

**ANGLICAN & UNITED CHURCH MINISTRIES**  
**Minutes of Church Council & Vestry Meeting**  
**February 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm, Friendship Room & Zoom**

**Present In-Person:** Jim Bragg, Joanne Veldkamp, Shirley Rattray, Antoinette Fortier, Pat Buehler, Heather Short, Dee Henderson, Ellen Johnstone, and Irene Sabados

**Present On Zoom:** Holly Cependa, Rev. Laureta Blondin, Rob Bown, Bill Rowe, Val Rowe, Lisa Topilko, and Marvin Topilko

**Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Holly Cependa at 7:01 pm**

**Devotion:** Joanne read a devotional from “Our Daily Bread” devotional book called “Humble Leadership” (Scripture for February 23, 2026 - John 1:19-28)

**Approval/Additions to Agenda:** **Pat Buehler** made a motion and **Heather Short** seconded the motion to accept the agenda with two additions. First to old business regarding the Sale of the Anglican Church building. Second to new business regarding Social Media & Website - to merge or not to merge. **CARRIED.**

**Approval of Minutes for January 14, 2026 (Council):** **Ellen Johnstone** made a motion and **Dee Henderson** seconded the motion to approve the minutes with one correction under Worship - there was no violin at the Christmas eve service. **CARRIED.**

**Approval of Minutes for January 26, 2026 (Vestry):** **Joanne Veldkamp** made a motion and **Heather Short** seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

**- Correspondence: None**

**Old Business/Business arising:**

- **Fundraisers** - Holly discussed some of our fundraisers: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper went well (kitchen was really organized). The weather was not good and we had only 45-50 people in attendance and we made \$543.00 (\$271.50 split with St. Mary's). It was a lot of work for very little profit. On March 13<sup>th</sup> the ladies will be baking pies for sale on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Lenten Quiet Day is March 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Spring Tea is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Golden Villa has already pre-booked their Christmas meal for this year to be catered by us again.
- **Remove Pews For Wheelchair Access; Replace with St. Mary's pews; Sanding and Staining of Pews** - The other two pews from St. Mary's have been moved and old ones taken out. Freeman will start sanding and staining the rest of St. Mary's pews and hoping to be done before Palm Sunday.
- **Sale of the Anglican Church Building** - Joanne shared an email from the Realtor. The most recent family that expressed interest in the building are wanting to turn it into a home. It looks promising as they have asked for more details. The Realtor will also check back with the previous two potential buyers who were interested. Praying that the building gets sold very soon.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Rev. Laureta** - Rev. Laureta mentioned that she has been very busy with Hospital visits and services in Viking. She did the senior's services at Long Term Care, Century Park, and Vegreville Manor. Heritage House service is this week. Ash Wednesday service was last week and Lenten Quiet Day is set for March 21<sup>st</sup>. Salem had their AGM this past Saturday and Laureta attended as the supervisor. Salem has decided to leave RSV Pastoral Charge in 2027.

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- Rev. Laureta (continued) - Salem will be having a service on July 12<sup>th</sup> and Laureta will be going there to do the service. July 12<sup>th</sup> will be a lay lead service for us in our church. On Good Friday, Laureta is doing a service at St. Joseph's Hospital at 10:30 am and our service here will be at 2:00 pm. Rev. Laureta has a meeting this Thursday with Rev. Adam and Bishop Stephen.
- **Rector's Warden** - Ardythe was not in attendance as she was not feeling well. We will add her to our prayer list. Holly read out a message she got from Ardythe: Ardythe has been helping with scripture readings and helping with coffee and treats after services once a month.
- **People's Warden** - Jim Bragg reported that all is well. There has not been anyone come to him with any concerns.
- **Treasurer's Report (Irene)** - The cash flow sheet for January was distributed. This past month the outflows were more than the inflows but Irene explained that our Power and Gas Bill was higher (\$963.18) as well as our snow removal invoice (\$1,480) was higher because of all the heavy snowfalls. Our website yearly renewal was \$538.80.

<b>January Cash Flow Sheet:</b>	<b>Previous Balance:</b>	<b>\$19,529.43</b>
	<b>Total Inflows:</b>	<b>+ 4,752.84</b>
	<b>Total Outflows:</b>	<b>- 6,919.24</b>
	<b>Current Balance:</b>	<b>\$17,363.03</b>

<b>General Account</b>	<b>\$17,363.03</b>
<b>Memorial</b>	<b>1,109.43</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>0.91</b>
<b>Common Share (Profit Share)</b>	<b>487.00</b>
	<b>\$18,960.37</b>

- **Treasurer's Report (Joanne)** - Joanne does her financial statements quarterly but she shared the account balances for St. Mary's as follows:

<b>Community Spirit</b>	<b>\$ 2,459.76</b>
<b>Business Savings</b>	<b>\$24,018.18</b>
<b>Reach GIC</b>	<b>\$11,955.35</b>
<b>Blackburn GIC's</b>	<b><u>\$61,000.00</u></b>
	<b>\$99,433.29</b>

- Joanne also brought up the idea that maybe we should not be sharing the profits from the events (50/50 split) - something to discuss with the rest of Vestry. Irene mentioned that the \$271.50 profit cheque from the Pancake Supper has already been picked up by Marvin.
- **Finance** - Joanne and Marvin attended the Finance Meeting in-person and the others were reached by phone. Some recommendations from our Finance Meeting - **Pat Buehler** made a motion that we transfer \$2,500 (same as last month) to our RSV Pastoral Charge account this month to cover expenses, seconded by **Ellen Johnstone**. **CARRIED**. Profit sharing will be discussed at our next meeting.
  - **Worship** - Ellen stated that it has been busy. Most of the hymns have been picked out for the next month. Holly has resigned from the Worship Committee. Pat offered to help out when she is available to hang banners, etc.

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- **Christian Education** - Holly stated that Day Camp has been going well. March 6<sup>th</sup> is our next Day Camp as well as a 3-day Camp on the last week of March. We are looking for more committee members as Holly will not be on the committee anymore. We may have to cancel further Day Camps. Dayton and Darlene have been helping out with the Camps, we will see how it goes for March 6<sup>th</sup>. Antoinette mentioned that Bible Study went really well this past Thursday.
- **Property & Maintenance** - Wolf and Bill installed the other two pews from St. Mary's. We had Harvey come in with his bob-cat on Friday to clean out the parking lot and he did a really good job. Sidewalks are being done regularly as it snows. Wolf fixed the tap in the kitchen that was dripping.
- **Fellowship** - Heather and Pat have been doing some visiting together and some separately (eight people this past month). Holly thanked them for all the visits and for Pat sending out all the cards for birthdays, etc. Discussed that both Heather and Pat are away the first Sunday in April and that we can maybe move the potluck and fellowship Sunday to April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Ministry & Personnel** - Rob talked to Irene and she mentioned that things are running smoothly for now. Shirley mentioned that it has been busy for our caretaker this past month and Traci is doing a good job.
- **Motion to accept reports** - **Dee Henderson** made a motion to accept the reports as presented, **Ellen Johnstone** seconded the motion. **CARRIED.**

#### New Business:

- **Discuss who is allowed to vote** - Joanne mentioned that even though voting at Council is one person per committee that can vote, she is wondering if that can be changed to every person who attends our meeting to have a vote. If people took the time out to be at the meeting that they should have a vote.
- **Operations Manual** - Holly and Rev. Laureta have been thinking about having each committee do up a little write-up of what they do in their position. Just in case something happens to one of our committee members, how do we continue with the work that they have been doing for the Church. For example, with Georgina retiring, we have had to fill in to do lodge services each month. Discussed that Irene's manual should be a little more detailed. Rev. Laureta mentioned that recording numbers for attendance at services is a little different for the Anglicans but we will have to have one common book for recording.
- **Senior's Services** (future plans and structure for worship) - Rev. Laureta, Ellen, and Antoinette are doing the service at Heritage House this Thursday. There are three days per month that we do lodge services (one of those days has a combination of two lodges). Maybe there are others in our congregation that would like to help out with lodge services - we will have to get the word out. The Worship committee to discuss this further.
- **Attracting new members to worship committee** - As per above, we will have to talk to people who are coming to Church about helping out.
- **Social Media and Website** - Discussion took place on merging our two Facebook pages. Holly mentioned that she spends about two hours each week posting on our Facebook page where as our website updates, Irene mentioned that it is about 20 minutes to a half hour each week posting bulletins and details about our services and events.

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**Devotions next meeting: Rector's Warden**

**Closing Prayer: Rev. Laureta**

**Next Meeting: March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**Adjournment: 8:09 pm**

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**Holly Cependa, Council Chair**

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**Irene Sabados, Secretary**