

Date: 15 June 2026, 6:00 pm

Members: P-Present, A-Absent

P	Allen Burnett	P	Ranee Gough	P	Don Taylor
P	David Cunningham-Lay Leader	P	Ginny Mann	P	Connor Williams
P	Diane Dodson	P	Lou Ann Newman		
P	Jack Feiler	P	David Pope- Chair		

Guests: None

Agenda Items:

Topic: Opening Prayer and Spiritual Formation

Discussion: David Pope opened the meeting with prayer

Jack Feiler provided a discussion of The Wesleyan Quadrilateral.

Topic: Review of New People

Discussion: Connor Williams has met with two people who have expressed an interest in joining our church in the near future.

Topic: Goal Review and Accountability Conversation

1. Connor Williams provided a synopsis of his sabbatical/renewal time in May 2026. During this time he was able to attend the ceremony in Washington, DC, where he was graduated with his doctorate. He also spent some time at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, near Evansville, IN. While there he participated in prayer rituals five times per day.

Topic: Packet and Consent Calendar

1. April Meeting Minutes - One minor typographical error was noted and corrected. Allen Burnett made a motion to approve the minutes. Ranee Gough seconded the motion.
Approved by the Council
2. April and May 2026 Finance Reports and Special Missions Finance break down. - Jack Feiler mentioned for the record that the Council, in April, approved a \$500 gift to our church secretary, Rachael Herzog, for Administrative Assistant's Day, in recognition of her outstanding work.

Topic: Packet and Consent Calendar

David Pope: In the Treasurer's Report, this year, our year-to-date balance of our tithes and offering income is \$115,931. In relation to what we have as our annual budget, we are about \$4,500 behind. Last year at this time we had received \$116,883, but our budget was more and we were about \$8,000 behind. Year-to-date, we have spent \$104,805, and we are to the good about \$11,126. Last year we had about \$5,000 more in expenses and we were \$7,416 to the good. We are in better shape this year than in years past.

David Pope - AV upgrade: We have \$15,337 that was donated for our audio visual upgrade that can be used for maintenance and future upgrades.

David Pope - Discussion of possibly transferring some funds to the United Methodist Foundation (UMF) - David Pope and Allen Burnett reached out to the UMF with some questions and also met with a representative of Paducah Bank. David Pope will have Timm Fair's name removed from our documents at Paducah Bank concerning check signing and access to our liquid CD.

Allen Burnett - What funds actually make up our liquid CD at Paducah Bank? David Pope - That money is part of the money that we received from the sale of the old church.

A motion was made by Allen Burnett to move \$50,000 of our Paducah Bank liquid CD money to the UMF Development Fund, \$75,000 to a UMF investment account, and retain \$15,000 in a liquid CD at Paducah Bank. The current interest rate of the UMF Development Fund is 3.75%, whereas Paducah Bank's liquid CD rate is 2.11%. Seconded by Lou Ann Newman. Approved by the Council. We can effect this change once the Council approves the June 2026 Council meeting minutes at the next meeting (August 2026).

3. Update on the student lunch project: Connor Williams - That project has fallen through and meals are being provided through the schools. Instead, we still plan to provide assistance to students by making a longer school supply donation appeal this year.
4. Update on the Spanish speaking congregation that wishes to utilize our facilities: Connor Williams - They have outgrown their present facility. The congregation would use our sanctuary four times per week. (Sundays 5-8 p.m., Tuesdays 9-11 a.m., Fridays 9-11 p.m., and Saturdays 5-7 p.m.). They would remit to us \$1,000 per month. The areas that they would use are the sanctuary, possibly the kitchen (ensuring that it is thoroughly cleaned afterwards), possibly one of the children's rooms (utilizing their own materials), and a small storage area. They would not use our AV system or our musical instruments. They will be flexible with the use of our facilities on a not-to-interfere basis with our events. David Pope: They would need to have their own liability insurance policy. For a while, we will probably need to have a representative of our church at their services to provide support and assist with their getting settled. Connor Williams - We can vote for an exception to the requirement for a congregation member to be here when they are utilizing our facility. David Pope - We have contacted the District Superintendent for guidance and she has reached out to other churches who have similar arrangements and asked them to provide copies of their contracts to us. We

can modify them to our situation. Once our contract has been written, we will ask an attorney to review the document. The Trustee Training, provided by the Bishop's office, will also provide guidance in what should be covered in the contract. Don Taylor - we should get as many copies of these contracts as possible, review them all, create our own, based on those contracts and guidance given to the Trustees from the Bishop, have it reviewed by an attorney, address any concerns, and present it to the Council at a short after-worship service meeting for approval. David Pope will press on for getting copies of contracts used by other churches.

5. Update on the Memorial Garden: David Pope - David Cunningham, Jackie Gough, Kirk Edwards and Gary Thompson have been doing a lot of work on the Memorial Garden to remove overgrown vegetation. Rane Gough - She and Jackie Gough will plant new vegetation if the church will purchase the plants. Rane Gough has asked for bids for replacement gravel that is needed for the garden. She has also contacted Water Works Pressure Washing for pressure washing the Memorial Garden sidewalks. The cost for this is \$200. For an additional \$300, he (Russ Hurley) will also pressure wash the sidewalks around the church. Motion made by Rane Gough to spend \$200 from the Memorial Garden fund to clean the concrete in the garden, and \$300 from the Memorial Fund to clean the sidewalks around the church. Second: Allen Burnett. Approved by the council. Diane Dodson - what is the latest on the spare Memorial Garden stones? Rane Gough - I am going to contact J.W. Reynolds and see what the cost of engraving is now. The current stones in the Memorial Garden were engraved by a company in Wickliffe. David Cunningham is going to take a stone that was engraved by the company in Wickliffe, to have a typo repaired and he will check on their prices, too. Rane Gough - The name plates on the marker in the Memorial Garden are very expensive now, around \$200 each. She contacted The Trophy House in Lone Oak and they have a composite material name plate that looks like the expensive plates that would cost \$30 to \$35. David Pope - A vote is not needed to approve this, so the council members who have been working on the Memorial Garden can make that decision.

Topic: Old or New Business

1. At the April Council meeting, a review of the Guiding Principles was asked of each Council member. The following changes were proposed to the Guiding Principles of Lone Oak United Methodist Church:

- a. Council General Information, Section III (Finance and Budget), paragraph E: Modify the paragraph to require that "solicitation of at least three bids" be changed to "solicitation of at least three bids from three separate vendors". Motion to accept: Allen Burnett. Second: Jack Feiler. Approved by the Council.

- b. Council General Information, Section III (Finance and Budget), paragraph G: Modify the paragraph to read as such: "The Church Council must approve all withdrawals from the liquid CD

at Paducah Bank or any other financial institutions. The Church Council shall approve individuals authorized to withdraw funds. The authorized individuals shall include the Church Treasurer, the Church Council Chair, and The Church Lay Leader. Two signatures from the list of authorized individuals are required for financial withdrawals.” Motion to accept: Allen Burnett. Second: Jack Feiler. Approved by the Council.

c. Council General Information, Section III (Finance and Budget), paragraph H, subsection 2: Modify the item to read as such: “Individuals who may make withdrawals.” Motion to accept: Allen Burnett. Second: Rane Gough. Approved by the Council

Other potential updates to the Guiding Principles, Church Building and Grounds Usage Policy, and Wedding Policies and Guidelines will be addressed at the August 2026 meeting.

2. Update on carpet cleaning: David Cunningham: The sanctuary carpet was cleaned in May.

Topic: Communication: Jack Feiler will make the presentation on this meeting to the congregation at this Sunday’s service (June 21, 2026).

Motion to adjourn: Diane Dodson. Second - Rane Gough. Motion passed

Closing Prayer - David Pope

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Next meeting August 8, 2026, 11:00am