

# SERVING THIS MONTH

## LITURGIST / LAY LEADER

November 3 Gail Hollinger  
November 10 Mary Ortiz  
November 17 Rick Mathis  
November 24 Terry Delp

## GREETERS / USHERS

November 3 Gary Marsh,  
Mary Lou Hooker  
November 10 Gail Bishop, Mary Navis  
November 17 Terry Whitley,  
Gail Hollinger  
November 24 Dave Kerley  
Lee Swainston

## SOUND & LIGHTS / ACOLYTES

November 3 Kathy A-K / Evie  
November 10 Kathy A-K / Peyton  
November 17 Kathy A-K / Lilly  
November 24 Kathy A-K / James

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

November 3 Jacki Bradt  
November 10 Nancy W., Mary R.  
November 17 3rd Sunday Brunch  
November 24

# SERMON TOPICS & LITURGICAL TEXTS

Worship Services:  
YOU ARE WELCOME ~ AND WANTED  
All services 11:00 a.m.

**November 3, 2019**  
Esther 3: 12- 4: 17  
“The story of Esther”  
Rev. Bonnie Simerly

**November 10, 2019**  
Esther 7: 1- 8: 17  
“For such a time as this”  
Rev. Bonnie Simerly

**November 17, 2019**  
Genesis 1: 1-31  
“More than we need,  
more than we imagine”  
Rev. Bonnie Simerly

**November 24, 2019**  
Luke 1: 68-79  
Colossians 1: 11-20  
“Strengthening us in covenant”  
Rev. Bonnie Simerly

# United Church of Wayland Parish Post

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## GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

### the minister's musings

Well, like it or not, winter is looming in the near future. In fact, as I write this in the last week in October, snow is already predicted before the weeks' end. It will come as it normally does, and for a while the earth will be beautifully blanketed for its' winter rest. Take time to enjoy the gifts of the season and be thankful we are gifted enough by God to live in such a beautiful part of the world.

The month of November is Stewardship month. We will be talking about Stewardship in a couple of different ways. The first two Sundays will be about the story of Esther. The last two Sundays will be about the gifts of God and Thanksgiving. I am asking each of you to spend time in prayerful consideration about your gifts to United Church of Wayland, and your church family this year. Finances are a concern to everyone, and the church is no different. The trustees are working very hard to utilize what is tithed responsibly and cautiously, but it is a struggle each month. Remember also, that stewardship is not only about tithing. It is also about time and talents and treasures each of us have to offer. It ALL matters! Finally, we must embrace our faith in the Creator to hear our prayers and direct our steps. The church is alive because of faith, and faith is the cornerstone of its continued survival.

God is with us and God is Good—All the Time!

Shalom, Pastor Bonnie

## COMPASSION CORNER

**For our Concern:** Louie Edwards, Wayne Goodwin, Juju Straub, Bonnie Kemper, Linda Rough, Phyllis Cameron, Coleen Young's Mother, Kathy Stebbins, Christian Neighbors Food Pantry and those in the military. **+++Pray for PEACE.**

## REMINDERS

**Pastor Bonnie's Hours** \* I am always available for emergencies by Telephone.

**Sunday:** 8am to 1:30pm

**Monday:** 9am to 11:30am

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:** 9:00 am-2:00pm

**Friday, Saturday:** by appointment

### **Wings of Hope Quilting Bee:**

Meets the first Saturday of the month from 10 am until 3 pm. We make lap quilts for hospice patients. Come join the fellowship and fun!!! Anyone is welcome!!!

**Church Needs List:** Paper Towel, Toilet Paper

**Food Pantry:** Please don't forget the Food Pantry Collection the first Sunday of each month. We strive to collect 50 pounds of food. Items may be put in grocery cart by the front door.

**Deadline for DECEMBER Parish Post:** Monday, November 25th

Any articles submitted after that time will be held until the next issue.  
Thank you for your co-operation.

## TRUSTEES

**Needed each Month:**

**\$8,000 General Fund**

**\$1,100 Building Fund**

**Line of Credit Owed: \$0**

## **PLEASE JOIN US!!**

Lay Leaders, Liturgists, Ushers, Sound & Lights, and Greeters needed. Please see Pastor Bonnie if you are interested.

Date	General Fund	Building Fund	Totals
10/6/2019	\$2,164.48	\$365.00	\$2,529.48
10/13/2019	\$1,476.13	\$300.00	\$1,785.13
10/20/2019	\$1,273.00	\$60.00	\$1,333.00
10/27/2019	\$292.00	\$103.00	\$395.00

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**Ongoing Outreach projects** include **Wayland Area Christian Neighbors Food Pantry**. Bring non-perishable foods and place them in the shopping cart at any time during the month. Peanut butter, tuna fish, sugar, coffee, tea, juice, canned fruit & vegetables are especially needed. The needs are greater than ever.

The First Sunday of each month is designated as **Pantry and Joyful Noise Sunday**. The loose change collected goes to support local needs such as prescriptions, gas, utility assistance, etc....

## MISSION COUNCIL-1

10/13/2019

**Present:** Gail Hollinger, Kathy Abts-Kerley, Frank Lavender, Mary Navis, Mary Ortiz, Faith Pigeon, Bonnie Simerly, Coleen Young

Pastor Bonnie opened with prayer.

September Mission Council meeting minutes were approved.

### **Old Business:**

Plans for United Church of Wayland 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (6/14/2020) celebration continue. Coleen is collecting addresses of past ministers in order to send invitations. Bonnie will provide regional minister addresses as well.

It was reported that Terry Delp volunteered to assume responsibility for coordinating Red Cross Blood Drive. Bonnie will contact Terry to confirm.

Al-Anon discussion was tabled for future discussion.

### **New Business:**

Fellowship Hall lighting: Kathy reports that Industrial Electric provided an estimate to replace ballasts and bulbs in fellowship hall. Materials will be purchased through church to avoid tax. Kathy agreed to explore Consumers Energy free assessments to improve energy efficiency.

Raccoon damage: Mary Lou Hooker's nephew (Ian) will provide an estimate for removal of raccoons and other pests as well as repair of structural damage caused by their presence.

### **Departmental Reports:**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Bonnie has agreed to relocate her office space to allow the rental of her current office. She requests help moving the furniture she plans to use. She revised her office hours as follows:

Mon 9-11:30 am, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am-2:00 pm, Fri and Sat off,  
Sun 8 am-1:30 pm

She will add hours as needed to accommodate regularly scheduled meetings and events (ex: Small Town Allies, church committees, food truck)

## MISSION COUNCIL-2

Christmas Eve service will be held at 4:00 pm this year.

Stewardship: Gail reports that she will be conducting stewardship services during the month of November. The pledge campaign will coincide with this.

Congregational Life: Frank is in the process of planning a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in November. He reports that John Rough has agreed to provide the meat and sauce. He needs volunteers to provide garlic bread, salad and desserts and manpower for serving, cashiering and cleanup.

United Fellowship: Frank is assuming responsibility for third Sunday potluck until Bonnie Brenner returns from Florida.

Education: Shannon Jones absent.

Evangelism: Cindy Mathis has resigned. A replacement is needed.

Worship: Bonnie and Gail are discussing changes to the liturgy to stretch minds and enliven spirits. Recorded music which compliments the readings and/or sermon will be played as congregants enter the sanctuary. Beginning in November, the liturgist and usher will break bread and pour wine once per month as Bonnie prays over the elements. Gail would like to teach children to ring the bells to provide them more involvement.

Nurture: Mary Navis reports sending four cards recently and continues to activate prayer chain as requested.

Service: Coleen continues to manage Food Truck Fridays. Sue Skiba continues to manage Ruthie's Closet. Sue volunteered to coordinate the Holiday Craft Show (12/14/2019) this year. Baked goods, donations and workers are needed. The Christmas Project (12/21/2019) will continue to be organized by Sue. Discussion regarding the possibility of extending outreach into the community through other projects, like, a blanket or shoe drive took place.

Trustees: Todd Smith retired from his position as trustee. John Rough will replace him.

Submitted by Mary Ortiz

## TRUSTEE-1

October 15, 2019

Attending: Crimson Kamps, Faith Pigeon, Mary Reno, Le Swainston, Marc McGill, Pastor Bonnie Simerly, John Rough. Guests: Sue Skiba, Mary Ortiz, Nancy Whitley.

Meeting called to order: 7:06pm Review of September minutes: Motion to accept-Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Faith. Passed

Discussion about adding John Rough to fill the empty place on the Board: Motion: Add John Rough to Trustee Board: Marc 2<sup>nd</sup>: Faith All in favor

**Treasures Report:** Mary Reno: Need to transfer money from sale profits continues to pay monthly bills. Accept treasures report: Marc 2<sup>nd</sup> Lee

**Pastor's Report:** Discussed the job description and pay issues for the church secretary. Recommended that her pay be raised as it states in the job description. Bonnie will work with Chris to develop a true job description that will be signed by Chris and the pastor.

Bonnie suggested that we ask Chris to attend the trustee meetings one time per month to take minutes and type them up of the Parish Post and Record. Motion: Faith, 2<sup>nd</sup> John

Bonnie reviewed issues related to the moving of her office. Thermostat cover, move safe, clean office and carpet, walkway. Also needs help with the physical move.

**Old Business:** Still need to have the Raccoons removed from the building as they continue to create significant damage to the soffits. We will seek bids to have the Raccoons professionally removed.

Kathy has gotten an estimate to repair or replace the lights in the fellowship hall. It is recommended that the lights be replaced with LED lights to save money and to save repair costs. Kathy has agreed to cover the cost of the parts and labor for the job and will work out a payment plan with the church. Move to accept and get the work done: John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Faith. Passed, all in favor.

Nancy Whitley and Mary Ortiz presented the proposal to rent the space that is currently the pastor's office to an outside non-profit renter. They have researched this with tax accountant and attorney and feel like there is no risk to our tax-exempt status. The office next to the Conference/AA room will become

## TRUSTEE-2

the Pastor's office. The church must have a rental agreement in place to protect the church and assure that we are renting to an entity that is not juxtaposed to the mission of UCofW. Nancy and Mary have agreed to develop a rental agreement form that is legally binding. Move to allow Nancy and Mary to develop the rental form by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Faith. Passed, unanimously.

**New Business:** Crimson suggests that a committee be formed to work on the budget for the next fiscal year. Crimson, Mary, John, Marc, Sue and Pastor will attend. Tuesday Oct. 22 @ 7pm will be the first meeting and following Tuesdays as needed.

Meeting adjourned: Time: 8:30pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Faith, 2<sup>nd</sup> John

Next Meeting: Nov 19, 2019 @ 7pm

Respectfully submitted: Pastor Bonnie Simerly

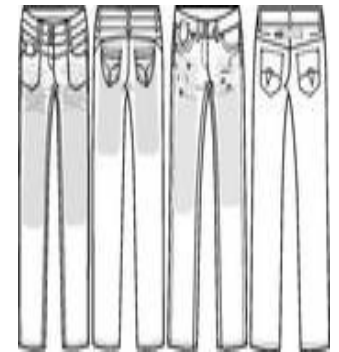
### Ruthie's Community Closet

"Take what you need, give what you don't"

The closet is open at the following times:

Tuesday 9:00am—Noon

Thursday 5:00—7:00 pm



## BIRTHDAYS



## NOVEMBER

November 04 Linda Fifelski

November 07 Mary Lou Hooker

November 15 Christyl  
Burnett-Evansl



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