



## March 2025 Newsletter

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### **CUCC Church Council Meeting Minutes from Feb. 13, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm by Council President Scott K

Members Present: Jerry P, Gloria C, Mark D, Scott K, Pastor Tamara DC, Dylan H and new Council member Pam P  
Guests Cindy K and Lori G

Pastor Tamara gave a Prayer for Guidance. Council discussed finding a prayer that could be used each meeting

January Meeting Minutes: minutes were emailed to Council Members before the meeting.

No discussion, motion to approve by Gloria C, second by Mark D, motion approved, no nays or abstains.

January Treasurer's Report: There were a couple questions about expenses shown, Cindy K clarified those. No further discussion. Motion to approve by Jerry P, second by Gloria C; motion carried, no nays or abstains

New Council Members Council President Scott K thanked Mark J and Gloria for their service to the Church. Mark J ended his term, Gloria C is filling a spot until we get another volunteer. Pam P is new to the Council. Dylan H is stepping off but will fill a spot till a replacement is found. Council reorganized officers: Scott K will be President and Recording Secretary, Gloria C will be Vice President, Jerry P will be Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

#### **Group and Committee Reports**

Buildings and Grounds: Ice Pucks were purchased to help with gutter drain issues. Quotes will be forthcoming for the electric feed to the west garden area and for Bathroom renovation. Solar power was mentioned as an option for west garden, bids will be for both options.

Five Practices: Group is working on Mardi Gras Spaghetti Supper. Proceeds to support Community Mission With Jesus. Signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall for items needed. Group will be leading Lenten services on Wednesdays, beginning Ash Wednesday till Easter after a soup Lunch. We may offer services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. There will be a meeting on Feb 20 to finish planning for these events

Christian Ed: Sunday School is helping with a hygiene drive for the local homeless. There will be a list of items needed, sign up & bring those items to church by March 5, the Children will package them & then deliver them by Mar 26.

Candlelight Guild: Group is looking for a new clock for Sanctuary, old one may be able to be repaired, new racks for storage were purchased.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tamara officiated for 2 funerals. Confirmation classes were held, and will be ending with confirming on May 4th. She attended the Annual NW Conference Pastor meeting. Northwest Conference meeting is March 8 in Wausau to discuss conference alignments and changes.

#### **New Business**

Pride Stride walk will be held on June 14 at Medford Park. more details to follow

Janitorial Payroll concerns: John and Gail P will be splitting the chores and pay at their request.

Pastor Contract for 2025 is ready to be signed and is retroactive to Jan 1, 2025

Budget process review: concerns were missing reports, date of meeting. After discussion, it was decided to move the meeting to the first Sunday in February to give more time to office staff to prepare and receive all information.. We need to ask for nays and abstains after motions.

Garbage for Church: church has no garbage service and quotes were quite expensive. There was discussion about options. Motion by Gloria C to reduce the Parsonage rent by \$8.00 a month to use the parsonage service. Second by Jerry P, motion approved, no nays or abstains.

# CUCC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES continued — 2-13-2025

## **Old Business:**

weekly church info emails, website updates. Pam O has moved a distance away. Scott K will contact her about continuing those options or possibly having the Church Office take those duties over.

Quiken Issues: We are looking for help to clean up and reorganize our Quiken on the office computer. We need a backup drive to save on.

Facility use agreement: tabled in July, we should update to clear language who covers janitorial expenses for events. Scott K will see if Hemer Funeral home has a copy.

Next meeting date: members will consider changing the date or time of Council meeting to accommodate new and present members.

Council went into closed Session at 7: 15 pm, returned to open session at 7:25 pm

Motion to adjourn at 7:28 pm by Jerry P, second by Gloria C\.. Motion approved , no nays or abstains .

Respectfully prepared by Scott K

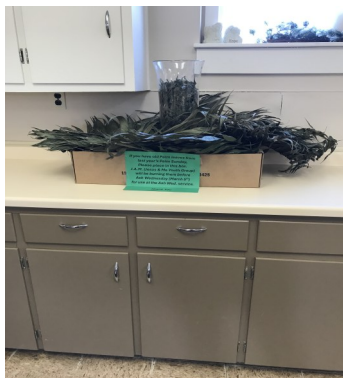
## **JESUS AND ME (J.A.M.) YOUTH GROUP**

We put together a bulletin board with hearts for the love of Jesus. Our goal was to fill the board as it was fun watching it grow. Always room for more love.

We had interesting discussions on the different groups involved in our church, and talked about how important they are in the growth of our church. From Sunday School, and Church Council, Pastors and Candlelight Guild, Five Practices and Pride Tribe, JAM and Confirmation and also our church workers, from office staff to janitors. They all play an important part. We also discussed the monthly newsletter, and how that is put together and the need for it. It put things in perspective for me as I'm not sure all youth are accessing the newsletter, so we talked about that. We put together a "visible calendar" to see if that helps as reminders of important dates. The possibility of a dry erase calendar might help and we are looking for thoughts on that. As we are filling reminder days, we realized for a small church, we are a busy church. Thanks to Cindy for spending time with us at our last JAM. We needed that extra person and it was a busy nite. Some prepared the palms so they would be ready to burn to make ashes for Ash Wed., which we will do at our next meeting, Feb. 26th. Others helped with the altar and finding areas to store things. Always fun times and good laughs, as it should be. We continued our collection for Pennies from Heaven, as we do that every session. Just a reminder, Christian Ed is on for fellowship serving on Sundays mornings for the month of March, which is parents of kids in Sunday School, Confirmation, and JAM and also includes help from kids.

We refreshed our busy minds with the Lenten season and talked about fasting. As one asked me, why is it called FAST? Always tricky questions. We had thoughts instead of fasting, we could work toward being better Christians or being more prayerful people, also do one thing a day to make the world a better place. All good ideas. Just one of my last thoughts, when we put our phones down, it's easier to lift up our eyes.

Submitted by Lori G. (As a side note: Dennis & I will be gone the month of March. JAM has one session scheduled for March 19th and that is cancelled. Our next session will be April 2nd.)



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## CANDLE LIGHT GUILD NEWS



The Candlelight Guild met on Tuesday February 4th. We had a very busy meeting with many plans for the year.

We are looking forward to the World Day of Prayer being held on Friday, March 7th at 6:00, which will be held at St Paul's in Medford. Thank you to Jerry GP and Tammy J. for being our speakers this year!

The next meeting of the Candlelight Guild will be held on Tuesday, March 18 at 5:30. PLEASE NOTE- this is not the usual first Tuesday of the month, it is a one time change due to scheduling conflicts. Please join us!

For the CG, Dawn

### Dear Church Family,

As we step into the month of March, we find ourselves in the heart of the Lenten season—a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent invites us to slow down, draw closer to God, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. It's a season to remember Christ's journey to the cross and to consider how we might follow Him more faithfully in our daily lives.

We have some wonderful opportunities to gather together during this special season. On **Tuesday, March 4th, at 5:30 pm**, we will host our **Spaghetti Supper** in the fellowship hall—a time for good food and even better company. Please invite your friends and family; all are welcome at the table.



Beginning the next day, on **Wednesday, March 5th, at 5:30 pm**, we will start our **Soup Suppers with Devotion**. Each Wednesday evening throughout Lent, we will share a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a brief devotion to center our hearts and minds on the journey toward Easter. It's a beautiful way to connect with one another and with God during this sacred time.

Of course, we can't let March pass by without a nod to **St. Patrick's Day!** Beyond the shamrocks and green attire, St. Patrick's story is one of faith, forgiveness, and mission. Captured and enslaved as a young man, Patrick later returned to Ireland as a missionary, sharing the Gospel with those who had once been his captors. His life reminds us of the power of God's grace and the calling we all share to spread love and hope.

As we journey through Lent together, may we be reminded of God's endless mercy and the promise of new life. I look forward to seeing you at our gatherings and walking this sacred path side by side.

With blessings and peace,

**Pastor Tamara**



### Community United Church of Christ

**FINANCES:** As of Feb. 20, 2025

Income \$ 7,535

Expenses \$ 13,181





CUCC will be working toward becoming a W.I.S.E. church. Watch for future updates and info on how you can help us achieve this designation.

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### **One Great Hour of Sharing®**

stands as a cornerstone of the United Church of Christ's special mission offerings. This Lenten initiative provides vital support for disaster relief, refugee care, and development work through Love of Neighbor ministries.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.

Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment. By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS maximizes its impact. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities.

Please use the provided envelopes (near the offering plate at the sanctuary entrance) for your gifts.

**FAT**  
tuesday



## **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Tuesday, March 4  
4 - 7 pm**

**All You Can Eat Spaghetti**  
(with or without meat)

**Salad | Garlic Bread | Dessert | Drink**

**\$8 Single | \$15 Couple**

**\$5 kids 5-12 | Kids 4-and-under FREE**

**Community UCC – “The Red Brick Church”  
510 East Broadway | Medford**

**Proceeds to benefit Community Mission With Jesus**





### **ASH WEDNESDAY & LENTEN SERVICES**

Please be sure to join us at CUCC for services/devotions on the following dates at 5:30 pm:

Ash Wednesday: March 5      Lent #1: March 12

Lent #2: March 19      Lent #3: March 26

Lent #4: April 2      Lent #5: April 9

**NOTE:** Simple meal of soup/bread will precede each Wednesday Lenten devotion. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Potluck to be held prior to the Maundy Thursday devotion on April 17 at 5:30 pm

### **Christian Education & "Help for the Homeless"**

The CUCC Christian Ed. Group is assisting Prevail Banl/Stepping Stones in their efforts with the 33rd annual "Help the Homeless Hygiene Drive". Please review the list below if you would like to participate by bringing in a hygiene product. Donations may be dropped off at the Prevail Bank (located a few blocks east of the church at 675 E. Broadway) or here at the church by March 2nd. Financial donations are also being accepted. Donations stay local, allowing crisis agencies to focus on essential services.

CUCC Christian Education groups (Sunday School, JAM, Confirmation class) are requesting help with this Hygiene Drive.

**Please Note:**

Items can be dropped off here at the church & placed in the designated boxes **until Sunday, March 2, 2025**



# Help for the Homeless **HYGIENE DRIVE** February 23- March 16, 2025

## Most Needed Items

### **DENTAL CARE**

Soft Toothbrushes\*  
Toothpaste\*  
Dental Floss  
Denture Care  
NO Mouthwash

### **FIRST AID**

Children's Pain Meds  
Pedialyte  
Band-Aids  
Rubbing Alcohol  
Hydrogen Peroxide  
Anti-Diarrheal Meds  
Antacids  
Antibiotic Ointment  
Cold Meds  
Liquid Benadryl  
Sun Screen

### **CLEANING SUPPLIES**

Laundry Soap\*  
Dish Soap\*  
Garbage Bags\*  
Floor Cleaner\*  
Bleach  
Cleansers  
Sponges  
Disinfectant Cleaner\*  
Toilet Cleaner and Brushes  
Dryer Sheets  
Rubber Gloves

### **PERSONAL CARE**

Hand Soap\*  
Body Wash\*  
Bar Soap  
Deodorant (unscented)\*  
Razors\*  
Shaving Cream  
Cotton Balls  
Q-tips  
Moisturizer/Lotions  
Contact Solution  
Lip Balm  
Hand/Foot/Body Warmer  
Inserts\*

### **BABY CARE**

Diapers & Pull-Ups (sizes 4-6)\*  
Wipes\*  
Baby Bottles  
Sip Cups  
Baby Lotion  
Baby Shampoo  
Rash Ointment

### **HAIR CARE**

Shampoo\*  
Conditioner  
Hair Brushes  
Combs  
Clips & Elastics  
Style Products  
Head Lice Treatment  
Textured Hair Care

### **PAPER PRODUCTS**

Toilet Tissue\*  
Facial Tissue  
Paper Towels\*  
Feminine Care Pads\*  
Tampons\*



**PROUD SUPPORTER &  
DROP OFF SITE**

**Learn more at [TheFamily.net](http://TheFamily.net)**

Items marked with \* are urgent needs





# 2025 World Day of Prayer

“I Made You Wonderful”  
*Psalm 139:14*

Artwork: “Wonderfully Made”  
by Tarani Napa and Tevairangi Napa



Program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Cook Islands for WDP 2025. World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

**Friday, March 7, 2025 — 6:00 p.m.**  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**321 N. Park Ave., Medford**

You are invited to join us in worship & fellowship.

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# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b>2</b> <i>Worship with Communion 9 am</i>  <i>Sunday School during service. Bible Study after service</i>  <i>Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox</i></p>	3	<p><b>4</b>  <i>5 Practices</i>  <i>Fat Tuesday</i>  <i>Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 pm</i></p>	<p><b>5</b>   <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>  <i>Confirmation class 3:30 pm</i>  <i>Soup &amp; Ash Wed devotion 5:30 pm</i></p>	6	<p><b>7</b> <i>World Day of Prayer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 6 pm</i></p> 	8
<p><b>9</b> <i>Worship 9 am</i>  <i>Pastor Christopher Ewan</i></p>	10	11	<p><b>12</b>  <i>Soup &amp; then Lenten devotion 5:30 pm</i></p>	<p><b>13</b>  <i>Council meeting 6:15 pm</i></p>	14	15
<p><b>16</b> <i>Worship 9 am</i>  <i>Sunday School during service</i>  <i>Pastor Tamara Dassow Cox</i></p>	<p><b>17</b>  </p>	<p><b>18</b>  <i>Candle Light Guild mtg 5:30 pm</i></p>	<p><b>19</b>  <i>Soup &amp; then Lenten devotion 5:30 pm</i></p>	<p><b>20</b>  <i>5 Practices 6 pm</i></p>	21	22
<p><b>23</b> <i>Worship 9 am</i>  <i>Sunday School during service</i>  <i>Pastor Mary Wright</i></p>	24	25	<p><b>26</b>  <i>Confirmation class 3:30 pm</i>  <i>Soup &amp; then Lenten devotion 5:30 pm</i></p>	27	28	29
<p><b>30</b> <i>Worship 9 am</i>  <i>Sunday School during service</i>  <i>Pastor Jill Christopherson</i></p>						