

THE VISITOR

First United Church of Christ



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*"United in Christ's Joy we
welcome, love and serve all"*

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Rev. Bill Meyer
Intentional Interim Pastor

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

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One farmer's 2023 example for us

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I have watched Terrence Malick's long but deeply theological movie "A Hidden Life" several times. Each time, I have been deeply moved about events of 80 years ago. As 2023 opens, I think this film still has a timely message for followers of Jesus today.

"A Hidden Life" is about the life of Franz Jaegerstaetter, an Austrian farmer and who singularly took his loyalty to Jesus Christ so seriously that he could not swear the required soldier's oath of personal loyalty to Hitler. So Jaegerstaetter, 36, was put to death Aug. 9, 1943, after court-martial in Berlin. (I mentioned him in a 2022 sermon.)

I am not particularly courageous. I generally try to avoid conflict. So I have been stunned by Jaegerstaetter's example. I am writing these words because this farmer's example is still calling upon me -- and maybe others -- to be more faithful to Jesus Christ.

On Oct. 11, 2017, my wife and I visited Jaegersaetter's village, St. Radegund, and the village Catholic Church there, beside which his ashes are buried. I still have photos in my iPhone. When Jaegerstaetter lived there, the village had only about 500 people. Yet well into his lifetime it regularly staged an hours-long Passion Play -- until the Nazis put a stop to it. Some observers said Radegund's was better done than Oberammergau's.

My wife and I visited the Jaegerstaetter farmhouse, which now houses a small museum, and spoke with some members of the Jaegerstaetter family about him.

Jaegerstaetter didn't benefit from a lot of formal schooling and was looked down upon by those in the cities as "just a farmer." But he took careful advantage of the educational resources he did have. Tellingly, his Christianity was actually lived at a far deeper level than that of many who had many more educational advantages.

Jaegerstaetter frequently discussed his Catholic Christian faith and its implications with others. He was a thoughtful reader, not only of the Bible, but of many other books as well: "People who don't read will never be able to stand on their own feet and will all too easily become a football for the opinions of others," he wrote his godson.

The movie, where all the main characters speak English while German can be heard in the background, is highly theological. It is constructively thought-provoking. It asks many questions. It is filled with very personal struggles about what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus, rather than a follower of some other popular messianic figure. Even though Jaegerstaetter's rough hands betray his fairly simple work on the farm, he nevertheless decides that his words and his actions must not betray his loyalty to Jesus and the Gospel. (The now-Pope-emeritus Benedict XVI had been pushing Jaegerstaetter toward sainthood as one of the few 20th century, German-speaking examples of faith.)

Even though his church in Nazi-annexed Austria told him that he should take the oath to Hitler and serve in the Wehrmacht, Jaegerstaetter refused. He said he would not become a murderer by serving a fundamentally evil leader in an unjust war.

He knew his decision would cost him: "Ich verweigere" means "I refuse."

For 2023, we Christians also need to insist on seeing things clearly. Truth matters. We must cut through the moral evasions that let us fear human beings more than God.

In Luke 12: 4-5 (Good News Bible), Jesus himself tells us:

“I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot afterward do anything worse. I will show you whom to fear: fear God, who, after killing, has the authority to throw into hell. Believe me, he is the one you must fear! ...

In January of 1938 -- as the siren song of racial nationalism became stronger and stronger and as Jaegerstaetter was struggling with whether one could be both a Christian and a Nazi -- he had a disturbing and warning dream:

“At first, I lay in bed without sleeping until it was nearly midnight, though I wasn’t ill, and then I must have slept a little after all; suddenly, I was shown a fine railway train, which was driving around a mountain. Not only the adults, but even the children were flocking toward this train and the crowd could hardly be held back. How few adults there were who did not get into the train in that place, I would rather not say or write. Then suddenly a voice said to me: ‘This train is going to hell.’ ...

“At first, that moving train was quite a riddle to me. But the more that time passes, the more the moving train is unveiled to me. And today, it seems to me that this image represented none other than Nazism, as it was closing in or creeping up on us. ... in other words, the whole Nazi movement.”

In Malick’s movie, a scene like this of historic train footage isn’t well explained. The movie telegraphs emotions and the mood of the times, but without a lot of words.

At the fearsome end, Jaegerstaetter is heard committing his life to God, praying the Lord's Prayer in German: "Dein Reich komme ... Denn dein ist das Reich," meaning "Thy Kingdom come. ... for thine is the Kingdom." Afterwards, his wife, Fani, is heard pondering over the injustice and pain, but saying all questions will be answered in time.

So also for 2023: "Thy Kingdom come ... for thine is the Kingdom."
Amen.

Fraternally, Bill Meyer



From the Finance Committee

The proposed budget for 2023, found elsewhere in this newsletter, shows an estimated beginning balance of \$22,000 and an ending balance of \$1,500. This is not a sustainable trend. You will be receiving, or have already received, a separate mailing from the church with two important items.

The first item is proposed constitutional language to allow the Sterrett Trust to be incorporated into our Memorial Endowment Committee responsibilities. This will allow the trust to continue to function as it has for the past 23 years.

Also included in the mailing is a proposed 2023 budget and a survey to help us better anticipate our income for the fiscal year. Creating an accurate and workable budget without knowledge of our income line is becoming more difficult. Please help us by returning the survey when you receive it. Once this information is analyzed the finance committee will create a multi-year feasibility plan.

Douglas Court (Finance Chair)

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

The packet of materials you will receive at the annual meeting will contain the usual reports, budget, nominations, ballot, and voting instructions as well as a recommendation to modify the constitution by replacing current ARTICLE X with the substitute ARTICLE X printed below. Please see the finance committee report in this visitor for an explanation of the reasoning for the change. Open discussion will be held. The constitutional modification requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Proposed new constitutional language 1_22_2023

ARTICLE X --- MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

The Memorial Endowment Fund Committee, appointed by the Consistory, shall consist of three (3) members of the congregation, one (1) appointed each year for a term of three (3) years. The Consistory shall appoint one (1) member of this committee to be the Treasurer, and shall also fill any vacancies which may occur on this committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to accept, administer, care for, and promote the Memorial Endowment Fund of the First United Church of Christ, Galion, Ohio, *and the Sterrett Endowment Fund of the First United Church of Christ, Galion, Ohio.* All business carried on by this committee shall be done by all of the members acting as a body and all matters pertaining to this fund must be signed by all three (3) members of the committee. Any, and all, property, whether real or personal, which is placed in this fund, shall be under the complete control of the three (3) members of this committee. The committee is required to make monthly reports to the Consistory and annual reports to the congregation. ~~Only the income of this fund shall be expended by orders of the Consistory as it may deem necessary.~~ *The income of the Memorial Endowment Fund shall be expended by orders of the Consistory as it may deem necessary. Income of the Sterrett Endowment Fund shall be deposited into the Trustees' Capital Account to be used for maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds in the same manner as was used in the original Kenneth Sterrett Trust Fund.*

(i.e. 5% of the average value of the previous three (3) year valuation as of January 1 shall be withdrawn and deposited into the Trustees' Capital Account in February of the calendar year.)

The principal of these funds, aside from the maintenance of the Endowments by the MEF Committee as described, can only be expended by authority of the congregation upon a vote of 2/3 of the quorum of a called congregational meeting, as per Article XII of the Church Constitution.



FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Call to Annual Meeting

Immediately Following the Worship Service

January 22, 2023

Agenda

- A. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Douglas Court - Trustee
- B. OPENING DEVOTIONS – Rev. Bill Meyer
- C. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA
- D. MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING:
January 23, 2022
- E. FINANCIAL REPORTS
- F. 2023 BUDGET: Mark the Ballot
- G. PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE:
to Allow Smooth Transfer of Sterrett Trust to First UCC:
Mark the Ballot
- H. DISCERNMENT TEAM REPORT APPROVAL
- I. SEARCH COMMITTEE
- J. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- K. TIME OF RECOGNITION
- L. OTHER BUSINESS
- M. ADJOURN
- N. CLOSING PRAYER

First United Church of Christ Proposed Budget 2023							
line #		2023	2022	line #		2023	2022
	<u>Expense Statement</u>						
1	<u>Personnel</u>			38	<u>Building</u>		
2	Minister	\$43,775	\$29,850	39	Utilities	\$32,040	\$28,340
3	Pension	\$14,550	\$18,200	40	Scheduled Contracts	\$12,650	\$12,300
4	Pastor's Health Insurance	\$10,600	\$1,100	41	Building Maintenance	\$14,000	\$14,000
5	Additional staff/Sabbatical	\$0	\$0	42	Building & Liability Ins.	\$8,800	\$8,600
6	Sr. Choir/Bell Dir	\$9,065	\$8,800	43	Debt Reduction	\$0	\$0
7	Organists	\$7,368	\$7,150	44		\$67,490	\$63,240
8	Kitchen Custodian	\$1,300	\$1,260	45			
9	Church Secretary	\$21,060	\$24,900	46	<u>Benevolences</u>		
10	Financial Secretary	\$10,500	\$8,700	47	OCWM	\$23,400	\$25,200
11	Custodian	\$0	\$0	48	CUE	\$1,200	\$1,200
12	Substitute Personnel	\$2,000	\$2,000	49	Missions	\$6,000	\$6,000
13	Staff Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	50	Special offerings	\$3,000	\$3,000
14	Social Security Taxes	\$9,750	\$9,739	51	Weekday Religious Ed	\$675	\$675
15	Worker's Compensation	\$650	\$632	52	Radio Broadcasts	\$3,650	\$3,650
16		\$130,618	\$112,331	53		\$37,925	\$39,725
17				54			
18	<u>Operations</u>			55	<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$259,333	\$242,396
19	Travel Expenses	\$5,600	\$7,400	56			
20	Office Expenses & Postage	\$5,200	\$5,200	57			
21	Office Equipment	\$6,100	\$8,100	58	<u>Income Statement</u>		
22	Continuing Ed & Books	\$1,100	\$1,100	59	Beginning Balance	\$22,316	\$22,316
23	Music	\$200	\$200	60	Envelope Regular	\$130,000	\$135,000
24	Worship	\$500	\$500	61	Envelope Special	\$9,500	\$9,500
25	Flowers	\$500	\$500	62	Interest & dividends	\$25,500	\$25,500
26	Dinners	\$700	\$700	63	Building Use	\$1,600	\$7,800
27	Education/workshops	\$800	\$800	64	Refunds/reimbursement	\$500	\$500
28	Youth Fellowships	\$0	\$0	65	Miscellaneous	\$1,500	\$4,300
29	Advertising	\$500	\$500	66	Trustee Money Market	\$5,000	\$5,000
30	Receptions	\$300	\$300	67	Sterrett Trust	\$32,500	\$32,500
31	Gifts	\$0	\$800	68	Hessenauer Trust	\$1,000	\$1,000
32	VBS	\$800	\$0	69	Kiss Trust (dividends)	\$6,000	\$6,000
33	Programming	\$500	\$500	70	Reserve Funds	\$20,000	\$20,000
34	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$500	\$500	71	Gifts	\$1,000	\$1,000
35		\$23,300	\$27,100	72	Broadcast Reserves	\$4,450	\$4,450
36				73			
37				74	<u>Total Income</u>	\$260,866	\$274,866
				75			
				76	<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$1,533	\$32,471

2023 Consistory Nominees:

Elder: Doug Stone



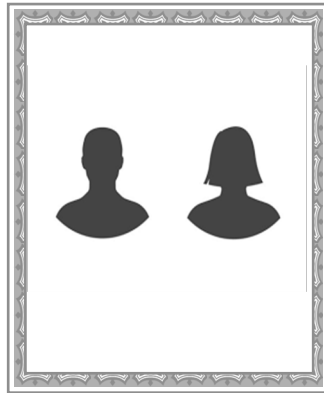
Trustee: Dan Brown



Deacon: Sandy Keller



Deacon: To Be Named



**Election to take place at the January 2023
Congregational Meeting**

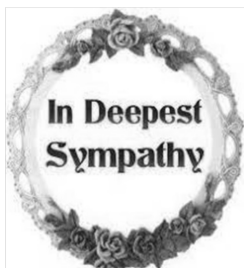
Departing Consistory Members:

Doug Court (Trustee)
Sandy Powell (Elder)

Barb Koschnick (Deacon)
Mary Ann Stone (Deacon)

Returning Consistory Members:

Elders: Judy Eichhorn, Shelly Kurtzman, Brian Treisch
Trustees: Todd Rudolph, Todd Knight, Dan Eichhorn
Deacons: Sandy Kennedy, Maggie Sulser,
Sue Bloom, Bill Shifley



We are saddened to report that Carol Moran passed away on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022. More information is available at munzpirnstill.com

Glen Shifley, Sr. passed away on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. For more information please visit masfh.com

A NOTE OF THANKS...

Dear Galion Family:

Thank you again for allowing me to celebrate with you and to speak about our mission. I truly hope your Christmas season is full of Christ's love and grace. Please take care and have a wonderful holiday season.

Mark Adang, Crossroad Child & Family Services



SUBMISSIONS FOR THE VISITOR & SUNDAY BULLETIN

Do you have a milestone or something else that you would like to share in the Visitor and/or the Sunday bulletin with the congregation?

Please email office@uccgalion.org or call the Church Office 419-468-4380 for a submission form to send back/return.



IN NEED OF PRAYER?

Are you or someone you love in need of prayer?

Please notify Rev. Meyer or the Church Office if you are aware of any pastoral care needs.

January

New Beginnings

Day 1: Ecclesiastes 3:11

Day 2: Isaiah 40:31

Day 3: Jeremiah 29:11

Day 4: Job 8:7

Day 5: Philippians 3:13-14

Day 6: Isaiah 43:18-19

Day 7: Lamentations 3:22-23

Day 8: Ephesians 4:22-24

Day 9: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 10: Psalm 40:3

Day 11: Ezekiel 11:19

Day 12: Matthew 26:27-29

Day 13: Isaiah 65:17

Day 14: Romans 6:4

Day 15: Colossians 3:9-10

Day 16: Revelation 21:5

Day 17: Acts 3:19

Day 18: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Day 19: Ezekiel 36:26

Day 20: Isaiah 58:12

Day 21: Hebrews 12:1-2

Day 22: 1 Peter 1:23

Day 23: Hebrews 4:16

Day 24: Romans 12:2

Day 25: Matthew 7:7-8

Day 26: John 10:10

Day 27: Philippians 4:6-7

Day 28: Galatians 6:14-16

Day 29: Psalm 98:1-3

Day 30: 1 Peter 1:3

Day 31: 1 John 2:17



*The beautiful poinsettias that decorated our sanctuary for
Christmas Eve-Christmas Day services were
courtesy of the congregational members who
purchased a plant to honor a loved one(s),
to remember a loved one(s),
or to simply express the Glory of God.*

Bruce & Betty Angell

To the Glory of God

Anonymous

In Loving Memory of Robert Lawrence and
Timothy Miller

Sue Bloom

In Loving Memory of Lucille Schoen

Dave Borden

In Loving Memory of his beloved family

Christine Coe

In Loving Memory of her sister Miriam Shifley
In Loving Memory of her parents Richard & Gertrude Shifley

The Cole Family

In Loving Memory of Sharon Cole, Jane Cole, Ruth Thew and Cleo Beck

The Court Family

To the Glory of God

Kevin & Beth Cotsmire

In Honor of our parents, children and grandchildren
In Loving Memory of John Miller and Nancy Cotsmire

The Durtschi Family

In Loving Memory of Fritz & Betty Durtschi and Mindy Sheriff

Dan & Lisa Eichhorn

In Honor of our kids & grandkids
In Loving Memory of Lowell and Mabel Eichhorn and Irene Long

Keith & Judy Eichhorn

In Honor of our grandchildren
In Loving Memory of our parents and our daughter

Their Family

In Loving Memory of Harold and Thelma Zimmerman
In Loving Memory of Chet and Alice Zimmerman



Dennis & Judy Garverick

In Honor of our children and grandchildren
In Loving Memory of our parents and family

Genesis Friends

To the Glory of God

The Heiser Family

In Loving Memory of Robert and Hilda
Heiser

Mary Ann Heitzman & Children

In Loving Memory of John Heitzman

Brad, Stacey, Ethan & Ellie Hocker

In Loving Memory Wilson Hill
In Loving Memory of Howard Hocker

Mary Jeffers

In Honor of Deb & Tom Jeffers

Lynne Goldsmith & Sandy Keller

In Loving Memory of our loved ones

Barb & Jack Koschnick

In Honor of children grandchildren: Travis, Kerri, Tyler, Janelle, Caleb,
Caitlin, Marissa, Madisson and Mathis Koschnick.
In Loving Memory of their parents:
Joel and Ethel Sames and Elmo & Genevie Koschnick

Marlene McDaniels

In Honor of her daughters and their families

Pastor & Mrs. Meyer

In Loving Memory of Robert Meyer and Betty Haas

Marcy Miller

In Loving Memory John Miller
In Honor of the dedicated members of First Church

Mission Committee

In Loving Memory of Arpad & Teresa Kiss

The Neal and Hayes Families

In Loving Memory of our parents, siblings and grandparents



Poinsettias (continued)

Jean Pratt

To the Glory of God

Jim & Nancy Reid

In Loving Memory of John Heitzman

In Loving Memory of Susan Reid Cohn

Janet Ruth

In Loving Memory of John Heitzman

In Loving Memory of Bob Ruth



Gary & Martha See

In Loving Memory of our son Randy and our parents and her sister Miriam.

John & Stephanie Sikora

In Loving Memory of Andrew J. Sikora

Maggie, Jim, and Paul Sulser

In Loving Memory of Nancy & Bill Doyle

In Loving Memory of Jean and Howard Sulser

Pat Winters

In Honor of her Family

In Loving Memory of Jerry Winters

To the Glory to God



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thursday, Jan. 5. Finance Committee 5:00pm*

* Note: Special Start time tonight

Tuesday, Jan. 10. Consistory meets 7:00pm

Thursday, Jan. 12. January Community Meal served 5:00pm

Monday, Jan. 16. Genesis Friends meet 7:00pm

Sunday, Jan. 22. First UCC Annual Meeting

Immediately following today's service

Monday, Jan. 30. Mission Committee meets 7:00pm

*Beginning in January, our monthly Community meals we serve will now be the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Everyone is welcome to attend and/or participate!

VSG Business:

Including various donations made including those for the dolls and money received from the auction, a total of \$2,530 was received. A big thank you is being sent to everyone who furnished baskets for the auction, made donations, and in any way participated.

Activity booklets for the new year were distributed. Next meeting will be Jan. 2 at 10 am to un-decorate the trees and to change the door decorations. Alternate date will be Jan. 5. A thank you was expressed for Barb Schiefer from St. John's UCC in Bucyrus for printing the booklets.

It was decided to start with a "Gift Shop Cart" on the first Tuesday of each month, with the first one being Jan. 3 from 10 to 11. The cart will contain greeting cards, snacks, candy bars, and other miscellaneous items to be offered for a donation to the residents.

A request for items for the "Wish List" for items needed by the facility was made. The list will be presented at the next meeting in Feb.

A discussion was held concerning how to obtain more volunteers and how to provide transportation for our current members that may need it. It was suggested to hold a membership drive in mid-May where a presentation can be made. It was also suggested to make announcements at various church guild meetings. Writing notes to various members to tell them they are being missed was also suggested.

It was announced that two of our members, Bonnie Schaaf and Carol Moran have recently passed.

Dorothy Eckert announced that after 35 years of attending and participating that this will be her last meeting she will attend due to mobility and hearing difficulties.

Staff:

Alissa reported on the great results being received with the Campaign for Abundant Life. A multi-year goal of \$45 million was made for United Church Homes and by November \$46.5 million was raised. She also mentioned that this particular volunteer group, from 2017 through 2022, contributed \$17,000. She gave a thank you to everyone. And she passed out a gift of a hot/cold pack and pen to each volunteer. Pastor Darla announced that OMA will start in January in the Memory Care Unit. Becky thanked all for everything they have done throughout the year. (Submitted by Jean Pratt)

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONSISTORY MEETING
TUESDAY, DEC. 13, 2022 7:00 PM



The Consistory of First United Church of Christ met Tuesday December 13, 2022 with Rev. Meyer calling the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, with a reading from Acts 6 and prayer. All sang the universal hymn Alleluia.

Present were: Elders: Sandy Powell, Shelly Kurtzman, Judy Eichhorn; Trustees: Dan Eichhorn, Todd Knight, Doug Court; Deacons: Mary Ann Stone, Sandy Kennedy, Maggie Sulser, Sue Bloom, Bill Shifey, Barb Koschnick; Rev. Meyer.

Sandy Powell moved the Pastor's Report be moved from line 11 to before line 4 on the agenda. Mary Ann Stone seconded the motion. MC The agenda as changed was not voted on. Doug Court moved to approve the minutes with the correction of the spelling of the church secretary's name. Todd Knight seconded the motion. MC

PASTOR'S REPORT: It is important to reflect as we select leadership for next year. Rev Meyer read qualifications of church leaders as it is written in general scriptures. Rev. Meyer asked the Deacons to take care of child care duties. He stated Sandy Kennedy has been in the Nursery thus far. Rev. Meyer excused himself from the meeting and Sr. Elder Sandy Powell took chairman duties. Rev Meyer will be notified when he may return as the Consistory will select the Search Committee. Doug Court moved to enter Executive Session with Judy Eichhorn seconding the motion. MC

EXECUTIVE SESSION. An Executive Session was held and discussed the possible candidates for the Pastoral Search committee.

Doug Court moved with Mary Ann Stone seconding by consensus the recommendations for the Pastoral Search Committee. Sandy Powell will call each member of the committee and the alternates and set a date to meet with Dan Busch.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

ELDER'S REPORT: The Elders would like to return to an expanded liturgist participation again in January. Shelly Kurtzman will develop a list. Judy Eichhorn and Sandy Powell will handle the shut in list for poinsettia deliveries.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Nothing has been done on the job description for the custodial position. The trustees will look at and present a draft at the next meeting.

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT: Mary Ann Stone said the money received from the turkey soup and hot chocolate on the square will go to Back Bay. There is no profit from the poinsettias, as they just pay for themselves. The \$317 from the Advent Dinner will go to the debt from the project committee for the dining room.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The beginning balance was \$4800 and the ending balance for the month \$2800.

Rev. Meyer returned to the meeting.

\$50 food cards were purchased at Sav -A -Lot to give to the Christmas families along with 10 others in need. Rev. Meyer said he has \$20 gift cards from the Mayor to give for food. \$600 Scholarships were sent to Abigail Brocwell and Anna Court. Doug Court moved to pay the bills with Judy Eichhorn seconding the motion. MC

Doug Court presented the final proposed budget. The Beginning Balance will change as to what the balance is on January 1, 2023. The reserve funds can be transferred, but the consensus was to present a tight budget. The current fund will be shown without a transfer. Barb Koschnick moved with Judy Eichhorn seconding to present the budget to the congregation with the change of line 59 as of January 1, 2023.

Doug Court proposed that a first class separate mailing be done asking members if they plan to increase, decrease, or give the same for 2023, and if a change, how much? The proposed envelope giving for next year is \$130,000.

Last month it was discussed to change the constitution to incorporate the Sterett Trust into the Memorial Endowment Committee. A committee needs to be formed to put together the proper language. Doug Stone and Brian Treisch were suggested. Mary Ann Stone moved to establish a committee. Maggie Sulser seconded the motion. MC. If the constitutional change request goes out in the previously mentioned mailing, it will meet all the requirements needed for a constitutional change vote at the annual meeting.

OTHER: The nominating committee presented:

Elder- Doug Stone/ Trustee-Dan Brown /Deacon- Sandy Goldsmith Keller
There is still one open spot for Deacon. If you have someone for deacon contact Doug Court, Sandy Powell, Mary Ann Stone, or Barb Koschnick, the Nominating Committee. Sandy Powell will announce the vacancy during church Sunday. Starting January 1, 2023, the candidates will be posted on the rotating slide.

The next meeting is January 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Mary Ann Stone moved with Sue Bloom seconding to adjourn. MC. The meeting adjourned with the praying of The Lord's Prayer and singing Alleluia.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Koschnick, Secretary

Fellowship and Outreach Meal

We celebrated our December Fellowship and Outreach Meal by serving 60 individuals Shepherd's Pie.



Coming in January we are moving our Fellowship and Outreach meal to the second Thursday of the month. The meal will remain as a drive-thru on the west side of the building as it has been since Covid. We do need cookies from our friends that bake to complete the meal. Look for the sign-up sheet outside the office or call Jeanine and have her put your name on the sheet. Join us at the new time of **January 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** for the next meal.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Our January mission is One Great Hour of Sharing. *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. – 1 Cor. 13:13*

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you deploy resources to people in need all over the world. It doesn't matter what kind of man-made disaster strikes we can respond with love not just in the immediate but also for the long term. Can you help us send some love to those in need? Look for the enclosed envelope in this month's Visitor.



January Food Pantry suggestions:

Spaghetti/Noodles
Spaghetti sauce
Canned fruits, Dried beans

Please feel free to vary from the above list. Cookies, Kool-Aid, chips, paper products, detergents, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers, baby products, personal hygiene items and deodorant are always helpful. Thank you for your support!

January

Happy Birthday

- 1 Mike Collins
- 3 Sandra Christman
- 5 Nikki Furr
- 6 Kevin Cotsmire
Keith Spore

- 13 Cody Gledhill
Jessica Hammond
- 14 Marcy Miller
- 17 Kassidy Stone
- 19 James Sulser
- 22 Tom Cole
- 24 Hailey Young
- 29 Nathaniel Ruth
- 30 Pam Hayes
Darcy Keppler
Ava Riggs
- 31 Madisson Koschnick
Greg Russell



January 18

James & Ruth Anne Deppen

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Jeanine Girard Office Secretary

Mary Ann Stone Financial Secretary

Stephanie Sikora.....Sr. & Bell Choir Director

Jennifer Arbaugh Organist

Jessica Hammond..... Organist

Martha See.....Kitchen Custodian

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