

The Word



The thief comes only to
steal and kill and destroy;

I came so that they would have life,
and have it abundantly.

John 10:10, NASB

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Pastor's Pages

Obadiah and I went walking last night when the thermometer said 16° below zero. We didn't walk for long, but the sky was beautiful, clear with crisp, bright stars shining through the darkness. It was cold, definitely. Cold and beautiful. I've been out on summer nights, also with the dog, when the stars shone and a soft breeze blew. I remember those nights fondly. Last night, the air was intense with cold, the breeze blew snow from driveway drifts instead of blossoms from trees. And I loved it. Obadiah wasn't quite as convinced, but he rarely says no to a walk, so we went up the hill a piece. Coming home, I was thankful for a warm house to come to, where the heat worked and the walls kept the wind and snow away from the kitchen. I gave thanks to God as I fell asleep – for warmth and for cold, for outside and for inside, and for a good dog, who isn't always all that good, but I love him.

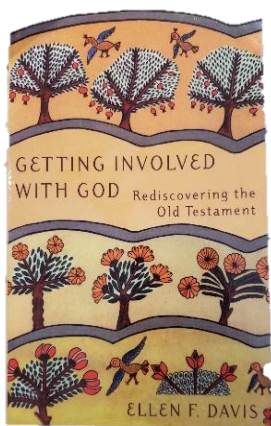
I don't believe the psalmists of early Israel knew temperatures as cold as we're experiencing this winter, but they certainly knew of the goodness and the glory of God, made manifest in the beauty of the world around them. They also knew of the ups and downs of life, the paradox of experiencing utter opposites in the course of an hour or of a day, and offering thanks for the whole of it all. Borrowing from the wisdom of Ellen Davis, the author of the book we're reading on Thursday mornings, praise and thanksgiving are as much an element of forming our faith as they are reaction to our faith. The act of paying attention to the grace of God when it comes our way molds us into people who see the world as God sees it – in its beauty, in its need for justice, in its groundedness in love. So open your eyes this month, even if the cold keeps you (probably wisely) mostly inside. See the hand of God in your life – in your books, in the lentils and rice on your kitchen shelf, waiting to nourish your body, in your telephone which connects you to people you love, in your car that gets you to church in warmth, so you can be among God's people, formed by their love and care, and by sharing that love beyond our walls. It's all part of how we become closer to the ways and wonders of God, how we grow as disciples of Jesus.

Stay warm, stay well, stay in love with God. And I hope to see you soon.

Grace and peace,

Cathy

The Covid numbers in Delaware County are down. We'll come back together in-person in February. Worship will continue to be live-streamed on the church YouTube channel, and available there after Sunday morning also. [[Tinyurl.com/umdwrsph](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umdwrsph) – the link goes live at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.]



The **book study**, on Thursday mornings at 10:30, will meet in person in the Harder Room. We're reading through *Getting Involved with God* together. Let Pastor Cathy know if you'd like to join in; it's not too late.



Kids' Club, too, will start again in February. Kids from kindergarten to fifth grade are welcome to join. The school bus drops kids off here at the church and we have a great time learning and snacking and singing. Kids are welcome to bring friends; parents come to pick their kids up at 4:30.



Pastor with Coffee took a slight hiatus in late January, in the wisdom of staying

away from crowded spaces when the virus was especially present in town. Pastor with Coffee will resume on Wednesday mornings at the Delhi Diner, 10-noon. You are always welcome to come by the Diner on Wednesdays, but you are also always welcome to come by the church office. I'm not always in, but I'm frequently around on weekday afternoons, and I'll find a specific time to meet with you if you call or text ahead of time. We have coffee and tea here at the church, too. (Yes, I do like coffee. How did you guess?)



Summary of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 17, 2022

Meeting was called to order and Pastor Cathy led us in prayer as we began our first council of the new year.

We began a discussion of the Annual Meeting, scheduled for January 23rd, and laid out the format of the meeting which will be led by District Superintendent, Rev. Monk. The meeting will be held virtually and all voting will be done virtually as well. The Annual Report has been distributed by email or sent by regular mail. In addition an update version of the Treasurer's Report from the end of year, as well as the updated 2022 budget have been distributed.

Discussion was held about moving forward in the coming year with the continuation of COVID spikes. In person worship, choir and fellowship will be opened back up gradually as case numbers permit. We will continue to ask people and groups to sign in. We are going to continue to allow Social Services to use McIntosh Hall the first two weeks of February for training. It is their responsibility to keep their staff safe.

Playschool representation will be encourage at each council meeting as Laura Mills has been doing in the past. If no one can attend they are encouraged to send a written report by email. Laura Clark reported that they had a loss of \$422.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Laura Clark. We ended up taking the full \$80,000 from investments. We ended the year in the negative primarily because of the need to pay rent for the parsonage.

Jeff Ackerly reported that the Trustees did not meet this month but their focus for 2022 will be projects at the parsonage.

Gideon presented the Finance Committee Report from their meeting on January

10. There were a couple of corrections needed on the 2022 budget and then the budget was approved. Discussion was held and motion was made to change signers on church account to reflect the addition of our new bookkeeper Fran Ackerly and our new Finance Committee Chair Stephanie McCann. In addition a motion was made and approved to allow Fran Ackerly access to our online banking. In addition SPR Chair or Pastor Cathy will sign off on the time sheets for Fran Ackerly since she is both sexton and bookkeeper. Laura Clark is working on getting reimbursement from the conference for the moving expenses for Pastor Cathy. Once Stephanie takes over as Finance Chair and Trustees have elected a treasurer it was suggested that we meet with our representative from the investment company and get help with receiving online statements etc. Carol has been waiting to hear back from Delaware National about adding the mortgage info to the online banking site and securing the remainder of the mortgage paperwork. In addition Jeff Ackerly is going to compose a letter to the bank detailing who at the church is allowed to access the mortgage information, i.e. Parish Council Chair, Treasurer, Treasurer of Trustees, Chair of Trustees, Finance Chair.

Gideon Frisbee is working on Staff-Parish worksheets for Methodist Conference and will meet in February.

Pastor Cathy discussed the letter received from the Bishop before Christmas and the decision that was made to go virtual in January and approved by council. Bible Study is doing a new book on Zoom called "Getting Together with God" She reported we had a wonderful Christmas season with 67 people at the first service and 11 at the 2nd service. Kids Club has been canceled and will resume when we meet in person again. Pastor Cathy will create a schedule for sharing devotions at each meeting.

Cathy Johnson reported for Nurture that coffee hour for the 1/9/22 was canceled and Casual Cafe will not be meeting in person.

In her Outreach report, Edie stated that she delivered hot meals to people at Buena Vista in conjunction with local group W.I.D.E (Women for Inclusion, Diversity & Equity.) There will not be a food distribution until March. Many nice thank yous for the December giveaway were received.

In other business we discussed taking down the Christmas decorations and the continued packing of hygiene kits for UMCOR relief.





If at any point any member would like the complete copy of the minutes please feel free to contact me or stop into the office where copies are always available.

Carol



Women's Open Circle

Women's Open Circle will meet on Thursday, February 10th at noon in the Harder Room. Bring your own lunch and beverages and dessert will be provided. Hopefully we will not have to cancel due to COVID or the weather.

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Play School Update - February 2022

Play School has been having a productive year so far. The children are learning a lot. We just finished up with our winter/ice/snow units and are getting ready to move on to Groundhog Day, I Love..., and Valentine's Day projects, stories, and games. We enjoyed a math/numbers/counting/sorting and graphing worksheet that included M&M's! YUM!! On February 14th we will have our class Valentine's Party. We will finish up the month with our Dinosaurs Unit, before we gear up into Spring!

We are still planning a Can/Bottle Drive, just waiting on our Play School Board meeting to select a date and time. Please keep a look out for additional information.

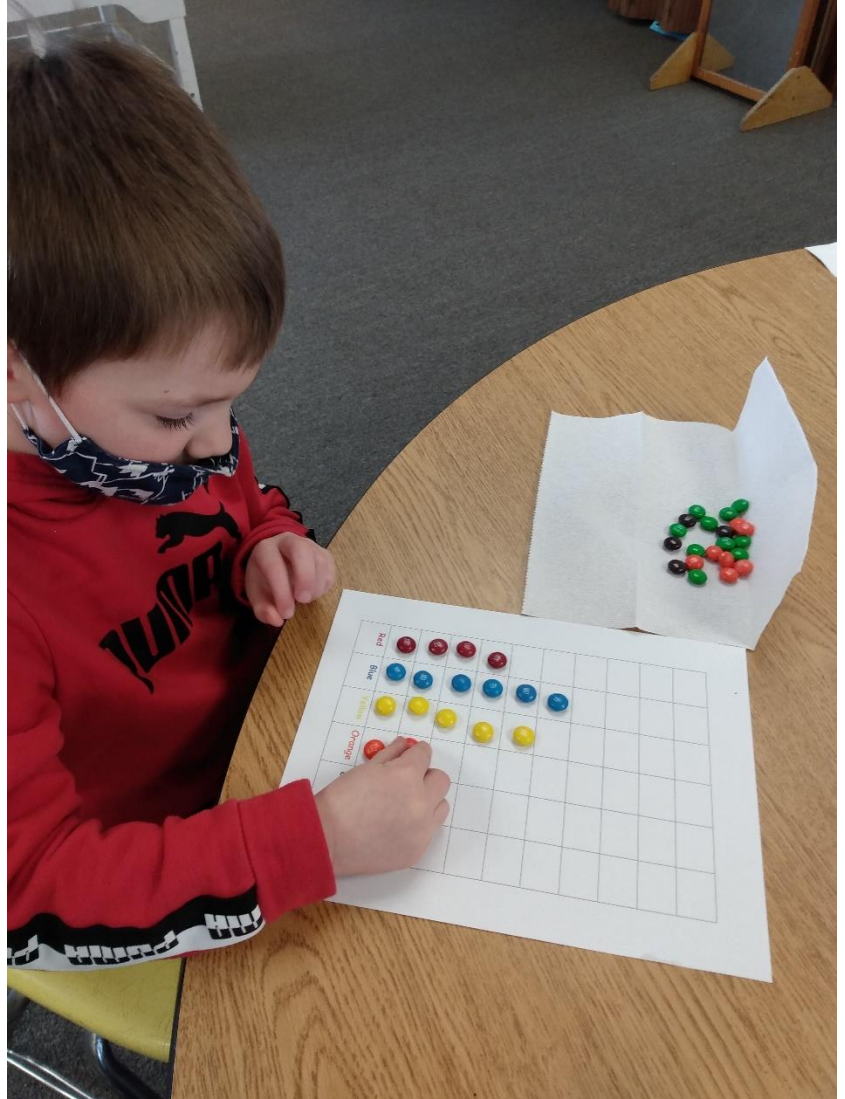
Thank You again to everyone who has donated to Play School and has shared their time and support! This has truly been a blessing for the children's learning, growth and development!! They are so curious to see what we are going to learn about next! It's amazing to see!!

Happy Valentine's Day and hope the Groundhog doesn't see his shadow!! Can't wait for Spring!! Wishing you all health and happiness in this New Year!

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Savage

Play School Director



M&M counting and graphing



Save your cans & bottles to benefit Play School!

Watch for details to come in the near future!

UNITED MINISTRY HISTORY

Submitted by: Don Haight

Activities and Participants

Introductory Comments

The United Ministry School of Art was offered prior to the incorporation of The United Ministry of Delhi in 1976. The offerings were well attended and many perceived that our churches could offer more for the Delhi community should we unite as The United Ministry. It is for this reasoning that I am including this review as part of the United Ministry History.

Arvilla Potter served as Director of the U.M. School of Art. She was the daughter of Willis and Thelma Waite. Willis was a long time Professor of agronomy at the college, thus, Arvilla grew up in Delhi.

I asked Sandy Russell to write up a review of the U.M. School of Art and she agreed to do so and recruited the assistance of Beth Hildreth. Sandy's review follows:

United Ministry School of Art

In the fall of 1971 the United Ministry School of Art opened under the direction of Arvilla Potter. Its stated purpose was “. . . meeting the creative interests of the community whatever they may be.”

The school, located in Asbury Hall (Methodist Church), opened for the first time with several classes offered under a staff of two. Arvilla Potter taught Ceramics and Pottery, Decoupage, Painting and Drawing; Elizabeth Luce taught Crewel Embroidery. A twelve week class in Photography, taught by Irwin Goen, was also offered. Shorter classes in making Christmas cards, Candle Making and Candle Molding, as well as several Creative Cookery Workshops were also offered by volunteers. About 70 people, including children, college students, men, and women participated in the classes. They came from our community as well as DeLancey, Andes, Treadwell, Hamden, Meredith and Meridale.

Each season (fall, winter, spring) The School of Art would offer a new schedule of classes and sponsor a Mini Arts Festival at St. John's Church, which would involve the show and sale of student work plus the sale of crafts and art items made by area craft groups. Any local group or craftsman wishing to participate were invited.

Summers the United Ministry School of Art and the Area Recreation Committee jointly sponsored a summer program in the arts under the direction of Arvie Potter and Jackie Mallory. There were 6 week classes for grades K-4 one day a week, and for grades 5-8 another day of the week. A choice of the following areas were offered: Potter and the Potter's wheel with Sheridan Martin and Laura Goodnough; Twirling with Evelyn Osborn; Nature Hikes and Study led by Nancy

Dunbar; Sculpture, Printmaking, Painting and/or Drawing Techniques taught by Regina Haron, Jackie Mallory, and Val Zacharczenko. The U.M. School of Art also held Variety Shows with proceeds going toward added supplies for the children’s art program. The shows included a soprano solo by Antha Robbins, guitar with Mitch Brown, “The Garbles” family sing-a-long, numbers by the Dance Group, Piano solo by Nicki Zacharczenko, plus other local talents. They also sponsored a violin recital which was attended by 90 people.

Over the next few years other classes were added to the School of Art offerings such as Weaving, Batiking, and a Children’s Little Theater program. This outreach service program was made possible by The United Ministry, the teachers and volunteers, and the people of Delhi and surrounding areas who supported and cooperated with the director, Arvie Potter.

~Sandy Russell

Coffee Hours

After enjoying a couple of wonderful coffee hours in December, we were once again restricted from serving food and drinks and now, we are holding worship remotely again. But we are looking forward to being together again soon and on the first Sunday we are able to once again meet for worship in person, we will be having a coffee hour to celebrate! Coffee hours are a special time of fellowship for our congregation and we invite anyone who would like to host one to get in touch with the office or Cathy Johnson. It isn't hard, and we can help with questions you might have. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon!



Amanda Green	2/2	Chris Savage	2/12
Michele Jetter	2/2	Jack Tessier	2/13
Michael Griswold	2/2	Jeff Ackerly	2/14
Liz Frisbee	2/3	Gideon Frisbee	2/14
Fred Onasch	2/8	Lori Teitelbaum	2/22
Dawn Jensen	2/10	Pam Guy	2/23
Ben Sandman	2/10	Patrick Sturdevant	2/23



6	Carol Greene
13	Barb Onasch
20	Gideon Frisbee
27	Rev. Rick Edwards

Word and Worship

February 2022

Sunday, February 6

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138;

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; *Luke 5:1-11*

Sunday, February 13

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;

1 Corinthians 15:12-20; *Luke 6:17-26*

Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40;

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; *Luke 6:27-38*

Sunday, February 27

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; *Luke 9:28-43a*

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