

United Church of Christ Congregational – Wallace
Executive Board Meeting
April 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ben Crosby at 10:50 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. The minutes from the March 8th Executive Board meeting were approved.

Supply pastor report: there was not an advertisement for Easter in the local paper. The energy and attendance were good during Holy Week.

Treasurer's report: the Treasurer's report was received. Rick inquired how much we are in the red each month. Ben will research this and get back to us.

Old Business:

1. Around 20 attended the seed planting and we received \$110 in donations.
2. Renovations conversation
 - a. PA system—we could spend around \$1,000, but this is not the top priority.
 - b. Chancel—Ben is getting some measurements and a quote for re-carpeting the chancel area if we remove the choir lofts and open the space.
 - c. We have an example chair to consider for the nave. 100 chairs delivered would be \$8,000.
 - d. The carpet in the Cedar St. entryway is a high priority. Gail suggested a hard surface that can be cleaned.
3. Snow removal—do we owe anything for this winter? Rick will find out when he is in town.

New Business:

1. Andy CastroLang will be designated Pastor Emerita at Westminster UCC in Spokane on May 31st. Gail suggested we have a cake and celebrate when Andy is in Wallace the week prior.
2. Spring cleanup—there is debris in front of the ramp and in the alley. Rick proposed having Ethan Owens clean the grass area on Cedar St. and add it to his home maintenance invoice.
3. Ben would like us to address the sidewalk and removal of trees on 4th St.
4. The Board approves that we list our two organs for sale and/or removal online.
5. Alice will talk with Vitalant about scheduling a blood drive.

Calendar: 4/19—Andy CastroLang leads worship

5/17—Phil Hodson leads worship

5/24—Andy CastroLang leads worship

6/7—John Pierce memorial

8/8—Walsh/Welk wedding

8/15—Heidi Clawson memorial

Next Executive Board meeting: May 3rd

Alice Ling led a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Bauer, Clerk