

UCPC Community Care Line

“We invite all to faith in Jesus Christ and growth in discipleship through Word, Prayer, and Service.”

A Note from Clerk of Session:

August 2022



Greetings University Community Presbyterian Church!

Your session is moving forward in calling a new pastor, and I want you to know what has happened in that regard, and what steps are coming next. Presbytery of Yukon has appointed Rev. Richard Mauer of the Delta Junction Presbyterian Lutheran church to be our moderator until we call an interim pastor. Rev. Mauer will moderate all session and special congregational meetings. In part, this means our meetings will proceed decently and in order with his expert oversight.

During this transition, your elders continue to provide leadership and to nurture the faith and life of this congregation. Your elders are Doreen McNeill, Muffie Durst, Bill Galbraith, Patti Gallagher, Paula Long, Jerry McBeath, Roger Smith, and Janet Johnson. Don't forget you have deacons Judy Fowler-Morris, Norma Wivoda, Melissa Bierer, Lynne Krizek, Donita Lawhead, and Celia Rohwer. Deacons specialize in service, sympathy, and witness, particularly ministering to those in need or distress. Elders and Deacons are here for YOU! Our phone numbers are on the last page of this newsletter. Our Moderator, Rev. Mauer has also offered to provide pastoral care when someone needs it. Please call Jimmie at the church office (907-479-6728) or Doreen McNeill (907-388-0544) and we can connect you with Rev. Mauer.

Presbytery of Yukon is assisting us in securing our next pastor. In this process, we will be calling a professional *Interim Pastor*, whose expertise is in guiding a congregation through the process of calling and selecting a new *Installed Pastor*. An advertisement has already been placed in the Presbyterian Church (USA) website for an *Interim Pastor* for UCPC. In the future, UCPC will be forming a Pastor Nominating Committee. Things are moving forward!

God is good and guiding us as we move through the next chapter at UCPC. I am reminded of this by the Psalmist who proclaimed “LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth! You made your glory higher than heaven!” Psalm 8:1

Yours in Christ's Service,
Doreen McNeill
Clerk of Session



August Birthdays

Diana Solie	Aug 5
Noelle Bertram	Aug 6
Hiram Miller	Aug 15
Dagen Sharpton	Aug 14
Curtis McNeill	Aug 20
Ruth Knapman	Aug 24
Ryan VanReenan	Aug 24
Larry Peterson	Aug 25
Doreen McNeill	Aug 31



August Anniversaries

Mark & Kathy Bertram	Aug 17
Charles & Mary Slaughter	Aug 19
Milt & Flora Wiltse	Aug 21
Hans & Carol Nielsen	Aug 24
David & Kathy Dohner	Aug 25

August 2022 UCPC Events in Blue

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>July 31</i>	August 1	2	3	4	5	6
(10:00-11:00AM) Worship Service (S) (2-4PM) Russian Church (S) 6-7PM 12-Step (L)	(CheloCharly Noon-6PM (MR) 5:30PM-7:00PM) 12 step (HS) (6-7PM) Cub Scouts Pack(CE)	6:30-7:30AM Men's Bible Study (N) CheloCharly Noon-6PM (MR) 6:30PM-8:00PM BScouts (CE) 6:30PM-9:00PM GLS (N) 8:00PM-10:00PM AA (L)	(5:00PM-7:00PM) Girl Scouts 75 (L) (6:00PM-9:00PM) Fbx Pipe Band (CE)	CheloCharly Noon-6PM (MR) (1:00PM-3:00PM) Art Lesson (FH) 5:00 PM Deacon's Meeting (N) (6:30PM-9:00PM) Sweet Adelines (CE) (7-9PM) Russian Church (MR)	Trustees Building Maintenance 5pm Fri- until 6PM Sat <u>ALICE training -August 5th 4pm @FoodBank (725 26th Ave) Alert Lock-down Inform Counter Evacuate</u> (2-4PM) Four Winds (Music) 8-10PM/NA (L)	Trustees Building Maintenance 5pm Fri- until 6PM Sat (2:00PM-5:00PM) D & D (HS)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Masking is now optional at UCPC!

If you are ***unmasked*** please sit on the ***left*** side of the Sanctuary.



Sound Team Needs NEW Members!!!

The Sound team is looking for new team members. We provide individual training and dual operation with one of us before going solo. We meet once a month on the first Monday at 5pm to review the past month, set the next month's schedule, discuss any issues, equipment upgrades or training needs and pray for each other. It is challenging, fun and rewarding to be an integral part of the worship service. We each take on a schedule to be "on the board" once or twice per month. It helps if you have any musical background. If this interests you, contact

David Rohwer or Curtis McNeill.

Boiler Upgrade Fundraiser: Amount Raised: \$10,854.24

(Actual Donations-does not include grant amount)

If you would like to contribute to the conversion of the church boiler please mark your check or donation envelope "Boiler", All donations are greatly appreciated!

2022	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Pledge & Loose	\$16,254.13	\$ 26,395.04	\$18,031.03	\$19,436.00	\$19,694.95	\$16,427.06	19,931.91
Other	\$1,275.00	\$1,775.00	\$1,592.00	\$1,415.00	\$775.00	\$1,035.00	1,285.00
INCOME	\$17,529.13	\$ 28,170.04	\$19,623.03	\$20,851.00	\$20,469.95	\$17,462.91	21,216.91
EXPENSES	\$21,478.50	\$ 32,662.94	\$16,780.31	\$23,469.72	\$23,977.77	\$25,041.20	15,320.79
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Bingle Camp Report

- ◇ Bingle Camp had successful camps this summer. We heard many positive comments from parents and campers and enthusiasm to return next year. We also rented camp to Alaska Mission for Christ for a camp that brought teens in from villages. Later this summer we will be renting to churches from Delta, Salcha, and Fairbanks for youth camps they want to hold at Bingle.
- ◇ Bingle will be celebrating 70 years next summer and our buildings have been showing wear. This summer Alaska Mission for Christ had four work groups that help restore the lodge by finishing up the leveling, putting on the front half of the new roofing (the back half was done last year), repairing the ceiling where the old wood stove was taken out, applying log oil on it, and putting in metal wires that are keeping the sides from falling in. There was also removal and replacement rotten logs at the base of the office building and arts and crafts building. LightShine, a mission group from Pennsylvania, rebuilt a storage lean-to that fell in the December storm and built a new canoe rack.
- ◇ ***One specific need*** - Right now we have two very old vans, one used mostly for cargo and one for passengers. We would like to replace the cargo van with a pickup truck.
If you know of anyone selling a truck, let us know.
- ◇ Bingle is looking forward to our groups this summer and to rentals of Knox Retreat Center this fall, winter, and spring. Thank you for your support. Special thanks to Curtis and Doreen McNeill, David Rohwer, and Brian Dixon for tree removal work this spring and summer. Also Brian and Curtis for electrical work that they did. Additional thanks to Jim Durst for maintenance work done around camp.

Submitted by, Muffie Durst





August Deacon of the month is: Judy Fowler-Morris

August Elder of the month is: Bill Galbraith

GARAGE GUYS

Saturday August 20th, 6pm

Hey Guys,

Let's gather at the shop Saturday, August 20th to trade summer stories. Its been a great summer and it is not over yet!

The grill will be hot; bring something to sear, a side, a drink and maybe a chair. It's supposed to be warm and sunny!

Location: The Shop, 1606 Ivan's Alley (See David Rohwer for questions)

Joshua Project

For the past two summers, volunteers from UCPC have helped with the Rescue Mission's Joshua Project. This project was started under the direction of a previous director with the purpose of having a transitional place for Rescue Mission graduates of their Genesis program. With a new director heading the Rescue Mission, the financial aspects of this project considered the cost of the water and septic system situation, and it was decided that this cost is expected to be too much and that the project will not be continued. The property is now for sale with the hope that it will be sold to someone who plans to use it for some sort of ministerial purpose.

A luncheon was held to explain this to the various groups that have worked on it, including the First United Methodist Church who were instrumental in getting the buildings up. It was with great sadness that we heard this news of the selling of the property, but we hope that it will be put to use with a similar purpose in mind.

Submitted by, Muffie Durst

Wind storm damage to Christian Education Building

During the wind storm on July 25th, two of the large spruce trees fell in front of the UCPC office and Christian Education building. One tree fell onto the building, leaving a large piece of the tree on the roof, with branches imbedded through the roofing. The other tree fell into the driveway next to all the windows, without touching any part of the building.

The next morning (Tuesday), a crew of six UCPC members gathered to assess the damage, repair the roof, and haul away the trees. Temporary patches were placed over 6 holes and scrapes just hours before rain began falling. The crew also cut up and hauled away the trees and all their large branches. Members also swept the large porch at the church entry because this was where a lot of wind-driven debris had swirled and come to rest. We give thanks to God that the damage was minimal, that no one was hurt, and that 6 people were able to gather during the work day to assess and repair the damage.

Submitted by, Doreen McNeill

Minutes Stated Meeting of Session University Community Presbyterian Church July 21, 2022, 6:30PM

Moderator Rev. Richard Mauer opened the meeting with prayer at 6:35PM.

Scripture and Devotion: 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 by Patti Gallagher.

Quorum: The clerk declared a quorum.

Present: Roger Smith, Janet Johnson, Jerry McBeath, Patti Gallagher, Muffie Durst, Paula Long, Doreen McNeill, Moderator Rev. Richard Mauer. **Absent:** Bill Galbraith

Adoption of docket: The docket was read aloud by Clerk McNeill and unanimously approved.

Our New Moderator, Rev. Richard Mauer was introduced. Rev. Mauer is the pastor at Delta Junction Presbyterian Lutheran Church and was appointed by Yukon Presbytery's Ministry Commission to be our moderator until we hire an interim pastor.

Old Business

Pastor's Report-None.

Covid Mitigation Plan – No change at this time. Doreen and Muffie will compile the current COVID plan based on the original plan and changes that session has made to it.

Masking monthly evaluation – No change at this time

Kitchen COVID evaluation – No change at this time

New Business:

Moving forward with Pastoral Leadership. The following information was related:

- Rev. Mauer will ask Presbytery of Yukon's Ministry Commission how UCPC shall go about hiring an Interim Pastor and how to begin the process of hiring a new called Pastor. Whether the rule that we pay for ½ of pastor's return to the lower 48 is the same rule for interim pastor's return to the lower 48. How is the Interim Pastor selection process done and who pays for the Interim. Choir Director: This is a paid position under the purview of Personnel Committee. The process to hire has not yet started.
- Homeless discussion centered on continuing to help the homeless find better living situations (being the hands & feet of Christ) by utilizing existing agencies and resources. Rev. Mauer will ask Rev. McKay for contacts for the resource agencies he used to help these people and pass that information to the Session.
- Mission Committee (Muffie) will ask our administrative assistant, Jimmie, for a list of agencies used. Mission Committee will put this issue on their docket.

Motion: U.C.P.C. will resume hosting families in the church this winter (for 1 week at a time, 2 to 4 times per year), if the program is revived by Helping Alaska. This was a Mission Committee recommendation (no second needed). Motion passed (6 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention).

- Next meeting was decided by unanimous consent to be Wednesday, August 17 (Not Thursday), at 6:30 p.m.
- A summary of the Rescue Mission's history with the Joshua project, and UCPC's monetary and sweat equity in the project was discussed

Information added during the session meeting:

- A summary of the Helping Alaska's (formerly Love, I.N.C.) Loving Families program was discussed as it relates to U.C.P.C.'s mission.

The Session meeting was closed in prayer by Muffie Durst at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted in Christ's service, Doreen McNeill, Clerk of Session

Committee Reports

Mission Committee – July 2022

- The Rescue Mission is in the process selling the Joshua Project property, the transitional program site where many members of UCPC have been working the last two summers. The cost of finishing the project is more than anticipated, and it is felt that such a program can be done at the Rescue Mission site. Those who attended the meeting where this was explained received this news with sadness and resignation.
- The Little Free Pantry has some designated funds for reimbursement if someone wants to do a major shop in addition to the many donations that we regularly receive. There are times when it is almost empty and then we do receive donations that help feed the hungry around us.
- There is discussion that the Loving Families program can start up in the fall. Right now, there are only four churches willing to open up. We are recommending that UCPC consider opening up this fall to help this program get going again.

Report from the Stewards

- Work is proceeding in three areas: mounting the projector in the sanctuary, correcting the problem with the fire panel and repairing the roof leak in the corridor to the CE building.
- Mounting the projector involves making a ceiling framework such that the image falls correctly on the screen. Surveying the ceiling location was done using laser technology. The length of cabling required was established and appropriate orders made to provide coupling from the computer in the sound booth to the projector on the ceiling. Two new flush-mounted ceiling lamps will be required to clear the light path to the screen and provide light for the bell table as needed. Installation work will require the use of Brian's high platform in the sanctuary. It is expected that the work will be completed by September. Funding for this project is available from the existing line in the Designated Account.
- The Stewards are working with Siemens to fix the problem with the fire panel which causes the interruptions of connection with the City Dispatch Center. This project is paid through the UCPC contract with Siemens.
- There is a stained tile in the corridor connecting the Narthex to the CE building. This has been caused by a roof leak which requires work to patch and seal the hole. All the materials for this work are in hand and the project is in hand.

Report from Faith Development

- Nothing to report

Report from Hospitality and Membership

- Nothing to report

Finance Committee, July 18, 2022

(at UCPC Narthex, 5:15 pm.)

Attending the Finance Committee were: Curtis McNeill, Celia Rohwer, Roger Smith and Jerry McBeath (chair). Topics: Old Business: 1) The multi-use copying machine approaches the end of the maintenance contract. The committee is waiting to see if a nearly-new replacement machine will be provided by the supplying firm. 2) The boiler system campaign is on target.

New Business:

1) There's a good flow of income from a generous congregation in myriad forms (pledges, donations through PayPal, personal checks, cash and building rentals);

2) Designated Giving summary (previously sent to elders) shows greater than usual amounts paid out (mostly for final salary payments to Pastor Neill);

3) the Profit & Loss statement (January through June 2022) shows a positive balance of income over expenses of \$7,239.06. This statement was sent to Session participants by Jimmie earlier this morning. The committee discussed how best to inform Session and the congregation of the church's state of financial health. Pastor Neill had recommended that UCPC develop a "narrative" budget. As this had been done recently, without significant improvement in understanding of the church's complex financial plan, the committee decided to provide the Profit & Loss statement (January through most recent month) at each Session.

The next committee meeting will be **August 15, at 5:15 p.m. in the Narthex.**

Prayerfully submitted by Jerry McBeath.

Information added during the session meeting:

The copy machine issue is resolved.

The designated giving amount listed for the Fairbanks Rescue Mission is "pass-through money" donated by congregants, and passed on to the Rescue Mission, and is not money set aside by UCPC for the Rescue Mission.

Report from Worship Committee

July 2022.

Present: Patti Gallagher, committee chair, members Will Haight, Muffie Durst, Jim Durst, Lois Hildenbrand.

These were our points of discussion:

Details of reimbursement for Pulpit Supply.

How to find the call to worship each week. These can be found in the Presbyterian Outlook, among other places.

Congregational Comments about worship

Announcements

Singing during Communion

Credits in the bulletin for music such as prelude, special music, offertory, postlude, etc. Whether to do it or not.

Clarity on how to do communion

Next month we will choose to resolve an issue.

Patti Gallagher, Committee Chairperson

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