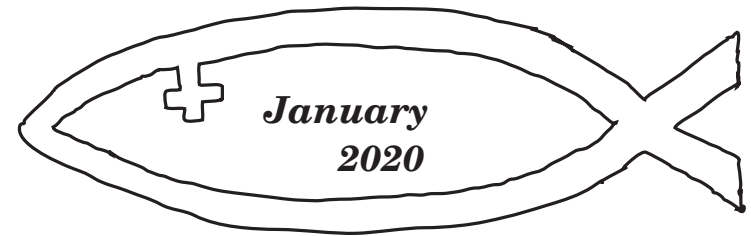


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THE FISH

The Fish is a publication of the Ely United Methodist Church. The sign of the fish was formed by two people. The first drew a curved line of no significance, perhaps with his or her toe in the sand. But when the other person added an inverted curve, the fish was formed and two Christians had indentified each other in the days when to be Christian was anathema. In this paper we draw lines with the hope that in your response the faith will be more clearly seen by all.

State of the Church

My daily “commute” on foot between home and the church takes me nearly the length of Third Avenue East, so I walk by the parsonage owned by Ledgerrock Church multiple times a day. There was a flurry of activity there at the end of November and the beginning of December as the congregation made improvements prior to the arrival of their new pastor. I counted as many as a dozen vehicles parked outside on one occasion.

While passing by I had opportunity to recall all the maintenance and improvements our congregation made to our parsonage between Pastor Dana’s departure and my arrival. This, in turn, reminds me how we approach everything we do as a church with the same care and thoughtfulness, whether this is planning worship services, considering new programs, following through on outreach commitments, or stewarding our financial resources.

Now sometimes this level of attention to detail can stifle a church’s spontaneity and the movement of the Holy Spirit. What I love about our church is our caution; our prudence doesn’t dampen the Holy Spirit’s presence among us. We are an enthusiastic congregation with a warm and lively way of worshipping, greeting new people, and interacting with each other. We both “take care of business” and are open to new things God may be doing among us.

All this is my way of saying I believe our church is a healthy church. We certainly have “work” to do in deepening our life together, reaching out to others not a part of our congregation, inviting them to church, embracing them as they walk through our doors, and considering how to touch the lives of more people in Ely.

And we may not necessarily know what the next thing is until it’s on our doorstep, so let’s all of us keep watching and praying!

Thank you for your all your good work, worship, and service. I am thrilled to be your pastor and look forward to the next years together.

With appreciation,

*Pastor Craig Haberman
December 18, 2019*

Bake/Craft breakdown is not exact. Also, there wasn’t a separate accounting for the Sunday sales vs Saturday. Margie Olson reported that Bonnie Berglund ended up buying the 3 remaining blankets that Margie had made and had put the \$75 in the General Fund offering at church. With that, the total income for the church from the bazaar is \$2523.30. Additional comments: we should probably cut down on the desserts for the Coffee ‘N since there were a lot left. Patty had already reduced the number of people contributing from 13 to 12 but it may need to be smaller than that. We had a nice mix of craft items. Donna Rusco reported that the bake sale went well. She suggested Bev Johnson make a couple of her “Swedish coffee rings” again next time. Bev also commented that she found some nice “bulky yarn” that will be good for making nice warm snow hats for next time. They should sell well with a \$5 price.

- **Festival of Tree Wreath:** Lucy picked up the wreath the previous week and had delivered it to Jan Rue who had agreed to decorate it. Lucy will call Jan to remind her that it needs to be turned in at the GEL on November 23.

New Business

- **Reach-Renew-Rejoice:** Lucy brought up the idea of once again making a donation from the UMW to the Reach-Renew-Rejoice campaign. Jeanne suggested donating \$200 like we’ve done the past few years. Janice Tessier suggested that perhaps we should commit to donating the difference to bring the total donation to our \$1,000 goal. Jeanne moved that we do that, second by Tootsie Loe. Motion passed.

We adjourned the business meeting portion at 1:22 PM.

For our devotional study, we read Chapter 5 of our study book, Attitude is Your Paint Brush - It Colors Every Situation. This chapter was about having an “Attitude of Humility”, recognizing that we stand on the shoulders of many for any good that we do and should especially stand on the Holy Spirit who enables us to forgive, love unconditionally and build the church.

We then enjoyed a pumpkin pie supplied by Jeanne Tomlinson. The hostess for January 22 will be Margie Olson..

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Tomlinson , UMW Secretary

pastors. Instead of every 5 years, it will now be every 7 years but will be a much more extensive training. His name came up to get this training so he has started the process which will continue into 2020.

2. Dick Beardsley: Jay reported that the community is sponsoring an inspiring athlete to come on January 15 to make a presentation at the school in the afternoon and one to the community at 7 PM. This conflicts with our scheduled Ad Council meeting. Bev Johnson moved we change the meeting date to January 22. Second by Mark Olson. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with a unison reciting of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary

United Methodist Women (UMW) – Minutes November 20, 2019

President Lucy Diesslin opened the meeting at 1 PM with prayer and a unison reading of the UMW pledge with Marge Forsberg, Beverly Johnson, LaVerne Lindholm, Carol Linneman, Tootsie Loe, Margie Olson, Donna Rusco, Janice Tessier, Jeanne Tomlinson and Jeri Walburn in attendance.

The minutes from our September 25, 2019 meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve by Margie Olson; second by Jeri Walburn.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Old Business

- **Christmas Luncheon:** Jeanne Tomlinson requested we set the start time for our luncheon on Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30 AM since our church is doing the Carefree Living Worship Service at 1:15 PM. She'll bring the sign-up sheet to church on this coming Sunday (Nov 24). Reservations have been made at the GEL with a final count to be called in on Monday, December 9.
- **Bazaar:** We discussed our November 2 Bazaar. It was agreed that it went well. Beverly Johnson reported the following breakdown for the income: Donations \$540.50, Coffee'N \$304, Bake sale \$1,223, Crafts \$332.80 and an additional \$58 that wasn't categorized. She mentioned that some people wrote only one check to cover both craft and bake sale items so the

Contact Information and Office Hours for January 2020

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Pastor Craig is planning to be in the church office from 9 AM to 11 AM on Tuesdays through Saturdays through most of January. He will be out of town January 10-11, 25, and 27-29.

District Supervisor Visit Saturday, January 4, 2020 • PM

Our former District Supervisor, Mark Miller, returned to a pastor position earlier this year. Our new District Supervisor, Laurie Kantonen, has scheduled her first visit with us for Saturday, January 4, 2020. As of publishing time we don't have an exact time for her visit though it will be sometime in the afternoon. She is planning to meet with the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and also with the congregation.

Future Dates to Remember

(Check this month's calendar for January events.)

- **Sunday, February 9th at 11:25 AM:** All church Pot Luck

Update on Ely UMC

Reach-Renew-Rejoice Final Year Contribution

Thank you once again to our amazing church family! As of our publishing time (December 22) the 2019 Reach-Renew-Rejoice donations from our church had reached \$734.25. AND...the Ely United Methodist Women have pledged to cover whatever is needed to bring the total to our \$1,000 goal. So congratulations, Ely UMC! We reached the goals we set for each of the 5 years of this conference fundraising campaign. Be assured that all these funds have helped a number of churches around Minnesota to

revitalize and/or expand into new churches. You have helped “make disciples” around our state.

If you’d like to learn more about what the Minnesota Annual Conference has been doing with these funds, please check out following website:

www.minnesotaumc.org/newsdetail/reach-renew-rejoice-5-year-progress-12125380

All Church Conference - Minutes Wednesday, December 18, 2019 • 7:00 PM

Call To Order: Pastor Craig Haberman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendees (8): Craig Haberman, Dan & Bev Johnson, Mark & Margie Olson, Donna Rusco, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson

Devotional: Since all the attendees would also be attending the Ad Council meeting, Pastor Craig deferred the opening thought to that meeting.

State of the Church: Pastor Craig referred us to the distributed 2019 Annual Church Conference booklet containing a brief statement about the state of the church from his observations over the past year. In summary, our church is healthy but we still have more work to do in deepening our life together, reaching out to others not a part of our congregation to invite them in and embrace them, and considering how to touch the lives of more people in Ely.

Budget 2020: The proposed budget for 2020, totaling \$109,000.22 was briefly discussed along with the details of the Pastor Compensation approved by the Pastor Parish Relations Committee that had been submitted to the conference. There was a slight difference in the amounts shown in the two reports for the Parsonage Fuel and Utilities. It was explained that the PPR committee was primarily approving the base salary in the Pastor Compensation documents and had not focused on the parsonage fuel & utilities figures. Those were adjusted later during the Finance Committee meeting in the 2020 Budget preparations but had not been revised in the Pastor Compensation document. Pastor Craig assured us this was not an issue.

Nominations Report: The nominations for the 2022 classes of the following committees were:

Board of Trustees: Norm Rusco, Mark Luthens, Brett Porthan.

• **Worship:** Bev Johnson reported that the church Christmas decorating was a big success with a very nice turnout of active decorators and a wonderful meal by the Rues afterwards. We had only a small group to put up the 5 apartment Christmas trees. We discussed when to take the decorations & trees down and agreed on Sunday, January 5 at 1 PM for the church decorations, at which time the decorations will be inventoried and assessed to determine what will need to be replaced for next year. We scheduled taking down the apartment trees on Monday, January 6 at 2 PM. Dan will bring sign-up sheets for both of these this coming Sunday, Dec 22.

• **Parish Health Ministry:** Donna Rusco reported that she & Gail Haney took 18 prayers shawls to the Boundary Waters Care Center.

• **Visioning:** Jay Tomlinson reported that the committee met on December 12 and is continuing discussions on the detail survey results. No decisions have been made yet.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Progress on Church Handbook: Jeanne Tomlinson had distributed copies of the final draft of the *Handbook of Responsibilities* at the Annual Church Conference earlier. There will be an article in the January *FISH* letting people know that copies are available upon request.

2. Welcome Visitor Pamphlet: Jeanne had copies made of the new pamphlet but they still need to be folded and possibly trimmed to fit into the pews. This will be done in the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Children’s International Sponsorship of a new child: Mark Olson reported that the child we had been sponsoring had turned 18 and had opted out of the program. CI sent us information on another child, Lizzbeth (also from Guatemala) asking if we would be willing to sponsor her. Mark reported that the monthly support along with the various monetary gifts we send during the year comes to about \$520. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we continue sponsoring a child. Second by Bev Johnson. Motion passed.

2. Paper needed: Pastor Craig reported that we need another box of copy paper but with his back issues he will not be able to pick that up from the Echo. Mark Olson offered to take care of it.

Correspondence – None

Items of Information

1. Pastoral “Boundary Training”: Pastor Craig reported that the conference has changed “Boundary Training” which is required of all

Treasurer's Report: Mark Olson presented the November 2019 Treasurer's Report. Receipts & disbursements were \$9,707.30 & \$9,620.87, respectively. Ending balances were: Undesignated Funds \$13,407.15; Building Fund \$3,769.09; Memorial Fund \$10,031.44; Parish Health Ministries \$340; R3 Project \$638.25; Gift of Giving Project \$1,135.16. Motion to accept by Jeanne Tomlinson, second by Margie Olson. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Board of Trustees:** Margie Olson reported on the following:
 - † **Old external Lights:** She finally heard back from the electrician about the old external lights. He confirmed they are no good and can be trashed.
 - † **Front Porch Motion Light Quote:** They received a quote for fixing the front porch motion sensor lights: \$565.
 - † **Quote for a 220 electric line:** They received a quote for adding the electrical line to install the donated coffee machine: \$1150. They'd already decided this would be delayed until the stove is replaced so that line can be used.
 - † **Snow Plow:** Snow plowing had some issues, primarily with the next door neighbors not honoring parking lot limits.
 - † **Insulation:** Butch Diesslin added insulation around the new sanctuary thermostat.
 - † **Propane Tank:** The propane tank doesn't have a path to it and is covered with snow. Pastor Craig offered to take care of it.
 - † **Old chalkboards:** Margie & Mark took the old chalkboards to the dump.
 - † **Compliments:** Margie commended the lawn mowers & snow shovelers & plowers for the good job they've been doing.
 - † **Meeting:** The next meeting will be in April.
- **Outreach:** Jay Tomlinson reported the Gift of Giving project is in progress. Gifts for Boundary Waters Care Center were packaged on Thursday, Dec 12 and distributed to the residents at their Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec 17. The staff had also purchased & packaged many other gifts with money that the community had generously sent in to compensate for the theft of a collection they had taken earlier so there were quite a few gifts for each resident. There were lots of smiles and happy residents. The Carefree Living gifts will be packaged on Thursday Dec 19 and will be distributed at 1 PM on Christmas Eve.

Pastor-Parish Relations: Sue Peterson, Dan Ely, Sheri Rue.
Nominations & Personnel: Donna Rusco, Cathy Aldrich.

Pastor Craig asked for any additional nominations. Jeanne Tomlinson nominated Paula Mattila for Nominations & Personnel. Second by Jay Tomlinson & Bev Johnson. Nomination approved.

Ad Council Nominations: Pastor Craig discussed the nominations for the Administrative Council:

Chairperson: Dan Johnson
Vice Chairperson: Keith Rue
Recording Secretary: Jeanne Tomlinson
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Keith & Sheri Rue
Lay Leader: Patty Rusco
Board of Trustees Chairperson: Trustees elect at first meeting
Finance and Stewardship Chairperson: Bev Johnson
Pastor Parish Relations Chairperson: Jeanne Tomlinson
Church Treasurer: Mark Olson

Program Chairpersons:

Worship: Linda Hane
Nurture and Membership Care: Bonnie Berglund
Education: Chris Urbas
President UMW: Lucy Diesslin
Parish Nurse/Care Person: Donna Rusco
Visioning: Rich Floyd
Outreach: Jay Tomlinson
Memorial: Carol Linneman

Bev Johnson moved to approve the distributed information. Second by Jay Tomlinson. Motion passed.

Membership Status: Pastor Craig referred us to the distributed booklet containing the detail statistics for our membership. With 11 Transfers in 2019 and one Death our Full Membership Roll went from 187 to 197.

The was no other business required.

Motion to adjourn by Jay Tomlinson; second by Marge Olson. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary

Ely United Methodist Church

Nominated Church Leadership 2020

Administrative Council

Chairperson:	Dan Johnson
Vice Chairperson:	Keith Rue
Recording Secretary:	Jeanne Tomlinson
Lay Member to Annual Conference:	Keith & Sheri Rue
Lay Leader:	Patty Rusco
Chairperson – Finance and Stewardship:	Bev Johnson
Chairperson – Pastor Parish Relations:	Jeanne Tomlinson
Chairperson – Board of Trustees:	<i>Chosen by Trustees</i>
Church Treasurer:	Mark Olson

Program Chairpersons

Worship:	Linda Hane
Nurture and Membership Care:	Bonnie Berglund
Education:	Chris Urbas
President UMW:	Lucy Diesslin
Parish Care Person:	Donna Rusco
Visioning:	Rich Floyd
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Board of Trustees

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Phil Hegfors	Margie Olson	Norm Rusco
Bryan Rusco	Pam Turnbull	Mark Luthens
Zach Rue	Jim Peterson	Brett Porthan

Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson – Jeanne Tomlinson		
<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Jeanne Tomlinson	Linda Hane	Sue Peterson
Bob Olson	Sara Archambault	Dan Ely
Lee Tessier	Gerald Niskala	Sheri Rue

Nominations and Personnel

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Linda Hane	LaVerne Lindholm	Donna Rusco
Patty Rusco	Pat Olson	Cathy Aldrich
Tricia Scheffler	Tootsie Loe	Paula Mattila

Finance Committee

Chairperson:	Bev Johnson
Pastor:	Craig Haberman
Lay Member to Annual Conference:	Keith & Sheri Rue
Chairperson of Ad Council:	Dan Johnson

course of this past year, you'll know we have been working on updating the Ely UMC Church *Handbook of Responsibilities*, formerly called *Servants of God Handbook* from 2006. This handbook details the responsibilities for key committees and roles within our church. The updated version includes an "Organizational Chart" which is a one-page diagram of our current church administrative structure & activities. Some printed copies of this handbook were distributed at the December 18th All Church Conference. If you are interested in getting a copy, please call the church or email a request to elymethodist@elyumc.org. In either case, please specify whether you want a printed copy or an electronic copy.

Administrative Council - Minutes December 8, 2019 Ad Hoc Meeting

Finance Chair, Bev Johnson, requested a short Ad Council meeting following the church service on Sunday, December 8. We had received notification from the conference that the figure of \$7,416 that we were using in our 2020 Budget for the pastor's health insurance should have been \$8,820. Bev Johnson moved that we revise our budget to add the \$1,404 increase needed for the pastor's health insurance. Jeanne Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Administrative Council - Minutes Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Call To Order: Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:23 PM.

Attendees (8): Craig Haberman, Bev & Dan Johnson, Margie & Mark Olson, Donna Rusco and Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson.

Opening: Pastor Craig provided the "Opening Thought" from *Mysteries of God* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer emphasizing how theology is not really explaining faith but celebrating the mystery and that we should do the same.

Minutes: The November 20, 2019 Ad Council minutes were approved as printed in the December *FISH*. Motion to approve by Margie Olson; second by Bev Johnson.

whelmed and appreciative. The following pictures say more than words can express as to the value of the *Gift of Giving* program. Thank you Ely United Methodist Church Congregation. Next year, Tricia Scheffler has volunteered to chair the *Gift of Giving* program.



Above: Packing Christmas Gifts; Below: Sunday School class making Christmas cards; Left: Christmas card samples; Below: Gift distribution



Updated EUMC Church Handbook of Responsibilities

If you have been following the Ad Council minutes over the

Chairperson of Board of Trustees: *Chosen by Trustees*
Chair of Nurture & Membership: **Bonnie Berglund**
Lay Leader: **Patty Rusco**
Financial Secretary: **Patty Niskala**
Recording Secretaries: **Sheila Shultz**
Deanie Kuehl
Sue Tedrick

Church Treasurers:
General Fund: **Mark Olson**
Building Fund: **Margie Olson**

Annual Audit Committee

Bev Johnson, Richard Floyd, Dave Markwardt

Memorial Committee

Carol Linneman, Sharon Luthens, Margie Olson, Marge Forsberg, Jeri Walburn, Bonnie Berglund

Worship

Chairperson: **Linda Hane**
Communion Stewards: **Carol Laine**
Nancy Markwardt
Lay Leader: **Patty Rusco**
Head Usher: **Dan Johnson**
Representatives at Large: **Bev Johnson**

Education

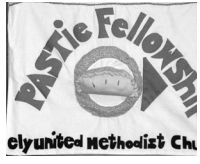

Nurture & Membership Care Coordinator: **Chris Urbas**
Bonnie Berglund

Resource Persons (Funerals): **Patty Rusco, Margie Olson, Pam Turnbull, Carol Linneman, Patty Niskala**

Gift of Giving 2019 Summary Report

The 2019 *Gift of Giving* outreach program was a huge success this year beginning with only two free will offerings to meet our financial goal of \$1,100. Total giving came to \$1,135.16. We were able to take full advantage of 'Black Friday' sales this year saving over \$700 just from Kohl's and the gifts were truly outstanding. A total of \$1,127.35 was spent leaving a balance of \$7.81 to begin the 2020 program. Our Sunday school children made more than 100 Christmas cards under the talented direction of Chris Urbas. The recipients at both Boundary Waters Care Center and Carefree Living facilities were truly over-

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Carefree Living Worship Service 1:15 PM NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4 Congregation & Pastor Parish Relations Meeting with DS Laurie Kantonen
5 8:45 AM Sunday School Worship & Communion Service K-6 Sunday School 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Fellowship/Refreshments 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Confirmation Class - 11:30 AM Remove & Pack Sanctuary Christmas Decorations - 1 PM	6 Take down & Pack Apartment Christmas Trees - 2:00 PM	7 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	8 Kid's Club 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.	9 Ely Ministerial 9:00 AM Choir Practice 6:00 PM Visioning Committee Meeting - 7:05 PM	10 Pastor Craig Out	11 Pastor Craig Out
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19 8:45 AM Sunday School Worship Service K-6 Sunday School 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Fellowship/Refreshments 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Confirmation Class 11:30 AM Boundary Water Care Center Worship Service - 2:30 PM	20 Pasties !  United Methodist Ch. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	21 Pasties !  United Methodist Ch.	22 UMW Meeting 1:00 PM (Margie Olson Hostess) Kid's Club 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. Ad Council Meeting 7:00 PM	23 Choir Practice 6:00 PM	24	25 Pastor Craig Out
26 8:45 AM Sunday School Worship Service K-6 Sunday School 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Fellowship/Refreshments 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	27 Pastor Craig Out Schmita Retreat	28 Pastor Craig Out Schmita Retreat	29 Pastor Craig Out Schmita Retreat Kid's Club 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.	30 Choir Practice 6:00 PM	31	