

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
COMMON MINISTRY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2017**

	<b><u>Present:</u></b>	<b><u>Absent:</u></b>
Pastor	Bridget Flad Daniels	
Moderator	Sandy Polarek	
Vice Moderator	Jeff Gibson	
Treasurer	Jeff Carels	
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein	
Education	Deb Rose	
Gifts & Memorials		Marlene Lanoue, Nicole Polarek
Inreach	Heather Collins	
New Member	Steve Jones	
Outreach	Lou Norsetter	Christie Reese
Stewardship	David Thie	
Worship	Virginia Riggs	
Communications Coordinator		Nicole Kinjerski
Guest(s)		

Moderator Sandy Polarek called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None.

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

**Gathering Prayer:** David Thie shared a prayer for peace.

**Open Forum:** None.

**Senior Minister's Report:** Bridget gave thanks for the support shown her by the Church in this difficult week. She reported she has continued to have baseline conversations with Community Services Agency (COMSA—the Somali Muslim organization the outreach ministry has agreed in theory to work with). They are looking for space for ESL sessions, meeting space, and perhaps more robust services in the future. They also have expressed interest in boundary breaking and creating of community with our congregation. They are ultimately looking to build or acquire their own community center. At this point we and they are thinking about the details which would need to be worked through to assist them. The COMSA representatives will be Sunday speakers the first Sunday in June during Adult Education time. Bridget is continuing to work on the replacement of the rainbow flag in the Church sign.

**Clerk's Report**

Minutes of the meetings of March 14, 2017 were approved. (Steve/Jeff C.)

Correspondence: None.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jeff distributed his usual report. March income was typical at \$29,222. Expenses are at 91% of budget; the areas below budget are dispersed throughout the budget. Income is \$15,257 above expenses YTD. (Deb/Steve) Approved.

**New Business**

- None

## **Continuing Business**

- Spring Common Ministry Retreat and Getting to Yes: Sandy thanked all for participating. It was a good afternoon. Deb shared that it was good for us to have the group conversations and get to know each other better. Bridget asked that we read through Chapter 2 (page 41) for our May meeting, and be ready to discuss how our reading might apply to our congregation.
- Delegates:
  - Northeast Association Meeting – April 22 (Ripon). Steve Jones and Lou Norsetter are attending. Both will be presenting.
  - Wisconsin Conference Meeting – June 9-11 (Green Lake). Steve Jones and Sandy Polarek are attending.
  - EMC Second Mile Update – David reported that we have \$33,605 pledged from 67 responders. Over 100 of our usual responders have not responded yet. Follow up calls will start next week. Sandy read a letter from Lucy and Karl Klug (former members) in support of our goal to hire an Associate Pastor.
  - Associate Pastor Search – Deb reported our opening is live on the UCC website. Profile was also posted on WI Council of Churches and McCormick Seminary websites. It is also available on our Church's website, and noted some have posted it on their personal FaceBook pages. Rev. Anderson has 3 profiles to share with the search committee on May 1.
  - Tech/AV Task Force Update – Jeff Gibson had been wrangling with Heartland regarding equipment issues. We now need to purchase another piece of equipment (\$200). Heartland will install it without charge. He has tested the sanctuary setup and it is working fine. The next step is to connect through the sound board which will broadcast through the internet (closed channel only available within the building). The third step will be to set up another access point to feed Mayflower's space.

## **Ministry Updates (if not included in minutes)**

### EDUCATION

No additions. They are brainstorming on recruiting leaders for next yr. Dr. Bob Kramer from St. Norbert will be here to speak on the Muslim faith on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### GIFTS & MEMORIALS

No report.

### INREACH

The Spring Fling and the Easter Sunday breakfast are coming up. Inreach is looking for clean-up help for the Easter breakfast (before Church starts). They are also looking into ways to enhance internal caregiving. Starting on Communion Sundays, will have a card ministry opportunity to write cards to shut-ins. They will be working with Worship on the Prayer Chain. Reunion Sunday is 9/10, and the Fall Retreat 9/15-17. Also working on cooks for Wednesday evenings.

### NEW MEMBER/MEMBERSHIP

Steve shared that due to Ministry absences, he needs more assistance for New Member Sunday, April 30. Various members volunteered.

### OUTREACH

No additions.

### STEWARDSHIP

David reported they are working on scheduling a Congregational Work Day, either April 29 or May 6.

### WORSHIP

Worship will have a virtual meeting after Easter to recap how Lenten/Easter services went.

**Communications:** Nicole Kinjerski not able to attend.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was approved. After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. (Heather/Steve)  
Thank you to Virginia for the treats.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hohenstein  
Clerk

Next meeting: May 9, 2016 – Chapel Classroom – 6:30 p.m.

Future Schedule:

<b>Common Ministry Meetings</b>	<b>Gathering Prayer</b>	<b>Treats</b>
5/9/17	Nicole Polarek	Nicole Polarek
6/13/17	Steve Jones	Steve Jones
8/8/17	Jeff Gibson	Heather Collins
9/12/17	Heather Collins	Jeff Carels
10/10/17	Marlene Lanoue	Jeff Gibson
11/14/17	Bridget Flad Daniels	Christie Reese
12/12/17	Lou Norsetter	Deb Rose
1/9/2018	Sandy Polarek	Sandy Polarek