**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS PRESENT: Karyn Montgomery, Doreen Fry, Tami Remacle, Jeff Scott, Eric Tieszen, Ivan and Katie Ortman** **A Quorum Was Present**

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:** Dick Dawson, Carol Woltzen, Alex Montgomery, Kevin Van Winkle, Cody Church and Angie Scott

**ELDERS PRESENT:**

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Starlyn Church, Janine Nielsen and Steve Richarz

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:** Haylee McGregor, Alina Bertelson and Clara Remacle

**MODERATOR:** Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeff Scott

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** Jeff Scott and Jerry Bertelson

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ivan Ortman made a motion to approve the November 28, 2021, agenda as printed. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tami Remacle made a motion to approve the October 24, 2021, minutes as printed. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Clara Remacle, Alina Bertelson, and Haylee McGregor have a proposition to give the council about the library.

**TRUSTEES:**

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:**

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| **FUND** | **OCt. 30, 2021**  **BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **Oct. 31, 2018**  **BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 177,733.92 |  |  | 181,133.34 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 13,913.21 |  |  | 13,913.21 |
| **Special Services** | 19,365.10 |  |  | 19,365.10 |
| **Music-Choir Fund** | 124.25 |  |  | 124.25 |
| **Scholarship Fund** | 40,737.53 |  |  | 40,737.53 |
| **Riverside Cemetery** | 11,570.65 |  |  | 11,570.65 |
| **Memorial Funds** | | | | |
| **Undesignated** | 8,708.39 |  |  | 8,708.39 |
| **Library** | 311.29 |  |  | 311.29 |
| **Music** | 2,063.09 |  |  | 2,063.09 |
| **cd #4878** | 4,631.38 |  |  | 4,631.38 |
| **Horse Camp** | 5,068.37 |  |  | 5,068.37 |
| **TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS** | 20,782.52 |  |  | 20,782.52 |
| **riverside cemetery upkeep** | 1,482.65 |  |  | 1,482.65 |

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** no report

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** no report

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**: no report

**WORLD OUTREACH**: As a church, we collected 28 shoeboxes and $100 for Spirit Lake Ministries. Thank to Pastor Jerry for taking those to a drop site. The committee also helped 4 local people with financial assistance on gas and a couple bills. The total was just under $500.

**UWS:** Nov. UWS report

 The UWS fall back breakfast was held on Nov. 7th after the worship service. The donations received from the breakfast help fund the weekend food program for children at the Canistota school.   Donations received totaled $2215. Thank you to everyone who donated food and money to help us continue this ministry. The UWS will serve bars and coffee following the community Christmas worship service to be held at the United Church on Dec. 12. The service is being hosted by the Marion Area Ministerial Association.

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** no report

**ELDERS:** no report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:** no report

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

**EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:** no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:** November Pastor’s Report

Nov. 28, 2021

The journey toward Christmas has begun. Advent is a season of anticipation and hope. We have lived in a season of anticipation for the past 20 months – waiting for things to return to “normal” – and we continue to wait. Advent reminds us, though, that in our waiting we discover perseverance, trust, and hope. God journeys with us as we wait, and he promises a bright future for those who do. May you experience a renewed trust in the waiting and a deeper faithfulness along the journey. “Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

Below are a few ministry notes from November:

* Made one hospital visit, two nursing home visits, five in-home visits, and made six phone calls and numerous text messages.
* Presided over three funerals – Sharon Church, Betty Lambertz, and Carol Williams.
* Presided over communion at Good Samaritan Nursing Home on November 16. Served 8 people communion.
* Delivered donated items from the church to the McCook Food Pantry and the Neveah House in Sioux Falls.
* Attended the Marion Area Ministerial Association on November 17.
* Continuing Education in November:
  + Bowen Center at Georgetown University Faith Leadership Seminary via Zoom on November 22
* On Oct. 24 started a new adult Sunday school class. We are studying the History of Christianity for the remainder of the year.
* Started new Wed. evening adult study on November 3. Showing a six-part PBS series called God in America. Six attendees.
* Small group video and book study will conclude Dec. 5. Thank you to Erin and Cody Church for hosting the gathering at their home.
* Visioning Team met on Nov. 14 to discuss United Church’s core values.
* A Thanksgiving Service was held on Nov. 24 at 7 pm.
* I will be leading a Youth Group Mission Trip to Los Angeles on May 30 – June 6 (tentatively). Anticipated cost will be $600 per individual. Hoping to fundraiser nearly all the cost. Registrations are due Feb. 9.

Upcoming:

* Community Christmas Worship Service on Dec. 12 at 6 pm. Hosted by the Marion Area Ministerial Association. Community choir practice at 5 pm.
* Christmas Talent Show on Dec. 19 during the worship service. Congregation members are encouraged to sign-up.
* Blue Christmas service on Dec. 22 at 7 pm. This is a service of remembrance and hope – a space to grieve and reflect during this season of joy.
* Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 5 pm. This will be a candlelight service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Jerry

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Ivan Ortman made a motion to approve the committee reports. Tami Remacle seconded the motion, Council VOTED and approved the reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Eric Tieszen made a motion to approve the library project with a budget of up to 500.00 which the church will give. Steve Richarz seconded it. Council VOTED and the motion was approved.

**NEXT MEETING: Annual Meeting on January 30, 2022**.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Steve Richarz made a motion to adjourn. Janine Nielsen seconded the motion, Council VOTED and adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

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