

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

Present:

Absent:

Pastors	Bridget Flad Daniels		
Moderator	Tim Harder		
Vice Moderator		Clay Reese	
Treasurer	Sandy Polarek		
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein		
Education	Beth Piontek		
Gifts & Memorials	Kathy Baldwin Mike Stepp		
Inreach & Membership	Denise Olson		
Outreach	Jammie VerGiesen		
Stewardship		Tim Dantoin	
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 6:00 p.m.

Gathering Prayer: Zoe shared a prayer.

Additions to the Agenda:

JOSHUA Report: Steve reported that JOSHUA has accepted resignation of its Community Organizer (who is transitioning to the WISDOM office). The staff still includes a part-time back-up coordinator, who he said is doing a phenomenal job. The JOSHUA fall fundraiser will be on November 16 with a Roaring Twenties theme (to celebrate 20 years of doing justice) to be held at Backstage at the Meyer and will include a recognition of the founding churches. Also planned are fundraisers and other activities listed on the attachment to these minutes.

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Minister's Report: Bridget reported 65 people attended Moon Beach. Next year is set for September 5-7. Discussions involved inviting the congregation to explore becoming a WISE congregation (Welcoming Inclusive Supportive Engaging) to people experiencing mental health challenges. After some work and assessment there will be a congregational vote to determine whether to make mental health a priority of the congregation. Our financial secretary is now a direct hire, which over time will save money. Renovations are coming along nicely in Mayflower 2 (room where the electrical fire occurred). We will be getting some insurance compensation, but we will need to address a source for the deductible at a future meeting.

Clerk's Report

The minutes for the regular meeting of August 8, 2024 were approved (Denise/Jammie). Gail reminded the Ministry that Heather Collins has agreed to take minutes at the October meeting as Gail will not be available.

Treasurer's Report

Sandy distributed the regular financial reports for August (attached). The report was accepted. She noted we are not as far behind in WPS budget payments as we have been in the past. Bridget added a thank you to the 19 households who contributed almost \$24,000 to the supplemental funding request. Budget for next year will be a discussion topic soon. Accepted (Sandy/Kathy).

New Business: None

Continuing Business

- Generosity Team Update: Fall campaign materials will be printed soon with the theme “Because of You Union Church Changes Lives”. Thanks to Mary Hemminger for the work on the brochure. The fall pledge campaign will be launched late in September (9/22) and will wrap up with dedication Sunday 11/10. The follow-up team, led by Tim Dantoin, will be making calls thereafter.

Ministry Reports (unless covered in Ministry meeting minutes)

EDUCATION

We are still looking for advisors/teachers for the middle-schoolers.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

No report.

MEMBERSHIP & INREACH

New Member Sunday will be October 27. ReUnion Sunday potluck will be this coming Sunday.

OUTREACH

Thanks for Achim Siefert for the repairs to Blessing Box.

STEWARDSHIP

Capital Campaign update: As of end of August we have received about \$385,000 (67% of the amount pledged). Common Ministry has authorized the expenditure of \$286,000, which includes full amount of the solar expenditure (without accounting for potential grant receipts) and the elevator motor replacement (which it turns out may or may not be necessary pending further evaluation by our new elevator maintenance contractor), which leaves about \$98,000 received but not yet authorized for disbursement. Stewardship moved that Common Ministry authorize up to \$35,000 for the painting and plaster repair of the sanctuary and church hall from the capital maintenance fund portion of the capital campaign and up to \$5,500 from the Betty Brown memorial funds for painting and ceiling repair in the organist’s office. Both motions were approved.

WORSHIP

A few Jazz are services coming up. Choir will be back in action on Sunday. One of the choir interns will be also learning to run the AV. A 4th intern is being sought at this time.

Communications Report: None.

Thank you to Zoe for treats

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved. After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm (Denise/Jammie).

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hohenstein
Clerk

Next meeting: October 10 - 6 p.m.

Upcoming Prayer/Snack Schedule:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Snack</u>
October 10	Sandy	Sandy
November 14	Zoe	Zoe
December 12	Kathy	Kathy
January 9, 2025		

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Treasurer's Report as of August 2024 (Treasurer Budget Report)

Monday, September 9, 2024

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Previous YTD	Annual Budget
Incomes					
<i>General Operating Fund</i>					
	Total General Operating Fund	\$30,953	\$300,429	\$240,931	\$405,500
<i>Stewardship Ministry</i>					
	Total Stewardship Ministry	\$0	\$624	\$237	\$3,000
<i>General - Non Operating Fund</i>					
	Total General - Non Operating Fund	\$4,000	\$10,866	\$11,399	\$12,100
	Total Incomes	\$34,953	\$311,919	\$252,568	\$420,600
Expenses					
<i>General Fund - Designated</i>					
	Total General Fund - Designated	\$0	\$0	\$0	
<i>General Operating Fund</i>					
<i>Administrative</i>					
	Total Administrative	\$4,406	\$57,749	\$55,236	\$87,850
<i>Facilities</i>					
	Total Facilities	\$1,459	\$39,135	\$26,932	\$38,900
<i>Senior Pastor Expenses</i>					
	Total Senior Pastor Expenses	\$11,793	\$95,291	\$92,396	\$147,753
<i>Associate Pastor Expenses</i>					
	Total Associate Pastor Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$8	
<i>Lay Staff Expenses</i>					
	Total Lay Staff Expenses	\$11,747	\$100,163	\$102,472	\$168,172
	Total General Operating Fund	\$29,407	\$292,339	\$277,045	\$442,675
<i>Worship Ministry</i>					
	Total Worship Ministry	\$440	\$6,768	\$6,133	\$8,950
<i>Stewardship Ministry</i>					
	Total Stewardship Ministry	\$0	\$2,531	\$0	\$900
<i>Inreach Ministry</i>					
	Total Inreach Ministry	\$0	\$3,096	\$712	\$2,875
<i>Education Ministry</i>					
	Total Education Ministry	\$217	\$4,360	\$3,998	\$7,115
<i>Outreach Ministries</i>					
<i>Outreach B</i>					
	Total Outreach B	\$1,000	\$8,000	\$10,465	\$15,600
	Total Outreach Ministries	\$1,000	\$8,000	\$10,465	\$15,600
	Total Expenses	\$31,064	\$317,097	\$298,354	\$478,115
	Difference	\$3,889	(\$5,177)	(\$45,785)	(\$57,515)

If the accounts in the subtotals have changed or if ledger and subsidiary account attributes have changed, Previous YTD totals may not represent a valid comparison.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 28th: Interview with the Brown County Volunteer Center, Facebook

Wednesday, September 4th: Brown County Housing Advocacy Fellowship, 5:20 - 7 PM
Monthly 1st Wednesday

Thursday, September 5th: Spiritual Leaders Caucus, 12 - 1:30 PM
Monthly 1st Thursday

Tuesday, September 10th: Housing Task Force, 6 - 7:30 PM
Monthly 2nd Tuesday

Saturday, September 14th: Candidate Forum (Guests live virtually)

Tuesday, September 17th: Volunteer Expo Booth, 8 - 8 PM

Monday, September 23rd: Prayer Vigil at GBCL, Noon
Monthly on the 23rd

Thursday, September 26th: Parera Bread Fundraiser, 4 - 8 PM

Thursday, September 26th: Transformational Justice Task Force, 6 - 7:30 PM
Monthly 4th Thursday

Friday, October 4th: Get Out the Vote and Canvassing with WISDOM, 10 AM - 2 PM

Monday, October 7th: The Invisible Class Viewing at Ascension, 5 - 8 PM

Wednesday, October 23rd: Zanzibar! Fundraiser, Plants for a Purpose, 3 - 9 PM

Tuesday, November 5th: Election Day

Saturday, November 15th: Fall Gathering, 5:30 - 5:30 PM

Find more details and register on our website at joshua4justice.org/events

Events to be aware of in the community:

September 12-14: 30 Years is Enough: Time for Justice Reinvestment Actions around the state