

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
COMMON MINISTRY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

**Present:**

**Absent:**

Pastors	Bridget Flad Daniels		
Moderator	Tim Harder		
Vice Moderator	Heather Collins		
Treasurer		Sandy Polarek	
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein		
Education	Beth Piontek		
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?*

Moderator Tim Harder called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Gathering Prayer:** Clay shared a poem.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None.

**Congregational Joys and Concerns:** Joys and concerns were shared.

**Minister's Report:** In addition to her work with the various ministries (see below), Bridget spent a good amount of time helping staff deal with congregational expectations for staff's time outside of normal working hours.

**Clerk's Report**

The minutes for the regular meeting of August 10 were approved (Heather/Beth).

**Treasurer's Report**

In Sandy's absence, Heather reviewed the regular financial reports for August. (Report was later distributed and is attached.) YTD expenses have exceeded income by about \$28,000, and cash flow is being monitored to determine if it will be necessary to use the line of credit. There have been no unusual expenses.

**New Business:** None

**Continuing Business**

- Capital Campaign Update: There is nothing new to report beyond what was reported in the newsletter. Pledges are coming in well. Stewardship is tracking income vs. bids.
- Generosity Team Update: Mary Hemminger and Bridet are just about done with an abbreviated pledge brochure, which will be sent the last week in September.

- Belonging Conversation: One idea from the retreat was for “First Friends” to strive to get new members engaged in the Ministries, or asking new members to start out by helping out in smaller ways. There was discussion of a new member written communication tool to give them some ideas on specific ways to help out. Heather will take a stab at drafting something.
- Wise Women Gathering Place safe parking update: Dates are still to be determined. Wise Women’s plan to have porta-potties delivered was approved (Denise/Zoe).

## **Ministry Reports (unless covered in Ministry meeting minutes)**

### EDUCATION

Faith Formation starts this week. Registration forms have been sent out. Youth group will start on Wednesday; it is expected there will be a good number of 6th graders. Food volunteers are in place. Adult Ed is working well. Need one more person on Wednesday night, as well as parent kitchen cleanup.

### GIFTS & MEMORIALS

At its August meeting, G&M considered the request from the Capital Campaign Committee for a grant of approximately 10-15% of the overall campaign goal. Gifts and Memorials reported its recommendation to decline the request as Congregational pledges have been so strong.

### MEMBERSHIP & INREACH

ReUnion Sunday will include a potluck. Denise reminded Common Ministry that it should plan on helping with set up and cleanup. Scott Daniels is making pulled pork. There are plans to start dining groups (along the lines of Eight to Eat). New Member meetings are scheduled for October.

### OUTREACH

Christie noted that Heifer Sunday is 10/8 outside in the courtyard. Please spread the word and encourage signups for a table and plan to participate.

### STEWARDSHIP

Alice training will be 1/21 after worship. Tuckpointing project is underway.

### WORSHIP

The AV team had a productive meeting last month. There is a new AV coordinator. They are currently working on leveling microphones.

**JOSHUA Report:** (attached)

**Communications Report:** None.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was approved (Zoe/Beth). After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Hohenstein, clerk

Next meeting: October 12 - 6 p.m.

### **Upcoming Prayer/Snack Schedule:**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Snack</u>
<b>October</b>	Zoe	Zoe
<b>November</b>	Beth	Tim
<b>December</b>	Clay	Denise

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Treasurer's Report as of August 2023 (Treasurer Budget Report)

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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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	\$14,947.57	\$240,125.23	\$264,728.00	(\$24,602.77)	\$433,100.00
Stewardship Ministry						
	Total Stewardship Ministry	\$0.00	\$237.62	\$3,000.00	(\$2,762.38)	\$4,500.00
General - Non Operating Fund						
	Total General - Non Operating Fund	\$0.00	\$11,399.65	\$6,696.00	\$4,703.65	\$10,050.00
	Total Incomes	\$14,947.57	\$251,762.50	\$274,424.00	(\$22,661.50)	\$447,650.00
Expenses						
General Operating Fund						
Administrative						
	Total Administrative	\$10,022.56	\$56,152.02	\$51,600.00	\$2,891.02	\$77,400.00
Facilities						
	Total Facilities	\$2,390.01	\$26,932.12	\$25,659.00	\$1,273.12	\$40,150.00
Senior Pastor Expenses						
	Total Senior Pastor Expenses	\$11,301.05	\$92,396.17	\$91,880.00	\$516.17	\$141,812.00
Associate Pastor Expenses						
	Total Associate Pastor Expenses	\$0.00	\$8.00	\$64.00	(\$56.00)	\$100.00
Lay Staff Expenses						
	Total Lay Staff Expenses	\$12,147.27	\$102,472.82	\$110,640.00	(\$8,167.18)	\$166,960.00
	Total General Operating Fund	\$35,860.89	\$277,961.13	\$279,843.00	(\$3,542.87)	\$426,422.00
Worship Ministry						
	Total Worship Ministry	\$326.72	\$5,233.68	\$5,544.00	(\$310.32)	\$8,300.00
Stewardship Ministry						
	Total Stewardship Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	(\$600.00)	\$900.00
Inreach Ministry						
	Total Inreach Ministry	\$21.32	\$712.13	\$2,184.00	(\$1,471.87)	\$3,275.00
Education Ministry						
	Total Education Ministry	\$335.13	\$3,998.15	\$4,304.00	(\$305.85)	\$6,365.00
Outreach Ministries						
Outreach B						
	Total Outreach B	\$4,380.50	\$10,465.50	\$10,400.00	\$65.50	\$15,600.00
	Total Outreach Ministries	\$4,380.50	\$10,465.50	\$10,400.00	\$65.50	\$15,600.00
	Total Expenses	\$40,924.56	\$298,370.59	\$302,875.00	(\$6,165.41)	\$460,862.00
	Difference	(\$25,976.99)	(\$46,608.09)	(\$28,451.00)		(\$13,212.00)

JOSHUA REPORT - Union Common Council  
September Report

Remember Coming Up:

September 16 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Electronics Recycling

Come bring your old, unused, and broken electronics (anything with a plug) to St. Matthew's Church parking lot, 130 Saint Matthews St, for JOSHUA's fundraiser! Volunteer signup coming soon.

JOSHUA Fall Gathering will be held on Saturday, November 11 at The Village Grille location on Bellevue (The old Blue Opus location). This noon event will be a catered with a theme developed around "Taste of Justice."

Through JOSHUA we will be represented at the "Call of the Beloved Community" event. This event is in response to the rise of White Christian Nationalism. This three day conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on October 1-3...

Finally, the board has accepted the resignation of our community organizer in August. A search committee is being formed to find a new staff person.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your representative,

Steve Hartman