CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEENAH/ MENASHA

Ministry Council Minutes
May 1, 2025

Present: Terri Flesburg, Mary Janness, Jeff Nichols, Pastor Rob, Signa Meyers, Marilyn Kostrzak, Sue Dollhopf, Connie Regazzi, Denise Stewart, Terri Flesburg

Missing: Dawn Welling, Sherri Jischke, Scott Olson,

Welcome Guests: Sue Knuth, Chuck Luebke

Gathering Devotion: Signa led us in devotions

Joys and Concerns: Members shared

Quorum Count and Minutes taken by: Marilyn Kostrzak

Agenda Adjustment: None

Approval of the consent agenda

Consent Agenda Items

Item	Owner	Minutes Received
Ministry of Spiritual Life -Palms were purchased and passed out at service -114 people at the Maundy Service -Easter Service – at least 140 -Students who helped with worship were given gift cards -June 15 – ice cream social – outside service -Next meeting is June 8 -Note raised – make sure we have enough bulletins for worship	Terri	Yes
Ministry of Service -Preparing for Service Sunday -Menasha Parks would like benches at the Conservancy -Lakeside Packaging would like benches as well -Next meeting June 22	Mary	Yes
Ministry of Faith Development -Avg attendance of 20 (40 registered)	Denise	Yes

-Went up 11 students over the year -Grade 2-5 needs another teacher -7 confirmands May 4 -Need more volunteers for Youth Group -Baskets are being drawn for on May 18 to encourage kids to be here for Service Sunday -$800 for cinnamon rolls fundraiser -June 10-12 is cross generational mission trip – locally -Singular THEY is June 1 with lunch and learn		
Ministry of Stewardship -April 22 meeting -Expenses for Electric and Gas were higher than normal – doing some research on this -There could have possibly been a leak in the lines -Getting quotes for concrete repairs – could be up to $15,000 -$25,000 was moved to our checking account from the investment funds -Expenses were higher than Income first quarter – this was due to receiving advanced pledges that impacted the beginning of the year variance -United Church Funds will have a balanced fund set up for the Habitat Build fund -May 27 is next meeting	Jeff	Yes
Treasurer's Report -See above notes from Stewardship	Jeff	Yes
Pastor's Report -Report was shared with everyone – thank you for details and completeness -Working with youth and their parents – uses his time as needed by the families and families feel connected and appreciative of the church's support	Pastor Rob	Yes

Discussion Agenda:

Old Business:

1. Vision Process: Appreciative Inquiry (congregational care team creation)

Need 4-5 people that will work with Bonnie Andrews to run the event. Retreats will be held, small groups, reporting, gather data, there will be homework to report on. Meals will need to be provided. Start in September or October. The end result is the vision and mission of the church.

2. Office remodel update

Same as last month

3. Service Sunday update—Mary

Mary gave update in her Service report above

4. Pride event leadership team

Pride event is June 21 – looking for a core group of people to coordinate the set up and running the booth. Mary Janness and Signa Meyers have an interest in working on this. Announcement in church would help. Hope to get a second booth.

5. Craft show updates—Connie

Connie will meet with Amy and Signa for Facebook advertising. Oct 25 is the date

6. Habitat for Humanity build team update—Mary

June 11 is next meeting, Kevin, Dan, Pat, Rob, Mary, Steph, Wayne are on the committee. Rob provided information relative to fundraising and the approach.

New Business:

1. Council appointment for secretary position—Pastor Rob

Chris Parsons has been attending and interested in joining the church. She has inquired about being council secretary. She would need to be appointed at the council and elected in 2026 at the congregational meeting. Pastor Rob will talk with Chris and then Signa will officially offer the role to her.

2. Ministry Schedules for 25-26

At the June meeting the ministries that meet quarterly should try to nail down the schedule for the next calendar year so we can do the planning for the year. What are the events that will be placed on the calendar so Rob can plan out the year without conflicts. Coordination of the calendar is critical to our success.

3. 175 Anniversary Celebration

Feb. 16, 2026 is the celebration date. A committee should be formed to coordinate this event. Think about names for this committee.

May 4 – Confirmation Sunday
May 9 – Youth Group – 6pm-8pm
May 25 – Pastor Rob Vacation- Gina Struensee, preaching

June 1 – Graduation Sunday (4 High School Graduates)
June 5 – Council Meeting
June 8 – Paige Pugh preaching
June 10-12 – Home Town Mission Trip
June 13-14 – Rummage Sale, Plant Sale & Brat Fry/Bake Sale
June 15 – Outdoor Worship – Father's Day
June 21 – Pride Fest – Jones Park Appleton

July 3 – Council Meeting
July 20 – Outdoor worship – fried chicken picnic
July 27 – Lisa Hart preaching (possibly)

August 7 – Council Meeting
August 17 – Paige Pugh preaching

Lord's Prayer concluded the meeting

Next meeting: June 5, 2025

Next Devotion: Jeff Nichols