

United Church of Christ Congregational – Wallace
Executive Board Meeting
February 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ben Crosby at 11:00 a.m. Gail Carlson, Ben Crosby, Katie Bauer, Rick Ehram, Phil Howard, and Alice Ling were present.

Alice Ling led an opening prayer.

Ben added “inactive members” to the agenda and the agenda was approved. The minutes from the previous Executive Board meeting were approved. The minutes from the January 25th annual meeting were received. Ben will post the annual meeting minutes to the bulletin board.

Supply pastor report: Andy CastroLang will lead worship on Feb. 22nd. Alice has not heard back from Morag Stewart. Alice purchased five Lenten devotionals, and those were immediately taken, so she has ordered four more. Ben reminded the Board that we previously had an annual calendar to schedule events like One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS.) He will try to present a calendar at our next meeting. OGHS is typically observed in the spring and the Board agreed to promote OGHS at Easter. March 15th could be an issue for Alice to preach due to the annual meeting March 13-14. There was some discussion regarding options for worship that day if no one would like to lead worship.

Treasurer’s report: the Treasurer’s report was received. Ben explained some adjustments that were made because of moving our checking account. The Board walked through the new balance sheet.

Old Business:

1. Annual meeting—the Board agreed the congregation seemed more engaged this year.
2. Front door hinges—Ben will complete in the spring.
3. Inactive members—after receiving no response to our January letter, the Board agreed to drop Joni Krulitz, Jennifer Carrico, Judy Hoffman, Ed & Kathy Vang, and Kasey Haig from our membership list.
4. Hearing assist and bathroom floor projects are on hold for now.
5. Snow management—Rick has arranged Nick to provide snow removal as needed.
6. Rick has been in touch with Flame regarding furnace maintenance. He is very busy right now, and we will get on his schedule in the future.
7. Stove removal—Katie will look for a day to do this in February.
8. Chimney repair—spring project.
9. Church safety—Ben is going to send an email for the Board to review.

New Business:

1. The PA system had issues with feedback on Christmas Eve. What we have is not properly installed, and it is designed for music more than the spoken word. Ben brought up the idea of rearranging the chancel area (acknowledging that we no longer have a need for a choir area.) The PA system could be more mobile and allow for more flexible seating options. Removal of pews would also allow for flexibility in events and worship.
2. Seed planting event—Gabe is putting together a proposal for this.

Calendar: 2/22—Andy CastroLang leads worship
3/13-14: UCC Conference Annual Meeting in Seattle

4/2: Maundy Thursday—we will ask for input from the congregation about whether to hold a service.

Next Executive Board meeting: March 8th

Alice Ling led a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Bauer, Clerk