

**Reaching Out Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

OPENING PRAYER led by Cindy.

MINUTES taken by Cindy.

DISCUSSION

1. Pete Amar – Otsego County United Way's Project Connect Event

Pete is on the planning team for this event.

What: One day community event designed to connect families with the resources they need

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026

Time: 2:00 - 6:00 PM

Where: Fraternal Order of Eagles, 515 S. Wisconsin Ave., Gaylord MI 49735

How many: Anticipated number of participants = 200 - 300

Request: Provide light meal or a snack

Decision: Do we want to participate in this event by providing a light meal or a snack? Yes!

How: TBD

Point person: Margaret Hellenberg

Would it be possible to partner with other churches to split costs & labor? Greg will contact other churches to ask if they are willing to participate and if so, who their contact person would be.

2. Facebook communication - still working on getting someone to engage with people during worship.

3. Ponderings with Pastor Greg podcast - in a holding pattern until Laura is ready for the next step.

4. June Special Offering - Strengthen the Church (Cindy volunteered).

MINISTER'S UPDATE

Greg met with the Lutheran, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches in town to discuss doing a Service of Inclusion sometime this summer. Judy is willing to be the point person to help with this service.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Sharing Cupboard - books have been flying off of the shelves! Kathy M. will check with Mona to see if there are things that are needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

We are invited to attend a Refuge Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026 from 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM at the Otsego County Library, 700 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI 49735.

The congregation needs to know what our totals are for the 5 for 5 Special Offerings for 2025 - 2026 and put that summary in the next possible bulletin and the July newsletter. The Reaching Out Committee asks that this summary be put in the newsletter quarterly.

CLOSING PRAYER led by Pastor Greg.

Next Meeting is Monday June 15, 2026 via Zoom <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/86904855449>