

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2016**

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>		
Pastor	Bridget Flad		
Moderator	Lou Norsetter		
Vice Moderator	Jeff Gibson		
Treasurer	Jeff Carels		
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein		
Education	Helen Krueger		
Gifts & Memorials	Marlene Lanoue	Gary Hassel	
Inreach		Heather Collins	
New Member	Steve Jones		
Outreach		Cathy Putman	
Stewardship	David Thie		
Worship	Sandy Polarek		
Communications Coordinator		Shaun Shouldeen	
Talents & Gifts			
Guest(s)			

Moderator Lou Norsetter called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared, followed by prayer.

Open Forum: None.

Shared Reflection: Bridget shared a reflection.

Senior Minister's Report: Bridget asked for prayers for Scott Ingram, who suffered a fall while at work at the Church on Tuesday. He will be out at least through Monday. Bridget has been spending a considerable amount of time on issues surrounding the potential sale of one of the properties currently comprising the Waitzmann Condominium project, which may involve dissolving the Condominium Association (all to be done at no expense to the Church.) Lastly, she expressed concern for the recent legislation which has been passed in North Carolina and other states (e.g., the so-called "bathroom bills") and is contemplating an advocacy effort related thereto.

Clerk's Report

Minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2016 were approved. (David/Jeff) and approval of the February minutes was confirmed.

Correspondence: Thank you notes from Cheri Frusher and Sue Zanzig were read.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff distributed the regular report. Expenses were higher this month, reflecting routine end of quarter payments, but we are still below budget on expenses and above budget on income. Keep it up! Approved. (Jeff/Steve)

New Business

- **Stewardship – Building Repairs:** David informed us about some water damage to the organ loft. The issue has been identified as tuck pointing in an area not done previously. The proposal for the area needing immediate repair is \$3,100. As serious damage could occur if the work is not done, Stewardship is requesting \$3,100 from Gifts & Memorials to cover the immediate need. The request was approved. David will be meeting with the contractor regarding other areas which were not previously addressed.

Continuing Business

- SHIFT WI Conference Initiative: Bridget last month described the Wisconsin Conference's SHIFT initiative. It is a process for looking forward to the Church of the future. We are not planning to adopt the SHIFT process per se, as we are in the midst of our own visioning process, but we will use what we can from the Conference's initiative. As agreed, Common Ministry members watched videos #1 and #2 prior to this meeting and engaged in a discussion of questions presented. **Please watch Videos #3 and #4 prior to the May meeting.**
- Visioning Team Update: Both the Visioning Team and the Stewardship Ministry recently met with John Wimberly. The Visioning Team worked on strategies and goals relative to the strategies, using input from Church members, giving consideration to feasibility, alignment with the Church's mission and level of energy from the Congregation. From here the Team plans to put together small teams to investigate further what it will take to make the strategies happen. Bridget or the Visioning Team will bring list of strategies to next Common Ministry meeting before the groups are tasked. Stewardship met with Wimberly to talk about generational styles of giving. He talked about this being the first time in Christian history that there are 5 generations in the pews, and each generation engages in charitable giving differently. Therefore, different approaches are more appropriate and effective for each. We will have more discussions in the future.
- Delegates to NE Association Meeting: Steve, Lou and Bridget are attending on Saturday. Workshops are on the 5 major SHIFT areas. Steve and Sandy will go to the Conference meeting. Bridget will distribute information to determine if there is interest in attending by others.

Ministry Updates (if not included in minutes)

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

No requests pending.

OUTREACH

No report.

NEW MEMBER

No report.

INREACH

Because price of pork has risen, in order to keep the participant cost more reasonable the Spring Fling menu will offer pulled pork instead of a pig roast, and it will be a potluck.

EDUCATION

Plans are in the works to coordinate with Mayflower for an activity in the park on GB Kids Day (June 25). The Ministry is planning to meet with the Mayflower Director to discuss the sharing of our nursery space. Education made a request for \$709 from Gifts & Memorials for a new projector. The request was approved.

STEWARDSHIP

A Congregational spring cleaning work day is scheduled for May 14. Watch for notice of a Mulch Wednesday on a date TBD. The Audio/Tech subcommittee will be meeting Thursday.

WORSHIP

Sandy thanked Bridget for her first full Lenten season. There was good attendance at the Holy Week services.

Talents and Gifts: No report.

Communications: Bridget reminded us of the Communications Team's "I Belong at Union" effort. They may be getting bumper stickers, as an inexpensive source has been located.

Other: Lou reminded those Ministries who have not already done so to submit their list of Ministry members to the office.

Adjournment

After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Hohenstein, Clerk

Next meeting: May 10, 2016 – Chapel Classroom – 6:30 p.m.

Future Schedule:

Meeting Date	Shared Reflection	Treats
5/10/2016	Collins	Polarek
6/14/2016	Gibson	Putman
8/9/2016	Hassel	Rose
9/13/2016	Hohenstein	Shouldeen
10/11/2016	Jones	Thie
11/8/2016	Lanoue	Carels
12/13/2016	Norsetter	Collins
1/10/2017	Polarek	Flad-Daniels