

United Church of Christ Congregational – Wallace
Executive Board Meeting
January 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ben Crosby at 11:12 a.m. Gail Carlson, Ben Crosby, Katie Bauer, Rick Ehrsam, and Alice Ling were present.

Alice Ling led an opening prayer.

The agenda was approved, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The Board agreed not to post minutes online until they are approved.

Supply pastor report: Alice has not heard from Andy CastroLang about supply pastor for the next month. Alice is going to contact Morag Stewart to see if she is interested. The Board agreed we should purchase five Lenten devotionals.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report was received. Equity is down \$6,000 from year-end 2024. We will have final numbers for 2025 once Ben updates the trust account.

Old Business:

1. Adventists—it appears that they are no longer using the building.
2. Front door hinges—Ben will complete in the spring.
3. Hearing assist and bathroom floor projects are on hold for now.
4. Snow management—Rick can handle it when he is here. He is going to inquire with the daycare as well as Amy Lynn & Michelle.
5. Rick will be following up on the furnace.
6. Church safety—tabled for now.
7. Annual report/meeting—Ben presented draft letters for our annual meeting. The letters were approved with minor adjustments.
8. The Board reviewed our membership list and identified members that would receive an additional letter inviting them to re-engage with the church.
9. Clerk's report—includes an updated member count as well as acts of ministry for 2025.
10. Leadership roster & Bylaws—the roster will be presented at the annual meeting, and it includes a vacancy. The proposed Bylaws changes will also be presented.
11. Budget—the Board reviewed the proposed budget considering the rejected grant proposal. Ben suggested we revisit the budget in six months as our current plan is not sustainable. Gail suggested that we address this during the service on the 25th so the congregation is aware. The Board plans to look at options such as streaming parts of our Sunday service from another church.

Calendar: Annual meeting: January 25th
Next Executive Board meeting: February 8th

Alice Ling led a closing prayer.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Bauer, Clerk