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"Sharing The Love of Jesus For ALL"



Greetings from Pastor Dave,

These are exciting times for our church family. We continue to grow, not only in numbers, but also in faith and covenant with God and with each other. As I look forward, I'm excited to see that in the near future, we will be welcoming five individuals into membership. Also, with Lent starting on February 14th, I would love to encourage all of us to spend more personal time in the reading of scripture and prayer.



Christian Education

We were blessed to have twenty children participate in this year's Christmas program. Under the direction of Dr. Cathie Padden, they joyfully sang five songs. What a wonderful gift. They also shared their songs and joy with the community at the Tamarack District Library's Christmas Open House. Thank you again to the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, church family, kids and Dr. Cathie who made this possible! We gave the kids a Christmas ornament, from the church, after their program depicting baby Jesus in a manger with the word BELIEVE.

Our Sunday school class is studying stories from the life of Jesus this quarter. Thank you to Marsha Andersen, Penni Deshaw and Shannon Fryover for helping teach!

Our Wednesday night study group is finishing Glory Days by Max Lucado. We will take a break during the Lenten season to enjoy the Wednesday night soup and discussion.

2017 CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Baker, Neil		Betham, Destiny, Kayden,
Kylee, Taelyn		Blubaugh, Stella
Drews, Elanor		Wade, Emily
Fryover, Easton, Payson		Hall, Braydon
Ross, Ashlynn		Sutherland, GraceLynn
Toddy, Louis		
Evans, Rachel, Gideon, Ayla, Izzy, David, Jacob, Isaac		

Upcoming Events

February 14th Ash Wednesday
 March 25th Palm Sunday
 March 29th Maundy Thursday
 March 30th Good Friday
 April 1st Easter
 Passover: March 31st thru April 7th



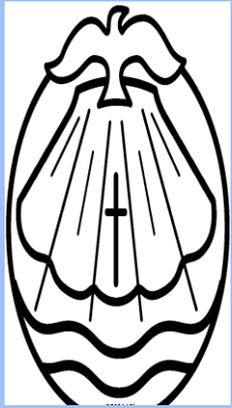
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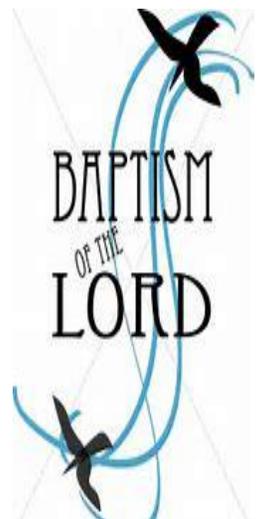
**Johanna Padden, November 12, 2017
Baptism Service**



**Harper Carlson, Fiona and Daphne Blubaugh,
January 21, 2018, Baptism Service**



**Louis, Milo and Grayson Toddy, December 3, 2017
Baptism Service**



DIACONATE REPORT

This year, the Diaconate delivered 17 poinsettias to individuals that aren't always able to make it to church. We also delivered one to the Lakeview Terrace and one to the Bell Tower Estates. This year, the poinsettias were blessed during our Sunday service prior to being delivered. What a blessing it is to share time & fellowship with individuals as these are being delivered.

The church welcomed two new members this year. Larry Larsen who has been a member in our hearts for a long time, chose to join the church. Penni Deshaw, new to the Lakeview area, quickly became a part of our family.

The church has been rather busy with Baptisms this past year. The Toddy family have been attending for a short time, but were called by the spirit to baptize their 3 boys, Louis, Milo & Grayson on December 3rd. Andy and Tiffany Padden welcomed Johanna Cathleen into their family this year and we welcomed her into the church family on November 12th. On Sunday, January 21st, Pastor Dave baptized his two granddaughters, Fiona and Daphne Blubaugh, and also a close family friend, Harper Carlson.



Easter season is coming soon and we look forward to the joy it brings!

The Grand West Association Council is continuing their covenantal prayer circle for all the UCC churches. We were extended an invitation to participate in this ministry of praying for one of the churches each month.

In our church bulletin, we list a different UCC church to include in our prayer ministry each month. We encourage our congregation to include our sister churches in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to "Share the Love of Jesus Christ" throughout our communities.

During the month of November, we prayed for Rockford UCC. In December we prayed for the Grand Rapids Second Congregational UCC, and in January we prayed for the Shelby UCC. During the month of February, we will be praying for the Sheridan United Church of Christ.



The Stewardship committee is back in business!

It has been a few years since this committee has been active but we are happy to report that Penni Deshaw, Sally Wade, and Mary England will be working together on this committee. It is the job of this committee to plan and carry out activities that will provide financial support for the church as well as mission projects. During the Christmas season, several local mission projects were supported by our congregation including:

- ❖ Toys for Tots – several toys were donated to Montcalm County campaign.
- ❖ The Christmas Fund – a special collection was taken for the retired Clergy of the UCC
- ❖ The Giving Tree – this program is run through Lakeview Community Schools. We "adopted" three families this year and provided the family members with needed clothing, outerwear and shoes.
- ❖ Christmas Food Boxes – This program is organized through the Lakeview Ministerial Association. Special food boxes were provided to 78 local families for Christmas.



On the third Sunday of each month, a special collection is taken to help support our mission programs. The committee would like to hear your ideas for fundraising and mission projects, so please feel free to share! We look forward to continuing the mission work in our community and our world.

Church council highlights from Susan Kain, Moderator

Greetings from your Church Council! The year 2017 was a busy and productive year for our church.

- Seven baptisms, two confirmations, Pastor Dave's Licensure Celebration, and two people joined our church
- We had two very successful fundraising events (Painting Class and Roasted Pork Dinner)
- A chair lift was installed in the fellowship hall
- The church raised \$700 for the GIVING TREE - Adopt-a-Family (Christmas gifts)
- Several toys were collected for the Toys for Tots program
- The church council has re-instated the Stewardship/Mission Committee led by Mary England



Our church continues to ask for second offerings on the 3rd and 4th Sundays. On the 3rd Sunday we collect for our Prison Ministry and Special Mission Projects. On the 4th Sunday there is a collection for the Renovation Loan. Due to your generous financial contributions the church has been able to pay down the renovation loan to \$13,118.00 from the original loan of \$50,000! Your financial contributions are truly appreciated!! Please be sure to check out the bulletin board in the fellowship hall that is highlighting your church council committees.

We are looking forward another busy and productive year in 2018!

As a way of providing information and to share with our church family to assist you with connecting faces with names ---- the church council made a decision to provide information and pictures of our committee members and their responsibilities. Beginning with the month of January and thereafter each month; a new committee will be showcased in the church bulletins as follows:



January – Memorial
February - Christian Education
March – Council (full)
April - Diaconate
May – Music
June – Pastoral Relations
July – Board of Properties
August – Stewardship

The church council would like to extend an invitation to anyone that would like to join these committees.



MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Members: (left to right) Patricia Rankin, Gyl Hondorp, Mary Snyder, Karen Kehl, and Patricia Bucholtz

The general responsibility of the Memorial Committee is to administer the memorial monies, to acknowledge and thank the families of the contributors. The committee welcomes and encourages recommendations for the use of this special fund. This committee meets four (4) times a year and/or as otherwise needed.

Who We Are, What We Believe

The United Church of Christ

acknowledges as its sole head, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior. It acknowledges as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession. It looks to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world. It claims as its own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers. It affirms the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord and the practice prevailing among evangelical Christians, it recognized two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion. – from the Preamble to the Constitution of the United Church of Christ.

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Thank you to our congregation for all of the financial support for our church.

2017 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

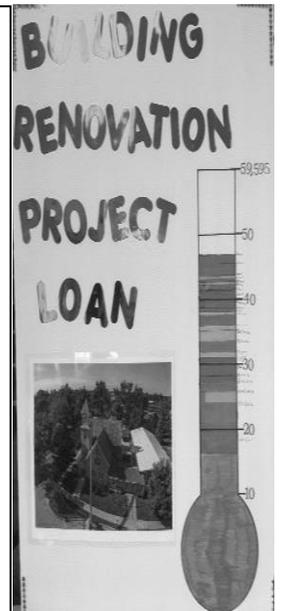
Renovation Loan value:

\$13,118

We have been blessed with a number of large donations to help pay down this loan.

Adopt a Family donations: **\$696**

Veterans of the Cross donations: **\$701**



Did you know

- ❖ You can listen to the Sunday sermon on the church's website (www.lakeview-ucc.org)
- ❖ Also, check out the weekly bulletins and scripture reading.
- ❖ Stay up-to-date on the church's current events and posts on FACEBOOK

