

## February 22, 2026

We welcome all of you who gather to worship with us this morning, including all who are visiting with us today. We pray God's blessing upon you. All are welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.

Thank you to our family of volunteers who do these jobs every week.

**Lay Reader** – Dan MacArthur (MF), Marian Howes (W)

**Elevator** – Bill Stewart (MF)

**Greeters** – Annabelle Kelly, Alva Smith (MF)  
Marian Howes (W)

**Fellowship** – Yvonne & Bill Stewart,  
Caroline & Harold Wollis (MF)

Woodland – Linda, Lois, Connie

### **Volunteers up next – March 1**

**Lay Reader** – Daphne Rappard (MF), George Harris (W)

**Elevator** – Marion Officer (MF)

**Greeters**– Vern & Mary Ruth Job(MF)  
Stan & Linda Harris (W)

**Fellowship** – Daphne Rappard,  
Fran & Marlin Herriot (MF)

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**The Worship Committee** will be leading a congregational meeting right after the service to discuss if we should close the church for the month of July. This will give you the chance to express your opinions for or against this idea. After the discussion has been concluded, a vote will be taken.

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**Tonight at 8 pm** will be our first **Lenten Vespers Service**. You are invited to join Rev. Lori on Zoom to pray today's prayer requests and end the Sabbath together. The expected length is 20 minutes maximum. Please bear with Rev. Lori as she works out the tech~ if you have trouble joining, feedback, or need assistance, please reach out to her before or after Sunday. We will get it working with a little practice!

ZOOM LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/MFvespers>

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**Your tax receipts** are ready for pickup in the Narthex this morning. Any remaining receipts will be mailed later this week. If you have had a change of address, please notify the office or fill out a blue Contact Information Update Form found on the table in the Narthex and place it on the offering plate or return to the Church office.

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**Thank you** to all who took part in making the Pancake Supper such a success. Whether you planned, cooked, served, cleaned up, or simply came out to support it, your help was truly appreciated. It was a joyful time of fun, laughter, and working together.

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### **Secondary Losses – The Ripple Effects of Loss**

Grief is the natural response to losing someone or something significant. Along with the primary loss, there are often many *secondary losses* — changes in relationships, traditions, health, future plans, confidence, and more. These losses are real, valid, and deserve to be acknowledged and mourned. Grief has no timeline, and healing happens in community as we share with others who understand.

RoseAnne Desmarais, Certified Grief Educator and Guide, is offering an opportunity to gather in a safe, confidential, and casual environment for peer support and conversation.

**Thursday, February 26**

**1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Mount Forest United Church – Fellowship Hall**

This will be an ongoing monthly gathering held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

For more information, please contact RoseAnne at **226-820-4945** or [radesmarais@wightman.ca](mailto:radesmarais@wightman.ca).

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**Bible Study** has resumed on Thursday mornings. (10 am coffee, 11 am study). All welcome to join as we explore the scripture reading for the coming Sunday! Next dates - Lenten Bible Study Series - February 25.

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**Fibre & Fellowship** ~ Join us Fridays, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other project you're working on!

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**Stay Connected!** Visit our website to view the bulletin, announcements, church calendar, and upcoming events. Not receiving the Messenger by email? Sign up under the Messenger tab on the website.

Explore more at [www.mountforestunitedchurch.com](http://www.mountforestunitedchurch.com).

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### **Have an Announcement or Upcoming Event?**

Send your poster or event details to [united@wightman.ca](mailto:united@wightman.ca). Submissions can also be dropped off at the church office, or contact Juliann at 519-323-1910 ext. 1. **Please submit all items by Wednesday** of the week you wish them to appear in the announcements.

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**Name Badges** - If you would like a name badge Rhoda Seibert will order one for you! The name tags have magnets so your clothes don't get ruined. Wouldn't it be great if everyone wore a name tag! Email [rhoda@xplornet.ca](mailto:rhoda@xplornet.ca) or text 519-323-6425.

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**Occasionally, pictures** are taken of congregational activities which may be used on our website, or in our newsletters. If you do not wish your image or your child's image to be used, please contact the church office.

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**Pastoral Care Prayer Requests** - If you would like the Pastoral Care Team to pray for you, someone you know, or to share news of hospitalizations, illness, or special occasions, please contact:

- Betty Seminowicz – 519-923-5416 | [betvansemi@hotmail.com](mailto:betvansemi@hotmail.com)
- Daphne Rappard – 519-323-2505 | [drappard@wightman.ca](mailto:drappard@wightman.ca)

All requests are shared **only with the Pastoral Care Team** and are kept confidential.

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### **Simplify Your Sunday Giving with PAR**

With **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**, you don't have to worry about writing a cheque or forgetting your donation. Sign up is easy—your monthly giving is automatically withdrawn from your bank account, and you can increase or decrease amounts anytime.

For more information or to register, contact **Juliann** at the church office: 519-323-1910. If you are already on PAR and do not need a box of envelopes, or wish to adjust your contributions, please contact the office.

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### **Leadership Team**

Patty Sinnamon, Laurie Aitken, Rick Sinnamon, Al Leach, Bill Kreps, Mary Allen, Norm Eygenraam, Lene MacLean, Ruth Mundy, George Harris

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### **MFUC Treasurer's Report:**

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31Jan26  
Income \$224,193.40 / Expenses \$274,385.42  
General Operating Funds Balance \$ 55,542.32  
UCC M & S Fund Receipts \$ 13,204.00  
UCC M & S Fund Budget \$14,000.00  
*(M&S balances include UCW contributions)*

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### **Woodland UC Treasurer's Report:**

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31Jan26  
Income \$ 1772.67 / Expenses \$ 2125.00  
General Fund Balance \$ 38,895.00  
UCC M & S Fund Receipts \$ 80.00  
UCC M&S Fund Budget \$ 166.00

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### **Mount Forest / Woodland Pastoral Charge**

**Minister:** Rev. Lori Campbell

**Minister's Email:** [mfunitedrev@outlook.com](mailto:mfunitedrev@outlook.com)

**Minister Office Phone:** 519-323-1910

### **Office/Finance Email & Announcements:**

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**Office/Finance Phone:** 519-323-1910

**Office Hours:** Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
Wednesday - 9:00 am-1:00 pm

**Music Director:** Derek Moore

### **Website Mount Forest/Woodland:**

[www.mountforestunitedchurch.com](http://www.mountforestunitedchurch.com)

**Facebook:** Mount Forest & Woodland Churches

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