



June 2023 Newsletter

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Church Council Meeting Minutes 5-11-2023

OPENING Scott K. called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PRAYER OF GUIDANCE

PRESENT Scott K., Mark J., Pam O., Paula J., Jerry G.-P., Cindy K., Mark D., Gloria C., Paula J.

ABSENT Jackie H.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY’S REPORT The April minutes were emailed prior to the meeting for preview per the Consent Agenda method. Jerry G.-P. made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark J. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT The April Treasurer’s Reports were emailed prior to the meeting and approved per the Consent Agenda method. Gloria C. made motion to accept the report. Mark D. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Comstock installed new gutters and cost will be reported in May expenses.

Rivers Edge will be putting ice cleats on the roof.

Renter will be putting paving blocks to entry to the garage.

Bushes in front of parsonage were pruned.

Fellowship Hall was painted on April 24-25, 2023.

CHRISTIAN ED

The last day of Sunday School will on May 21, 2023.

Pennies from Heaven will be donated to school lunch program the week of May 15, 2023.

CANDLELIGHT GUILD

The Guild painted the fellowship hall on April 24 and 25, 2023. Paint was donated by the Guild and through a donation in memory of LaNae Werner.

End of year Spring dinner was held on May 10 at Cindy’s. The Guild will not meet again until Fall 2023.

Church Council Meeting Minutes Continued

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Committee contacted one profile submitted for the Pastor position, but the person declined the offer to interview.

Michael Jones will join us at the Search Committee meeting on May 20, 2023.

The next meeting date is May 20, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

WISE Program approved to move forward with the process.

Office copier installed.

Jerry G.-P. audited the member list to determine which members are active member for the conference membership fees. Jerry G.-P. reported that there are 21 inactive members bringing our number down to 84 active members.

Community Mission with Jesus Soup Supper went very well.

Financial audits will begin within the next month.

Cindy K. now has access to all the church financial accounts except Forward Investment e-Bonds.

Tamara G.-P and Jerry G.-P plan to attend the Annual UCC Wisconsin Conference Meeting on June 10, 2023 in Green Lake.

Need more council members to help counting offerings on Sunday mornings.

Jerry G.-P. made the motion to purchase a fresh sign for the front of the church not to exceed \$200. Gloria C. second the motion. Motion passed.

Church members requested Council to revisit the building a community garden or renting gardens at the college. We will look into

Mark D. and Jackie H. Council membership expires this year, so we will be looking for new members.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID restrictions have been relaxed. Masks are no longer required. Scott K. reported that we are continuing to sanitize church every Monday.

Need to do a walkthrough of the parsonage within the next 60 days.

NEXT MEETING: Next Regular Meeting: June 8, 2023, at 6:15 live in the Fellowship Hall/Zoom optional. July 2023 meeting will be cancelled for summer break.

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



Fellowship hall has a new look! If you see Marlene and Bernice around town, thank them for doing such a beautiful job! Thank you to Jerry for heading the project, along with your many helpers. Thank you all for the time, energy and love that was put into the project.

The Guild held their annual dinner at Cindy's Restaurant on 5-10-2023 with 12 members attending. (see photo at right).

The Candlelight Guild will not meet in June and July, we will meet on Tuesday, August 8th at 5:30. pm.

For the CG, Dawn.



Lawn Mowing Season at Church



Scrip Cards

If you are interested in purchasing Scrip Cards, please be sure to stop by the Church office to see what is available.

More can be ordered depending upon what you are looking for. The church receives a percentage of the cost of each scrip card purchased.



CUCC APRIL FINANCES:

As of April 30, 2023

Income \$ 6431.96

Expenses \$ 5523.15

Mother's Day 5-14-2023 Celebrated with the 5 Practices handing out
Flowers at the end of service



Taylor County Supportive Housing Brat Fry at CUCC 4-28-2023



Pastor Tamara's Sermon 5-7-2023: "God's Marauders Map" With help from Maizy and Lily



Blessed with Special Music on Sundays

Peter King (5-7-2023) & PJ/Jerry (5-14-2023)



BLESSING BOX DONATIONS

Anyone wishing to donate food/misc items to the Blessing Box may drop them off at the Church or place items directly into the Box itself. Only factory sealed packages/containers can be used at this time because of the risks involved. Suggested items might include: Applesauce, oatmeal, whole grain cereals, crackers, pastas/sauces, canned soups/vegetables, and soft foods to chew. Please be aware of expiration dates on all items.



SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION : PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Donations were collected by the Sunday School this year over the past few months. The money received was donated to the Medford Area Elementary School to be used for children's lunch accounts that were behind on school lunch payments. Check presented to MAES by Paula Johnson. Thanks to everyone who donated and made this possible.



Medford Pride Tribe



Pictured in front row left to right: Violet Kalepp, Sabrina Johnson, Maizy Johnson. Back row: Pastor Tamara, Lily Kalepp, Melissa Kalepp.



Update from The 5 Practices

We are discussing future plans, which include: 1) Looking into the prospects of starting a vegetable garden in the back of the church. 2) Another annual "Free For All" during the weekend of the Medford city wide garage sale in September. 3) New ideas for the Wednesday evening worship on the first Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Goen-Penney

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> <i>Book Study—<u>A</u> <u>More Perfect</u> <u>Union</u> 5:30 pm</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> <i>Worship & Communion 9 am Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Mid-week Devotion 5:30 pm Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Council Mtg 6:15 pm</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> <i>Worship 9 am Pastor Mary Wright</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Search Comm. Mtg 6 pm 5 Practices mtg right afterwards</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> <i>Worship 9 am Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Pride Stride 11 am Medford City Park</i>
<i>25</i> <i>Worship 9 am</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	