SERVING THIS MONTH

LITURGIST / LAY LEADER

March 1 Gail Hollinger
 March 8 Mary Ortiz
 March 15 Rick Mathis
 March 22 Terry Delp
 March 29 Nancy Whitley

GREETERS / USHERS

March 1 Gary Marsh,

Mary Lou Hooker

March 8 Gail Bishop, Mary Navis

March 15 Terry Whitley,

Gail Hollinger

March 22 Dave Kerley

Lee Swainston

March 29 Terry Whitley, Volunteer

SOUND & LIGHTS / ACOLYTES

March 1 Kathy A-K / Lilly
March 8 Kathy A-K / Bryson
March 15 Kathy A-K / Evie
March 22 Kathy A-K / Peyton
March 29 Kathy A-K / Lilly

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

March 1 March 8

March 15 3rd Sunday Brunch

March 22 March 29

SERMON TOPICS & LITURGICAL TEXTS

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

March 1, 2020

Psalm 32

Matthew 4: 1-11

"Lonesome Valley"

Rev. Bonnie Simerly

March 8, 2020

Psalm 121

John 3: 1-17

"Born from Above"

Rev. Bonnie Simerly

March 15, 2020 TBA

Rev. Ruth Fitzgerald-UCC

March 22, 2020

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

"Light"

Rev. Bonnie Simerly

March 29, 2020

Exodus 17: 1-7

John 4: 5-15, 27-38

"Water"

Rev. Bonnie Simerly

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GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

the minister's musings

It is that time of year when we begin our Lenten Journey. Lent really is suppose to be a journey-to deeper understanding, a more significant relationship with God, a chance to make some prayerful changes in how we live and act. The following is something I have used before to remind people what they could be working on this season. As we take this journey toward the cross, let us remember .

Blessings, Pastor Bonnie

Give up for Lent

- 1. Fear of Failure
- 2. Your Comfort Zone
- 3. Feelings of Unworthiness
- 4. Impatience
- 5. Retirement
- 6. People Pleasing
- 7. Comparison
- 8. Blame
- 9. Guilt
- 10. Overcommitment
- 11. Lack of Counsel
- 12. Impurity
- 13. Entitlement
- 14. Apathy
- 15. Hatred
- 16. Negativity
- 17. The Spirit of Poverty
- 18. Going Through the Motions
- 19. Complaint
- 20. The Pursuit of Happiness

- 21. Bitterness
- 22. Distraction
- 23. Giving up
- 24. Mediocrity25. Destructive Speech
- 26. Busyness
- 27. Loneliness
- 28. Disunity
- 29. the Quick Fix
- 30. Worry
- 31. Idolizing
- 32. Resistance to Change
- 33. Pride
- 34. A Small View of God
- 35. Envy
- 36. Ungratefulness
- 37. Selfish Ambition
- 38. Self-Sufficiency
- 39. Sorrow
- 40. My Life

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

<u>Friday, Saturday</u>: by appointment

Wayland Community Quilters:

Meets the first Saturday of the month, (unless changed on calendar) 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. Last collection: **33 pounds**

Deadline for April Parish Post: Friday, March 27th

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

TRUSTEES

Needed each Month:

\$7,000 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 |
|-----------|--------------|----------------------|------------|
| 2/2/2020 | \$1,362.10 | \$330.00 | \$1,692.10 |
| 2/9/2020 | \$1,052.50 | \$0 | \$1,052.50 |
| 2/16/2020 | \$1,860.29 | \$1,292.78 | \$3,153.07 |
| 2/23/2020 | \$2,129.75 | \$45.00 | \$2,174.75 |
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MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Ongoing Outreach projects</u> 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

February 9, 2020

Present: Pastor Bonnie Simerly, Mary Navis, Crimson Kamps, Frank Lavender, Gail Hollinger, Faith Pigeon, Alyssa Smengee.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented

Old Business:

The church 50th anniversary celebration: The Kuntzmarks have affirmed they are attending, Tim Murtaugh will not be able to attend. We are waiting or responses from other previous pastors.

New Business:

The new Pastoral Search Committee will consist of one trustee, the head of Mission Council and a representative from each department, plus one from men's, women's and youth fellowships. The new interim and pastor will be selected from UCC candidates.

Lenten season will begin with services here on Ash Wednesday. The Lenten study will be held at the Methodist Church. Ash Wednesday is February 26th and Easter is April 12, 2020.

Frank Lavender is planning a spaghetti Dinner for April 18th

Garage Sale Days are first full weekend in May, the 7-9. Items may be left at the church under the coat rack in the hall by the office.

Evangelism: Alyssa will administer the church website and Facebook page.

MISSION COUNCIL-2

Worship: Gail and Bonnie are meeting to plan Lenten season worship

We will need more liturgists and people to serve communion during the interim.

The church received a grant of \$2500 from Bank of America Nelson-Ortiz Charitable fund.

A rental form has been developed for the prospective new tenants.

Angie has volunteered to be our representative to Christian Neighbors.

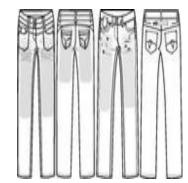
Ruthie's Community Closet

"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

MARCH

March 04 Amy Swainston

March 16 Kathy Abts-Kerley

March 28 James Coffey



TRUSTEE-1

February 25, 2020

Present: Faith Pigeon, John Rough, Mark McGill, Lee Swainston, Mary Reno, Pastor Bonnie Simerly

Absent: Crimson Kamps

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Opening Prayer: Faith Pigeon

Review of Minutes from last meeting: Move to accept: Faith

2nd: Mark

Treasurer Report: Contract signed for the rental space and deposit paid. Transferred money(\$12,000.00) from Edward Jones to cover expenses and bring the line of credit to zero. Treasurer's report accepted.

Pastor's Report: Lenten season begins on Wednesday Feb 26 with an Ash Wednesday service at United Church of Wayland. Lenten study begins Wednesday, March 4, at 7pm at the United Methodist Church. All are welcome. Rev. Ruth Fitzgerald, UCC Southwest minister will preach and meet with the congregation on March 15 to begin the process of search and call committee formation. She is also willing to meet with the trustees to assist with contract development. Pastor confirmed that her last day to preach is April 26, 2020. She will move out of her office on April 27 & 28.

Old Business: Reviewed evaluation form for clergy and will table for next meeting and have reviewed by Rev. Fitzgerald. Discussed the construction of a sidewalk to the rental space as was agreed to with the tenants. Will review after the weather clears and see if it is necessary or needed. Reviewed estimate for the window replacement in the

TRUSTEE-2

Fellowship hall-decision is to get another estimate and to determine whether there are people in the church who can do the job.

Light replacement in the fellowship hall is still being researched. Pastor will recontact Weight Watchers to review changes in contract. Discussed renters not paying when they fail to use the space they have rented. Decided that if it is an "act of God" (weather related, etc.), that they will not have to pay rent, if they decide for some reason to not meet and have reserved the space, they will be responsible for the rental cost.

New Business: Decision made to no longer belong to the Wayland Chamber of Commerce due to expense. Notice from the Health Department concerning new fees for Food License. Fee raised to \$355.00 yearly. Moved to pay the License Fee-Mark 2nd-Lee.

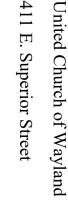
Miscellaneous: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm. Motion: Faith 2nd: Mark

Next Meeting: March 17, 2020 at 7pm Respectfully submitted, Pastor Bonnie Simerly



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