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Message from our Pastor

I once heard a favorite preacher of mine, The Rev. Fred Craddock, declare in a sermon that “hope can live on just one calorie a day.” That phrase as always stuck with me. It reveals a great deal about the tenacity of hope even in the bleakest times.

The year 2020 was a time when hope lived on a meager diet. But in the midst of hardship, many people were active in feeding hope for those facing desperate situations: food pantries, hospital and nursing home workers, artists, neighbors, justice workers.

What fed hope for you this past year?

Many of us are breathing a sigh of relief to see 2020 come to an end. Even though we know that the new year will still include pandemic hardships, we have hope that the new year will be better.

As Christians, we place our ultimate hope in Emmanuel: God with us. This hope is not based on a belief that faith in God will shelter us from harm, distress, heartbreak, or hardships. Rather, the hope we have is rooted in the belief that God is with us in and through everything, that God loves us, that God champions justice, and that God is at work transforming us and our world.

Sometimes in the midst of life’s harsh realities, it can be hard to remember this good news and to have hope. That is why I need my church community. I need YOU. We need each other. Together we remind one another of God’s promises and of God’s goodness. Together we nourish one another with the calories needed to sustain hope.

My prayer for all of us in 2021 is that hope may *abound!*

Shalom,

Tracy

UPC Assists Ministry In Ethiopia

UPC members and friends have made a meaningful impact on the lives of Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia. Two of the PC (USA) offerings we collect (the Pentecost offering and Peace and Global Witness offering) permit congregations to retain a percentage of those offerings for ministries of their own choosing. UPC combined our portions of both offerings and sent the total (\$415) to a ministry in Ethiopia that is assisting Sudanese refugees.

Below is way those funds were put to use by the ministry in Ethiopia called CHEDA. On the next page is the heartfelt expression of gratitude for those funds. It is humbling to realize the immense gratitude that \$415 can generate and to know that God has permitted us to be agents of love.

Dear Tracy Daub

With a due of respect and honor, Through the name of Jesus Christ amen.

CHEDA administration set down today to discuss how the fund should be use,

2- We selected 10 Widows family and five Orphans Children to be beneficial of this funds, This morning we are going to buy some of the food stuffs, to be Distribute those families and I will sent report and pictures of the Distribution,

1- Rich

2- Oil

3- Soap and

4- Women period package, medius

Thank you

Gabriel Chieng Tot

Ex Director founder and General Manager

Addis Ababa- Ethiopia



COMMUNITY HOPE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTION (CHEDA)

More we Serve, More we develop, with comfortable Action

To. University Presbyterian Church (Buffalo-New York)

This letter directed to Pastor Tracy Daub and Her Congregation with reference of Dr Jeffrey Thompson

Ref No -006/12/2020

Date: 07/12/2020

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION LETTER

The entire Staffs of Community Hope Expansion and Development Action (CHEDA) in Ethiopia, regardless of which Organization is so delighted and thereby convey their unwavering love and appreciations for the love you have shown by providing Support to tens widows Family and Five Orphans Children among the South Sudanese Refugee in Addis Ababa as you donated to us \$415. As the scriptures say, the God is love, and therefore there is no better way of showing Godly love than through serving each and every one of His children, in regardless of the race, tribe or color. Thank you for showing the Christ like attributes to us by serving us with open hearts. This exemplary work will not be only bring us joy" but also unity in the body of Christ. We would love to write thousand words to express our joy to you; however the almighty God who sends you to us will surely deliver our gratitude and love to you. Thank you once again for the "LOVE."

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters (1 John 3:16)."

Thank you for fulfilling this very saying.

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Thank you!!!!

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November 24, 2020

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Dear University Presbyterian Church,

Because of you, we are one step closer to our goal of creating a world without cancer. Your generosity is playing a critical role in making that world a reality, and I can't thank you enough for your donation.

Every year, thousands of cancer patients turn to Roswell Park for hope. We are dedicated to providing them with exceptional, compassionate care that addresses both the physical and emotional challenges a cancer battle can bring. Roswell Park has been ranked among the top 1.5% of all cancer hospitals in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, a great testament to the quality of care patients receive here. As we aspire to create a future where no one has to deal with this disease, our world-class scientists are diligently working to develop new treatments and save more lives.

It is no exaggeration to say we could not do this without you. On behalf of all those who walk through our doors, thank you! Your gift is truly appreciated.

Most sincerely,

Candace S. Johnson, PhD
 President & CEO
 M&T Bank Presidential Chair in Leadership
 Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Gift date: 11/4/2020
 Gift amount: \$321.00

For your records, your gift is tax deductible to the limits allowed by law, as no goods or services were provided to you in consideration of your generosity.

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Worship Column

Sunday January 3, 2021

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Jer. 31:7-14 and Psalm 147:12-20;

Eph. 1:3-14; John 1 (1-9) 10-18

Thursday, January 6, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

Isa. 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14;

Eph. 3:1-12; Luke 2:1-12

Sunday January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

Gen: 1:1-5 and Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7;

Mark 1:4-11

Sunday January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20) and Psalm 139:1-6,
18;

1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Sunday January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and Psalm 62:5-12;

1 Cor. 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Sunday January 31, 2021

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deut. 18:15-20, 10 and Psalm 111;

1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28



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Annual Reports Due

February's Annual Meeting is rapidly approaching. Have you turned in your committee's annual report yet? The deadline is Sunday, January 3rd.



January birthday wishes go out to...



- 2 Jude Hammer
- 5 Christopher Safulko
- 8 Virginia Coon
- 8 Erika Betz
- 10 John Lopinski, Sr.
- 11 Janet Mazzaroppi
- 12 Sandra Boag
- 14 Bilquis Dass
- 17 Carolyn Harbison
- 19 Kaylee Casseri
- 19 David Patel
- 22 Grace Yockey
- 24 Mac Sabol
- 26 Mason Appleton
- 29 Hans Spielberg
- 29 Eric Dass

Mid-Week Bible Study Class

The Mid-week Bible study class resumes on **Wednesday, January 13 at 1 p.m.** The Zoom link is sent out each week in an email to the congregation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The topic for the upcoming two sessions will be: "What's in a Name?" There are different names for God in the Bible: Lord, Yahweh, Jehovah, Adonai, etc. Are they all the same? What do they mean? And what do they reveal about our relationship with God? How could one of these names possibly enrich our understanding of God?

What's Happening in January

January 1	Friday	<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>
January 3	Sunday	11:00 am	Online Worship Service
January 5	Tuesday	10:00 am 12:00 pm	Zoom Youth Support Team Food Pantry Open
January 7	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 10	Sunday	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Online Worship Service Zoom Deacons' Meeting
January 12	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 13	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
January 14	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Open Zoom 100th Anniversary Meeting
January 17	Sunday	11:00 am	Online Worship Service
January 18	Monday	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	<i>Office closed</i>
January 19	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 20	Wednesday	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study Zoom Session Meeting
January 21	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 24	Sunday	11:00 am	Online Worship Service
January 25	Monday	2:00 pm	Mobile Food Pantry at Trinity Methodist
January 26	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 28	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open

