

REACHING OUT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Pastor Greg, Cindy Goller, Judy Gatewood-Keim and Margaret Hellenberg

Met via Zoom <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/86904855449>

OPENING PRAYER - led by Cindy

REQUEST - Cindy will take & send meeting minutes for this meeting, but asks that someone else consider doing minutes for future Reaching Out meetings.

MINISTER'S UPDATE

- The Annual Meeting will be 11/16/25. Our Committee will need to submit an annual report before then, which Cindy will do.
- Our church was not awarded the Long Term Recovery and Repair grant for the ice storm for which we had applied through the national United Church of Christ.

DISCUSSION

1. Next Special Offering - NIN in Oct
 - a. The Neighbors In Need offering will be collected during the month of October, 2025.
 - b. Cindy will write up the announcement & article for the bulletin.
 - c. Judy will make the announcement on 10/5/25.
2. Mission Trip (approx. 9/14/25 - 9/20/25) - Bri and Brenda - is coming together.
3. Video Production Team
 - a. Council decided that the best place for this team is with the Reaching Out Committee.
 - b. Judy Gatewood-Keim joined Reaching Out as a representative of the Video Production Team.
 - c. Judy shared her vision for the team as "being the church online".
 - d. Effective immediately, Reaching Out supports changing from: Video Production Team to: Digital Ministries to better reflect the vision and goals of this team. Greg will work with Liz to change this in the bulletin starting this Sunday.
 - e. To discuss next month
 - i. Create plan for responding immediately online during church
 - ii. Create plan for future Digital Ministries training opportunities
4. Website
 - a. Brenda and Liz have begun to work together to get Liz trained on the website.
 - b. Judy will help determine whether it's possible to watch the church livestream via the church website or if one must watch the livestream via Facebook.
5. Salad Luncheon
 - a. Reaching Out will be in charge of coordinating / be the beneficiary of the September Salad Luncheon, to be held 9/23/25.
 - b. Margaret H. volunteered to be the coordinator. She suggests Fall Desserts.
6. Convergence - The Convergence team met with church leadership. Convergence will be presenting the survey results via Zoom to the entire congregation during Fellowship Time on Sunday, 9/7/25.
7. New sign - on hold because of cost.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

1. Food Pantry - Margaret said we had a good response. Cindy will ask Jessica to provide an updated total for the amount our church donated to the Food Pantry when Jessica does the books for September, 2025.
2. Ways to help our besides money
 - a. Be more interactive on the church's Facebook page. See item 3.e.i. above.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Sharing Closet is low on supplies. Mona asked Reaching Out for help to restock the Sharing Closet. Greg will email Mona and ask her for specific items that are needed & will put it in the bulletin.
2. Cindy will provide Margaret with a box for those supplies & Margaret will make the box look nice.

CLOSING PRAYER

Next Meeting: September 15, 2025

Respectfully, Cindy Goller