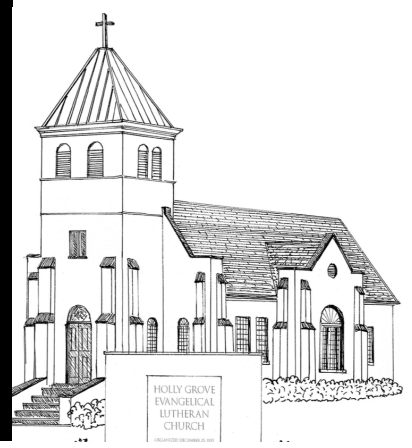


FEBRUARY 2022

THE HOLLY LEAF

Holly Grove Lutheran Church



SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

LET'S TACKLE HUNGER

Sunday, February 13
Bring non-perishable food
for The Blessing Box



Prelude to Lent

Each year we often find ourselves saying phrases like “Easter is early this year” or “Easter sure is late.” Because the date for Easter is a movable feast, that means that so too is the date that Lent begins, forty-six days prior, on Ash Wednesday. This year we might say, “it feels a little late this year.” Ash Wednesday usually takes place in mid to late February, but this year it will take place on Wednesday, March 2. Easter is on Sunday, April 17.

Our Mission Statement

As united people of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our purpose is to provide worship and Christian Education, and respond in loving action to a needy world.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 James Palmer	13 Tina Hedrick	26 Chip & Ann Blower
2 Jo Ann Black	David Clark	27 Andy & Kristal Ferguson
Meagan Murphy	14 Conrad Sommer	
8 Karen Beck	17 John Michael Fritts	
Kameron Cecil	Raven Hylton	
9 Myra Beck	18 Lateffa Dennis	
Herbert Frank	19 Taylor Gabriel	
10 Brantley Bunton	22 Andy Ferguson	
11 Carol Conrad	23 Nathan Rose	
Kara Lohr	26 Bonnie Hedrick	
12 Lincoln Murphy	27 Tim Everhart	

Church Calendar

February 9: Finance Committee at 6pm

February 13: Soup-er Bowl Sunday

February 14: Council at 7pm

February 16: Senior Citizens at 10:30am @ Mt. Tabor

February 16: Worship & Music Committee at 6pm

February 27: Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
and Lenten Fair, both following worship

March 2: Ash Wednesday

Bible Study

Join Pastor Anna for Bible Study each Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Office Complex.

Correspondence

Dear Holly Grove Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the prayer blanket for my jaw surgery. I appreciate you thinking of me and for all the prayers! Thank you to Mrs. Palmer for crocheting! The Tarheel colors look great! Thanks again, Mitchell Watts

Dear Holly Grove Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the Christmas bonus. It was very kind of you to remember me. I consider it a great privilege to take care of the church grounds and I appreciate the opportunity. In Christ, Lee Comer

Dear Holly Grove Lutheran Church,
I wanted to let you know that Joey and I were very grateful for the Christmas bonus. Thank you, Edwina

Dear Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Beck,
My grandmother was recently at the Hinkle Hospice House. I was having a hard time and the nurse covered her in the most beautiful shawl. This blessing helped me feel better. I think about her when I look at it. Thank you! Brooke

February 2022

The Mother's Rose Garden care is sponsored by Micky Conrad in honor of Carol Conrad.

The Blessing Box is filled by Lynn & Lateffa Dennis and Amy Harris.

Ushers—Rex Everhart, Herbert Frank, Ty Heitman, Robert Napolitano

Basket Offering on the 1st and 3rd Sundays—Life Center

Altar Guild—Kristal Ferguson

Sunday, February 6—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Assisting Minister: Micky Conrad Acolyte: Madison Lohr-Pope

Altar Flowers: Judy and Harold Landis in memory of Bob & Euzelia (Curry) Johnson

Sunday, February 13—Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Assisting Minister: Carol Conrad Acolyte: Gaven Ferguson

Altar Flowers: Neil & Terri Clark in honor of David's birthday

Sunday, February 20—Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Assisting Minister: Kim Troutman Acolyte: Roseila Sommer

Altar Flowers: Chip & Ann Blower in honor of our 56th anniversary

Children's Sermon: Sarah Grace Davis

Sunday, February 27—Transfiguration of our Lord

Assisting Minister: Debbie Frank Acolyte: Gracie Ferguson

Altar Flowers: open

Prayer List

Our Members:

Gary Hedrick
Dean Conrad
Teresa Fritts
Gene Kepley
Gary & Judy McLain
Bill Curry
Raven & Tim Hylton
Doody Hinson
John Lohr
Mike Willson
Carolina Conrad
Neil Clark
Lateffa Dennis
Bob Troutman
Sandra Vaughn
The Family of Jo Ann Turner

Our Friends and Family:

Lynn Helms—cousin of Gaynell Davis
Pauline Young—sister-in-law of Dottie Curry
Joanne Conrad Koonts—cousin of Gaynell Davis
Gaynette Hedrick—mother-in-law of Caroline Hedrick
David Chappell—friend of Kelly Carrick
Debby Imbler—sister of Andy Ferguson
Judy Richardson—sister of Libby Carrick
Mike Parnell—friend of Sherry Snider
Sandy Henrikin—friend of Sherry Snider
Peggy Horn—mother of Jim Horn
Susan Jester—friend of James & Marie Palmer
Zelma Miller—sister of Jim & Jan Watkins
Nancy Garner—mother of Steve Garner
Eddie Hedrick—brother of Joe Hedrick
Butch Rhymer—friend of Sherry Proctor
Paula Labban—friend of James & Marie Palmer
Nathan Pettus—nephew of Neil & Terri Clark
Shirley Frank—sister-in-law of Herbert Frank
Debbie Moffitt—friend of Amy Kepley
Our service people all over the world
Those unemployed and looking for work

Christmas Caroling

On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, members of Holly Grove went Christmas caroling at the homes of several of our homebound members and seniors.



Clockwise from the top left: caroling for Dean Conrad, Walt Anderson, Gary & Judy McLain, Paul & Carolina Conrad, Myra Beck

From the Pastor...

Can you believe we are already over half way through the season after Epiphany? In just over a month, we will begin our Lenten journeys. It seems like we were just worshipping Jesus at the manger!

In these final few weeks of the season after Epiphany, we will continue to look at how God revealed and continues to reveal Jesus to all people and to the entire world. One of the ways that God reveals Jesus is through us. When we were baptized, we were welcomed into the body of Christ and the mission we share as Jesus' body...to give thanks and praise to God and to bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

Reflect on how you are living out this mission and think on ways God might be asking you to further live out this mission each day. May God's love be known in us and through the way we live our lives.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Anna

Holly Grove Senior Citizens Club

The Holly Grove Senior Citizens Club would like to invite you to our next meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Our group has been meeting for around 50 years at Mt. Tabor UCC. It began as a group of area residents wishing to join in fellowship each month. The original group took short trips together or met for a meal each month.

Over the years as the membership aged it tended to be only ladies attending. Virginia White was President of the group for almost 40 years. During this time there was an average attendance of 20+ members.

We have speakers each month from a variety of areas of interest. We have had speakers from law enforcement, clergy, authors, education, community interests, and many more including some that were just plain entertainment!

During the past year we have begun a Community Outreach Program. Each month that we meet we send greeting cards to those on area church prayer lists, members who are unable to attend and referrals for shut-ins in our community. It is our hope that we can somehow bring a little bit of cheer and encouragement to those who may be feeling a little isolated, especially during the pandemic.

During the last 4 years we have lost 15 members, due to illness and the aging process. It is our hope for the group to return to its roots of fellowship, outreach and a few interesting trips to areas of interest and/or local restaurants.

We look forward to seeing you at the Mr. Tabor fellowship building on Wednesday, February 16!

HGLC DECEMBER 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2021

Call to Order: President Lynn Dennis with the following present: Pastor Anna Carter, Johnny Fritts, Marie Palmer, David Brown, Eddie Heitman, Neil Clark, Chip Blower, and Robert Napolitano

Judy Thomason, Norris Feeney, Michael Willson and Sherry Proctor were unable to attend.

Devotions: Pastor Anna led us in devotions and prayer.

Business Meeting

Approval of Reports

Minutes of the November 8, 2021 meeting were read. Eddie made the motion to accept, Marie seconded and motion passed.

The Financial Report was presented for November. Neil made the motion to accept, Chip seconded and motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented for November. Neil made the motion to accept, Eddie seconded and motion passed.

Building Fund: No report

Pastor's Report was presented. Marie made the motion to accept, Eddie seconded and motion passed.

Pastor's Report for December:

Since our last Council meeting:

I have done pastoral care- telephone, a few in-person visits

I have taught Bible Study

I led Confirmation – December 5

I planned and prepared for Advent/Christmas Eve/ Christmastide

I took vacation from November 18 – 27; sick Sunday, November 28

Some things coming up:

December 19 – Children's Christmas Service

Wednesday evening services at 6:30 pm

Preaching at Pilgrim Lutheran Church on 12/24 at 5pm

December 26 – Lessons and Carols

Committee Reports:

The Fellowship Committee is planning to place luminaries for the Christmas Eve service

Pastor Anna reported that the Cemetery Committee needs persons that can mark graves for funeral services and marker placement.

Old Business

Discussed the Covid guidelines. No action taken at this time. Current guidelines will remain the same for now.

The ice machine project was tabled until further research can be done. The Lutheran Men in Mission will donate \$1,000.00 toward this project.

New Business

Pastor Anna declared \$17,500.00 for her 2022 housing allowance. Marie made the motion to approve and Eddie seconded. Motion passed.

There was discussion concerning Usher training. Pastor Anna will be addressing this the first of the year.

There being no further business for the current council, the two outgoing council members that were present (Lynn Dennis and Eddie Heitman) were dismissed. The new council members, Herbert Frank, Jane DiBonaventura, Joe Davis and Kim Troutman joined the current members for election of 2022 officers.

Robert nominated Neil Clark to serve as president. Kim seconded and nomination passed. Chip nominated David Brown to serve as Vice President. Robert seconded and nomination passed. Herbert nominated Marie Palmer to serve again as Secretary. Kim seconded and nomination passed. Marie nominated Chip to serve as Treasurer again. Herbert seconded and nomination passed.

Neil made the motion and Chip seconded that the basket offering for January go to the Backpack Program. Motion passed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Dennis President
Marie Palmer, Secretary

2021	2022	2023
Lynn Dennis - President	Chip Blower - Treasurer	David Brown
Eddie Heitman	Johnny Fritts	Neil Clark
Judy Thomason	Marie Palmer - Secretary	Norris Feeney
Michael Willson - Vice President	Sherry Proctor	Robert Napolitano

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