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NOVEMBER ADDITION 2020

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**ANDOVER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
P.O. Box 519
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**SUNDAY SERVICE
IN PERSON &
LIVESTREAM
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10:00am**

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Gratitude for A Life Well Lived

I'm sure most of you know that Jerri Shelman exhibited "A Life Well Lived". I have heard her referred to as "mentor", "angel", "purposeful", "kind", "generous." And, she was all of those things for sure.

Today, I want to report on some of the generosity she exuded.

I am a sub for the count team. I get called 1 to 2 times a year to fill in. On Monday, August 10th I was scheduled to help count. And it just so happened that was the day a check came from Jerri giving her last donation to our church.

Here is how Jerri designated her donation to be used:

Trustees: \$10,000

Apportionments: \$10,000

Joe and Shirley Edgerton's Mission work in LaGonave: \$10,000

Scholarships for AUMC Youth to attend Great Plains Camps: \$5,000

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (Good Samaritan Fund) \$5,000

Andover Food Bank \$2,000

United Methodist Women: \$1,000

Happy Quilters: \$1,000

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Today, I would like to let you know what the \$10,000 Jerri left to the LaGonave mission has already done and how those funds are planned to be used for.

As many of you remember, AUMC made several trips to LaGonave with Joe and Shirley Edgerton. Matt and Catherine Johnson made a couple trips first, then in 2013 we raised funds to send Troy and Laura Fisher, Merle and Myrna Craig, Matt Johnson, and two other women from outside of our congregation plus, of course, Joe Edgerton. In 2014 Joe Edgerton, Matt and Catherine, Merle and Myrna Craig, Eric and Renee Becker, Debbie Senters, and Nathan Juresic went and I believe that was the time fund raising included Matt Johnson shaving his head! Again in 2016 Merle Craig, Debbie Senters, Shirley Edgerton and others went. The purpose Matt Johnson continued to bring forward to our congregation was: **We are going to LaGonave to build relationships and learn from the people there.** And we also made great progress towards building a church in Nan Zeb.

I know several people were “bummed” when we could not return to finish the church. When I called Shirley Edgerton to let her know that AUMC had received this gift for their ministry, she literally had to sit down. First thing she told me was that she and Joe had been thinking and talking about the possibility of having to close their mission. Things have changed and they were not getting the financial support from the church conference that they once had. Joe and Shirley have spent much of their own personal money keeping their mission alive. Shirley even teaches an exercise class at her church where people are not charged but encouraged to put change in a cup that goes toward the LaGonave mission! So, hearing the very good news of funding to complete some projects fell on very grateful ears.

Shirley immediately got to work and reached out to their friend Bruce Blumer, who founded a nonprofit named LaGonave Alive! (Google it), which continues yearly work on the island to the tune of a budget that ranges \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year. The Edgerton’s work on the one side of the island and LaGonave Alive! works on the other side. They have been “in partnership” for a long time, Bruce stated. LaGonave Alive! is a 501(c)3 organization with a board of directors in the States and a board of directors on the island, an accountant on the island, and many supporters in South Dakota, lots of which are from the United Methodist Church there where Bruce and his wife, Sharon first started their LaGonave mission work.

And Bruce said yes! YES we can house your mission dollars and you can utilize our network to get the funds where you want them to go. YES! We can help you with the administrative work and you can be the boots on the ground. And, an added benefit is that the funds would be spent by LaGonave Alive! for work on the island should Joe and Shirley not be able to do so. What a blessing this is to Joe and Shirley. So, now, Shirley tells me that this gift has “given us new life!” What a statement! The Edgerton’s reported to me that they feel the need to complete the church AUMC started in Nan Zeb. She also said there is a school there that needs some attention. Louie Dufrene who has helped the Edgerton with all of the projects on LaGonave will be a part of the coordination team.

The Edgerton’s are so pumped that they are going to try to raise the funds to be able to go to LaGonave “one more time” to start the project and ensure the plan. I have heard from some AUMC team members that they would love to join them. One thing is for sure, we will be informed of the progress and we can pray for the team and for the people on LaGonave.

Jerri, yours is an example of a Life Well Lived. Thank you!

Watch for more information to come about all the good this bequest is making!

Barb Hartness



▶▶▶ THANKSGIVING EVENT

ANDOVER UMC'S THANKSGIVING MEAL FUNDRAISER AND CANNED FOOD DRIVE!

DONATE FOOD AND CANNED GOODS FOR THANKSGIVING DINNERS FOR THOSE IN NEED IN OUR ANDOVER COMMUNITY!

- **FOOD ITEMS WE NEED:**
- 60 CANS OF GREEN BEANS
- 30 CANS OF CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP
- 30 CONTAINERS OF FRENCH FRIED ONIONS
- 90 CANS OF SWEET POTATOES (15 OZ.)
- 30 BAGS OF LARGE MARSHMALLOWS
- 30 BOXES OF STUFFING
- 30 INSTANT MASHED POTATO MIXES
- 30 TURKEY GRAVY MIXES
- 30 CANS OF CRANBERRY SAUCE

OUR CASH GOAL IS \$1,300!

CASH DEADLINE: NOV. 8TH~FOOD DEADLINE: NOV. 18TH
MONETARY DONATIONS ACCEPTED IN THE OFFICE OR THROUGH THE "SUPPORT" PAGE AT WWW.ANDOVERUMC.COM (VANCO)

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



November 22, 2020

**Thanksgiving Day
November 26th**

**Advent Begins
Sunday, Nov. 29th
Ends
Thurs., Dec. 24th**

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