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The Monthly Newsletter of the Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church

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Greetings to all of the First United Methodist Church families in the name of the Christ. I pray that all we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

When I was a child, I saw ‘family precepts’ hanging on the wall of some of my friends’ house. Following are some examples of these:

- “Everything works well if the house(family) is in peace”
- “Think Widely, Deeply, and Rightly”
- “Diligence”
- “Faithfulness”
- “Honesty”
- “Listen well to your mom and you’ll get a cake even sleep.”

Each has its own virtues that are most important to the family. What would you write if you made one for your home?

If you choose from Christian teachings, you might choose “Forgiveness”, because God forgave us our sins. Actually, our God has countless forgiven sins; beginning with Adam, who is the first human being, without any condition. In fact, we continue to sin a lot today, but we can be forgiven because of the death on the cross of Jesus Christ. If you choose “Forgiveness”, this is an excellent choice.

You can also pick “Salvation”, because ultimately, the end

station of our Christian journey is salvation. After being forgiven through Jesus Christ, we have a new way which is salvation. After being forgiven, we still need to continue to be holy because we remain sinful. In doing so, we will finally be able to complete salvation. If you choose “Salvation” and hang it on the wall as the house precepts, it will be a good roadmap to guide you on the path of salvation day by day.

To be frank, I did not understand why God forgives and saves us. Moreover, it did not make sense to me, “Why He gave us free will, while he knew we could sin?” However, after I met a beautiful woman, whom I do “love” and our children were born; I began to understand it little by little. In love, a fault begins to be covered, and by love, forgiveness given infinitely. With love, I wanted to give full freedom; not wanting to restrict.

So, Christianity is called a religion of love. John 3:16, which many people recite, begins with “God SO loved.” Since He loved the world SO MUCH, he sent his son to give to the world as a ransom. It is impossible blessing if He did not love the world.

In I Corinthians 13, which is read at every wedding, is famous as the chapter of love, and it defines as many as fifteen characters for love: patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not

proud, not dishonoring others, not self-seeking, not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs, not delighting in evil but rejoices with truth, always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

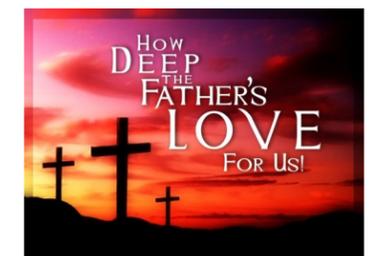
Modern society is called a postmodern society. Everyone claims to be right, but there is no correct answer. It is an era when absolute value has collapsed. It’s getting more and more complicated. It is a time when humanity collapses, morals collapse, and religions also collapse. It is an age of extreme confrontation. Though a great conflict occurs, it would not be surprised. Looking at the hazy currents, the future looks bleak. But the following verse after the love chapter gives us hope;

“Love never fails”
 (1 Corinthians 13:8f).

My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, believe that God LOVES you. I want you to be filled with that LOVE. And I hope that you may LOVE all, even the enemy.

In LOVE,

Pastor Hojin Shin





UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus came to show us what God the Father is like and to introduce us to His love. John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Jesus said, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love" (John 15:9). There is no greater love than that which Jesus Christ portrayed for you and me on the cross of Calvary when He cut the New Covenant (see Genesis 12-15 to understand the Old Covenant).

Jesus so loved us that He was willing to pour out His life blood to save us. The Communion is a love covenant, a love feast in which we affirm our love for God the Father, for Jesus, and for one another.

As we partake of the Lord's table, we are saying, "Jesus, I love You. Like the Father cut the first covenant with Abraham, You have cut the New Covenant for me in Your very own blood. And, Father, I love You, because You made it possible."

The bread represents the broken body of God's Lamb, Jesus Christ. Have you ever taken a close look at the Matza bread that the Jews eat during their Passover meal? The bread, which is unleavened

(without yeast) is pierced with rows of little holes forming stripes. It is also slightly burnt. Do you know why the bread is pierced, stiped and burnt? It speaks of the body of our Lord when He bore our sins and sicknesses on the cross.

Like the bread, He was pierced in His brow by the crown of thorns as well as in His hands and feet by the nails. The prophet Isaiah says, "He was pierced for our transgressions" (Isaiah 53:5).

Like the bread, He was scourged on His back until His flesh was torn and bloody, and His bones were exposed, so that today, you can say, "By His stripes I am healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

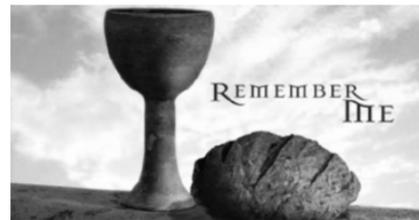
What about the burnt marks on the bread? The full fire of God's wrath fell on Jesus, burning up our sins into ashes, and at the same time, bringing out the fragrance of the offering of Jesus. Today, your sins and lawless deeds are but ashes, and your Father in heaven remembers them no more (Hebrews 8:12).

The fruit of the vine represents the bleeding sacrifice and the covenant cut, Almighty God coming to our rescue through His Son Jesus. When you partake of the bread and the wine, you are saying, "Father, I freely accept the circumcision of my heart and my covenant relationship with You (through Jesus Christ). All You have is mine, and all I have is Yours."

In Jesus' day, when the Jewish Passover was observed, there were four wine glasses on the table. Three glasses were turned up, ready for wine to be poured in, and one was turned upside down. The three turned-up glasses were for Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The fourth turned-down glass was for the Messiah.

When Jesus partook of the

Passover meal with His disciples, He first passed the three glasses representing Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Then He turned up the one for the Messiah, signifying He had come, and poured in the fruit of the vine. He said to them, "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God has come."



And He took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying This cup is the new testament (the New Covenant) in my blood, which is shed for you (Luke 22:15-20).

Jesus told His disciples He had looked forward with longing to the time when He could eat the Passover meal together with them. Then He lifted His glass and said, "This fruit of the vine represents the flowing of the cut from my body, which will take place shortly. It represents the blood of the New Covenant I am cutting with you."

The old Blood Covenant was the foundation on which the New Covenant was established. When Jesus said, "This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you," the disciples knew exactly what it meant. They knew that when they took the elements of

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Outreach Ministries Easter Egg Tree

Soon the Easter Egg Tree will be arriving in our Narthex. For those of you who do not know, this tree is decorated with Easter Eggs. Inside of each egg you will find a slip of paper. Written on these slips of paper is something that is needed by someone who is less fortunate and cannot afford to buy these basic items themselves. For example, if someone receives food assistance (food card/stamps), this does not cover the purchase of non-food personal products. Things like a toothbrush, toothpaste, toilet paper, Kleenex, deodorant, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, paper towels, etc. Many take it for granted that these things are readily available and affordable, but there are many for whom, these things are not so easily obtainable. Please take time during this season of Lent to reflect on what you can do to show the love of Jesus to others. Perhaps this may lead you to picking a egg off the tree and helping with this ministry. Thank you in advance and if you have any questions, please talk with Rosie Argabright. She would be happy to fill you in!



Trinity PALS Circle Update

The Trinity Pals group met on Dec 20th at The Pizza Ranch. This was the groups Christmas Party. There were 11 present that enjoyed a delicious buffet. Members were asked to bring a Christmas reading or share a Christmas memory.

Pat Anderson furnished decorated Christmas bags for take home treat. A good time was had by all.

For the business meeting, Myram Tunnickliff shared that she purchased Poinsettia Plants for our shut in and delivered flowers for our shut ins birthdays. It was discussed decided to donate \$50 to the Evening Ladies Fellowship (ELF) Group to be used for postage or other projects they have. A vote was held to take off the winter months and resume meeting again in March.

We would be happy to have new members join us any time. Our motto is "Peace and Love" and that is our aim to do so.

~Submitted by Bev Schmidt



The Endowment Special Projects Committee is now accepting applications for ministry requests.

If you have a project or idea that needs funding to promote our church ministries, please fill out an application.

Applications are available at the church office or in the church narthex.

Applications are due back by April 1, 2019.

the Communion with Jesus that night, they were entering into the strongest, most sacred covenant in existence. And this is what we must understand when we take Communion.

How grieved the Lord must be when we partake of the elements of Holy Communion without understanding what we are doing. This is the reason 1 Corinthians 11:29 says we eat and drink "unworthily," or in an unworthy manner. Because we partake of the cup and the bread without understanding the meaning of what we are doing, the Bible says, "many are weak and sickly among us, and many have died early deaths, not discerning the Lord's body." Only when we have been circumcised in heart and when we rightly discern what Jesus has done for us through

the Blood Covenant should we partake of the Holy Communion.

The Communion also emphasizes our covenant relationship with all God's people. When you take communion, not only are you in loving covenant relationship with God but also you are in a love relationship with all your brothers and sisters in Christ who partake with you.

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples (my Covenant people), if ye have love one to another (John 13:34-35). Love is what the Blood Covenant is all about.

The next time you partake of the bread (the Lord's body) during

Holy Communion, know that Jesus was pierced for your sins and scourged for your healing. He also bore your diseases and carried your pains so that you can walk in divine health. Lastly, when you drink the wine, remember that He gave His life by the shedding of His blood on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins (Leviticus 17:11 states, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul").

When you discern these precious truths about our Lord's body, you are partaking of the Holy Communion in a worthy manner.

~Submitted by Ruth Hand

Matthew 25:35-40

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Help Cornerstone Community Church, our sister church in

Utica New York Cornerstone Church, where Mike



Ballman serves as pastor, serves a breakfast every Sunday morning before their service. Many of the people served come from shelters or the streets for a hot meal and fellowship. The cost of this meal has been partially covered by a grocery warehouse in the city but they are no longer able to help. It takes \$100

a week to provide this service. We would like to continue our mission for Cornerstone by



indicating that the donation is for the Cornerstone Church's breakfast mission.

providing funds for at least one breakfast a month. You may take any donations to the church office. Please

If you have any questions you can contact:

Dave Ballman(712-480-3041) or Jackie at the church office.



Opportunities to Serve, Pray, Learn & Fellowship with Others!

Join the Chancel Choir!



Practices: the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month at 9:00 AM, Sing: during the worship service following practice.

Singers of all ages and levels are welcome. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required.

High School students are encouraged to join for community service.

Choir Director - David Fog
Accompanist - Kelley Fog

The church is open to all
Stop by anytime for
COFFEE
from 8:00 AM to
4:00 PM.



MOPS

(Mother's Of Preschoolers)



Meets in the Church
Narthex

3rd Tuesday of every month

Morning Meeting @ 8:00 AM
Evening Meeting @ 5:15 PM

You are invited to join Bell Choir!



The Bell Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM and performs the 3rd Sunday of each month during the worship service. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required.

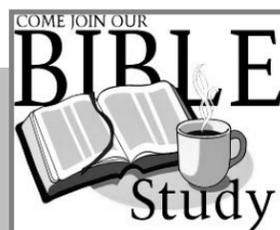
Bell Choir Director- Melanie Flynn

Dig In To God's Word Bible Study

To Be Announced
We will be choosing
a new bible study this month!

Mondays
7:00 PM

All are welcome to join us!



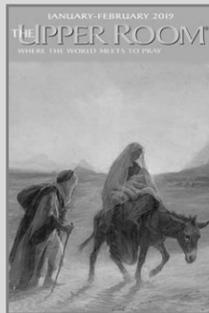
Upper Room Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:30 PM
At Emerald Oaks

Study is open to anyone desiring fellowship and growth.

Refreshments are not served but we do have food for the soul!

Emerald Oaks
2603 17th St, Emmetsburg



Chapters in Our Life Together



- 1 Mae Stevens
- 2 Dayton Strohman
- 5 Tiffany O'Leary
- 6 Ryan Ballman
Ava Salas
Seth Freeman
- 7 Amber Enger
Joyce Muller
- 8 Janice Bare
Ray Stanley
- 9 Janet Nirk
- 10 Carol Simonsen
- 11 Julie Leners

- Michelle Kogel
- 12 Craig Kassel
Emmry Beving
Katie Malm
Autumn Simonsen
- 13 Keith Bare
Judd Duhn
Tony Salas
Heather Strohman
- 14 Kaylyn Hobart
Kristen Kassel
Troy Sargent
Linda Hill
- 15 Barbara Boulton
- 17 Olivia Hampe
- 18 Logan Gonzales
Karen Sargent
Jackson Lowman
Cade Shirk

- 19 Marjorie Solberg
Tami Culver
- 20 Charla Egland
- 21 Romina Rassmussen
- 23 Anne Carney
- 25 Nancy Hunsaker
Don McKinney
Jason Stanley
Martha Wells
Juliana Appiah
Luke Jensen
- 26 Abby Goodlaxson
- 27 Bill Bramley
- 28 Paxton Duhn
Cenek Hoch
Jameson Hokinson
Maxton Hamell
Parker Hokinson
Everett Gonzales



- 2 Amie Cooke
Jamie Christensen
Matt Ballman
Jordan Bragg
- 3 Kolten Long
Tati Malm
Doug Miller
- 4 Jennifer becker
- 6 Todd Bell
- 8 Kali Anderson

- 9 Jill Loomis
Brian Rassmussen
Kent Klootwyk
- 10 Ted Strohman
Makenna Burns
- 11 Dena Sheffield
Elias Meyer
- 12 Rick Jones
Nora Hokinson
- 13 Beth Buss
- 14 Blake Ver Mulm
- 15 Angie Strohman
Jemma Elman
- 16 Bonnie Anliker
Jim Stevens
- 20 Marguerite Bramley

- Heather Hoch
- 21 Sue Rouse
Dr. William Harris
Alex Leners
- 22 Megan Klootwyk
- 23 Doris Gustafson
Julie Hand
- 24 Jill (Morrison) Ricke
- 28 Devin Morey
Molly Trautman
- 29 Bo Allen
- 30 Raegan Stevens
Todd Ditch
- 31 Sylvia Ballman
Daunyale Spora-Schiek

- 6 Phil & Stephanie Simonson
- 24 Jenni & Joshua Johnson



- 30 Robert & Carolyn Henderson
- 31 Jim & Sharon Hobart

NURSING HOME

MINISTRY



"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth." Psalm 71:9

Below are the addresses of our members, who are in area nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

Please visit or send a card to brighten their day. They would love to hear from you.

Lakeside Assisted Living
401 N. Lawler Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4060

Anna Beth Magee
Shirley Leverenz

Emmetsburg Care Center
2405 21st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4266

Lilian Cox
Bev Hankey
Mae Stevens
Ted Strohmman
Gwen Carmichael

Emerald Oaks Assisted Living
2603 17th Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-8408

Jackie Donovan #23
Rosabelle Johnson #1
Florence Malm #22
Louise Sackett # 16

PARC Hall
3201 1st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-5520

Joyce Muller
Paul Kooker
Lois Lowman
Vi Sampson
Pearl Whitmore
Helen Merrill #203
Doris Gustafsen

Willow Ridge
3203 1st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-5480

Pat Anderson #103
Anne Carney #216
Virginia Place #210



Our Prayer List

Lord, have mercy on them, strengthen them in their weakness; protect and guide us!

Gary Hopkins (father of Deb Opheim)
Kari & Olivia Hampe
Deb Weir
Rick Jones
Lincoln Coakley (grandson of Joann Coakley)
Gene Twait
Richard Henrichs
Vicki Ellis
Will Farlow
Irene Goff
Carol Ensley
Nancy Hinrichs
Joyce Muller
Scott Sanne (Grandson of Pearl Whitmore)
Philip Christenson (brother of Marge Solberg)
Kort Freeman
Lois Lowman
Ted Strohmman
Jane Stevens
Vi Sampson
Marjorie Solberg
Deb Nissen (sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

*The families of those who have lost loved ones this past year including: Vida Krough, Ethel DeJung, Shirley Weisbrod, Bette Miller, Vicki Truog, Mary Helen Morling, Jim Coakley, Cindy Kassel, Betty Jo Priest, Orval Hankey, Ellen Saxton, and Luke Rouse

*Those who have been hospitalized and our military members.



Every morning at 8:00 AM

We encourage everyone to come and pray in the way that is most comfortable for you.

The sanctuary is opened at 8:00 AM but you can come



Intercessory Prayer Group
Mondays at 4:00 PM
Emerald Oaks

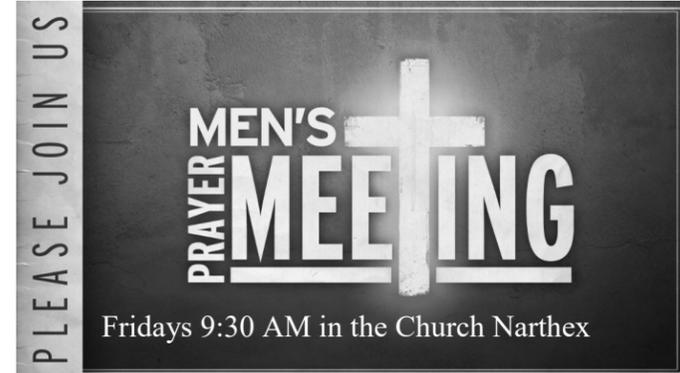
Doris Gustafson's or Florence Malm's apartment

We pray for

- anyone who needs God's healing powers or comfort
- peace for our world
- our country and our community
- our churches and leaders
- anything or anyone who needs God's love and care.

*So we pray for you
and send God's Blessings to each of you!*

Prayer Groups!



Fridays 9:30 AM in the Church Narthex

Intensified Prayer Meeting

every Thursday at 6:00 PM
in the "War Room"
at Ruth Hand's.



Emmaus 4th Day Group

Emmaus 4th Day group meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at Emmetsburg First UMC.



If you have any questions contact **Sarah Strohmman** or the church office for further details.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING TIMES

345 ALIVE 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM 1st & 3rd Wednesdays (When school has early dismissals)
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays
Jr. UMYF 5:30 PM-7:00 PM Every Wednesday
Sr. UMYF 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM Every Wednesday

Youth groups will **not** meet if school is cancelled or out for breaks, such as Thanksgiving, Winter (Christmas & New Year's, Spring Break, etc.). Remember to always check with your youth group leader or the church office, if you have any questions.

Youth Leaders:

345 ALIVE: Cindy Magee Jr. UMYF: Kari Anderson & Karen Sargent Sr. UMYF: Susan Embrock



*If you or a loved one is hospitalized,
please call the church to inform us.*

The hospital does not and will not call

First United Methodist Church
Regular Monthly Administrative Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 7:30 pm

In attendance: (12) Troy Strohman, Rosie Argabright, Brian Garrels, Lois Stanley, Jackie Black, Myram Tunncliff, Ken Kassel, Janice Kassel, Dave Ballman, Lisa Siebrecht, Kent Klootwyk, Pastor Hojin

Call to order: Troy Strohman called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Devotions: Pastor Hojin Shin's devotion focused on having a hunger to serve God.— He asked himself and asked the council to ask themselves, "Do I have the hunger to serve God, no matter how long the sermon, the meeting, etc? Pastor prayed for God to return our hunger for God to us.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from January 16, 2018, Motion to approve: Rosie Argabright, Approved as written, by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Lois Stanley reported the January, 2019 Treasurer's Report, General Fund Balance: \$11,985.45, Motion to approve: Brian Garrels, Approved as presented, by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Nurturing Ministries Planning Team: Dave Ballman and Cindy Magee

Dave reported on the Utica Church.

The church and gym were vandalized, but has been cleaned up. If we do a 2nd Mission trip, the trip will need to be an adult mission trip.

The Utica church feeds about 100 people every Sunday. They do need funding of \$60-\$100 per week to do the breakfast. Dave suggested that we could sponsor 1 meal a month through a special donation basket.

Dave reported that our Church bus will start every time now that we have a new battery.

Jackie reported on youth group activities:

345 Alive for January Usual attendance 15-18 each week

January notes for Sr Youth. Usual attendance, 9.

Discussions for January included Team Building 101. Nehemiah 3 - The Wandering Shepherd.

No Apologies event trip was planned for Jan 30. We decided not to attend due to extreme cold, but, waiting to see if they reschedule event to attend at a later date.

Decision was made to have MS and SR youth be at same time from 6-7.

Only snacks, no meal from now on.

Susan Embrock

January notes for Jr. UMYF Usual Attendance 20

1/9/19 Scripture....Ephesians 4:17-24

We played "Revolution, Resolution, In-Between" Game.

We talked about God's desire for us to live for Him. We discussed becoming a new person in Christ for the "New Year." We talked about how living for God instead of self can make a difference in the world around us, and how following the "crowd" makes it difficult to live that kind of life.

1/16/19 Scripture....John 1:1-18

We played "Word Wars" Game

Our discussion was on family. We talked about personal family interests, similarities, etc. We then discussed what it means to become a child of God and to be part of His family. We talked about asking God into our hearts and believing in the name of Jesus. We then had the youth draw a picture of what being a "Child of God" meant to them. (We had awesome pictures!)

1/23/19 Scripture....1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Romans 12:9-10 (NLT)

We discussed the definition of love and the different ways we love. We also talked about "Worldly love" and Godly love." We discussed how awesome it is to be part of God's family and to know He loves and cares for us. We talked about loving and caring for others. We made and filled "Thank You" gift bags and took them to the Police Station and to the Sheriff's Department.

I hope this isn't too much!

Love in Christ, Karen and Kari

Outreach Ministries Planning Team: Rosie Argabright

Rosie reported that the Valentine Goodie Sale raised \$683. The next project is the Easter Tree in March.

Witness Ministries Planning Team: No Report

Administrative Committees:

Chair of Trustees: Lisa Siebrecht and Ruth Hand

Lisa reported the following:

Trustees met and decided pay \$14,000 to pay for setting up Audio Visual Equipment in the Family Life Center. This will include (2) 85 inch TV's, receivers, miking throughout the building as well as the outlets specific to the Audio Visual Equipment.

Painting will be ready to be done 2 to 3 weeks from now. Ruth will be making a sign up sheet for the congregation to volunteer to paint.

Lisa reported that they have a bid for a water softener for \$2600

There was discussion on where to possibly move the history file cabinets to make more room in the library for Adult Sunday School. No final decision was made at this time.

Chair of SPRC: Danielle Ditch No Report

Chair of Finance: Brian Garrels

Brian reported that the Finance Committee will be forming a group to discuss solicitations to fund the Family Life Center building project. The committee would like for people to fund specifics projects and give people the opportunity to fund a specific part of the building project as a memorial to a loved one.

Chair of Endowment Committee: Kent Klootwyk

Kent reported that for the Special Projects funds, we will have an April 1st deadline. We will start advertising for the grant funds in the newsletter and bulletins.

Scholarship application deadline is March 1st.

The CD for \$105,456.00 just arrived today. This will be used as the final payment for the building project.

Lay Leadership: Pastor Shin No Report

Chair of History Committee: Myram Tunncliff

Myram shared the "Northwest Iowa Conference" dated 1904. The book was written by our 3rd Pastor Bennett Mitchell. Myram shared his picture and a description of our NW Conference at the time.

Memorial Committee: No Report

Other Committee/Additional New Business:

Janice Kassel asked if the council would like to have the summer picnic at the end of VBS as we did last year. This was very successful last year. It was well attended by the church and by the community. The council agreed that the summer picnic would be at the end of VBS as it was last year. Pastor Hojin is also planning on an outdoor service at the beach on VBS Sunday.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:30 pm

Troy Closed Meeting with a Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Submitted by Recording Secretary: _____

Cindy Magee