



INTO THE FOLD

February 2023

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Ponderings by Pastor JoEllyn...

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!!" To everyone, may this year be a blessing. My thoughts are the same every year, where did the time go? We have a great opportunity to spend time together in the next eleven months. May 2023 be more than wonderful for Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church.

At this time, I would like to share an article taken from a magazine I receive from my Polish insurance provider.

DANCING WITH GOD

When I mediated on the word Guidance, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing.

When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky.

When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music.

One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another.

It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes

surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other.

My eyes drew back to the word Guidance. When I saw "G" I thought of God, followed by "u" and "i".

"God," "u" and "i" dance. God, You and I dance.

As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. I became willing to let God lead. (Vol. 109, No. 5 – First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association – February 2023)

This was a short and sweet reminder that God is in control this year. May you abide in God as God abides in you.

Dance together with God, trusting God to lead and to guide you through each season that 2023 brings to your life.

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you took off my sackcloth and clothed me with a garment of joy. (Psalm 30:11)

Praying You Through,
Pastor JoEllyn

Bette's Bits & Bytes:

2023 has not only begun but one month, January, is already gone..

I have now went through all the firsts, without Dave..

I saw this on Facebook and would like to share with you...

As far as I can see, grief will never truly end. It may become softer over time, more gentle and some days will feel sharp. But grief will last as long as love does – Forever. It's simply the way the absence of your loved one manifests in your heart.. A deep longing, accompanied by the deepest love. Some days, the heavy fog may return and the next day, it may recede, once again.. It's all an ebb and flow, a constant dance of sorrow and joy, pain and sweet love..

by Scribbles & Crumbs



I am still on a journey of trying to figure out this life without Dave.. I thought the counting would stop, but it has not... 13

months, he has been gone, but not forgotten.. I know I will never ever forget the awesome husband I had in Dave, nor the love we shared.. I will miss him every day & will hold him in my heart and will love him forever..

With the new year, I have come to the realization that life is for the living. I find myself on a new, totally unexpected adventure, one I never

ever thought I would ever be on, but yet here I am. I believe God put me on this journey, maybe even Dave had a hand in it somehow. I don't know where God is leading but in this moment of time, I have a happier & lighter heart than I have had in the last couple years.. I am not quite certain how this has happened but I am actually contemplating flying, fishing, being around water.. I will follow this path God has put me on.. and this unexpected twist in life with someone new.. It could all end tomorrow, I hope not, or could be the start of something long lasting, for however much time God has for me, but whatever, God's will be done!

A huge thank you for your generous Christmas Love Gift from You to Me.. It was very appreciated.
You all ROCK!!

Christ's Love to you all, Shalom,

Bette

This is the first newsletter since the November Newsletter...

Our Church Family had a rough end to 2022 and the start of 2023 again this year... As my firsts end, these families begin the year of firsts.. With God beside them every step of the way, Jesus will carry them at the times they think they can not take one more step and they WILL make it through...

Billy Buchanan, 2-1-2023
has stepped onto the shores of heaven
Lynsey Daley's brother

Jeff Elkins, Jan 31, 2023
was called to his heavenly home
husband to Bobette, dad to Crissy,
Dale, Tammy, Robert, Sean..

Shirley Rusthoven, 1- 23, 2023
Cousin, Karen/Ben Rison

Shirley (Shirl) Sater 1-14-2023

Mother Kristin/Tim Black friend of
Joyce Blint..
Jeanette Wideman 1- 3-2023 ,
went home to be with the Lord..
Cheryl/Steve Lenig's mom,

12- 24-2023, Margaret Rimmer went
to rest in the arms of Jesus..
Mother of Shirley/Rick, Janice/Harve

12- 24-23, Jeannette Washluske
Mother of Karyn/Art Schuck was
welcomed onto the shores of
heaven, by Jesus..

Remember the families of these greatly
missed, loved ones who went to the
place Jesus had gone to prepare in
2022....

Adam Childress, 12-16-2022
Son of Brad, friend of Bette

Scott Thieme 11-3-2022
fiance of Karen Fitzgerald
friend Steve Poole

Marguerite Schroeder 10-13-2022
sister of Mike/Deb Harris

Richard Knowlton 8-20-2022
brother Joe (Susan) Knowlton

Lyle Syverson, 8- 19, 2022
father of Neal/Sue Syverson

Donald Kabacinski 8-9, 2022
Father Steve/Mary Kabacinski

Allen Warren 7- 9, 2022
husband of Carolyn, friend Jean Snyder
Judy Richmond – 6- 30, 2022
friend of Food Pantry - Rose

William Page, 5- 23, 2022
father Penny & Bruce Melton

Gene Baughman, 5-27, 2022
father Samantha Elkins,
daughter in law Bobette & Jeff
Earl Bush father Tammie Bealor
Dixie Slauter- 3-22-22

Mother of Jerry/ Barb, friends of Bette

Sandra Beige – 3-24-22
Mother of Diane/Spike Siford

Stephanie & Mya Thompson
2-17-2022 friend of Julie Phillips

Wayne Kellenberger
brother of Tricia Rosenbaum
friend of Mason Phillips..

Richard "Dick" Reel Feb. 13, 2022
friend of Mason Phillips

Burten Wills Mickelson 02-08-2022
brother Rose Lenig

Vicki Bishop 2-8-2022
friend Sue Hughes

Sidney (Sid) Meyers 2-1-2022
Husband of Renee

Alexis "Lexy" Piotrowicz 1-15-22
friend of Bette

Patricia E. Kellems, 1-13-2022
Aunt of June Lenig

Shirley Hall, 1/7/2022
cousin Sherry/Paul Iwaszewski

William Everill, 01/07, 2022
Uncle of Pam Dixon

Cindy Mitchell, 1-3-2022
Sister Jackie/Tom Wheatbrook



**The December
meeting of Best
Years met at
Jenny Rae's ,**

hosted by Pam Pask Iva said grace
followed by a festive time of fellowship

January Birthdays, are Joe Knowlton
1/10, Deb Harris 1/12, Virginia Bradford
1/27, JoEllyn Chadwick 1/29..

Attendance Prizes were won by, Harold
Carlson, Jenny Gunter, Sue Hartwick,
Mary Kessler, Gail Dailey, Karen Rison,

Vada Pulver, Annette Clark, Virginia Bradford, JoEllyn Chadwick, Mike Harris & Rose Lenig.

Others present were: Ben Rison, Bette Schaefer, Cathy Reese, Linda Everingham, Wayne & Shirley Kirkham, Bob Russell, Lester Chadwick, Dave Bradford, & Nicklas Masek. Pastor JoEllyn will host the meeting January 18...

The January 2023 meeting of BEST YEARS, met at the Blacksmith Shoppe hosted by Pastor JoEllyn. Iva said grace followed by lively banter...

February Birthdays are Jean Snyder 2/12, Karen Fitzgerald 2/22.. Wayne & Shirley Kirkham will celebrate their anniversary 2/15..

Pastor JoEllyn gave a very interesting talk of the history of Laporte Theatre & of candies sold at the theater. Good & Plenty, Chuckles, Raisinettes, Necco Wafers.

Attendance prizes of these candies were won by Karen & Ben Rison, Larry Cadwell, Wayne Kirkham, Nicklas Masek, Mike Harris, Cheryl Hutchens, Karen Fitzgerald, Steve Poole and Arlos Scofield and her friend Kathy Fitz.

Others present were: Gail Dailey, Linda Everingham, Deb Harris, Joy Cadwell, Jean Snyder, Annette Clark, Bette Schaefer, Shirley Kirkham, Lester Chadwick, Mary Kessler & John Smith. The next meeting will be Wed 2/15..

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have finished the Study "How we got the Bible... Thank you Jean.... Lester will be teaching the next Study beginning Feb 5.

Bette will resume "Unlocking the Secrets of the Feasts, Feb 26.. The next 4 feasts, Passover, The Feast of Unleavened Bread, The Feast of Firstfruits, and the Feast of Pentecost, have all been fulfilled, and the importance of remembering this feasts, today...

Come join us for the discussion.



CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

We still are in need of teachers... We ask that you prayerfully consider being a teacher.. Our goal is to have you teach only one Sunday every other month.. But in order to do that, we need your help in prayerfully considering to take on a week...

EVENTS & MEETINGS 2023 ***February / March***



Every Tuesday 7:30 a.m.

Gleaner Family Night Sunday Feb 12, 4:30 p.m.(cst).. You are invited to join Gleaners for a fun-filled night of food & fun.... Meat is furnished, bring a dish to share...

Women's Care Center, Laporte
Collecting NEW Baby Items: Diapers, Shampoo, Wipes, etc.. Need by Sunday Feb 12, or bring to the

UWF (UMW) Meeting
Tuesday Feb 14, 9:30 a.m.
Speaker from the Women's Care Center will be at meeting....

Best Years, Wednesday Feb 15,
Noon BlackSmith Shoppe

Board/Council Meeting
Sunday Feb 19, 5 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb 22
Details coming soon!



Missions & Outreach..

Rose Lenig gave in celebration of her 69th Birthday

Hugh Porter gave in In Memory of: his wife, Theresa, his children, Andrew and Jennifer Porter, His parents Kenneth & Ella Porter

Pam Pask gave in celebration of her hubby Joe's birthday

Pam Pask gave in celebration of her birthday..

Mission & Outreach Report
by Rose Lenig

Jean Synder, chairperson, led the group during the first meeting of the year January 27. It was decided that the last Friday of each month the committee would meet at the church at 1:00.

Jean started the discussions with her idea - TAKE A PLATE OF COOKIES TO FIRST TIME VISITORS DURING THE WEEK FOLLOWING THEIR VISIT. The committee agreed that was an excellent start to reaching out in the community. Jean had asked Jackie Wheatbrook to bake the cookies. Bette has been giving the cups with various items in them to first attenders. Deb Wordinger was asked to keep filling the cups to replace the ones given out.

During the course of the meeting many ideas and volunteers for some of them were established.

1. Re-establish the TEDDY BEAR PROGRAM which Iva volunteered to be in charge.

2. Those who use to come to church establish visits or phone calls or cards.

Penny Melton volunteered to be in charge

3. As a way to support our budget, a Lenten calendar along with a house bank was decided to

be used. Gretchen Krivak will make up the calendar and give out Sunday, February 26th to

be returned the Sunday after Easter

4. Plans for the sunrise Easter breakfast was discussed

5. The next meeting, Friday, February 24th plans will be made to involve ourselves with our shut-ins.

Members of the committee present: Penny Melton, Jean Synder, Joyce Blint, Gretchen Krivak, Cheryl Lenig, Bruce Wordinger, Rose Lenig. Others were absent because of health or work responsibilities.



February Anniversary

15 Wayne & Shirley Kirkham

February Birthdays

- 02 James Sutter
- 05 Roxanna Hawkins
- 06 Ciara Daley
- 09 Olivia Obenchain
- 09 Penny Melton
- 12 Jean Snyder
- 12 Rob Manuszak
- 13 Reuty Jack
- 14 David Wasielewski
- 16 August Schuck
- 19 Christopher Watnick
- 21 Damion Chadwick-Seitz
- 22 Karen Fitzgerald
- 24 John Sardeson
- 24 Howard Lange
- 24 Kenneth Watnick
- 24 Terry Nickerson
- 24 Nicklas Masek
- 26 Neal Syverson

28 Karley Kinsey

March Anniversary

- 06 Clifford & Sue Hughes
- 18 John & Jean Snyder
- 20 Jeff & Connie Smith
- 26 Dan & Sue Hartwick

March Birthdays

- 02 Steve Poole
- 05 Joyce Blint
- 07 Jeff Smith
- 10 Iva Wasielewski
- 11 Wayne Kirkham
- 12 Joseph Pask Jr.
- 14 Kathy Crass
- 14 Brenda Loggins
- 18 John Snyder
- 24 Dorothy Jones
- 28 Angela Lenig
- 30 Mike Harris
- 31 Bruce Melton

April Birthday

- 01 Roseann Woolverton
- 03 Elizabeth Worachek
- 03 Olivia Worachek
- 04 Sherry Iwaszewski
- 05 Aiden Worachek
- 05 Piper Ray



February Food Pantry Needs... Need plastic bags Canned peas, Any Jelly, White Rice, Shampoo.
Thank you Everyone for the Egg Cartons. Do not need anymore at this time....

FOOD PANTRY REPORT FOR 2022

By Rose Lenig

God has blessed the Food Pantry greatly this year by guiding so many in the churches to donate money and food, but also the people in the communities in which the churches are located to become involved and the schools actively donating food and money. The Food Pantry Board can not thank everyone enough, for without your support the clients who come in would not receive the food needed.

At the Food Pantry's January 9th meeting, a year-end report was filed. Here are the financial as well as the client figures for the year 2022.

Received: Donations: \$17,813.54
 Fund Raisers \$2,945.52 Culvers and Bake Sale and Hot Dogs at Kabelins

Grants \$2,714.29 Unity Foundation

Misc.	166.33
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	\$23,639.68

The miscellaneous money came from interest, Pop cans, Memorials.

Additional resources came from MEIJER CERTIFICATES \$7,649, so there was \$31,289.30 income in 2022.

There was a balance of money from 2021 which enabled the Pantry to make the food purchases necessary as can be observed by the following expenditures for 2022

EXPENDITURES

Food Bank -----	\$10,598.58
Buyer 1-----	\$ 5,606.21
Buyer 3-----	\$17,291.47
Misc.....	\$2,810.65
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	37,782.91

Miscellaneous expenses were office supplies, tax filings, mileage, insurance, and pantry electric paid to UMC (\$600)

With the increase in gasoline, the Board felt the need to pay Sue and Dan for the mileage to the Food Bank each week.

At Thanksgiving 87 families received a turkey and all the fixing to go with it as well as their usual food received each week. At Christmas 81 families

received a ham as well as their usual food. The Lion's Club donated half of the turkeys and half of the hams.

This is the report on the clients served in 2022.

There was a total of 1224 families served throughout the year. In those families 4,238 individuals were fed. This compares with 2021 in this way - families served 759... Individuals served in those families 2,490. You can see that in a year's time the need at the pantry has almost doubled. Therefore, the need is great so please keep praying for these families and for the Pantry that it can continue to serve God by serving those in need.

One way you can is to help in the fund raisers being planned. Culvers has all its days taken, so we cannot use this. The Board is planning a couple of times at Kabelin's with a bake sale and \$ for Dogs. A new fund raiser you are asked to consider helping with is Meijer's. If you shop at Meijer's in Michigan City, the Board would appreciate you participating. It works like this: Wayne, Jeremy and Rose have cards. If you participate, one of those people will give you a card. The Pantry's name is on the code. When you shop give the card to the clerk and have her/him add \$10 to your shopping bill. Do this on March 4th or March 25th or both days and Meijer will double your \$10 dollars. The Food Pantry will receive \$30 worth of shopping dollars -your \$10 plus Meijer's \$20.

The Pantry has received over \$1000 Meijer dollars last year and this year. The APPRECIATION DINNER will be in March. All in the church family are invited to attend because you are part of this church therefore YOU

contribute to the Food Pantry.

STAFF/PARISH NEWS by Rose Lenig

On Saturday, January 28th seven of the nine members were able to attend the zoom meeting using the smart TV just recently installed. Thanks Neal for getting the Zoom hooked up. . Rev Dr. Marti Gates Lundy, our district superintendent, led the Staff/Parish meeting. Each of the members had a 49 page handbook which Marti used to emphasize certain sections which she felt were the most important for this committee to know and why they were important. This meeting lasted 3 hours, so I appreciated the members commitment to this committee. Last year, Cheryl organized the zoom meeting on her iPad for me. Then at the staff/parish meetings I tried to emphasize the most important aspect to our committee. This was much better having the whole committee to listen for themselves.

The members are: last year Jeremy Obenchain, Bobette Elkins, Rose Lenig... two years to serve Bruce Wordinger, Cheryl Lenig, Shirley Kirkham, serving three years Jackie Wheatbrook, Denice Tuholski, Monica Stouffer..



It was a busy and fun fall for the UMW. We had our euchre night, November

12. What a great time! It seems like each time we have one of these events the fellowship is more fun! We did a potato bar with toppings along with soups and salad. Food is never a problem with UMW women so we also had snacks and treats during the night. We are planning more of these nights so when we have dates we will let everyone know the plans.

Our December Christmas meeting began at the church with a short business meeting followed by lunch at Portofino's in LaPorte. We were generously gifted the meal by Jean. What a blessing from her!

January's meeting began our new year with a new president, Jean! We had a delicious breakfast made by Iva.

We are the hostesses for the upcoming UMW spring district meeting on April 22. We will serve a breakfast. Jean is meeting with a representative to make sure we have the needed equipment and room for the meeting.

One of the things we do for hospitality is to take flowers to our members when they are sick or need a little uplift. Rose took flowers and visited several ladies at Christmastime. Rose and Cheryl were able to visit Margaret Rimmer shortly before her passing. It was a wonderful visit! Margaret was always so full of love and support. She will be missed! Rose reminded us that although it's wonderful to give a little extra cheer at Christmastime, we need to continue visits throughout the year. So many people need visits and maybe a dinner! That's a great goal for this new year!

The next meeting is February 14. Please join us for a fun time! There's always an extra chair! And we will be saving it for you...

Cheryl Lenig,, Secretary

A card from an Euchre Night Attendee, Nov 12-2022

Dear Pastor Chadwick & Activities Committee,

My husband and I were very happy to attend your recent Euchre Night. Your church hall is extremely well decorated and very clean and comfortable. The committee was very accommodating and pleasant and very eager to assist in any way possible. All attendees were fun and a great crowd.

The absolute best part of the evening was meeting Pastor Chadwick! What a lovely person.. Thank you all for a wonderful evening! Joaquin (Yogi) & Linda..

Thank You for Your Donation for the Generator and Installation for Amanda. It is completed and should work perfectly for her..
Lou & Sandy Lucas/ Lucas Electric..



Dear Members of RP UMC
The community Food Pantry is grateful for your recent donation. The Pantry relies on the generosity of donors such as yourself and is blessed to have your support.. Sincerely, Phyllis Austin

To my family of RPUMC, Thanks to all of the Women and Men who helped prepare the meal for Scotts Memorial Service. I love you all very much.. I Thank you from my heart...
Karen & Steve



Thank you for the Beautiful Flowers,
Doris Burkus

To UMW members, Pastor and congregation. Thank you for the beautiful flowers and all the cards I have received.. Happy Holidays to all & God bless you
Love, Sharon Campos



Dear Pastor Chadwick and Church Women's Committee,
Thank you to all for everything you have done to help my family through a difficult time. The service was beautiful and the meal at the church was delicious and much appreciated. Thank you again for your support.
The Family of Jeannette Washluske..

LU TZ LORE 2022
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR..

It is hard to believe that another year has already passed!
It was a year of ups and downs for Malinda. She spent 45 days in an extended care facility at the beginning of the year, but thanks to a great rehab program, she regained her strength and was able to return home. Ellen used part of her sabbatical for a Midwest road trip, so was with her from Easter through Mother's day, and helped celebrate Malinda's 80th birthday. She also enjoyed 3 trips to Tom's and a mini vacation with him to Starved Rock State Park in Oglesby, IL. Having both kids home for Christmas and the annual video chat with Daniela and her family in Germany will end the year on a good note! Tom is in his 31st year teaching at North Montgomery High School near Crawfordsville, and now has just 2 classes left to complete his Master of Arts in Teaching Chemistry (required to continue teaching dual-credit chemistry). He still coaches football and basketball, and sponsors FCA, along with playing bass guitar on the church praise team.

Ellen is in her 9th year at University of Massachusetts Amherst. In addition to her Midwest road trip, during her sabbatical she made day trips to ride The Cog railway up Mt. Washington in New Hampshire and to Mystic, Connecticut. She continues to sing in the church choir and has started filling in as a Sunday school teacher from time to time...
May you and your families feel God's love surrounding you in 2023!
We Love You!
The Lutzes, Malinda, Tom & Ellen



Tonya Nickerson,
(surgery on her bisept Feb 1, daughter Terry & JoAnn) John VanWinkle
(MDS Blood Disorder, Chemo to keep from Leukemia, friend Sue Flagg & Greg Snap), Pam Dixon
(cancer returned, Chemo), Denise

Garoutte, (Cancer battle, friend Karen Fitzgerald & Gretchen Krivak), Nicklas Masek, (Tonsils, Adnoids, tubes in ear Feb 7, grandson Deb & Mike), Sue Flagg (thyroid surgery Feb 21), Shannon Merrill's Mom (personal struggle), Diane Sudman (Lung Cancer friend Karen Fitzgerald), Bob Wideman (back to Hamilton Grove for healing, Cheryl/Steve Lenig's father), Lydia Livinghouse (home for healing health, Rich/Marilyn Livinghouse Mother), & Bobette Elkins (health issues), Denice Boyce (Rehab after Surgery on patella & mobility issues, sister Sherry Iwaszewski), Diane Bali (Acute Amiloid Leukemia, Rose's cousin), Susan & Joe Knowlton (Health) Bill Dare, (Upcoming treatment for Lung Cancer), Sharon Campos (Macular Degeneration, Health)

If you want someone on the prayer list, please fill out new request card or call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette
219-778-2910

If someone needs immediate prayer because of emergency, or a surgery taking place, or anything you believe just can't wait till Sunday, call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette to get the Prayer Chain activated...

There is power in prayer. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."



Eric Nieto US Army-
grandson-in-law
June Lenig

Kaily Collins Tirone,
US Army
granddaughter
Marjorie Olah

David Armstrong US Army –
grandson-in-law of Jean Snyder
Garrett Obenchain
Air Force Reserves -
Son Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain.
Grandson Rose Lenig
Dylan Elkins Air Force –

brother of Brandon Elkins
Jacob Adams Army-
grandson Chris Adams

Craig Carlson (pilot) Air Force –
son Harold & Carrie Carlson

Matthew Chadwick Army –
son Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick

Michael Showalter Marines -
grandson, Wayne & Shirley Kirkham

Matthew Rompca Air Force - nephew,
Shirley & Wayne Kirkham

Katelyn Williamson Marines -
Granddaughter of Jim WilliamsoWe
received this note from
Hugh Porter
around Christmas time.

Merry Christmas to the Church
Family- I remember fondly
Christmas Eve Services thru the
years w/my parents & the rest of
my family., there at the Church.

Please note I have a moved –

My new address is:
4759 Ridge Lane,
Kewadin, MI 49648

Peace be with you all!
Hugh

A note from Elizabeth Bachman....
Dear Bette & RPUM Church Members,
Sorry to be so slow in answering your
letters cards & greetings. I'm on the
slow boat now – the VERY slow Boat.
I can tell, Bette, that you are a burn
writer> Your Questions: Clyde & I met
at Garrett Seminary in Evanston. I was
there to become a Wesley
Foundation Student Leader on a
College Campus where the church had
a presence. Instead we were married
1953, in my home church in Arlington,
Washington State. Then Drove E to
RP... I turned 27 on the drive. Had a
Home Ec job in Union Mills High School

waiting for me. RPwas a 5 year
whirlwind – Something happening
every minute! Clyde was recruited by a
Dist. Supt. In Eastern Washington to a
new congregation in E Wenatcee
1958.. My Dad, brother & sister were
still living in Wa., So I was glad to come
“home”. First thing I spotted on the
kitchen counter was an earwig hiding,
my though “I’m Home!”.

All the Grands (8) are married now.
Have 5 greats. Oldest is 5. They’re
fascinating... That RPUMC wedding
Hostess might have be named Lorena?
It was lovely to get greetings from
those who remember me from 60
years ago! The retirement community
(The Lakeshore) where I live is in the
clutches of covid. Worse than ever..
But no one has died.. We’ve all had 4
booster shots, but it hasn’t stopped 13
persons from getting sick..

Blessings on You!
Elizabeth Bachman

This poem was in my stack of stuff..
Don’t know where it came from but it
was there so I thought I would Share....

MY WISH

Let me be a little kinder, let me be a
little blinder, to the faults of those
about me: let me praise a little more.
Let me be, when I am weary, just a
little bit more cheery: Let me serve a
little better those that I am striving for,
Let me be a little braver, when
temptation bids me waver: Let me
strive a little harder to be all that I
should be. Let me be a little meeker
with the brother that is weaker: Let me
think more of my neighbor and a little
less of me...

To half love our neighbor is to half love
God:

To neglect our neighbor is to neglect
God... Rolia O. Swisher

Joann Nickerson was in town as her
daughter, Tonya, was having bicep
surgery Feb 1.. She & her grandson
Anthony stopped by to say Hi, and see
how things were going... She said she
would be leaving for home, Feb 9..

Fighting Giant Despair From David Jeremiah Devotional...

*The Lord God of your fathers has
spoken to you; do not fear or be
discouraged. Deuteronomy 1:21*
It’s natural to become discouraged, but
it’s unhealthy to stay that way. Satan
loves to utilize the giant of
discouragement to cast down our faith
and progress. John Bunyan called it
Giant Despair in his timeless classic *The
Pilgrim’s Progress*, and it imprisoned
Christian until he found the Key of
Promise in his clothing.

If Giant Despair has you in his dungeon
today, remember you have the key to
escape. It’s inside your Bible, found in
one of the hundreds of promises God
has given you. For example, you can
claim Joshua 1:9, which says, “Be
strong and courageous. Do not be
afraid; do not be discouraged, for the
Lord your God will be with you
wherever you go” (NIV).

Discouragement is the temptation to
evaluate your momentary
circumstances apart from the
overarching plan of God for your life.
God is a God of encouragement. As
soon as you become discouraged, cry
out to Him in prayer and ask for His
help. God wants to hear your prayers,
even when discouraged. He will answer
and bring encouragement to your
heart.

*Discouragement can be defeated only
when the full truth of everything that is
for us confronts and conquers the half-
truth of fear and despair.*

Jason Meyer

A Birthday is a reminder from God that
Life is to be Celebrated..

So We Celebrate Pastor JoEllyn's,
milestone birthday "75"
1-29-2023



PASTOR JOELLYN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 29th, our Pastor turned 75. During church worship, her sermon focused on remembering the past, but looking forward to possibilities of newness in the future

After worship, the congregation gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon provided by the members of the congregation. Our dear Iva gave the meal blessing. Before eating, Happy Birthday was sung by the group; Pastor then blew out the candles on the cake and made a wish. Whatever it was, we all pray that it comes true. May God continue to bless her and keep her safe.



The Pictures on next page are from the UMW Potato Bar & Euchre Night..

It was a very enjoyable evening and looking forward to the next one..

1st place winner George Fultz, 2nd Place, Pam Dixon, 3rd Place Bob Russell. Gas Card Winner, Shelby Fultz...





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5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY,

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 112:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

February 12, 2023

6th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY,

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 19, 2023

7th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY,

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

**February 2023
SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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Church Office Hours

Mon – Wed 10.- 2

Thurs 12 - 4

Pastor JoEllyn Hours:

Tues & Thurs

12 pm – 4 p.m.

Other times by appointment

February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26, 2023

1st SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11