

**Hilltop United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022 at 7:45 p.m.**

Present: Matt Sipe, Don Putzier, Rob Cornelius, Michelle Behsman. Derrick Galinat, Paulette Adams, Stacy Vanderwerf, Jocelin Reynolds, David Hudson, and Sylvia Hudson.

Finance Report: Rob provided a report of January finances. Plate giving in January was \$17,726.67. Expenses were \$31,256.72. Net income was -\$12,623.07. Don made a motion to approve the finance report, with a second by Derrick. The motion passed.

Discussion on masking: Matt began discussion on when and how we move to not masking at church. Based on current recommendations, Matt feels comfortable preaching without a mask beginning in March. Don shared that in our county we are now at 8% compared to the earlier high infection rate of 23%. Based on current data, Don supports moving away from masking in March. It was noted that the Bishop is not likely to make any recommendations. Masking as it relates to hospitality was discussed. Church council was in agreement that this is the right direction.

Postponement: Due to the MCCI presentation and church/charge conference, the remaining agenda items will be reviewed in March.

Matt closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Behsman