**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jeff Scott Eric Tieszen, Michael White, Larry Nebelsick, Dick Dawson, Ivan Ortman, Gayle Janzen, Katie Ortman, Cody Church, Sarah Woltzen, and Rev. Jerry Bertelson. **A Quorum Was Present**

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:** Bo DeKramer, Carol Woltzen, Karyn Montgomery, and Doreen Fry

**ELDERS PRESENT:** None

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** None

**VISITORS:** Easton Miller

**MODERATOR:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Cody Church, Council Chairperson

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** Christian Education, Michael White

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ivan Ortman made a motion to approve the November 27, 2022, agenda as printed. Dick Dawson seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Larry Nebelsick made a motion to approve the October 30, 2022, minutes as printed. Dick Dawson seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** New outreach software and new worship software program will be promoted in December

**TRUSTEES:** The committee is making plans to work on updating the men’s bathroom.

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:** Committee members Misty Miller, Cathee Bruinsma-Hartwig, Dianne Dawson, and Doreen Fry met on Sunday, November 13, 2022 and worked on the 2023 budget. Eric Tieszen and Dianne Dawson finalized the proposed 2023 budget on Friday, November 18, 2022.

Eric Tieszen presented the proposed budget to the Council and explained the proposed changes from the 2022 budget. The comment was made that a budget for Prison Ministries in 2023 was not funded because no funds were used in 2022. Eric will check with the World Outreach Committee.

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| **FUND** | **Oct.1, 2022**  **BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **Oct. 31, 2022**  **BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 215,733.42 |  |  | 226,602.41 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 30,545.86 |  |  | 30,029.38 |
| **Special Services** | 12,910.35 |  |  | 13,480.35 |
| **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** | 8827.75 |  |  | 8827.75 |
| **Library** | 311.60 |  |  | 311.60 |
| **Music** | 2,065.15 |  |  | 2,065.15 |
| **cd #4878** | 4,649.93 |  |  | 4,649.93 |
| **Horse Camp** | 4,516.61 |  |  | 4,516.61 |
| **TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS** | 20,371.40 |  |  | 20,371.40 |
| **riverside cemetery upkeep** | 788.98 |  |  | 788.98 |

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Noreport.

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** No report.

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**: No report.

**WORLD OUTREACH**: No report.

**UWS:** Nov. UWS report

UWS held a "Fall Back" egg bake fundraiser on Nov. 6 for the backpack food bags. Thank you to all who donated food and gave monetary donations. We raised $3,000, but that does not include those who gave donations in the offering box. The cost of food for a month is approx. $1,000.  UWS will be sending a monetary donation to Ruby Schlueter, an elder in the Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, who provides meals 3 times a week to the homeless and Christmas gifts to each person. Our donation will be for Christmas gifts.  UWS will also be donating to the Give a Gift Christmas project at the Canistota school.  Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** No report.

**ELDERS:** No report.

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:   
REPORTS TO COUNCIL (Nov. 1-Nov. 22)**

**(Submitted by Gayle Janzen)**

**Commissioner to Presbytery Report:**

Nov. 1:  Attended meeting of the Administration and Coordination Ministry of

                Presbytery in Huron.

**Commissioned Ruling Elder Report:**

Nov. 2:  Helped with Harmony Presbyterian's church cleaning (Hurley);

   Nov. 6:  Pulpit supply - Harmony Presbyterian in Hurley (Communion);

                Moderated session meeting after service;

   Nov. 9:  Met with Pastor Hanson to discuss funeral service plans (Hurley);

   Nov. 11:  Took part in funeral service in Hurley;

   Nov. 13:  Pulpit supply - Harmony Presbyterian in Hurley;

   Nov. 20:  Pulpit supply - Harmony Presbyterian in Hurley;

   Nov. 20:  Called on member of Harmony Presbyterian (Hurley)

**LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**

On Saturday, November 19, 2022, more than 400 people gathered at Legacy United Methodist Church in Bismarck, North Dakota, First United Methodist Church in Fargo, North Dakota, Canyon Lake United Methodist Church in Rapid City, South Dakota, and First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to worship and attend the Special Session of the Annual Conference. Katie Ortman attended the Special Session at the First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls.

The disaffiliation agreements for churches in Northeast District were presented for each church, the discussion took place, and then voting for each congregation. The disaffiliation agreements for First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, South Dakota; Calvary United Methodist Church in Fargo, North Dakota; Central United Methodist Church in Milbank, North Dakota; and Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Watertown, South Dakota, were ratified.

The body ratified disaffiliation agreements of four churches in the Northwest District: Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Ashley, United Methodist Church in Bowman, United Methodist Church in Lehr, and Faith United Methodist Church in Williston, all located in North Dakota

The body affirmed these disaffiliation agreements in the Southeast District in South Dakota for the United Methodist Church in Arlington, United Church in Elk Point, United Methodist Church in Hitchcock, and United Methodist Church in Stickney.

The business session concluded with ratifying disaffiliation agreements in the Southwest District for the United Methodist congregations in Belle Fourche, Eureka, Kennebec, Presho, Reliance, and Selby, all located in South Dakota.

While votes were tallied, those attending at the four sites prayed. Prayer was offered for the ministry that each of the departing churches offered in the Dakotas Conference and for their ministry as they part ways.

"This has been an important day in the Dakotas Conference, one that has brought some sadness, and one that is filled with hope because of God's faithfulness," said Bishop Ough at closing worship before he read from

Lamentations #:22-24

With the theme "We Press On," delegates from 10 annual conferences across the Midwest gathered in Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 2-5, for the North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Three new bishops were elected. Bishop Lanette Plambeck was assigned as the resident to the Dakotas-Minnesota Area. Dakotas Conference delegates in attendance were Rev. Rebecca Trefz, Rev. Sara Nelson, as well as Rev. Ray Baker, reserve clergy delegate, and Rev. Jenny Hallenbeck Orr, reserve clergy delegate. Lay delegates are Kara Heagel and Beata Ferris.

Submitted by Katie Ortman

**EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:** No report.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE:** No report.

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

Pastor’s Report

November 2022

As we remember the day of Thanksgiving and approach the season of Advent we wait in eager anticipate for what God will do in our midst through Advent and Christmas. May God bless our time as a church this holy season and draw each one of us nearer to Him.

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

* Verum Tech sent a proposal to fix the sound in the fellowship hall by installing a new amp. Quote was $1658.47. I gave approval, in consultation with Cody and Dick, as we felt the pressing need for sound with Wednesday night meals and upcoming VBS.
* Continued hosting confirmation meetings with confirmands on Wednesday nights. Meeting with confirmands two-three times each month.
* Led worship at the Good Samaritan Skilled Nursing Facility in Canistota on November 8 and 27. Hosted communion service on November 8 with 7 residents participating.
* Made zero hospital visits, phone calls (5), texts/emails (many), and continued preaching, teaching, and leading worship.
* Made a trip to Florida to assist with recover efforts on October 16 – 19. Provided pastoral care.
* Our church hosted the Fall Continuing Education event for the Commissioned Ruling Elders in the SD Presbytery on October 29. World-renowned storyteller, Donald Davis facilitated the workshop.
* Facilitated ABCUSA Ministers Council workshop with Donald Davis at St. Benedict Retreat center outside of Omaha, NE on Oct. 31-Nov. 3.
* Signed church up for FlockNote. Will be promoting after Thanksgiving and all throughout December.
* Tami and I were on vacation Nov. 17-25. Thank you to Cody Church and Steve Richarz for filling in for me while I was gone.
* No in person worship on Christmas Day. Planning to create at-home worship service kits.

Continued ideas for future ministry:

* Befriender Ministry Program
* GriefShare Ministry
* Women’s and Men’s Group
* Small Group / Book Discussion
* Prayer room / prayers available after each service in library

Coming up:

* Thinking of Christmas Program, caroling, and other Advent/Christmas ministry opportunities.
* I will be gone Jan. 10-20 hosting a trip to the Holy Land. Seven people are participating in the trip.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Larry Nebelsick made a motion to approve the committee reports. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion, Council VOTED and approved the reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**NEXT MEETING: January 29, 2023,** following the Annual meeting. The Annual Meeting. will be held following church on January 29, 2023 at 10:30am.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Larry Nebelsick made a motion to adjourn. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion, Council VOTED and adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev Jerry Bertelson

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Katie Ortman (filling in for Karyn Montgomery)

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