

## UCC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—January 15 Meeting

President Kathi Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:10. 17 women attended—great for a January meeting!!

The group introduced themselves to newer members, Kay Lewis, who has recently assumed the role of Administrative Assistant for the congregation, and Marilyn Hemsey, who has recently retired to the area with her husband. We welcome them both.

Rev. Wendy Jaine opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved. (There was no meeting in December due to the group's Christmas party.)

Christmas thank you notes were read from Rev. Wendy Jaine, Barb Larson, and Deanne Allen.

The treasurer's report was given by Beda, stating that our balance is now \$8,950. The treasurer's report was approved. There was discussion about use of the remaining funds in the treasury. Consensus was to reserve some money for unknown future needs rather than make a large purchase now. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve funds for materials for shelving for the storeroom off the library. The men's group has indicated willingness to build the shelves. Teri also mentioned that the church needs new candle lighters as the current ones are old and function poorly. With the desire to have youth act as acolytes perhaps the group would be willing to purchase these at an approximate cost of \$150 each for 2. A motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase these for the church.

Birthdays this month are Marge Ohm, Teri Hanson, and Kathi DiSalvo. Teri was present to appreciate a beautiful rendition of the birthday song.

Teri gave a report for the Food Shelf. This month is UCC's turn to staff the open day January 22. The volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated and completed. Thank you! Anyone wishing to donate

food items was asked to donate cereal. It was reported that December monetary donations were over \$3400 and food donations over 1600#. Large monetary donations came from the Realtor's Association of NW Wisconsin (Stacey McKinney, on the Board of the Association nominated us) and Scott Byrd Construction. The community is so generous!

Sunshine Club—Shirley was absent today but it was reported she is to have knee surgery next week; we will keep her and all others with surgical or health issues in our prayers. Marsha has heard from Velma and word has also been received from Sylvia that she is still dealing with recovery from her knee surgery.

All who have viewed our new Cable UCC website are impressed with John Uffenbeck's work! All are encouraged to send any updated information to John for inclusion on the site. He will continue as our webmaster until he can orient Kay to the process. Thank you John!

Marsha explained a plan passed by the Board establishing guidelines for canceling worship services in cases of extreme winter weather. She and Rev. Wendy Jaine will decide, based on forecast information on Saturday evening, when church should be canceled for Sunday. A telephone tree has been drawn up and was circulated. It will be printed and distributed to members. The Church's Annual Meeting will be held on January 25 following the worship service. A potluck will be served following the meeting with the main dish being casserole made with frozen turkey left

from the Harvest Home Dinner. All are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert if they wish.

Kathi reported that the search committee is almost ready to post our church profile on the Conference website. More information will be given at the Annual Meeting.

Other items of business included Ellen's request for small, shopper size newspaper sheets be folded singly and piled with the

folded corners together for quick use in wrapping glassware at the garage sale. Plastic bags are also in demand at the garage. Pat A. circulated information about a crocheted craft project. Beda will check on the need for more fleece blankets at New Day Shelter in Ashland and Carol will watch for fleece to be on sale. There is also a possibility of a homeless shelter coming to Ashland in the future which we may consider for donations next year. In discussing a wish to do more with the women of Delta, it was consensus that we should invite them to join our Women's Fellowship as they have no organized women's group in Delta.

Men's Fellowship continues meeting monthly with a growing attendance for their breakfast meetings. They report enjoying the fellowship and are willing to be of service to the church as the need arises.

Our next meeting will be February 5.

Marsha led the book discussion of the book "Dakota", pages 66-106. We were encouraged to write a few words about times in our lives that stand out as times of personal spiritual growth and bring these to our next discussion. For next month we will read pages 107-141.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 and a delicious lunch was served by Corinne and Marsha. Ellen and a volunteer will serve next month as Shirley will be recovering from knee surgery.