

Truax News



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PASTOR'S

Grief Revisited!

CORNER

I have written many articles on Grieving. Yet, we need constant reminders of how Grief affects us.

Not long ago, I received an e-mail from a friend who was going through deep grief. It seemed to this friend that he was grieving more for this loss than for the loss of his father, when he died. What needs to be said is that his father had died more than ten years ago. Was he really grieving less for his father? It is possible, and even is not wrong or evil, if this is the case. But we need to point out that most all of us have worked through our losses of ten years ago. This does not mean we ever forget and we never grieve or hurt again about that loss. It means we are on a different plane of grieving, and that is OK.

We also need to remind ourselves that everyone grieves differently. There is nothing wrong with you, if you do not grieve as others, or with the same intensity as others appear to grieve. One of the saddest things to me is when people tell those who grieve, that they should get over it. Who are they to play god? Each grief that we experience is different than the one before or the next one that comes to us. How long or short one grieves is yours to decide.

Probably, we all forget sometimes, that to start to accept the loss does not mean we forget who or what we have lost. We will never forget it. It

is important to us. The real question for us at this point – is the grief interfering with our relationships with those who are the living? If that is the case, then we need help.

Pastor Dave

Worship Services and Participants for March

Readers — if there is a choice of scriptures listed, please check with Pastor Dave regarding which specific passages he wants you to read. Thanks!

March 7 - Third Sunday in Lent

Care 'n' Share

Greeters: Marcia & Glenn Standard

Acolyte: **Volunteer needed!**

Reader: Diana Stenner

Refreshments: Carol Lee

Scriptures: Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 14 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Greeters: Janet Lee & Don Halverson

Acolyte: **Maybe you?**

Reader: Rueben Zettler

Refreshments: Neva Robbins

Scriptures: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



March 21 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Greeters: The Milands

Acolyte: **Help wanted!**

Reader: Jennie Stratton

Refreshments: Steve & Brenda Stewart

Scriptures: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

March 28 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Greeters: The Wisemillers

Acolyte: **Candle lighter needed**

Reader: Dee Doane

Refreshments: Dee Doane

Scriptures: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 OR

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 19:28-40 OR

Luke 22:14-23:56 OR

Luke 23:1-49

RECIPES NEEDED

for the Truax 115th Anniversary Cookbook

The goal is 150 recipes from Truax members and regular attendees. While all recipes are welcome, the committee is especially looking for vegetable & side dish recipes at this time, as well as recipes that DON'T fall into the following categories: appetizer, salad, main dish, dessert, candy & cookie or bread.

[Editor's note: while I'm not sure what items that request would include, I guess I'll send my dog biscuit recipe their way, and one for a family-favorite soup. Recipes must be in by March 15.

Place in the basket at church or email to: wwj1943@charter.net (Jane Jackson) or twnone@charter.net (Jan Miland.)

THANKS!!



Looking ahead . . .

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Truax will have a 7 PM worship service with communion.

Easter Sunday, April 4,

Truax will have a short Sunrise service at 7 AM,

followed by a potluck breakfast/brunch at about 7:40 AM.

We will have a second worship service at the usual 9:30 AM time.



Treasurer's Update:

Current balance of Construction loan: **\$18,772**

Principal Payments made:

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
5/26/09	\$7000	11/29/09	\$1000
6/18/09	\$2250	12/20/09	\$1000
7/28/09	\$1000	12/27/09	\$1000*
8/29/09	\$1000	2/28/10	\$1000
9/26/09	\$1000	---	---
10/26/09	\$1000	---	---

*No Principal payment made in Jan as I paid the Real Estate taxes \$1626.79. Extra Principal payment was made in

OUR 115TH ANNIVERSARY --
LET'S CELEBRATE!

Various folks from Truax are already working on some projects to help celebrate this birthday later in 2010, including a cookbook and a long-overdue church directory. These and other projects will be needing help along the way, so watch the newsletter and listen for announcements in church about projects and activities you might want to help along. To start, look for specific information elsewhere in the newsletter about deadlines for recipes and information for the directory. If you haven't had your picture or family picture taken yet, please let Rev. Dave know about that so we can get 'er dun! There's fun ahead!

IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

Please help us with 2 wonderful church projects by submitting your information by the following dates:

Sunday, March 14 -
INFORMATION SHEETS
"GETTING TO KNOW THE
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
TRUAX CHURCH" ARE DUE for
the Church Directory. Can't find
your sheet(s)? You'll find one
elsewhere in this newsletter.
Please submit these to Dee
Doane or Jan Miland.

Monday, March 15 - RECIPES
ARE DUE for the 115th
Anniversary Cookbook. Place in
the basket at church or email
to: wwj1943@charter.net (Jane
Jackson) or twnone@charter.net
(Jan Miland).

Women's Fellowship Meeting

Truax Women's Fellowship currently meets only when there is a project to do.

Women's Fellowship continues to make "The Upper Room" booklets available, and have dishcloths for sale at church -- ask June or Donna.

CARE 'N' SHARE

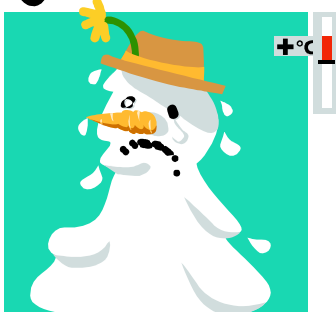
The first Sunday of each month is "Care 'n' Share" Sunday at Truax. This month, that is March 7.

We know these are tough times for all of us, but we'd like you to know that our donations of both food and funds to the local Food Pantry have decreased significantly over the past few months.

The St. Francis Food Pantry provides food to more and more individuals and families each week due to increased needs. They always welcome donations of non-perishable food items to replenish their supply, as well as donations of money, which the Pantry uses to purchase food from the local food bank. Could you find it in your heart (and your wallet: to make a much-needed contribution this month?

Next month, Care 'n' Share Sunday will be April 4.

Spring is on the way!



Truax Congregational UCC
Quarterly Church Council Meeting
February 10, 2010

Members Present: Pastor Dave Stratton, Bernie Trettin, Margaret Champion, Bill Jackson, Chris Ambelang, Janice Miland, Glenn Ambelang, Cheri Case, Chuck Case, Diana Stenner. Others present: Jane Jackson. Vice President Chris Ambelang called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Pastor Dave led the **devotions** on the quality of love. The **minutes** were sent with the agenda, so were not read aloud. Bernie Trettin moved and Cheri Case seconded to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried on a voice vote. The Treasurer was ill and unable to attend the meeting, so there was no **Treasurer's report**. Old Business: **Rent Payments** Bill Jackson reported that the tenants paid in 3 installments in January with notice to Bill. They did not provide notice prior to the late payment for December, so they still owe the late charge for December. They paid the February rent on time. There was some discussion about this. Council members seemed in agreement that we don't really want to seek new renters, and they did pay on time this month, so the group decided to keep this item on the agenda for future meetings. **Fee schedule for use of church** – Chris has names of several people willing to be called to be able to help with funeral lunches, as well as a bunch of notes from June Bartilson regarding what/how Women's Fellowship did in the past. It seems that Lenmark is the only funeral home that may be confused about whether Truax can provide funeral lunches, so Chris will contact them to clarify that we are willing to provide and serve lunches for funerals. The fee schedule is very old. The group discussed this, with several members providing suggestions to contact Plymouth re: the fees they charge for similar services. **Blinds for the addition** – this was deferred for later in the meeting. **Church Directory** – various people are working on taking pictures and we have some of the written information. Dee & Janice are collecting the information sheets. We need a coordinator for the job. We have no specific plan beyond working on these two things. Dave suggested having a motion to finish the directory by a given date. Glenn made a motion to have the directory finished and ready for distribution by Sept 1, and that written information and pictures need to be in by March 14 (Sunday). Diana will put a reminder in the newsletter about this and include a new copy of the biography sheet in the newsletter. We should also announce this in church. We also need to get some information about costs before the next Council Meeting in May. New Business: **Lenten and Easter Service** – On Easter Sunday (April 4) we will have the usual Sunrise Service at 7 am, followed by a potluck breakfast and a 9:30 service. The Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, March 17 at 7 PM. On Maundy Thursday (April 1) Truax will have a service with communion. **115th Anniversary celebration** – November 6 is the official date for the anniversary. That falls on a Saturday this year, so November 7 would be the closest Sunday. Rev. Dave read some suggestions from the UCC history guidebook regarding a history commemorative booklet. The group discussed possible anniversary celebration activities, including a potluck, writing a history booklet, inviting former ministers, putting up a banner outside the church. Margaret moved and Glenn seconded the motion to have Barb chair this group. Motion carried. Dave will check into cost of banner and report at next meeting. **Cookbook** – Jane Jackson got information from 3 different cookbook companies, and got together an informal committee to review this. The group selected one they liked best and got information about what would be included. There is a \$3 charge for each book, which would be for 150 recipes. Truax would sell them for \$6. People need to submit recipes by March 15th to Jane, Janice, Chris, or Carol. The books will be ready by May 1. Funds from the cookbooks will be put toward blinds for the addition, with any leftover funds toward the church directories. Bill made a motion which Glenn seconded to proceed with the project. Motion carried. **Money for the anniversary celebration** – The group decided to wait until we have a better idea of what we want to do for the celebration, before addressing the question of funds for the anniversary. Other new business: **Pie & Ice Cream Social** will be held Wednesday, June 16 from 4 – 6:30. Bernie will be in charge of organizing the event. **Picnic** – the Sunday before Fathers' Day, which is the date we usually have the picnic, falls on June 13 this year. Bernie will check with Anna Suvada regarding using their farm. [Bernie later reported that Suvadas are willing to have the picnic at their farm again.] **Furniture for Fellowship Hall** – this was tabled until Dee is here to talk about her ideas, although there was some concern expressed that furniture might interfere with playing dart ball. **10% donation** – The question arose as to whether it was time to revisit the issue of where to donate the 10% "tithes" from sales of donated merchandise. **Donations to the Food Pantry** decreased in recent months, with no one donating food at the beginning of February. A reminder in the newsletter re: donating money vs. food was suggested. **Pastor's Report** - Dave will be gone February 22 – March 6. Ellie Michaud will fill in for him in his absence. **Trustees** had nothing additional to report. There was no additional business brought before the Council. Bernie made a motion, seconded by Glenn, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

-- Submitted by Diana Stenner, Clerk



Truax Congregational Church
 Financial Report for Feb 28, 2010

Balance on hand in RCU Checking Acct Feb 1, 2010: \$2483.12

Balance on hand in RCU Savings Acct Feb 1, 2010: \$11627.15

RECEIPTS					\$14110.27
	General Fund	Offering envelopes	\$2557		
		Bdg Fund	\$345		
		Lunch	\$64		
		Mdse – total collected - 10% to The Community Table	\$137	\$3103	
	Missions	OCWM	\$136		
		Food Pantry – Care & Share Sunday	\$85		
		Community Table Relocation Fund 10% of mdse sold	\$15	\$236	
	Rent	Feb Rent	\$ pd in Jan	\$0	
	Misc.	Jan Savings Acct Interest	\$2.31		
		Sunday School	\$2.00	\$4.31	\$3343.31
		Total Receipts			\$17453.58
EXPENSES		Rev. Stratton - Salary	\$1754		
		Rev. Stratton – Med Ins	\$320		
		Rev. Stratton – dental ins	\$0		
		Misc. Supplies	\$53.95		
		Construct loan princ. pymt	\$1000		
		Xcel Energy	\$276.18		
		Sara Robbins -organist	\$140.83		
		RCU Constr loan Int pymt	\$96.36		
		West WI Telcom	\$32.01		
		Guest Speaker	\$75		
		Fed Income Tax	\$227.83		
		OCWM	\$136		
		Food Pantry	\$85		
		Community Table	\$15		
		Total Expenses			(\$4212.16)
		2/28/10 Checking bal	\$2458.96		
		2/28/10 Savings bal	\$10782.46		
		Balance on hand 2/28/10	\$13241.42		\$13241.42

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Information sheets due for Truax directory</p>	1	2	3 B'day: Gretchen Schultz	4 B'day: Richelle Shill	5	6
7 9:30 Worship Sunday School during worship Care 'n Share	8 B'day: Stephanie Brixen	9	10 B'day: Lucile Smith	11	12	13
14 9:30 Worship Sunday School during worship B'day: Jimmy North	15 Recipes due for Truax Cookbook	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 First Day of Spring! 
21 9:30 Worship Sunday School during worship	22	23	24	25 B'day: Margaret Smith	26 B'days: Ken Books, Donna Brixen	27
28 Palm/Passion Sunday 9:30 Worship Sunday School during worship	29	30	31	1 April 7 pm Maundy Thursday service with communion		

GETTING TO KNOW THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF TRUAX CHURCH

(This information will be used in an upcoming church directory. Only share information such as email address if you want included in the directory.)

NAME: _____

MARITAL STATUS: _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER'S NAME: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____ (MONTH & DATE)

ANNIVERSARY: _____

CHILDREN: _____

GRANDCHILDREN: _____

GREAT-GRAND CHILDREN: _____

PETS: _____

RETIRED: _____ (FORMER OCCUPATION)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: _____

RELATIVES IN THE CHURCH: _____

INTERESTS/HOBBIES: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOW DID YOU LEARN OF TRUAX CHURCH, DECIDE TO BECOME A MEMBER OR DECIDE TO ATTEND REGULARILY? _____

ANY OTHER INFO YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE: _____

Thank You for letting us get to know you better!!
Give completed sheets to Janice Miland or Dee Doane

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Contributions for newsletter including news,
inspirational thoughts, quotations, or humor
are welcomed!
(Deadline for the April newsletter is
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Sunday Service 9:30 AM
Sunday School during worship
October—May

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836-7943

Council President: Barbara Topper
926-5813

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723-6259

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	Attendance	Offerings	Missions - OCWM	Food Pantry
Feb 7	55	\$621	\$54	\$30
Feb 14	54	\$508	\$23	\$0
Ash Wed	15	Ash Wednesday	\$0	\$35
Feb 21	47	\$750	\$25	\$20
Feb 28	46	\$678	\$34	\$0