United Church of Christ Congregational – Wallace
Executive Board Meeting
September 13, 2026

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

Alice Ling led an opening prayer.
The agenda was approved. The minutes from the August 9th meeting were received.

Supply Pastor's report: Advent devotionals: the Board approved the purchase of 5 printed copies. We will create a flyer for the digital version. The Board agreed to observe Blanket Sunday in November. Alice would like us to think about a plan for October 18th. Pulpit Supply is not available, so the Board has tentatively planned to cover that Sunday with our members. Alice continues to invite feedback regarding pulpit supply. Alice raised the question of our land acknowledgment. After discussion, we agreed that we would like to lift up Native issues in our community, but we would prefer to remove the acknowledgment as it feels like a political practice rather than a spiritual one.

Treasurer's report: the Treasurer's report was received. We continue to slip. A large expenditure is our quarterly insurance payment.

Old Business:

1. Waiting to meet with Seventh Day Adventists regarding a building agreement.
2. Insurance proposal – wait and see what our needs will be moving forward.
3. Renovation
    a. Most items are on hold.
    b. Carpet estimate - $4k for chancel/aisle, $9k for seating area. We are not ready to move on this.
    c. Phil has offered to re-paint the front entrance.
    d. Tree removal – Katie will contact about pruning the maples instead of removal.
    e. Floor maintenance – Phil will see if he can tackle this in November.
    f. Chimney – this is our most urgent project.

New Business:

1. Search committee – the Board would like to establish a committee, but we recognize that coming up with a salary is going to be an issue. We could utilize our trust, but that would only last for a year. Ben proposed that we get in touch with the conference minister to meet with our committee and the Board agreed.

Calendar:
October 7-21 – Alice/Ben on vacation
October 11 – Hannah Klassen pulpit supply
October 18 – UCC members leading worship

Next Executive Board meetings: October 4th, November 8th
Alice led a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Bauer, Clerk