

**REACHING OUT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

Meet via Zoom:

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/86904855449>

OPENING PRAYER - led by Cindy

MINUTE TAKER - Cindy

DISCUSSION

1. Digital Ministries

The group discussed audio equipment issues and the recruitment of volunteers for broadcasting and interactive roles during services. Judy mentioned that Laura Bantens has been learning to handle broadcasting tasks. Cindy explained that there is a need for more interactive volunteers to assist with Facebook communication and managing prayer concerns, in addition to Laura Bantens.

2. Next Special Offering

- a. March, 2026 for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Cindy will coordinate, and she confirmed she would be the liturgist on March 1st, allowing her to handle the first round of the special offering announcement.
- b. After OGHS, the next Special Offering will be Blanket Sunday in May. Margaret Hellenberg offered to coordinate this offering.

3. Church website

The "Donate Now" button has been temporarily removed due to fraudulent transactions, and donations can now only be made through PayPal. Pastor Greg is working on resolving the issue.

4. Convergence

Convergence meetings will be held on March 1st and 29th, led by Cameron Trimble, which will focus on cultural trends and innovative church practices across the country. This is more of a Reaching In concern and can be removed from the Reaching Out Committee's agenda from now on.

MINISTER'S UPDATE

Pastor Greg reminded the group about two Good Friday services: a 12:00 Noon service at St. Andrew Episcopal Church with a community choir, and a 7:00 PM Tenebrae service at the Presbyterian Church.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Response to Back to Basics: Food and Housing special offering in February has been positive. Pastor Greg does not yet have specific numbers to report. Plans are underway to create personal care item kits for the Maundy Thursday service.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. The idea for a quilt show in our sanctuary during Alpenfest was withdrawn due to logistical concerns. This can be removed from the Reaching Out Committee's agenda from now on.
2. Judy shared information about the Pet Partners therapy dog program, which focuses on improving human health through the human-animal bond. Pet Partners will be holding evaluations at the church on February 28th.

CLOSING PRAYER - led by Pastor Greg

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