**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS PRESENT:**  **A Quorum Was Present**

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:**

**ELDERS PRESENT:**

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:**

**MODERATOR:**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:**

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve the February 27, 2022, agenda as printed. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

 **\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_made a motion to approve the January 30, 2022, minutes as printed. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** delegates and alternates from a few committees

**TRUSTEES:** no report

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:** Finance has a meeting scheduled for Sunday March 6 after church. Audit was completed on February 22.

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| **FUND** | **Jan. 1, 2022****BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **Jan 31, 2022****BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 217,679.24 |  |  | 215,118.11 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 12,065.51 |  |  | 12,065.51 |
| **Special Services** | 10,070.46 |  |  | 10,120.46 |
| **Music-Choir Fund** | 124.25 |  |  | 124.25 |
| **Scholarship Fund** | 40,737.53 |  |  | 40,737.53 |
| **Riverside Cemetery** | 11,646.11 |  |  | 11,646.11 |
| **Memorial Funds**  |
| **Undesignated** | 8826.71 |  |  | 8826.71 |
| **Library** | 311.60 |  |  | 311.60 |
| **Music** | 2065.15 |  |  | 2065.15 |
| **cd #4878** | 4631.38 |  |  | 4631.38 |
| **Horse Camp** | 5068.37 |  |  | 5068.37 |
| **TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS** | 20903.21 |  |  | 20903.21 |
| **riverside cemetery upkeep** | 992.89 |  |  | 992.89 |

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**: no report

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** no report

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**: no report

**WORLD OUTREACH**: no report

**UWS:** no report

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** no report

**ELDERS:** no report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:** 

**LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** no report

**EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:** no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

February 2022

 Cold weather is upon this past week, but I look forward to the warmth of this summer, especially the times that the youth and I and a group of chaperones will be heading to Los Angeles for a summer mission trip. The dates are May 30 – June 6. If any other congregation members, in addition to the high school youth, would like to attend, please speak to Pastor Jerry. Seats are still available!

 Below are a few notes from the past month of ministry:

* Hosted communion at the nursing home in Canistota on February 8. A total of 13 individuals were served.
* Participated in a SD Presbytery MDE call on February 18. Welcomed a new Commissioned ruling Elder into the Presbytery.
* Met with District Superintendent, Rev. Rebecca Trefz, from the Dakotas UMC Conference on February 8th. I will be meeting with the Dakotas UMC soon to receive ordination recognition with the denomination.
* Finished the God in America video discussion on February 2. Looking to host another Wed. night series soon.
* Participated as a panelist in an Intro. To Ministry class at the University of Sioux Falls on February 25.
* Hosted Confirmation meetings on February 9th and 23rd for confirmands.
* Participated in two continuing education events – Spiritual Enrichment book discussion with the Benedictine Sisters in Yankton and the Faith Leadership Seminar at the Bowen Study Center at Georgetown University.
* Attended a Ministers Council board retreat in North Carolina on February 14-17. Paid for by the American Baptist Ministers Council.
* Delivered food pantry items to McCook Food Pantry on February 10th.
* Attended a pastor’s luncheon at Hope Haven in Parker on February 24th. I encourage the Mission Committee to find ways for our church to support this local ministry.
* Completed a sermon series on Christianity & the World’s Religions and a second on Stages of Faith Development called The Critical Journey. Beginning a new five-part series in March on the spiritual disciplines based on Richard Foster’s classic book Celebration of Discipline.
* Confirmation banquet will be on May 21st at 5 pm. Confirmation Sunday will be May 22nd.
* Continued with typical pastoral duties of home visits (limited currently due to illnesses in the community), phone calls, texts/emails, preaching, teaching, and leading worship.
* A special thank you to Mandy Keller for facilitating the pizza fundraiser this year. The youth sold over 600 pizzas in January!

Coming up:

* New member Sunday (TBD)
* Ash Wednesday on March 2 at 7 pm
* Lenten book study in lieu of Lenten services. Personal study on Dr. Hiigel’s book, Partnering with the King. Group discussion hosted on April 16th at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve the committee reports. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion, Council VOTED and approved the reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NEXT MEETING: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** at 7:30 PM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will have opening devotions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to adjourn. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion, Council VOTED and adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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