First Congregational UCC, Gaylord

Reaching Out Meeting Minutes

21 SEP 2026

Present: Brenda B., Kathy M., Margaret H., Louanne S., Cindy G., Judy GK, Greg W.

Call Meeting to Order & Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order by Kathy M. at 7:00 pm. The opening prayer was conducted by Greg W.

Salad Luncheon

1. Reaching Out is responsible for the September salad luncheon.
2. Ten percent of each salad luncheon goes to the United Way emergency fund.

Crop Walk

1. The Crop Walk is Sunday, 27 SEP, starting at the downtown pavilion, at 1:00 pm.
2. Our church is supplying 2 tables, 3-4 chairs, an extension cord and the four church banner.

Community Needs

A report from Mona V. stated there are no current needs for the sharing closet.

Neighbors In Need (NIN) special offering

1. The NIN special offering will be collected during the month of October.
2. Cindy G. has the write-ups needed for announcements.
3. Louanne S. volunteered to make the announcement during the 4 OCT Sunday service.

Refuge Soup Kitchen Lunch

1. The Refuge is hosting an awareness & fundraiser event Tuesday, 13 October at 11:30 am.
2. We have been asked to make 50 sandwiches.
3. No one volunteered to lead this project! This event happens before the next meeting.

Angel Tree

1. Margaret H. will be the point of contact and coordinate the 2026 Angel Tree project.
2. The Angel Tree giving will begin approximately mid-November.

Church T-Shirt

Cindy G. presented ideas for a church wide T-shirt.

1. Four elements to the t-shirt are:

a. UCC logo that has a rainbow background with a white comma visible + our church name

b. Placement of logo + church name

c. Size of the logo + name

d. Anything on the back of the shirt

2. Greg W. suggested we use the logo that is on the four-church banner. The members agreed with that suggestion.
3. Brenda Brummel reminded the group that when she was designing the church website she was told we need to use the church's official name 1st Congregational United Church of Christ which is part of the four-banner logo.
4. After a discussion there was a general consensus that for consistency with the last two church wide t-shirts the color blue is a good choice.
5. A local business “Decal Freaks” can be our vendor.

Website / Podcast

1. Brenda B. presented the idea of moving forward with an Advent podcast.
2. For an example, view a podcast on the Gaylord Methodist Church website.
3. A group email will be started between Kathy M., Brenda B. and Judy GK to establish how this project can move from ideas to reality.

Digital Facebook monitor

1. The is now a sign-up volunteer slot on the paper volunteer sign-up sheet and on Sign Up Genius to be the live Facebook virtual greeter..
2. Vicky R. has performed live Facebook virtual greeter the past two weeks.

Reaching Out Committee Members

1. Stephanie K. requested to leave the committee.
2. If you think of someone who might be willing to serve, please supply that name to Greg W. , so only one person is asking the potential committee member.

Rokko Jans Charity Concert

1. The concert is Sunday, 8 November in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 pm to benefit Meals On Wheels.
2. Volunteers are needed to help set up, bring baked goods, collect money and tear down.

Adjourn & Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was conducted by Cindy G. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53.

The next meeting is Monday, 19 October at 7:00 pm