

Reaching Out Committee Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Meeting held via Zoom [Http://us02web.zoom.us/j/86904855449](http://us02web.zoom.us/j/86904855449)

OPENING PRAYER - led by Greg.

MINUTES - taken by Cindy.

DISCUSSION

1. T-shirts - Several people would like a church t-shirt, but we are out of them. As long as new t-shirts are needed, we may as well create a new design. It would be cool to include the new UCC logo. Cindy will work with Louanne and Judy to create some design options.
2. Service of Inclusion - Greg still needs to meet with the Lutheran, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches in town to discuss doing a Service of Inclusion. Pastor Greg hopes that this service could still happen sometime this summer. Judy is willing to be the point person to help with this service.
3. Otsego County United Way's Project Connect Event – The Reaching Out Team is willing to provide a light meal or snack for the Otsego County United Way's Project Connect Event on Thursday, August 20, 2026. Margaret Hellenberg is the point person. We are considering creating a banner saying something about “serving together” (exact wording TBD) featuring our denominational logos, to be used at this event and possibly at future events (like the CROP walk). Margaret will ask Pete to confirm what items (like paper products or beverages) the churches are expected to bring.
4. Facebook communication - Reaching Out is still working on getting someone to engage with people during worship.
5. Website - The Trustees and Pastor Greg continue to work through issues with the website.
6. Pondering with Pastor Greg Podcast - This project is in a holding pattern until Laura is ready for the next step.
7. Special Offering totals included in bulletin and quarterly newsletter - The totals through the end of March need to be included in the bulletin and the newsletter.

MINISTER'S UPDATE

1. Pastor Greg would like to promote a special offering for Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), to promote our connection. There isn't a cohesive plan for which month this offering is taken. Need to decide during our August meeting which month we would like to promote this.
2. The Congregation agreed on the Goals from Convergence during the Convergence discussion on 6/2/26. Reaching Out will discuss these goals at our next meeting in August, 2026.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Caring closet - Kathy Menkes draped socks over the donation box to draw attention to the fact that more items are still needed. Kathy will call Mona to confirm which items are still needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

No meeting in July. Next meeting August 17, 2026.

CLOSING PRAYER - led by Cindy.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Goller.