

the motion carried. "To me, this goes to our motto 'that all may be one,'" she said. – copied from Broadview, July 2022

At the October 9 Board meeting after church, manse committee chair, Vera, informed us that the roof to the manse needed attention. Between the age of the shingles and the recent hurricane, it was recommended that a new roof was needed, in this case a metal roof. The cost would be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. By a show of hands, the motion to approve this expenditure was unanimous.

From our October 11 Session meeting: Committee Chair, Donna, provided the members with new Elder's lists, identifying 9-10 church members under care of each Session member, as well as updated addresses. Other topics included comments about the upcoming senior's meals, a rescheduling of the tree dedication, acknowledging the first responders, a future concert date, planning for Remembrance Day in November, and the date for our annual Blessing of the Pets. Rev. Debbie has plans to use 3 Wednesdays to offer a study on Psalms, hymns, and songs starting October 26. Communion will be celebrated the first Sunday in Advent, Errol and Delite assisting, November 27. The Christmas Eve service will start at 6:30 p.m.; there will be no church service on Sunday, Christmas Day. The meeting started at 7 p.m. and finished at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be November 16 at 7 p.m. Via Zoom. Delite will chair the meeting and Vera will offer devotions.

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Book recommendation – This fall/winter, consider a new book by Emma Donoghue, Haven. It's a book of spiritual discovery, which is grueling but a rewarding journey. It's the story of three monks who populate a mountainous island off the coast of Ireland and how they struggle for survival on the island's inhospitable peaks. The monks spiritual ups and downs, leaning on one another and on God, provide good reading. This book would be a good Christmas present for someone on your list! It's available at Indigo.

You are invited to choir practice, Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

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Peace Sunday

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