

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2025**

Present:

Absent:

Pastors	Bridget Flad Daniels		
Moderator	Heather Collins		
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	Betty Bienash		
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 Heather Collins called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Gathering Prayer: Heather shared a prayer.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Minister's Report: Bridget thanked Common Ministry for approving the Gifts & Memorials grant to fund the Justice and Art initiative. She expects she and Haley will make progress on starting it up soon. She has been busy with preparations for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Bridget has accepted a nomination to be one of the Trustees of the UCC Pension Boards, which will involve her taking two trips out of state each year. The Education Ministry is having difficulty recruiting church members to volunteer as facilitators for the Our Whole Lives curriculum. Common Ministry agreed it would be acceptable to recruit well-known friends of the church to serve in that role. Among the handful of weddings coming up is the wedding of Jeremy Pelegrin and Bob Hileman, who have asked permission to serve beer and wine and their reception in the church building. Motion to approve this request passed. (Gail/Denise). Bridget noted that Brian Bodager's funeral will be at Pilgrim UCC in Grafton on June 14 at 11:30 a.m. and the President of the UCC Pension Board of Trustees will preside.

Clerk's Report

The minutes for the regular meeting of February 13, 2025 will be approved in April.

Treasurer's Report

Sandy distributed the December budget summary (attached). Sandy noted that in February we took in more than we spent. Noting stood out this month, although income is a bit behind what we had received last year. Heather asked about the Pastor expenses line being less this year than last year. Sandy will explore. Motion to put the report on file approved (Sandy/Kathy).

New Business

- **W.I.S.E:** Consideration of becoming a Welcoming Inclusive Supportive Engaged congregation has begun. This is an effort to destigmatize mental health and build on mental wellness. Christie Reese is leading this initiative. It will begin with a survey of this congregation to determine what focus we would find valuable.

Continuing Business

- Generosity Team Update: Working on an Easter offering letter to households which have not pledged for 2025. Putting a QR code in the bulletin with a request that folks consider paying the fee. Exploring how to let folks pay via platforms such as PayPal or Venmo.
- Bond of Union 125th Anniversary: Common Ministry discussed ideas for ways to celebrate the Bond of Union and to discuss how we want to mark that anniversary.
- Ministerial Boundaries: Letter was sent about a week after last month's meeting and there has been no response.

Ministry Reports (unless covered in Ministry meeting minutes)

EDUCATION

Beth would welcome suggestions for people who would be good youth group advisors, and teachers for Our Whole Lives curriculum.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

No report.

MEMBERSHIP & INREACH

Dates for NM Classes are set. New Member Sunday will be April 6. There will be an Easter breakfast between the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. There will be signups for food preparation, set up and clean up.

OUTREACH

Rounding out the Help for Homeless hygiene drive. Outreach is recommending approval of a request by Fair Wisconsin to write Get Out The Vote postcards for 4/1 election during coffee hour on March 23. This a totally non-partisan effort. Approved (Jammie/Sandy).

STEWARDSHIP

No report.

WORSHIP

No report. Bridget shared that Betty has agreed to take over as Chair of Worship as Zoe will be leaving the church. Motion to nominate Betty approved (Denise/Kathy).

JOSHUA Report: No Report. Bridget noted that multiple members will be going to the Madison action day.

Communications Report: No report. Clay has agreed to work on a new website for the church. Thank you, Clay! Ruth and Marianne are continuing as Communications Coordinators.

Thank you to Heather for treats.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved (Denise/Jammie). After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Hohenstein, Clerk

Next meeting: March 13 - 6 p.m.

Upcoming Prayer/Snack Schedule:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Snack</u>
April 10	Clay	Clay
May 8	Denise	Denise
June 12	Kathy	Kathy
August 14		
September 11	Beth	Beth
October 9	Sandy	Sandy
November 13	Jason	Jason
December 11		
January 8, 2026		

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Treasurer's Report as of February 2025 (Treasurer Budget Report)

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Account #	Account Name	Previous YTD	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Incomes					
<i>General Operating Fund</i>					
	Total General Operating Fund	\$137,576	\$38,954	\$131,043	\$423,800
<i>Stewardship Ministry</i>					
	Total Stewardship Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
<i>General - Non Operating Fund</i>					
	Total General - Non Operating Fund	\$900	\$0	\$916	\$15,000
	Total Incomes	\$138,476	\$38,954	\$131,959	\$441,800
Expenses					
<i>General Operating Fund</i>					
<i>Administrative</i>					
	Total Administrative	\$17,280	\$6,462	\$11,124	\$52,900
<i>Facilities</i>					
	Total Facilities	\$5,968	\$1,858	\$3,924	\$40,600
<i>Senior Pastor Expenses</i>					
	Total Senior Pastor Expenses	\$26,604	\$12,337	\$24,353	\$154,354
<i>Lay Staff Expenses</i>					
	Total Lay Staff Expenses	\$26,093	\$15,914	\$30,603	\$198,566
	Total General Operating Fund	\$75,946	\$36,573	\$70,005	\$446,420
<i>Worship Ministry</i>					
	Total Worship Ministry	\$1,183	\$210	\$210	\$8,600
<i>Stewardship Ministry</i>					
	Total Stewardship Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$900
<i>Inreach Ministry</i>					
	Total Inreach Ministry	\$1,631	\$77	\$162	\$2,575
<i>Education Ministry</i>					
	Total Education Ministry	\$940	\$414	\$1,169	\$6,725
<i>Outreach Ministries</i>					
<i>Outreach B</i>					
	Total Outreach B	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$15,600
	Total Outreach Ministries	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$15,600
	Total Expenses	\$80,701	\$38,275	\$72,547	\$480,820
	Difference	\$57,774	\$679	\$59,412	(\$39,020)

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.