

The Word

BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS

Love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

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Ministers Musings

*It's news I'm most proud to proclaim, this extraordinary Message of God's powerful plan to rescue everyone who trusts him, starting with Jews and then right on to everyone else! **Romans 1:16, The Message***

I just started taking a class on United Methodist Polity and Doctrine. The class is offered by Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, and I attend on Zoom, as does half of the class of about sixteen people. We introduced ourselves Tuesday morning, and just meeting all the students did my heart a world of good. There are students preparing for the United Methodist ministry who come from Lancaster, Pennsylvania and from Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In fact, there are three students from the DRC, three more from Nigeria, and three from South Korea. And another from China. Three cheers for Google maps; each student was able to show us where they lived, in their neighborhood, with the help of Google maps. All the students are part of the United Methodist Church, and a few of them are hoping to eventually be ordained and serve in the New York Annual Conference. The three hours I drive to see my dad and brother in the home I grew up in doesn't seem all that far away after all. And it's so exciting to be reminded that there are healthy churches all over the world who are proclaiming and living the love and grace of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Churches that have been open enough to the work of the Holy Spirit that young people there have heard a call to ministry. Which tells me that the rest of the people in these churches live out Christ's love in their own work and life, just as people here in Delhi, and across our conference, do. It's a powerful thing, this gospel we proclaim. Jesus' call to claim the peace and the joy, the justice and the power of the Spirit to transform the world is compelling.



I can't invite you to join this class; it's already pretty full. But I will ask you to remember the church of Jesus Christ all over the world, thinking about the joy of worship and the friendships and love that our siblings in Christ experience and share. Pray for the ongoing work of the Spirit here in Delhi, and in Nigeria and China and Australia, too. Pray for African-American churches here in the U.S. whom we learn new things from, especially in Black History Month. And pray for the gift of

love, that The United Ministry, and every other church that bears the name of Jesus, live out God's love on Valentine's Day, and every day. Amen. Amen. Amen.

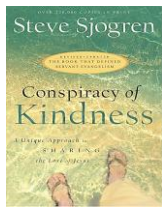
Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy

Announcements



We'll install church leadership on Sunday, February 2 during worship. If you were elected at the Annual Meeting to serve in 2025, please plan to be present on the 2nd to be installed and recognized.



The **Book Study**, on Thursday mornings at 10:30, meets in the Harder Room. We're reading through *A Conspiracy of Kindness*, focusing on ideas for our own church and how we might reach out with kindness to our neighbors. Let Pastor Cathy know if you'd like to join in; it's not too late.

Pastor's Schedule: Pastor Cathy will be away for most of the last week of February, visiting Charis in Minnesota. In a pastoral emergency while she's away, please call Carol Greene or Gideon Frisbee, our lay leaders. Thanks.

Highlights of January Parish Council

Parish Council began with Pastor Cathy sharing about Martin Luther King Jr. and how he said we aren't just at this for us, we are at work for love and loving our neighbors and that is what will make this world work.

The topic of the month was the Annual Meeting and moving forward. Rev. Monk was very affirming about what United Ministry has accomplished in the past year. The United Ministry of Delhi will be moving forward with planning for their 50th celebration, with planning starting on February 23rd when council will host a coffee hour during which we will begin brainstorming the celebration. There was a great deal of discussion about possibilities of activities for the event and identifying the people who were present during the formation of the church. Council members are

being asked to think of individuals who could contribute to this effort and ask them to attend on the 23rd. Finance will consider what grants could be sought after to assist in the celebration as well as those needed to support the budget in 2025.

Eloise reported that there are currently 3 students enrolled in Playschool. Their next board meeting is January 27th.

We reviewed the monthly Treasurer's report as of December 31st. Work has begun to get Susan Frisbee on board with the treasurer's email and job description. A transition meeting with Susan, Fran and Laura will be set up in the near future. A motion was made and passed to add Susan Frisbee to the DNB accounts as Treasurer and remove Laura Clark.

Finance met on January 7th. All bills have been paid in full in 2024, with the help of several grants that helped minimize our draws from the investments. The committee discussed having Faith Giving collections more often during the year. They welcome Susan Frisbee to the meeting as Treasurer. There was discussion of the planning committee for the 50th Celebration and funds needed. Pastor Cathy put together the narrative budget, including a graph of income side which was very helpful for Annual Meeting.

Gideon Frisbee reported that Trustees met on January 14th. They worked on cleaning up the running minutes agenda of loose ends and they set some goals of projects to complete this winter and ones that could wait until Spring. He reported that there was a hot water heat baseboard break in the basement on 12/23. Many thanks go to Shawn Ackerly, Daniel and Ethan Kennedy for getting it repaired after hours. We have received notice that our Fire Alarm monitoring system is nearly obsolete. Trustees will meet with a representative in February to find our options moving forward.

Barb Jones reported that SPR met on November 19th and continued to work on the Methodist annual reporting documents 1 & 2. Intent is to submit these documents this week. Sexton job description was updated and Ron and Pastor Cathy will be doing an interview for the vacant position this week. The annual parsonage review with Trustees was completed.

Pastor Cathy reported that a pageant and two Christmas Eve services happened in December. Many thanks to Rick for preaching when Cathy was sick.

The nominating committee worked hard to put together a slate of officers for the Annual Meeting. She is planning on attending a retreat in May for continuing education and is also continuing to pursue course work at Drew University to enable Cathy to become an official United Methodist Minister. The annual meeting was held the day before council meeting and Karen Monk preached during worship.

Mission reported that we had another successful food giveaway on January 18th during which 70 boxes full of food were delivered.

We continue to open our doors to groups for the use of our building. We approved a new request for the use of our building by; Laura Cohen and Jackie Guido for a Toddler Playtime, Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower (training activity), Little Delaware Youth Ensemble (annual concert) and Boy Scout Troop #33 (meetings in January and February)

Fred Onasch noted that we need to get proof of insurance from groups using our church. We will check with Deb to see what we currently have on file.

If you have questions at any time, please feel free to talk with myself or other council members.

Carol Greene

50th Anniversary Celebration of United Ministry

There's lots of buzz going on about celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the formation of The United Ministry Church of Delhi in 2026. While that might seem like a long time away (only a year!!) we need to start to decide on how we are going to celebrate this important event in our church life. Discussion began last week at the Annual Meeting and plans are underway, but we need your help. Please plan on attending the coffee hour after church on February 23rd when we will brainstorm our celebration together. If you want to part of this planning and can not be there, please talk with either Pastor Cathy or myself.

Hope to see you then,

Carol

Women's Open Circle

Women's Open Circle will meet on Thursday, February 13th at noon in the Harder Room. Bring your own lunch and beverages and dessert will be provided.



Food Missions

Since we can't really plan ahead for what will happen in the life of the food pantry I find it best to report on what happened during the month of January. Carol and her many helpers delivered boxes of food to the seniors and are planning to do so again, probably in March. They had help from the college and also the Girl Scouts. Pattie put together 17 boxes of food for the Buena Vista and Deb delivered them during her lunch hour which we will continue to do once a month. We received a donation of a lot of citrus, mainly oranges and Clementine's from the high school as well as some cheese. The oranges arrived in time to be included in the senior boxes and BV boxes making a nice addition.

Kelly, in Hamden, was able to order things from the regional food bank in Albany that we don't usually carry so we were gifted with ketchup, mayonnaise, cooking oil, sugar, jelly, sliced cheese, pancake syrup and butter which are all things that we try to buy when they are on sale.

Louie, at the Delhi Diner, donated us a case of eggs (all in flats) and Carol had gotten a good sale on eggs at Sam's club (all in flats) plus we also have a couple of people with chickens that donate eggs from time to time and they need egg cartons. My request is that everyone save their egg cartons bring them in to us as we will find a use for them.

Edie

Play School Update - February 2025

Play School has decided to do some spring fundraisers to help sustain the program this year. We had to postpone Movie Night in January, but we have now planned on March 7th for the new date. We will play Frozen and open it up to families in the community. We will also host a bake sale at the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 22nd. We are also planning to do a bottle drive in the Spring (date to be determined). Thank you for the bottle and can donations that was given over the holidays. You're thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated! We would also like to say THANK YOU for the monetary donations, toys and the supplies that have been donated to the program so far this year!

Enrollment is now open for the new 2025-26 school year. Families on our wait list will be contacted and new registrations are always welcome! Anyone interested in having their child join the Play School program, please email me, Pam Savage at your earliest convenience at playschool.umod@gmail.com for more information.

For the month of February we will be working on Valentine's Day, Birthday, letters of the week, shapes, letters, numbers, colors, hands-on activities, games and creative play. We will end the month with our Dental Unit with Mrs. Arehart. We are so blessed to have great community and congregation members take some time to share their special talents with our class!

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Savage
Play School Director



Save the Date! Play School Movie Night

PLAY SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO...

MOVIE NIGHT

FILM

DISNEY'S FROZEN
1 HR 42 MIN

SHOWTIME

FRIDAY, MARCH 7
6:30 PM DOORS OPEN
7 PM TRAILERS ROLL

LOCATION

THE UNITED MINISTRY OF DELHI
MCINTOSH HALL

ADMISSION

BY DONATION*
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
*ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
PLAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

REFRESHMENTS

POPCORN, LEMONADE AND
WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE

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BRING YOUR OWN
PILLOWS AND BLANKETS
AND GET COMFORTABLE!



Kid's Page

Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

A place to live

1	2	3	4	5	

Opposite of dark

6	7	8	9	10	

Companion

11	12	13	14	15	16	

Hand greeting

17	18	19	20

Male adult

21	22	23



8 2 16 13 4 6 2 19 5

17 9 2 5 19 5 12 6 7 19 5 4

13 15 6 2 19 20 6 7 19 14 4

13 15 8 2 16 18 15 16

8 2 16 13 23 10 1 14 21

1 John 4:16, NIV

*a lovely
aroma*

Make this sweet-smelling gift for a friend or valentine.

What you need:

- Colored felt
- Scrap paper
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- String
- Essential oils (rose, lavender, etc.)

What you do:

1. Draw a flower shape on paper and cut it out.
2. Place the flower template on felt and draw around it with the marker.
3. Cut out the felt flower. Then cut a small slit or hole through it.
4. Cut 8 inches of string. Thread it through the felt flower and tie off to form a loop for hanging.
5. To the felt, add 3 to 5 drops of essential oil. This air freshener will last about 2 weeks.
6. Revive the scent, as needed, by adding a few drops of essential oil.

Answers: house, light, friend, wave, man; God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16, NIV

Coffee Hour Hosts & Flowers for the Sanctuary



Have you signed up to host Coffee Hour yet? Coffee, tea, lemonade, and paper goods are supplied. Cookies are optional.

Sign up on the sheet on the Bulletin Board or call the church office to pick your date.

Would you like to commemorate a loved one or special event in your life? Garden and wild flowers are always welcome! If you are uncomfortable creating the arrangement, call the office and we can make the arrangement for you.



Coffee Hour

Feb 2 Carol Greene
 Feb 9 Nabinger/Mills
 Feb 16 Kazmierski
 Feb 23 Barb Jones

Flowers

Feb 2 _____
 Feb 9 _____
 Feb 16 _____
 Feb 23 Tom Pandick

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office.



Amanda Green	2/2	Jack Tessier	2/13
Michele Jetter	2/2	Jeff Ackerly	2/14
Michael Griswold	2/2	Gideon Frisbee	2/14
Liz Frisbee	2/3	Lori Tietelbaum	2/22
Fred Onasch	2/8	Pam Guy	2/23
Dawn Jensen	2/10	Patrick Sturdevant	2/23
Chris Savage	2/12	Charis Edwards	2/28

Word and Worship

February 2025

Sunday, February 2

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13; Luke 4:21-30

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, February 16

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Sunday, February 23

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

Lectors

February 2 - *Liz Frisbee*
February 9 - *Carol Greene*
February 16 - *Gideon Frisbee*
February 23 – *Edie Campbell*

Acolytes

February 2 - *Wyatt Frisbee*
February 9 - *Madison Vredenburg*
February 16 - *Virginia Mills*
February 23 – *Wyatt Frisbee*

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On a cold winter morning, Holy Spirit,
enfold me in the warmth of your love.