

## April 2023 Newsletter

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### CUCC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: 3-9-2023

**OPENING** Scott K. called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

#### **PRAYER OF GUIDANCE**

**PRESENT** Mike G.-P., Scott K., Gloria C., Mark J., Jackie H., Pam O., Paula J., Mark D., Jerry G.-P.

#### **ABSENT**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** The February minutes were emailed prior to the meeting for preview per the Consent Agenda method. Gloria C. made a motion to approve the minutes. Jackie H. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The February Treasurer's Reports were reviewed at the meeting and approved per the Consent Agenda method. Mark J. made motion to accept the report Jerry G.-P. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **GROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Dan H. called roofer to install ice guards on the roof.

Jerry G.-P. called the roofers to install eave troughs.

Jerry G.-P. continues to put salt in sump pump to prevent freezing.

## FIVE PRACTICES

The team met on March 2, 2023, to plan activity for the spring and summer months:

**Lent**—*The 5P members will host short weekly Wednesday devotionals at 5:30 pm.*

**April**—The FP Team and Christian Ed will host an Easter Sunday Breakfast at 7:30 am before the service at 9 am with a free will offering. The menu will include Egg Bakes (1 vegetarian, 2 sausage and 1 ham), Fruit Bowl, Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk and Coffee.

**May**—Service participants will receive a small potted flower.

**June** - Pride Tribe Walk

Next meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2023.

## CHRISTIAN ED

The last day of Sunday School will May 28, 2023.

## CANDLELIGHT GUILD

The Guild will host a Soup Supper on March 18, 2023, from 4 - 7 pm with options for take-out.

The Guild will paint the fellowship hall after Easter.

The Werner family donated \$500 to the Guild.

## SEARCH COMMITTEE

Michael Jones, Conference Minister, will come out for a church service.

## NEW BUSINESS

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The next meeting date is March 20, 2023

Tamara C.-D.C. getting more information on Wise program.

Office copier update: new copier purchased for \$127/month for 60 months. Gloria C. made the motion to approve the purchase. Jackie H. seconded the motion.

Jerry G.-P. to audit the member list to determine which members are active member for the conference membership fees. Jerry G.-P. will report next month.

Church package delivery issue resolved.

Purchased a new laptop purchased through the tech grant and will use the old laptop for Zoom computer.

## OLD BUSINESS

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COVID restrictions have been relaxed. Masks are no longer required. Scott K. reported that we are continuing to sanitize church on Saturdays and Mondays each week.

**NEXT MEETING:** Next Regular Meeting: April 12, 2023 at 6:15 live in the Fellowship Hall/Zoom optional.

**CLOSED SESSION** None

**ADJOURNMENT** After a closing blessing and reciting the Lord's Prayer, the Council members went directly into Adjournment with no Closed Session. Mark J. made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark D. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Ouimette, Volunteer Recording Secretary



## CANDLE LIGHT GUILD NEWS

**Thank you** to everyone for all the donations given, the soup makers, and dessert makers, those who served and cleaned up and those who came and enjoyed our March Soup Supper. We are so very lucky to have such an awesome church family and wonderful support from our community. We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets in the Bucket Raffle. A big thank you for the prize donations from Anna G.- the flannel blanket, Gloria C. and Green Hydrangea Designs-the framed music art and gift certificate from our very own Walmart to purchase the 3 other prizes. Congratulations to the lucky winners! We served 78 guests and sent out 18 to go soup dinners. With a total of \$1,072.00 soup sold. We had \$121.00 in ticket sales, totals for the Spring Soup Supper-\$1,193. Our only cost was the advertising. Thank you everyone! All are welcome to join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, April 4th at 5:30**



Respectfully submitted by Dawn Brink.

## CANDLE LIGHT GUILD SOUP SUPPER: SAT.-3- 18-2023





## **World Day of Prayer (Hosted by Medford United Methodist Church)**

On 3-3-2023, the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan called us to worship with the words, "I have heard about your faith" inspired by Ephesians 1: 15—19. Linda Reynolds represented CUCC as a speaker in this year's program. The CUCC Candle Light Guild will be hosting the **3-1-2024** World Day of Prayer using the World Day of Prayer committee of Palestine's theme, "I Beg You . . . Bear With One Another in Love." We look forward to serving the Medford community next year by offering this special program.



Christian Ed/children are collecting for the **Pennies from Heaven** initiative at the beginning of each month. So be sure to collect your loose change, clean out your purses, check under your sofas and check the console in your cars. The offering will be donated to local elementary schools to help supplement payments within the school lunch programs, supplies or other fees.



### ***Community Missions with Jesus***

This Medford group (made up of several local churches including CUCC) will be hosting a Soup Supper at the New Life Church on Saturday, April 15th starting at 3 pm (until soup is gone). There is no cost/Good Will offering. They will have soup, crackers, milk/water/coffee & dessert. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Anna Grube.



### **FEBRUARY FINANCES:**

As of February 28, 2023

Income \$ 7,080.00

Expenses \$ 4,078.59



**The Five Practices team** has begun conversations about becoming a WISE congregation. This means we are intentionally focusing on how we "can be welcoming, inclusive, supportive, and engaged with those who are affected by mental health challenges" which will help us to grow and help more people in our community who are struggling with mental health. We are reviewing the toolkits and resources the UCC provides and will have more to share soon. If you are interested in more information, please contact the Church office.

## **5 simple things you can do**

**to make the world a better place  
for people with mental illnesses  
and their families**

### **1 Be a friend**

Provide companionship and compassion on the road toward recovery. Offer a ride to church or to a local support group. Listen without judgement. Pray for those you know with mental illnesses and for their family members.

### **2 Be an inspiration**

Share your story. Has mental illness impacted you or your family in some way? Your story may empower others to seek treatment or have hope.

### **3 Watch your language**

Pay attention to the words you use and avoid stigmatizing labels. Do not refer to people as "crazy," "psycho," "lunatic" or "mental."

### **4 Be a "StigmaBuster"**

Challenge negative attitudes toward mental illness among your friends and acquaintances and in the media.

### **5 Learn the facts**

Educate yourself about the various mental illnesses. Attend a lecture or class or use the Internet. Good places to start include the National Alliance on Mental Illness, [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org), and the National Institute of Mental Health, [www.nimh.nih.gov](http://www.nimh.nih.gov).



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### VANCO

Any questions feel free to call Meriam at the Church (715-748-3391)

Between 9—1 Mondays or Wednesdays



**3-19-2023, Pastor Tamara Sermon: “Breaking Down Boxes” with Sunday School students.**

## Lenten Service 3-22-2023 & 3-29-2023



### **Taylor County Supportive Housing**

Will be hosting a Brat Fry & Basket Raffle in the CUCC parking lot on April 29th serving at 11 am—2 pm. Delivery available Orders of 6 or more, on the hour or half hour. Email orders to: [Jessica.mudgett@co.taylor.wi.us](mailto:Jessica.mudgett@co.taylor.wi.us)

Orders must be emailed by 4 pm on Thursday April 27th. Brats or hot dogs \$3. Meal with chips/drink \$6. Lots of Raffle Baskets (Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

**All proceeds to benefit the Taylor House Homeless Shelter.**

  
**TAYLOR  
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# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Christian Ed. 8:30 am Worship/Confirmation/ Communion 9 am Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox	3	4 Candle Light- Guild Mtg 5:30 pm	5	6 Maundy Thurs Devotion 5:30 pm (Peacemakers by Lori Grambort)	<b>7</b> Good Friday Service 5:30 pm (Persecuted by Pastor Tamara)	8
<b>9</b>  Easter Breakfast 7:30 am - Worship & Communion 9 am Pastor Jill Christopherson	10	11	12	13 Council Mtg 6:15 pm	14	15
<b>16</b> Christian Ed 8:30 am & Worship 9 am Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox	17	18	19	<b>20</b> Search Comm. Mtg 6 pm 5 Practices mtg right afterwards	21	<b>22</b> Commu- nity Missions with Jesus— Soup Supper at New Life Church 3 pm
<b>23</b> Christian Ed 8:30 am & Worship 9 am Pastor Mary Wright  <b>30</b> Christian Ed 8:30 am & Worship 9 am Pastor Jill Christopherson	24	25	26	27	28	<b>29</b> Taylor House Brat Fry here at CUCC park- ing lot 11 am—2 pm