

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2023**

<u>Present:</u>		<u>Absent:</u>
Pastors	Bridget Flad Daniels	
Moderator	Tim Harder	
Vice Moderator	Heather Collins	
Treasurer	Sandy Polarek	
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein	
Education	Benny Rieth	
Gifts & Memorials		Kathy Baldwin, Dan Pagel
Inreach & Membership	Denise Olson	
Outreach	Christie Reese	Jammie VerGiesen
Stewardship	Clay Reese	
Worship	Zoe Harkoff	
Communications Coordinator		Ruth Homrighaus, Mary Ann Hudson
JOSHUA Liaison		Steve Hartman
Guest(s)		

*HOW DOES WHAT WE AS COMMON MINISTRY ARE DOING AFFECT THE
CHURCH'S RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK?*

Meeting held in person in the Chapel Classroom.

Moderator Tim Harder called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. He passed around a sign up for prayer and treats.

Gathering Prayer: Heather shared a prayer.

Additions to the Agenda: Monthly discussion on “belonging” will be added as a routine item.

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Minister’s Report: In addition to the work that will be reported in the Ministry reports and minutes, Bridget noted the Divine Ambiguity Art Exhibit has been very well received. JOSHUA’s new organizer met with the Religious Leaders’ Caucus and she is dynamite. Bridget believes she will bring new energy and focus to the organization.

Clerk’s Report

The minutes for the regular meeting of February 9, 2022 were approved (Denise/Zoe). Thanks to Heather for handling the February minutes. Draft Annual Meeting minutes were distributed to Common Ministry for review and several minor edits were noted.

Treasurer’s Report

Sandy distributed the regular financial report (attached). She noted things looking pretty good. Bridget clarified that all outreach projects we do in the church is “off budget.” Report was accepted (Heather/Denise).

New Business

- Reschedule April Meeting to April 20: Approved.

Continuing Business

- Capital Campaign: Kickoff will be April 30 and Commitment Sunday will be June 11. Campaign theme is “Building for Faith in Action.” The core team is meeting weekly with the consultant.
- Generosity Team Update: The team has agreed to focus on a thank you to the congregation for its ongoing financial support.
- In-Person Ministry Task Force: No report.
- “Belonging” Retreat Follow Up: Reflection on the gathering on Sunday. Bridget shared that she thought the group’s participation was robust which speaks to how critical this is to the Church. The group agreed we do a good job with inclusion

and a safe space, but we need to be more intentional with next steps--connecting folks with the church activities and building relationships. It will be important to get more folks participating in the all-church retreat at Moon Beach (September 8-10).

Ministry Reports (unless covered in Ministry meeting minutes)

EDUCATION

Things are going well. Another church may want to coordinate with some youth group activities. Starting to think about teachers for next year. Confirmation going well. Confirmation celebration will be May 21.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

No Report.

MEMBERSHIP & INREACH

New member meetings April 19 and 27. Please email Denise with which meeting Ministry chairs will be attending. Helping with planning of capital campaign Commitment Sunday on June 11 and a special coffee hour Sunday April 30 for the kickoff. Easter Breakfast signup for bringing desserts/coffee cake.

OUTREACH

Minutes cover the activities. Planning on rummage sale sometime in May. LGBTQ Community Center would like to work with Outreach to set up a group game night at the Church, date TBD.

STEWARDSHIP

There was a great turnout for the work day. May try to repeat every other month or so. LaForce is going to replace the Mayflower doors very soon.

WORSHIP

Have been planning for Easter. There will be an Agape meal at 6 p.m. on Maundy Thursday with soup and bread and the choir will sing. Good Friday will be a Tenebrae service at 7 p.m.

JOSHUA Report: See Steve's report. Bridget added that another prayer service was held last week for a person murdered by gun violence.

Communications Report: No report.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved (Denise/Christie). After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hohenstein
Clerk

Next meeting: April 20 - 6 p.m.

Upcoming Prayer/Snack Schedule:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Snack</u>
April	Beth	Gail
May	Bridget	Benny
June	Sandy	Sandy
August	Denise	Denise
September	Clay	Clay
October	Benny	Zoe
November	Zoe	
December		
January 2024		

Union Congregational United Church of Christ - Green Bay WI
Treasurer's Report as of February 2023 (Treasurer Budget Report)

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
Incomes						
General Operating Fund						
	Total General Operating Fund		\$16,965.87	\$95,235.84	\$72,182.00	\$23,053.84
						\$433,100.00
Stewardship Ministry						
	Total Stewardship Ministry		\$57.68	\$57.68	\$750.00	(\$692.32)
						\$4,500.00
General - Non Operating Fund						
	Total General - Non Operating Fund		\$500.00	\$4,336.26	\$1,674.00	\$2,662.26
						\$10,050.00
	Total Incomes		\$17,523.55	\$99,629.78	\$74,606.00	\$25,023.78
						\$447,650.00
Expenses						
General Operating Fund						
Administrative						
	Total Administrative		\$8,672.06	\$11,568.74	\$12,900.00	(\$2,992.26)
						\$77,400.00
Facilities						
	Total Facilities		\$1,837.49	\$3,641.60	\$7,796.00	(\$4,154.40)
						\$40,150.00
Senior Pastor Expenses						
	Total Senior Pastor Expenses		\$11,248.25	\$22,132.40	\$22,970.00	(\$837.60)
						\$141,812.00
Associate Pastor Expenses						
	Total Associate Pastor Expenses		\$0.00	\$8.00	\$16.00	(\$8.00)
						\$100.00
Lay Staff Expenses						
	Total Lay Staff Expenses		\$12,527.61	\$24,181.05	\$27,660.00	(\$3,478.95)
						\$166,960.00
	Total General Operating Fund		\$34,285.41	\$61,531.79	\$71,342.00	(\$11,471.21)
						\$426,422.00
Worship Ministry						
	Total Worship Ministry		\$394.15	\$623.32	\$1,386.00	(\$762.68)
						\$8,300.00
Stewardship Ministry						
	Total Stewardship Ministry		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)
						\$900.00
Inreach Ministry						
	Total Inreach Ministry		\$87.39	\$132.65	\$546.00	(\$413.35)
						\$3,275.00
Education Ministry						
	Total Education Ministry		\$1,178.27	\$1,222.80	\$1,026.00	\$196.80
						\$6,365.00
Outreach Ministries						
Outreach B						
	Total Outreach B		\$1,839.00	\$1,839.00	\$2,600.00	(\$761.00)
						\$15,600.00
	Total Outreach Ministries		\$1,839.00	\$1,839.00	\$2,600.00	(\$761.00)
						\$15,600.00
	Total Expenses		\$37,784.22	\$65,349.56	\$77,050.00	(\$13,361.44)
						\$460,862.00
	Difference		(\$20,260.67)	\$34,289.22	(\$2,444.00)	(\$13,212.00)

JOSHUA Report

As I begin my term as Union's representative to the JOSHUA board, I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve in this way. This term begins with an exciting fresh start as the board of JOSHUA is in the final process of searching for a new Community Organizer. I was able to participate in the search process and was pleased to find that we received 18 valid applications for the part time position. I hope to have more information to share in the near future. For now, we continue with efforts in Environmental Justice, Transformational Justice and the newly formed Immigration Task Force.

Sincerely,
Steve Hartman