Mount Forest and Woodland Leadership Team MINUTES
October 20th 2026 - 7:00pm

Zoom Link:

In Attendance: Rev. Lori Campbell, George Harris, Al Leach, Janice Benson, Kelley Eves, Dan MacArthur, Norm Eygenraam, Mary Allen

Regrets: Laurie Aitken, Ruth Mundy

Opening prayer/devotional: Rev. Lori Campbell (acting chair)

Round Table Check-in: all contributed

Motion for the adoption of the September 15 Leadership Team Minutes:
Moved by: George Harris Seconded by: Al Leach - Motion carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Reports from Committees

Minister's Report - Peggy Madden wishes to become a member of the congregation by transfer
Motioned by Janice Benson, Seconded by Norm Eygenraam. Motion carried.

Request for baptism from adherent Raven who has a young infant son Sanza. Nov. 22 is the proposed date. Infants foster parents support this and will attend.
Motion by Janice Benson Seconded by Kelley Eves to proceed. Motion carried.

Governance- John Neff suggested 2 potential governance pathways
1. joint with structure guided by the manual. Example of MacIntosh and Mildmay United Churches
2. amalgamation to become one congregation with two "preaching points". See the graphic chart.

To enhance communication, we have to be at the table together to have discussion. Amalgamation is a scary word. Is each group's independence is going to suffer? How do we communicate the value of being one congregation with two services meeting in two separate locations? Schematic draft diagram distributed by Lori, hoping for creative discussion.

Question from Norm Eygenraam regarding why some leadership team members do not have a vote?

Richard Butt (Grace United Burlington) has created a draft document about how AI can be utilized within the church. Document for distribution upon request from Rev. Lori Campbell.

Financial Report Al Leach

Financial Report to Leadership Team Meeting- October 20, 2026

YTD = year to date budget projection and September represents 75.0% of YTD

% spent = % of total annual budget

➢Draft financial statements for September 2026 have been received.

• General Operating Fund balance to end of September is approx. ($13,350) in the negative.

There is approx. $185,000 in the General bank account; however, there is $181,000 payable to

the Trustees from this account.

• The receiptable income is on approx. $1,000 ahead of the YTD target.

• Operating income (receiptable and non-receiptable) is ahead of YTD by approx. $1,400.

• Total Operating Expenses are $26,000 below target (YTD) to end September.

• Excess Expenses/Income is at approx. ($48,600) vs. YTD projection of ($82,745) or at 46%.

➢COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE PICTURE at end of September 2026 - or as of 75% of the year.

• M&P is approx. $21,000 below YTD projection (64.5% spent)

• Worship Service- below target (48.0% spent)

• Choral –below expenditure target (55.5% spent)

• Pastoral Care –no expenditures to date (0.0% spent)

• CE – below target (12.0% spent)

• M&S –minimal expenditures (5.0% spent)

• Benevolent- no expenditures to date (0.0% spent)

• M&F- below target (16.0% spent)

• Media –ahead of YTD by $270 (115.0% spent)

• Church Property – below target by $7,000 (48.6% spent)

• Church House- expenses ahead of YTD by approx. $700 (98.5% spent)

• Grounds –below target by $3,200 (55.0% spent)

• Admin – on target (73.0% spent)

• WOW – slightly below target by $800 (71.0% spent)

• Fundraising – no expenditures shown to date. (0.0% spent)

Comments

1. 2. Committee spending is generally below target in most areas.

Based on the financial report to the end of September, while there is still a deficit of approx.

$48,600, it is well below the year-to-date target/projection for 75% of the year by approx. $34,180

which was projected @ approx. $82,750.

3. The General Fund balance of approx. ($13,350) places finances in a negative position at this point.

A year end projection would indicate that financial support from the Trustees will be required to

balance the Church finances.

Respectfully submitted:

Al Leach, Finance & Stewardship Committee Chair

Mission and Outreach – Janice Benson - community dinner Thanksgiving Sunday served 120 people, next one planned for Dec 13.

Worship – Rev. Lori Campbell- services planned into January, including pulpit supply in Jan. During her vacation.

W.O.W. - Norm Eygenraam - online meeting in the coming week with the region providing some information in advance to add context.

Trustees – Mary Allen more information may be needed from trustees to finance, will need to participate in balancing the budget

Membership & Fellowship - no report. Recruiting for fellowship help for next year.

Property – Dan MacArthur - demolition of church house is ready to proceed. Reeves Construction has been contracted for snow removal. Heat zones issue being investigated. Dishwasher repair recently was costly. Shed will be installed once garage demolished. Myrna Penney has stones for dedication this Sunday.

Use of Building - nothing new

Ministry and Personnel - Dan MacArthur - vacation planning, upcoming meeting, Klaus still looking for assistance.

UCW - no report

Pastoral Care - Kelley Eaves & Rev. Lori Campbell - looking at how we organize the work we do, and then clarifying roles

Woodland - George Harris rolls along, beautiful decoration of the sanctuary a longstanding tradition

Christian Ed - Mary Allen, Rev. Lori Campbell - Trunk or Treat Hallowe'en Day. Shawn Redden is moving away. Possibility of having a junior youth group.

Media – Janice Benson - Jeff McKee is putting together a church page in the Biz Bull.

Motion: by Mary Allen to receive the reports as received and reported upon. Seconded by: Mary Allen

New Business:

Upcoming Dates of Import: Greg Smith-Young November 1, 2026 event Crashing Someone Else's party at 1 pm. Please let Rev. Lori know.

Next Meeting: November 17th, 2026

Closing Prayer:

Motion to Adjourn: Al Leach motioned to close, seconded Kelley Eves. 2024h Motion carried.