

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 Ehram, Gretchen Ehram, 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