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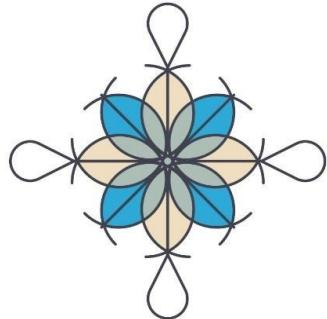
2025 Annual Report

Annual Congregational Meeting
January 25, 2026

*We know that **in all things God works** for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28*

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**Connecting to people. Growing together.
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At WCC our vision is

Connecting to people and caring for their real needs.
Growing together in Christ.
Elevating God in all of life.

Connecting to people means starting where we already are, building meaningful relationships with the people God has put in our lives. It means sharing the love of Christ with them in both word and action, helping meet their real needs.

Growing together means building relationships in the church, bringing new people into a real community. It means caring for and supporting each other as we grow together in Christ and become the people He created us to be.

Elevating God means glorifying God in everything we do in all of life. It means worshiping him together, and trusting him to work to accomplish his good, perfect and pleasing will for us.

This is the vision we believe God has given us, and this vision shapes everything we do; all our plans and all our work. This is who we believe God is calling us to be at Woodbury Community Church.

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Woodbury Community Church
Annual Business Meeting Agenda
January 25, 2026

Welcome	Pastor TJ Turner
Call to Order	Tom Nelson, Moderator
Opening Prayer	Mark Baden, Elder
Welcome New Members	Tom Nelson, Moderator
2025 Meeting Minutes	
Elder's Report	Tom Nelson, Moderator
Pastor's Report—2025 Review	Pastor TJ Turner
Ministry Reports:	
• Kids Hope Ministry Report	Bill Aamodt
• Youth Ministry Report	Angie Brosard
• Small Groups Testimony	Roger Proch
• Questions on Other Reports	Tom Nelson, Moderator
2026 Ministry Plans	Pastor TJ
• Bring People In	
• Grow Together	Mark Baden, Elder
• Grow in Christ	
Financial Reports	Greg Faessler, Treasurer
• 2025 Financial Review	
• Presentation of 2026 Budget	
• Adoption of 2026 Budget	
Presentation of Officer and Elder Nominees	Nancy Bauman
Closing Prayer	Congregation
Adjourn	Roger Proch, Co-Moderator

WCC Annual Meeting Minutes

February 2nd, 2025

Jen Aamodt, Clerk

Welcome – Pastor TJ Turner

Call to Order – Bill Aamodt, Co-Moderator

Meeting called to order at: 12:06 pm

Attendance:

- In-person Members: 38
- In-person Nonmembers: 3

Opening Prayer – Mark Baden, Elder

2024 Meeting Minutes – Bill Aamodt

- **Motion made and approved by unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the minutes.**
- **Motion made and approved by unanimous consent to accept the minutes as written.**

Elder's Report – Bill Aamodt

- Develop the spiritual life of WCC
- Elders meet monthly to discuss the direction that God is leading WCC,
- Devotions at Elder Board Meetings, prayers for specific WCC members and others who need prayer.
- A leadership study was started and is continuing for the elders and other leaders in our church.
- Natural Church Development (NCD) Survey was presented to the congregation and a majority of members took the survey. The results were very positive with all areas showing remarkable improvement over the last survey. Pastor TJ/Elders took steps to address the lowest results on the survey (please see WCC 2024 Elders Report in Agenda)

Pastor's Report, 2024 Review – Pastor TJ Turner

The real transition that WCC experienced was a transition in our vision and identity as a church.

Believe – To believe God is doing a new thing at WCC, empowering us, as we are, to bring refuge to the disconnected people around us.

- Prayer emphasis, small groups, Kids Hope, Sharing life and youth ministries.
- NCD Assessment results were very encouraging as it found that the overall spiritual health of WCC had grown in every area, across the board.

Connect - Connect with the hurting and disconnected people around us through practical ministry and compassionate care.

- Small groups expanded, new leaders stepped up. Continued Welcome Lunches, Sharing Life, VBS, Trunk or Treat and Grief Share.

Focus – Focus our efforts on the things God has led us to.

- Some ministries ended, others expanded and some were new.

Ministry Reports:

- Children's Ministry/Youth Report - groups need volunteers
- Questions on Other Reports – Bill Aamodt: No questions

2025 Ministry Plans – Pastor TJ Turner

Equip – To equip everyone at WCC for the ministry God is calling us to both in the church and in the rest of our lives.

- Ministry Huddles to provide training to help us serve with confidence. Pete Singer, elder discussed upcoming huddles.
- Small groups to build relationships.
- Seminars to equip us for Gods work

Connect – To connect with the hurting and disconnected people around us through practical ministry and compassionate care. This second goal remains the same and continues into 2025.

- Continue with Kids Hope at Middleton Elementary School. Stephanie Ashrafi and Terri Beran gave updates.
- Continue with Grief Share
- Find new ways to connect with people already in our lives.
- Outreach events.

Bring People In – To bring new people in to connect and build relationships at WCC.

- Continue to host Welcome Lunches
- Continue to grow Small Groups and develop an ongoing group where new people can connect as they are ready.

Financial Reports – Greg Faessler, Treasurer

- 2024 Financial Review – Greg recapped the 2024 budget and the details of the actual giving and expenses for the year. He showed the Balance Sheet of WCC. Greg acknowledged the work of the 2024 budget committee.
- Presentation of the 2025 Budget – Greg explained the rationale behind the 2025 budget process and how the expenses and giving amounts were calculated.

- Discussion of Admin salary changes
- Turner family excused from meeting – Discussion of Senior Pastor salary changes
- Nygren family excused from meeting; Turner family returned – Discussion of Worship Leader salary changes
- Discussion of Kids Ministry Director salary changes
- Discussion of Nursey Director salary changes
- 2025 budget discussions continued.
- Adoption of the 2025 Budget – A motion was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous consent to accept 2025 budget.

Presentation of Officer and Elder Nominees – Nancy Bauman

- Motion made and approved by unanimous consent to close nominations.
- Motion made and approved by unanimous consent to accept the slate of officers.

Closing Prayer – Congregation

- Motion made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 1:28pm

Adjourn – Tom Nelson, Moderator

Respectfully submitted: Jen Aamodt, Clerk

Elders Report

Tom Nelson, Moderator

Elder Board Members: Tom Nelson (Moderator), Jen Aamodt (Clerk), Greg Faessler (Treasurer), Cindy Ekern, Mark Baden, Roger Proch, (Pete Singer until stepping down in April 2025 due to his health)

The Elders met monthly throughout the year and dealt with the issues of maintaining the church and its programs. We also prayed for the members of our Church. Here are some highlights of our year:

- Reviewed and updated the Church membership roll
- Reviewed and approved the Church budget for the coming year
- Hosted a Child Safeguarding Seminar presented by Pete Singer to help all of our kids ministry volunteers and other leaders better serve and protect our kids.
- Met with John Kimball of the CCCC to engage in a Vista Assessment of WCC
- Hosted a Peacemaking Seminar led by Ray DeLaurier of the CCCC
- Participated in a Church Development Seminar led by John Kimball
- Hosting a 3-day VBS at the Church
- Hosting a fall festival (Trunk or Treat) at the church
- Replacement of 3 classroom windows
- Met with Alfrieda Baldwin of Laurel Community School and approved their use of our facilities for the upcoming school year
- Participation in a food drive with donations going to Basic Needs Food Shelf in Cottage Grove and the Little Free Food Shelf located at the entrance to the Church

The Elders want to extend a special thank you to our outgoing members, Cindy Ekern who is finishing up a 3-year term and Tom Nelson also finishing up a 3-year term.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Nelson, Moderator

Pastor's Annual Report

2025: Reaching out

Pastor TJ Turner

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Ephesians 3:20-21

The last year and a half have really marked a new phase in the life of WCC. After a several year process of developing a new vision and seeking direction from God, the last 18 months have been all about taking the next step and following where God has led us, the next step in living out the vision we developed together.

That vision begins with Connecting to People. So, for the past year and a half, our primary focus has been on connecting, and living out the belief that **God is calling us to reach out to the disconnected, struggling people around us and bring them in.** For 2025, we worked to do that in three primary ways.

Equip

First, we understood the process of reaching out has to begin here. After all, stepping into the work of God in our lives requires faith and courage. So, our first goal for 2025 was: *To equip everyone at WCC for the ministry God is calling us to both in the church and in the rest of our lives.* Throughout the year, we worked to do that in a number of different ways

- **Ministry Huddles** – One of the first steps we took was to develop Ministry Huddles. These were training events developed for each distinct ministry at WCC, intended to help everyone involved step out and trust God to work through them. Through the year, we held huddles for our Welcome Team, Worship Team, Sound and Video Team, Kids Hope, and for our Kids Ministry Teams, working to help equip each ministry to serve the Lord and WCC with faith and assurance that he will work through us.
- **Training Seminars** – We also took part in two larger training seminars in 2025. First, we hosted a Safeguarding Seminar for our leaders and for everyone involved in Kids Ministry at WCC. Pete Singer led us through an eye-opening and incredibly helpful process of learning how to protect our kids and to be more aware of abuse and recognize the ways we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in the lives of hurting families. We're profoundly grateful to

Pete for his willingness to lead us through one of his last trainings, and to and to Chris, Emily, Cassie, and Andrew for graciously sharing him with us at that time.

Second, our CCCC Regional Pastor, Ray DeLaurier, led us through a seminar on Biblical Peacemaking. This was an amazing event, helping us learn how to both heal and prevent conflict in the church in ways that honor God and grow our faith.

- **Leadership Training** – in addition, we held leadership training events throughout the year to better equip all of our ministry leaders to help us grow in our faith as we follow Jesus. We also continued to work with the CCCC Director of Church Development, John Kimball, on our denomination's church development process to help ensure WCC is a healthy, Gospel-centered church.
- **Small Groups** – of course, one of the most important ways we worked to equip everyone was through our small groups as we came together to study the word of God, to grow our faith, and to recognize the places he is calling us to reach out with the good news of his love.

Connect

Once we began working to connect, the next goal was: *To connect with the hurting and disconnected people around us through practical ministry and compassionate care.* We worked to do this in three primary ways.

- **Connection-focused Ministries** – First, we continued to develop several ministries that help connect very directly to the people around us. This includes Kids Hope - through which 7 church members were able to mentor kids at Middleton Elementary and Lake Middle School, and GriefShare, where we have had the opportunity to minister to dozens of grieving people, sharing the hope of Christ with them.
- **Outreach Events** – Second, we held several outreach events through the year that were intended to help us connect. This included an Egg Hunt at Easter, our Trunk or Treat in October where an estimated 400+ kids stopped by, VBS in the summer that enabled us to invite in kids from the community around us, and a food drive during the Christmas Season.
- **Individual Outreach** – finally, but most importantly, we worked to encourage everyone at WCC to recognize the opportunities we all have to reach out. After all, the mission of God isn't just for us as a church, it's for each of us as God's Ambassadors called to the ministry of Reconciliation.

Bring People In

That leads to our last goal for 2025, which was to *bring new people in to connect and build relationships at WCC*. We worked to do that in a few primary ways.

- **Welcome Lunches** – Our Welcome Lunches continued to be an important way people connect and begin to build relationships.
- **Fellowship Meals** – Over the summer, we transitioned to fellowship meals. These were smaller, more focused opportunities for people to build relationships beyond the surface, to make real connections and find the kind of supporting relationships the church of Jesus was designed to be about from the beginning.
- **Small Groups** – and again, this ultimately led to small groups, where people were invited to come in, build relationships, pray for and support each other, and grow together in the word of God. Through 2025, we saw small groups grow and change, with new people taking part and new relationships forming as we followed Christ together.

In all of these things, *God has done more than we asked or imagined*. After all, in 2025, we have seen people come to faith in Jesus and be baptized. We've seen new families come in and find the support they need. We've seen struggling families find food to make it through and support in their hardship. We've seen grieving people find hope and isolated people find real connection. We've seen our church grow, not because we have the most amazing pastor or the most dynamic worship (as great as our worship is!), but because we have been the church of Jesus, a place people come together, where all the divisions the world creates are overcome by the power of Jesus, where we have connected to Jesus and each other as he works to build a kingdom of peace and goodness and grace.

So join us for what comes next as we follow Christ together.

Trusting him to build His Church,

Pastor TJ

Children's Ministries Report

Mai Yer Moua

Volunteers

In 2025, the Children's ministry team started with 6 volunteers: Stephanie Ashrafi, Terri Beran, Jill Boltin, Val Ashrafi, Elise Brossard (Youth), and Eden Moua. As the year progressed, the team grew by 3. They are: Paula Beason, Brenda Minette, and Willem Obermoller (Youth).

Attendance

Our average weekly attendance for 2025 is 5 kids in one Sunday. This was the same as last year. Graduates this year were 3 students who moved on to Youth. Lastly, at most we had 7 students in one Sunday, and at the least we 0 kids a few times this year.

VBS

Our biggest event during this season was Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year's theme was "Live It Out", with each day focusing on a different way to live like Jesus: loving one another, forgiving one another, and serving one another. Children learned Bible stories, memorized verses, and participated in activities that brought these lessons to life. The program ran for three days and was made possible by the dedication of 26 volunteers—both those serving directly with the kids and those assisting behind the scenes. (See full list of volunteers below.)

*Sandy Nelson, Chris Rudd, Mike Rudd, Dan Beran, Terri Beran, Jen Aamodt
Bill Aamodt, Joseph Ketter, Vicki Simpson, Karalee Kem, Kerstin Turner
Ellie Turner, Pastor TJ, Sam Turner, Eden Moua, Stephanie Ashrafi
Ardy Ashrafi, Val Ashrafi, Kay Youngblom, Rich Youngblom, Liz Nygren
Jim Nygren, Hope Edwards, Clarice Nelson, Jill Boltin, Lori Nelson*

We had between 13–17 children attend each day, ranging from ages 3 to 12. While our original goal was to reach 30-40 kids, this experience provided valuable insight for planning next year. We intend to be more intentional with our outreach and will consider which age groups, times of day, and days of the week best serve the families we want to reach.

A highlight of our curriculum was the opportunity to give and serve. We partnered with Soles4Souls, and together we collected 207 pairs of shoes and \$12 in monetary donations.

Another new element we introduced this year was transportation, providing pick-up and drop-off for children without a way to get to VBS. This helped make our program accessible to more families within our community.

Curriculum

The curriculum used to teach the children this year was the Gospel Project. There were also lessons in biblical vocabulary words, The Lord's Prayer, and memorized scriptures. Some of the memorized scriptures are Proverbs 3:5, James 1:17, and Psalm 136.

Nursery Ministry Report

One of the exciting new developments in 2025 was the development of a regular Nursery Ministry for younger kids. Starting at the end of 2024, Cassie Molina led our nursery ministry. Throughout the year, the number of kids varied, with up to 9 kids under 3 years old playing together in the nursery, enabling their families to worship, knowing their kids are being well taken care of.

Thanks so much to Cassie and our nursery volunteers, Liz Nygren, Clarice Nelson, Karalee Kem, and Christine Ruud for serving our kids!

Youth Ministry Report

Angie Brossard and Bill Aamodt

The 2025/26 youth group started with a change of leaders. Bill Aamodt volunteered to help lead the youth group for the year with Angie Brossard. Three gatherings were held in the fall of 2025.

There are nine "regular" students participating. In addition, there have been a number of friends of the students joining us. We started the "Christianity Explored" course and will continue it throughout the school year. We also did a volunteer activity in December: Feed My Starving Children.

Prayerfully submitted by Angie Brossard and Bill Aamodt

Kids Hope Ministry Report

Bill Aamodt & Denae Vanden Berg

Mission and Vision

Our Kids Hope ministry creates one-on-one mentoring relationships between our church volunteers and students, meeting with one student for one hour each week during the school day, fostering stability and encouragement to children who can benefit from a caring adult in their life.



Volunteers

This calendar year we completed our first full school year of mentoring at Middleton Elementary (September 2024 thru May 2025), ending the year with 7 mentors and 7 prayer partners. This September, we started our second school year, and were able to extend our mentorship to Lake Middle School, following our first student who graduated from Elementary and moved to Middle School. We currently have 6 mentors at Middleton and 1 mentor at Lake.

We've continued to support our 7 mentors who continued this school year, and have gained two new Prayer Partners this year replacing two volunteers from last school year. We also transitioned leadership roles this year as both co-directors moved on from their roles.

Special Events

The WCC family supported our ministry in the following special events:

- During Mentoring Month in January we showed our appreciation and gratitude to the mentors who give their time and support to students each week.
- During Teacher Appreciation Month in May, we provided a snacks to the teachers at Middleton Elementary along with a card signed by our volunteers thanking the teachers for the work they do each day
- During August, we supported a Kids Hope Supply Box drive, buying new supplies and games for our volunteers to use during their mentoring hours.
- We invited each student and their family to our Trunk or Treat event and our Christmas Party and Christmas Eve services.

Conclusion

As our mentors began their second year of mentoring the students, we have seen week by week the relationships between mentors and students continue to deepen and strengthen and our relationships with each school grow and expand.

We are grateful to our mentors, who show up each week and allow their students to feel loved and seen. We appreciate our prayer partners who support our mentors in the hard times and rejoice in the good times. Prayer is the backbone of this ministry and this role is often unnoticed but critical to all we do. We are deeply grateful to Stephanie Ashrafi and Terri Beran who stood up this program and grew it to over 15 volunteers working to support two schools. We thank God for their ministry and the work they've done to ensure our work with Kids Hope will continue.

Last, we ask the WCC family to pray for the students to whom we mentor. Pray that each child will see and feel God's love through their mentor and experience a sense of how special that child is to God.

Submitted by Bill Aamodt and Denae Vanden Berg

Facilities Report

Jim Nygren

Fortunately this year mostly consisted of normal work and maintenance.

Thanks to Clarice Nelson, Dan Beran and Bill Aamodt for all of their work on flowers, gardening, furnace filters, etc.. Special thanks to Dan Beran who worked to get a few of our windows replaced down in the MPR. Lots of time researching and meeting with vendors and being present for the installation!

Thanks to everyone who helps maintain our facility throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Nygren, Facility Team Leader

Prayer Ministry Report

Tom Nelson, Prayer Team Coordinator

Here at Woodbury Community Church, we believe in the power of prayer. Throughout the Bible, in the Old and New Testaments, God's people have always been called to be people who pray. We currently have 33 people included on our prayer team and we have a group of 6 to 8 people who meet regularly on Tuesday mornings to pray for our church and for each other. In 2025, our prayer team has also been available to pray with anyone needing prayer after worship. We've also continued to use our prayer wall as a way to encourage everyone at WCC to pray and to seek God's work in our church and in our lives.

Do you have a prayer request? If so, there is a link on the church website that will open a form that you can fill out and submit your request to our prayer team. Our prayer team will pray for your requests right away. If you would like prayer on Sunday morning you can let Pastor TJ know and he can direct you to one of the members of the prayer team who would love to pray with you, or we can meet with you after worship.

So please join us in praying for God's work at WCC. He is faithful to answer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Nelson, Prayer Team Coordinator

Small Groups Ministry Report

Pastor TJ Turner

Bringing People In

One of our core goals in 2025 was to bring people in, to help people connect at a deeper level. One of the most important ways we did that was through our small groups. In 2025 we saw continued growth in our groups, with up to 75% of WCC being connected to groups, taking time to grow in their faith and relationships.

In 2025 we also saw new groups starting and new types of groups developing. A women's Bible study began, with more than a dozen women taking part. Some groups multiplied while others expanded, and different groups studies a variety of topics from studies of the Psalms, to the Gospels, to seeing how the Gospel works out in a community. It's been an exciting year seeing how God has worked and we have grown together in him.

Of course, that's only possible because of everyone who has stepped up to host and lead groups. Thanks so much to Dan and Teri Berran, Mark Baden, Jeff Bau-man, Jim Nygren, Roger Proch, Deb McKenzie, Tom and Sandy Nelson, Greg and Pam Faessler, Chris Ruud, and Kerstin Turner for all that you do to help us connect and group together. Thanks to Liz Nygren for working to keep us organized (and trying to herd cats) so everyone can get connected!

Growing Together

IN 2026, our focus is going to be on Growing Together. That means that small groups will be an even more important way we connect and grow in our faith. We'll be working to help everyone plug into a group. To do that, we'll continue working to expand our small groups, and we'll work to develop new types of groups like the Men's Discipleship Group that's getting started, and working to adapt to the needs of everyone at WCC.

So make sure to join us as we grow together in 2026!

Welcome Team Ministry Report

Jerry and Anne Vogler

The Welcoming Team generally provides the first point of contact on Sunday mornings for visitors and WCC regulars. It is our purpose to make everyone feel welcomed into WCC, especially those who are attending for the first time.

Anne and I want to thank all the greeters who volunteered in 2025 to provide a welcoming environment on Sunday mornings. We especially appreciate all the new volunteers that joined this year.

Welcome Team members for 2026:

Bill Aamodt	Jen Aamodt	Karen Baden
Mark Baden	Connie Bateman	Larry Bateman
Carolyn Benson	Mary Burnett	Reese Burnett
Greg Faessler	Pam Faessler	Chris Ruud
Vicki Simpson	Sharon Tocko	Kerstin Turner
Anne Vogler	Jerry Vogler	Linda Winn
Terri Young		

Hospitality Team Report

Kerstin Turner

Over 2025, the "lunch crew" has organized 6 Welcome lunches and multiple fellowship meals over the Summer, as well as organizing the WCC Trunk or Treat outreach event and Christmas party. These meals and events have fostered a sense of community and also served as a way for newer attendees to get connected with others within WCC. There have also been a handful of coffee volunteers who have made sure we are fully caffeinated for worship and other events! We are thankful for them!

Please thank these volunteers - Carolyn Benson, Deb MacKenzie, Cindy Ekern, Roger & Linda Proach, Clarice Nelson, Anne and Jerry Vogler, Rachel and Willem Obermoller, Kerstin, TJ, Ellie & Sam Turner, Jeff and Nancy Bauman, Kay and Rich Youngblom. These faithful members have helped organize large gathering meals, set up and clean up all year and often contribute desserts or side items themselves. It's been a joy to serve along these folks.

We look forward to continuing this fellowship in 2026.

Worship Ministry Report

Jason Nygren, Worship Leader

A Year of Service and Growth

We are profoundly grateful for God's continued faithfulness and blessing upon Woodbury Community Church and, specifically, our Worship Ministry throughout 2025. Our ministry is a direct result of the commitment of our volunteer teams. I extend heartfelt thanks to every member of the Worship Team and the Sound & Video Team for their dedication. Their willingness to sacrifice their time, often arriving early on Sunday mornings, is instrumental in creating the atmosphere for worship we enjoy weekly. It is a true privilege to work alongside such a servant-hearted group. I am also so thankful and grateful for each member of the Woodbury Community Church faith family. It is an absolute joy to be able to lead this church to the throne of God each and every Sunday and being able to worship with you all each week is a privilege I am very thankful for.

2025 Ministry Highlights

The past year was marked by vibrant engagement and community expansion:

- **Music and Worship:** We celebrated God's goodness through over 100 distinct songs, thoughtfully introducing 10 new songs throughout the year.
- **Global Connection:** We facilitated missions updates, both virtual and in-person, from the missionaries WCC supports.
- **Church Body:** The WCC family welcomed new members and experienced growth, both in spiritual depth and overall numbers.
- **Ministry Team Growth:** Saw our worship and Sound/Video teams grow with new volunteers

Vision for 2026

While reflecting on 2025 fills us with excitement for what God has accomplished, we are even more eager to see His plans unfold in 2026. We were thrilled to see our volunteer base expand last year and pray for this momentum to continue. If you feel called to serve, we are always seeking passionate individuals for our ministry and encourage you to speak with me to learn more about volunteer opportunities! We want to continue to find new and unique ways for us to connect with God and meet with Him in worship together and look forward to doing this again in 2026. We look forward to meeting together in the year ahead—a time dedicated to both celebrating God's work and equipping us all for the mission He has for our lives outside the church walls.

Faithfully Submitted,

Jason Nygren, Worship Leader

Missions Team Report

Carolyn Benson

Current Mission Team Members: Chair-Carolyn Benson, Secretary-Cindy Ekern, Deb McKenzie, Tom Nelson, Kerstin Turner, Jeff Bauman

Support Partners:

Gilmores are in their second year of working as mentors and trainers for missionaries with Wycliffe USA Team. They work with 46 families stationed worldwide. They also continue to work remotely with the Bible translation team in Tanzania, and was able to be present in Tanzania for the celebration of the distribution of the new Zinza New Testament – praise God! They now live in Arkansas and love being closer to their family. Tim & Chris both had surgery procedures this year but have recovered well. Their finances were stretched significantly with surgeries and the trip to Africa. Pray for their increased financial needs and good health.

Wessmans faced a major change by leaving South Africa and relocating to South Carolina. Stephanie is still functioning as an OM trainer and leader with the challenge of the development and implementation of a new Catalytic Ministries program and a Coach Mentoring Essentials program within OM. JJ has stepped away from the missionary status and accepted a teaching position in a local High School. They incurred major expenses from the move and have found the cost of living double that of Africa. Pray for increased funds and success in their new positions.

Coopers are still working remotely in Thailand through Wycliff with their teams in SE Asia. Current Visas are allowing them to stay in SE Asia to continue their translation work of the Bible, hymns, and oral stories (eight different languages) online with their teams. Their teams still live in areas of political upheaval with an increase in war and violence this past year. Communication with the teams is often difficult, and Beau is involved in much of the computer and technical support. Lisa has been quite ill for much of the year. Pray for the safety of their local teams, and pray for improving strength and health for Lisa.

Brimmers continue working at Camp JIM with evolving roles as needed. The Camp is facing staff shortages and Bill & Lindsey work non-stop and do not hesitate to pick up the slack where needed. They try to concentrate on building each other up and handing out praise to other workers. They have ongoing medical issues, and Lindsey's health has taken a toll on their finances this year. Pray for improved morale at Camp JIM, pray for improved health for their family, and pray for increased financial support.

Mission Budget: The mission budget amount and disbursement is recommended by the Mission Team and approved by the Elders. The proposed budget remains includes a small increase due to increased giving. The increase has been added primarily to the support for the Brimmer family.

2026 Woodbury Community Church Mission Team Budget					
	Gilmore	Wessman	Cooper	Brimmer	Totals
January	\$950	\$550	\$250	\$510	\$2,260
February	\$950	\$550	\$250	\$510	\$2,260
March	\$950	\$550	\$250	\$510	\$2,260
April	\$950	\$550	\$250	\$510	\$2,260
May	\$950	\$560	\$250	\$510	\$2,270
June	\$950	\$560	\$250	\$510	\$2,270
July	\$950	\$560	\$250	\$510	\$2,270
August	\$950	\$560	\$250	\$510	\$2,270
September	\$950	\$560	\$250	\$510	\$2,270
October	\$950	\$560	\$250	\$510	\$2,270
November	\$950	\$560	\$250	\$510	\$2,270
December	\$950	\$560	\$250	\$510	\$2,270
As Needed					\$0
Totals	\$11,400	\$6,680	\$3,000	\$6,120	\$27,200

Mission Board Activities and Continued Objectives:

- Hold regular meetings to assess the needs of our missionaries and lift them in prayer
- Evaluate requests for support from outside or new missionaries
- Encourage and facilitate short term mission trips, with emphasis on visiting our missionaries
- Review and recommend annual mission budget
- Keep our full-time missionaries alive in the hearts of our congregation with frequent focus presentations in church

The Mission Team welcomes Jeff Bauman as the new Chair of the Mission Team in 2026. The Mission Team also welcomes any interest in new team members – please contact Jeff or Carolyn.

Submitted by Carolyn Benson, chair of Mission Team January, 2026

2026 Ministry Plans

Growing Together in Christ

Pastor TJ Turner

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47

It's been amazing to see some of the ways God has worked over the past few years as we've really focused on Connecting to People. Of course, that is part of the on-going work of the Church of Jesus, so we're excited to see the ways that Jesus adds more people to our number as they find salvation in Him. At the same time, we believe this is the right time to shift our focus to the second aspect of our Vision: **Growing Together in Christ**.

While 2025 brought many victories and reasons to celebrate the work of Jesus, it also came with some lessons, moments that helped us to see ways we still need to grow as a church. Over the past few years we've grown dramatically in welcoming people into the church, dramatically in finding ways to reach out with the love of Christ. Now, we're shifting our focus to the next step of bringing people in, of helping us take the next step from hospitality to relationship, making sure that everyone at WCC finds kind of support we all need as we live out our faith in the real world.

And so, for 2026, we believe **God is calling us to build a community where people are cared for, and to pursue real growth and change together, through the work of Jesus among us.**

To accomplish that, we're going to work towards three very simple goals.

Bring People In

The first goal is to keep working to bring people in. In 2026 we'll continue to work through ministries like GriefShare and Kids Hope, along with working to add DivorceCare to help connect to people around us and meet their needs. We'll also continue hosting our Welcome Lunches through the year as a great first step to help people build relationships. However, there are a few new ways we'll work to connect and especially to bring people in.

- **Outreach Events** – We'll continue to host outreach events in 2026, but we'll work to learn from past events and adjust to the needs we see now. This may mean adjusting some events, like moving from a Trunk or Treat to a Back to School Block Party, leaning into the needs we've seen with things like additional food drives, or planning new events as God leads us.
- **Intro To WCC** – We'll also work to develop a second step to help people get connected beyond Sunday morning. This has been an ongoing process as to find the right format for this, but in 2026 this will be a priority to make the process of getting involved at WCC simple and accessible.
- **Individual Outreach** – of course, we'll also continue working to encourage and equip you to reach out to the people God has put in your life, to join the work he has for you.

Grow Together

Our second goal for the year is to grow together specifically in our relationships and support for each other. The Bible calls us to bear one another's burdens; it shows us this is how the church works at its best. The challenge is that our culture and the world are hard at work to discourage that kind of connection. So we'll grow together in a few important ways.

- **Ministry Huddles** – We'll plan ministry huddles through the year again, but this year we'll focus on the idea that we are here to serve God *together*, to partner in His work, fostering relationships in our ministries and helping us thrive as we serve the Lord.
- **Fellowship Events** – We'll plan a number of fellowship events throughout the year. This will include another Women's Get Together as well as a Men's Retreat., along with fellowship lunches and other simple opportunities to build relationships.

Church Care Team – The real new development in this area, however, is the Church Care Team. The difficult lesson we learned in 2025 is that it can be surprisingly easy for people to slip through the cracks, with people who need real care and support simply being overlooked in all the busyness of life. So we're developing a new ministry team we're calling the Church Care Team. This team's (tentative) mission is:

- ***To make the connection between welcome and caring support, ensuring everyone at WCC receives the spiritual and relational support they need, especially in times of difficulty.***

In other words, they'll work to make sure everyone at WCC receives the support they need when they need it. Of course, doing that depends on all of us. This team's role won't be to do all the caring for people. Their role is to facilitate, to make sure nobody is overlooked as we grow together.

Grow in Christ

Finally, as we grow together, we'll work to grow in Christ, to grow in our faith, becoming more like Jesus in all of life.

- **Discipleship Focus** – The biggest way we'll do this is by focusing on discipleship and expanding the ways we do that. We will continue working to grow small groups and make sure there's a place for you there, but we'll also work to add new and different types of groups. A Women's Bible study began this past fall that was a huge encouragement. A Men's Discipleship Group is about to begin. We'll continue to support and grow groups like this, and we'll encourage more individual discipleship and mentoring, so that, no matter what the right fit is for you, we can all grow in our faith in Christ together.
- **Prayer Focus** – We'll also work to increase our focus on prayer. We'll expand our prayer wall and encourage everyone to stop by and pray for the names there. We'll also bring prayer and intercession into more and more of the things we do to keep our focus on Jesus and see how he is present and working in everything we face.
- **Training Events** – Finally, we'll host seminars designed to help us grow in our faith in some specific ways throughout the year.

We've already seen God do more than we could have asked or imagined at WCC. In 2026, we expect to see even more of his goodness and power at work as we Grow Together in Christ! So, join us as we follow Jesus and trust Him to work through us to build His church.

In Christ,

Pastor TJ

2026 Proposed Budget

	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2026 vs 2025 Actual	2026 vs 2025 Budget
Offerings	\$272,029	\$271,429	\$260,568	(\$11,461)	(\$10,861)
Miscellaneous Income	\$15,329	\$7,750	\$15,600	\$271	\$7,850
Total Income	\$287,359	\$279,179	\$276,168	(\$11,191)	(\$3,011)
Total Staff	\$164,377	\$178,904	\$169,520	\$5,143	(\$9,384)
Facility and Grounds Maintenance	\$3,949	\$2,750	\$3,540	(\$409)	\$790
Building Cleaning Service	\$5,315	\$4,420	\$5,430	\$115	\$1,010
Building Insurance	\$8,568	\$8,366	\$9,823	\$1,256	\$1,458
Decorations - Visual Worship	\$22	\$250	\$250	\$228	\$0
Lawn and Snow	\$12,732	\$13,587	\$13,587	\$855	\$0
Unbudgeted Facility Improvements	\$8,925	\$0	\$0	(\$8,925)	\$0
Tax Assessments	\$6,101	\$6,102	\$6,101	\$0	(\$1)
Utilities	\$10,864	\$10,000	\$11,767	\$903	\$1,767
Total Facilities	\$56,475	\$45,475	\$50,498	(\$5,977)	\$5,023
Admin Expenses	\$6,499	\$5,700	\$6,100	(\$399)	\$400
Board/Staff Development	\$628	\$500	\$500	(\$128)	\$0
CCCC Annual Conference	\$638	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$362	\$0
Guest Speakers	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$300	\$0
Guest Worship leader	\$2,050	\$1,000	\$1,000	(\$1,050)	\$0
Kitchen Supplies	\$895	\$600	\$700	(\$195)	\$100
Memorials-Flowers Sent	\$68	\$200	\$200	\$132	\$0
Ministry Expenses - Senior Pastor	\$1,279	\$1,200	\$1,200	(\$79)	\$0
Ministry Expenses - Mileage		\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0
Office Equipment	\$4,231	\$3,400	\$2,800	(\$1,431)	(\$600)
Office Supplies	\$93	\$300	\$400	\$307	\$100
CCCC Conference Support	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
Total Other Expenses	\$21,882	\$19,750	\$19,750	(\$2,132)	\$0
Children's Ministry	\$161	\$750	\$500	\$339	(\$250)
Fellowship	\$3,346	\$2,750	\$3,000	(\$346)	\$250
Small Groups	\$1,021	\$750	\$750	(\$271)	\$0
Worship	\$1,160	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$40	\$0
Outreach	\$2,897	\$3,000	\$2,300	(\$597)	(\$700)
Kids Hope			\$700	\$700	\$700
Youth Ministry	\$69	\$500	\$750	\$681	\$250
Total Ministry Programs	\$8,655	\$8,950	\$9,200	\$545	\$250
Brimmers	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$0
Coopers	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	(\$2,400)	\$0
Gilmores	\$11,400	\$11,400	\$11,400	\$8,400	\$0
Wessmans	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,300	(\$5,100)	\$0
Missions Change			\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
Total Missions	\$26,100	\$26,100	\$27,200	\$1,100	\$1,100
Total Expenses	\$277,489	\$279,179	\$276,168	(\$1,321)	(\$3,011)
Net General Fund Income/(Loss)	\$9,869	\$0	\$0		

2025 Elder & Officer Nominees

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One of our most important distinctives as a church is that all our leaders are selected and affirmed by the membership of WCC. Our leaders are called to seek God's will for WCC as we work to follow him together. To accomplish this, a team made up of the pastor, at least one elder, and two non-board members leads this process by prayerfully seeking out people God is calling to step into leadership. This year, the nominating team was made up of Mark Baden, Nancy Bauman, Rachel Obermoller, Roger Proch, and Pastor TJ.

Our recommendations for officers and elders that we are presenting to the congregation for consideration and approval for the year 2026 are:

• Co-Moderator	1 Year	Roger Proch
• Co-Moderator	1 Year	Mark Baden
• Treasurer	1 Year	Greg Faessler
• Clerk	1 Year	Jen Aamodt
• Elder	3 Years	Allen Stiff
• Elder	3 Years	Dan Puls

Years remaining of existing 3-year terms:

• Mark Baden	1 Year
• Roger Proch	2 Years

Elders completing their terms:

This year we have two Elders who have completed their terms and are stepping down. They have both given two or more years of their time to serving the Lord and helping lead WCC in many ways. Please take time to thank them for all their work, their prayers, and their faithfulness to Jesus and his church.

• Cindy Ekern, Clerk and Elder
• Tom Nelson, Elder, Co-Moderator and Moderator

On behalf of WCC, thank you so much for serving the Lord and helping lead WCC!

2026 Elder Nominees

Co-Moderator (1 Year Term): Roger Proch

My name is Roger Proch. My wife Linda and I live in Hudson WI. We have been active at WCC for the past 25 years. We have three adult children and two grandkids. I have served WCC as a greeter, small group leader, and member of our most recent pastor search team. Being retired means I have time for volunteering, traveling, golf, and spending time with family and friends. I look forward to serving in this new role.



Co-Moderator (1 Year Term): Mark Baden

Mark Baden has been a resident of Woodbury for over 3 years. Karen and Mark renewed their membership at WCC two and on-half years ago. Mark has served in leadership within the Elders for the past two years and has a genuine love for WCC people. My favorite activity is greeting on Sunday mornings. Karen and Mark have two children and eight grandchildren of which all live in the Evergreen community of Woodbury. We like to travel, learn new things and spend a lot of time grandparenting.



Treasurer (1 year term): Greg Faesslar

My name is Greg Faessler. My wife Pam and I live in Woodbury and have been married 47 years. We have been at WCC since 1994 where I have served as elder, treasurer and small group leader. We have 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren. I am recently retired and enjoy spending time with family and on the water fishing.



Clerk (1 year term): Jen Aamodt

Jen Aamodt lives in Oakdale with her husband, Bill, and dog, Max. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. She retired almost 4 years ago and enjoys the flexibility that brings. Jen and Bill have a cabin in Northern Minnesota and split their time between the two places.



2024 Board of Elder Nominees

Elder (3 year term): Allen Stiff

I am a husband to my wife, Cassie, celebrating 16 years of marriage this March, and a proud father to two children, Olivia (13) and Zech (10).

After serving in the U.S. Army, our family settled in Woodbury in 2019. Much of my free time is spent cheering on my kids at their sporting events—often in ice rinks—watching auto racing whenever possible and traveling together as a family.

I gave my life to Christ as a child, and my faith continues to guide my life today.



Elder (3 year term): Dan Puls

My name is Dan Puls. My wife Cheryl and I first started attending WCC in 1984. We have two grown children, Alissa and Brice. We also have 3 grandchildren.

My career took us away from Woodbury several times over the years however, each time we returned to the Twin Cities area, we came back to WCC. We've made so many great friends over the years since we have been members of WCC. I look forward to using my talents and experience in serving as an Elder of the church.

