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To: All the good and Gentlefolk at Community Presbyterian Church in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin.

GREETINGS!

It is very difficult to believe we are already into the second month of 2021 and with so much happening, including an assault on our Capitol Building along with many other threats. We were so glad to see 2020 leave - -we might say we moved out of the fireplace and into the fire. My prayers and thoughts, and whatever energies I can muster, go out to our new president as he attempts to deal with all of these issues, and who knows what else? Let us all follow through with not only our thoughts and prayers, but with whatever we may do concretely to share the great love God has given to us all so freely. We should all remember that "love" is an et l've verb in the Christian faith and we are the ones always being challenged to bring that message along.

Over these many last months we have become much more efficient with our online services and even conducted Charlie Granger's memorial service on the internet with a very large response. I thank all who have worked so diligently over the months to make this all happen. We have anywhere from 8 to 15 people working in the sanctuary to make all this work, technically, and we have all grown. We have been fortunate to have the services of a fine pianist, Rebecca Wright, who also sings beautifully, to help us in these endeavors. We are very fortunate in that regard. And also the assistance of my daughter, Janice, who hosts these events for us and keeps us on the correct technical track. However, as well as things have gone over the months, there is NO substitute for a real "live" congregation and a full worship presentation. Nevertheless, we shall do what we have to do. Let me also add

here that I hope you will all so your very best to support our work financially. We were short some \$20,000.00 + at the end of 2020 and had to rely on some of our reserves to carry us through the year. If you have not been sending in your pledge, please, if at all possible to do so. It will help immensely. I know it is easy to forget when we are not personally present.

On the bright side! While we are preparing the budget this year, we are taking into consideration our situation and making adjustments. And, all things considered, we can make another year, even if we do not again receive the generous contributions from the Attic Thrift-shop. We can do it.

Aside from financial issues, we are also trying to address and raise consciousness to our present human situation. I know when many people join a church, particularly at large rallies, etc., they feel they are saved. This, however, is only half the story and perhaps the least important half. The Hebrew community had a strong ethical program, i.e. the Ten Commandments and a summary which basically stated: "Do not do to another what you would not have another do to you." A good point, except easily fulfilled by doing nothing. Jesus, on the other hand responded very differently, when He stated: "Do unto others." An ethic and faith of action and love. This is what we are really about. Love is an active verb; love is something we do and it is not an easy thing to do. This is also why we need each other, we must support one another and together we can make a difference in this world.

Let us be about this work, with all our heart, soul, mind, and spirit bringing peace, hope, joy and love to everyone we meet.

Pax et Caritas,

Bill Anderson

## SESSION NOTES from January 2021

No notes submitted

There will be no Session Meetings during February and March. The next meeting will be in April.

## SPECIAL DATES for FEBRUARY 2021

African-American History Month	
Transfiguration Sunday	Feb. 14
Valentine's Day	Feb. 14
President's Day	Feb. 15
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 17

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Erv Teichmiller	Feb. 7
Liz Clark	Feb. 15
Rick Kamerad	Feb. 17
Sue Robertson	Feb. 19
Rev. Bill Anderson	Feb. 22
Carol Schmitz	Feb. 23

### Anniversaries

John and Claudia Tegtmeier	Feb. 13
Dave and Marie Peterman	Feb. 13
George and JoAnne Zickert	Feb. 27

## FEBRUARY 2021 SCRIPTURE READINGS

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#### February 7, 2021

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Communion Sunday

Isa.40: 21-31; Ps.147: 1-11, 20c; 1 Cor.9: 16-23;  
Mark 1: 29-39

#### February 14, 2021

Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2: 12; Ps. 50: 1-6; 2 Cor. 4: 3-6;  
Mark 9: 2-9

#### February 21, 2021

1st Sunday in Lent

Gen. 9: 8-17; Ps. 25: 1-10; 1 Peter 3: 18-22;  
Mark 19: 9-15

#### February 28, 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Gen. 17: 1-7,15-16; Ps. 22: 23-31; Rom. 4: 13-25;  
Mark 8: 31-38

These readings are suggested by the Presbyterian Planning Calendar and may be changed depending on the topic of the sermon.

"Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone; we find it with another."

Thomas Merton

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"

Corrie ten Boom

"Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday."

Dale Carnegie

### Always choose love

God wants us to choose to love Him freely, even when that choice involves pain, because we are committed to Him, not to our own good feelings and rewards. He wants us to cleave to Him, as Job did, even when we have every reason to deny Him hotly. That, I believe, is the central message of Job.

Satan had taunted God with the accusation that humans are not truly free. Was Job being faithful simply because God had allowed him a prosperous life? Job's fiery trials proved the answer beyond a doubt. Job clung to God's justice when he was the best example in history of God's apparent injustice. He did not seek the Giver because of his gifts; when all gifts were removed, he still sought the Giver.

Philip Yancey, *Where is God When It Hurts*

This is another view of our carolers with the fire pit in view.



*As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors".*

