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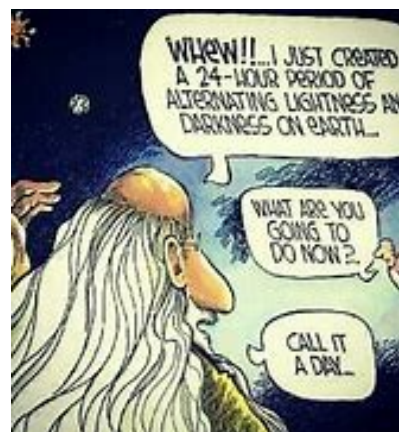
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Chuckles

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem . A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter. '

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill..'



Rainbow Notes

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From The Pastor's Desk

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In his penetrating book *The First Circle*, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the famous Russian author who defected to America, makes an interesting observation about how the Russian authorities handle the church. He writes: "No one stops them from ringing their bells; they can break communion bread anyway they please. They can have their processions with the cross. But they will in no way allow them to have any connection with social or civic affairs." The church was allowed to go through the motions; it could have a presence, but it dare not have an influence.

What bothered the scribes was not that Jesus prayed and preached. It was the fact that his prayers and his sermons were moving the people to action. I wonder if the church still has that concept of authority. So often our

problem is not that we do not have authority, it is that we do not use the authority that we have. It is time that we quit defining the problems of the world and start applying the influence of the church to the problems.

When we look at what is happening in our culture, the: miss information, insurrections, the pandemic, the hunger games around the vaccines, economic troubles for many, racism, just to name a few topics, surely the church has something to say but also an authority to speak and put into action. The church is not to sit and only worry about "me" but it is a community seeking the common good.

Chuck Swindoll tells about a commercial product put out by one of the largest department stores in our nation. It proved to be disastrously unsuccessful.

It was a doll in the form of the baby Jesus. It was advertised as being unbreakable, washable and cuddly. It was packaged in straw with a satin ribbon and plastic surroundings, and appropriate biblical texts added here and there to make the scene complete.

It did not sell. The manager of one of the stores in the department chain panicked. He carried out a last ditch promotion to get rid of those dolls. He brandished a huge sign outside his store that read: "JESUS CHRIST – MARKED DOWN 50% - GET HIM WHILE YOU CAN." And that is the constant danger – that we will remake Christ into a meek, harmless figure – discounted 50% to attract the masses but not claim its place in our culture.

Pastor Dana

Financial Statement December 2020

Checking Account Balance		38,448.83
Building Maintenance Fund		5,571.53
Total 2020 Apportionments	6,745.00	
Amount Received to Pay Out	<u>(3,015.00)</u>	
Apportionments Balance Due		3,730.00
Edward Jones Opportunity Fund Balance (as of 12/31/2020)		71,648.40
Xcel Energy Shares Account Balance (3/5/2020)		1,135.49
Building Fund Balance (Since 6/17/2015)		20,300.00
FOCUS Dollars Balance (Since 6/21/2015)		18,440.00
50% Designated for Building Fund Maintenance	9,220.00	
25% Designated for Discretionary Fund	4,610.00	
25% Designated for Grow	4,610.00	
PPP SBA Loan 4/22/2020		10,500.00
Piano Fund Balance*		2,500.00
Checking Account Balance	38,448.83	
Minus Building Fund Balance	(20,300.00)	
Minus FOCUS Dollars Balance	(18,440.00)	
Minus SBA Loan 4/22/2020	(10,500.00)	
Minus Missions/Designated Funds *	(2,153.00)	
Actual Checking Account Balance	<u>(12,944.17)</u>	
Missions/Designated Funds (*Funds Due)		
Cinderella's Closet (1/1/2020 to present)		130.00
*Discretionary Funds (1/1/17 to present)		400.00
St. Vincent De Paul / Food Shelf (Paid Quarterly)		
Feed My Starving Children (Paid Quarterly)		
Honey (1/1/2020 to present)		81.00
*Prom Dress Donations(4/5/2015 to present)		1,157.00
Salvation Army (Paid Quarterly)		
*Roof (10/7/2018 to present)		140.00
UMCOR (Paid Quarterly)		
Camp Koronis (Paid Quarterly)		
Misc - 2020 - Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas		245.00

Financial Statement December 2020 Continued

Cash Flow	Income	Expenses	Ending
1/1/2020-1/31/2020	8,722.29	12,721.18	(3,998.89)
2/1/2020-2/29/2020	6,123.29	6,379.88	(256.59)
3/1/2020-3/31/2020	4,765.00	6,730.19	(1,965.19)
4/1/2020-4/30/2020	7,587.79	5,356.94	2,230.85
5/1/2020-5/31/2020	4,623.46	4,075.87	547.59
6/1/2020-6/30/2020	12,429.46	10,441.30	1,988.16
7/1/2020-7/31/2020	3,456.93	5,574.68	(2,117.75)
8/1/2020-8/31/2020	12,053.03	16,704.70	(4,651.67)
9/1/2020-9/30/2020	4,744.70	5,731.47	(986.77)
10/1/2020-10/31/2020	6,840.28	5,220.89	1,619.39
11/1/2020-11/30/2020	8,002.34	11,862.41	(3,860.07)
12/1/2020-12/31/2020	<u>18,144.62</u>	<u>5,507.96</u>	<u>12,636.66</u>
Total 2020	<u>97,493.19</u>	<u>96,307.47</u>	<u>1,185.72</u>

2020 Designated Funds - Giving Summary

Camp Kronis	\$ 35.00
Feed My Starving Children	\$ 1,615.33
Food Shelf	\$ 945.00
Heifer Project	\$ 300.00
Salvation Army	\$ 240.00
UMCOR	<u>\$ 1,067.00</u>
Total Designated Funds Giving	<u>\$ 4,202.33</u>

H.U.M Church Annual Conference Meeting (via Webex) 11/22/2020

Attendance: Rev. Dana H., Eric S., Bev W., Jenna D., Ryan, Joyce S. Sayaka, Pat K., Carol O., Chuck & Sue R., Donna S., Gary T., Jerald O., Joan O., Kendra K., Mel & Mary S., Korrrine K., Rose M., G.Ferris, C. Whitmore, Holly W., Ginger, Judy L., Larry D., Henry D., Wendy, Caller # 6, Caller #5 [total attendance 26]

Discussion: Opening up sanctuary for in person church services= continuing services as have been this past year since pandemic (March)

Budget/Pastor Salary staying same as discussed with PPRC Continued offering/donations same, with counting every other week

Update on pastor's daughter (Jenna) painting in sanctuary 'Moses & burning bush' and pastor's new Grand baby (daughter) doing well

Continued Bible Study on Weds. Evening. All excepted and adorned

Respectfully submitted: Bev Witt council secretary

H.U.M Church Council Meeting (via Webex) 11/29/2020

Attendance: Rev. Dana H., Bev W., Rose M., Jenna D., Mel & Mary S., Carol O., Chris W., Eric S., Jerald O., Donna S., + phone calls x3

Treasury report: SPA loan/loan forgiveness – Jenna will follow up with bank Defecate: about \$8,000 [Jenna slide show] Overview of accounts checking \$30,000 – Building fund \$19,000 ? if should be set aside to different fund Questions: Focus \$'s(\$22,000) – moved to different accounts ;set up presently as 50% building maintenance, 25% discretionary & 25% growth Motion made to move part of Focus funds towards Apportionment's by Mary & Mel S. , 2nded by Bev W.– voted and excepted by all in attendance

Continued discussion: Questioning postponing garbage service – checking with county assessment on need for recycling (may need to but ?-if can put on temporary suspension) Chris W. checking with City & Lakes garbage service on getting discount Garage plow path continues with Todd and keeping doors shoved and cleared.

Motion for adornment – and approved.

H.U.M Church Council Meeting (via Webex) 1/17/2021

Attendance: Rosemarie M., Dana H. [pastor], Jenna D., Mel and Mary Sanborn, Gary T. Corrine K, Donna S. , + Caller #2

Treasury report: PPP loan round #1 ? forgiveness /questioning with bank-email sent thus far nothing received Jenna with follow up (\$10,500.00 last time) Apportionment paid in full Questioning what to do with: Honey money ? (past has gone to 'Feed my starving children). And \$225.00 misc. [from holiday giving?] Suggested to donate both funds to local 'Community Cafe'. Motion by Mary S. - voted and passed by all. Jenna slide show (2 slides) with financial report – no questions and excepted by all. Mel updated Salvation Arms Christmas donations from community: \$70,000 (with \$61,000 staying in Rice County) Move to request PPP loan again: Motion made to pursue PPP loan again and approved. (what needed: Minutes from this meeting, Signature to congregation authorize [last time Carolyn H.-this time Rose M.]) E-mail received: Doug Meadow-questioning need of music at this time? Not at this time. Dana will check with him if willing to comeback when congratulation is able to meet in person in sanctuary.

Continued business: When open up for congratulation live meeting in Sanctuary? Suggested waiting for more community vaccination (herd immunity) Shooting for Easter (April 4th, 2021) for in person, sanctuary services *or possibility of at least outdoor [Parking lot] services Question/Suggestion- possibility for those with problem with hearing services on Webex Subtitles – if anyone in congregation able? to do or have third party do at \$1.00 per minute being rather expensive. Checking on other computer programs: Dragon Speech transferring program. (Bev to check on more)

Trustee report: Parking lot plowing (1/2 price noted by Jenna at \$35.00 per plowing) Mel noticed light out in storage room-Flourecent tube Checked with electrician diagnosed as needing new ballistic and replace. Bill not received as yet. Mel reported New Key now made for Rose. M – as had not received one before.

*Update on Pastor Dana's health: Doing pretty good, feeling pretty good, staying safe - Next chemo in 2-3 weeks (in hospital Tue - Thurs.*very boring noted by Dana -LOL)*

Motion of adornment by Bev W. 2nd, by Mary S. All Approved.

Hope's Happenings

Hope Church Worship Services

Due to the Coronavirus all activities and services in the church building have been suspended until further notice.

The Worship Services for Sunday are streamed live at 10:30 am. If you would like to watch and participate please contact Jenna Dahl at jdahl60@gmail.com. We will also attempt to put the

We're on the Web!!

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Rice County Food Shelf

"Food of the Month"

February: Beans

March: Tuna

April: Peanut Butter

Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)

Based on John 15:9-17 (NIV)



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 C O M M A N D D I M Y T E Z I
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FRIENDS
 DOWN
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 SERVANTS

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 BUSINESS
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 GREATER

LOVE
 BEAR
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 COMMAND

FRUIT
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February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Birthdays

5-Mike Spinar
6-Carolyn Hanson
10- Andy Burns; Alessandra Lee
11-Judy Lee; Julie Carlson
18-Sue Rassbach
21-Marie Bauer
26-Chuck Rassbach
27-Dawn Bartosh

Anniversaries

12-Dave and Carolyn Hanson

