

**Journey with us, destination greatness!**

*Pastor's Message*

I am presenting here what our Boards are working on for direction in this year of 2019. I would ask you to answer a question regarding each of the seven items listed below. *"How am I carrying this out in and through my life?"*

**Jesus is on the side of.....**

1. Jesus is on the side of decency toward and amongst all people.
2. Jesus is in favor of healing divisions amongst people.
3. Jesus wants to draw us closer to Himself, become so close that He might be closer than our brother or sister.
4. Jesus is untying you and I from financial and relationship entanglements.
5. Jesus is in favor of families dealing with their issues in a healthy way.
6. Jesus wants us to renew our mind and the Bible is the place to begin that.
7. Jesus is in the business of growing (maturing) people. And that means honesty and openness. We are to become wisely vulnerable. When we are weak, then He is strong.

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-2; John 1:1-5

(taken from message by Pastor Vern on December 30 @ the United Church of DeRuyter)

Thanks for participating with us on this. Please, if you have any questions, talk to me.

See you @ Worship *Pastor Vern*

**Valentine's Day, give your heart to Jesus**



*Administrative Board*

The administrative board met on January 7<sup>th</sup> and the meeting was conducted by Tom in Chairwoman Nancy's absence.

Treasurer's report was given and the general fund has a balance of \$34,240.32. Appointed officers for the New Year were ready to begin their duties and that included Fred as the treasurer for 2019.

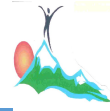
Still waiting on estimates for the work needed at the Church and Parish House. The sink at the Parish House has been repaired.

The Pastor's contract has been signed.

The spiritual board will need to plan a dinner for the left over pork from the Harvest Dinner. (Note: it was scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> and then was cancelled due to the snow storm).

Tom volunteered to change the batteries for the smoke detectors and thermostats which had been done by Carol in past years.

Vern presented a list for this year's administrative board and spiritual board called "Jesus is on the side of...". Vern wants to encourage us to think about what we can do to promote Jesus to our community. Next month we will discuss our ideas and plan to



put them into action. We will have to think outside the box and change church by doing church.

Janet Furlough, clerk

*Worship is to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission.*

*Noah Webster's dictionary (1828)*



**Spiritual Board**

The Spiritual Board meet on January 10, 2019 with eight members present.

1. Benedict Baptism postponed.
2. Arlie Marshall to perform an electrical evaluation of the Parish House upstairs & down with estimate.
3. Pastor Report of visits and meetings including one with our new school Superintendent to see how our church can cooperate and be of assistance in the community.
4. "Jesus is on the side of..." discussion and how our church can respond.
5. Pork Dinner leftover plans for a Sunday after church, maybe after the Benedict baptisms.
6. Sunday morning church breakfast possibilities this winter at the Parish House discussion in place of Church with a short message once or twice?
7. Does Church always have to be on a Sunday? What other possibilities are there?
8. Pray for more youth in the Sunday School Program and encourage everyone always.

9. Christmas Card Box proposal for congregation to exchange cards at the Church for next year?

10. New Greeter list for 2019. Anyone interested in greeting with us is encouraged to do so.

Next Meeting – February 7th, 2019

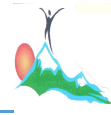
Respectfully submitted, Jean Whalen, Sec.

**Birthdays**

- Feb 1~~Isabel McReynolds
- \*Feb 4~~Tim & Ann Etter
- Feb 4~~Betty Wood
- Feb 6~~Amanda Sevier
- Feb 6~~Beverly Petley
- Feb 7~~Sue Braungardt
- Feb 14~~Linda Springer
- Feb 14~~Sylvia Hathaway
- Feb 15~~Robert Brock
- \*Feb 16~~Harold & Betty Wood
- Feb 20~~Bruce Burrows
- Feb 21~~Steve Best
- Feb 23~~Fred Lawrence
- Feb 24~~Bev Brown
- Feb 24~~Jean Coon
- Feb 25~~Bob Petley
- Feb 25~~Dakota Baker
- Feb 27~~Emma Downs

*God wrote the first Valentine  
with 2 boards and 3 nails*





Women's Fellowship

The annual meeting on January 19 was postponed due to the snow storm and held on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The following new officers were elected at the annual meeting:

CO-CHAIRS-Rosemary Lawrence & Bev Petley  
SECRETARY-Janet Furlough  
TREASURER-Jean Whalen



Calendar of Events

**Each Sun** @ 9:30 Sunday School classes-youth meet at Parish House and adults at the church

**Each Sun** @ 11am-Worship Service

**Each Tues.** @ 8:30 am- Prayer in Pastor Vern's office (all welcome to join)

**Each Wed.** @ 6:30 pm -Prayer @ Ginny Moore's home (all welcome to join)

**Sat Feb 9<sup>th</sup>**- Men's group meets @ 8 am. Lynn's Diner in Cuyler

**Sat Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Men's group meets @ 9 am. Parish House

**Feb 4-** Administrative Bd meeting at 7PM

**Feb 7** – Spiritual Bd meeting at 7PM

**Feb 10-** VBS meeting at Cuyler @ 1:30 PM

**Feb 14-** Valentine's Day

**Feb 18-** President's Day

The most  
precious gift  
you have given to me  
is the knowledge  
that I am not alone

Janette Oke



Be My Valentine  
Love Jesus

