

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, we are now preparing our summer version of the "Fish" (Newsletter) for the months of June, July, and August.

Well, looking out the window it appears as though we can say that the trees are finally, budding and leafing out.

Clearly, 2013 is one of those the springs that was not to be there were no "April Showers" and very few "May Flowers"!

Yet, **HOPE** pops out with every little leaf that stretches out toward the sky in anticipation of the summer that is to be! **WOW**, this has certainly been a unique beginning to summer!

Well, pausing to consider the uniqueness of this spring's (2013) springing or maybe sprunging (yes not a word and not a spring), a word comes to mind:

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PLEASANT---NAAA !!!

PERFECT---NAAA !!!

PREPOSTEROUS---UMMM---NAAA !!!

PATIENCE !!!

Well, pausing to consider the uniqueness of this spring's (2013) springing or maybe sprunging (yes not a word and not a spring), a word comes to mind **PATIENCE !!!**

Now, I have heard many, many, people comment on this thing called **PATIENCE** over the years. Surprisingly, patience is a trait many people seem to value highly and because it is highly valued it seems as though many, many, people would like to have more of it!

Not so surprisingly, a number of people feel a wee-bit shorted in the patience department; I have found myself in this predicament at times, short on **PATIENCE!!!**

Actually, if you think about it from the perspective of our being able to claim membership in the Family of God, our developing of patience turns out to be a **TRUE BLESSING!!!**

PATIENCE is a **BLESSING**: when we live in the light of God's love who has called upon us to be children in the Family of God who love one another day by precious day not just once in awhile!!!

PATIENCE is a **BLESSING**: as we continue to look into God's Holy Word seeking to gain greater understanding of God's will for our lives as lived out day by precious day!!!

PATIENCE is a **BLESSING**: as we continue to communion with God through our prayer lives; which generally speaking goes far beyond merely speaking to, to include listening in such a way that some communication ensues between us and God, day by precious day!!!

PATIENCE is a **BLESSING**: as we pause to consider not our own patience, but rather the **PATIENCE** of **GOD**, for us, as God's children: grace, forgiveness, comfort, care, and love are just some of the ways we experience **GOD'S PATIENCE** with us day by precious day!!!

Love in Christ,

Dana

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES
Ely United Methodist Church **Number Present: 8**
May 15, 2013

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 May 15, 2013.

The Minutes of the April 17, 2013 Ad Council meeting were approved as printed in the May 2013 Church Newsletter.

The **Treasurer’s Reports** for April, 2013 was presented by Treasurer Mark Olson. The report was highlighted. The April, 2013 end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$5,317.14; Building Fund: \$5,868.35; Reserve Fund \$5,007.08; Memorial Fund: \$10,515.81

The **Memorial Fund Task Force** met on May 7, 2013 and approved the purchase of 100 new folding chairs for use in the Church Fellowship Hall.

The **Education Committee** will be ordering a set of weekly program materials for use by those volunteering to lead the children in Sunday School.

The **Parish Health Ministries** is very pleased with the number of people accepting one of the free ‘Pocket Crosses’. There are plenty more of these pocket crosses in a basket in the rear of the Church.

Old Business

Purchase of Lawn Mower and Weed Trimmer - The new Lawn Mower, String Trimmer and gasoline cans have been purchased and are in the Church garage.

New Business

1. The Administrative Council approved Pastor Dana Thompson’s request for \$200 to be added to the pastoral Petty Cash fund, for possible use during the summer months.
2. The Administrative Council agreed to join Northwoods Hospice Respite Partners (NHRP) as one of the Co-Sponsors of **The Jumpin’ Jehosaphats Concert and Dinner** on Friday, August 2, 2013 in Whiteside Park.

3. The Administrative Council approved the request of Sherri Rue and the Youth Group members for the Church to acquire a portable basketball hoop/backboard. Sherri and Keith Rue will lead and guide the youth in the acquisition.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. The Minnesota Annual Conference “**Love Offering**” will be taken during the Sunday Worship service on **Sunday, May 26, 2013**. Those wishing to contribute by check, please make checks payable to Ely United Methodist Church, noting ‘love offering’.
2. **The Methodist Miler’s Team [aka M&M’s Team]** for the **American Cancer Society Relay For Life** in Ely will be sponsoring a luncheon in July. The Team is seeking new walking members, and sponsors for those walking through the night of August 9-10, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM. The meeting was closed by those attending reciting “**The Lords Prayer**”.

Respectfully Submitted,
Blaine “Butch” Diesslin

WOW: “Lawn Care for the Summer +++”

JUNE-----Justin Zemke
JULY-----Dan Johnson
AUGUST-----Dana Thompson
SEPTEMBER-----Mark Olson
OCTOBER-----Mark Olson

ALPHA---AGAIN !!!
Coming this Fall--- 2013

Some of you may remember “Alpha” and Nicky Gumbel, who provides the presentations by way of DVD!!! This is an enjoyable, enriching, educational, and thought provoking PROGRAM!

Some of you may remember “Alpha” and Nicky Gumbel, we ran the “Alpha” Course twice in 2005, early and late. We would like to offer it again in 2013 possibly beginning in September, for those who have gone through “Alpha” before it can be a refresher and for those who have never gone through an opportunity for a rich new adventure in **“FAITH”** reflection with the potential for **“FAITH”** growth!

The topics covered in 10 or 11 weeks are these:

- Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?
- Who Is Jesus?
- Why Did Jesus Die?
- How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?
- Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
- Why and How Do I Pray?
- How Does God Guide Us?
- 3 Lessons in 1 Day---
 - Who Is the Holy Spirit?
 - How Can I Be Filled With the Spirit?
 - What Does the Holy Spirit Do?
- How Can I Resist Evil?
- Why and How Should We Tell Others?
- Does God Heal Today?
- What About the Church?

Study, Coffee, and Discussion: 1 and ½ Hours per Session except for the 3 Lessons in 1 Day section. We would ask you to begin thinking about participating in “Alpha” 2013!!!

Special Thanks to
Bonnie Berglund for
getting things going and
the help of Bev Johnson,
Carol Laine, Gail Haney,
Linda Hane, Toni Floyd
and the H 2 H group. We
gave 57 plus premie hats
to Bria Schurke to take to
Maternity Clinics in
Africa! Well Done Ladies!

APRIL’S Outreach Project
was “Change for
Chicagami.”
The EUMC collected
\$132.58 for kids who need
scholarships to go to camp.
Last year 9 Ely children
attended camp using close
to \$500 in scholarship
funds.

In May, **Hearts 2 Hands**
celebrates 10 Wonderful
years of quilting for at-risk
kids!
For more information call
Toni Floyd 365-7420

AH YES: THE "M&M'S ARE BACK:

Well, every other year the community Of Ely hosts a "Cancer Walk" or as some know Them better, the" METHODIST MILERS "are Coming out of the woodwork or WOODS to again PARTICIPATE as one of the many teams in the Ely "Cancer Walk" !!!

This year's "Cancer Walk" will be held on Friday August 9 and Saturday August 10 at Whiteside Park. The walk will begin about 6:00 PM on Friday and conclude about 6:00 AM on Saturday.

If you have not heard the drum beat of the woodpecker pounding out the rhythmic CALL to all "METHODIST MILERS" you may not know that LUCY DIESSLIN, our team coordinator has already rounded up a TEAM of PARTICIPANTS !!! However, Lucy said that we can always use more WALKERS pounding out the LAPS, which do get counted. As a matter of fact, I would not mind company even though I may be taking one of the difficult time slots to fill (Dana) !!!

"METHODIST MILER" Team members will be selling LUMINARY BAGS for \$5:00 which can be decorated with designs and names of HONERARY along the walk way---you can purchase and decorate your own or---the team will have a decorating night !!!

Also, a SPECIAL fund raiser will be held by the team members on Wednesday, July 17. This fund raiser will be a LUNCHEON with a "Free Will Offering" taken to help sponsor the "METHODIST MILER" team !!!

This is just the beginning---if you have may questions, please contact Lucy Diesslin (365-6904)---don't wait until you hear the drum beat of the woodpecker pounding out the rhythmic call---keep the SPECIAL MINISTRY in your prayers as we move through the summer towards Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10!!!

BAZAAR

Well, since this is our last "FISH" Newsletter until September this is our last OPPORTUNITY before SUMMER to remind EVERYONE that this is a ODD year (2013), it is also a BAZAAR year (2013), for the Ely U.M.C. Family !!!

We take a moment, here in the "FISH" Newsletter, to remind EVERYONE to start thinking about how you might be able to PARTICIPATE in this year's BAZAAR !!! We have had some WONDERFUL bazaar's over the years because so many of you have PITCHED- IN and PARTICIPATED !!!

CRAFTS

BAKED GOODS

COFFEE ANDS....

So, YOU do not bake---maybe you craft or create things and we do sell all kinds of items made....

So YOU do not craft or create things---maybe you bake and we do have a bake table...

So, YOU do not craft, create, or bake---I know I do not do these things---and still I have found ways to help out by clipping and washing dishes for the Coffee Ands...

So, YOU and WE together can help make our 2013 Ely U.M.C. Bazaar a WONDERFUL experience which has the potential to add to our ability, through FUNDS raised, to continue participating in GOD'S MINISTRY as the FAMILY of GOD here in the Ely U.M.C.!!!

INSPIRATION: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

“That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him That he got into a boat and sat there, While the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil and they sprang up quickly since they had do depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’

‘Hear then the parable of the sower. Whenever anyone hears the word of the Kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches a way what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundred fold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’”

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Well, our YOUTH Sunday School and our new EVERYONE welcome Sunday School Classes will both be taking a pause during the months of June, July and August----NURSERY will continue through the summer.

YOUTH Sunday School is held during Sunday morning Worship Services following the children’s sermon. The EVERYONE welcome Sunday School is held from 9:00-9:30 AM on choir Sundays and 9:00-9:40 AM on non-choir Sunday.

These two Sunday School Classes will begin again on Sunday, September 2,2013 !!! We look forward to seeing YOU there !!

BIBLE STUDY

Well, our Thursday afternoon Bible Study which meets at 2:00 PM will, like our Sunday School Classes, be taking a pause during the months of June, July and August.

Thursday afternoon Bible Study will begin again on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 2:00 PM We welcome EVERYONE to try this Bible Study out as it begins anew this Fall !!!

YOUTH GROUP

Well, our Wednesday night Youth group, like Sunday School, like Bible Study will be taking a pause during the months of June, July and August. Youth Group gatherings and fun will begin anew this FALL in September. We look forward to seeing all of YOU there again !!!