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

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:** Cody Church

**ELDERS PRESENT:**

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Sarah Woltzen

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:**

**MODERATOR:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Sarah Woltzen

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** Jeff Scott

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Larry Nebelsick made a motion to approve the September 25, 2022, agenda as printed. Carol Woltzen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ivan Ortman made a motion to approve the August 28, 2022, minutes as printed. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Christmas Sunday and First Responders Sunday

**TRUSTEES:** Jeff Scott called and found out the replacement cost of the church property would be 2,230,000.00, from Church Mutual. The Parsonage was adjusted in May from 292,000.00 to 348,000.00.

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:** Finance report

Finance met Sunday September 11th, members present: Eric Tieszen, Dianne Dawson, Misty Miller, Cathee Hartwig and Doreen Fry.

Committee reviewed expenditures and giving, at present we are similar to last year at this time.

Points on credit card discussed, Doreen will check and see if they can be used on balance of credit card.

Finance will be losing 3 members on our committee for 2023, each member will be thinking of recommended members to give to lay leadership.

Committee will request trustees review their long-range list of projects and put a timetable to which projects are projected for 2023.

Shine meals were discussed and will look at that budget and other committees if changes are needed for 2023.

Next meeting will be Oct 30th, budget will be reviewed and determined for 2023.

Submitted by Dianne Dawson

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| **FUND** | **Aug 1, 2022**  **BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **Aug. 31, 2022**  **BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 214,452.00 |  |  | 217,828.10 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 19,470.86 |  |  | 19,470.86 |
| **Special Services** | 12,210.35 |  |  | 12,710.35 |
| **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**: SHINE youth kickoff was held on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Bibles were given to the 2nd and 6th graders. Wednesday night family meals have started at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come and partake.

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** This past week the Worship and Membership Committee met via email to discuss items brought up during past council meetings,

We discussed the idea of not having a Christmas Day morning service and instead families would celebrate Christmas at home.

We also decided to do a recognition day for the first responders of our community. There is a national recognition day which is October 30th.

We also discussed the formation of a security team committee to help develop plans of action for not only security but also trauma/health issues that can arise. We are looking for volunteers for existing committees for this.

Submitted by Dick Dawson

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**: The PPR Committee met on September 11, 2022. Earlier this year, members of the committee met with the employees of the church to discuss with them any changes or thoughts he or she had about his or her position pertaining to pay, hours, job descriptions, etc. At that time, It was determined to meet with those same employees again in the fall to have the same discussion before the new fiscal year.

We also hope to have a better understanding of the clarification of duties after those meetings.

Cody and Larry will meet with them individually before the October council meeting.

Larry Nebelsick, Chair

**WORLD OUTREACH**: no report

**UWS:** Sept. UWS report The weekly food bags are being sent home with children who returned signed slips. We are currently sending out 41 bags--almost double the number from last year.  Our "fall back" egg bake fundraiser for the food program will be held November 6th, pending council approval.  The annual Turkey supper will be held Oct. 19th from 5pm-7pm.  We will need help from many people, so please volunteer where you can!!

Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**MEMBER AT LARGE**: no report

**ELDERS:** no report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:**

**Commissioner to Presbytery Report**

**—reminder: next meeting October 21 at 1st Presbyterian in Wessington.**

**CRE Report**

**9-4: Pulpit supply at Harmony Presbyterian, Hurley (Communion).**

**9-6: Visitation in Hurley.**

**9-8: Attended Gideon's Pastor Appreciation Banquet in Marion.**

**9-11: Pulpit supply at Harmony Presbyterian, Hurley.**

**Attended memorial service held at Harmony Presbyterian.**

**9-12: Participated in funeral service at Harmony Presbyterian.**

**9-15: Moderated session meeting at Harmony Presbyterian.**

**9-18: Pulpit supply at Harmony Presbyterian.**

**9-25: Pulpit supply at Endeavor Presbyterian in Fedora.**

**(Reports for August 29-September 25, submitted by Gayle Janzen)**

**LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Annual Conference Special session | November 2022**

Bishop Deborah Kiesey is calling a special session of the Dakotas Annual Conference for November 19, 2022.  The agenda will include consideration of resolutions ratifying the disaffiliation of local churches from the United Methodist Church.

**Jurisdictional Conference Scheduled | Nov. 2-5, 2022**  
                The Council of Bishops (COB) has formally set the dates for regular sessions of the Jurisdictional Conferences of The United Methodist Church (UMC) to be convened November 2-5, 2022.  Each jurisdiction will determine how many bishops will be elected in their areas.

**EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:** no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:** September 2022

A word of thanks to all who have helped to kick off the Fall church activities this past month – the praise team, Shine leaders and helpers, pumpkin garden growers and helpers, Sunday school leaders, Backpack program (UWS), and all who assisted with Kickoff Sunday. It is exciting to think of what God has in store for us this upcoming year!

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

* Met with Rebecca Trefz, Dakotas UMC Conference District Superintendent, on Wednesday, September 1.
* Met with confirmands and parents on September 14 and 18.
* Will be leading worship at the Good Samaritan Skilled Nursing Facility in Canistota on the last Sunday of each month, beginning this month, September 25 at 2 pm, in addition to hosting communion on the second Tuesday of each month.
* Started a new preaching series through the Narrative Lectionary (2022 – 2023).
* Hosted communion at the nursing home in Canistota on September 13. A total of 15 individuals were served. Tami attended, too, and facilitated hymn singing.
* Re-engaged a Doctor of Ministry program. Anticipated completed date is May 2024.
* Continued with typical pastoral duties of home/hospital/nursing visits (6), phone calls (4), texts/emails (numerous), preaching, teaching, and leading worship. Met with one congregant for a meal, and two pastoral colleagues.
* Started facilitating an adult Sunday school class on September 25. Discussing each Sunday’s Scripture passage.
* The visioning team will begin meeting, again, soon, and will have a report ready for the January annual meeting.
* Confirmation Sunday is tentatively planned for March 26.

Coming up:

* Our church will be hosting the Fall Continuing Education event for the Commissioned Ruling Elders in the SD Presbytery. World-renowned storyteller, Donald Davis, will be leading the training on Saturday, Oct. 29 and he will preach on Sunday, Oct. 30.
* For future reference: 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.
* 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

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Gayle Janzen made a motion to approve the committee reports. Katie Ortman seconded the motion, Council VOTED and approved the reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **floor around the urinal in the men's room needs attention (replacing?)**

Larry Nebelsick moves that the Presbytery may have their meeting on June 23-24th here at the United church and to also provide snacks and meals. Dick Dawson seconded. Council VOTED and the motion was approved.

**NEXT MEETING: October 23, 2022,** at 7:30 PM Elders will have opening devotions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Diack Dawson made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Scott seconded the motion, Council VOTED and adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

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