

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

So, the **“Ely Harvest Moon Festival”** has come and gone!!!

Indeed, fall is generally considered **“Harvest Time”**!!!

Let’s just pause for a few moments to consider, how it is that you get to a fruitful and plentiful **“Harvest Time”**???

Well, a fruitful and plentiful **“Harvest Time”** actually does involve a many step process!!!

A fruitful and plentiful **“Harvest Time”** springs from good soil preparation which is often begun during the previous fall. Now, the obviously critical step to experiencing a fruitful and plentiful **“Harvest Time”** is the planting of seeds, or the care of plants already in existence. However, we could also add steps like the need for weeding, watering, providing nutrients, rain, and sun, all in the appropriate blends provided by gardeners, farmers, and yes **GOD!!!**

So, the **“Ely Harvest Moon Festival”** has come and gone!!! However, even though fall is generally considered **“Harvest Time”** have you ever noticed that **“Harvest Time”** occurs at many different times???

Ah, **“Harvest Time”** for the blueberry, strawberry, raspberry, and the tomato is not at the same time, nor is it for the winter wheat and the summer wheat, nor is it for the beans and the corn, or maybe even the sunflower seeds and the lettuce. Yes, **“Harvest Time”** varies with what is planted, the amount of water, the amount of sunshine, the nutrients, the competition from weeds, and

the general quality of the growing season along with the care given!!!

Let’s talk **“Human Hearts”** for a few moments, let’s talk about **“Human Hearts”** and **“Harvest Time”**!!!

We the Family of God should be planting seeds in the soil of the **“Human Heart”**; the seeds of **GOD’S LOVE!!!**

We the Family of God should be nurturing, watering, weeding, and providing nutrients, for the **“Human Heart”** through Bible Study, Sunday School, Fellowship, and most importantly Worship, seeking to enhance the growth of the seeds of **GOD’S LOVE!!!**

We the Family of God should be a people who continually **PRAY** for **GOD’S PRESENCE** among us enhancing the quality of the growing season for the **“Human Heart”**!!!

We the Family of God should be a people who continually **PRAY** for **GOD’S PRESENCE** proving the **GROWTH** of the seeds of **GOD’S LOVE** within the **“Human Heart”**!!!

We the Family of God should be a people who continually **PRAY** for **“Harvest Time”** within the **“Human Heart”** wrapped in **GOD’S LOVE** and blessed by **GOD!!!**

We as the Family of God should be a people who continually **PRAY** for a fruitful and plentiful **“Harvest Time”** within the **“Human Heart”** as we celebrate our walk with God as the Family of God here in the Ely U.M.C.!!!

“Human Hearts” and **“Harvest Time”**, and the **WONDER** of **GOD**, provides us as the Family of God the wonderful opportunity to participate in an ongoing **“Harvest Time”**!!!

Love in Christ,

Dana

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Ely United Methodist Church

September 18, 2013

Number Present: 7

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

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought of “*The Upper Room*” message for September 18, 2013.

The Minutes of the May 15, 2013 Ad Council meeting were approved as printed in the Jun/Jul/Aug 2013 Church Newsletter.

The **Treasurer’s Reports** for May, June, July and August, 2013 were presented by Treasurer Mark Olson. The reports were highlighted. The August, 2013 end of the month account balances were - General Fund: \$1,991.20; Building Fund: \$20,727.23; Reserve Fund \$5,012.07; Memorial Fund: \$10,083.31

The **Board of Trustees** report was presented by Mark Olson for Margie Olson. Items reported included progress on the church stairwell, carpeting for the church front steps, purchase of a lawn mower and weed whacker, church front lawn, drain spouts replacements, adding stairwell spindles to the stair railing, basement and nursery floor work.

The **Memorial Fund Task Force** met on August 6, 2013 and the report included mention of obtaining a Sam’s Club Membership for the church, looking into purchasing seat covers for the new chairs, purchase of a defibrillator in the names of Richard and Geraldine Floyd, purchasing lights for the choir members, and purchasing baptismal towels. The next meeting is to be held in November.

The **Finance Committee** will meet prior to the Church Conference to develop the 2014 Church Budget.

The **Pastor Parish Relations Committee** met for Pastor evaluation discussion and the next meeting will take place on October 1 at 6:15 PM with the District Superintendent Mark Miller.

Old Business

Purchase of Portable Basketball Hoop/Backboard – Keith Rue is looking into this project.

New Business

1. The Administrative Council approved offering church members the opportunity to buy up to 56 of the 98 old chairs at \$5 each by the next Ad Council meeting on October 16. After that time, any remainder of the 56 old chairs will be offered along with a chair rack to any group wishing to purchase them.
2. The church will hold a meeting to greet our new District Superintendent, Mark Miller, on October 1 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. All church members are encouraged to come to meet our new D.S. and to ask questions, share ideas and to join in fellowship. Mark is excited to come to Ely to our church to meet with congregation members and learn more about our church. Refreshments will be available.
3. The Church apportionments for 2014 have increased by \$197 over the 2013 figure.
4. The cushion standing mats used during pasty making should be cleaned prior to October. Keith Rue suggested it might be a task for the youth group.
5. It was suggested that the church either purchase or have someone make a case for the new Defibrillator.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. The church received a thank you from the NHRP for the \$100 contribution for the ***Jumpin’ Jehosaphats Concert and Dinner***. They also thanked the church for the use of the basement for the ***Matter of Balance*** classes that begin again on the 1st Thursday of October and run for 8 weeks.
2. The **Refrigerator/Freezer** has been repaired at a cost of \$1,007 and the **Oven** has been repaired at a cost just under \$300.
3. The church received an anonymous donation of \$15,000 toward the Building Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. The meeting was closed by those attending reciting “***The Lords Prayer***”.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Tomlinson for Blaine “Butch” Diesslin



“Stanley the Scarecrow” is coming back!

He will be arriving Sunday, October 6, 2013, to encourage us to remember all the people who rely on the Ely Food Shelf to help feed their families.

The Food Shelf can use any canned goods, but they often run out of peanut butter and powdered milk. Please make sure you check that the dates on any food have not expired. Don't forget that for every \$1 donated the Food Shelf can purchase \$10 worth of goods.

Let's try and see how full we can fill Stanley's basket this year before he leaves us on Sunday,

October 20, 2013.

Ely UMC OUTREACH

Inspiration: I Corinthians 18:1-13

“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love. I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have Prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”

CONSIDER:

Have you ever TIED a STRING to your FINGER?
Have you ever put something in a SPECIAL kind of PLACE so you could quickly get to that something in the special place? Have you ever carried a NOTEBOOK in your pocket so you could WRITE important things down?

THE STRING – THE PLACE – THE NOTEBOOK

What could be so important? What might I want to remember? Well, it is important to me; well, I want to remember; to pause from the numerous activities of living like to ENCOURAGE each of us to take the TIME to consider Sunday, January 12, 2014 as an opportunity to participate in a 11 or 12 week course for thoughtful reflection on our Christian FAITH, our walk with GOD, and how we LIVE the TWO day by precious day !!!

Now, I can say that I have watched and participated in both of the Alpha courses we sponsored back in 2005. I can also say that I think this course might be a good string, place, notebook for renewing, refreshing, revitalizing our GOD FOCUS !!! Indeed, I can say that this CD Program could be good for both NEW participants and PREVIOUS participants as a means of nurturing and strengthening our GOD connection and our FAMILY of GOD connection !!!

CONSIDER !!!

EVERYONE WELCOME !!!

REMEMBER :

2013 is a BAZAAR year !!!

Target: November 9,2013 !!!

FOLDING CHAIRS:

The Administrative Council approved offering church members the opportunity to buy up to 56 of our OLD folding chairs (gray) at \$5.00 each ----

Sale through next Ad Council meeting, October 16,2013 – After this time the chairs and one chair rack (cost to be determined) will be offered to anyone else wishing to buy them.

BIBLE STUDY

October 2013 – 2:00 PM

Thursdays

Thursday, October 3	I Corinthians 4:1-21
Thursday, October 10	I Corinthians 5:1-13
Thursday, October 17	No Bible study
Thursday, October 24	I Corinthians 6:1-20
Thursday, October 31	I Corinthians 7: 1-40

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SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES
FOR WORSHIP

“Boundary Waters Care Center”

Worship Service
Sunday, October 20,2013
2:30 PM

“Ely Carefree Living”
Worship Service
Wednesday October 30,2013
1:00 PM