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The Tidings

From the Pastor's Study • March 2020

"...Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished." Matthew 4

Jesus has just been baptized when we encounter these short verses. He's just about to begin his ministry, but first he must be tempted. He must learn to hunger for something more than merely the ways of the world: food, power, prestige, etc. We hear about 40-day periods often in scripture. It seems that they are often periods of preparation for something new that God is about to do: a flood, Moses waiting on the mountain for the ten commandments, Jonah giving the Ninevites 40 days to repent, the list goes on. These are periods of focus and change. It is Jesus' time in the wilderness that becomes the basis for the season of Lent. The early church wished to have a period of preparation prior to the feast of Easter. The thought was that we should understand and really want the blessing that would be proclaimed at Easter. This isn't the stuff of giving up meat or chocolate, this is about re-tuning our souls.

We had a group here with us last weekend from the church where I grew up. One of the adult leaders was speaking to the youth of their pastor's encouragement for the whole congregation to "lead with love." I heard those words and thought about how Jesus emerges from his 40 days in the wilderness. We don't know much about his loving character before this time of preparation, but we certainly know that by the time that Jesus begins his ministry there is not much that is going to distract him from leading with love. He is going to heal, teach, pray, suffer, and die, all as outgrowths of a love that knows no end. I wonder if that period of hunger in the wilderness helped to teach him, without a doubt, what he really hungered for? Our world tries to feed us lots of empty calories with talking heads who spin the news to the left or the right, with people who peddle fear and anxiety about all manner of things, or with the latest fad-craze that will change our lives... I wonder if we slowed down enough to focus on our hunger for the love of God and love of neighbor, for our hunger to do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with our God, if we might free ourselves from the cravings of those empty calories?

As I invite us to refocus, I share a prayer from The Iona Community in Scotland:

You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time, Want us to wait for the right time in which to discover Who we are, where we must go, Who will be with us, and what we must do. So, thank you...for the waiting time.

You keep us looking. You, the God of all space, Want us to look in the right and wrong places for signs of hope, For people who are hopeless, For visions of a better world that will appear among the disappointments of the world we know. So, thank you...for the looking time.

You keep us loving. You, the God whose name is love, Want us to be like you – To love the loveless and the unlovely and the unlovable; To love without jealousy or design or threat, And most difficult of all, to love ourselves. So, thank you...for the loving time.

And in all this you keep us, Through hard questions with no easy answers; Through failing where we hoped to succeed and making an impact when we felt useless; Through the patience and the dreams and the love of others; And through Jesus Christ and his Spirit, you keep us.

So thank you... for the keeping time, and for now, and for ever. Amen

May God bless us again with a hunger for God's love and ways in this Lenten season,

Pastor ERIC

Message from Our Covenanted Partner in Ministry, Rev. Gretchen Martin

Taking the Next Step in Your Grief Journey

As I write my last article in this series of caring for yourself and those who are grieving, I've been thinking a lot about the "next step" in the grief process. I know that no one ever "gets over" the death of a loved one, or the loss of hopes and dreams from infertility or even the loss felt by losing a job or transitioning into retirement. While we don't get over our grief, we cannot stay in the same place of our grief forever. We need to move through our grief, or at the very least, take the next step in the grief journey. I don't know where you are in your process, but I hope that one of these suggestions will be helpful in nudging you along this journey.

Start Where You Are: As you begin to work through your grief, don't compare your grief to others. No two people experience loss in the same way, so just because a divorced friend is getting remarried or another family is switching from infertility treatment to adoption, does not mean that you are at the same point in your grief. "Where do we even start on the daily walk of restoration and awakening? We start where we are. We find God in our human lives, and that includes the suffering."¹

Give Yourself the Grace to Move with Your Grief: Grief is not linear. There are lots of models of grief, but the way I describe grief to families I work with is that grief is like the edge of the ocean; sometimes grief is raging and invading, other times it's calm and peaceful and other times things are happening under the surface that we can't see or anticipate.

Anniversaries, birthdays and "should have been" days are obvious moments that can stir up or touch our grief. Other things, like broccoli, could stir your grief and have you in tears at the grocery store. We don't typically cry over something as mundane as broccoli, but if that was his favorite food or if you were eating broccoli when you received the phone call that she was gone, broccoli can stir a memory and bring grief into center view. Give yourself grace to respond to the ebb and flow of your grief.

Give Yourself the Space to Laugh: Often in my work with grieving families, people tell stories of their loved one that make the room erupt with laughter. Some families will say they feel guilty for laughing and being happy in the wake of death. I think telling stories of happy memories is a wonderful way to remember. I tell families that in the midst of grief, laughter is our soul's way of coming up for air. As humans, I don't think we can sit in the deepest, darkest place of grief forever – our soul needs a break, and laughter, storytelling and reminiscing are ways we can do that.

Feel the Pain: In her book, *An Altar in the World*, Barbara Brown Taylor reminds us that nearly all of the major world religions grew out of suffering. Buddhism began as the privileged Siddhartha saw sickness, old age and death. Being so moved he dedicated his life to easing suffering and pain. Judaism's central story is of the Exodus, immigrant people forced to work as slaves, fleeing, then suffering in the wilderness before finding the promised land. Islam began as Muhammad was praying for a solution to tribal warfare that was tearing his people apart. And in Christianity, Jesus' death on the Roman cross epitomized human suffering, which led to forgiveness and love. According to Taylor, "Pain is productive. Pain pushes people to the edge, causing them to ask fundamental questions as 'Why is this happening?' and 'How can this be

¹ Anne Lamott, *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*. Riverhead Books: New York, 2012.

fixed?’ Feeling pain is something that can be handled in a variety of ways. I can try to avoid pain. I can deny pain. I can numb it and I can fight it. Or I can decide to engage pain when it comes to me, giving it my full attention so that it can teach me what I need to know.”² If you are able, turn into your grief, listen to it and, if possible, see that life can be as full of meaning as it is of hurt. The two don’t cancel each other out.

Find a Support Community: Whether this is a grief support group, a group of moms who have all experienced miscarriage or infertility, or a coffee group for newly retired folks, find a small community whom you can trust and to whom you can share your stories and feelings. We can enter a support group feeling broken down by our sorrows, and in the process of storytelling and listening something deep within us can break open. Talk about love, and how it can be the precious ointment that enables our suffering to slowly and gradually emerge as healing and grace. Talk about death, and how it reminds us that life is precious. Talk about how we need to be careful with our language and actions. When we share our grief in a group setting, what we see and hear from others can help us see in ourselves those seeds of hope that are broken open, waiting to be nourished, waiting to blossom.³

Prayer: Sometimes we can’t *do* anything that fixes the situation and we aren’t ready to share openly in a group. In those instances I think we have the opportunity to turn to God and to our spiritual rituals that have been with us our whole lives. Reading a comforting scripture can be a ritual that eases grief. Listening to music, prayer, or seeing God’s hand in nature can remind us of God’s love for us. Sometimes, we don’t know what to pray. I think this prayer by Thomas Merton is a great example for when we don’t know what to say to God in the darkness of our grief:

*“You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”*⁴

If you aren’t in the midst of grief, you can pray for those who are. As Anne Lamott says “There are no words for the broken hearts of people losing people, so I ask God, with me in tow, to respond to them with graciousness and encouragement for each day... In prayer, I see the suffering bathed in light. In God, there is no darkness. I see God’s light permeate them, soak into them, guide their feet... So I pray for people who are hurting.”⁵

It has been an honor to reflect on grief and write these articles over the last year. This article included references from some of my favorite authors. I hope they will help you in your journey through grief.

Next month we will be switching gears, as I tell you a little bit about the work I’m doing in organ donation, and then we will venture into some new topics throughout 2020.

Sending lots of love and gratitude to my Peace Church family.

² Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*. Harper One: New York, 2009.

³ Wayne Muller, *How, Then, Shall We Live? Four Simple Questions That Reveal the Beauty and Meaning of Our Lives*. Bantam Books: New York, 1997.

⁴ Thomas Merton, Excerpt from *Thoughts in Solitude* found in *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor Harper One: New York, 2014

⁵ Anne Lamott, *Help Thanks Wow*

Worship Schedule for March 2020

Peace Church has two worship services Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 ● Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12-19 ● Matthew 4: 1-11

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

UCC Women's Sunday

Food Pantry

Wednesday, March 4

7:30 Lenten Worship

9th Grade Confirmation Message

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a ● Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 ● John 3:1-17

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Sound of Change – Women@Peace

Wednesday, March 11

7:30 Lenten Worship

9th Grade Confirmation Message

Sunday, March 15

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7 ● Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11 ● John 4:5-42

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship – Sunday School

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 Lenten Worship

9th Grade Confirmation Message

Sunday, March 22

Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13 ● Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14 ● John 9:1-41

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, March 25

7:30 Lenten Worship

9th Grade Confirmation Message

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 ● Psalm 130

Romans 8: 6-11 ● John 11: 1-45

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion (PEW)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)

March 2 Madilynn Jacobs (7)
March 4 Kiley May (17)
March 4 Harper Retzlaff (4)
March 4 Warren Weinreich (1)
March 4 Waylon Weinreich (1)
March 10 Landon Luther (6)
March 14 Mia Dornacker (12)
March 18 Logan O'Brien-Flasch (3)
March 22 Finley Martin (5)

Birthdays (80 years plus)

March 2 Gloria Liepert
March 2 Judy Nonhof
March 4 Ron Skaug
March 11 F. Lyn Peterson
March 20 Michael Schmidt, Sr.

Anniversaries

March 3 John & Shelley Oswald (47)
March 12 Sarah & Brian Van Beek (15)
March 13 Ruth & Ken Henk (26), Jared & Melissa Polzin(16)
March 26 Robbie & Cheri Manthei (9)
March 29 Kathy & Fran Charland (40)

Events and Activities

XYZ Senior Citizen Club

Peace Church welcomes the Kewaskum XYZ Senior Citizen Club to Fellowship hall! This group will be meeting every Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. to play Sheepshead. Any questions? Contact the church office at 262-626-4011.

Book Discussion

On Wednesday, March 4, the Peace Book Group meets to discuss "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. The discussion begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the church library or the music room depending on the number in attendance. All are welcome. On Wednesday, April 1, the book group meets to discuss "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn. For more information about the book discussion group, please contact Lynn Rusch (262-306-4025 or lynnrusch@yahoo.com). Each meeting is one hour long.

Peace UCC Women's Sunday on March 1, 2020, will highlight "Abundant Grace" through stories of women in the Scriptures who encounter Jesus, and through stories of women from the Peace congregation, as they guide the worship of God at both the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. worship services.

Lay Caregivers will gather on Thursday, March 5 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. If you are interested in visiting a shut-in member on a monthly basis, or want to learn more about this visitation ministry, please join us, or call Gayle at 339-0304.

Women@Peace

March Event: On March 25, 2020, the Women@Peace group will be touring the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts located in Cedarburg. The Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts is the only museum devoted to the creation, preservation, and education of fiber art in Wisconsin. Located in a fully restored 1850s barn, groups of all ages enjoy exhibitions featuring a wide variety of fiber art.

In addition to the barn, the property includes the original 19th century summer kitchen/blacksmith shop, lambing shed, chicken coop, pump/icehouse, and farmhouse. They have partnered with local artists and craftspeople to stock the Gift Shop with fun, unique, and fabulous gifts in a range of prices.

All are welcome to join us...men too!

- Cost is \$20 per person, includes box lunch *(see menu below)-must be paid in advance.
- Barn and restrooms are fully wheelchair/ADA accessible
- 10:00 a.m. tour, carpool departs from Peace Church parking lot at 9:15 a.m.

***LUNCH MENU: (choose 1 option)**

Option 1 - Mandarin Cashew Crunch Salad with Chicken (greens, tomato, cucumber, carrot, cashews, mandarin oranges, and chicken; served with sesame honey dressing)

Option 2 - Ham and Swiss Wrap (ham, tomato, Swiss cheese, and mustard mayo on a whole wheat tortilla)

Option 3 - Turkey Sandwich (sliced turkey with tomatoes, cucumbers, and provolone cheese with Ranch dressing. Flax Bread or Millet bread are available for no extra cost.)

Please sign-up and make payment by Sunday, March 15th. Sign-up sheet available on bulletin board or fill out a "Count Me In" card . You can also call Peace Church office at 262-626-4011.

April Event: Lambeau Field Experience - All members of the congregation are encouraged to join a late-spring outing to Green Bay on Thursday, April 23. Enjoy a tour of the historic Lambeau Field Stadium, Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame, and lunch in the 1919 Kitchen and Tap, located in the stadium. Additional time will be available to check out the Packers Pro Shop for your favorite green and gold merchandise. The group cost for both tours is \$20 for seniors, \$22 for other adults. Lunch will be off the menu. With enough interest, we will rent a motor coach for an additional cost. If not, we will rely on carpooling. Tentative departure time is 8:00 a.m. with return around 5:00 p.m. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board or fill out a "Count Me In" card and return to the offering plate or baskets provided at the entrances. Questions? Please call the church office 626-4011. Go, Pack, Go!!!

Movies & Munchies

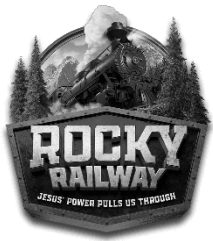
Come and join us for our spring Movies and Munchies before we break for the summer.

On March 27th we will see the film *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* starring Tom Hanks. This is the movie that makes you want to be a better person. It explains the importance people have in each other's lives and how much we depend on one another.

On April 24th come to experience the 2019 version of *Little Women*, the story of the March sisters. These 4 young women are each determined to live life on their own terms.

May 22nd-to be determined

All movies begin at 7pm. We look forward to sharing these evenings with you. Bring some new friends along! If you have any questions, please call Diane Stangl at 262-483-5699.



All Aboard! Climb aboard the Rocky Railway!

In this faith-filled VBS adventure, kids aged 3-11 discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Mark your calendar so you don't miss Peace Church's Vacation Bible School, July 27-31, 8:30 am - 11:30 am daily. Adults and youth aged 12 and up are strongly encouraged to get involved! Details to come in future newsletters.

Thank You Peace UCC!

Thank you messages were received from the following organizations:

Dear Peace UCC, Thank you for your generous donation. We appreciate your support and assure you it will be used in advancing our mission to meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of Washington County. Sincerely,
Albrecht Free Clinic

Dear Peace UCC – On behalf of those we serve, the board of directors and staff thank you for your recent contribution to support FRIENDS, Inc. Serving the residents of Washington County for 42 years, FRIENDS empowers and provides safety to those affected by domestic and sexual violence in their homes and relationships. Your contribution will help continue to provide advocacy, empowerment, and prevention so our neighbors in Washington County can live a life free from fear and intimidation. Thank you again for your generosity. Sincerely, FRIENDS, Inc.

Dear Peace UCC – Thank you so much for supporting our mission! You help us continue to serve the homeless in our program. With sincere appreciation, Family Promise of Washington County, Inc.

Dear Friends of Pathfinders,

Thank you for your recent donation in support of Pathfinders' mission – empowering youth – changing lives – is an investment in a stronger community. Your generosity helps Pathfinders continue to work alongside nearly 7,000 youth each year through our innovative programming. Every day, youth experiencing trauma come to Pathfinders seeking shelter, housing, basic needs, counseling, employment, education and positive connections. Thanks to your contribution, youth are finding the resources they need to thrive. Sincerely, Pathfinders

Dear Peace Members,

Thank you for your generous support to the Salvation Army. We want you to know that your gifts will make a real and tangible difference in the lives of those less fortunate in Washington County. May you experience a special place, knowing this thoughtful donation will enable The Salvation Army to continue offering Christ's blessings to our neighbors in need. Thank you for caring, Washington County Salvation Army

Dear Peace Members,

Another year has ended, and the Kewaskum Community Pantry is starting its 11th year helping area families with their food needs. We look forward to assisting more families in 2020. Thanks to all of you who donated groceries and monetary donations this past year. 2019 was a year filled with many blessings at the food pantry! Sincerely, The Kewaskum Community Pantry Staff

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your donation to Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County. We are very grateful. In 2019, Interfaith was able to provide support to seniors in Washington County more than 18,000 times, enabling them to remain at home longer by providing access to food, medical care, exercise, socialization and help at home. We have the ability to do this because of generous people like you. Monetary gifts are vital for us to meet the growing need and we are very appreciative. Thank you very much!

Sincerely, Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County.

Thank you messages were received from the following Peace members:

Thank you to the Women at Peace church for the fruit basket and to Connie Zemlicka for bringing it and visiting. Sincerely, Paul Reinders

Dear Peace Church, Thank you for the nice fruit basket delivered by Connie Zemlicka for my birthday. Carol Sedgwick

Thank you so much to Emil & Sandi Radeztsky for the nice visit and for bringing the lovely plant from church. We feel so lucky to have such wonderful friends at Peace Church and appreciate all the thoughts and prayers during Mitch's recent hospitalization and recovery.

Thanks to Pastor Eric and Pastor Bob for their many visits and phone calls. We are grateful for all your support. Sincerely, Mitch & Shirley Ogi

Thank you to the Women@Peace for the fruit basket and the delivery person, Kay Blackburn. The visit was especially appreciated as Kay was my chemistry student a few years ago. Kay shared her '71 West Bend West yearbook which brought back many great memories. Wes Westra

Dear Peace Congregation, We sincerely appreciate the large fruit basket delivered by Connie Zemlicka for my birthday. Tomorrow my family – about 20 individuals – will gather for a birthday lunch, and many will enjoy the fruit basket. We also thank the Sunday school students for their note and the “Jesus Loves” card. Sincerely, Patty Reigle

Dear Peace UCC congregation, Thank you to all the letters I received from my church. This Sunday School sent me a special one. Thank you so much. Love from Bunny Scannell

Thank you – I was so surprised and happy to receive the cross from the Sunday School children. It is nice to know that I am not forgotten. God Bless! Betty Spaltner

Today I received a card from Sunday School girls Celia, Ellie and Mackenzie. It reminded me that “Jesus Loves Me” It gave me sunshine on a cloudy day! Thank you, girls, and all the children for your prayers. Betty Fleury

To The Women@Peace Church: Thank you for the fruit basket delivered to me for my 84th birthday. A special thanks to Shirley Miller for delivering the basket. The fruit was good, but the visit was great. Colleen Roe

Focus on Sunday School

Sunday School students will be hearing more in-depth details about the Lenten journey and Holy Week through special symbols shared in children’s messages over the coming weeks. What does a rooster have to do with Jesus? We will find out! Students in 5-6 Grades continue an exploration of books of the Bible. Having just looked at the Gospels and Acts, they have moved on to Paul’s letters to the early Church. 1-4 Grades are into “Construction” of a Christian life, with their “license” to follow God, “blueprints” in the Bible, and a “wrecking ball” that takes away sin. PreK and Kdg students are learning “We can trust Jesus” through stories of calming seas, bread and fish, and other miracles.



*“For we are co-workers in God’s service;
you are God’s field, God’s building.”
1 Corinthians 3:9*

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Church’s Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God’s message of love and hope to people in crisis. This year’s theme is **“Invest in Futures”**. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief and rehabilitation, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering reaches those near and far, sometimes changing the lives of people in distress in our own communities, and at other times impacting the lives of those we may never meet but who are in desperate need of our compassion and generosity. Gifts given through this special offering empower people in poverty to learn a trade, raise their own food, and grow in faith. United in Christ, we help to provide access to healthy food, good education, excellent health care, job training, schools, clean water, and shelter after devastating storms and disasters. Each time a gift is given, a connection is made that builds a bridge, letting people know we are here and we care. Each resource shared, answers God’s call to love our neighbor.

We are there providing well pumps for clean water, seeds and training for sustainable agriculture, and rice and oil to provide nourishment and cooking supplies. We are there through medical kits, school supplies, temporary shelters, and safe housing projects where needed most. We are there offering hope and helping to spread love, justice, and peace in the world.

In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul writes, “we are all co-workers in God’s service.” Some of us plant and some of us water, but God gives the growth. Through the ministries supported by One Great Hour of Sharing, we have the opportunity to be part of the hopeful future God is already bringing forth. Imagine what the future could be like when we join together across distance, culture and generations to invest in the growth God promises to bring.

We will be dedicating our One Great Hour of Sharing offerings on Sunday, March 22nd. Special offering envelopes for your OGHS contributions are available on the bulletin board at the south entrance. You may also request one by calling the church office at 626-4011, or you can use the “Other” line found on your weekly envelopes and write in One Great Hour of Sharing.

In our generosity, we recognize that we are all part of God’s family. In sharing our gifts, we join together as both donors and recipients of generous investment in the growth God will bring. We celebrate the profound joy of living “for the love of what we may never see.” **Let us invest in futures by giving generously to One Great Hour of Sharing!**

Financial Reports

Financial Report January 2020

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of Dec. 31, 2019		\$ (31,074)
Receipts		34,358
Cemetery Transfer		0
Internal Transfer		0
Incr/Decr from Investments		0
Expenses		<u>(27,381)</u>
Ending Balance as of 01/31/2020	Balance of	<u>\$ (24,097)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Lenten	100.00
Easter	50.00
Maundy Thurs	25.00
Good Friday	25.00
Ash Wed	50.00
Dr. Albrecht Free Clinic	50.00
Kewaskum Food Pantry	30.00
Christmas	200.00
 Total Benevolence Receipts	 <u>530.00</u>

Additional Information

Project Balances as of 01/31/2020
Church Kitchen Remodeling Project \$ 13,162.00

2020 Sound of Change Collections

January = Peace Habitat \$161.72
February = Exodus \$161.32

Consistory Meeting Minutes

**Peace United Church of Christ
Consistory Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2020**

Member Present = X Members Absent = left Blank

		X	John Lemke(President/Deacon	X	Ken Singer (Elder)
	Paul Behring (Trustee)	X	Roger Mertz (Deacon)	X	Kathy Thomas (Trustee)
	Greg Anderson (Deacon)	X	Steve Falk (Trustee)	X	Martha Wilson (Elder)
	Elizabeth Bobb (Deacon)	X	Karen Kletti (Trustee)	X	Kathy Charland (Deacon)
X	Nancy Horning (Trustee)		David Roehrig (Trustee)	X	John Lemke Sr. (Elder)

Also Present: Pastor Eric

- A. Call to Order: 7:03 pm
- B. Opening Prayer –Pastor Eric offered a prayer.
- C. Approval of Agenda – addition to New Business, motion to accept by John C. Lemke, second by Nancy Horning and carried.
- D. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2019, meeting: motion to approve minutes as written by Nancy Horning and second by Martha Wilson and carried.
- E. Financial Report- Discussion on restricted funds and general fund deficit, Motion to accept financial report for December as presented by and place on file for audit by John C. Lemke, second by Steve Falk and carried.
- F. Pastor's Report-
 1. Pastor Eric expressed the feelings of joy for the many Holiday services. Also, two weddings and several funerals took place in the last month.
 2. The Mission trip to Mobile, Alabama with six young adults and Sherry Rehn went well. The group accomplished a lot in a short time. Thanks to the congregation for their continued support of Habitat for Humanity.
 3. Pastor continues to hold Adult Bible Study and confirmation class.
 4. John Dorhauer, President of the National UCC will be giving the message for MLK memorial at Cedar Ridge on January 20, 2020.
- G. President's Report
 1. John Lemke Jr challenged the consistory with this question: What is new or needed this coming year?
 2. John Lemke Jr spoke about encouraging all the members to be mission driven.
- H. Mission Moment – Pastor Eric talked about the group discussion at the Monday, January 13 Mission Statement Meeting.
- I. Old Business
 1. Proposed Mission Statement: Love like Jesus...Welcome all, love all, grown in faith together and seek justice for all. Just as I have loved you.
 2. Ken Singer, Investment Committee Chairperson, will proceed with moving the Investment funds from Baird to the UCC Foundation of Wisconsin managed funds.

3. Discussion concerning scholarship amounts, volunteer incentives and changes in the requirements to obtain a scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will consider several alternatives.
4. O & A statement has been printed in the bulletin and The Tidings. The Vision statement is also in both publications.
5. Consistory would like to thank Kathy Danielson for her years of dedication and service.

J. New Business

1. Chairpersons for Deacons, Trustees and Elders: Deacons-none. Trustees: David Roehrig. Elders: Ken Singer.
2. Secretary-Roger Mertz; VP – none
3. Consistory Reps: Investment Committee-Ken Singer; Pastoral Relations-VP(none so far); Christian Ed-Kathy Charland
4. Move funds from money market account to laddered CD. Motion by Roger Mertz, second by Nancy Horning and carried

K. 1. Committee Reports

Deacons –Proposed making better use of existing funds

Elders- Discussion ushering and greeting (staffing Sunday services)

Trustees- Kitchen remodel committee will be meeting next month. Carpeting to be installed at parsonage on Jan. 31 and Feb. 3.

Care & Connection – written report from Gayle Van Ess

Evangelism/Marketing – N/R

Faith Formation- written report from Gayle Van Ess

Habitat-Adult Habitat –Pastor discussed previously on Young Adult Trip

Investment Committee-discussed in Old and New Business.

Mission – next meeting January 21st, 2020 at 9:30am. Then April 21, 2020 at 9:30 am

New Members–several people have expressed interest in joining. New class will happen soon.

Pastoral Relations- Next meeting 2/13/20 at 6:30pm

Scholarship – N/R

Women @ Peace- December gathering at Kletti's house was a success Events have been planned for January and February.

Worship – Planning Lenten season.

L. Lord's Prayer

M. Adjournment – 9:38 p.m.

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Food Pantry Collection 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship Sunday School NO Youth Choir!	2	3	4 XYZ Club (8-11 am) 9:30 a.m. – Book Group “The Alice Network” 9 th Gr. Confirmation Class 3:30-5:00 p.m. Choir Practice:Men 6 p.m & Chancel 6:30 pm 7:30 pm Lenten Worship	5 9 am Lay Care Giving 1 pm Prayer Shawl	6	7 Daylight Savings Time – Set clocks one hour ahead
8 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 10:50 Youth Choir Sound of Change- Women@Peace Game Night 6pm	9 9:30 am - Worship Mtg 7 pm SE-UCC	10 9:30 a.m. – Ministry Mtg 6:30 p.m.-Deacons, Elders, Trustees 7:00 p.m. -Consistory	11 XYZ Club (8-11 am) 9 th Gr. Confirmation Class 3:30-5:00 p.m. Choir Practice:Men 6 p.m & Chancel 6:30 pm 7:30 pm Lenten Worship	12 11:30-Community of Practice	13 <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i>	14
15 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 9:30 am- Baptism: Sophia Rae Schlice 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir	16	17 7:00 p.m.-Adult Faith Formation	18 XYZ Club (8-11 am) 9 th Gr. Confirmation Class 3:30-5:00 p.m. Choir Practice:Men 6 p.m & Chancel 6:30 pm 7:30 pm Lenten Worship	19 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study	20 <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i> March “Tidings” Deadline	21 <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i>
Pastor Eric out of office 3/19 – 3/23						
22 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir One Great Hour of Sharing	23	24	25 XYZ Club (8-11 am) Women@Peace-Quilt Museum 9 th Gr. Confirmation Class 3:30-5:00 p.m. Choir Practice:Men 6 p.m & Chancel 6:30 pm 7:30 pm Lenten Worship	26 8 am-Cedar Board Mtg 6 pm-Kitchen Remodeling Committee Mtg	27 <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i> 7 pm-Movies & Munchies	28 <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i>
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29 8 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School PEW Communion 10:50 a.m. Youth Choir	30	31 9:30-Ministry Mtg 7:00 p.m.-Adult Faith Formation				