

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, some years back our "Fish" Newsletter contained a series of **articles** written by one of our Church Family members, those **articles** highlighted one area of service or another, or many areas of service provided unto God and to our Church Family, by someone special.

Now, those special people were given a special name in those **articles**, they were called "**QUIET WORKERS**"!!!

Now, the idea was that these someone specials to which we are referring, these "**QUIET WORKERS**", were people who just served, and served, and served, without much of what we might call "**FANFARE**"!!!

Well, as we enter the month of November, we enter the month of the year in which our country celebrates something we like to call "**THANKSGIVING DAY**"!!!

Well, looking beyond the Pilgrims, the Turkeys, the Native Americans, the Pecan and Pumpkin Pies, the Football games, the Cranberry Sauces, and all the Family Gatherings, let us pause to consider another aspect of "**THANKSGIVING**"!!!

Yes, the **articles** may have stopped but we here in the Ely U.M.C. ought to pause with "**THANKSGIVING**" in our hearts because

there are so many special people within our Church Family whom we can call, or give the name, "**QUIET WORKERS**"!!!

Indeed, it can very easily be said, that there have been and continue to be many "**QUIET WORKERS**" who are serving God and our Church Family here in the Ely U.M.C.!!!

So now, you may have noticed a little word used here in describing the "**QUIET WORKERS**" of the Ely U.M.C., that little word is **MANY**!!!

Therefore, rather than trying to lift one or two or three special people up let us be mindful of the **MANY** special people in our midst for whom we ought to be very "**THANKFUL**" as they serve God and our Church Family!!!

Now, our first heartfelt proclamation of "**THANKSGIVING**" should be, ought to be, for our gracious and loving **GOD** who has blessed us with these special people we are calling the "**QUIET WORKERS**"!!!

Now, our second heartfelt proclamation of "**THANKSGIVING**" can be given to our **MANY** brothers and sisters who are serving God and our Church Family without the "**FANFARE**" and the brass band playing a tune just for them, for they are indeed the "**QUIET WORKERS** among us!!!

Just look at a ministry, look at a mission, or look at a committee, associated with our Ely U.M.C. Family and you will find one or more of the **MANY** special people serving God and our Church Family as a "**_____**"!!! Thank you brothers and sisters here in the Ely U.M.C. for you are the **MANY** who may be called "**QUIET WORKERS**"!!!

Love in Christ,

Dana

PSALM 118: 1-14, 28-29

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’ Let the house of Aaron say, ‘His steadfast love endure forever.’ Let those who fear the Lord say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me? The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

All nations surrounded me; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! They surrounded me like bees; they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”

THANKS for your GIVING

from ELY UMC OUTREACH



Our Church Family had the opportunity again this year to join in sharing with the Ely Area Food Shelf. It was wonderful to see Stanley The Scarecrow’s basket being filled with healthy food for families.

The cash and checks will be used by the Food Shelf to purchase \$10 worth of goods for each \$1 donated.

As of October 21, 2013 \$406.00 has been donated!!!

Again, this year, Ely UMC has shown its love and concern for our community during this Thanksgiving season.

MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING

ADVENT SEASON

Study:

Yes, we are just entering the month of November; and yes, “Advent Season” actually starts on Sunday December 1, 2013; however, we are going to offer a

SPECIAL---ADVENT---STUDY

which will be run the first **three** Sundays in November and **two** of the middle Sundays in December.

The study we are going to use is from a book titled “The Journey Walking the Road to Bethlehem” by Adam Hamilton. We will buy some of the books for reading and use. The Study involves a Scripture Reading, a short (roughly ten minute) Video, and a discussion on both the Scripture and Book. Just a note: the book does give “**food** for **thought**”!!!

We will run the study on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-2:00 P.M. with the pastor as leader of the discussion.

Sunday November 3	---Chapter One---	“Mary of Nazareth”
Sunday November 10	---Chapter Two---	“Joseph of Bethlehem”
Sunday November 17	---Chapter Three---	“Mary’s Visit to Elizabeth”
Sunday December 8	---Chapter Four---	“From Nazareth to Bethlehem”
Sunday December 15	---Chapter Five---	“The Manger”

THE GIVING TREE IS GOING UP!!!

Ely United Methodist Church has an opportunity again this season to make Christmas special for families with children in our community.

By Sunday, November 3rd, our Giving Tree will be decorated with

Children’s Christmas wishes.

Each tag has suggested items as gifts to choose from.

Please select a tag and enter you name and phone number

on the list next to the tag’s number.

You may join someone else when selecting a tag if you wish.

All gifts need to be under the tree, unwrapped by December 1st

They will be picked up by December 3rd.

Ely UMC Outreach again thanks you for the generosity and love you share with those in our community.

May the spirit of giving to God’s children be with you always.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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BAZZAAR:

Well, well, well, we have been hearing about the “Ely U.M.C. Bazaar” for neigh unto a year now!!! Guess what?? The “Ely U.M.C. Bazaar” is now here:

Saturday November 9

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Well, well, well, we look forward to seeing all those various **craft items** coming in for sale; well, well, well, we look forward to seeing all those various **baked goods items** coming in for sale; well, well, well, we look forward to seeing all those various **dessert items** coming in for the coffee and... aspect of the Bazaar; and well, well, well, we look forward to the wonderful opportunity our Ely U.M.C. Bazaar provides for fellowship!!!

Well, well, well, over the years (every other of late) our Ely U.M.C. Bazaar has been a wonderful success; and do you not know that our Ely U.M.C. Bazaar has gone well over the years because of the **MANY** special some ones we might call **QUIET WORKERS** who have given of their time by getting involved!!!

Well, well, well, here we are the 2013 Ely U.M.C. Bazaar; let’s be among those who take the time to get involved---help the church

out---help your brothers and sisters out---take the time to what is it called---**PARTICIPATE!!!**

Thank

You:

We pause at this time to share a special word of appreciation with a number of people who have given of their time to spruce up two tiled ceilings and the hallway leading to our “Fellowship Hall” or basement!!!

We say thank you to Margie Olson, Butch Diesslin, Ger Niskala, Mark Luthens, Bryan Rusco, Norm Rusco, and Rich Floyd, all of whom played a part in sprucing up and lightening up two of our tiled ceilings and the hallway leading to our “Fellowship Hall” or basement!!! Indeed, the two ceilings and the hallway are much improved and we your Church Family say **THANK YOU!!!**

BIBLE

STUDY:

November 2013

2:00 P.M.

Thursday November 7---I Corinthians Chapters 10

Thursday November 14---I Corinthians Chapter 11

Thursday November 21---I Corinthians Chapter 12

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES October 16, 2013
Ely United Methodist Church Number Present: 8**

Chairman Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Jeanne Tomlinson began the meeting with an Opening Thought from “The Upper Room”.

The Minutes of the September 18, 2013 Ad Council meeting were approved as printed.

The **Treasurer’s Reports** for May, June, July and August, 2012 were presented by Treasurer Mark Olson. The report for each month was highlighted. The September end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$2,320.81; Building Fund: \$20,731.60; Reserve Fund \$5013.17, Memorial Fund: \$11,605.67

The **Board of Trustees** Chairperson Margie Olson reported on the status of the stairway remodel being completed by Rich Floyd and Norman Rusco. The summer Lawn Maintenance by volunteers went well, with thanks to all who volunteered. The winter Snow Shoveling volunteer sign-up sheet and shoveling guidelines are posted on the bulletin board. New carpeting has been purchased for the Church front entry and stairs, to be installed soon. Stripping and re-waxing of the Fellowship Hall; Floor is being scheduled. The next Trustee meeting will be January 7, 2014.

The **Finance Committee** will meet at 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at the Church to develop the 2014 Budget.

The **Outreach Committee** Chairperson Toni Floyd reported the pillow case making for child cancer patients resulted in the making of 50 pillow cases. The annual Stanley the Scarecrow food shelf donation period has resulted in several food items and \$200+ in cash. The Church will participate in “The Giving Tree” Christmas gift program of ECR. The Tree – with gift tags - will be going up on November 3, gifts are to be a Church by December 1.

The **Pastor Parish Relations Committee** met in September with the District Superintendent, doing a pastor evaluation. The Committee set the Pastor’s salary for 2014.

Old Business

1. **Portable Basketball Hoop/Backboard** – Youth group leaders Keith and Sherri Rue are looking for a portable basketball hoop & backboard for use by the Youth Group.
2. **Used Folding Chair and Rack Sale** – The Church has 56 used folding chairs and 1 chair storage rack for sale – See October, 2013 *The Fish* Newsletter. These chairs and rack are now available for sale to anyone wishing to buy them at \$5/chair.
3. **Defibrillator Case** – The Ad. Council thanked Don Markwardt for making a case for the Church’s defibrillator.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **October Pasty Report** – Made 722 pasties; Materials and Supplies Expense: \$1472.76; Receipts: \$4,323; Net Income: \$2,850.24

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. **Church Bazaar – Saturday November 9, 2013, 1-3 PM**
2. **November Pasty Making will be November 18-19, 2013.** Jeanne Tomlinson is accepting new customers – contact Jeanne with names and phone numbers of new customers to add to the calling list.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM. The meeting was closed by those attending reciting “*The Lords Prayer*”.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blaine “Butch” Diesslin

PASTY REPORT:

Pasties Made-	722
Material and Supplies Expense-	\$1,472.76
Receipts-	\$4,323.00
Net Income-	\$2,850.24

GRASS IS GREEN --- SNOW IS WHITE !!!

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Mark Luthens, Justin Zemke, Dan & Bev Johnson, Pastor Dana Thompson and Mark Olson for doing the lawn care and mowing this summer.

We are now looking for volunteers for sidewalk snow shoveling for the winter months. We need to keep the Church sidewalks and entryways clear of snow and Ice during the winter months. Mark & Margie Olson have signed up for November, so December thru April need to be filled. Volunteers can sign up for a month at a time by themselves or get together with other people and do a month that way.

The walkways and sidewalks to the church entrances – the front door, the handicapped ramp and the rear door to the Fellowship Hall (basement) – must be kept safe for walking and be welcoming to those coming to the Church during the winter months.

The maintenance of the sidewalks entails the removal of snow and ice in a timely manner after a snowfall, to ensure the sidewalks are as safe as possible. **On Sunday mornings the walkways need to be shoveled before 8:30am.** The Church provides snow shovels, ice scrapers and brooms for removing snow and ice. These tools are stored in the Church garage during the summer months and are placed next to the front doors and the back door to the Fellowship hall during the winter months.

The Church has ice-melting calcium chloride and sand for better traction on ice. These are kept in the coat closet in the overflow room. Please notify one the the Trustees or the Pastor, if the Church needs to purchase additional ice-melt, sand or snow removal tools.

The Church is responsible for maintaining and clearing all of the “public” sidewalks adjacent to the Church property – along Camp

Street, and along Third Avenue next to the Church and the lower Parking Lot. Ely city ordinances require property owners to keep the public sidewalk adjacent to their property cleared of snow and ice. (As a rule, the volunteers who plow the parking lot usually use their plows to do the “public” sidewalks, however some clean-up may be needed by the basement entrance)

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Thank You in advance!!!

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-LEARNING about faith in GOD

-LIVING our faith in GOD

-SERVING by faith as GOD’S children

-RENEWING our faith as GOD’S children

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BEGINS---January 12, 2014

Sundays at 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

NEWSLETTER BLURB:

Make your voice heard; Minnesota Conference requests input for feasibility study

The Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church recently launched a feasibility study, and United Methodists across the state are being asked to participate. The study will assess the conference's readiness for a congregational development capital campaign to seed new faith communities across the state and help existing congregations like ours grow in strength, spirituality, and community impact.

Please visit the home page of the conference website (www.minnesotaumc.org) and click on "Feasibility Study" to learn more about the efforts underway and provide input through a brief online questionnaire. All responses submitted through the questionnaire are confidential and go directly to the consulting firm that's leading the conference through the feasibility study process.

Your feedback is important and will be used to formulate objectives and plans. Many of our church leaders are participating in the feasibility study. A report on the findings will be presented at the 2014 annual conference session.