

"Hearing God's Voice In This Challenging Times"

THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook United Methodist Church

February 2020



Confirmation Class

Wednesday, February 12

6:00p.m.



Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Lenten Season Study Group

**March 5 through April 2
Every Thursday at 7:00pm**

**Join us for a study of the
Feasts (or Seasons) or the
Jewish People leading us into Easter.**



Youth Group Meeting

United Methodist Church

Wednesday, February 19

6:15 p.m.

**Any youth 12 years and older are invited
to attend.**

SAL FISH FRY

Friday, February 7

5—8 p.m.

Memorial Building



Chicken Pot Pie Fund Raiser

February 29, 2020

6 inch pies

\$6.00 each or \$15.00 for 3 pies

**Freshly assembled and ready to bake or freeze.
Available for pickup at the church
from 9:00—11:00 am Saturday, February 29**

**Call 473-2025 or contact Susie Strohbehn or
Marcia Koester to order**

**Deadline is
Feb. 16th.**

noon.



Legion Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 16th

7—12:30 p.m.

**Pancakes, French toast,
sausage gravy & biscuits, scrambled eggs,
sausage, toast, coffee, milk and orange
juice.**

Financial Health Report

Balance as of 1/27/20	\$5,014.64
Total Estimated Expenses	\$5,642.96
Balance Remaining	(\$628.32)

The Chemistry of Love

“Love is patient and kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.”

-I Corinthians 13:4-8

February 14 is coming up and I would like us to think about love.

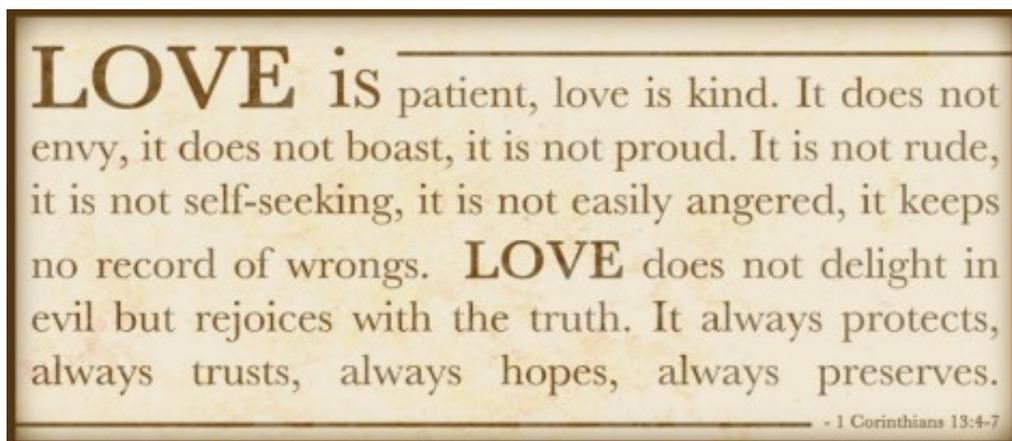
Dr. Karl Menninger, one of the most prominent psychiatrists, has said, “Love is the medicine for our sick old world.” His staff was often told that love was the most powerful thing they could give to their patients.

Scientists have been analyzing love in the laboratory for many years. They have learned that love produces changes in body chemistry. When male meets a female, the blood level of an amino acid, phenylalanine, leaps to a high equaled only by devouring a pound of chocolate. “People in the throes of love,” says researcher Cathy Lawhon, “call it magic, but human behaviorists attempt to define it scientifically. Theories of how chemistry works range from the biochemical effects or raised phenylalanine levels in the blood during love relationships to synchronous and harmonious personal interactional styles.”

More than 2,000 years ago, in the city of ancient Ephesus, a learned rabbi, turned missionary-preacher by the name Paul, analyzed the chemistry of love. He mentioned a variety of ingredients which make up the real thing: patience, truthfulness, sacrifice, service, etc.

Let’s recall I Corinthians 13:1-3: “If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels but do not love, I have become a noisy gong or clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries, and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains but do not love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not love, it profits me nothing.”

This will be a good place to begin as we renew our commitment to love one another, to love others, to love our spouse, to love our children, and to love our families.





February 2018

- 1 Ashley Bruene
- 2 Hunter Smoldt
- 3 Andrew Scott
- 4 Taylor Flamme
- 4 Brad Smoldt
- 5 Linda Schneider
- 6 Katie Knaack
- 7 Bruce Appelgate
- 7 Kayla Reese
- 8 Shannon Williams
- 12 Kelly (Fish) Peterson
- 14 Pete Surber
- 15 B J Williams
- 18 Zachery Pierce
- 23 Kay Purvis
- 23 Carlee Smith
- 24 Rhett Williams
- 28 Jodi Kelli
- 28 Mandy Gehring



February 2018

- 11 Travis & Damaris Gethmann
- 19 Doug & Ashley Bruene



We ask that you keep these people in our prayers...

Carolyn and Don Anker, Hunter Smoldt, Pastor Gideon, Paul Purvis, Lane Reinberg, Cornell Gethmann, Marilyn Brekke, Kari Groth, Kathy Keiser, Bud Locke, Priscilla Crumley, Norma Lattin, Al & Janell Gienger, Domingo Quilban (Pastor Gideon's uncle), Melva Vint, Quentin Mussig, Cindy (Mussig) Linder, George & Galene Groves, Emily Cormaney, and our many unspoken concerns.

Lectionary Readings for the Month of February

Feb.2

- Micah 6:1-8
- Psalm 15 (UMH 747)
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Matthew 5:1-12

Feb. 9

- Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
- Psalm 112:1-10 (UMH 833)
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
- Matthew 5:13-20

Feb. 16

- Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Psalm 119:1-8 (UMH 840)
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- Matthew 5:21-37

Feb. 23

- Exodus 24:12-18
- Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
- 2 Peter 1:16-21
- Matthew 17:1-9

Feb. 26-Ash Wednesday

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
- Psalm 51:1-17
- 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Administrative Council Minutes
Jan. 27, 2020

Ten members met on Jan. 27, 2020 at 7:00pm. Members in attendance were... Susan Beichley, Dana Brown, Becky Fish, Gideon Gallo, June Klinefelter, Roger Luehring, Carolyn Moe, Susie Strohbehn and Grant Strohbehn. Roger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Susie Strohbehn provided the devotional on a leap of faith.

Susie motioned to approve the past minutes. Susan gave the second. Motion passed

Susan gave the treasurer's Report. Items discussed: 2019 Apportionments were made 100%. Workers Comp billing was received and paid in 2020 for the 2019 year. There may be a second billing at the end of 2020 for the 2020 year. Auto deposits from one family is not getting recorded on the Contribution Manager program because Dana is not receiving the information. Dana and Susan and the family will work out a solution to resolve this matter. Grant motioned to approve as read. June gave the second. Motion passed.

Committee reports were as follows...

SPPRC- Roger and Gideon spoke of needing another organist.

UMW- No report given

Mission- no report given

Trustees- Latch on the women's handicapped stall in restroom needs to be addressed.

Financial – No report given

Old Business- No old business discussed

HCI- Gideon discussed the past HCI meeting with Scott Hibben. The Vision Statement will be finalized in February. The next HCI meeting with Scott Hibben is March 16. We are planning to roll out the new Vision statement to the congregation April 26th.

New business- Agenda Building-

It was discussed to remove Karen Pieper from the Memorial Checking (5096) and Savings (7370) accounts held at Great Western Bank in Gladbrook. Karen is deceased. It was decided to add Dana Brown, church secretary and Cheryl Bruene, Memorial committee member to those 2 accounts. Gideon made the motion to approve this change. Carolyn gave the second. Motion was passed.

Premiere Office Supply has been in contact with Dana about an upgraded printer available at a lower contract cost than the printer we currently have. Gideon motioned we approve the lease of the new printer pending approval of the trustees who will be asked to have an unscheduled meeting on Sunday, Feb. 2 to approve the lease contract. Carolyn gave the second, motion passed, pending Trustee approval.

Ad Council minutes continued...

Pastor's Report- Gideon reported the Good Samaritan fund has been successful. We have helped several fellow community members and travelers not of our community. At this time, we have approximately \$255.00 in the fund.

He began a new bible study program January 22nd at Westbrook Acres. They meet every Wednesday at 1:30pm the community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Feb. 26th will be the beginning of Lenten season. There will be an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm. Beginning March 5th going until April 2nd will be 5 week Thursday evening study of the Feasts (or Seasons) of the Jewish people. Carolyn suggests we make a special invitation to the Peace Church congregation during the Lenten and Easter season because they will be without a pastor at this time.

He gave an update on the new Youth group. It is a combination of the Sr. YF and Jr. YF. It also combines our youth and the youth of the Peace church and our community.

He made several hospital visits and many home visits. He also officiated the funeral of Gary Boldt.

Joys- 1. The Family Fellowship Potluck Supper was a success. The youth of the church are excited to be part of more of these events. Gideon would like to hold one monthly or bimonthly.

2. Many sets of underwear, socks and other clothing were donated for the local area elementary schools.

3. Dave and Kim Pepe will be first time grand parents this year. Dave is very excited.

Concerns- 1. Terri Luehring's father will be moving to the Iowa Vets Home soon.

2. Dave Brown's father passed away Jan. 22nd.

3. Roger will not be available to lead the February Ad Council meeting. He is the Vice Chair this year. The chairman has not been named yet pending the outcome of the HCI process. Gideon said he would lead the next meeting. No need for a vote.

Gideon closed with a prayer

Next meeting Feb. 24th @ 7:00pm. Gideon will provide the Devotional

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Brown

A new Bible study has begun at Westbrook Acres.
They would like to Invite the community to join them
every Wednesday at 1:30pm.





Recently BeFrienders gathered for training. Front row: Pat Kingery, Pat Clausen, Marilyn Bauch, Emily Putney, Randy Ohrt, Back row: Becky Fish, Kathleen Keefer, Jared Bauch, Dave Koester, Ron Busch. (not pictured: Kay Lowry, Jean Kruse, and Carolyn Moe)

This summer we will again be offering BeFriender Ministry training. We hope you will consider joining in this opportunity to support others in our community by becoming a BeFriender. Those who have completed the training say it helps them listen more completely to family and friends as well as their assigned friend. Our BeFriender Cluster of churches includes the Gladbrook UMC, Peace UCC and Traer UMC. Please ask any of the BeFriender leadership team, Pat Clausen, Marilyn Bauch, Ron Busch, Kay Lowry and Carolyn Moe if you feel called to this way of serving others.

What do BeFrienders do?

BeFrienders (volunteer lay listeners) provide pastoral care to people in difficult and transitional situations, such as illness, loneliness, or loss of a loved one. They embody the caring presence of God and of the community and serve as a living reminder of God's love.

BeFrienders are trained to provide a listening presence to others, not to be experts in whatever situation they might encounter. The core concepts and skills learned enable a BeFriender to enter into any situation and provide compassionate, empathic care.

BeFrienders accept people as they are without telling them how they should be, listen with compassion without giving advice, and allow others to make their own decisions without trying to decide for them. By providing spiritual and emotional care, BeFrienders confidentially provide an opportunity for those they befriend to make choices and to grow.

BeFriender program leaders train and support BeFrienders in offering care, a nonjudgmental presence, and active listening. BeFrienders participate in regular small group meetings with the supervision of the BeFriender leadership team. The meetings provide accountability and growth, and assist BeFrienders in their ability to listen confidentially, to be nonjudgmental by putting aside their own prejudices or desire to give advice. BeFriender relationships are not discussed with other BeFrienders, but our pastors and someone in leadership are available for help.

For more information on our national organization, go to: www.befrienderministry.org



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FEBRUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

USHERS

Brent Beichley, Duane Groth, Steve Koester

ACOLYTES

Feb. 2 Ruthie Gallo & Tate Williams
Feb. 9 Joss Warnell & Ari Pierce
Feb. 16 Jayden Beichley &
Liam Stephenson
Feb. 23 Cael Carlson & Owen
Koester

GREETERS

Feb. 2 Dan & Twanna Vint
Feb. 9 Josh & Heather Warnell family
Feb. 16 Dan & Carol Weber
Feb. 23 Scott & Renee Wiese

LITURGISTS

Feb. 2 Carolyn Moe
Feb. 9 Roger Luehring
Feb. 16 Richard Klinefelter
Feb. 23 Keith Poling

PROJECTION

Feb. 2 Jhona Lyn Gallo
Feb. 9 Steve Moe
Feb. 16 Joan Appelgate
Feb. 23 Joan Appelgate

ORGANIST

Feb. 3 Sam DeWitt
Feb. 10 Sam DeWitt
Feb. 17 Sam DeWitt
Feb. 24 Deb Wentzien

Communion Stewards:

2/2 Scott & Kathy Vavroch— Altar

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