**United Presbyterian Church February 2020 Newsletter**

**Birthdays Ushers**

02-Herb Basener 21-Sarah Kakacek Greg Polzin

05-Ava Howieson 22-Scott Wason Logan Reichter

09-Rob Steiner 26-Nathan Kakacek

 28-Eleanor Fankhauser **Acolyte**

**Greeters**

02-Jill & Jeff Watne **Committee of the Month**

09-Chris & Frank Sharp \*Jill & Jeff Watne

16-Heinz Schmid & Grandchildren Paul Hardy

23-Brittany & Jesse Howieson Diane O’Connor

**Session Minutes**

**United Presbyterian Church**

**Clarion, Iowa**

**January 15, 2020**

The stated meeting of the Session was held Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Those in attendance: Jeff Fankhauser, Mark Fisher, Mary Kallem, Frank Sharp, Karen Wason, Deb Olson, Clerk, Rev. Bill Kem, Moderator. Excused: Peg Bunn. Rev. Kem opened with devotions and prayer.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Session voted to approve the Treasurer’s Report with questions about the Building Fund as a line item, and the building loan payment for 2019. Bruce Frink needs a building and equipment valuation for his financial records.

**CLERK’S REPORT:** Session approved the following Minutes: Congregational Meeting December 8; Session Meeting December 11; and Called Session Meeting December 15.

Session voted to approve the following church use requests: **Katrina TerHark** – Fellowship Hall for a baby shower January 26, 12:30 – 4:30; **Mary Kallem** – Conference Room or Family Room for a noon Bible Study January 29 – March 25; **Karen Chapman** – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen for an afternoon meeting March 10.

Communion servers: January 19 – Jeff & Mark; February 16 – Karen & Mary

The following are Session team liaisons: **Advent** – Karen; **Christian Ed** – Rev. Kem & Peg; **Hospitality** – Deb; **Lenten** – Karen; **Missions** – Mark; **Personnel** – Frank; **Property** – Jeff; **Worship** – Mary. Session will continue discussion on improving our Teams.

**PASTOR’S REPORT:** **Fat Tuesday** will be a pancake supper at the Lutheran Church. **Ash Wednesday** services will be at the United Presbyterian Church (UPC). **Maunday Thursday** services will be at the United Church of Christ Congregational (UCCC). **Palm Sunday** services will be at the UCCC. The UCCC will have an early **Easter** service and the UPC will have a later service.

The UPC will join the Clarion Chamber of Commerce. The cost is $100.00 for a year. Our events will be publicized through social media, print media, and the electronic billboard in Gazebo Park.

Tabetha & Kristal Sanchez will have a vow renewal October 1, 2020.

Our church’s participation in selling food at an evening meal to the participants of the Iowa Ride was discussed. Clarion is an overnight stop on July 15. 7,000 – 8,000 participants are expected. The community is planning for 10,000. Discussions will continue.

**DEACONS:** Our church is responsible for Meals On Wheels the month of February.

Helping Hands received a donation of $300.00 from Bob EnTin’s High School Business Class. The money was earned as a class fundraiser project.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The PW will be planning the meal for the March Presbytery meeting held here.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM:** There will be a joint Sunday School event at the Red Shed January 26.

**HOSPITALITY TEAM:** next scheduled meeting – January 22

**LENTEN TEAM:** Rev. Kem and Karen will meet to work on the Lenten season activities.

**PROPERTY TEAM:** The Session approved the removal of the water cooler.

**WORSHIP TEAM:** next scheduled meeting – February 5

**SESSION ASSIGNMENTS:** **Rev. Kem** – visit with Bruce Frink about the Treasurer’s Report & valuation

 remind Deacons of Meals On Wheels

 meet with Karen for Lenten plans

 **Deb** – ask Nancy to cancel water cooler contract

 ask Nancy to write a check to Mary Goemaat for pulpit supply

 ask Nancy to write a check to the Clarion Chamber for dues

 send a thank you note to the High School Business Class

Rev. Kem closed the meeting with prayer at 8:40 p.m.

**Called Session Meeting**

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**December 15, 2019**

The Session of the United Presbyterian Church of Clarion met in the Conference Room following worship on Sunday, December 15, 2019. Those present were: Jeff Fankhauser, Mark Fisher, Mary Kallem, Karen Wason, and Rev. Bill Kem, Moderator.

The Session approved the use of the church building for a vow renewal for Tabetha and Kristal Sanchez.

The meeting adjourned.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**CLARION, IOWA**

**JANUARY 19, 2020**

The meeting was called to order with prayer by Pastor Bill Kem at 10:15 am. Elder Mary Kallem is the acting clerk. A quorum was declared. Each of the reports was reviewed with no discussion.

The 2020 budget was reviewed and a motion to accept the budget as given was made by Mike Kruger and seconded by Carol Chapman. There was no farther discussion and the budget was accepted.

Acting clerk Mary Kallem moderated the meeting as the terms of call were reviewed for Pastor Bill Kem. It was moved by Carol Chapman and seconded by Jim Williams that we accept the terms of call. There was no discussion and the motion was passed that we accept the terms of call.

Pastor Bill Kem came back and suggested that we need to review what we are doing as a church and look for ways we can improve what we are doing and find new ways we can better serve our community.

Pastor Bill Kem closed the meeting with prayer at 10:40 am.