

REACHING OUT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2025

Attending via Zoom were: Cindy Goller, Margaret Hellenberg, Stephanie Kalember, Kathy Menkes, Pastor Greg Watling and Louanne Spearman.

The meeting covered updates on recovery efforts in Otsego County and discussed a grant application through the National United Church of Christ, along with plans for a congregational survey and potential mission trip. The group reviewed various church initiatives including a new sign project, upcoming events like the "Strengthen the Church" offering, setting up chairs for the Petoskey Drum Band during Alpenfest and plans for a blood drive that required further investigation due to space constraints. The conversation ended with discussions about supporting the food pantry through monetary donations instead of physical items, including plans for a presentation to explain this change to the congregation and scheduling upcoming mission moments to highlight community initiatives.

Next steps:

- Stephanie to write an article for the newsletter about the Strengthen the Church offering.
- Greg and Kathy to contact Luanne about her plans for presenting the Strengthen the Church offering on June 1st.
- Stephanie to follow up with the blood drive organizers about potential options for hosting.
- Margaret to ask Chuck to make a box for collecting money donations for the food pantry.
- Margaret and Cindy to meet after church to plan the food pantry mission moment presentation for June 15th.
- Margaret to coordinate with Rebecca from the food pantry about participating in the mission moment presentation.
- Margaret and Cindy to reach out to church members who volunteer at the food pantry for their input on the presentation.
- Kathy to add "Upcoming Community Mission Moments" to the next meeting agenda.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2025

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

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Goller