**Consistory Pastoral Relations Officers**

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Karl Grube Church & Financial Sec

**10:00 a.m. Service Ushers For January**

January 5 Grube Family

January 12 Hering, Heinemann, Aschenbach

January 19 Widder, L Henschel, Twohig

January 26 Stoffregen

Alternate Ver Straate

**Prayer Concerns…**

*Please keep those who are shut-in or ill in your prayers.*

*Home:*

Stella Miller – 326 Isabelle Court

Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085 Cell: 920-889-8366

Kathleen Grube -Terrace Estates

1231 Eisner Ave

Sheboygan, WI 53083

*Shut-ins:*

*Darwin & Jean Meyer 2004 Appletree Road Room 6*

*Howards Grove, WI 53083*

**The Shepherd’s Word**

**Our Shepherd UCC**

**710 Ethan Allen Drive**

**Howards Grove, WI 53083**

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**Our Shepherd UCC January 2020**

**920-565-3376 ourshepherducc.com**



**Church School News**

MC900391546[1] ***The Upper Room*** MC900391546[1]

The Jan/Feb issue of the daily devotional “The Upper Room” is available in the

Literature Rack.

**Items for the Food** Pantry -The month of January donations may be placed in the basket, located in the church office**: Cans of soup**

**Change for Change Jar** - Money used to purchase items for food pantry

**Prayer Shawl/Blankets** – For those in our prayers, items can be found in the office. If you know of someone in need of a shawl/blanket, please select an item to present to them.

**Beverage Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House**

Birthday Bags -Sign up to supply items needed for a birthday bag, to be delivered to the food pantry. Choose a month, bring the items to church, the bag is supplied by the church school. (In a bag: box of cake mix, small bottle of oil, can of frosting, candles – eggs supplied by food pantry)



**Slow Flow Yoga**

Need support with your 2020 resolution to get fit. Start your journey by attending yoga classes on Mondays at Our Shepherd.

Jessica Kohn provides a great opportunity at both the chair at 11:00 am and regular yoga at 5:30 pm. The next session begins Monday, January 6th.

We are always looking for new friends to join our program.

Questions please contact Renae at 565-2785 or [rwunsch@hgsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:rwunsch@hgsd.k12.wi.us)

**Church school is offered to children age 3 to confirmation age. The program runs from 8:30 to 9:45 weekly,**

**followed by church services at 10:00**

Congratulation to the Church school children for the incredible job they did sharing the Christmas story. Their enthusiastic retelling of this story helped prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the Saviors birth.

Thank you, church school children, for practicing your lines and learning the songs so quickly. Special thanks to the older youth that also helped practice lines with the younger members of the church school. Your preparation showed as you retold the Christmas story.

Special thanks to the teachers for your flexibility while providing lessons during program practices. Parents, thank you for having children at practices, and a shout out to the teachers/staff for your generous donations to the Christmas bags. Thanks Steph and Praiseworthy for helping with music, Jeff for your technical support, adult readers for your help, Carla for costumes and Debbie for your donation for needed supplies.

A special thanks to Jim and Tracy for taking care of, “The Heart to Heart” tree and Kay and Roger for setting up the tree. Our Shepherd family thanks you for granting the wishes of others during this Christmas season and the script program for providing Piggly Wiggly gift cards for the families. May your journey to the manger prepare you for a joyous Christmas Season,

The Church School Program

**SHOP WITH SCRIP**

Continuing in 2020,

card orders will be due the 3rd Sunday of every month.

**Don’t worry; we will have a stockpile of the cards purchased most often that you can**

**buy any Sunday. It’s**

**best to get that order**

**in on a monthly basis**

**so you can plan for it**

**in your budget.**

Any questions, talk to

Shari Ver Straate,

Renae Wunsch, Nancy

Cherney or Char

Gumm.

Thanks for supporting this program.



***The Falls Food Pantry serves the needy of Howards Grove, Kohler, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo. All donations are very much appreciated.***

MC900413580[1]**God’s Blessings on your Birthday - January**

2 Shari Ver Straate 17Jelane Gosse

19 Jenn Aschenbach 25 Darlene Meyers

25 Ann VanWyk 26 Lynn Wesener

28 Ruth Hering 29 Lee Henschel

30 LaVerne Starck

**Children’s Room**

Please watch the binder for an opportunity to sign up and cover the children’s room during the morning worship. Your support is greatly appreciated.



**Praiseworthy Notes**

Sunday, January 5 Service/Practice at 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, January 12 Service/Practice at 8:45 a.m.

Please welcome our new interim Pastor Dianne Droster

Contact information: 920-903-4733 didroster@gmail.com

Hello!  I am Dianne Droster and I am so greatly and gratefully looking forward to our shared ministry. Here is a little background about me:  I am a graduate of Lawrence University in Appleton, and I worked there as a part-time professor for many years, specializing in first-year English classes, mostly with our visiting Japanese exchange students.  I don’t speak Japanese, but I have found laughter to be a universal language! My graduate degree is in creative writing.  I am owned by a Bearded Collie dog named Pip, and I am the step-mother of two wonderful adult children, Kate and Tanya.

A few years ago, I felt the call to ministry, and completed four years of Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ Lay Academy.  I began taking seminary courses, and in the meantime, started working for a large ELCA Lutheran church.  My responsibilities there are mostly in pastoral care: hospital, hospice and home-bound visits and emergency and off-hour coverage, and coordinating the Stephen Ministry program.  At my home church of First Congregational, I have been involved with our Sunday school, Middle School, and High School programs, Fellowship Team, Stephen Ministry, and Mission and Service ministries.  I am eager to participate in the full life of Our Shepherd as we worship, serve, and love God together and follow along the path of discipleship.  Many blessings!

***Rural Church Fellowship Happenings*** *The Chili Cook-Off will be held on January 12th from 12:30 to 2:00 at Laack’s Hall, Johnsonville. Come and sample for a low fee and vote for your favorite chili. Enter a crockpot of your chili for an entry fee of $20.00. Or come to sample to determine the “best” chili. Some chili may be available to purchase at the end of the time. There will be a variety of raffles to choose from also. This event is sponsored by Rural Church Fellowship to raise money for the Mission Bay Trip and the National Youth Event to be held in the Midwest in 2020.  
  
JoAnn Gadicke*

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*Pilgrim Center work camp will be held June 7-11, 2020. See Hoyt for details.*

*The Annual Meeting will be held on January 26, 2020 after the 10:00 worship service.*

***All reports are due to the secretary by January 5, 2020*** *so they can be available to members on January 12, 2020.*

*You can send them to* [*secretaryosucc@tds.net*](mailto:secretaryosucc@tds.net)

Search and Call Committee Update

The search committee received four pastoral profiles, three of which were rejected because of higher qualifications then we could afford. We are holding onto one profile, but we don't feel that she's a good fit for Our Shepherd.

The Consistory is also reviewing our budget in order to possibly revise the compensation package, we think the insurance part of it needs to change. It's been a very slow process, unlike the last one when we found Pastor Peggy. Please keep praying for us, that we might find a pastor suited for this church.

**Scholarship Update**  
During the month of October we highlighted the Scholarship Fund. We have added $370 to the amount we have invested. Thank you to those of you who have supported additional investment in the account.

**CLEANING HELP!!!**

There is always something to do no matter if we are at home or at church! I am talking about cleaning!! Ugh! But we need your help! In the binder there is a schedule for volunteers to do a little cleaning.

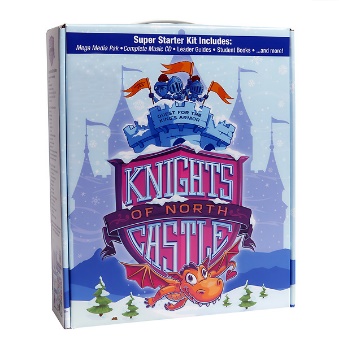
The list of tasks will be on the bulletin board in the Consistory Room. The dates will be laid out in two week segments and you are welcome to clean any time in those two weeks. Check the binder for your time to spruce up God’s house – which is also home to all of us.

So! Find a friend, do a little cleaning and then head out to eat or do something fun!

All the help you give will be greatly appreciated!!

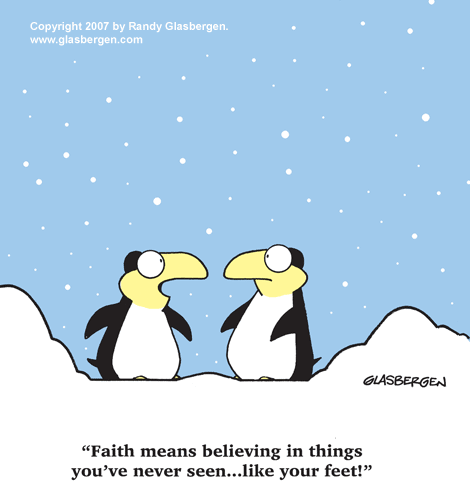
**Thanks to everyone that has taken a turn cleaning the church. If you haven’t had a chance to help, check the binder for available dates.**

Thanks, The Consistory

The VBS material has arrived!!

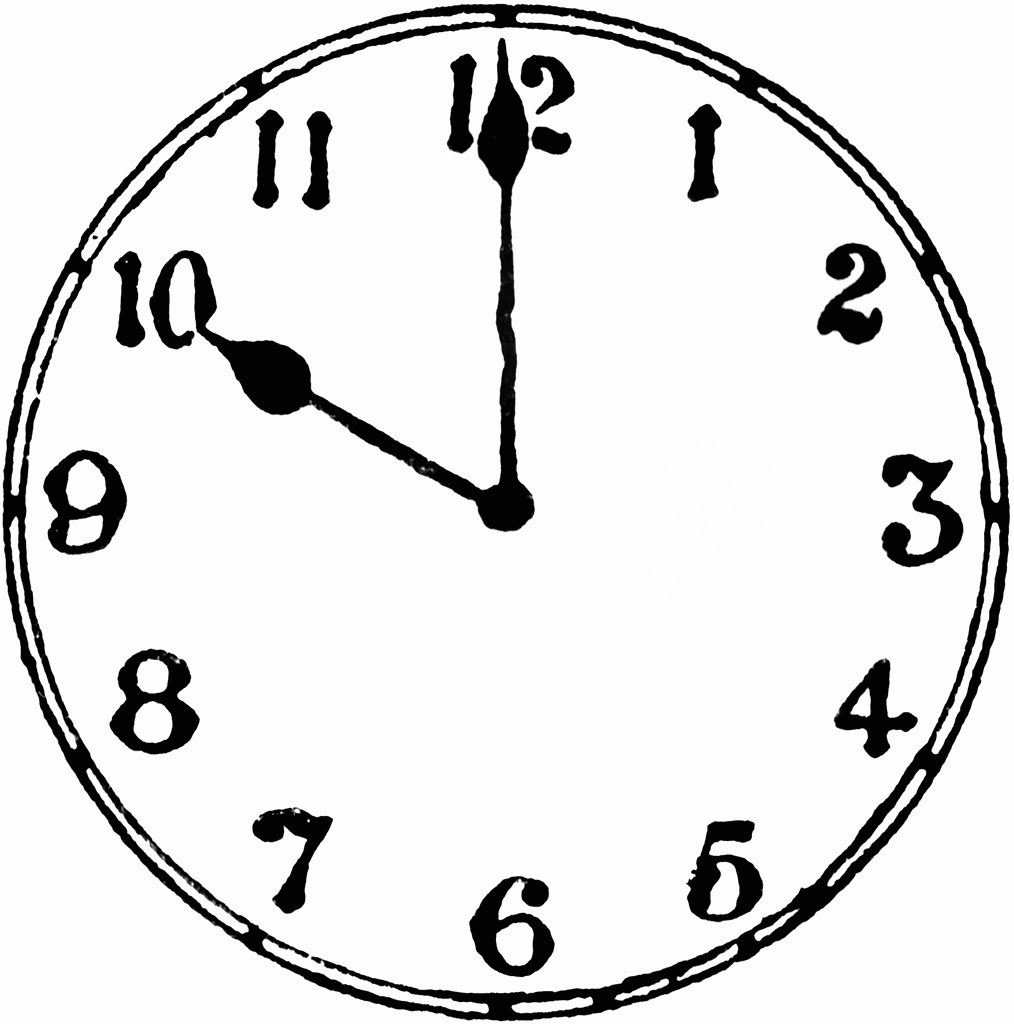


Mark you calendars to join the church school on February 16th for their annual pancake breakfast. Church school at 8:30, church service at 10:00 followed by the breakfast. A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost. We look forward to you joining us for food and fellowship.



**Inclement weather: Tune into Channel 12 for cancellations of events or services.**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP– 10:00 A.M.**

September - May

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| See the source imageFood Pantry Items  January  2020  Canned Soup |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5  8:30 Church School  8:45 Praiseworthy Practice  10:00 Worship/ Praiseworthy  **Annual Meeting Reports Due** | 6  11:00 Chair Yoga  5:30 Yoga | 7  Dartball  Whoa Nellies @ OS  7:30 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12  8:30 Consistory Meeting  8:30 Church School  10:00 Worship | 13  11:00 Chair Yoga  5:30 Yoga | 14  Dartball  OS @ Waldo  7:30 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19  8:30 Church School  8:45 Praiseworthy Practice  10:00 Worship/ Praiseworthy  **Scrip Card orders Due**  **Newsletter Articles Due** | 20  11:00 Chair Yoga  5:30 Yoga | 21  Dartball  Salem @ OS  7:30 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25  League Dartball Tournament @  Gravel Pit in Kiel |
| **26**  8:30 Church School  8:30 Confirmation Class  10:00 Worship  **Annual Meeting following worship** | 27  11:00 Chair Yoga  5:30 Yoga | 28  Dartball  OS @ St. Paul’s  7:30 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |