

UCPC Community Care Line



December 2022

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

A Note from the Pastor:

“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”
Luke 1:46-56

This scripture is known as the Magnificat. It is the song Mary, the mother of Jesus, sings during her pregnancy as she prepares for the birth of Jesus. Any expectant mother will tell you pregnancy is a time of preparation. Advent is our time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the return of Jesus.

The season of Advent is now here; it started November 27th. Advent is four weeks long; four weeks every year inviting us into a season of self-examination and preparation for Jesus' coming again. Four weeks that lead us to Christmas when we celebrate Almighty God becoming a mere human being in Jesus to be with us and save us; heal us and set us free. God, in Christ, entered the journey of a messy birth and childhood. Jesus walked into the discovery of his destiny of sacrifice and service, high adventure and humble faith, danger and rescue, and yes, of death and resurrection.

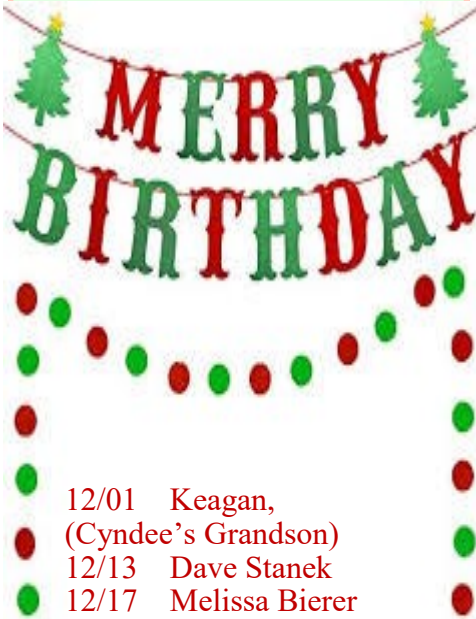
It's easy to miss the importance of Advent. Advent means “coming” and our God is a God who has come and, yes, keeps coming to us. Why does God keep coming? Isn't once enough? No. God keeps coming to us because God is invested in our ever-deepening spiritual encounter and conversion.

Our conversion is not a one-time event, though it does have a beginning. Our conversion is a process of growing, of turning from sin and self and toward God. It's a journey to life; of freedom through worship, giving, and service.

As you journey through Advent, where is God calling you to turn and grow? Make this holiday season special as you examine yourself and turn more and more to the One who came and keeps coming to and for you. One tool that may be of assistance is an Advent devotional. If you have not already done so, please pick up your devotional booklet and start a daily devotional reading practice during Advent.

May God richly bless you as you prepare for Christ's arrival. Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

Blessings...Lois



12/01 Keagan,
(Cyndee's Grandson)
12/13 Dave Stanek
12/17 Melissa Bierer
12/20 David Dohner
12/27 Jeremy Johnson



12/20 Darlene and Larry Peterson

If your Birthday or Anniversary are missing, or if you do not wish to have them posted in the Newsletter please contact UCPC Office.

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CHRISTMAS JOY



When Jesus was born among us, he came as a helpless baby destined to bring joy, peace, and salvation to his people. This child, God's Word made flesh — fully human and fully God — became one of us. One with us. One among us. In all of our vulnerabilities, struggles and triumphs, Jesus became one of us — leading us, knowing us, connecting us to himself and to each other, and offering us his gift of eternal life.

The perfect gift.

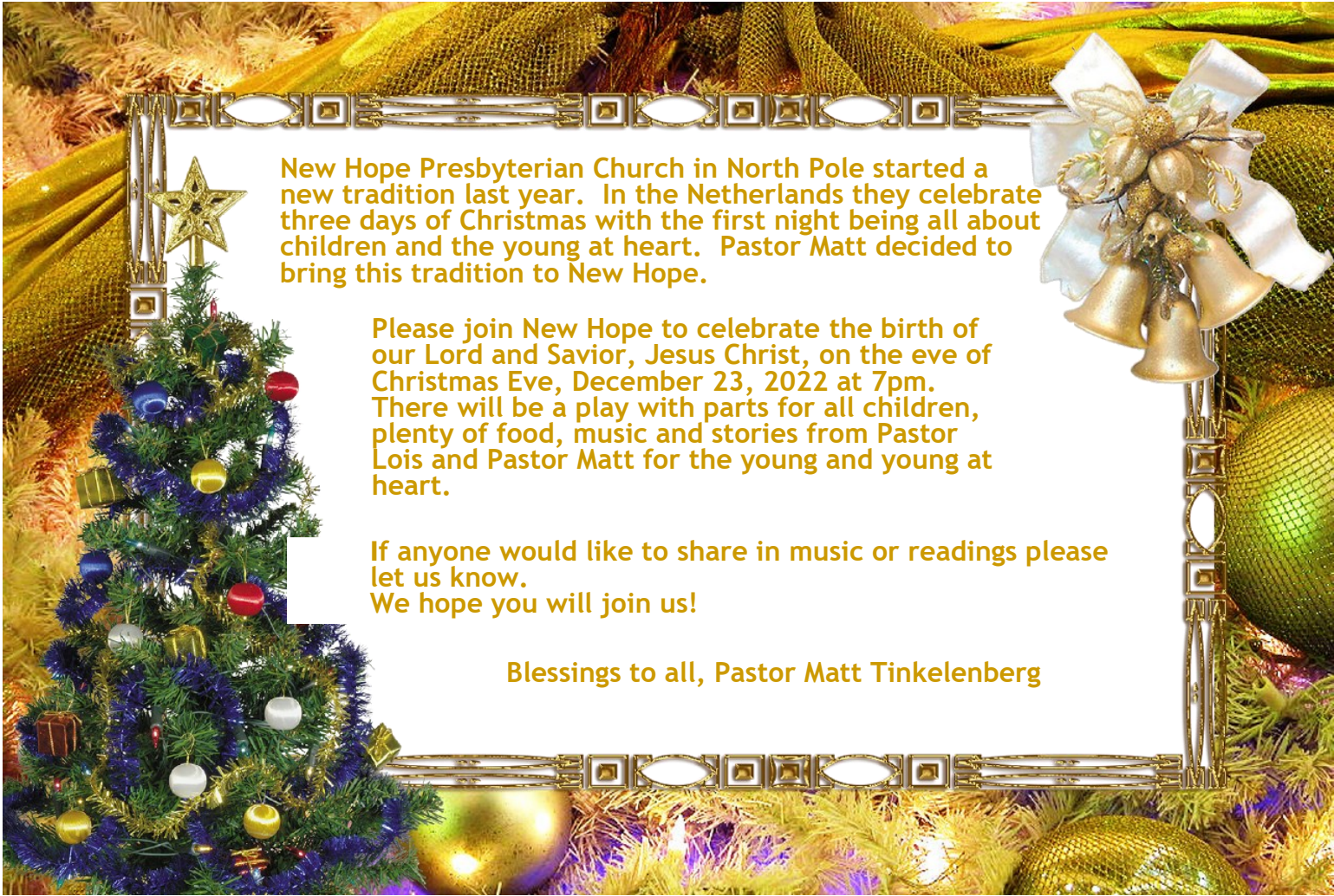
Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us — past, present, and future — who have pointed us to God.

We honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers, and their families who have faithfully guided and led us but who now find themselves in critical financial need. We honor and celebrate emerging leaders like students in schools and colleges equipping communities of color, who develop leadership skills as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world God loves so much.

Jesus's example as a child born to be among us and lead us to eternal life provides a pattern for us to follow as we celebrate those who have led us in the past and will lead us into the future. Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we come together to support past, present, and future leaders, embodying God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ.

50% of this offering goes to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, and 50% goes to Presbyterian schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Prayerfully consider your gift this year. We are receiving it on the 4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 18) or anytime during the Advent season.



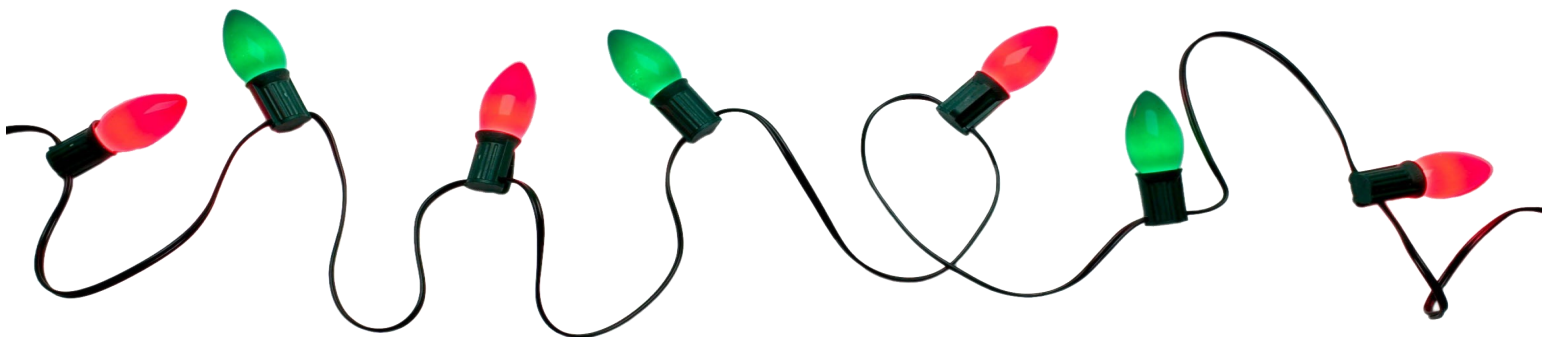


New Hope Presbyterian Church in North Pole started a new tradition last year. In the Netherlands they celebrate three days of Christmas with the first night being all about children and the young at heart. Pastor Matt decided to bring this tradition to New Hope.

Please join New Hope to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the eve of Christmas Eve, December 23, 2022 at 7pm. There will be a play with parts for all children, plenty of food, music and stories from Pastor Lois and Pastor Matt for the young and young at heart.

If anyone would like to share in music or readings please let us know.
We hope you will join us!

Blessings to all, Pastor Matt Tinkelenberg





ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We have received a family from Helping Alaska. They are a family with three girls, Mom, and another adult in the household. The angel tree has been set up in the narthex. If you want to give, but are not coming to worship services on Sunday morning, you can come by the church during office hours to pick out an item. Please wrap the gifts when you return them with the ornament attached. We do not have to pick from their list, but consider what their interests are from the descriptions we have been given. If you are interested in this, please let Theresa, Lois, or Muffie know as they have the list. Thank you for your generosity in this project we have been doing for the last few years.

Twelve Days of Christmas Food Drive

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are holding a Christmas season canned food drive to help replenish the stock at Fairbanks Community Food Bank. Since the weather has not cooperated very well, think of bringing nonperishable food in any time in January, even though our goal was January 6, the Epiphany. Thank you.





December Elder of the Month is:

Patti Gallagher

December Deacon of the Month is:

Donita Lawhead

*Volunteers needed for
snow removal.*

Sign up sheet in the Narthex

Thank you to all who have helped!

Winter Clothes Closet

The Mission Committee is looking to start the winter clothes closet this coming winter. We are looking for donations to supplement the items that we already have. We are looking for boots, coats, mittens, gloves, and hats, so we ask people to look through their closets for anything that you do not use. Our plan is to advertise and make these items available to those in need a couple of days a week.

In order to avoid putting this responsibility on Jimmie in the office, we are also looking for congregation members to be available to help during the times we make these items available. If you have things to donate or would like to help please contact Muffie Durst or Theresa Reed.

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, please contact

Curtis McNeill.

Boiler Upgrade Fundraiser: Amount Raised: \$2,9091.00 (Dec 2, 2022)

(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!

Finance Committee December 12, 5:15 pm, in the Conference Room.

2022	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	
Pledge & Loose	\$16,254.	\$ 26,395.	\$18,031.	\$19,436.	\$19,694.	\$16,427.	19,931.	14,489.	15,540.	9,710.00	11,115.00	
Other	\$1,275.	\$1,775.	\$1,592.	\$1,415.	\$775.	\$1,035.	1,285.	1,082	1956.	2841.	7,936.13	
INCOME	\$17,529.	\$ 28,170.	\$19,623.	\$20,851.	\$20,469.	\$17,462.	21,216.	\$15,571.	14,656.	15,330.	19,746.13	
EXPENSES	\$21,478.	\$ 32,662.	\$16,780.	\$23,469.	\$23,977.	\$25,041.	15,320.	11,480.	<i>Not out yet</i>	<i>Not out yet</i>	<i>Not out yet</i>	
Net	\$(3,949.)	\$(4,492.)	\$(2,842.)	\$(2,608.	\$(3,507.)	(\$ 7,579.)	5,896.	\$4,000.00	<i>Because we are not paying a full time Pastor's Salary</i>	<i>Not out yet</i>	<i>Not out yet</i>	<i>Not out yet</i>

Masking is now optional at UCPC!

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

Minutes Stated Meeting of Session University Community Presbyterian Church

November 17, 2022, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Moderator Rev. Richard Mauer opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30 pm.

Scripture and Devotion: Paula Long presented a devotion on giving thanks and gratefulness. Scriptures included Eph 5:19-20, Phil 4:6, Col 3:17.

Present: Rev. Rich Mauer (moderator), Patti Gallagher, Roger Smith, Paula Long, Muffie Durst, Janet Johnson, Jerry McBeath, Donita Lawhead (deacon), Doreen McNeill (Clerk).

Absent: Lois Hildenbrand CP

Approval of Minutes: Session Minutes of October, 2022 were **approved by unanimous consent**. November 6, 2022 Congregational Meeting Minutes were read and **considered ready for review & approval at the next congregational meeting**.

Orders of the Day:

Notices were posted on outside doors for members to call to be allowed into the locked building to attend the session meeting. No comments from members were received.

The clerk read correspondence:

In addition to items in the written report, Clerk McNeill received a PCUSA document regarding biblical resolution to conflict. Correspondence was received from Presbytery that the Ministry Commission will consider our proposed contract with CP Lois Hildenbrand.

Finance Chair, Jerry McBeath discussed what he learned about the **Fairbanks Climate Action/Interfaith working group** grant mentioned in the Clerk's report. We have a new contractor lined up to replace windows in the office to save heat. The working group has approved extending the grant to summer 2023.

Pastor Lois's report was sent and read before the meeting. We commented on the impressive report, especially given her illness this month.

Deacon Donita Lawhead read and discussed the deacons' report. Deacons were commended on their outstanding care and nurture of members.

New Business:

2023 Proposed Spending Plan. We received the year-to-date income and expenses, and the 2023 Proposed Spending Plan. It was noted that **UCPC is 2 months behind in mortgage payments and about 2/3 behind in fair share and per capita pledges to support mission of our Presbytery and the wider Presbyterian Church USA**. We will catch up on the mortgage payments, but will remain behind in fair share payments for 2022. We discussed ideas to decrease expenses and concern that we cannot afford moving expenses for a pastor. **No motion was received to pass the 2023 spending plan, as we hope more pledges will be forthcoming to help cover expected expenses.**

Mission Committee motion: address the homeless situation on our property. The motion was **tabled to the January 2023 meeting**. We desire a solution and mission committee was asked for specific solutions to be brought to session.

Hospitality and Membership Committee:

Motion from committee: Remove the names of the deceased members from UCPC rolls. Approved

Motion from committee: merge the Fellowship committee with Hospitality and Membership and rename it Membership and Hospitality Committee. Approved.

Old Business

We affirmed our email vote to send our proposed contract renewal with Lois to the Ministry Commission.

Interim Pastor Search update

6 people are interested in continuing to explore being our interim pastor

The Interim Pastor search committee is the entire session, and the following session members were appointed to do most of the evaluating: Roger Smith, Muffie Durst, Paula Long, Patti Gallagher, and Doreen McNeill.

Masking monthly evaluation — continue with mask-optional? **Yes.**

Kitchen evaluation regarding COVID — continue with fire-marshall-approved capacity? **Yes.**

Registered Agent: **Curtis McNeill was elected as Registered Agent for the UCPC corporation.** He will deal with corporation matters with the State of Alaska.

Committee Reports:

Committee reports were submitted & read before the meeting. **Reports were approved.** Additions are:

Mission and Outreach: No one showed up to receive free cold weather gear on the date advertised.

The Next Session Meeting: Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting closed in prayer by Muffie Durst at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted in Christ's service,

Doreen McNeill, Clerk of Session

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Pastor's Report

Time is flying by! How can it be mid-November already? Advent is around the corner and with it, preparations for Christmas and the New Year.

Since my last report I...

1. recovered well from Covid.
2. successfully officiated the Memorial Service for Dick.
3. offered a different worship element for our All-Saints celebration.
4. met with the Membership committee.
 - a. Facilitated the removal of four deceased members from our roles
 - b. Sent eleven letters to inactive members to inquire as to their interest in remaining members.
5. attended a Zoom training on Financial Workshops offered by Thrivent.
 - a. Trainings are available to our members.
6. met with Deacons.
 - a. Arranged communion plans.
 - b. Arranged traveling communion to shut-ins.
 - i. Will bring communion to Judy and Arlene at Pioneer's Home with Judy.
7. attended the Annual Meeting.
8. met with women of the church in the Women's Book Study.
9. attended three zoom trainings offered by the Presbyterian Foundation.
 - a. best practices in church finances
 - b. Fund Types
 - c. Investments
10. fielded numerous emails regarding additional training needs for our Admin.
11. conferred at length with our colleague, Rev. Rich Mauer.
12. preached and led worship three times.
13. ordered Advent material to provide devotionals for the congregation's use.
14. Celebrated Stewardship Sunday
15. met with Finance Committee.

I am still disappointed I have not had the opportunity to do the visiting I desire. Again, hopefully soon!

Thank you for allowing me to be absent for the Session meeting so I can enjoy an early Thanksgiving with my son's family.

I will be working with Patti and the Worship Committee to plan our Christmas Eve service.

I have arranged two weeks' vacation from Monday, January 23 through Monday, February 6.

Blessings...Lois

Deacons' Report, November meeting

Our four regular deacons (Judy Fowler-Morris, Lynne Krizek, Melissa Bierer, Donita Lawhead) met on Thursday, November 3, 2022. Judy opened the meeting at 5:02 PM and Donita gave the devotion.

There was no Session report. Lois Hildenbrand shared her pastor's report and provided an update on the pastor search. She told us a church member will be assigned to manage the Designated Giving program, which previously was managed by Celia Rohwer.

We currently have an account balance of \$402.35. Lois wants the deacons to submit receipts for purchases, even if we don't want to be reimbursed.

We received a thank-you note from Lois for Pastor Appreciation Month.

Donita will prepare communion this month.

Meals continued to be delivered to the Rohwer home in October, after Celia's passing. Kathy Dohner helped with meals for the Fowler-Morris household after Dick's passing.

Pastor Lois is planning to join a deacon with some visitations and possibly communion in the next two months.

We are sending letters to members not currently attending church and are sending out a Thanksgiving card to members on our care list. We are sending thank-you notes to members who have helped this month.

We discussed members who especially need our prayers and love.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM. — *submitted by Donita Lawhead*

Session Committee Reports

Clerk's Correspondence Nov. 2022

Borough Code Complaint. As approved by session, Doreen sent a code complaint (regarding the activity and mess on Lutke Ave.) to the borough planning office on Oct. 31. On Nov. 10 she received a response. The borough will clean up the mess on Lutke Ave., after the snow melts. The borough cannot do anything about people hanging out and sleeping there if they are not doing anything illegal.

We were encouraged to document illegal activity, problems, and concerns with dates, times, and descriptions. **Therefore, I am asking everyone on session & in the congregation to document illegal activity, including calling the troopers, if necessary, and to also let Doreen know of dates, times, activities.**

FYNDout Free Pregnancy Center sent a flyer about an abortion healing event on Nov. 10th.

Fairbanks Climate Action/Interfaith working group follow up, grant/weatherization. Karen Pyne asked for a follow up on us of the the \$2,000 Office Window Replacement Grant that Pastor Neill applied for. David Rohwer had had a contractor lined up to do it in summer 2022, but come spring, the contractor would not return his repeated calls. Note: Later, Jerry McBeath talked to Karen Pyne, who says the group will extend the deadline to summer 2023.

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

Building Stewards Committee:

The Stewards have submitted the boiler plans to Design Alaska for the required engineer's report.

New LED exterior lighting was installed on the north side of the CE building. General building maintenance has continued, including the boilers, in readiness for winter. The snow clearance volunteer schedule has been restarted.

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Faith Development Committee:

Garage Guys next event is November 18-19 at Knox retreat center.

Women's Bible Study group met November 7 and meets again on the 21st.

Youth Sunday School is ready to resume when youth are ready

Roger Smith is mentoring one youth in a Confirmation class

Youth Group with Faith Lutheran and Fairbanks Lutheran started with pizza and game night at UCPC in October. The next event is November 20.

Finance, Treasury & Stewardship: November 14, 2022, Meeting. Participating: Sarah Lanstra, Jerry McBeath, Curtis McNeill and Roger Smith, joined by Pastor Lois Hildenbrand. Jerry opened the meeting in prayer at 5:15 p.m. (conference room)

Old Business

Sarah explained remaining work to be done on closing out October 2022 income/expense reports (October YTD sent directly to Session)

Roger explained plans to update designated giving (DG) reports, when time allows.

The committee DECLINED to eliminate terrorism coverage from its Church Mutual insurance policy, which will increase cost by \$129.00 annually.

Responding to the administrative assistant's questions: a) the committee thought that entering rents into HelpMate would assure accountability, and b) before disposing of old financial records an elder or two should examine them.

New Business

1. The status of the pledge drive on 11/15/22 is: **\$166,180.00.**

2. Instead of recommending that Session adopt a spending proposal for 2023, the committee asked Sarah to prepare a rough draft (sent directly to the leadership team). The committee asks that feedback on the draft be submitted to the committee before its next meeting.

3. The committee acknowledged receipt from the Presbyterian Fdn. of a 2023 income payment for the Josiah Knox Memorial Organ Fund (\$167.17).

4. The committee recommended to the Personnel Committee that the administrative assistant's hours be temporarily increased to accommodate additional training in QuickBooks.

The next committee meeting will be **December 12, 2022.**

Roger Smith closed in prayer at 6:15 p.m.

Hospitality and Membership Committee: Tuesday November 8, 2022 9am.

Present: were Judy Fowler Morris, Lynne Krizek, Paula Long with Pastor in attendance. We opened with prayer. Pastor Lois introduced a concise and informative booklet to be used for training and orientation of new members to UCPC. A few copies will be purchased and kept in the church office.

We reviewed the church membership list to identify members who have not attended or contributed to the church in the past 48 months. Pastor Lois will send them a letter of inquiry as to their intentions of retaining their membership at UCPC. **We then voted to remove the names of the deceased members and submit that motion to Session for approval.**

We voted to merge the Fellowship committee with Hospitality and Membership and **rename it Membership and Hospitality Committee, and send this motion to Session for approval,** after which we will seek to populate the committee with more members.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Long

Mission and Outreach: November 9, 2022

Present: Janet Brower, Theresa Reed, Muffie Durst, Lois Hildenbrand. Muffie opened in prayer.

Christmas Joy Offering plans were made. Adopt-A-Family has been applied for and we are waiting to hear from Helping Alaska for our family. Sally Murphy and Donita Lawhead are working on the cold weather clothes closet. We would like to do a twelve Days of Christmas food drive again, which means from Christmas to Epiphany.

We are working on an application for shoppers to the Food Bank for food for the Little Free Pantry. This will allow us to get some food from the Food Bank for the pantry, but we are a lower tier shopper. We are asking people who shop for the pantry to record about how much they spend on a paper inside the cupboard to give us a better idea of how much we are really spending on the pantry. Some people are turning in receipts for larger amounts of food as there is some money in designated giving for this. Some of those people, though, turn in their check from this and give it as a donation.

We had a difficult discussion regarding the homeless situation out back as it seems to have picked up. We did not come up with any solutions, but are putting forth this motion.

MOTION: We are asking the session to address the homeless situation on our property. Janet moved. Theresa seconded.

Lois prayed to close the meeting.

Nominating Committee: Elected at the November 6 congregational meeting are: **Will Haight, Jim Durst, Lynn Krizek, Pat Babcock, and Curtis McNeill.** Per our by-laws, one elder on session and one active deacon will complete the committee.

Personnel Committee: Potential interim pastors were matched from the Church Leadership Connection matching search. We received 6 responses that indicated interest in pursuing this. **We would like to have an interim search committee formed.** We found someone to fill in for Kathy Dohner as pianist during her absence in late November, December, and part of January.

Security Plan Ad-Hoc Committee: ~ Nothing new to report.

Worship Committee: The Worship Committee is considering meeting a different day than Wed and would like more people to be involved. Pastor Lois will have a vacation Nov. 16 – 21. Pulpit Supply on Nov. 20 will be David Moore. I will be having surgery on Nov. 30. I will either ask the choir not to sing that on that Sunday...Dec. 4...or perhaps do special music that morning, since I will have to be kind to myself. Looking forward to Advent!

~ Patti Gallagher

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Choir~ Patti Gallagher
Sound Manager ~ David Rohwer 378-2554

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Worship: Patti Gallagher
Finance and Stewardship: Jerry McBeath
Mission and Outreach:
Faith Development: Paula Long

Deacons

Judy Fowler-Morris 479-6547
Donita Lawhead 455-6849
Lynne Krizek 479-1279
Melissa Bierer 687-5037

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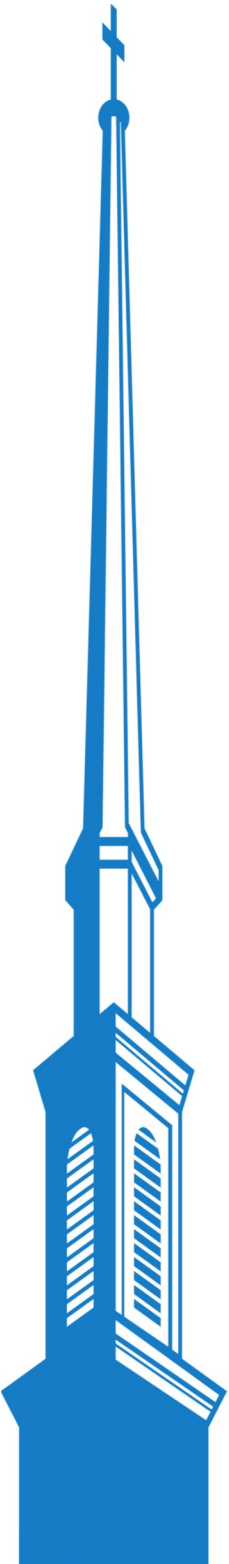
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Muffie Durst 479-8191 ~ Class of 2022
Patti Gallagher 378-5920 ~ Class of 2022
Janet Johnson 687-7148
Paula Long 687-7444 ~ Class of 2023
Jerry McBeath 479-2870 ~ Class of 2023
Roger Smith 322-2595



Happy  Holidays!