

# The Union Press

## SESSION HAPPENINGS

The Session met on Wednesday, November 20th, 2019 with Rev. Bud Davies serving as moderator. Present were elders Milt Whiteside, Barbara Whyte, Arlene Hastings, Ray Wallace, Ken Beiler and Marty Greenleaf. Rev. Davies opened with prayer.

The minutes of October 9th and 27th were approved as read. Ray Wallace reported that the Church Information forms that get filed with EPC prior to advertising for ministerial openings had been modified slightly. The session recommended that the language leaving open the possibility of a part time position be kept since our low attendance numbers could make paying a full-time salary difficult. We would hope that the right person would increase our attendance and solve that problem. Pastor search committee members are Arlene Hastings, Ray Wallace, Ken Beiler, Betty McCormick, Dan McCardell, Doug Chase and Jerry Phillips.

The treasurers report was approved as read. It was approved to move \$10,000 from the checking account to a money market account at Bank of Bird in Hand to get greater return. It was approved to pay the bills. The heater circulator motor in the new wing failed and is being replaced. (it cost over \$3000) The motor and fan assembly on an AC unit has also failed and will need replaced before spring. It will probably cost about \$2000. There are 11 separate AC units at the church with all nearing the end of their expected life. It was approved to get gift cards for some of the church employees.

Elder Arlene Hastings reported that the nominating committee has nearly finished work on filling the 2020 church positions. The pastor nominating committee has also started meeting. The worship committee reported that Todd Brown ministered on November 3rd and will be back again in January. A seminary student at Lancaster Bible College will also be ministering in January. The choir and organ Christmas program will be held Dec. 22nd and a Christmas Eve service will be held Dec 24th. Communion will be served Dec. 22nd at the morning service. Elaine Swinehart will be presenting the 4 weeks of Advent series in December. The trustees reported cleaning up around church for Homecoming and doing some painting around the church and manse.

It was noted that updated bylaws had been passed at the recent congregational meeting reflecting our move to EPC. The session also adopted an updated conflict of interest policy which is necessary to maintain our non-profit status. Approval was given for Anna Reyburn to use the facilities on Dec. 20th for a cookie fund raiser.

Rev. Bud Davies has resigned as our acting session moderator, and this was his final meeting. We thanked him for his kind and wise service to Union. (Rev. Tom Milligan of Little Britain PC has agreed to step into this position effective Dec. 11th) Rev. Davies closed the meeting with prayer.



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The Due Date for the February Newsletter is January 19<sup>th</sup>.



Christmas  
Joy





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 Art Class  New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Doug Royer	6 7:00 Trustee Mtg  Epiphany	7	8 9:00 Art Class  7:00 Session Mtg	9	10	11
12 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Todd Brown	13  1:00 Women's Groups	14  1:30 Deacon Mtg	15 9:00 Art Class	16	17	18
19 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	20  MLK Jr. Day	21	22 9:00 Art Class	23	24	25
26 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart Congregational Meeting	27	28	29 9:00 Art Class	30	31	

# FOOD BANK

Granulated Sugar  
Diced Tomatoes (Large Can)  
Tomato Sauce (Large Can)

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### January 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **Epiphany Sunday**

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

### January 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;  
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

### January 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11;  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

### January 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23



The flower calendar for 2020 is on the bulletin board in the main lobby. Please choose the dates you would wish to provide flowers in the sanctuary vases.

## JAN. FLOWERS & GREETERS

5 (Still Available)	5 Diane Hastings
12 (Still Available)	12 Dick & Nancy Hastings
19 (Still Available)	19 Bill & Trudy Bard
26 (Still Available)	26 Lois Ferguson & Carol Oswald



## JAN. BIRTHDAYS

2	Scott Whitman
3	Jake Dougherty Kenny Miller
4	Daryl Supplee Sr.
6	Annie Thompson
7	Trey McCardell
10	Amanda Weicksel
11	Victoria Pyle
12	Rodney Whiteside Pat McCardell
15	Verna Mae Walton
16	Edward Whitman
17	James Vasco II
18	Debra Greenleaf-Campbell Chase Carter
19	Delsa Wrigley
20	Kent Hastings
21	Paul Shivery III
24	Megan Ferguson Justin Bouchelle
25	Joyce Pyle
26	Daniel Greenleaf
27	Branden Shoemaker
29	Debra Workman Peter Graziano
30	Daniel Stoner



Yvonne Greenleaf would like to thank the church for the lovely poinsettias and especially Deacons Charlotte Stoner and Janet Stewart for their kind visit. All was greatly appreciated.

Union Church Family, Thank you so much for your Christmas cards, visits, beautiful poinsettia and candy from Janet. God Bless All. Happy New Year. ~Joe & Helen Pugh

Thank you to the women of Union Church for their donations of \$225 for Christ Home.  
~ Pat McCardell & Diane Hastings

Dear friends of Union Church, Thank you very much for thinking of our military family over the holidays. The Amazon gift card was very thoughtful. We appreciate your continued support. May you all have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! ~Tom & Denine McCardell & Family

Union Church, Thank you for the thoughtful Christmas gift. I appreciate your continual support of me and all of our service members. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! ~Bailey McCardell

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Giving for November: \$9,358**

**November Expenses: \$5,670**

**(Keep in mind that a full-time pastor will add about \$6000 per month to exp.)**

**Sunday School collection for the Glovers: \$178**

## **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**The Pastoral Search Committee has completed the last revision of the Church Information Form. The form is being submitted to the Office of the Stated Clerk, in Orlando Florida.**

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday,  
January 26<sup>th</sup> following the service to review the  
Annual Report and receive the budget.

### **The Women's Groups will have a joint meeting in January and February.**

They will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. and then split up  
into their prayer groups for their study.

They will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. and will have a special speaker,  
Stephanie Lininger, from Solanco Alliance and specializes in community companions. This is  
a subject that was brought up at one of our joint meetings.

We invite any and all women of the church to attend.

