**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS PRESENT:** Cody Church, Jerry Bertelson, Dick Dawson, Matt Anderson, Heath Perry, Doreen Fry, Michael White, Karyn Montgomery, Eric Tieszen, Katie and Ivan Ortman**,** Carol Woltzen, Gayle Janzen and Lindsey Mehlbrech**.**  **A Quorum Was Present**

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:**

**ELDERS PRESENT:**

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:** Heath Perry

**MODERATOR:** Rev Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Cody Church

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** Dick Dawson

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Eric Tieszen made a motion to approve the March 27, 2022, agenda as printed. Lindsey Mehlbrech seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Eric Tieszen made a motion to approve the February 27, 2022, minutes as printed. Gayle Janzen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**TRUSTEES:** no report

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:** no report

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| **FUND** | **Feb.1, 2022****BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **Feb.28, 2022****BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 215,118.11 |  |  | 214,787.85 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 12,065.51 |  |  | 12,065.51 |
| **Special Services** | 10,120.46 |  |  | 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** | 8,826.71 |  |  | 8,826.71 |
| **Library** | 311.60 |  |  | 311.60 |
| **Music** | 2,065.15 |  |  | 2,065.15 |
| **cd #4878** | 4,631.38 |  |  | 4,631.38 |
| **Horse Camp** | 5,068.37 |  |  | 5,068.37 |
| **TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS** | 20,903.21 |  |  | 20,903.21 |
| **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:** Donuts were served on Spring Ahead Sunday, March 13th.  They were served as a thank you to the congregation for their continued support of the Backpack food program. Five shelving units were purchased and put in the southeast corner Sunday School room.  The food for the backpack program and supplies for the turkey supper were moved from other places—the chair room and the furnace room. We are collecting prescription bottles until Easter Sunday.  They will be washed and taken to Marion, who is hosting the Presbyterian Women's Spring gathering on April 30th. They will be distributed through Matthew 25 ministries to Africa and other parts of the world. So far, we have almost 400 clean bottles!!

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** no report

**ELDERS:** no report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:**

**March Report to Council**

**CRE report: (**Submitted by Gayle Janzen)

March 2:  Conducted Ash Wednesday service at Harmony Presbyterian Church in Hurley.

March 9:  Assisted in Community Lenten Service in Hurley.

March 13:  Pulpit Supply at Harmony Presbyterian, Hurley.

March 20:  Pulpit Supply (Communion) at Harmony Presbyterian, Hurley.

March 23:  Prepared service for and delivered sermon at Community Lenten Service in Hurley.

March 25:  Met with the session of Harmony PC, moderator of Presbytery's Congregational and Pastoral Care ministry team (Ruth Clendenin), and Presbytery's liaison to Harmony PC (Sarah Hagena) at Hurley.

March 27:  Pulpit supply at Endeavor PC, Fedora.

**Commissioner to Presbytery:  no report**

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

**EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:** no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

Pastor’s Report

March 2022

 The Lenten season is upon us, and as we journey through this season of repentance, reflection, and prayer, I invite all of us to intentionally spend 15 minutes each day in solitude and silent prayer – offering to God our cares and concerns, and opening space to listen to His voice. May this season be a time of renewal for each of us as we lean into what he has for us during these 40 days.

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

* Hosted Ash Wednesday service on March 2nd.
* Hosted communion at the nursing home in Canistota on March 8. A total of 11 individuals were served.
* Attended Prison Ministry on March 10th.
* 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 March 9th and 23rd for confirmands.
* Participated in two continuing education events – Spiritual Enrichment book discussion with the Benedictine Sisters in Yankton (March 19th) and the Faith Leadership Seminar at the Bowen Study Center at Georgetown University (March 28th).
* Attended a Zoom study on March 20th hosted by Parker Palmer.
* Attended the Marion Area Ministerial Association luncheon on Tuesday, March 29.
* Completed a sermon series on Stages of Faith Development called The Critical Journey and started a new five-part series on the spiritual disciplines based on Richard Foster’s classic book Celebration of Discipline.
* Confirmation banquet will be on May 21st at 5 pm (The Whites will be providing the meal). Confirmation Sunday will be May 22nd.
* Continued with typical pastoral duties of home visits (4), phone calls (8), texts/emails, preaching, teaching, and leading worship. Met with six congregants for meals.

Coming up:

* Palm Sunday Cantata at 6 pm at Church of God in Marion.
* Holy Week services planned: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday (7 pm), Good Friday (7 pm), and Easter Sunday (Sunrise and 9:30 am)
* Youth will host a Easter breakfast. Details being planned.
* New member Sunday on Easter Sunday!
* 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.
* I will be attending a Pastor’s retreat in Rapid City April 19-21.
* I will be hosting a continuing education event for the Commissioned Ruling Elders of the South Dakota Presbytery on April 30 from 9 am – 4 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Mitchell.
* Los Angeles Mission trip on May 30 – June 6. Partnering with Faith in Christ Ministries and First Baptist Church of South Gate.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Carol Woltzen made a motion to approve the committee reports. Dick Dawson seconded the motion; Council VOTED and approved the reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NEXT MEETING: April 24th** at 7:30 PM **PPR** will have opening devotions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Gayle Janzen made a motion to adjourn. Lindsey Mehlbrech seconded the motion, Council VOTED and adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev.Jerry Bertelson

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