

Mount Forest and Woodland Leadership Team Agenda

2026

7:00pm

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86025180738>

In Attendance: Janice B, Mary A, Ruth M, George H, Rev. Lori, Dan M, Laurie A.

Regrets: Norm E., Bill K.

Opening prayer/devotional: Rev. Lori

Round Table Check-in: Too much rain, loving pets, fresh asparagus, taking courses, happy return from Greece, spring animals on the farm.

Motion for the adoption of both the February 17 and March 17 Minutes: (As we had no quorum)

Moved by: George H

Seconded by: Al L

Carried

Motion to adopt the minutes of April 21/26.

Moved by: Janice B

Seconded by: Al L

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Governance - what we have learned about where we are with our current governance model...The Region did not receive the amended governance model with its amendments. We will find the corrected version and address other possible changes that we have learned as we have lived with the document for a couple of years. Once all changes have been made, the document will be submitted to the Region.
- LLW Letter of Recommendation (At 7:35, Al moves that we move in to in camera. Seconded by Mary. Carried. In camera session ends at 8:00pm.
- Baptisms...the baptisms are scheduled for Sunday May 31st. The candidate are Cody Stewart and Gabriel(Zander) Walls. Janice motions to approve the May 31st baptisms of Cody and Gabriel. Seconded by Mary A. Carried.

- ~ Tech Person (our lead fell through)...Klaus has a HUGE technology knowledge base but he needs backup going forward. After discussion, it is decided that a tech job posting will be shared on the WOW Regional site and in our Messenger.

Reports From Committees

Minister's Report - Rev. Lori

1. Videos will be continued to be shown on family movie nights. Going forward we must apply to the Region for an approved streaming license to do so. Laurie motions that we apply for a streaming license from Audio Scine Films for 2026/27 at a cost of \$1.50/person/year; based on 85 people in attendance. Seconded by Al L. Carried.
2. We need a secretary for the Leadership Team.
3. The VAM is in the process of being arranged.
4. Brenda Rock from Durham Presbyterian Church is requesting a transfer to our MFUC. Janice B motions to accept Brenda Rock' request. Seconded by Mary A. Carried.
5. Funeral policy still needs to be created but on hold for now.
6. Juliann will be collecting updated information on active church members in order to create a new church directory(text only, no photos).
7. Neil Aitken to take on the role as carillon operator.
8. Gord Dunbar from the Congregational Support Commission at WOW, will be coming to our area to meet with Rev. Lori and the clergy from the surrounding United churches to discuss and assess the future life as church.
9. Take another look at church renovations

Financial Report Al Leach

Financial Report to Leadership Team Meeting- May 19, 2026

YTD = year to date budget projection and April represents 33.3% of YTD

% spent = % of total annual budget

➤ Draft financial statements for April 2026, have been received.

• General Operating Fund balance to end of April is approx. \$16,200. Monthly receiptable income is approx. \$3,000 ahead of YTD target.

- Operating income (receiptable and non-receiptable) is ahead of YTD by approx. \$8,000.
- Total Operating Expenses are \$8,000 below target to end of month.
- Excess Expenses/Income is at approx. (\$17,265) vs YTD projection of (\$37,615) or 16%.

➤ COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE PICTURE at end of April 2026 - or as of 1/3 of the year.

- M&P is approx. \$8,000 below YTD projection (29.3 of spent)
- Worship Service- below target (8.0% spent)
- Choral – ahead of target by approx. \$300 (52.8% spent)
- Pastoral Care –no expenditures to date (0.0% spent)
- CE – below target by half (12.0% spent)
- M&S –minimal expenditures (3.0% spent)
- Benevolent- no expenditures to date (0.0% spent)
- M&F- below target by\$210 (16.0% spent)
- Media –ahead of YTD by \$200 (64.0% spent)
- Church Property – below target by \$1,100 (32.0% spent)
- Church House- expenses ahead of YTD by approx. \$635 (57.0 % spent)
- Grounds –expenditures ahead of YTD target by approx. \$1,300 (42.0% spent)
- Admin – on target (31.0% spent)
- WOW - below YTD by \$2,000 (23.8% spent)
- Fundraising – no expenditures shown to date. (0.0% spent)

COMMENTS:

1.Church house over expenditure due to heat & hydro costs exceeding projections, however, water

heater has been removed and the hydro and water have been shut off.

2.Grounds over expenditure due completely to snow removal exceeding projection to date.

3. Choral budget ahead of projection due to organ repairs as reported for March.

Respectfully submitted:

Al Leach, Finance & Stewardship Committee Chair

Mission and Outreach

Worship - Planned until September

W.O.W.

Trustees

Membership & Fellowship

Property - Dan...Church - Boilers are to go off at the end of this week May 22. The lighting in the sanctuary will slowly be changed over to LED. Scott Van de Pas will cut the grass for the summer.

Manse - the demolition includes both the manse and the small shed. As such a new smaller shed will be needed in the future to house the snowblower.

Use of Building

Ministry and Personnel - As July sees the church closed, Juliann's office hours will be more flexible.

UCW

Pastoral Care - meeting Thursday

Woodland - looking to find a guest speaker for the Anniversary service on August 30/26.

Christian Ed - VBS is on track. Jack L once again is going to do some Leadership. Rev. Lori says that there will be 3 or 4 of our young people who will be attending Silver Lake Canp this year!

Media

Motion: by Mary A to receive the reports as received and reported upon. Seconded by: George H. Carried.

New Business:

- Janice shared that Lauren, a long standing employee of the Raw Carrot passed away recently and Lynn Felker and The Raw Carrot would like to plant an ornamental tree in the church gardens in her memory. The cost and installment will be looked after The Raw Carrot.

- Carillon operator - Neil Aitken will take o this job.
- Secretary - still need one.
- Speaker/Sound System - Janice spoke to the need to replace our aging and increasingly unreliable sound system. After discussion, it was decided that a small task force consisting of Janice, Klaus, Derek, Rev. Lori, possibly James Croker and Bob McFarlane.

Upcoming Dates of Import:

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 16/26

Closing Prayer: Laurie A

Motion to Adjourn: Al L