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The R E A C H O U T

I started to write this and it had a great start and was looking good but I did not write down my thoughts as I was processing it in my brain, and of course something pulled me from my thoughts. Boom, the thoughts were gone and the paper did not get written. No front page for you. You see I cannot write a front page in a vacuum. I need to be doing ministry. Covid knocked me on my butt, and I was stalled for three weeks. When the twelve days were up, I didn't just jump up and start my life or work right away, it took some time. But emergencies happen. This is where I begin.

Right before I got sick, I was cleaning and getting things cleared up for the company that was coming. I wanted to impress Wendy and show her that I care. As I went through all my piles of papers, books, and trash, I found a book The Biggest Lie in the history of Christianity. I started to read and I am sure that book is what my first front page was about but there is a slight change. In his book on page 7 is a list of what I think are truths. Happiness and pleasure are not the same thing. - Getting what I want doesn't make me happy. - Focusing on myself almost never leads to happiness. - I am never happy when I pretend to be someone I am not. - Too much of the happiness I experience is dependent on unsustainable circumstances or situations. The more I help others in their quest for lasting happiness, the happier I seem to be. Lying never makes me happy. Happiness is always found by embracing the present moment.

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January 22

It is impossible to be grateful and unhappy at the same time. Anything that helps me become a-better-version-of-myself makes me happy, even if it is difficult or painful. Happiness is contagious. That is why I believe we need to read every day. Look for and read books. This will get out that Bible and make it one of the books to read even if it is just to pick certain scriptures or stories over and over to encourage you, or just to inspire you, maybe to even test you or cause you to struggle or ask questions.

And now I begin my front page for this new year of 2021. There is no magic number! I can have one drink before I become an alcoholic or I can shoot up meth 3 times before I become addicted to it. Maybe I can have heroin 10 times and be okay, no addiction to it. We just don't know! I have known people who only tried heroin once and lost the battle. I knew a person who smoked weed once and died from the chemical it was laced with. Just so you don't think this is all about drugs or alcohol, I knew a person who ate shell fish Shushi and crab, you name it they ate it. One time they ate crab and their night was ruined, their throat was swollen and they could never eat shell fish, oysters, or clams again. In my belief sin is the same. People worry about, or don't worry about, some sins and they focus on others. A sin is a sin is a sin. You don't know which will lead you into a downward spiral to darkness where you no longer see the light or you reject what the light can do for you. What I have always found is that we become so lost we don't even know we are sinning. The magic number is that number where you are maybe hurting yourself or others without knowing or you get so beat up by your sin that you learn to feel worthless or unable to receive forgiveness and the light of Christ. Things become impossible for us. Yes! But nothing is impossible for God. We so often put our feelings on God or our nature on God. We forget when God said "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9) I have come to tell you let nothing or no one rule you or control you except God.

Then there is our life in Christ and we sin or allow our desires to control us. It is just little things. I do not want to argue what is right or wrong with eating certain foods until you have a heart attack. I don't want to talk about someone who beats the odds. I want to use these to give examples. Yes, there are exceptions to every rule. But remember, what is the magic number for you??? So, a person eats all the wrong things and lives a sedentary life. How long does it take to have the heart attack? There are small unnoticeable signs that suggest something is happening. Yet it cannot be seen with tests. My cardiologist said severe pain does not come until about 70 to 80 percent blockage. So, you get deep pain and shortness of breath. Now you might have had shortness of breath earlier but did not pay attention. You might have had pain but wrote it off as something you ate. Your pain gets more severe! It starts to shoot down your arm and up your neck. You need intervention. You need help but the test let you down and you go home masking the pain with pain pills or such. Now you have a full-on heart attack. And there still can be hidden reasons no one knows, or understands. You have to stay with the people who can help until they truly look and see. You need help. We are not a perfect people and we don't have all the answers. We must start our lives living the best we can and if we get a bad start or if we mess up and we come out alive we need to repent and work on becoming that which God intended and not what the world is always expecting. When sin and darkness drag us down, we have to always find intervention. We need to seek the presence of the Lord. We need to knock, or the door might never be opened. What we usually do is hunker down in our darkness. We find ways to deaden the pain instead of using the pain to motivate to help. We believe the lies of our tests. "If they care about me, they will call" and we shut the phone off or leave it in another room. If you feel pain or you get caught up and darkness or anger, stop moving in the direction you are going. Look for light, turn around, repent, go the direction of Love. Minister to those around you. Don't hunker down in your pain, sorrow, darkness or loneliness. Seek out your brothers and sisters in Christ. Don't go there by yourself, go two or more. Minister to the needs of those who have the same needs. Remember, do not go alone.

Use your gifts to the glory of God. I know that my redeemer lives so I sing:

God rest ye merry gentlemen Let nothing you dismay Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray Oh tidings of comfort and joy Comfort and joy Oh tidings of comfort and joy.

Fear not then, said the Angel Let nothing you affright This day is born a Savior Of a pure Virgin bright To free all those who trust in Him From Satan's pow'r and might Oh tidings of comfort and joy Comfort and joy Oh tidings of comfort and joy.

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
January 3rd	Second Sunday of Christmas	white	Jeremiah 31: 7-14 Psalm 147: 12-20 Ephesians 1: 3-14 John 1: 1-18	Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.
January 10th	Baptism of Our Lord	white	Genesis 1: 1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19: 1-7 Mark 1: 4-11	Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.
January 17th	Second Sunday of Epiphany	green	1 Samuel 3: 1-20 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 John 1: 43-51	All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.
January 24th	Third Sunday of Epiphany	green	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Psalm 62: 5-12 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20	As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.
January 31st	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	green	Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 Mark 1: 21-28	In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

JANUARY

Serving in God's house	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Sue Deutschlander	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
Lector 10:30	Sarah Deiger	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Sarah Deiger	Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret need someone	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret need someone	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

FEBRUARY

Serving in God's house	December 6	December 13	December 20	December 27
Lector 8:00	Sue Deutschlander	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Sue Deutschlander
Lector 10:30	Andy Tesyk	Sarah Deiger	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret need someone	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret need someone

Mark Your Calendar

January 10: The dinner team is holding a Chili and Cornbread dinner from noon- 4pm. There will be several types of chili to choose from. This is a to-go meal only. You may drive up and order and be served at your car. Cost is \$8.00 and the meal includes a quart of chili, cornbread and cookies for dessert.

January 10: We will be taking down the greens right after the 10:30 worship. The trees and decorations will be packed up and taken back to the storage unit. We will need a couple of trucks to get them over to Crouse's. Please consider helping with this project.

Special Notes

Card Shower: Olin Sheely will be turning 100 years young on January 17th! Please help him celebrate by sending a card. You may send the cards to him at the address listed under Gloria Hum in your directory. If you don't have the directory please call the office.

Cookies needed: The dinner team is asking for cookies to give out at the chili dinner. Any kind of cookie or bar cookie is much appreciated. Please no icing. You may drop your cookies off at the church on Jan. 10th before noon. Thank you in advance!

Annual Reports: Please turn in your annual team reports as soon as possible. The Good Hope Annual Report will be available for the February 14 congregational meeting.

Thank You

Candy Collection: Thank you so much for all of the candy you donated to give to Teen Challenge. Pastor Ralph and I delivered it to the men, women, and their families Christmas night. They are so grateful that Good Hope thinks of them. This year a prayer was given to each person and they really appreciated the gift.

A special thanks to Nancy and Kevin Barret for helping bag the candy and to Carol Jean Horst for the prayer. Thank you Natalie Keenan for the Thrivent grant.

Christmas gifts: Pastor Ralph and I thank you for your Christmas cards, gifts, gifts of money, word puzzles, and prayers. We are so grateful and truly blessed to have you all as our church family! We pray for God's blessings for you in the New Year.

SRCCC:

I thank you deeply for the collection of nonperishable food and for the monetary collection. Your continued support to the 3C's is greatly appreciated. Bless you.

*Sincerely,
South Range Council of
Church and Community*

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Our next meeting will be March 9th at 7pm. Our annual Furry Friends collection begins in January.

DINNER TEAM

Monthly dinners will be take out only.

Sunday January 10– Chili and Cornbread

Saturday February 13– Beef tips and Noodles

Sunday March 14– Pasta Bake

Sunday April 11– Soup and Sandwich

Friday and Saturday May 14 and 15– Rummage Sale with BBQ

Saturday dinners will be from 4-7pm.

Sunday lunches will be from 12-4pm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a study of the Stories of the Bible. Wednesday evenings is a zoom meeting at 7pm.

Thursday evenings you may come to the chapel to study in person at 7pm.

Please give Pastor Ralph or Wendy your email address if you want to join the zoom bible study.

The Bible Study will resume January 6th on zoom and January 7th in person.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Pastor Ralph will be anointing during worship the first Sunday of each month. He will be using a new q-tip for each person. Anointing will also be available at the communion drive-thru the first Sunday of the month.

Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Coy Cope
Noel Melho
Joe Kreidler
Barbara Gray
Barbara Hartsock
Dave Sweeney
Constance Fabek
Karen Corey
Gavin
Nora Sabella
Tim Takach

Scott MacDonald
Barry Pitzer
Eric Barret
Ken & Pat Goff
Doug Hoffman
David Kuntz
Doris VandenBosch
Brennen Toy
Dan Bongino
Sharon Leader

Serving in the Military:
Morgan Rheinhart
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry
Lyndsey Liberty

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

January 3

Karen Moore
Shelly Moore
Barry Morgan
Beth Morgan

January 10

Brian Morgan
Jordan Morgan
Gus Nemenz
Mark Nemenz

January 17

Theresa Nemenz
Natalie Nemenz-Keenan
John Nock
Pam Nock

January 24

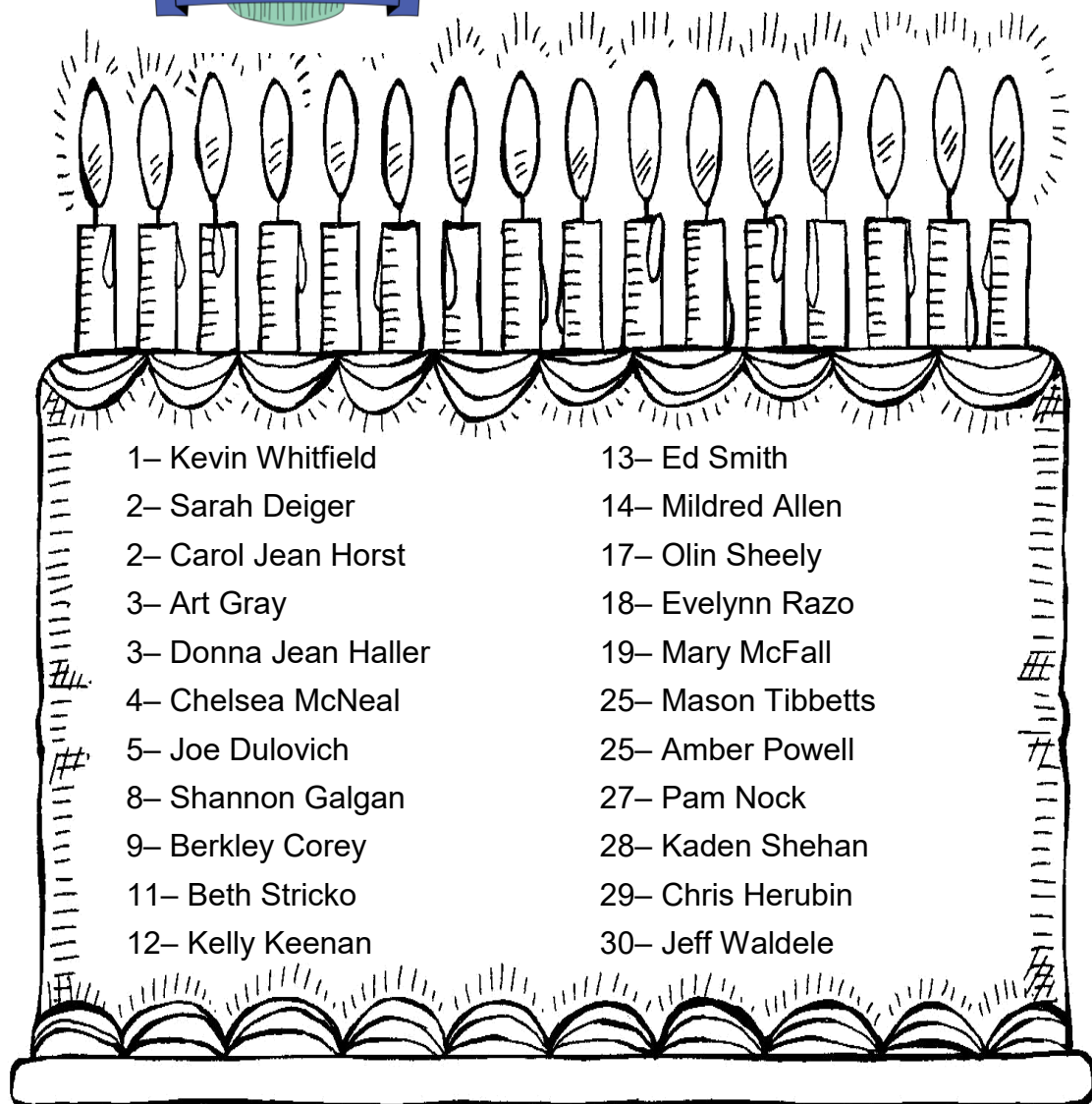
Ed Ohlin
Jean Ohlin
Kim Ohlin
Theresa Ohlin

January 31

Kim Oliver
Grace Pavkovich
Kristen Pavkovich
Brian Peachey



22– Dee & Jim Duncan



MEETING MINUTES

Council Minutes for December 15, 2020

Sarah opened the meeting with prayer.

present: Jeff H., Andy, Kelly, Greg, Peggy, P. Ralph, Wendy, Jeff W., Sarah, Nancy, and Sue

excused: Stephanie and Kevin

Treasurer: Kelly reports that the PPP loan was forgiven. The checking account was in the positive for November. She also stated that the capital improvement fund was emptied to pay for the parking lot paving. The remaining \$11,892.51 needed came from the church maintenance fund.

PASTOR'S REPORT –December– 2020

Area of Focus Last Month

- ✓ I had 12 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
 - ✓ 1 funeral Rob Ackerman
 - ✓ 1 baptism Dec. 14- Karalynn Coss
 - ✓ 25 contacts by phone for significant help.
 - ✓ Daily Reaching out to Members by phone.
 - ✓ We had 4 Saturday night and 8 Sunday morning services
 - ✓ Over the past month, I have presided at 12 worship services and prepared 5 sermons.
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- ❖ Nov 1 All Saints Day
 - ❖ Nov 14 Krautfest
 - ❖ Nov 14 Action Team Start up
 - ❖ Nov 15,22- Dec. 13,20,27 Jan 10:30 Service will be IP&ZOOM
 - ❖ Nov 22 Harvest Sunday
 - ❖ Nov 22 Hanging of the greens After the 10:30AM service
 - ❖ Nov 25 Drive through Communion 5:30PM To 6:30PM
 - ❖ Nov 26 Thanksgiving Office Closed
 - ❖ Nov 25,26 Dec 2,3,9,10,16,17,23,24,30,31 NO Bible Study

Secretary's November 2020 Report:

Assisted with drive through communion

Changed outside sign

Attended and took minutes for the congregational meeting

Attended stewardship meeting

Attended and prepared for Coss baptism

Volunteered at Krautfest

Helped organize Winterfest at Camp Frederick

Changed paraments

Attended Wednesday evening bible study

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council

Took meeting minutes for council

Prepared 4 bulletins and 4 power point services

Prepared the Reachout

Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly

(council cont.)

Old Business: nothing to report

New Business:

Andy motions to re-elect Sarah as council president and to re-elect Greg as vice president. Sue seconds. Motion carried. Wendy will continue to be council secretary.

P. Ralph motions to accept Karalynn Coss into membership through baptism. Greg Seconds. Motion carried.

A mistake has been corrected from the November minutes to show that our year to date at the end of November should have been \$2,287.42 not \$23,000.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.

*note– Jeff Hum has completed his service as a council member. Council thanks him for his leadership.



Treasurer's Report Ending November 30, 2020

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$51,636.00	\$211,612.34	(\$19,687.34)
Expense	\$27,285.59	\$189,549.35	\$2,375.65
Net Total	\$24,350.41	\$22,062.99	(\$22,062.99)

APPRECIATION

Christmas gifts: Kathy Kramer thanks you for all of the gifts you donated to Shepherd of the Valley residents. She said you filled her spare room with your generosity!



12-27-20

Dear Christmas Service Project,

I thank you so much for all the wonderful gifts you surprised me with. I still have the lion from last year who I named "Leo" & now he has his father who I named "Simba" (Lion King) of course. I love the nightgown, gloves, A&W root beer, also a favorite of mine. Your kindness is so appreciated by me as I have no family or living relatives. May God bless you a hundred fold for you spread the true meaning of Christmas, LOVE.

Peggy B (207) 50V

Good Hope Lutheran Church presents The Furry Friends Fundraiser

- For the month of February the Church will be collecting supplies for animal rescue agencies around the area.

Supplies Needed for dogs & cats:



Other Supplies Needed:

- Cleaning supplies
- Buckets, rags, ect.
- Gloves
- Clorox
- Spray cleaners

- Food & water dishes
- Towels
- Blankets
- Pet beds
- Cat & dog food
- Toys, bones, etc.
- Leashes & collars
- Cat litter



Please consider making a generous donation. These agencies have no funding and need our help. If you have any questions please contact Penny Felger at (330)-503-7690. Thank you!

This year we will collect pet supplies in January and February. You may bring your donations to the Narthex when you attend church or during office hours. The shelters appreciate your help and will be glad to accept used supplies such as towels, blankets, food dishes, collars, etc. Most of the small shelters in our area do not receive public funding and they are overrun with unwanted animals in the cold months. Please consider donating. Thank you!

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Return Services Requested

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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