**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 November 26, 2023, agenda as printed. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_made a motion to approve the October 22, 2023, minutes as printed. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**Tami Bertelson and Susie Schroeder to give us updates on the youth.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Committee Responsibilities and Bylaw discussion

**TRUSTEES:** no report

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:**

Our committee reviewed quarterly results on October 15 th. Dianne and Eric met on Nov 10th and went thru expenditures of 2023 and needed budget changes for 2024. The proposed budget was made and the whole committee met on November 12 th. and reviewed those changes for 2024 budget. Committee members approved the proposed budget for 2024 for approval by council on Nov 26, 2023. Which includes a 4.5% all staff salary increase. Doreen F and Eric met Nov 14th to make changes and updates.

Submitted by Dianne Dawson

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| **FUND** | **Oct. 1, 2023**  **BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **Oct. 30, 2023**  **BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 251,469.61 |  |  | 185,767.42 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 46,081.03 |  |  | 45,557.58 |
| **Special Services** | 32,464.96 |  |  | 200.00 |
| **Music-Choir Fund** | 124.25 |  |  | 124.25 |
| **Scholarship Fund** | 40,734.53 |  |  | 40,734.53 |
| **Riverside Cemetery** | 11,681.23 |  |  | 11,681.23 |
| **Memorial Funds** | | | | |
| **Undesignated** | 8,837.91 |  |  | 8,837.91 |
| **Library** | 311.60 |  |  | 311.60 |
| **Music** | 2,065.15 |  |  | 2,065.15 |
| **cd #4878** | 4,649.93 | 69.45interest |  | 4,719.38 |
| **Horse Camp** | 4,516.61 | 158.54interest | 400.00 Horse Camp | 4,275.15 |
| **TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS** | 20,381.20 |  |  | 20,535.94 |
| **riverside cemetery upkeep** | 789.78 |  |  | 789.78 |

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**: no report

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** Worship & Membership Report - Nov 2022 We will have acolyte training following church on Dec 3rd and 10th, for 5th graders and others who may be interested. It shouldn’t last much more than 10 minutes. A letter has been sent out with this info and the list of dates and acolytes for 2024. Along with other helping hands we decorated the fellowship hall, helped serve the pot luck and cleaned up following lunch on Farmer Appreciation Sunday, Nov. 19th. Thanks, Pastor Jerry, for cooking the delicious pork and to all that helped in seeing and cleaning up.

Submitted by Dick Dawson

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**: no report

**WORLD OUTREACH**: no report

**UWS:** Prescription bottles have been collected and will be sent to Matthew 25 ministries. The bottles will be sent to countries where access to clean bottles for prescription drugs are not available. Turkey supper receipts are in:  we served about 527 people.  Income was $6731.00; expenses were $1817.93; profit was $4913.07.  Donations for the school backpack program received at the "fall back" egg bake breakfast were $2100.00.  Thank you to everyone who donated and also brought delicious food for the breakfast.  We will be buying gifts for kids at school through the "give a gift program." Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** no report

**ELDERS:** no report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:** Commissioner to Presbytery:  The Presbytery of South Dakota met on Oct. 27-28 at Camp Rimrock in the Black Hills.  The camping program was highlighted at the meeting with tours of the camp and updates on all of the improvements that have been made at the camp.  A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new Peace Cottage. It is a cabin with separate sleeping rooms, a living area, and bathrooms. In addition to the Peace Cottage, three cabins were moved and renovated from the Pioneer camp. Renovation work is also being done on the Eklund Lodge at this time. A celebration was held for Jason Wiedrich, who has been the camp director for 10 years. He has so much enthusiasm and feels this is God's calling in his life. Another change this year is the transportation to the camp. Camp Rimrock and the UCC Placerville camp will be sharing a bus to transport kids across the state. Sharing the expense allows for a nicer, more comfortable bus, with an experienced bus driver.  It is my hope to have Carolyn Visser, who is the moderator of the camping and faith formation commission come and speak on a Sunday to tell us more about the camping program at Rimrock.  Another resource available on the Presbytery website are training videos for sessions. Although our council is structured differently than the session, I think there would be helpful information for us.  The church books were reviewed and approved without exception. A couple items missing from the council minutes were: Insurance coverage should be reviewed annually and the Articles of Incorporation should be reviewed annually.  The next Presbytery meeting will be held on Feb. 23rd via Zoom.  Submitted by Carol Woltzen

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

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE:** no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

November 2023

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Below are a few ministry notes from November:

* Hosted three premarital counseling sessions
* Celebrated in-home communion with two church members
* Hosted a confirmation class on November 26
* Met with congregation members for lunch on two occasions
* Met with congregational members for pastoral care and counseling (once)
* Participated in UMC Scripture Circle on Mondays at 10:30 am
* Made four hospital visits, four home visits, three nursing home visits, and many text messages and phone calls, and continued preaching, teaching, and leading worship.
* Continued participating in community activities (Canistota Lion’s Club, Canistota school board, Sioux Falls Children’s Choir board, Commissioned Ruling Elder commission for SD Presbytery) & attended school activities (volleyball games, football games, coronation, and homecoming activities)
* Participated in Doctor of Ministry practicum course on Tuesday evenings (completing Doctor of Ministry degree Fall 2024)
* Celebrated life of Mary Lou Royster at graveside service on November 11
* Facilitated Lay Leadership Committee (i.e., nominating committee).
* Participating in a South Dakota School Lunch Legislative Coalition
* Celebrated baptism of Walker DeKramer on November 26
* Celebrated Farmer Appreciation Sunday on November 19. Thank you to the Worship and Membership Committee for helping with this, and for the 5th grade boy’s Shine class for assisting with the appreciation gift bags
* Was sick with the flu on Sunday, November 12th. Grateful for Tami B. for filling in for me and for the praise team leading worship.
* Led Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 22 and 7:00 pm
* Facilitated Mission Trip Parent Information Meeting on November 15

Upcoming Soon

* Book study on N.T. Wright’s book *Surprised by Hope*. Weekly dates TBD.
* Adult Sunday school beginning on December 3. Using PCUSA material called Do Not Be Afraid.

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:** special offering for the food baskets for the give a gift program with the school.

**UPCOMING FOR NEXT MONTH:** nothing at this moment

**NEXT MEETING: January 28, 2024** after the Annual Meeting.

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

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

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