

February 1, 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 – Nancy Harper (MF), Corinne Bell (W)

Elevator – Mike Burke (MF)

Greeters – Mary Norris (MF)

Robert Harris & Corinne Bell (W)

Fellowship – Patty & Rick Sinnamon (MF)

Helen, Corinne, Marian (W)

Volunteers up next – February 8

Lay Reader – Cynthia & James Croker (MF),

Corrine Bell (W)

Elevator – Bill Stewart (MF)

Greeters – Harold & Caroline Wollis (MF)

Robert Harris & Corinne Bell (W)

Fellowship – Donna & Bob McFarlane,

Vern & Mary Ruth Job (MF)

Nominations for 2026: There is a nominations list posted in the Narthex. If you are a member of a team/committee, please take a moment to add a checkmark by your name if you intend to continue. Cross out your name if not. Our Leadership Team roster is also posted~ many current positions have 1 year left, or are committee appointees. We need a new Chairperson for Leadership (2-year term), and another Member at Large (2- year term). If you have questions, ask a member of the Leadership Team, or Rev. Lori. We will vote to install our committees and leadership at the Annual Meeting February 8.

Our Annual Congregational Meetings will be held next Sunday, February 8th, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall. The Mount Forest congregation will share a potluck lunch after worship which will be followed by the meeting. The Woodland congregation will hold their meeting at 3:00 p.m. Please plan to attend.

Sunday February 15 (MFUC) will be celebrating worship in the Fellowship Hall. Along with worship, we will share in a love feast (Agape) of muffins & fruit while creating a gift of love to share with others in our community.

Valentine's Breakfast with Jesus ❤

Beginning in February- (MFUC), we will be doing a Reverse Offering once a month. During the Offering time, a basket will be passed with slips of paper containing an item. The next week, those who chose to participate will bring in the item on their slip of paper (i.e. Mr. Noodles).

All donations will go to the Food Shelf at the Family Health Team. They will be distributed by the Rural Wellington County Community Team. This is not in competition or to take from the Food Pantry/ Food Bank. People sometimes find themselves coming up short on needs, or have not yet connected with Food Bank and have urgent needs. It is another way to support our community. The list of items created by Joe Wettlaufer & Elsa Mann reflect food items that can be easily used.

Along with items on our list, gift cards (to buy bulk items to distribute) and old phones are welcome, too.

STAR WORDS: What initial thoughts, reactions of prayers do you have for your Star Word?

If you don't have one, there is a basket on the pulpit, so come on up and pick one (no peeking)!

Woodland United would like to thank everyone who donated hats, mitts and socks to our mitten tree. We had an overwhelming response and many local children will benefit from your support. The donations will be distributed to our local schools for children in need. Thank you once again for your support to this project. We couldn't have done it without each of you!

Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 17th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (Shrove Tuesday). Join us for pancakes, maple syrup, sausage, ham, beverage.

Pricing is as follows:

- Adults: \$15
- Children (ages 6-14): \$10
- Children (ages 5 and under) free



If you would like to help with the supper or donate supplies, please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the board outside the kitchen.

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 - February 5 & 12. Lenten Bible Study will begin February 19.

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

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 or text 519-323-6425.

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.

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.

Have an Announcement or Upcoming Event?
Send your poster or event details to 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.

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
- Daphne Rappard – 519-323-2505 | drappard@wightman.ca

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

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Leadership Team

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

MFUC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31Dec25
Income \$224,193.40 / Expenses \$274,3855.42
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 @ 31Dec25
Income \$ 26,135.05 / Expenses \$ 25,452.65
General Fund Balance \$ 38,382.33
UCC M & S Fund Receipts \$ 1,265.00
UCC M&S Fund Budget \$ 2,000.00

Mount Forest / Woodland Pastoral Charge

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Wednesday - 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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