

HYLAND LAKES PARISH NEWS LETTER

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Elcho Congregational UCC/Kempster Congregational UCC

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here

From the Interim Minister

By the time you read this I'll be in Biloxi, Mississippi. Thank you for the prayers and all the contributions for Back Bay Mission (BBM) that filled our SUV. They will all go to good use in BBM's ministries. I plan to send updates and pictures to church folks to be shared on the Sundays that I'm away. I'll be back on Sunday, October 27 and plan to share from my experiences during worship that day.

The Search Committee had a good meeting on September 22nd and is ready to get to work. We've decided to begin by having small group meetings starting on October 13th after worship. We'd like those who go away during the winter months to participate in the first meetings. Below are the 3 items to be discussed:

- Describe the ministry goals you envision your next minister co-collaborating with the congregation to achieve.
- Describe how your vision of the minister you are now seeking will assist the congregation in making an impact beyond its walls.
- Based on what you have learned about who your church is, who your church's neighbor is, and who God is calling the church to become, describe four areas of excellence from The Marks of Faithful & Effective Authorized Ministry that your next minister will display to further equip the congregation's ministry in these areas.

The Marks of Faithful & Effective Authorized Ministry are included here.

It is in a Acrobat format. I wanted to alphabetize the eight areas to make it better for picking four areas. I hope that imagining them numbered will

work; one through four on the front page and five through eight on the back page.

We've scheduled another meeting to discuss the 3 items above for November 3rd. Future meetings will be scheduled (when the Packers DON'T play at noon) for those of us that stay for the winter.

I look forward to hearing how these discussions went when I return at the end of October and look forward to joining you in these continued discussions that will help our churches produce a honest and meaningful local church profile for our search and call process.

The Peace of Christ be with you all, Paul

MARKS OF FAITHFUL AND EFFECTIVE AUTHORIZED MINISTERS IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHIBITING A SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION AND ONGOING SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

- Loving God, following Jesus Christ, and being guided by the Holy Spirit; living a life of discipleship.
- Praying actively and nurturing spiritual practices.
- Being called to ordained ministry by God and the Church.
- Continuing discernment of one's call in community.
- Understanding the power of the Holy Spirit at work through the elements of Christian worship to nurture faith.
- Exhibiting a commitment to lifelong spiritual development and faithful personal stewardship.

NURTURING UCC IDENTITY

- Acknowledging Jesus Christ as the sole Head of the Church.
- Communicating passion for the oneness of the Body of Christ (John 17:21).
- Holding active membership in a Local Church of the United Church of Christ.
- Participating in the various settings of the United Church of Christ, including Local Churches, Associations, Conferences, General Synod, and global ministries.
- Knowing and appreciating UCC history, polity, and theology.

- Exhibiting a commitment to the core values of the United Church of Christ: continuing testament, extravagant welcome, and changing lives.

BUILDING TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- Empowering the Church to be faithful to God's call, reflective of Christ's mission, and open to the surprises of the Holy Spirit.
- Strategically creating the future of God's Church.
- Witnessing in the public square to God's redeeming power.
- Performing necessary and appropriate administrative tasks.
- Working collaboratively with intercultural awareness and sensitivity.
- Encouraging leadership development of self and others through continuing education and lifelong learning.

ENGAGING SACRED STORIES AND TRADITIONS

- Exhibiting knowledge, understanding, and continuing study of the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament.
- Maturing in effective proclamation and preaching.
- Understanding the history of the Christian Church, from biblical times forward.
- Bringing life to sacred stories and traditions in worship, proclamation, and witness.
- Leading faith formation effectively across generations.
- Holding the Holy with integrity especially as represented in the Sacraments.

CARING FOR ALL CREATION

- Nurturing care and compassion for God's creation.
- Maintaining a basic understanding of mental health and wellness.
- Practicing self-care and life balance.
- Providing hope and healing to a hurting world.
- Attending to one's own spiritual and pastoral care, including engagement in supervision as appropriate.
- Stewarding the resources of the Church.

PARTICIPATING IN THEOLOGICAL PRAXIS

- Practicing theological reflection and engagement as part of one's sense of ministerial identity.

- Integrating theological reflection in teaching, preaching, and ecclesial and community leadership.
- Articulating a theology and practice of ministry consistent with the UCC Manual on Ministry.
- Demonstrating an appreciation for and participation in the ecumenical and interfaith partnerships of the UCC.
- Experiencing and appreciating a variety of theological perspectives.
- Embodying the UCC Ministerial Code.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE AND MERCY

- Drawing on the ministry of Jesus Christ to confront injustice and oppression.
- Practicing the radical hospitality of God.
- Identifying and working to overcome explicit and implicit bias in the life of the Church.
- Understanding community context and navigating change with a community.
- Engaging in mission and outreach.
- Building relationships of mutual trust and interdependence.

STRENGTHENING INTER- AND INTRA- PERSONAL ASSETS

- Developing and maintaining a healthy sense of self as shaped by God, community, and life experiences.
- Living in relationships of covenantal accountability with God and the Church.
- Exhibiting strong moral character and personal integrity.
- Respecting the dignity of all God's people.
- Understanding and ministering to stages of human development across the life span.
- Demonstrating excellent communication skills

STEWARDSHIP

We are blessed to have the talents of Betty Tappa to provide Worship Leadership while Reverend Paul is in Biloxi. Betty's inspirational stories, insights, and lessons are a special treat that is greatly appreciated.



GRIEF AND LOSS GROUP

Grief and loss are a part of life. Sometimes we think we have finished but then an anniversary comes or something reminds us of the loss again. Sue Mackowski, Bereavement Specialist and Consultant will lead the group. For additional information call her at 715-275-5399.

2019 Grief Support Schedule

- 10/05/19 Honoring Our Memories 10:00a.m. - Noon
- 11/9/19 Grief and the Holidays
- 12/14/19 Grief and the Holidays

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Women's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, October 2nd at 1:00p.m. In the Church Basement.

MEN'S CLUB/PAVILION NEWS

On September 25th we had our last Wednesday dinner for the year at the pavilion. The delicious Tenderloin Steak Dinner with sautéed mushrooms and all the trimmings was met with rave reviews by the 90+ guests.

We held our drawing for our meat raffle at the dinner, and the winner was Natasha Hanson from Union Grove, Wisconsin. All 1000 raffle tickets were sold bringing in a profit of \$2,000+ to the Men's Club. Thanks to all who bought tickets, sold tickets, and special kudos to Bob Brautigam heading up this fund raiser.

We will continue to have our monthly fish fry on the second Friday of the month. Mark Klopfer, Men's Club President expresses, "Thank you to everyone who baked desserts or worked at or attended these dinners. Your support is so greatly appreciated."

To all of our snowbird friends, have a great winter. We will miss you!

Our next event is the fish fry on October 11th. Doors will open at 4:00 and we will start serving dinner at 5:00.

ELCHO UCC CHOIR AND MUSIC NEWS



Our Choir has provided beautiful and inspirational worship through their gifts of song. Their ranks are already being reduced with the migration of Snowbirds plus the advent of hunting season, and October will be their final month before taking their winter hiatus.

If anyone knows of individuals who would be interested in providing special music, we would more than welcome them.

ELCHO FOOD PANTRY

Chili Cook Off

It is getting closer. The December 15 “Chili Cook-Off” hosted at Elcho Club House. Bring your Chili to be judged and bring your appetite and cash to purchase chili samples and raffle tickets for prizes (TV + others). Proceeds of the event support the food pantry. Enjoy the Packers vs Bears game, chili, refreshments, being with friends, and winning prizes all while supporting the Food Pantry. More details as event approaches.

Open House

We will be having a Open House for All Churches and Businesses in our service area. Oct 8th and 10th from 1 to 4. We will need help and possibly some baked goods. Also help cleaning and straightening and stocking the night before. More details soon.

GARDEN CLUB

Memorial Walk Bricks

A reminder about ordering an engraved brick to honor or memorialize an individual/event/anniversary/marriage, etc.

Order blanks are available on the table in the narthex and at the pavilion. People can also speak with Jane Wagner with any questions.



IN MEMORIA

Our Memorial Candle was lit in honor of Fay Curran who passed away on September 13.



A full obituary is available at the [Strasser Roller](#) website.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Please check the calendar on our website:

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