

**UMC Congregational Meeting
May 31, 2026**

Present: Karl Ahrendsen, Dave Bepler, Rob & Jenn Bies, Molly Bletz, Cathy Bresee, Hope Brubaker, Carolyn Brubaker, Rodney Brubaker, Mary Derstein, Paula Droege, Jean Landis, Carmen & Tim Groff, Joyce & Marvin Hall, Faith King, Dennis & Karen Kelly, Nel Kopp, Ken & Laura Litwiller, Leah & Fidele Lumeya, Doug McPherson, Sue Miller, Sally & Mark Minnich, Jim Pierce, Jim Prowant, Laura & Matt Rooke, Jim Rosenberger, Gloria Horst Rosenberger, Micah, Ben & Daniel Schonberg, Rick & Kathleen Stehouwer, Melody Thompson, Ruth K. Tillman, Edna Troyer, Leslie Webb, Ben & Meredith Wideman, Joel Weidner, Doug & Vonda Yoder, Terry Yoder

Opening: Reading – Joel read Corinthians 1:4-12 (Gifts of the Spirit text)

Documents referred to in this meeting can be viewed at:

[Congregation Meeting 2026-05-31 – University Mennonite Church](#)

Affirmation of Volunteer Positions for 2026-2027 Church Year– Joel Weidner

While children were present Joel solicited the congregation for people to:

Read scripture and many volunteered.

Special music and several volunteered.

A.V. operators and a few spoke up

Ushers no additional volunteers

Bulletin cover art a few additional volunteers

Children were dismissed to the park for play and pizza lunch

Joel reviewed the list of Positions and Volunteers, pointing out positions that have no volunteers and asking if there are any additional volunteers. (see url above for a complete list)

- Dave Bepler moved that we accept the slate of volunteers. Motion passed

Previous Meeting Minutes –

Minutes from November 23, 2025 and May 3, 2026 meeting were presented.

- Terry Yoder moved that we accept the minutes from both meetings. Motion passed

Approval of Covenant between Ben Wideman and University Mennonite Church– Joel Weidner

The covenant document prepared jointly with the leadership team and Ben was presented and discussed. This covenant and compensation package will be in effect from June 1, 2026, until August 31, 2027.

- Tim Groff moved that we approve the covenant. Motion passed

Financial Update and Proposed Budget – Jim Rosenberger

Jim presented and reviewed the current Financial Balance Sheet and the Budget vs Actual. We are 9 months into the fiscal year, and we are financially on track.

Jim then presented the Proposed 2026-27 Budget which included the compensation package for Ben's serving as our pastor.

- Jim Rosenberger moved that we accept the proposed budget. Motion passed

Fellowship Committee – Sue Miller

- The 2nd oven is not working and asked for permission to purchase a replacement

Meeting House Committee – Gloria Rosenberger

Gloria said that the carpet in the entryway, vestibule and nursery will be cleaned this week and asked that everyone help move furniture from that area after the meeting. She also said that the new floor in the Fellowship Hall will be installed during the week of June 8.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm

Minutes by Marvin Hall