Community UMC

Church Council Minutes

May 13, 2026

Present: Rich Fleming, Craig Colling, Evie Burke, Nicki Anderson, Sarah Cline, Deacon Sharon Rice, Amanda Zigterman, Emily Les, Mary Catherine Long, Mark Norman

- **Devotional: Deacon Sharon**
  - Honoring our graduates this weekend
  - Each individual has gifts that are unique and intentional
- **Opening prayer: Deacon Sharon**
- **God Up Moments**
  - Rich: Number of seed packets collected
  - Deacon Sharon: Confirmation upcoming; Discussing Trinity
    - Caterpillar becomes a chrysalis, becomes butterfly
  - Nicki: Duet by Pastor Jacob and Drew last Sunday
- **Approval of March 11, 2026 minutes**
  - Motion to approve: Craig Colling
    - Second: Nicki Anderson
    - Unanimous approval
- **Finance: George Groves**
  - Absent; no report
- **Trustees: Craig Colling**
  - HVAC proceeding as planned
    - Have been spending some money
    - City confirmed we are not in right of way between Ss. Peter and Paul
  - Trustee workdays recently
    - Painting
    - Hanging blinds
  - Summer workdays for all church upcoming
- **SPRC: Mark Norman**
  - Hired Andrew Salyer as Director of Traditional Worship
  - Wrapping up evaluations for Deacon Sharon and Pastor Jacob
- **Church Foundation: Craig Colling**
  - Accounts doing okay with stock market fluctuation
  - Evie Burke took role as treasurer
  - Some responses regarding fall mailing re: trusts and foundation
    - Hoping for additional response
    - Annual mentions
  - Planning audit with Sharon de Waard
- **Lay Leader of Faith Formation: Emily Les**
  - Sunday school classes wrapping up for the summer
  - Confirmation: One CUMC on May 31
  - Inventory and clean out Sunday school rooms
    - Paint 205 and 207
  - Learn, Play, Action over summer
    - Last summer was offered only during On Center

        - This year will include traditional service as well
    - Week of July 20th: Creative Arts Camp
- **Lay Leader of Outreach: Nicki Anderson**
    - Diversity:
        - 4/10: Civil Engagement Workshop by Jaden
            - 26 people attended
            - Encourage future student-led workshops
        - 3/28, 2pm: No Kings on Rotary Hill
            - Attendees met and walked together
        - 5/14: World Relief, Lauren Visser: Immigration, Population Served by WR
    - Marketing: No report
    - Hunger/Missions:
        - Seed drive was a success! Collected 5,738 packets of seeds
            - Double the number from last year
            - CHA contact sent lovely message of thanks
        - 752 lbs of supplies to Loaves and Fishes and PADS
    - Met with Geneace Williams- Director of DEI, Naperville
        - Would love to have CUMC get involved
            - Intergenerational
            - Book Read Partnership
            - Human Library
            - Women's History Month Panel
            - Youth Round Table
- **Lay Leader of Worship: Katie Lapham (via Deacon Sharon)**
    - No report
    - Highlight different culture each month
        - May- Asian American month
- **Deacon Sharon's Remarks**
    - List volunteer responsibilities at church
        - How do we make sure everyone feels welcome?
        - How do we encourage people to stay? Come back?
        - Can you explain the "WHY" of your ministry?
    - "The Wrong Volunteer"
        - Aloof
        - Veteran: resistant to change
        - Erratic
        - Rebellious: divisive nature
        - Indifferent
    - "The Right Volunteer"
        - Valued: know they are safe; time respected; valued for who they are
        - Included: "show vs. tell"; debrief after event
        - Connected: know team members, leader, know key people
        - Challenged: mission focused; seek the "why"; don't be afraid to ask
    - Confused people don't say yes
        - Smaller steps produce clarity; clarity cultivates trust
        - Invite them; take them on a tour to understand; shadow; commit
            - Apply these gifts outside the church

- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, July 15th at 7pm
    - Communicate with Council by email: ChurchCouncil@onecumc.net
- **Closing Prayer: Deacon Sharon**
    - Pray for Nancy W. - broke her elbow
- **Meeting close:** 7:37pm

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Zigterman