

**Minutes for June 1, 2021  
CCUMC Council Meeting**

**UMC Mission : Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. A disciple is one who knows Christ, is growing in Christ, serving Christ and sharing Christ.**

**CCUMC Mission : A Bible centered community growing our faith and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with our neighbors.**

Attending : Keith and Nancy Luscombe, Pastor John Lucy, Sandy Dam, Marion Sergel, Marsha Mason, Garnet Olson, Martha Burbridge, Kevin Hunt, Gary Picard, Gaelle McLoud.

Keith Luscombe called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Keith Luscombe read the CCUMC Vision Statement to open the meeting.

Opening Devotions by Nancy Luscombe from Our Daily Bread devotional book, reading entitled "Shining Stars."

Sandy Dam made a motion to accept the May 4, 2021 Council Minutes without corrections, the motion was seconded by Kevin Hunt and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports were sent out ahead of the meeting.  
Reports and Updates given at the meeting :

Pastor's Report : Pastor John will be on vacation June 14th to June 27th. Pastor Barry Judd of the Oxford United Methodist Church and the Quinsigamond United Methodist Church will be covering for Pastor John.

Pastor John reported that there was great feedback from the Stewardship Chairperson Amanda Dam regarding the Stewardship videos and donations.

Treasurer Business : Martha Burbridge reported that there was news about the PPP loan : the first loan was forgiven and the second loan that was applied for was denied by the bank. Martha Burbridge reported that she is still looking into the church's mortgage. The current interest rate with Cornerstone Bank was 3.25%, but will go up to 3.8% starting in November, and will be a variable rate up to 12%. Other banks that Martha contacted were not interested in providing a mortgage for a church.

Martha Burbridge also reported that the electric bills for the church and the parsonage are going up.

Sandy Dam inquired about the Board of Health bill that was in question at the last Council meeting, and Martha Burbridge said that the bill had been posted to the wrong account and has been fixed.

It was also reported that the Financial Secretary report and the Treasurer report didn't line up completely, and Martha Burbridge said that she would follow up.

Trustees : Gary Picard reported that the Board of Trustees was coming up with a to-do list for the church and a CCUMC volunteer list of helpers. Pastor John said that he would include the volunteer list in the church's weekly email.

Gary Picard reported that he would like the parsonage porch to be stained before the end of June.

It was reported that there was an offer to buy an 85" screen for the wall in the sanctuary in order to replace the projector, and it was being considered.

It was reported that an offer to give a plow truck to the church had been declined.

It was reported that the emergency lights in the church need new batteries.

Gary Picard reported that the church chimney had been fixed.

There was a discussion about the Right Start Committee's concerns about the safety of the bubblers in the church. Marion Sergel suggested that paper cups could be put out near the bubblers, and Gary Picard agreed that was a good idea.

Ministry Team : Marsha Mason reported that she was going to follow up with Martha Blodgett on putting the prayer concerns into the church bulletin.

Lay Leader : Sandy Dam reported that she is still helping with the UMW. Sandy Dam will remain the church's Lay Leader until the end of the year, and she will be at CCUMC once a month.

It was reported that the thrift store and yard sale rooms are ready to open and volunteers are needed to run the project.

Pastor John reported that the Lay Leadership Team is looking into who will become the next Lay Leader.

UMW : Marion Sergel reported that the UMW are having fun, and that it is an active group.

### **Old Business :**

Tech Grant : Pastor John reported that the Tech Grant application was submitted and he should hear back by June 15, 2021.

Neighborhood Prayer Groups : Pastor John reported that there was a meeting coming up soon at his house.

Summer Get Togethers : Marsha Mason reported that the Right Start Committee had said yes to the Get Togethers. The guidelines are that everyone brings their own food, and there is no sharing of food.

Sandy Dam asked if Hannah Darling would be willing to help plan the Get Togethers, and Pastor John said that he would follow up with her.

Marsha Mason reported that she is also working on getting together small groups of church people to gather and have lunch together.

Church Directory : Garnet Olson reported that she is going to follow up with the Beals again regarding a new church directory.

**New Business :**

Service Live Stream : Pastor John reported that he is looking for ideas on how to make live streaming the worship service while worshipping outside successful. Currently the church is using a cell phone to live stream the service on Facebook. There is currently no You Tube live stream of the service when worshipping outside. There is a concern about having enough internet connectivity to live stream the service. Kevin Hunt reported that Kris Gerrard contacted Charter to discuss upgrading the church's internet connections.

July Council Meeting : There was a discussion about whether to hold a July Council meeting and it was decided that there would be no July Council meeting.

**Closing :**

Joys and Concerns were shared privately among the Council members.

Nancy Luscombe offered a closing prayer of her own creation.

Respectfully Submitted : Gaelle McLoud

Next Meeting : Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 6:30pm in person at CCUMC building.