FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St John UCC
Sunday November 16, 2025

1. Call to order by Council President, Chris Bushman @ 9:17 AM
2. Convening Prayer Pastor Lynn Martin
3. Establishment of Quorum : 20 active members present and signed in*
4. Adoption of Previous minutes from July 20, 2025 meeting: Motion to accept made by Julieann Bushman 2nd by Carol Maynard, Motion carried
5. Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by Karen Kuhn and 2nd by Jeanne Senner. Motion carried.
6. New Business:
    A. 2026 Budget still being worked on, but aside from raises to Pastor Lynn and Tracy, no significant changes expected from the 2025 Budget
    B. ONA-Draft Statement read aloud by Chris Bushman:
        a. Chris Bushman read the draft statement out loud:
            i. Since 1894 St John UCC has served the community through worship services, fellowship activities, volunteer service and church ministries. Sharing joys and challenges together over the years has nurtured a caring church body, committed to living God's unconditional love. We believe that Jesus' examples and teachings encourage us to listen to each other across our differences and build understanding. As a member of the Open and Affirming Coalition, our church values and celebrates diversity. We strive to provide an extravagant welcome to people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, as well as; all physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, and education. Every aspect of our church–worship, communion, programs and fellowship– are accessible to all. As all of us are growing and learning in our varying spiritual paths, we encourage questions and conversation about finding God in scriptures and in our everyday lives. Our commitment to prayer for members and their extended family and friends affirms and strengthens them through difficult times. Following the way of Christ, we engage in compassionate service through both collection projects at church and volunteering at organizations in the community.
        b. Paper ballots were distributed and voting members voted to move forward with this covenant statement and move forward with the process of becoming an Open and Affirming congregation
        c. Votes were tallied and the measure passed unanimously.
            i. The paper ballots have been retained.

1. At the next congregational meeting there needs to be a motion as to whether to retain or destroy these ballots.

C. Mission Giving
    a. Carol Maynard distributed an overview of mission giving (see below).
        i. The Keith Halliday Fund had $11,700 in it.
            1. Council recently used $3000 of this fund to donate to Esther
            2. Council recently used $3000 of this fund to donate to NAMI
            3. $5700 left in the fund-hope to distribute this year or in 2026-let council members if you know of a mission that would fit with Keith's Prison Fellowship/Mental health priorities.
    b. Ideas for mission giving?
        i. Suggestion of using funds to provide transportation to worship services on Sunday mornings-inviting new attendees to stay for coffee hour and/or perhaps lunch?
            1. Uber fund?
    c. The Christmas Fund
        i. Envelopes are available to members to make a donation to this special offering.

7.Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lynn Martin and 2nd @ 9:33 AM.

Respectively Submitted by Tracy Dollevoet, St. John UCC Secretary

Voting members*:

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

Other attendees: Tracy Dollevoet, Dale Hintz, Lucretia Fehrmann

	A	B	C	D	E
1	**Community donations over the years**	**2025**	**2024**	**2023**	**2026**
2		**use investment**	**ised investmen**	**initial building**	**??**
3		**interest**	**interest**	**sale savings**	
4	NAMI Walk (sponsor) several members walked	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	
5	Little Dresses for Africa member of church sews with group	$ 750.00	$ 745.29	$ 750.00	
6	Back Packs thru Community Foundation (July/August each year)	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	
7	ALTRUSA MENTAL HEALTH (fundraiser sponsor-- May)	$ 750.00	$ 750.00	$ 750.00	
8	Boy Scout Troop 2 (sponsor Camp scholarships)	$ -	$ -	$ 750.00	
9	Saving Paws	$ -	$ 750.00	$ 500.00	
10	Pillars (Community fund raiser, matching funds)	$ -	$ 1,000.00		
11	Headsup (we also collect item needed for hygiene)	item donations	$ 500.00		
12	St. Joe's Food Pantry (we also collect food)	food donations	$ 1,000.00		
13	Spiering's cancer foundation "rock cancer"	$ 500.00			
14	Appleton Area School District (student needs support, hygiene)	$ 3,000.00	$ 5,000.00		
15	Fox Valley Memory Project -- (for memory café's)	$ -	$ 1,000.00		
16	Vets and Friends (we have members who also serve meals & food donations)		$ 1,000.00		
17	Appleton Housing Authority - backpacks	$ -	$ 1,000.00		
18	Boys and Girls Club (we also collect items for mental health suppo	$ -	$ 1,000.00		
19	UCC Disaster Relief (hurricanes)	$ 3,000.00	$ 5,000.00		
20	UCC Camp (moon beach) in memory of Rev Klein	one time	$ 500.00		
21	St. John Players (theater group) in memory of Rev Klein	one time	$ 500.00		
22	NAMI MENTAL HEALTH (Halliday $)	$ 3,000.00			
23	ESTHER - SOCIAL JUSTICE (Halliday$)	$ 3,000.00			
24					
25	DOES NOT INCLUDE SPECIAL HALLIDAY FUNDS IN TOTAL	$ 9,000.00	$ 20,745.29	$ 3,750.00	