ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St John UCC
Sunday, November 15, 2026

- Call to order at **9:26 a.m.** Council President, Chris Bushman
- Establishment of Quorum
    - 18 members present *
- Adoption of Previous Minutes
    - Motion by Jeanette Johnson 2nd by Karen Kuhn, motion carried
- Adoption of the Agenda
    - Motion by Linda De Bruin and 2nd by Colleen Holz, motion carried.
- New Business:
    - Financial Whiteboard Presented (see representation below)
        - Donations to the community so far in 2026 = $11,932.09 (see below)
            - Does not reflect Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Donations
    - Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region made a presentation to the church council at their November meeting.
        - They connect gifts to non-profits
            - Two options
                - Endowed Funds
                    - Only interest is spent (any way you like)
                    - Principal is locked in for perpetuity
                - 'Spend Down" Fund
                    - Invest with them and could benefit your own or other organizations
                    - Principal is not locked in
        - Current rate of return on our investments is around 3% and the Community Foundation is averaging 8% (would have to take into account fees, etc.)
    - Our monthly donations are not covering our monthly expenses.
        - Plea to keep this in mind when making donations.
        - Comment that perhaps some of the investment money should be used for the life of the church, including expenses.
    - Vets and friends donated 6 quilts to Korean War Veterans on Veterans Day.
    - Mission Services is sponsoring the meal this coming Wednesday at Vets and Friends (10 a.m.)
    - Pastor Lynn led the prayer at the Veterans Day Ceremony in Kaukauna last Wednesday.
    - Suggestion to hire a marketing firm to promote and grow St. John
        - We have recently purchased banners to promote St. John
    - Please consider ideas for recipients for community donations. Please share this information with a council member.

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- Adjournment **9:49 AM** with motion by Tom Krueger and 2nd by Jeanette Johnson

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Dollevoet

Attendees

* Karen Grosnick, Renee Hein, Chris Bushman, Jeanne Senner, Tom L. Krueger, Bob Schnabl, Kathy Schlichenmayer, Carol Maynard, Gary Holz, Colleen Holz, Karen Kuhn, David Kuhn, Harold Carlson, Cathy Yost, Jeanette Johnson, Pastor Lynn Martin, Yvonne Kaphingst and Linda De Bruin.

Non-member attendees

Tracy Dollevoet, Lucretia Fehrmann, Nanci Huntington, Dale Hintz, and Jan Lucht

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Long Term

American Fund

$200,803.00

3 yr. Annuity 2027

$222,183.00

3 yr. Annuity 2028

$210,000.00

3 yr. Annuity 2029

$200,000.00

Total:

$832,986.74

We have:

$1,341,092.17

Savings

Church
$20,581.73

Community Donation Savings
$3,262.04

Jane Salentine Estate
$417,156.23

Total:
$441,000.00

Cemetery CD
$20,211.73

Music Fund CD
$9689.49

Total CDs:
$29,997.48

St. John UCC-Appleton Community Donations								
Recipient	Notes:	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
		Savings	Interest	Interest	Interest			
NAMI Walk	Sponsor & several members walked	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ 500.00			
Little Dresses for Africa	Member of congregaton sews with group	$ 750.00	$ 745.29	$ 750.00	$ 450.00			
Backpacks for Kids	Community Foundation	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ 500.00			
Altrusa Mental Health	Fundraiser Sponsor	$ 750.00	$ 750.00	$ 750.00	$ 750.00			
Boy Scout Troop 2	Sponsor Camp Scholarships	$ 750.00	$ -	$ -	$ -			
Saving Paws		$ 500.00	$ 750.00					
Pillars	Community fundraiser, matching funds	$ -	$ 1,000.00	$ -	$ -			
Heads Up	Also collect items needed for hygiene	$ -	$ 500.00	Items for donation	$ -			
St. Joe's Food Pantry	We also collect food	$ -	$ 1,000.00	Items for donation	$ 1,000.00			
Spierings Cancer Foundation	Rock Cancer Event	$ -	$ -	$ 500.00	$ -			
Appleton Area School District	Student needs-support, hygiene items	$ -	$ 5,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ -			
Fox Valley Memory Project	Memory Cafes	$ -	$ 1,000.00	$ -	$ -			
Vets and Friends	Some congregation members also serve and provide food donations	$ -	$ 1,000.00	$ -	$ 500.00			
Appleton Housing Authority	Backpacks	$ -	$ 1,000.00	$ -	$ 500.00			
Boys and Girls Club	Also collect items for mental health support	$ -	$ 1,000.00	$ -	$ -			
UCC Disaster Relief	Hurricanes	$ -	$ 5,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ -			
UCC Camp	Moon Beach-in memory of Rev. Klein	$ -	$ 500.00	$ -	$ -			
Church Community Care		$ -	$ -	$ 1,250.00	$ 808.00			
St. John Players	Theater Group in memory of Rev. Klein	$ -	$ 500.00	$ -	$ -			
NAMI Mental Health	Halliday $	$ -	$ -	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,875.00			
Esther Social Justice	Halliday $	$ -	$ -	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,875.00			
Leaven		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 500.00			
Old Glory Honor Flight		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 500.00			
Menasha Tornado Hub	(2) 20ft. Shipping containers until September 2027 ($174.09 every three months)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 174.09			
	Total:	$ 3,750.00	$ 20,745.29	$ 16,250.00	$ 11,932.09			