bud Kroepel

From Edna, Sandy & Cindy

In Memory of the
Paquin & Lyman Families

From
Jerry & Kay Smart

In Memory of Mark & Elizabeth Megna
In Memory of Arnold & Phyllis
Hesseling

From Mike & Alice Megna

In Memory of Bill & Margie Fischer

From the Heisler & Fischer Families

In Memory of Danny Heisler

Son of Tom & Sue Heisler

In Memory of Godred & Anne
Hegstrom, Dick, Dave, & Jim
Hegstrom, Bev, Georgeann & Mel
Bastian

In loving Memory From Connie Hicks

In Memory of Family

From Peterson's

In Memory of Wollerman & Ferkovich
Families

In Memory of Lawrence Hilgart

From Marion & Family

In Memory of Norman and Mitch
Wirsing

From Jeff & Jacci Wirsing

In Memory of Loved Oned

From Mark & Renee Donner

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. ~Philippians 4:13				1 New Years Day 	2	3
4 Rev. Emerson Coy	5 School Begins Circle of Faith Meeting following the take down of Christmas decorations.	6 Epiphany (Three Kings Day)	7 Annual meeting reports are due in the office.	8	9	10
11 Rev. Emerson Coy Consistory meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Rev. Arnold Bolin	19 M L King Day	20	21 End of 2nd quarter for School	22	23 No School Teacher in Service	24
25 Rev. Emerson Coy 117th Annual Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	31 The Peace Full Gathering, 5:30 pm @Peace Lutheran Church, 600 2nd AvN

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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