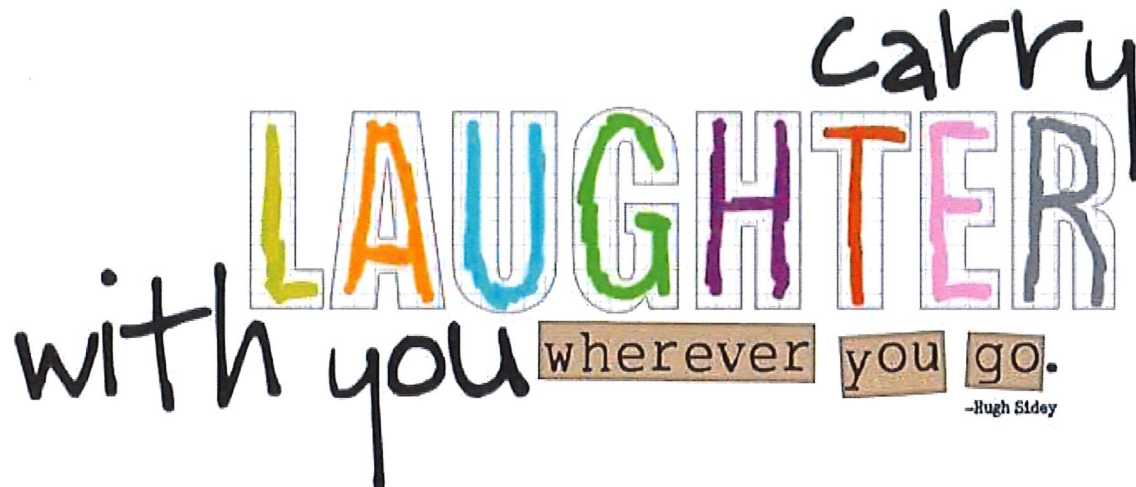


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This Sunday is Holy Humor Sunday, it is an opportunity to pray, play and celebrate the Risen Lord. We will focus on John 21: 1-14 and see that the disciples have an opportunity to pray and play with their risen Lord. They discover that laughter is good for the soul. Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom.



Dear fellow travelers,

What glorious weather we have seen this week! The beauty and warmth of each day is to be savored. Flowers are lifting their little green heads out of the dirt and the crocus and daffodils are in bloom. How these sights of new life can lift our spirits.

Here is this month's reminder that Judi will be collecting orders for cards until the 10th which is this Saturday. **So please get them to the church in the Stewardship box by Friday, 2 pm, or to me if after that time.** Judi will place the order on Monday morning.

News from ShopwithScrip this month include a new card, Instacart which will offer a 4% rebate. Also, Starbucks is lowering the rebate on it's cards from 7% to 4.5 % later this month, so if you use Starbucks, now is the time to stock up on cards for the better rebate.

On another note, we have been earning an average of \$135.00 per month on our orders. This is being accomplished by a dedicated but small group, usually the same 7 or 8 people every month. JUST THINK how much we could earn if a few more people added an order each month! We could double our earnings in no time. So please, look over the retailer list and see if there is one or two cards that you could work into your monthly buying habits. And don't forget about the VISA gift card which can be used anywhere that Visa credit cards are welcome.

As always, Judi is available to help in any way she can. The retailer list and order form are attached for your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your orders!

The Women's Fellowship continues to meet on Zoom. We have completed our book and will be looking at world religions as we go forward. The women met briefly Thursday and surprised Reverend Kirsty with early birthday wishes. We hope to begin meeting in the parking lot next week.

The deacons and trustees met last evening. We discussed coming back into the church on May 9. We reviewed the protocols we had put in place when we were open this past fall. More details will follow in a separate email/letter. The next meeting will be May 13.

The two boards then held separate meetings. The deacons reviewed the past months services noting the number of attendees for Maundy Thursday services and the beauty of the flowering cross and how we could involve the community at large to participate in filling the cross next year. The deacons also talked about communion this Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, outside summer worship and possibilities of pulpit exchange.

The sign is coming down on the little food pantry and we will be accepting jars and canned goods in our little pantry. We are thankful for all who have contributed and those who have used it.

WLCC Trustee April Thumbnail Financial Report

In March 2021 our income was \$11,259 and expenses \$13,014. Thank you to the Growth Committee who donated \$1,000 from their March Church supper and the Women's Fellowship for their \$3,000 donation. In March we also received \$4,242 in pledges. The major March 2021 expenses were insurance (\$3,092), plowing (\$1,050), pastor (and pension) (\$3,715), and staff payroll (\$2,812).

Our 2021 Year to Date through March income and expenses were \$34,908 and \$35,252 respectively. Our total pledges through March totaled \$20,761 which deducting the \$6,000 in pre-paid 2021 pledges results in 94% of prorating the \$63,000 in budgeted 2021 pledges for three months.

In March we had a free parsonage visual energy audit from Liberty Utilities. This included the installation of smart WIFI thermostats, low flow shower heads, and recommended additional basement sill insulation. In March the five sanctuary outlets were upgraded to GFCI receptacles. We are also getting additional insurance quotations to reduce our insurance cost.

Please let any Trustee know if you have any questions, comments, or ideas.

--Your Trustees

Notes from Moderator:

Mark your calendar for April 18th for the next Cabinet Meeting at 12:30. A separate link will be sent.

Please attend and support the church. Tom has mentioned that there are several matters to be discussed which includes the air filtration for the church

and decided on. The business portion of the meeting will precede the reports. Your vote counts!

On April 24 we will be having a drive thru chicken and biscuit dinner starting at 5 pm until 6:30 or sold out which ever comes first. Stay tuned for more details.

Faithfully

Nancy Simpson
for WLCC