

## **MCCC Board Minutes**

### **September 20, 2026**

**In Attendance:** Carolin Newell, Rev. Cynthia Klingemier, Jon Secaur, Linda Idoine, Steve Hurd, Pat Hoskin, Mike Hoskin, Brian Hurd, Carol Magyarics, Brian Summerlin, Randy Alger, and Sandi Kossick.

The meeting began with a prayer/meditation, the writing of cards to congregation members, and a light lunch.

**\* Stewardship & Finance Report:** In Jay's absence, Brian Hurd reviewed a listing of the church's assets. Jay will be investigating what the proper amount of money is to keep in savings and will consider moving it to gain a better interest rate. He has also planned to come back to the Board with details of newly named accounts, to make the finances easier to understand. We are currently staying on budget but will have to re-think ACH.

Furthermore, the Finance Team and the Treasurer would like to place the basic financial information in the bulletin to be started within the next couple of weeks. We have done this in the past, and it seemed to be helpful with keeping everyone well informed. Jay will contact Sandi with specific information to be included in the bulletin. Brian also noted that the Stewardship Campaign will be starting next month after World Communion Sunday on October 4th.

Additionally, it was proposed to accept the resignation of Marcia Page as Treasurer, and to accept, as of July 1, 2026, the hiring of Jay Schabel as our new Mantua Center Christian Church Treasurer. The proposal was unanimously accepted by all Board members.

**\* Elder's Report:** Linda Idoine spoke on behalf of the Elder's noting that they are getting ready to do something special for the current college students. All Elder's have been assigned a shepherd's list and all congregants should have been contacted by their new elder by now.

**\* Pastors Report:** Rev. Cynthia indicated that the Transition team will pass along the collected information from the Congregational Café to the Search Team. They will then be able to complete our Church Profile. She stressed that until the Profile is completed, we cannot get advertising done to begin the search for a permanent Pastor. This actual process will probably not happen until sometime in January.

**\* Trustee Report:** Brian Summerlin noted that there are not a lot of items at this time to address, but that the Trustees will be doing more general repairs around the building through the winter. It was noted that the 3 chairs on Chancel are looking worn and at least in need of repair. Also, the front sign of the church will need updating with "Open and Affirming" and our new logo. Brian will check into the cost.

\* **Personnel Committee:** Steve Hurd noted that it has been about 3 weeks since he last had contact with Sarah Park, our former Music Director. In the meantime, he has hired Dr. Adam Smith, as our new Music Director. Steve also noted that the Worship Team will have to consider the possibility of changing times for Christmas events. We are sharing Adam with Hiram Christian Church who hired him first. (We are not sharing the cost; we are paying totally separately from Hiram Church as we did with Sarah.) On a separate note, Adam has offered up the possibility of him performing a Christmas concert as a fundraiser and noted that he is also willing to lead the MCCC Choir. The Worship Team will address each of these possibilities with him to get a clear picture.

\***Worship Team:** In Rick Painley's absence, Carol Magyarics noted that much of her time has been spent recently on the new MCCC Open & Affirming Logo. It will be "rolled out" next Sunday (Sept. 27th) and we're excited about that. It has already been displayed on our website. Carol and Sandi also commented how pleased they are at having Cynthia and now Adam be so willing to have all their necessary information presented for the bulletin way ahead of time. Steve Stork was also wonderful about getting in his information ahead of time. *We are praying this format will continue when we hire our new permanent Pastor!*

On a side note, we will be resuming regular "Special Music" in the bulletin that will now be listed by a new title called "*Musical Offerings*." We look forward to hearing from Ryan & Karly Lind, Steve Stork, the MCCC Choir, the MCCC Handbells, and any "unforeseen" musical talents we have among us!

\* **Bicentennial Committee:** Per Steve Hurd, Chair of the committee, they will be meeting again and want to get the available merchandise ready to be purchased SOON! All are anxious to get the link sent out to the congregation and displayed on our website for purchase!

\* **New Business:** The Regional Assembly will be held on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at Camp Christian this year. Several are attending this event, and if you would like to be part of this experience, please contact Steve Hurd and we will figure out carpooling. 330-842-0026

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandi Kossick, Secretary

**Our next meeting will be Sun. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12pm.  
Brian will provide a light lunch.**