

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2018**

<u>Present:</u>		<u>Absent:</u>	
Pastor	Bridget Flad Daniels		
Moderator	Sandy Polarek		
Vice Moderator	Jeff Gibson		
Treasurer	Jeff Carels		
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein		
Education	Nancy Gibson		
Gifts & Memorials		Phil Enscoe, Nicole Polarek	
Inreach	Heather Collins		
New Member	Steve Jones		
Outreach	Lou Norsetter	Christie Reese	
Stewardship	Jammie VerGiesen		
Worship	Virginia Riggs		
Communications Coordinator	Nicole Kinjerski		
Talents & Gifts			
Guest(s)			

Moderator Sandy Polarek called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Gathering Prayer: Jammie shared a prayer.

Open Forum: None.

Senior Minister's Report: Bridget expressed appreciation to all who contributed to a lovely Holy Week and Easter. She noted that congregational participation was a bit low, especially in comparison to 2017 when participation was high. It may be that Easter was early this year so that snowbirds weren't back, or that school vacations encompassed the holiday. Maundy Thursday was right on track and the 10 am Easter service was pretty solid; 8 am attendance was half of last year. Good Friday was close to the 2016 numbers when the service was at noon. She has accepted a position with the WI Conference Leadership Team Working Group for Racial Justice, which will be collecting resources to help congregations work on racial justice issues. This role shouldn't involve a lot of travel. It dovetails well with our immigration efforts. She is meeting next week with 4 other local clergy to possibly have an interdenominational table at Pride Alive this year (Saturday, July 14). The hope is to be able to create a booth with information about churches that are welcoming. Communications is working with her on materials for distribution. Jon Pahl starts on Thursday.

Clerk's Report

Minutes of the meetings of March 13, 2018 were approved. Minutes of the Congregational Meeting of March 18, 2018 have been distributed for Common Ministry review. Approved (Jammie/Steve).

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Carels distributed his usual report. March was decent income-wise at 114% of budget. Expenses were at 93% of budget. We spent \$12,000 more than we took in. Approved (Steve/Jeff G.).

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New Business

- Quarterly Meeting of the Congregation: Bridget reminded us of the discussion at the Annual Meeting in which we talked about conducting quarterly informational meetings. She proposes a meeting on May 6 after worship. Discussion ensued on how to coordinate this with Youth Sunday, which will be that same day. The plan is for an update on finances, status of fundraiser discussions, and to highlight one or two of our ministries. This is not a “Special Meeting of the Congregation”, but rather an informational meeting. Other informational meetings will be held sometime in August, and then in November. Inreach, New Member and Stewardship will be highlighted in May.

Continuing Business

- Housekeeping—Opening Prayer 5/8, 9/11, 11/13, 1/8: Jeff agreed to do prayer in May and Lou will do November. Jammie doing 9/11 and Sandy 1/8.
- St. John Homeless Shelter Overnight Housing Informational Meetings: At our last meeting we voted to participate with St. John. Outreach offered to lead information sessions for the Congregation, which are scheduled for after worship 4/22, 6:30 p.m. on 4/25, and before worship (9 a.m.) on 4/29. Lou and/or Christie will cover each of the meetings.
- Lakeland University Concert & Meal: Friday at 7 p.m. Kathy Putman and Mel Polarek are making the meal and 2 persons have agreed to bring dessert. Bridget, Sandy Polarek and Steve Hartman have agreed to do setup and cleanup.
- 2018 Budget—Deficit Budget Fundraising: Jammie is working to contact the person who expressed interest in the Christmas Tree sale. Still working on people to coordinate antique sale, auction and dinner. This will be a subject discussed at the Quarterly Meeting. Need to recruit leaders.
- NE Association Meeting Update—4/28—8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sign-up sheet for needed volunteers will be in Pilgrim Hall, will be in Friday blast and newsletter.
- Alcohol Policy Discussion: Jammie shared the current policy. No consensus was reached, so we agreed to revisit the congregation’s philosophy around alcohol at our next meeting. In the meantime, Jammie will do some preliminary research on other churches’ policies.
- Immigration Advocacy Team Update: The Team has met and its members are attending an applicable conference.
- Tech/AV Task Force Update: Jeff continues to work on hooking up the system.
- Memorial Garden Update: Heather and Gail presented a summary of their discussions with the Memorial Garden folks and will continue discussions with them.
- Review of Goal #4, Continued: Deferred.

Ministry Updates (if not included in minutes)

EDUCATION

No report.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

No report.

INREACH

Church worship and picnic will be June 3 in the park. All hands on deck.

NEW MEMBER/MEMBERSHIP

Steve reminded Chairs to sign up and attend the scheduled new member sessions.

OUTREACH

No report

STEWARDSHIP

Jammie reported that they are assessing the roof repair over the organ to make sure it is not continuing to leak, after which we will discuss repairs to the organ. It is not currently known if insurance coverage will apply to the organ repairs.

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WORSHIP

No Report. Youth Sunday will be May 6. Pentecost is May 20 and all 3 choirs will participate.

Communications: Nicole Kinjerski looking for members for her team. Their priority is working on a brochure (to be ready for rummage sale) and bumper stickers. Nicole needs the church shirt inventory.

Adjournment

Thank you Sandy (filling in for Nicole P.) for treats tonight!

Motion to adjourn was approved. After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hohenstein
Clerk

Next meeting: May 8, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. -- Chapel Classroom

Future Schedule:

Common Ministry Meetings	Gathering Prayer	Treats
May 8	Jeff Gibson	Nicole K.
June 12	Bridget	Sandy
August 14	Christie	Jammie
September 11	Jammie	Jeff C.
October 9	Jeff G.	Christie
November 13	Lou	Heather
December 11	Steve	Steve
January 8	Sandy	Nancy

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