



April 2024 Newsletter

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CUCC Church Council Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2024

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

PRAYER OF GUIDANCE Pastor Tamara

PRESENT Scott K., Mark J., Jerry G.-P., Mark D., Paula J., Dylan H., Pastor Tamara, Gloria C.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY’S REPORT

The February Meeting Minutes were emailed prior to the meeting for preview per the Consent Agenda method. Minutes amended to include a motion that was not included in the February meeting minutes: Raising the hourly wages of office and janitorial staff. Gloria C. made the motion to accept the minutes with the amendment. Mark J. seconded the motion. Motion carried

TREASURER’S REPORT

The January and February Treasurer’s Report were emailed prior to the meeting for preview per the Consent Agenda method. Jerry G.-P made the motion to approve the reports. Gloria C. seconded the motion. Motion carried. A discussion about General Fund and Buildings and Ground Funds followed.

GROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Stained Glass Window expenses are now at \$8000 —\$2000 more than expected with more expense anticipated. We projected \$6000-\$7000 for this project but need to see it through.

Still Looking for contractors for Parsonage Porch and Church Front Entry Door. We may be able to just replace weatherstrip and make the door more airtight. Members are asking about the steeple light not being on. Jerry and Scott will follow up with Dan H. and Cypher Electric.

FIVE PRACTICES

Final planning for Easter Breakfast

Update about new vendors for Scrip Program

Planning to expand the Garden this year.

5P: meeting Easter Breakfast final planning, Scrip program Update with new vendors reported. We are expanding the Garden this year

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 21 at 6:00 pm.

CUCC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES continued — 3-14-2024

CHRISTIAN ED

Sunday School continues to meet before each worship service.

The Youth Group JAM continues meet on Wednesday. Adult Bible Study continues after Easter.

CANDLELIGHT GUILD

No Spring Soup Supper this year. Scheduled the dining out night for May 8.

PASTOR REPORT

Communion served to three members unable to attend services.

An iPad was loaned to member Linda H. to watch our Church services remotely; the other iPads are also set up for remote viewing for other members as needed

Continue to conduct Wednesday Lenten devotions and prepping for Holy Week.

NWA meeting coming up April 20 at Eau Claire; Pastor Tamara will attend.

We must register by April 4 for the Wisconsin Conference at Green Lake in June 6-9. Past practice has allowed two members of the church to attend and this is paid by the church. All are welcome to attend. Pastor Tamara will attend.

Pastor Tamara asked for PTO for May 26 to June 1, 2024. Gloria C. made the motion to approve vacation. Mark J. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Tamara gave a report on what she found with our music license and what is allowed and not allowed to play under our license. She upgraded CCLI license to play music videos, but still need to have CCLI licensed music and approval from the person/organization who actually produces the creative expression that uses the licensed music.

NEW BUSINESS

The council welcomed new member Dylan H.

Discussed Safe Church Policy which requires background checks on all who work with youth. We will get this started with paperwork given to all those working with youth.

The Forward Bank CD is coming up for renewal in April. It will be renewed at the current rate offered by the bank.

Cindy K reported that Quicken downloaded the wrong software format for our computer. It was a MAC/Linux file. We needed a Windows File. That is now fixed and we should have no more doubling up on accounts. She did go through the banking beginning in January and corrected issues found.

Photos of Pastor Tamara, office staff, and our Council will be taken on Easter Sunday to update our website.

OLD BUSINESS

Sanitation of church continues once per week. Work continues on setting up iPads.

NEXT MEETING: Next Regular Meeting: April 11, 2024, at 6:15 pm live in the Fellowship Hall/Zoom optional.

ADJOURNMENT: After a closing blessing and reciting the Lord's Prayer, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and carried. Session adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Ouimette, Volunteer Recording Secretary



CANDLE LIGHT GUILD NEWS

The Candlelight Guild met on Tuesday, March 5th. The Community United Church of Christ hosted the World Day of Prayer this year on Friday, March 1st at 6 PM. We had 40 in attendance this year and everyone attending felt it was a great service. Excellent job everyone, in making this a great experience!

“Thank you” to those able to come on out on Saturday, March 17th we enjoyed the time cleaning out drawers and closets. We discussed and will purchase a few new banners to enhance worship during the church seasons of advent and ordinary times. Wow! It is that time of the year again and we are planning our end of the season dinner. Everyone is “welcome” to join us on Wednesday, May 8th at 5:30-Marilyn’s. This will be a pay-your-own dinner and we hope to have many in attendance! If you are interested in joining us please let Susie know so she can help Marilyn plan ahead.

The next meeting of the CG will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 5:30. Join Us!

For the CG, Dawn

JAM Highlights:

We have been busy Jammers. With Lent being the season we have been in, we have been sharing the One word message with each other & what those one words have meant to us. It has been so fun listening to each others take on that one word. Since nice weather was around for 2 wks we found time to be outside. Dylan came & talked about how we can help with the garden when weather permits again. Thanks Dylan! Also we now have a bean bag game to share with all. Feel free to join in a game anytime. We have been learning about the Bible & going over the different Bible books in a different sort of way. Anything to make it easier to understand. Fun times by all. We are nearing the end of our JAM year but until then we are looking forward to a few good sessions yet.

Submitted by Lori Grambort



J.A.M. Youth Group members enjoying the nice weather outside with special activities.



Discussing what can be done with the church garden this year.

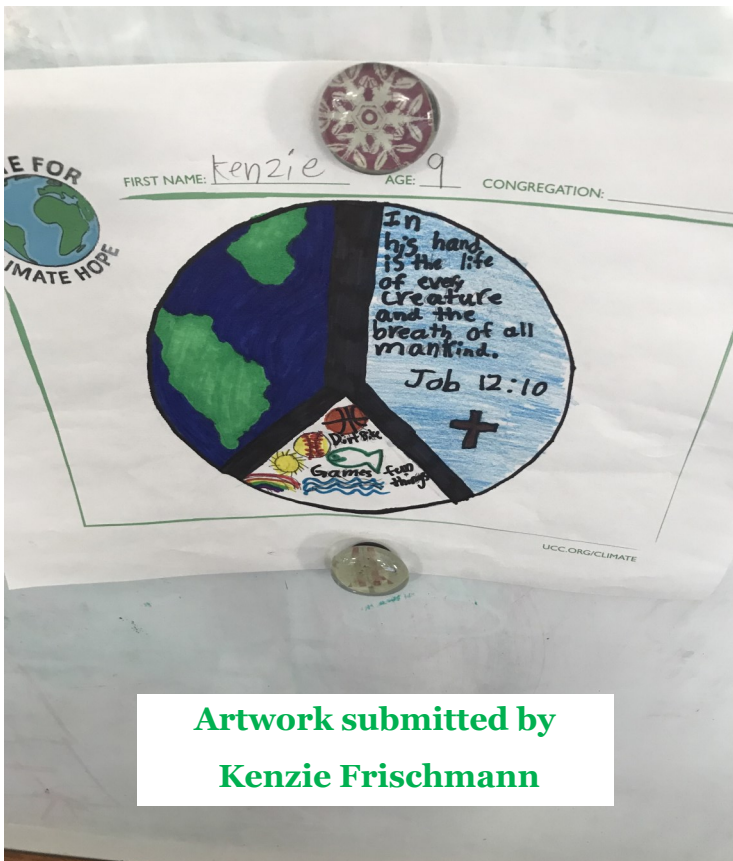


Enjoying a fun game of Corn Hole

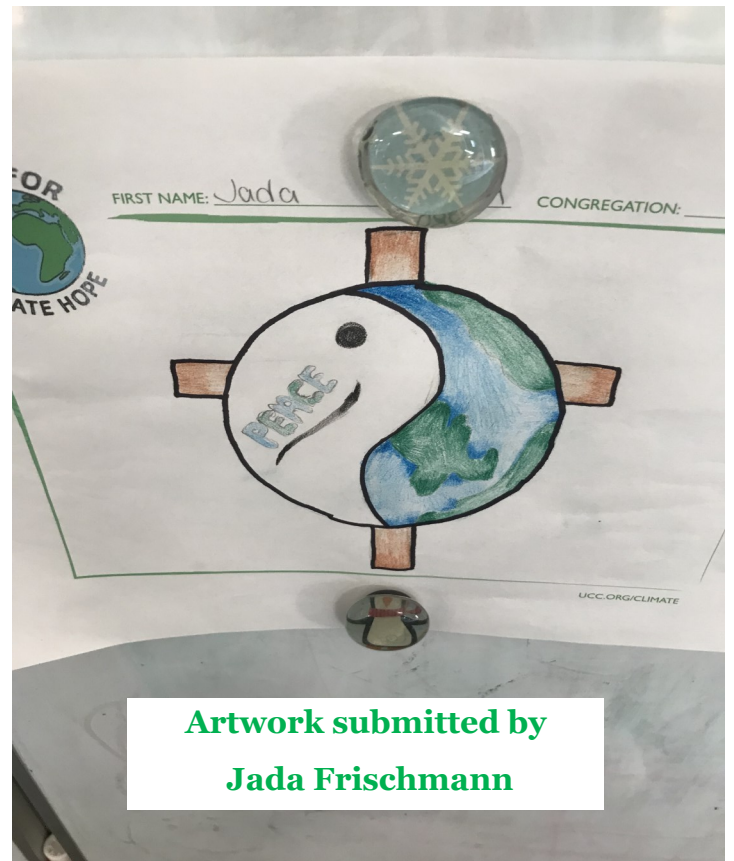


Climate Hope Art Contest

To give our children and youth a voice this election season (while also reminding adults of their responsibility for the next generation when they vote), the UCC is conducting a Vote for Climate Hope Art Contest. UCC children and youth are invited to draw, paint, or color about the world and the environment in which they want to live. Art submissions can be made from March 1 to April 16. An online award ceremony for finalists will be held on May 4, and the winning art will be featured on "Climate Hope Pledge Cards" that church members throughout UCC will collect during the summer and fall before Election Day. Please contact the church office if interested.



Artwork submitted by
Kenzie Frischmann



Artwork submitted by
Jada Frischmann

World Day of Prayer 3-1-2024



PJ Prothero pictured with Sue Breneman (St. Paul's Lutheran). Sue wore a special robe obtained while on a Mission trip to Palestine and shared details of her visit there.

Readers at World Day of Prayer (left to right): PJ Prothero (CUCC), Dawn Brink (CUCC), Ann Dassow (Holy Rosary), Cathy Retzer (St. Paul's), Mary Werner (Holy Rosary), Jean Nernberger (United Methodist), Lynn Paul (Sacred Heart), Pastor Tamara, Marian Nernberger (Our Saviour's) & Gail Heurung (St. Paul's)



Since this year's World Day of Prayer focus was on the country of Palestine, fellowship/refreshments were held after the service with baklava, figs, hummus, various citrus fruits & other goodies.





Palm Sunday 3-24-2024





Happy 87th Birthday Blessings to Roger Higgins

CUCC FINANCES:

As of March , 2024

Income \$ 6107.00

Expenses \$ 9882.00

Scrip cards

Please give the office a call at 715-748-3391 to make arrangements for pick up. Thank you in advance. Shopping? Why not use SCRIP? SCRIP cards make nice gifts. Our Church gets a percentage of the cost of each SCRIP card purchased. Cards are available from: County Market, Kwik-Trip, Arby's, Subway, Amazon, Fourmens, Fleet farm, McDonalds, Sam's Club & Walmart.



Taylor County Supportive Housing BRAT FRY & BASKET RAFFLE

Serving 11am to 2:30pm

**FRIDAY
APRIL 26TH, 2024**



Location:
United Church of Christ
510 E.
Broadway Ave
Medford, WI

Basket Raffle
Tickets
\$5/ea. or
5 for \$20

All proceeds to benefit



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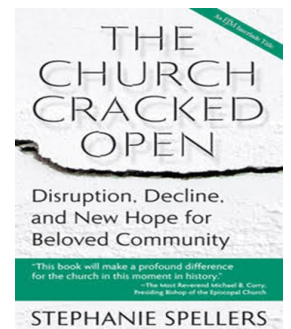
April Bible Study

On Wed., 4-17-2024 at 6:15 pm we will discuss Numbers: Failing to mix faith with promises of God & Wilderness Wanderings to Walking with God.



April Book Study

On Thurs., 4-25-2024 at 5:30 pm we will discuss Chapter 4: The Church of Empire and Chapter 5: Shards of Light.



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Candle Light Guild Mtg 5:30 pm</i>	3 <i>J.A.M. 3:30–5 pm</i> <i>Mid week devo- tion 5:30 pm</i>	4	5	6
7 <i>Christian Ed.</i> 8:30 am <i>Worship 9 am</i> <i>Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox</i>	8	9	10 <i>J.A.M. 3:30–5 pm</i>	11 <i>Council meeting 6:15 pm</i>	12	13
14 <i>Christian Ed.</i> 8:30 am <i>Worship 9 am</i> <i>Pastor Mary Wright</i>	15	16	17 <i>J.A.M. 3:30–5 pm</i> <i>Bible Study 6:15 pm</i>	18 <i>5 Practices 6 pm</i>	19	20
21 <i>Christian Ed.</i> 8:30 am <i>Worship 9 am</i> <i>Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox</i>	22	23	24 <i>J.A.M. 3:30–5 pm</i>	25 <i>Book Study 5:30 pm</i>	26 <i>Taylor</i> <i>County Sup- portive Hous- ing Brat Fry in CUCC parking lot 11 am— 2:30 pm</i>	27
28 <i>Christian Ed</i> 8:30 am <i>Worship 9 am</i> <i>Pastor Elizabeth Hazel</i>	29	30				