



## May 2024 Newsletter

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### CUCC Church Council Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2024

**OPENING** Scott K. called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

**PRAYER OF GUIDANCE** Pastor Tamara

**PRESENT** Scott K., Mark J., Jerry G.-P., Mark D., Paula J., Pastor Tamara

**VISITORS**

**ABSENT** Dylan H.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT** The March Meeting Minutes were emailed before the meeting for preview per the Consent Agenda method. Gloria C made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark J. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The March Treasurer's Report were emailed before the meeting for preview per the Consent Agenda method. Paula J. made a motion to approve the minutes. Jerry G.-P. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### GROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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**BUILDING AND GROUNDS** -The Stained-Glass windows are almost done & the prep work for installation is complete.

We are still looking for a painter for the exterior window area.

Parsonage roof bids are starting to come in. Schultz Builders' bid is at \$20k, but we will not know the full extent till they get the roof open.

Looking to install a water valve at the rear of the church to water the garden and do car wash fundraisers.

Dan H. is helping with finding weatherstripping for the front entry doors of the church.

#### FIVE PRACTICES

Easter breakfast went well. The proceeds of the free will offering and an additional \$500 were given to help with stained glass window expenses.

The team is in the preliminary stages of sourcing an EMC sign or channel letter sign for the front of the church

The team is asking church members to donate flowers for the church altar.

Small potted flowering plants will be given to all mothers on Mother's Day.



## **CUCC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES continued — 4-11-2024**

**CHRISTIAN ED—**JAM is ending in April and Sunday School in May.

Will be holding meetings over the summer to get a better structure in place for next year.

We will need volunteers to help.

Safe Church papers are ready to be filled out.

**CANDLELIGHT GUILD—**The Spring dinner will be on May 8.

Getting bids for painting Sunday School classroom.

No meetings during the summer

**PASTOR REPORT—**Conducted three home communions

Will attend NWA Meeting in Eau Claire on April 20. Jerry G.-P. will also attend.

Will attend Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting in Green Lake June 7-9.

Will perform the Emmett M. baptism on Sunday, June 16.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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Council and staff photos are needed for the website and newsletter. The Council photo shoot is now set for Sunday, April 21.

We need a photo of Pastor Tamara to add to our Pastor photo gallery.

Safe Church Policy: A background check is required for all people who work with our youth.

Forward Bank CDs: one coming due for renewal in May.

Northwest Association meeting will be held in Eau Claire on April 20th; from 10 am to 2 pm.

Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting will be held on June 7-9 in Green Lake.

The Council discussed raising the Parsonage rent for the new lease contract due August 1st. Gloria made a motion to increase the rent of the Parsonage beginning with the new rental contract. Paula seconded. Motion approved.

Council discussed getting new locks and composing a key list, so we know who has keys for the church. Jerry will check on pricing for getting the lock changed and new keys made.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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Monthly and Yearly Financial in Annual Report.

Sanitation of church

Update of Church Covid Restrictions

Ushers for services/ special events

Tablet, sound system update

**NEXT MEETING:** Next Regular Mtg: May 9, 2024, at 6:15 live in the Fellowship Hall/Zoom optional.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT:** After a closing blessing and reciting the Lord's Prayer, Mark J. made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Gloria C. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Session adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Ouimette, Volunteer Recording Secretary





Church Council members: (front)  
Dylan Hoffmann, Paula Johnson,  
Gloria Christianson, Scott Knoff.  
(back): Mark Jensen, Pastor Tamara  
Dassow Cox, Jerry Goen Penney &  
Mark Dassow (not pictured: Pam  
Ouimette)



#### **CUCC FINANCES:**

As of April, 2024

Income \$6955.00

Expenses \$ 8072.11



#### **CANDLE LIGHT GUILD NEWS**

The Candlelight Guild met on Tuesday, April 2nd. We have purchased 4 new banners for the sanctuary. One for Father's Day, Two for Ordinary times and One for the Advent season. Enjoy their beauty during worship!

We have plans to bring beauty with flowers to the entrance and back of church this May. We also will continue to support John P with lawn mowing costs. 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 sign up by Sunday, May 5th, the sign up form is located in the fellowship hall.

We will not meet in the months of June and July, but will return on Tuesday, August 6th at 5:30.

We have set a tentative date for the Soup Supper on Saturday, October 12th.

The Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 2nd.

See you on Wednesday, May 8th at Marilyn's.

For the CG, Dawn



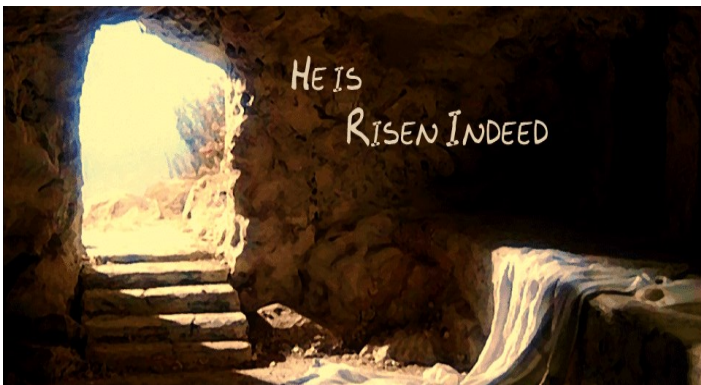
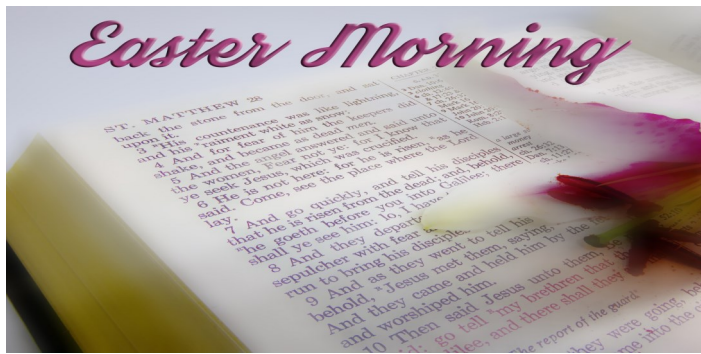
## Maundy Thursday Communion & Washing of Hands



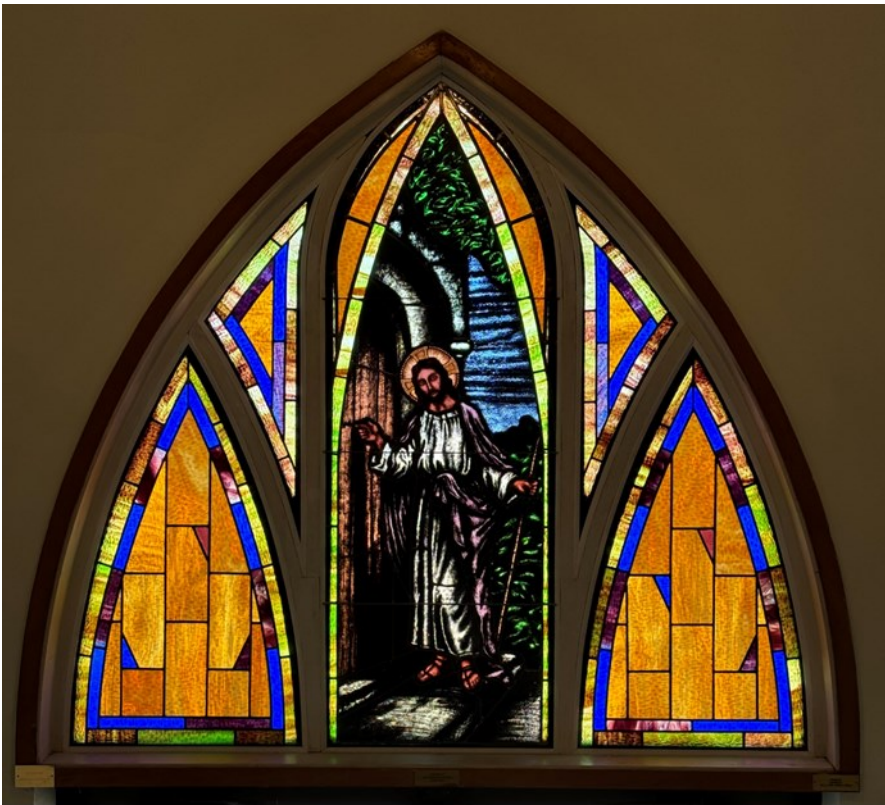
Pastor Tamara shared Maundy Thursday (Passover) with us by serving Communion and symbolically washing of congregants hands.











### Window Restoration

On April 22, 2024, Nathan Meyer of Art Factory America (Medford, WI) completed the restoration and reinstallation of the more than 100 year old CUCC front stained glass windows. The conservation and restoration work began on January 22, 2024. Each piece was disassembled/deconstructed, cleaned/polished, restored/recut with replacement glass, epoxied, glazed, soldered/cemented, moldings re-made and finally reinstalled. If you are interested in seeing further photos of the entire process, be sure to check out the photo album in the fellowship hall.

### J.A.M. News

Our last month of JAM was another busy one. The few nice days we had on JAM nights, JAMMERS spent time outside tidying up the church grounds and having fun with games outside. Other nites we took time to review the Bible. We discussed Bible words and their meanings. We will be getting together Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, for whoever is able to, and do some very special flower planting for that very special day, on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Meet at church at 3:30 pm and have fun planting.

We hope to have a few things going on over the summer and finish up a few things we discussed and didn't get done. Announcements and/or e-mails will go out as needed.

Submitted by Lori Grambort.

### Celebrating a J.A.M. Birthday



### J.A.M. Activities (enjoying the nice weather outside in the parking lot)







God calls us into community. God desires for us a big, inclusive, expansive, welcoming community. One where "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome." Our General Minister & President Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson calls this a "big tent" community. God wants our congregations and our whole Christian movement to be a "big tent" where all can be genuinely welcomed.

**The Strengthen the Church Offering** supports congregations and initiatives that help us live into the United Church of Christ's "big tent" vision. Funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and renewal initiatives in existing congregations. Your conference and the national ministries work together to use these funds for projects that matter now and for the future of our movement.

Through this offering, we further our commitment to being a multi-racial/multi-cultural church that is accessible to all. Please join with people across the UCC in promoting the **Strengthen the Church Offering** on May 19th.

**FREE**

## Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers



**Powerful Tools for Caregivers** is an educational series designed to provide tools you need to take care of yourself. If you take good care of yourself, you will be better prepared to take good care of your loved one. Topics will include reducing stress, improve self-confidence, better communicating your feelings, increase ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.



**Class is six sessions:**  
Time: Tuesdays 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23

Frances L Simek Memorial Library  
400 N Main St Medford

Participants should attend all six classes.  
There is no fee for the program.  
For more information or to register,  
contact Jenn at 715-748-1499



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If Respite care is needed please call ahead  
so we can help make arrangements



# May 2024

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue | Wed  | Thu                                     | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|-----|--|---|-----|-----|
|   |   |     | 1<br><i>Mid week devo-<br/>tion 5:30 pm</i>  | 2                                       | 3   | 4   |
| 5 <i>Christian Ed.</i><br>8:30 am<br>Worship 9 am Pas-<br>tor Tamara Dassow<br>Cox  | 6   | 7   | 8<br><i>Candle Light<br/>Guild End of Year<br/>Dinner 5:30 pm<br/>at Marilyn's</i> | 9<br><i>Council meeting<br/>6:15 pm</i> | 10  | 11  |
| 12 <i>Christian Ed.</i><br>8:30 am Worship 9<br>am Pastor Christo-<br>pher Ewan<br> | 13  | 14  | 15<br><i>Bible Study 6:15<br/>pm</i>   | 16<br><i>5 Practices 6 pm</i>           | 17  | 18  |
| 19 <i>Christian Ed.</i><br>8:30 am<br>Worship 9 am Pas-<br>tor Tamara Dassow<br>Cox   | 20  | 21  | 22   | 23<br><i>Book Study 5:30<br/>pm</i>     | 24  | 25  |
| 26<br>Worship 9 am Pas-<br>tor Mary Wright  | 27<br> | 28  | 29   | 30                                      | 31  |     |