

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025



**Annual Meeting
January 25, 2026**

**United Church of Christ Congregational
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**Annual Meeting
Proposed Agenda**

**January 25, 2026
10:45 am**

1. Call to Order with opening prayer by *Rev. Alice Ling*
2. Declaration of a quorum (25% of 20 = 5, so 5 is necessary for a quorum)
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Consideration to grant voice to friends of the church
5. Approval of minutes of the last annual meeting – *January 26, 2025*
6. Approval of minutes of the special budget meeting – *November 16, 2025*
7. Reception of Annual Reports
 - Supply Pastor*
 - Executive Board*
 - Clerk*
 - Treasurer*
8. Consideration of change to the Bylaws – Section 1. Membership
9. Election of leadership – *Leadership Report*
 - additional nominations*
 - election*
10. Where do we go from here?
11. Final 2026 budget approval
12. Election of Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting Delegates
 - Doubletree Suites, Southcenter, Seattle, *March 13-14, 2026*
13. Other business
14. Adjournment with closing prayer by *Rev. Alice Ling*

United Church of Christ Congregational – Wallace
Annual Congregational Meeting
January 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ben Crosby at 10:26 a.m. Alice Ling led an opening prayer.

A quorum of 5 was necessary, and Ben declared a quorum with 8 active members and 3 guests present. Geri Bair was reinstated as an active member by Board consensus.

The agenda was adopted and voices granted to friends of the church.

Minutes of the last annual meeting and the special budget meeting were reviewed. Nancy Branstetter moved, and Rick Ehrtsam seconded that we accept both sets of minutes; the motion carried.

Annual Reports

- Supply Pastor
 - Alice Ling asserted her commitment to keep things going, but preparation for worship is more challenging. She hopes guest pastors have been a welcome addition. She would love to hear feedback regarding the remote sermon we had in December.
- Moderator
 - Like Alice, Ben expressed that he thought he would step back from leadership roles. He is concerned about the future of this church. We are doing well now, but we will need more leadership going forward.
- Clerk
 - Membership has dropped from 35 to 20.
- Treasurer
 - Available equity is down around \$5,000 from 2023. The Corinthians group has not been active for several years. The checking account was closed and \$2,700 was added to the main UCC account. The money remains identified in our funds.

Election of Leadership

Rick is transitioning to Treasurer following Ben's ~15 years of service. The leadership roster was proposed as follows:

- Moderator – Benjamin Crosby (term ends at the end of the January 2026 annual meeting.)
- Clerk – Katie Bauer (terms ends at the end of the January 2027 annual meeting.)
- Treasurer – Benjamin Crosby transitioning to Rick Ehrtsam (term end at the end of the January 2028 annual meeting.)
- Executive Board at-large – Rick Ehrtsam (term ends at the end of the January 2027 annual meeting); Gail Carlson (term ends at the end of the January 2028 annual meeting); one vacant seat.

It was moved by Nancy and seconded by Geri Bair that we accept the leadership roster; motion carried.

Ben presented the 2025 budget. He explained that we are in the red, but we typically underspend our budget. It was moved by Rick and seconded by Nancy that we accept the budget; motion carried.

The Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting will take place April 25th-27th at the Yakima Convention Center. Rick expressed interest and he and Gretchen will check their calendar.

Alice Holmes offered her thanks to Alice Ling and the Executive Board.

Alice Ling led a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Bauer, Clerk

United Church of Christ Congregational – Wallace
Budget Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ben Crosby. Members Ben Crosby, Alice Ling, Geri Bair, Rick Ehrt, Gretchen Ehrt, Gail Carlson, Katie Bauer, and Nancy Branstetter were present.

Alice asked for feedback regarding the Christmas Eve service. Members agreed that we would like to have a service, but no preference for morning or evening.

Ben presented our budget for 2026. He highlighted the unexpected income we received from the Seventh Day Adventists, but that is not expected to continue for 2026. Ben explained that we have not heard anything regarding our grant application. The grant proposal includes part-time positions shared between UCC Verdale, N-Sid-Sen, and our church. If approved, we would pay a pastor salary and benefits for six months in 2026 and a supply pastor salary for the other six months. Ben pointed out that our proposed expenses would deplete our savings, but the board feels that this will be an investment in our future. There was a short discussion. The budget will be voted on at the annual meeting January 25th.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Bauer, Clerk

Clerk's Report 2026 (fiscal year 2025)

Active members (January 1, 2025)	20
17 regular, 3 associate	
Additions	+1
1. Geraldine Bair (by request)	
Subtractions	-1
1. Thielman, John (by death)	
Active members (December 31, 2025)	20
17 regular, 3 associate	

Acts of Ministry

Baptisms	0
Weddings (members)	0
Weddings (non-members)	0
Weddings (non-members using the building)	1
Funerals (members)	1
Funerals (non-members)	0
Funerals (non-members using the building)	0

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL, Wallace Idaho
Balance Sheet, Asset Allocations, December 31, 2025

ASSETS	General Fund	Emergency Aid Fund	Trust Fund	Corinthians Fund	Memorial Fund	TOTAL
Mountain West - checking	\$1,208.96	\$1,006.40		\$2,718.13	\$1,004.27	\$5,937.76
Capital One - savings	\$22,774.60					\$22,774.60
United Church Funds - Trust Account			\$74,657.25			\$74,657.25
United Church Funds - Savings Account	\$728.79					\$728.79
TOTAL ASSETS	\$24,712.35	\$1,006.40	\$74,657.25	\$2,718.13	\$1,004.27	\$104,098.40
 LIABILITIES						
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
 NET ASSETS						

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL, Wallace Idaho
2025 Financials – 2026 Proposed Budget

Category	Annual Budget	Actual	Difference	2026 Proposed
INCOME CATEGORIES				
Income				
Income: Contributions	\$25,000.00	\$15,071.20	-\$9,928.80	\$15,000.00
Income: Loose offering	\$2,000.00	\$3,020.30	\$1,020.30	\$3,000.00
Income: Interest	\$750.00	\$545.41	-\$204.59	\$600.00
Income: Building use	\$600.00	\$4,650.00	\$4,050.00	\$500.00
Income: Miscellaneous Inc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income Categories Total	\$28,350.00	\$23,367.00	-\$4,983.00	\$19,100.00
EXPENSE CATEGORIES				
Expense				
Expense: Pastor - salary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expense: Pastor - benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expense: Pastor - professional	\$0.00	\$3,848.32	\$3,848.32	
Expense: Pastor - pulpit supply	\$13,520.00	\$9,400.00	-\$4,120.00	\$10,400.00
Expense: Pastor – pulpit supply mileage				
Expense: Building - utilities	\$6,500.00	\$5,102.70	-\$1,397.30	\$4,000.00
Expense: Building - insurance	\$7,927.00	\$7,927.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Expense: Building - maintenance	\$2,400.00	\$1,987.63	-\$412.37	\$8,799.00
Expense: Building - custodial	\$1,245.00	\$310.00	-\$935.00	\$2,400.00
Expense: Building - office supplies	\$200.00	\$77.75	-\$122.25	\$1,200.00
Expense: Program - general	\$200.00	\$55.00	-\$145.00	\$200.00
Expense: Program - advertising	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	
Expense: Program - camp scholarships	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	
Expense: Program - music	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	\$200.00
Expense: Outreach - PNC delegates	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	\$200.00
Expense: Outreach - PNC dues	\$162.00	\$120.00	-\$42.00	\$0.00
Expense: Miscellaneous Exp	\$0.00	\$328.44	\$328.44	\$0.00
Expense Categories Total	\$32,954.00	\$29,157.00	-\$3,797.00	\$33,599.00
				-\$14,499.00

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SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT for January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

PERMANENT FUNDS		Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
General Fund (adjusted)		\$30,535.16	\$30,869.17	-\$36,691.98	\$24,712.35
Emergency Aid Fund		\$1,001.40	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$1,006.40
Memorial Fund		\$504.27	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,004.27
Corinthians Fund		\$2,708.59	\$9.54	\$0.00	\$2,718.13
PASS-THROUGH FUNDS		Beginning Balance	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Ending Balance
Trust Fund (adjusted)		\$63,698.00	\$11,162.55	-\$203.30	\$74,657.25
PASS-THROUGH FUNDS		Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
CWS Blanket Fund		\$0.00	\$185.00	-\$185.00	\$0.00
OCWM Fund (adjusted)		\$105.00	\$600.00	-\$705.00	\$0.00
OGHS Fund (adjusted)		\$245.00	\$331.00	-\$576.00	\$0.00
N-Sid-Sen Support		\$0.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00	\$0.00
Relief		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UCC Christmas Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wallace Food Bank		\$0.00	\$263.70	-\$263.70	\$0.00
Wallace Xmas Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

The following changes to the Bylaws of the church are proposed by action of the Executive Board taken December 19, 2025 and communicated to the congregation by letter dated January 11, 2026.

(Additions are indicated in **red**. Deletions are ~~struck through~~.)

CONSTITUTION

Article VI. – Membership

Membership in this church shall be open to any person who has been baptized, has been confirmed, or has made public confession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Members shall pledge themselves to attend the regular worship of the church and the celebration of the Lord's Supper; to live the Christian life; to share in the life and work of the church; to contribute to its support and benevolences; and to seek diligently the spiritual welfare of the membership and the community.

BYLAWS

Section 1. – Membership

Any person desiring to join in the ministry of this church, embracing the purpose as stated in Article IV of the Constitution, may be admitted to the membership of this church by baptism, confirmation, letter of transfer from another church, or reaffirmation of faith.

All members, including Associate Members (see below), are encouraged to take part in the joy and fellowship of congregational life and share in the responsibility of supporting the work and mission of the church. The following principles will govern membership:

1. All members will be classified as “active members” as long as they are present **as best they are able** (i.e. regular in their attendance in worship and/or support the church with their time, talents and/or treasure).
2. **The Executive Board is responsible for overseeing the church membership list. When members have not been active (as described above) for a period of one year, the Executive Board may in their sole discretion classify them as “inactive members” or drop them from the church roles.**
3. ~~Members will be classified as “inactive members” when they have not been present in the church's life for a period of two years.~~
4. ~~Members may be dropped from the rolls when they have been absent from the church's life for a period of four years and have not responded to efforts by the church and/or the Pastor to reach out to them.~~
5. Associate Members are those who hold their primary church membership elsewhere but wish to affiliate with this church. They will be identified as such on the membership list.
6. Any member may request a transfer to another church.
7. Any member may request that their membership be dropped at any time.

~~The Executive Board is responsible for overseeing the membership list.~~ The Clerk is responsible for maintaining the membership records.

PROPOSED LEADERSHIP ROSTER
(for consideration at the January 25, 2026 Annual Meeting)

The names in **bold** are up for election/re-election.

Moderator

- **Benjamin Crosby** (Term ends at the end of the January 2029 annual meeting.)

Clerk

- Katie Bauer (Term ends at the end of the January 2027 annual meeting.)

Treasurer

- Benjamin Crosby (Term ends at the end of the January 2028) annual meeting.)

Executive Board at-large members (3)

- Rick Ehrsam (Term ends at the end of the January 2027 annual meeting.)
- Gail Carlson (Term ends at the end of the January 2028 annual meeting.)
- **Vacant** (Term ends at the end of the January 2029 annual meeting.)