Mount Forest and Woodland Leadership Team Agenda 2026
August 18th - 7:00pm
Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82554088302

In Attendance: Rev. Lori Campbell, Laurie Aitken, George Harris, Neil Aitken, Lene MacLean, Mary Allen Dippel, Janice Benson, Norm Eygenraam (zoom)

Regrets: Al Leach, Dan McArthur, Ruth Mundy

Opening prayer/devotional:

Round Table Check-in: How are we all doing?

Motion for the adoption of the Minutes:
Moved by: Mary Allen
Seconded by: George Harris - Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:
Lene update us on the kitchen renovation. Last bill from Cory Stewart will be sent to Juliann. Everything else has been paid.

Reports from Committees

Minister's Report

- Scouts Canada have been slow to send needed information.
- Hopefully will be rectified soon.
- Rev. Lori spoke to Angie (CMHA peer support worker) about whether we could provide space for board games. Wednesday afternoons. Angie would be present. Open to the community. 1 pm to 3 pm. September start. Also, people could attend Friday Faith and Fiber event. Lori will get back to Angie that we are in agreement and will support this. Will be reviewed November to see how it's working.
- Safety van will provide a naloxone training if we like. Rev. Lori has been in touch with Logan. We can also help make safety kits.
- Mark Cudney (paramedic) has informed us about having proper signage for AED and will do CPR training. Who will talk to Mark about this? Neil and Dan will talk to Mark.
- Study Leave and holidays – Rev. Lori will send Janice the details. Rev. Lori will continue with her courses on conflict management. Lori will have 2 Sundays in January as vacation (this will change next summer's holidays.)
- Rev. Lori is getting together with other UC ministers in the area to compare information about local congregations. Conversation only. Greg from Elora is a UCC growth animator who could come and do workshop on being a welcoming congregation. Rev. Lori would like this on Sunday November 1. This event is called Crashing Someone Else's Party.
- Bible Study group – 5 Thursdays in October.
- AI – how do we as a church address that? Where do the pitfalls and problems lie?

Financial Report - Al Leach- Financial Report to Leadership Team Meeting- August, 2026
YTD = year to date budget projection and July represents 58.0% of YTD
% spent = % of total annual budget

➢ Draft financial statements for July 2026, have been received.
- General Operating Fund balance to end of July is approx. $2,500. Monthly receiptable income is on target with YTD target.

- Operating income (receiptable and non-receiptable) is ahead of YTD by approx. $1,600.
- Total Operating Expenses are $23,000 below target (YTD) to end of July.
- Excess Expenses/Income is at approx. ($30,480) vs YTD projection of ($59,050) or 32%.

➢ COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE PICTURE at end of July 2026 - or as of 58% of the year.

- M&P is approx. $17,000 below YTD projection (50.0% spent)
- Worship Service- below target (36.0% spent)
- Choral – slightly below expenditure target (50.0% spent)
- Pastoral Care –no expenditures to date (0.0% spent)
- CE – below target (12.0% spent)
- M&S –minimal expenditures (3.0% spent)
- Benevolent- no expenditures to date (0.0% spent)
- M&F- below target (16.0% spent)
- Media –ahead of YTD by $80 (72.0% spent)
- Church Property – below target by $15,000 (41.3% spent)
- Church House- expenses ahead of YTD by approx. $1,100 (95.0 % spent)
- Grounds –on target (54.0% spent)
- Admin – on target (60.0% spent)
- WOW – below target by $2,000 (47.0% spent)
- Fundraising – no expenditures shown to date. (0.0% spent)

Comments

1. Committee spending is generally below target in most areas.
2. Based on the financial report to the end of July, while there is still a deficit of approx. $30,500, it is well below the year-to-date target/projection for 7/12 of the year by approx. $29,000 which was projected @ approx. $59,000.
3. The General Fund balance of approx. $2,500 is low at this point although there is $180,000 in the General Account before liabilities, of which there is $162,000 payable to the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted, Al Leach, Finance & Stewardship Committee Chair

Mission and Outreach – N/A

Worship: Rev. Gord Dunbar will be speaker on October 18 for anniversary and Rev. Lori will be attending the Arthur United to fill Rev. Gord's service in Arthur.

W.O.W. Norm Eygenraam

Betty Pries will be speaking at Grace United in Hanover. Topic is Thriving Churches. Will be held on September 19, 9 to 4. Would be a good event to attend. No cost. We could include in Messenger to see if there is interest in the congregation. Rev. Lori will follow up.

Trustees – Laurie Aitken

Trustees met August 13/26 to discuss investments. Robert Harper and I to meet with BMO about setting up a savings account for the trustees and closing the line of credit.

Membership & Fellowship Property – Neil Aitken

- Front steps are being repaired.
- Light replacement in sanctuary is still ongoing.
- The manse is just about ready for demolition. Demolition permits have been secured.
- We need a place to store the snow blower because the garage is coming down.
- AED cost $500 to update the last time. Another update is coming. Checking to see if Wellington County will pay for the update (Grey County does).
- Fire Inspection was done last week and extinguishers and emergency lights tested.

Use of Building – N/A

Ministry and Personnel – N/A

UCW –N/A

Pastoral Care: Busy summer of visits. Meeting again in September.
Want to create a system going forward – would like to have a pyramid system.
Juliann is working on a new congregational contact directory.

Woodland: Anniversary coming up. Special speaker and music have been arranged.

Christian Ed: Good VBS, 20 kids average

Media – N/A

Motion by: Laurie Aitken to receive the reports as received and reported upon.
Moved by: Lene MacLean.
Seconded by: Kelley Eves

New Business:

1. Rev. Lori…Use of the manse space: How shall we use the space? And WHY. So I would like LT to lay out a few goals, while acknowledging challenges.
2. Goals might be things like a place for travelers to rest, a place to pray as a church and wider community.
3. Challenges might be expenses, maintenance (i.e. garbage)

Ideas:
Garden
Bench (contemplation) Labyrinth with garden
Supportive housing units
Bench for Lion Rick (partnership with Lions)
Let people fill out form about what and why
Norm – it should invite people in. Maybe we should ask the community what they would like to see.
Green Team? What do they think?

Upcoming Dates of Import:
Woodland Anniversary – August 30
September 19 - Hanover United Church

Next Meeting: September 15

Closing Prayer: Rev. Lori Campbell
Motion to Adjourn: Lene MacLean