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Sharing Good News

St. Paul's UCC Delano, Minnesota



****Birthdays****

01/05 Lani Brown-Worley

01/19 Kevin Handt

01/23 Isaac Czech

01/23 Dave Rieder



****Dates to be Noted****

01/01 New Year's Day

01/07 Communion

**01/15 Martin Luther
King Jr. Day**



**01/21 Council Meeting
(after fellowship)**

**Note: The Church has the Delano
Food Shelf Duty for the Month
of January. The Sign up Sheet
is Located by the Church
Office.**

****Fellowship Hosts****

01/07 Holm

01/14 Leck

01/21 Specht

**01/28 Crosby, Hussing &
McDonald**



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes

December 23, 2023; Call to Order 10:25 am

Started with a prayer initiated by President Mike Hagerty

Attendees: Mike Hagerty, Dave Rieder, Judy Crosby, Jim Holm and Pastor Bridget

Absent: Laura Johnson

Guest: Gretchen

Old Business:

- Motion to approve minutes by Jim from November 19, 2023, all in favor, motion carried.
- Accompaniment update: Mike talked to someone about playing for the church, but she lives in St Cloud. They will talk again after the first of the year.
- Delano's sesquicentennial celebration will be put into the 5 year plan.
- Dave will talk to Mitch about getting the drone video on our website. Mike will connect Mitch with Rod, the website support.
- Jim will get in touch with Peggy concerning Teamwork Africa funds.
- Mike would like to send around 30 boxes of clothes to Liberia. It will take 6 weeks to arrive there, about the time when James will arrive too.
- World Missions: Teamwork Africa \$4,286.00. This is money for a well or two or for paying for the freight cost to send boxes of clothes.
- Council is still deciding what to do between local and world missions funds. Delano Senior Center could use help bridging their lunch funding gaps.

New Business:

- Urinal fixed!
- Handicap accessible bathroom next year, around \$5,000. Dave makes the motion to approve handicap accessibility, Judy seconded, all in favor. Motion carried through council and we will present to the congregation at annual meeting in February.
- Food shelf- must have 4 people to volunteer, our church is up for the month of January.
- \$300 will go to the Christmas fund- Jim motioned to accept, Judy seconded, motion carried.
- \$500 will go to Delano Senior Center and \$1000 to Delano Helping Hands, Mike motioned to accept, all in favor, motion carried.
- \$500 to all three metro state missions.
- 5 year plan is being revised by Laura and will be shared when available in January.

Financial Report:

- \$15,388 checking account balance, down from the last month.
- Green Wealth statement was unavailable at meeting time.
- Dave motioned to accept reports, all in favor, motion carried.
- Pastors Report:-Pastor Bridget had no notable updates, will update as news comes available.

-Next meeting is January 21, 2024.

*Motioned to adjourn, all in favor, carried.

Financial Review December 1–31, 2023

Income (offerings): \$6,485
Total Expenses: \$5,709
Total Income: \$ 776



Pics from the Church's Decorated Christmas Tree



Thanks to all who participated! Lovely Job!



Plastic Film Recycling and Volunteer Call

Since May of '22, I've been collecting plastic film at various locations in Delano: The Senior Center, Library, Liquor Store, the Rieder Homestead, and others. Thank you for your contributions here at the Rieder Homestead! Together with General Federated Women's Club of Delano, Delano Area Council for Arts and Culture, (along with partner orgs) we've kept thousands upon thousands of pounds of plastic film out of landfills, while earning cool plastic benches made from the material that now reside around Delano! The TREX company has provided this incentive for community organizations all over the country.

However, I've decided to "retire" from this responsibility to allow more time for other things. Unfortunately, there don't seem to be any volunteers who are able to take this duty on in our immediate circles.

This is where you come in...

I am reaching out to see if there is anyone in this group willing to take on this volunteer opportunity. I have very little to offer you—no pay, no perks. However I'm willing to let you reserve any of our shows in advance of their release while you are doing plastic pickups. This is a volunteer opportunity that truly makes a difference!

What does it entail? The biggest part of the gig is picking up at the Senior Center in Delano. The folks there recycle like crazy. The two bins that have been stationed there fill up almost daily, and if you don't stay on top of it, the hallway will fill with plastic. Other locations are far less frequent. You would then need to bag and weigh the plastic and log it on the TREX website.

For now, we are putting the program on hold in hopes of finding volunteers to continue the work. If we don't, the program will unfortunately have to end. We'd love to keep this program alive!

If you are interested in being involved, let me know. We'll meet sometime after the first of the year to discuss what this looks like going forward, and hopefully set up a new system.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Dave Dennison

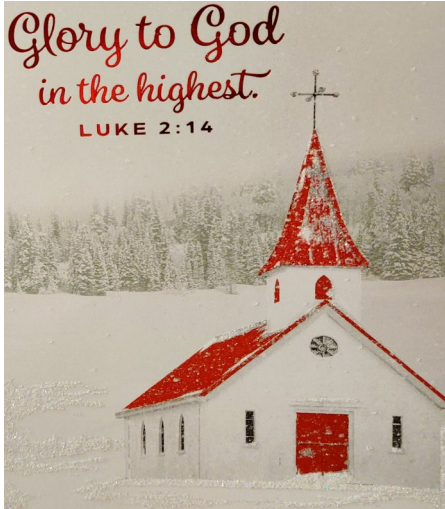
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Pastor Bridget's Usual Office Hours

Mondays: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursdays: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

(Other times as requested. Call Bridget anytime!)

All are welcome at our in-person services, Sundays at 9:15 AM, or a Zoom link is also available.

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