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

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:** Larry Nebelsick, Alex Montgomery, and Bo DeKramer

**ELDERS PRESENT:**

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Lindsey Mehlbrech

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:**

**MODERATOR:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Cody Church

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** Jerry Bertelson

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Dick Dawson made a motion to approve the October 30, 2022, agenda as printed. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Lindsey Mehlbrech made a motion to approve the September 25, 2022, minutes as printed. Jeff Scott seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Praise Band Leader Stipend

**TRUSTEES:** The trees near the garden have been removed and the tree in the southwest lawn which was in bad shape was also removed.  The church bell is now working.  We received a bid for the protective window film project.  The committee is considering updating the women's and men's bathrooms. (Flooring, dividers, and paint).  At same time possibly kitchen flooring.

Submitted by Jeff Scott

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:** committee will be meeting on Oct 30, 2022

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| **FUND** | **Sept. 1, 2022**  **BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **Sept 30, 2022**  **BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 217,828.10 |  |  | 215,733.42 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 19,470.86 |  |  | 30,545.86 |
| **Special Services** | 12,710.35 |  |  | 12,910.35 |
| **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:** Trunk or Treat was held tonight at the United Church. Over 150 kids came to participate.

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** On Sunday, Oct 23rd the United Church hosted a first responders recognition Sunday during our normal service.  It was a time to pray for and thank those who give their time and talents to help those in need.    
We’d like to thank Pastor Jerry for spearheading this event and for cooking the scrumptious pulled pork. And a big thank you to all who helped with washing dishes and clean up.  We had many busy hands, and it is very much appreciated.

Submitted by Dick Dawson

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**:

PPR report for October 30, 2022:

PPR met on Monday, October 24, to discuss and make recommendations to the finance committee for the fiscal year 2023.

Discussion revolved around inflation, current wages, etc. The committee agreed upon increases and have made their recommendations to the finance committee.

Submitted by Larry Nebelsick, PPR

**WORLD OUTREACH**: The committee donated to the first responders by giving 500 dollars to each, Canistota Fire and Rescue, McCook County Sheriff’s Department, and the Canistota American Legion.

**UWS:** no report

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** no report

**ELDERS:** no report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:**

Reports to Council (Sept. 26-Oct. 30, 2022)

**Commissioner to Presbytery Report:**

    I attended the Presbytery meeting, held in Wessington, SD on October 21st.  I was (once again) named to serve on the mileage committee.

    Annual reports for congregations will be sent out in early January.  Any churches wishing to receive their reports earlier may do so upon request.

    2023 Presbytery meeting dates:

              February 17 - ZOOM

              June 23-24 - United Church of Canistota

              October 20 - Camp Rimrock

    REMINDERS:

       The review of Church Minutes is underway.  Any church that hasn't yet submitted theirs for review is asked to do so as soon as possible.

      2023 Per Capita will be $38.

      The IRS mileage amount has increased from 58.5 cents/mile to 62.5 cents/mile (as of July 1, 2022).

      The Matching Gifts Campaign is still in effect:  gifts up to $500 by INDIVIDUALS will be matched for any of the following:

           1) Camping and Faith Formation

           2) Commissioned Ruling Elder Program (Training/Continuing Education)

           3) Hope Co-op in Sioux Falls, SD

           4) Church development grants.

Next meeting: February 17, 2023 (ZOOM)

**Commissioned Ruling Elder Report**

Oct. 2 - Pulpit supply (Communion) at Harmony Presbyterian (Hurley).

                    Moderated Special Congregational Meeting at Harmony Presbyterian.

                    Moderated session meeting at Harmony Presbyterian.

     Oct. 9 - Pulpit Supply at Harmony Presbyterian.

     Oct. 16 - Pulpit Supply at Harmony Presbyterian,

                     Ordination/Installation of a Ruling Elder.

     Oct. 25 - Met with members of the session of Harmony Presbyterian and a

                      representative from Mid States Audio in Hurley.

     Oct. 26 - Moderated session meeting at St. Paul's Presbyterian in Emery.

     Oct. 29 - Attended CRE Continuing Education in Canistota.

     Oct. 30 - Pulpit Supply at Harmony Presbyterian.

(Submitted by Gayle Janzen)

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

**EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:** no report

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE:**

The Emergency Preparedness Task Force met at the church on September 25, 2022, at 7:00pm before the regular Council meeting. In attendance were Steve Richarz, Dawn Nebelsick, Eric Tieszen, Amy Tieszen, Pastor Jerry, and Ivan Ortman.

The task force discussed the following with the included recommendations:

1. Security film on the doors and encouraged the Council and Trustees to pursue installing film. (Council passed the Motion on 8/28/22)
2. Lock the doors on the south and west Sunday School wing at 9:35am. on Sundays. (Council passed the Motion on 8/28/22). The ushers and greeters should lock the doors and appropriate signage should be installed on the locked doors.
3. Medical Emergency: Dawn Nebelsick is willing to monitor the AED and battery and make sure an adequate first aid kit with tourniquet is available.
4. Shine: Amy Tieszen addressed the following suggestions to keep the Shine program safe. It was suggested to have a policy to have the children picked up in the church by approved adults. Discussion continued with other issues like locking one or more doors during Shine The group recommends the Shine Staff (Amy Tieszen, Cody Church, Pastor Jerry, and Susie Schroeder) develop a written safety policy to present to the Council.
5. The church is in contact to look at what other churches have for safety policies. The task force specifically talked about not allowing “open carry” weapons, how to call 911, and how to enforce the formal written policy. The task force also recommends deferring the policy discussion to the next Council meeting.

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

October 2022

This past month was full of excitement and busyness for our church. From the baptisms at the beginning of the month, to praise Sunday, to the turkey supper and First Responder’s Appreciation Sunday, to welcoming a guest preacher, Rev. Donald Davis, and our church hosting trunk of treat. October was filled with much energy and joy.

Thank you to all who helped with the Turkey Supper – a special note of appreciation to Del and Cody Church, Janine Nielsen, Mandy Keller, and Sarah Woltzen for their leadership! Was another successful year!!

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

* Verum Tech was contacted early Oct. They inspected the system on Oct. 19. Adjusted a few items and will be submitted quote for a new amp for the fellowship hall (current amp no longer works).
* Contacted Rich from Fallout Shelters Ministry. Awaiting reply.
* Officiated at Betty Doane’s funeral in Salem at Kinzley Funeral Home on October 20.
* Ryan Hofer updated lights in Christian Education rooms.
* Thank you to Jeff Nielsen for installing the TV in the nursery. Works well. The service streams audio and video directly from the sanctuary camera to the tv. And a thank you to him and Roger Ketchum for getting the church bell to ring, again!
* Thank you to Jeff Nielsen, Roger Ketchum, Matt Anderson, and Jeff Scott for cutting down the tree in the SW corner of the church property.
* Began hosting confirmation meetings with confirmands on October 5. Meeting with confirmands three times each month.
* Led worship at the Good Samaritan Skilled Nursing Facility in Canistota on September 25th and October 23rd. Hosted communion at the nursing home on October 11th. A total of 13 individuals were served. Visited residents and served communion to 5 residents in their rooms.
* Celebrated five baptisms on October 2. Made three hospital visits, phone calls (11), texts/emails (numerous), and continued preaching, teaching, and leading worship.
* Five upcoming baptisms on Oct. 2:
  + Aiyana Kay Bunger - 9
  + Emily LeAnn Bunger-6
  + Matthew William Bunger-4
  + Ray (Bubba) Joseph Tsosie-3
  + Tyron Lee Bunger-3
* Met with Pastoral Relations Committee on October 11th.
* Continued leading an Adult Sunday School Class
* 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.
* Our church hosted a community-wide Trunk or Treat event on October 30th from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm.
* Delivered food pantry items to Salem Food pantry. Attended McCook Food Pantry board meeting on October 24.

Ideas for future:

* 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:

* I will be facilitating a pastor’s retreat at St. Benedict Retreat Center outside of Omaha, NE on October 31 – November 3 for the American Baptist Church’s Ministers Council.
* Tami and I will be gone on vacation Nov. 17-25. Cody Church is filling in for me on November 20 and Steve Richarz for the Thanksgiving service on November 24.
* Suggestion of no in-person worship on Christmas Day. Instead, the Dakotas UMC will provide a Conference-wide digital worship service with a message from our Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* New outreach software
* New worship software/program

**NEXT MEETING: November 27,2022** at 7:30 PM Christian Education will have opening devotions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dick Dawson made a motion to adjourn. Carol Woltzen seconded the motion, Council VOTED and adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Cody Church

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