Bethlehem Congregational Church, UCC

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Thank you to all who helped with and supported our Annual Soup Supper and Silent Auction held on Feb. 9. Funds are still coming in, but slightly over $2000 has been raised! Thank you for supporting the Mission Work.

Welcome to new members on Feb. 16. We are happy you are a part of our family:
- Callie Clark
- Laura Delcamp
- Terri Sanderford
- Patricia Seder

Max Lucado is America’s bestselling inspirational author with more than 130 million books in print. During Lent, we will use his DVD study, based on his book, “He Chose the Nails” as our Soup & Bread Study. This is a five (5) session study that will be on Wednesdays nights at 6:30 pm., here at the church. The first session, “He chose to be one of us”, will begin on Wednesday, March 4. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Our Annual Meeting was held on February 16 following worship service. Please pick up a copy of the 2019 Annual Report at the back of the church if you haven’t already. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact Terral at the above phone number.

Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Services will be held on Wednesday, February 26 at Huntley Methodist Church at 7:00 pm.
Palm Sunday is April 5.
Maundy Thursday ecumenical service will be held on Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 pm at Bethlehem Cong. Church with POTLUCK.
Easter Sunday April 12.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Bake sale: April 11 from 9-11 am. Watch for dates in your bulletin to crack eggs and make noodles!
NOTES FROM THE PASTOR’S STUDY

Welcome to 2020! The year of perfect vision!

January always seems to bring out the “Year in Review” from everybody. Facebook was flooded with individual reviews with pictures and posts. Magazines and newspapers love doing reviews, less man hours are required. Often television shows will do them, but they tend to look at those we have lost in the past year, especially in the entertainment and sports industries. Even the church did it to some degree with the Annual Report that will be given at our Annual Meeting. But that is all hindsight! Which we all know is 20/20!

This year is 2020 and it is time, not to look back but forward with the perfect vision that God has granted to all of us, if we would use it!

Let us not, with tired eyes, see just one more problem, one more hassle interrupting our day. Let us with perfect vision see a challenge, an opportunity for us to trust in God and for God to show us His faithfulness.

Let us not, with eyes hardened, see another street person looking for a handout. Let us with 20/20 vision see a child of God, a chance to be His hands of help.

Let us not, with eyes calloused, see just another unsupervised child having a tantrum. Let us see a child of God desperate for attention and love. Let us use the perfect vision that God has given to us to see the parent or parents struggling to do the best they can and let us be His voice of encouragement and love.

Let us not, with eyes jaded, see us and them, those over there, the ones not like us. Let us see, as God does one family made by Him to love and be loved.

Let us not, with prideful eyes, see the faults, failings, misconduct and transgressions of other. Let us see our own short comings, indiscretions and sins. He tells us it is not ours to judge. In His wisdom and mercy he forgives us as we forgive others. Let us see the Grace we have received and look to uplift all those around us.

This year, let us look with the perfect vision that He has given us to see His wondrous works, in the land around us and the people he has placed in our lives. Let us see with the eyes of our hearts, not as the World would have us see, but as our God, our Savior sees!

Let us see perfectly His love for us and ALL of His creation!
February

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
GREEN
Deut 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20
Ps 119:1-8
1 Cor 3:1-9
Matt 5:21-37
From the Heart

Transfiguration
WHITE or GREEN
Ex 24:12-18
Ps 2 or Ps 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matt 17:1-9
Dazzling Reign
Seminary Sunday | Church Vocations Sunday

March

First Sunday in Lent
VIOLET
Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Ps 32
Rom 5:12-19
Matt 4:1-11
Abundant Grace
UCC Women’s Week, March 1-7

Second Sunday in Lent
VIOLET
Gen 12:1-4a
Ps 121
Rom 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17 or Matt 17:1-9
Bold Blessing
International Women’s Day / Daylight Saving Time begins

Third Sunday in Lent
VIOLET
Ex 17:1-7
Ps 95
Rom 5:1-11
John 4:5-42
Thirsty Voices
Amistad Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Lent
VIOLET
1 Sam 16:1-13
Ps 23
Eph 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
Restored
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Fifth Sunday in Lent
VIOLET
Ezek 37:1-14
Ps 130
Rom 8:6-11
John 11:1-45
Breath of Hope

April

Sixth Sunday in Lent
Palm/Passion Sunday VIOLET or RED
(Liturgy of the Palms)
Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
Matt 21:1-11
(Liturgy of the Passion)
Isa 50:4-9a • Ps 31:9-16 • Phil 2:5-11
Matt 26:14-27:66 or Matt 27:11-54

Easter
WHITE
Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6
Ps 118:1-2, 14-24
Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Matt 28:1-10

Second Sunday of Easter
WHITE
Acts 2:1-4a, 22-32
Ps 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
Holy Language
Orthodox Easter

Third Sunday of Easter
WHITE
Acts 2:1-4a, 36-41
Ps 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Breaking Bread
Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries Sunday
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Bethlehem Congregational United Church of Christ
Feb 10, 2020

Moderator Terral Balzer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with 9 board members and Pastor Robert Shy present. Pastor Shy led us in prayer to open the meeting.

SECRETARY: The minutes of the Jan 13th regular meeting were read. Cliff made and Pam seconded a motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

TREASURER: Pam presented the treasurer’s report were for the period Jan 1, 2020 to Feb 1, 2020—Total Inflows of the last month were $2,151.72; Total Outflows for the last month were $9,909.93; leaving a negative balance of $ (2,843.39). Jerry made and Eugene seconded a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

DEACONS: There were 58 in church Sunday.

TRUSTEES: Light in office replaced and ones in hallway fixed. Tissue holder in women’s rest room broken and will be repaired.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Robert and Stacy will meet this week for planning.

OLD BUSINESS: Annual meeting committees have all met and turned in their reports. New members will join on the 16th during church service. Discussion was held on obtaining a fireproof file safe/cabinet to preserve important and or historical documents. Darlene offered to donate one if it is the right size and a committee will be formed to consolidate the data. The women’s fellowship voted for the proceeds from the soup supper and auction to go to the mission fund for the churches (extensive storm damage) in the Philippines.

No bid yet for a drop down screen and projector.

Have had to have J&H here again in Feb for the printer (it is getting old). J&H said they would be on the lookout for a good used one for us.

NEW BUSINESS: Ash Wednesday service will be with Huntley on Feb 26th.
MINISTER’S REPORT: Robert met with clergy to plan Lent and related services. Ash Wednesday at Huntley on Feb. 26th. Maunday Thursday here at Bethlehem on April 9th. Good Friday at Ballantine on April 10th. Easter on April 12th at each church.

Robert and Terral will attend a Leader’s Breakfast at RMC Feb 12th. Robert will have a Lenten Soup and Study for 5 Wed. evenings starting March 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Robert received a nice thank you for the Memory Sticks we donated to service men and women; and a thank you from Christmas Bright—helped 40 families and 105 children. He also received a note from St. Vincent Hospital saying that they are looking for volunteers.

Discussion was held on Camp Mimanagish as it is going to be sold. The Forest Service will have input on the buyers. So far a group called “Singing Waters of Montana has expressed interest and would like to have someone visit the congregations for an explanation of their plans. Some dates were discussed and Angela Lile will contact them about a date.

Pam made and Grace seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting: March 9th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doris A. Baldry, Secretary

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BAKE SALE

SAVE THE DATE: April 11 9-11 AM
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Bethlehem Congregational United Church of Christ
Jan. 13, 2020

Moderator Terral Balzer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with 8 board members and Pastor Robert Shy present. Pastor Shy led us in prayer to open the meeting.

SECRETARY: The minutes of the Dec. 9th regular meeting were read. Mike made and Grace seconded a motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

TREASURER: Pam presented the treasurer’s report were for the period Dec. 1 to Dec. 31, 2019—Total Inflows of the last month were $7,343.12; Total Outflows for the last month were $7,983.18; leaving a balance of $4,608.33. Cynde made and Grace seconded a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

DEACONS: There were 49 in church Sunday; 118 on Christmas Eve.

TRUSTEES: The nativity in the front of the church has been put away.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Annual meeting and potluck will be Feb. 16th. Pam presented the report from the budget committee. Eugene gave a report from the nominating committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Soup supper will be Feb 9th from 4 to 7 p.m. Pastor Shy will collect information for the conference yearbook. Stewardship meeting online Jan 14th—Robert will join the meeting. Discussed helping in the Philippines with a fund raiser to help rebuild a church after the typhoon. This is Terry Sanderford’s church. Linda will ask the ladies group if we could use the soup supper and silent auction proceeds for this funding. Cynde made and Grace seconded a motion to donate $250.00 to the Riley Knickerbocker memorial fund. Motion carried.

getting a couple of gift cards at Valley Farmer's for emergencies for people traveling through. A church member asked that the church look into hosting a financial class with Dave Ramsey. Com tech will be out to give us a quote for a drop down screen. Robert is looking for a different time for Youth Group---possibly after church. Two youth attended the Mayflower Christmas party.

Pam made and Cynde seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Feb 10th 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Holmes, Acting Secretary
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Bethlehem Congregational United Church of Christ
Dec. 9, 2019

Moderator Terral Balzer called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with 11 board members and Pastor Robert Shy present. Pastor Shy led us in prayer to open the meeting.

SECRETARY: The minutes of the Nov. 11th regular meeting were read. Linda made and Cynde seconded a motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

TREASURER: Pam presented the treasurer’s report were for the period Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2019—Total Inflows of the last month were $1,514.97; Total Outflows for the last month were $6,909.57; leaving a “negative” balance of $393.43. Linda made and Darlene seconded a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

DEACONS: There were 67 in church Sunday.

TRUSTEES: The nativity in the front of the church is up and the trustees will check on a timer. Back hall light is fixed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Thank you to all who helped with the hanging of the greens. The Christmas program will be Dec. 15th and Stacy will contact Santa to tell him we would love to see him that day.

OLD BUSINESS: Robert adjusted the microphones. Christmas Bright distribution will be Dec. 18th with packaging at 6 a.m. Christmas Eve service will be at 6 p.m. with communion. The luminaries will be out and the deacons will be here to assist with candles, etc. There will be envelopes for the retirement fund. There were 409 strollers here for the Christmas stroll.

NEW BUSINESS: Annual meeting will be Feb. 16th with the Budget committee meeting Jan 12th (Pam, Terral, Stacy, Jennifer and Linda). Auditors will meet Jan 19th and reports will need to be in to Teri by Jan 26th. Nominating committee will be Eugene, Cliff, and Stacey.
Minister’s contract discussed and it will be the same as last year except for an insurance increase. A letter will be sent to the conference office asking for a renewal of Robert’s license. Doris made and Cynde seconded a motion asking Robert to accept another year’s contract. Motion carried and Robert accepted. Gifts for Carolyn and Robert and Dawn Shy were discussed and approved.

MINISTER’S REPORT: Robert says he has had a good year. He would like to start volunteering at the school after New Year’s. The youth have been invited to Mayflower Church for a Christmas party on Friday the 20th from 6 to 6. Robert will be on vacation from the 25th of Dec to Jan 2nd. There will be a baptism on the 22nd; the preschool holiday program on the 16th; and two more study evenings.

Mike made and Stacey seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting: Jan 13th 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doris Baldry, Secretary
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Happy Anniversary

You two are a perfect match
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April 11 - Saturday 9-11 AM

**BAKE SALE**