

## **News from Leadership:**

Our next Leadership Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 6:30 PM in Social Hall to organize for next year. We invite all the newly elected leaders as well as the term-ending leaders, and all Trustees (past and future) to this meeting. At this meeting, these leaders can set priorities and plans for 2023. The Regular meeting will commence thereafter at 7PM. Everyone is always invited to attend. A new year, new opportunities to be Jesus' hands, feet, and heart.

**“The United Church of Phelps *reaches out and welcomes all people so they may worship God passionately, become people of prayer, develop a deep faith, demonstrate faith through service, and share their faith.*”**

### **Highlights from November leadership meeting:**

The 2023 Budget was presented by Betsy Bourne of Finance and Stewardship. Upon review by Leadership and previously by Trustees, it will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting in January to be reviewed and voted to approve.

The Annual Congregational Meeting has been set for Sunday, January 22 following worship. The snow date will be January 29, 2023. At this meeting once a quorum (23 members) is verified, we will review reports from all committees, review financial statements, remember our friends and family that have passed, elect new leaders and trustees, and install all elected at this time. PLEASE HAVE YOUR ANNUAL REPORT EMAILED TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT DEFINITELY BY DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 22. If you can't meet this deadline, financial reports specifically, please let Renee know how many pages and when you will have them sent to her. Prior to election of officers, the membership will be asked to adopt the Constitution and Bylaw amendments as proposed. The amendments to the Constitution and bylaws have come to pass as the membership of our church family has significantly decreased and the Nominating team is finding it difficult and impossible upon occasion to fill all the positions in the current constitution. For example, we now have 17 people sitting at the table for Leadership meetings. The proposed changes reduced the number of leaders and organizes this body around the Mission Statement. These leaders are now charged with furthering the mission and ministries of our church, being reduced to 9 including the Pastor, chair, and secretary. The Trustees will have comprehensive management of our valuable assets: physical, financial, and people in their entirety. The positions on Leadership of Finance: Treasurer and Finance Chair/Financial Secretary will now each be a Trustee with care, management, and responsibility of their financial areas. The chair of Personnel will also become a Trustee and will have primary responsibility for seeing to the management and care of our employees.

Under each of the new positions (4) on leadership are the many missions, ministries, fund raisers, fun activities, outreach, and all activities. This reorganization will work best if you personally choose to participate in specific activities across the “teams”. This eliminates meetings that hold no interest to you yet provides you with the avenue to share your gifts, talents and passions in the way that is most appropriate and satisfying.

Because of the depth of changes, and the more we can share the changes before the meeting to vote on them, we would like to offer small group meetings to explain and receive feedback. We will have available to distribute the page by page amended document for your review, or we will have one copy of the old and one copy of the amended document for your comparison and review. Please be watching for signups for the small groups which may best be held following or before church, or at a time you suggest. Included on the next page are the changes in the positions of Officers elected to service at UCP. All positions are elected for 2-year terms - either even year or odd year elected. Trustees can serve three terms of two years each. No one can serve more than seven combined years on any board referred to as Trustees or Leadership.

Finally, please attend the Special Congregational Meeting on December 4. The Pastor Nominating Committee has selected a candidate who has selected UCP to see if we are called into a relationship through Jesus. We do this determination by much prayer, discernment, and grace when this pastor will lead us in worship and praise on December 4 at 11AM. Following worship and greetings with this Pastor, the membership will be asked to vote by paper ballot if the way be clear to call this person to Pastor the United Church of Phelps into the coming years. Please do not hesitate to raise your questions during the meeting prior to the vote. It is the responsibility of the congregation to love and support the called pastor into their future in our church and community. We need to unconditionally welcome and support this Pastor. God IS Good, All the Time.

## Biography of H. Leigh Holder

Raised in a pastor's family, surrounded by a faith-filled family and many loving congregations, Leigh went to college to pursue a music education degree. While working for the area church as a youth leader, she heard God's call to ministry within the Church. After graduating from Cornell College of Mt. Vernon, Iowa in 1991, Leigh traveled south to Louisville to follow God's direction for her life. Leigh has served 7 different calls where she continued to find strength through sharing God's love. Leigh has two children, Erin and Ward, who have made being a pastor even more meaningful. To share God's love with loved friends is a wondrous gift, to bring God's love to a child is more than anyone can ask for. In 2018 Leigh married Blessing Eboh, who has been a blessing to Leigh. Together they have 5 children, Blessing's boy and 2 girls, Onos, Itohan, and Success live in Nigeria.

Throughout her journey with God and the church, Leigh has continued to look for educational opportunities which will enhance her ministry. Leigh received her Doctor of Ministry from Union-PSCE in Richmond, Virginia in 2008. She has completed the first session of interim training, and taken many short classes on evangelism and strengthening the small church. Leigh has also served on many committees at the Presbytery level, including Small Church life, Nominating, Committee on Ministry, Transformation and New Church Development, and Presbyterian Women. She looks forward to continuing her education and working for the church in the community in which she lives, and at the more inclusive levels of church life.





# small groups

Small group studies continue to meet! If you are interested in joining a group or starting a new group, contact

Rita Caraballo

rita.caraballo@hotmail.com

## Adult Bible Study

Sunday Morning



9:45-10:45am

Led by Jerry Clark Adults Are Welcome!

*Office & Worship Hours:*

SUNDAYS:

*Worship begins @t 11:00 AM*

THURSDAYS:

*Contemporary Worship @ 7:00*



### Position Open

Music Worship Leader

Looking for an energetic individual to lead and grow the worship music at the United Church of Phelps.

For application contact the church office 315-548-2772

For questions contact:

Rose Copper-Brown @ 315-719-4292

United Church of Phelps – ucp' is the name of our

Facebook page.

If you are on Facebook please consider liking our church page to keep updated on the happenings of our church family. If you have something you would like posted send the information to Dawn Norton, also please consider sharing our posts to spread the church news to the community. Thank you!

# Happy New Year

JESUS SHOW US THE WAY  
beginning a new year  
with a good guide on our side  
the star of Jesus  
which shows us safe roads  
fills our hearts with his grace  
best wishes for the new year

Monthly Free Dinner To Go

I am happy to report that our Monthly Free Dinners to go have been going GREAT! The yummy December turkey dinner fed 72 people! We have decided to continue at least for

January 12th & February 9th.

Pick up time has been shortened by 15 mins to 5:30-6:15 pm due to no one arriving the last 15 minutes.

I continue to thank everyone involved in this ministry!

*Your Mission Chair – Dawn Norton*



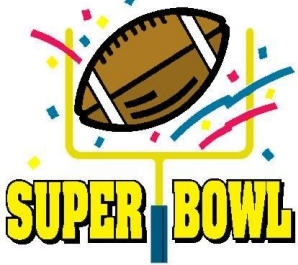
PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday February 12th, 2023

For a Baked Potato Bar

Following worship service!

Prepared for you by our Youth Group



\$10 includes:

1 Large baked potato

With your choice of toppings

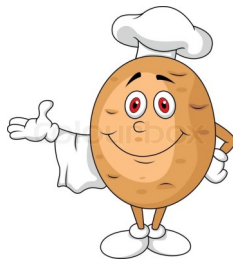
Shredded cheddar cheese

Sour Crème

Crumbled bacon

Take out or eat-in

If eating in water, coffee, or punch will be provided!



Please Join Us on February 4th Saturday

2-3:30 pm

Card Making with Betty Green !

Register by 12 noon Feb. 1.

Adults \$8/children \$5



Join A Leadership Team



## January Birthdays, 2023

### Happy Birthday!

Jan. 2nd ~ Pat Hemminger

Jan. 16th ~ Burt Dennis

### Happy Anniversary

Kay & Tom Oosterling on Jan. 1st!



December 13th  
Brian Hemminger

### Youth Group Thank You!

The Youth Group can not thank everyone enough for the support shown at the soup & candy fundraiser! We are so blessed to have such a supportive & giving congregation.

Cheria, Griffin, Alejandro

Total cost of trip-\$2258.00    Bazaar Fundraiser-\$325

Soup & candy fundraiser- \$730

Donations- \$554.15    Left to go- \$648.85

ALMOST THERE!



## Annual Church Meeting

**NOTICE** is hereby given by the call of the Leadership Council that the Annual Meeting of the members of The United Church of Phelps will be conducted following the Sunday worship service, Sunday, January 22, 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve revisions to The United Church of Phelps Constitution and Bylaws, receive reports for the year 2022, adopt the 2023 budget, elect officers for the year 2023, and to transact any appropriate business that may be presented at the meeting. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023.

A quorum of 10% of membership must be present to conduct the meeting.

**(Annual Report Packets will be available ahead of time)**





## ***Volunteers for January 2023***

### **Greeters: Ramp**

January 1– Ramp:Peg Carlson	Front: Dawn Pierce
January 8- Ramp: Nan Clark	Front: Jane Pedersen
January 15- Ramp: Pat Hemminger	Front: Donna Crouse
January 22- Ramp: Betty Green	Front: Dawn Norton
January 29- Ramp: Samantha Minns	Front: Renee DeRue

### **Lay Reader**

January 1-	Barb Mater
January 8-	Rose Copper-Brown
January 15 -	Frank Van Nostrand
January 22-	Linda Kataskas
January 29-	Donna Crouse

### **Acolytes**

January 1- TBD
January 8- TBD
January 15- TBD
January 22- TBD
January 29- TBD

### **Children's Chat**

Becky- (No BLAST)
Rose Copper-Brown
Brian Hemminger
Linda K (chat) Rita– (BLAST)
Rita Caraballo

Anyone interested in wanting to Volunteer to be a Greeter, Lay Reader, Acolyte or assist with Children's Chat please get in touch with Barb Mater , thank you!!

Email: [varinafarina@gmail.com](mailto:varinafarina@gmail.com) or Phone: 315-331-5011 (no texts)

# How Can We Help You?

Rev. Jamie Tyrrell 585-705-0026 (Cell)	Lay Member AC: Hope Albrecht 315-945-8812 (cell)	Personnel: Rose Copper-Brown 315-719-4292 (cell)
Church Office/Adm. Renee DeRue 315-548-2772	Treasurer: Shelly Bengtson 315-247-1927 (cell)	Prayer Chain: Marsha Gibbs 315-548-5546
Christian Education: Rita Caraballo 585-520-4970 (cell)	Media/Technology: Eddie Albrecht 315-945-8812 (cell)	Prayer Ministry: Nan Clark 315-406-5526 (cell)
Council Chair: Linda Kataskas 585-732-8892 (cell)	Member at Large: Hope Albrecht 315-945-8812 (cell)	Presbytery Elder: Peg Carlson 315-521-4396 (cell)
Custodian: Frank VanNostrand 585-354-4126 (cell)	Memorial Fund: Cathy Scott 315-548-9448	Sec'y to Council: Marsha Gibbs 315-548-5546
Endowment: Frank VanNostrand 585-354-4126 (cell)	Missions/Outreach: Dawn Norton 315-521-2899 (cell)	Stewardship/Finance: Betsy Bourne 315-945-2307 (cell)
Financial Sect'y: Pat Hemminger 315-548-3546	Music/Worship: Barb Mater 315-331-5011	Trustees: Dan Moracco 315-548-4548 (cell)
Health/Service: Dianne Rockefeller 315-694-3383 (cell)	Nominating: Jane Pedersen 585-738-1899 (cell)	"God is Good – All the Time!" "All the Time – God is Good!"

## On-Going Mission Projects Everyone Can Support:

- > Coupon Ministry
- > Blessing Box
- > Pennies from Heaven
- > Volunteer to be a team member on a Leadership team



The Mission Team continues to need your help in supplying the needs for these items. They make a big difference to people in need. See Dianne Rockefeller for more information.

**The Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes Are in Need of the Following items:**

Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap and dish soap.

There is an immediate need for:

Instant packs of Oatmeal, Microwavable soups, Peanut Butter, Almond Butter, Ritz crackers, Club crackers. 4T-5T pullups

Please mark your donations:

"Survivor Advocacy Center" \*\*

### Church Office Hours

Mon - Thurs. 8:30 -2:00

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell: 585-705-0026

Admin. Asst. Renee DeRue: 315-548-2772

Frank Van Nostrand, 585-354-4126

(Building Security & Maintenance )

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