

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
COMMON MINISTRY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2019**

**Present:**

**Absent:**

Pastors	Bridget Flad Daniels, Jon Pahl		
Moderator		Sandy Polarek	
Vice Moderator	Stacie Christian		
Treasurer		Jeff Gibson	
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein		
Education	Nancy Gibson		
Gifts & Memorials		Nicole Polarek Phil Enscoe	
Inreach	Heather Collins		
New Member		Nicole Kinjerski	
Outreach	Achim Siefert	Christie Reese	
Stewardship	Jammie VerGiesen		
Worship	Betty Bienash		
Communications Coordinator		Avonelle Weist	
Talents & Gifts			
Guest(s)			

Vice Moderator Stacie Christian called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None.

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

**Gathering Prayer:** Bridget shared a Christmas reflection.

**Open Forum:** None.

**Ministers' Reports:** Jon shared he is happy to be back. The Call & Response Jazz service has been moved to February 1 at 2 pm. Education's Green Gospel theme is off to a good start. PF leadership team is working well. The incubator space repurposing is well under way. Jon is working on finding tenants for the rest of the space—financially stable not-for profit organizations with a mission consistent with that of the Church.

Bridget shared a joy. Richard Bush has made a gift from his estate with the intention is that it be used for immediate needs of the Church.

**Clerk's Report**

Minutes of the meetings of November 14 were approved (Heather/Jammie).

**Treasurer's Report**

Jammie reported for Jeff. November was a very good income month. Expenses were down, about \$5000 under budgeted expenses. The report was approved (Betty/Nancy).

## **New Business**

- Budget/Pledge Campaign: So far 120 households have responded with 109 have pledging a total of \$304,728. Responses are on track with those of last year. Bruce Shafer is coordinating follow up calls and is optimistic. The 2020 budget proposal is in process. A draft will be distributed to Common Ministry for review and it will hold a meeting on 1/5/20 after church to discuss.
- Proposed Bylaw Change Combining New Member and Inreach: Inreach and new member have been working as one unit for about 18 months. Heather said the work of the two ministries intertwines nicely and the combination helps to use human resources more efficiently. Heather moved that bylaw change effecting the combining of the two ministries be added to the Annual Meeting agenda. Jammie seconded. Approved.

## **Continuing Business**

- Nominating Committee Update: Bridget said Nominating is continuing to work on a Stewardship and Inreach/Membership chairs.
- Retention and Roll Review: No report.
- Repurposing Update: Floor is in. Expect to be finished by the end of the month.
- Sex Offender Policy Update: No update.
- Fundraising – Christmas Trees: Achim reported we are above break-even but we have more trees and wreaths to sell.
- Tech/AV Task Force Update: No report.
- Memorial Garden Update: No report.

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

### EDUCATION

No report.

### GIFTS & MEMORIALS

No report.

### INREACH/NEW MEMBER/MEMBERSHIP

No report.

### OUTREACH

Giving tree ornaments are still available. Union is hosting a Community Cultural pot luck meal Feb 22 sponsored by Migration Advocacy of Brown County and other organizations.

### STEWARDSHIP

Many thanks to David Hassel for his continued work on the storm damage insurance issue. Getting 2 estimates for floor repair in the Fellowship Room. Temporary ceiling work will be done on a volunteer basis. AC may also be replaced. Mark Smith working with Focus on Energy on opportunities to further reduce our energy usage.

### WORSHIP

Jazz Christmas event will be next Monday night.

**Communications:** New banner is up.

## **Adjournment**

Thank you to Achim for treats tonight!

Motion to adjourn was approved. After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.  
(Heather/Stacie)

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hohenstein  
Clerk

Next meeting: January 9, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. -- Chapel Classroom

Future Schedule:

<b>Common Ministry Meetings</b>	<b>Gathering Prayer</b>	<b>Treats</b>
January 9	Jeff	Stacie

APPROVED