

the Pilgrim Visitor

Congregational United Church of Christ
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August 2010
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Congregational United Church of Christ Council Meeting June 2010

Date: July 14, 2010

Members Present: Nancy Schmit, Marla Martin, Greg Wilson, Fritz Aschliman, Chuck Steudel, Jim Bennett,
Lisa Howard

Absent: Kandy Keuler, Karen Tennesen, Todd Smith Lippert

Guests: Karen Crawford, Theresa Gibbons

Greg called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Financial Report and Bills Payable

Marla provided the financial reports.

- The Bills Payable report was reviewed by the council. Fritz moved and Nancy seconded a motion to approve the Bills Payable. All approved.
- The Financial report was reviewed by the council. Nancy moved and Fritz seconded a motion to approve the Income and Expense statement. Both motions were approved unanimously.
- Marla reminded us that per a discussion with the finance person from Dodgeville the loose offering from the service at Governor Dodge will go to the Dodgeville Church and the loose offering from our service at Soldiers Memorial Park will go to the Mineral Point church as has been done in the past.
- Marla needs the membership list by August 15 to plan for the fall Stewardship campaign.

June Council Minutes

The May minutes were reviewed. Nancy moved to accept the minutes, Karen seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Pastor's Report

No Pastor's report this month. Todd is on sabbatical.

The Garden

Karen and Theresa spoke to us about the garden. Prior to the council meeting several members stood in the garden area and examined the beds, the wall, and the rocks. The three hexagon beds are rotted. Two of them collapsed to the extent that they would not hold water which is why they were not planted this year. The rock wall needs work. A local landscaper was consulted about removing the beds and the rocks, as well as repair. He does not do stonework, and he will not take on the project because it requires too much manual labor and he cannot get equipment into the garden.

We decided we will remove the beds, soil, and rocks, ourselves. The council will choose a Saturday in October and coordinate a work day to clear everything out.

Interested in officially joining the church?
Contact Pastor Todd tslippert@mhc.net or 987-2025

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Committee Reports

Building and Grounds

The awning over the east door was discussed yet again. After looking it over, a builder suggested that we bring in an architect to give us some advice about replacement. We really didn't want to hear that.

Worship Committee

No Report.

Finance

No Report

Christian Education e-mailed by Karen Tennesen

The Mineral Point Summer Bible School program is at the Fair Grounds August 10, 11, 12. This is an evening Bible School. This year's theme is The Good Shepherd. Volunteers are needed. Sunday school appreciation is moved to August or September.

Youth Group reported by Karen Tennesen

The Youth Group leaves for Denver on the 19th and returns on the 27th. Steve Gehlert's youth group will not be visiting us this year.

Mission/Partnership

Mission Partnership did not meet this evening. Karen reported that she is now our new contact for the German Partnership and we may have a German guest in town on July 11.

Next Council Meeting

July 14 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Schmit

Beginning Balance	\$73,311.26
Income	5,332.79
Expenses	9,356.32
Ending Balance	70,436.23

Rummage Sale

The rummage sale in June was a success. We cleared \$900 selling baked goods and used stuff! Thank you for all the donations of items and time.

We had many helping hands setting up tables, sorting, folding, selling, buying, hanging, advertising, packing up, cleaning, taking boxes to other places, and getting rid of any leftovers. A big thank you goes to Don Huxtable for his help and for working around all the activity. This money will go towards the flower garden.

Vacation Bible School

Where? Mineral Point Fairgrounds

Register? Fill out registration form and send in before Aug. 1. Come to the fairgrounds on Sunday, Aug. 8 6:00-7:00 to confirm registration, see your tent and meet your leaders.

When? August 10, 11, 12 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings 6:00-7:00

Who? All children from Kindergarten through 4th grade. People older than that may help in the tents or stores.

Why? Come celebrate your faith with friends and learn more about the Bible in a fun way. Be a member of a tribe, live in a tent, shop in a marketplace and make things from leather.

Mission/Partnership Notes

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Strengthen the Church: this special offering of the UCC was received on Pentecost Sunday, with \$85 given. This was down from previous years. The offering is part of our Five for Five giving Opportunities and goes toward maintaining and supporting challenged congregations, as well as development of new start churches.

Bethany Youth Group: The Ohio youth group did not have a mission trip this year, they plan to Have one in 2011.

Partnership: The families of Karen Tennessen and Karen Crawford hosted a single visitor, Ulrich Cygunek in mid July. He is a musician visiting congregations and was planning to attend a music conference.

Food Pantry: The food pantry continues to be in need of staple non perishable foods, which can be Placed in the collection basket in the chapel. Also, contact the pantry (on the lower level of the SWCAP Office) if you have extra vegetables or fruits to share.

Food Resource Project: Two projects are underway this year:

- Animals at the Dunndale farm
- Soybeans at the Robert and Jill White farm

Questions are always welcome about the program, contact Rev Beryl Melcher, or Dick J. as well As donations to offset project expenses.

Lower Wisconsin River Valley Habitat for Humanity:

The local HFH group is undertaking a project to buyout a home in Spring Green to be refurbished And located on a lot in Lone Rock , they are in need of funds to make this happen.

What would you like to see the Mission / Partnership Committee do for a 'Major Project'?

An activity that our congregation and perhaps others as well could join in.

Please contact Dick J or any committee members with any ideas or your thoughts

Visiting Card List

Mae Kinsman
Sienna Crest Asst Living
210 Copper St
Mineral Point, WI 53565
987-7456

Merton & Alice Baker
975 N 5th Ave #107
St Charles, IL 60174
(630) 524-5248

Bob & Evelyn Ivey
730 Center St
Mineral Point, WI 53565
987-2116

Marge Johnson
Mineral Point Care Center
109 N Iowa St
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Prayers Requested

Patty Johnston's son, Jerry, is going through stem cell treatment. Prayers and cards are welcome. There is also a caring bridge link:
www.caringbridge.org/visit/jerryjohnston/journal
Stanford Hospital
300 Pasteur Drive
Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Unit
Jerry Johnston, Rm # E123
Stanford, CA 94305

Food Pantry:

Specific needs include boxed desserts, peanut butter, beans, canned tuna, canned chicken

Lanterns for Peace



A commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Friday, August 6th

Twin Valley Lake Shelter
at Governor Dodge Park
North of Dodgeville off Highway 23

"Lanterns for Peace" is part of an international movement against nuclear weapons that began in the early '80s and continues worldwide today. Each year in early August people of all ages gather throughout Wisconsin and the world to bring attention to the dangers of nuclear weapons and to pledge themselves to work for their elimination.



This intergenerational gathering begins at 7:00 p.m.

There will be lantern making, information sharing, story telling, and singing for everyone. At dusk the unique and beautiful floating of the Lanterns for Peace will take place on Twin Valley Lake.

Please bring finger-food to share; juice and water will be provided.
A day pass or park sticker will be required.



Sponsored by the Grassroots Citizens for Peace

For more information contact Jane H. Kavaloski: kavaloski@countryrspeed.com

Reader Schedule

Please be sure to make note of which Sunday you are scheduled. If you find that you have a conflict, please let Heather know (987-2025) or mpucchrist@gmail.com

Aug

- 1 Kandy Keuler
- 8 Anna Schmit
- 15 Teresa Gibbons
- 22 Greg Wilson
- 29 Jessie Potterton

Sept

- 5 Chuck Steudel
- 12 Phil Crawford
- 19 Nancy Schmit
- 26 Holly Allen

Oct

- 3 Linda Griffiths
- 10 Chuck Tennesen
- 17 Greg Wilson
- 24 Nancy Schmit
- 31 Karen Tennesen

Usher Schedule

Aug

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| *1 | Paul Berg | Sarah Berg | Virginia Noble |
| 8 | Phil Crawford | Karen Crawford | Greg Wilson |
| 15 | Dick Josh | Bob Wenger | Diann Wenger |
| 22 | Fritz Aschlimann | Wanda Aschlimann | Don Bennett |
| 29 | Marvin Hanson | Phyllis Hanson | Sandy Weitzel |

Sept

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| *5 | Nancy Schmit | Tom Schmit | Chris Heins | Dan Ivey |
| 12 | Karen Tennesen | Chuck Tennesen | Jessie Potterton | |
| 19 | Linda Griffiths | Mary Sue Radtke | Fritz Aschlimann | |
| 26 | Warren Howard | Lisa Howard | Greg Wilson | |

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10:30 am Childcare provided	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Pastor Todd Returns	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
39	30	31				

Ushers & greeters

*1	Paul Berg	Sarah Berg	Virginia Noble
8	Phil Crawford	Karen Crawford	Greg Wilson
15	Dick Josh	Bob Wenger	Diann Wenger
22	Fritz Aschlimann	Wanda Aschlimann	Don Bennett
29	Marvin Hanson	Phyllis Hanson	Sandy Weitzel

Lay Readers

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29	Jessie Potterton

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Thank you for your patience and prayers while my family continues to deal with my husband's recent cancer diagnosis & surgery. I will continue to check email and phone voice mail even if I am not physically in the office.

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Our mission at the Congregational United Church of Christ is to celebrate God's love. As disciples of Jesus Christ we celebrate that love by responding to the needs of our congregation, community and the world through worship, education, fellowship, and service to all.