

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2025**

Present:

Absent:

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

Gathering Prayer: Kathy shared a prayer.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Minister's Report: It has been a full month! Haley is working on a grant from the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation to help support the new Justice and Arts Ministry. She and Bridget will be working with Ruth & MaryAnn, our Communications Coordinators, to enhance that Ministry's social media presence. Bridget hosted a roundtable sponsored by Wisconsin Conservation Voters on the subject of tax credits for renewable energy. Osseo Middle School students were here Monday through Wednesday of this week. Much appreciation to Brad for setting up for both events. The Italo-American Association wishes to again use our space for its fall musical and potluck in October. Motion to again allow them to bring in and serve wine was approved (Betty/Sandy).

Clerk's Report

The minutes for the regular meeting of May 8, 2025 were approved (Kathy/Jammie).

Treasurer's Report

Sandy distributed the May budget summary (attached). We are ahead of where we were last year so things look good. Motion to put on file approved (Jason/Jammie).

New Business

Continuing Business

- Generosity Team Update: The team did not meet this month. Its current focus is the fall pledge campaign.

- Review of the Church Rolls: Gail has drafted a letter which is in the process of being finalized. Group will be working on a meeting to review the rolls and to determine if there are folks who would be more appropriately reached by a personal contact instead of a letter.
- Bond of Union 125th Anniversary: Bridget is reaching out to a couple of folks for articles for Friday emails.
- WISE: Survey is complete. Friday email article is ready with links for the survey and will be sent out soon.
- Capital Campaign: Bridget noted that the funds reflected in the balance sheet are different from actual pledge income as the insurance proceeds from the fire were added to that balance because the lower-level work is part of the Capital Campaign. We have received \$507,000 of the \$572,000 pledged and our consultants say we are in good shape. Future quarterly giving statements will show the total amount of Capital Campaign dollars received in addition to the annual amount received so that donors know where they are relative to their total pledges.

Ministry Reports (unless covered in Ministry meeting minutes)

EDUCATION

Main focus is Faith Formation staffing for the fall.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

No Report.

MEMBERSHIP & INREACH

No Report.

OUTREACH

Rummage sale was a success with \$2,007 received. Jammie reminded us of the We All Rise event this Saturday for Juneteenth.

STEWARDSHIP

Jason presented 3 motions from Stewardship for Capital Campaign expenditures, all of which were approved:

1. Up to \$5,000 to refinish the insides of the wood doors.
2. Up to \$5,000 for 2 area microphones and a new mixing board (including some re-wiring) which will better more effectively pick up the various components of the worship service.
3. Up to \$75,000 to remodel downstairs restrooms.

Bridget confirmed that we have sufficient Capital Campaign cash available for these projects.

Jason noted that the contractor handling the additional door openers for the exterior doors has recommended adding sensors so that the doors will not close on a person proceeding through the doorway, which will cause the spending on that project to exceed the approved amount by \$400. Common Ministry had no issue with Stewardship's decision to accept that recommendation.

The work remaining on the lower level is flooring and classroom partitioning. Stewardship is still investigating insurance alternatives.

WORSHIP

Dan Hatton has agreed to take on the role of AV coordinator. He would welcome people to be added to the roster of folks to be trained.

JOSHUA Report: No report.

Communications Report: No report.

Thank you to Kathy for treats.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved (Jamie/Clay). After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Hohenstein
Clerk

Next meeting: August 14 - 6 p.m.

Upcoming Prayer/Snack Schedule:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Snack</u>
August 14	Betty	Betty
September 11	Beth	Beth
October 9	Sandy	Sandy
November 13	Jason	Jason
December 11	Jammie	Jammie
January 8, 2026		

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

Monday, June 2, 2025

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Account #	Account Name	Previous YTD	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Incomes					
General Operating Fund					
	Total General Operating Fund	\$193,349	\$29,931	\$217,118	\$423,800
Stewardship Ministry					
	Total Stewardship Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
General - Non Operating Fund					
	Total General - Non Operating Fund	\$5,934	\$0	\$10,840	\$15,000
	Total Incomes	\$199,283	\$29,931	\$227,958	\$441,800
Expenses					
General Operating Fund					
Administrative					
	Total Administrative	\$37,702	\$3,124	\$22,033	\$52,900
Facilities					
	Total Facilities	\$30,843	\$641	\$18,531	\$40,600
Senior Pastor Expenses					
	Total Senior Pastor Expenses	\$59,236	\$12,337	\$61,726	\$154,354
Lay Staff Expenses					
	Total Lay Staff Expenses	\$65,093	\$17,479	\$83,464	\$198,566
	Total General Operating Fund	\$192,875	\$33,583	\$185,755	\$446,420
Worship Ministry					
	Total Worship Ministry	\$5,504	\$173	\$3,434	\$8,600
Stewardship Ministry					
	Total Stewardship Ministry	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$900
Inreach Ministry					
	Total Inreach Ministry	\$2,349	\$342	\$679	\$2,575
Education Ministry					
	Total Education Ministry	\$3,397	\$616	\$3,567	\$6,725
Outreach Ministries					
Outreach B					
	Total Outreach B	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$15,600
	Total Outreach Ministries	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$15,600
	Total Expenses	\$209,576	\$35,715	\$198,436	\$480,820
	Difference	(\$10,293)	(\$5,783)	\$29,522	(\$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.