

**First Union Church**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

The Congregational Meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Mike Bolcer, Board President.

The meeting was called due to the ongoing flooding of the basement at the Manse.

Rick Wilson, board treasurer, said that sucking up water became a daily project at the first thaw, often 100 gallons a day. He researched extensively and recommends that we use Groundworks, LLC, a national company with an office in Traverse City, to resolve the problem at the cost of \$13,233.00. It includes a lifetime guarantee. Some do-it-yourself work ahead of time is necessary to remove concrete from the perimeter and to remove the wall coverings. Once Groundworks does the job, all water will be carried around to the sump pump. There will be reduced humidity and no more flooding.

Questions were asked and answered satisfactorily. Randy Schaedig made the motion that we approve the expenditure as presented, second by Dick Freel. Approved unanimously.

Before closing, Rick said members are welcome to see the proposal. He will be approaching men in our congregation to ask if they are able to volunteer some of their time.

Pastor Jim closed the meeting with prayer at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Dunn, Church Secretary