



September 2024 Newsletter

Come join us for Worship on Sunday mornings at 9 AM and virtually at uccmedford.org/media
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CUCC Church Council Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2024

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

PRAYER OF GUIDANCE Pastor Tamara

PRESENT Scott K., Mark J., Jerry P., Dylan H., Gloria C., Pastor Tamara

ABSENT Mark D., Paula J.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY’S REPORT The July Meeting Minutes were emailed before the meeting for preview per the Consent Agenda method. No discussion. Gloria C. made the motion to accept the minutes. Mark J. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT The June and July Treasurer’s Report was emailed before the meeting for preview per the Consent Agenda method. The Council discussed further itemization of expenses, labeling of expenses, and why Group Expenses are shown on the report. These points will be shared with the Office Financial Manager for follow-up with the Quicken support team.

Jerry P. made a motion to approve the June Treasurer’s Report. Gloria C. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mark J. made the motion to approve the July Treasurer’s Report. Jerry P. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

An outdoor faucet was installed on the South side of Church,

The Parsonage porch is complete

We have contacted Cypher Electric about the Steeple lights but have had no follow-up yet.

We will move forward with another contractor if there is no progress by the next Council meeting.

The front church door has a new weatherstrip; we could add another option if needed. We will address the other option after this winter season.

FIVE PRACTICES

The team did not meet in July; next meeting August 15th.

CANDLELIGHT GUILD

The Guild met on August 7th; no report was available. 1

CUCC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES continued — 8-8-2024

CHRISTIAN ED

Confirmation is progressing.

There will be a meeting on August 18 after Church services to plan for the coming year.

PASTOR REPORT

Tamara published her June and July reports in the August monthly newsletter.

One Council Member (Dylan H.) left the meeting at this point, leaving us without a quorum to make motions to accept the reports.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

OLD BUSINESS

We are unable to find any copies of a prior Facility Use Agreement. We decided to create a new document. Our Church Secretary found some agreements from which to work. Pastor Tamara suggested contacting Pastor Michael, the Northwest Association minister, for help creating an agreement. Scott K will follow up with him on this subject.

The Church Member Meeting about the 2025 Budget notice will probably be in October.

The Council Group discussed political posts on the Church's social media. We encourage people to vote but must not promote/favor any candidate or party on social media. We had a post shared by mistake on our Facebook page. Also, members are encouraged to like and comment on our posts.

NEXT MEETING: Next Regular Meeting: September 12, 2024, at 6:15 live in the Fellowship Hall/Zoom optional.

ADJOURNMENT: After a closing blessing and reciting the Lord's Prayer, the Session adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Ouimette, Volunteer Recording Secretary

A
time
to
Remember



CANDLE LIGHT GUILD NEWS



Mark your calendars for the **Soup Supper** on Saturday, October 12th and the **Holiday Fair** on Saturday, November 2nd. A sign up sheet will be placed in the fellowship hall closer to the soup supper for soup ingredients and helpers.

We again will be baking **pumpkin rolls** so beginning in September you again will find pumpkins in fellowship hall for baking ingredient donations.

The **Bucket Raffle** will also start the day of the Soup Supper.

Please join us for more information and the planning of these events at the next meeting of the Candlelight Guild on Tuesday, September 3rd at 5:30.

For the CG, Dawn



Trainee in Progress—Amelia H. learning the ropes from Gail P. after Fellowship on Sunday



Thank you Faith H. for brightening up our Sunday morning with such thoughtful flowers (8-11-2024).



CUCC FINANCES:

As of Aug 27, 2024

Income \$ 6419.00

Expenses \$ 8470.00

REMINDER: Don't forget that the outdoor service will be held Sunday, Sept. 15 at a special time of 10 am that morning with a Potluck meal to be held afterwards in the fellowship hall. So please be sure to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy this special service and time of fellowship. The "Blessing of the Backpacks" will be held during this service as well. So feel free to bring those too. A signup sheet for the Potluck will be in the fellowship hall. Service to be held indoors in the event of inclement weather. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Sept. Pastor/Musician Schedule:

Sept 1: Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox
Music: Darlene Wellner
Sept 8: Pastor Christopher Ewan
Music: Becky Beebe
Sept 15: Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox
Music: Outdoor Service
Sept 22: Pastor Christopher Ewan
Music: Becky Beebe
Sept 29: Pastor Jill Christopherson
Music: Darlene Wellner

Service with Pastor Jill
7-28-2024



Communion Service with
Pastor Tamara 8-4-2024



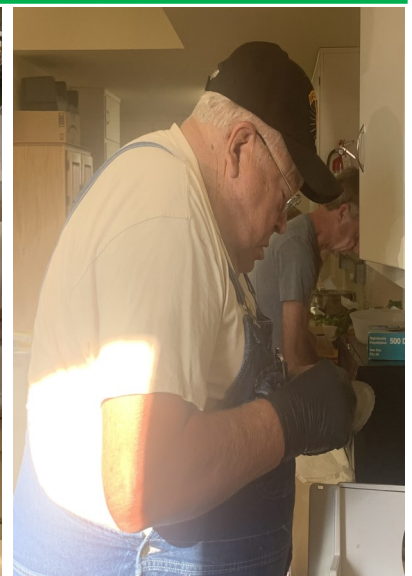
Service with Pastor Mary
8-11-2024



Service with Pastor Christo-
pher 8-25-2024



Community Mission With Jesus at CUCC 8-14-2024
Sub Sandwich Fundraising Event





September treats for Fellowship after Sunday service to be sponsored by Christian Education. Or anyone who like to bring something to share please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you.

Fellowship after church service



Thank you Jerry for leading us in song



Thank you Amelia H. for helping bring up the offering



Thank you Sandy K & Jerry P. for the lovely flowers

Thank you Joyce P. for sharing flowers with us

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TAMARA

Hello all,

I hope everyone has had a great summer. It's so hard to believe that summer is coming to an end because it seems like summer just started. But here we are, ready to start fall and enjoy the crisp air and falling, colorful leaves. I look forward to an outdoor service on 9/15 with a potluck and blessing of the backpacks. I hope everyone can make it.

With fall comes the start of the school year and the start of our Christian education in the church. The Christian education team met on 8/18 to work through the planning and here's what we have planned for this year:

- JAM: every other Wednesday 3:30-4:30 pm; September meetings: 9/11 and 9/25; schedules will be available at first JAM meeting; open to middle school age and older youth
- Confirmation: opposite Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 pm; September meeting: 9/18/24; schedules will be sent to confirmation students; open to grades 5 and up
- Sunday School: during the service on Sundays; children to leave after passing the peace; starts 9/22/24
- Bible Study: 1st Sunday of the month after church at 10:15 am, beginning 10/6/24; will be various topics about our church and how the Bible guides us; first Sunday will be about how we are the UCC and how the Bible shaped us as a church; open to all
- Reading Club: replaces Book study; 3rd Sunday of the month after church at 10:15 am, beginning 10/20/24; topics will be current events, current movies, popular topics of the times; first topic will be the status of the Church in our current culture and how we are a part of it—pre-reading materials will be copied and placed in fellowship hall by 10/06/24; open to all

We have a busy schedule, as you can see above, and hope everyone is able to find something they would like to attend. However, we also need help from everyone. Our JAM and confirmation meetings need adult volunteers to be present and bring snacks. We are seeking volunteers to meet with us on Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 or -5:00 pm. Our safe church policy requires two adults who are not related to each other to be present whenever children or youth are meeting with someone for church activities. Lori will be leading JAM and Tamara will be leading confirmation; please let one of us know if you can help attend a session for JAM and/or confirmation.

Sunday School also needs another adult present so if you're willing to help with that, please let Missy know as she is taking the lead for Sunday School. Thank you in advance for volunteering to help ensure we have a strong faith formation program for our children!

And that's not all for our Christian education journey this year. I am committing to creating a short article each month that will help everyone begin to understand more about our United Church of Christ, its polity, its belief system, and more. So please stay tuned for this in each newsletter, starting in October.

I pray that we all find growth opportunities as we head into fall and then winter. Enjoy the shorter days and crisper weather and spend time with loved ones.

Shalom, Pastor Tamara

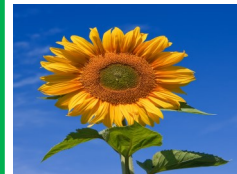


Christian Education Mtg

8-18-2024



Thank you
Cathy Schuppel
for bringing the
lovely sunflower
arrangement to
share with our
Sunday service
8-25-204.



Community United Church of Christ FALL SOUP SUPPER Saturday, October 12th 4 PM- 7PM 510 E Broadway Ave. Medford

All you can eat
Homemade Soups
Bread
Cheese
Delicious Desserts
Raffles too!

**Take outs also
available!**

Please call
715-748-3391
October 12th to
order.

Adults—\$8.00
Couples- \$15.00
Children 5-12—\$4.00
Children 4 & under
free

WAYS TO GIVE TO CUCC:

Offering Plate

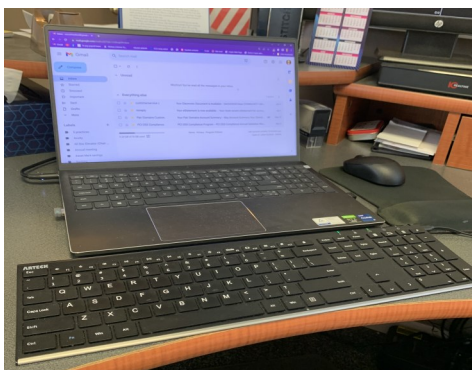
We invite you to give in person
during Sunday worship. There
are giving envelopes in the
pews.

VANCO

Or use the VANCO app to give
secure confidential gifts. Please
contact the church office with
any ???

Mail

Or Mail your check to:
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Sept 2024

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Worship with Communion 9 am Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox</i>	2	3 <i>Candle Light Guild Mtg 5:30 pm</i>	4 <i>Mid week Devotion 5:30 pm via Facebook</i>	5	6 <i>"Free For All" 9 am—2 pm</i>	7
8 <i>Worship 9 am Pastor Christopher Ewan</i>	9	10	11 <i>JAM 3:30—4:30 pm</i>	12 <i>Council meeting 6:15 pm</i>	13	14
15 <i>Outdoor Worship 10 am & Potluck meal afterwards Blessing of the Back Packs. Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox</i>	16	17	18 <i>Confirmation class 3:30-5 pm</i>	19 <i>5 Practices 6 pm</i>	20	21
22 <i>Worship 9 am Pastor Christopher Ewan Christian Ed. during service</i>	23	24	25 <i>JAM 3:30—4:30 pm</i>	26	27	28
29 <i>Worship 9 am Pastor Jill Christopher-son Christian Ed. during service</i>	30					