

**Montrose United Methodist Church  
Church Council Agenda  
July 28, 2025 at 5:15  
In Person and Via Zoom**

**Members Present**

Gary Preslan  
Connie Pittenger  
Reverend Kevin  
Nancy Johnson  
Roberta Crabtree  
Stan Hayes  
Nancy Zaenger  
Krista Drake  
Kevin Meiners  
Shane Forrest, Secretary

**Via Phone**

Annie Hauck

**Guests**

Steve Gray  
Priscilla Fishing  
Sally Lovett  
Barb Sharrow

Gary Preslan opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Recommendation and motion from Finance Team – Kevin Meiners**

The Finance Committee made a motion to move \$50,000 from the Renovation Account to the Methodist Helping Methodists Loan to help reduce the amount of the loan. The vote was favorable.

**Round Table – Updates from Church Council members**

- Krista Drake for Endowment Trust: the money that was not utilized for the unhoused effort was returned to the Endowment Trust. A portion of that amount was donated to the Lighthouse.
- Krista also reported on the conversations that have happened and that will be happening with those who have left the church or are considering leaving the church. Not all who were invited to meet were interested due to various reasons.
- Reverend Kevin shared that the Nominations Committee is working hard to fill committees and it has been a challenge.
- Stan Hayes shared that 5 men from UMM will be helping with Granny's Attic. On Friday, October 10, the UMM would like to host a dinner for the congregation, friends, relatives, and anyone else who would like to attend. This will serve as a fundraiser for the UMM.
- Kevin Meiners reported for Finance. As of June 30, YTD, we are about \$36,000 in the red. According to the budget, we are averaging a \$4,800 shortage per month. The numbers that there will be a shortage for the month of July well.
- Connie, as the Lay Delegate, shared there is nothing to report from the Annual Conference. The results of all conferences voting will be released in November.
- Nancy Johnson from Trustees shared that she is getting bids for trimming the trees. The bids range between \$3,000 and \$7,000. She is also looking into how to get the ramp door fixed.

- Roberta Crabtree shared that Women of Faith will start meeting September 10. They are also hosting the United Women in Faith Annual Gathering on Friday, October 17.

### **Trespassing Enforcement Authorization with Montrose Police Department – Shane Forrest**

The Unhoused Ministry Workgroup made a motion that the church sign the Trespassing Enforcement Authorization with the Montrose Police Department. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. It was recommended to be specific in the agreement with the hours that the church is ok with people on the property. It was recommended that the times allowed should be sunrise to sunset. The vote was favorable.

### **Set date for all church meeting to update congregation and answer questions – Krista Thompson, Annie Hauck, Shane Forrest**

Krista addressed the fractured state of our church. She suggested that we have a meeting with the congregation to answer questions and provide information about what has been happening with the unhoused. Krista will provide donuts. Shane offered the FAQ document the Unhoused Ministry Workgroup has put together to be emailed to the congregation. . The first Information Session will be held at fellowship on Sunday, August 10.

### **City of Montrose Thoughts – Connie Pittenger**

Connie expressed her concerns regarding the current legal issues with the City. She recommends:

- Attend the City Council meetings on August 5 and 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Speak during the Public Comment Section of the meeting on the behalf of what our Church has done for the guests we did have. You are allowed to speak for 3 minutes.
- Attend the Pre-Trial Conference on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to provide emotional support for Rev. Kevin and Jock Fleming.
- Attend the Trial on September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. We need to pack that Municipal Court Room to show support for our efforts of supporting a few members of the Unhoused Community.

Kevin closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next regular meeting August 25, 2025 at 5:15pm. Krista and Roberta will co-chair the meeting.

Notes submitted by Shane Forrest.