

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH**  
**Leadership Team Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2026**

In attendance: Charles Lotochinski (chair), Brenda Gruetzner, Kim Bilanski, Colleen MacBean (via Zoom), Rev. Sheila Deforest (via zoom), Dave Zacharias, Melanie Davis (secretary)

1. Check-in
2. Call to Order 7:07pm
3. Approval of the agenda: by consensus
4. Moment of Inspiration: Colleen advised that Dave Fletcher, Director, Camp Shagabec, was not available this evening; he will come another time.
5. Opening Devotion: Brenda
6. Volunteers
  - a. Read Group Norms: Brenda
  - b. Monitor our responsibilities as 'Keepers of the Vision': Kimberly
  - c. Record tasks: We agreed that any tasks will be recorded in the minutes; no need to include this item on future agendas.
  - d. Sharing of meeting highlights with congregation: Charles
7. Approval of the February 19, 2026 Leadership Meeting Minutes: by consensus
8. Correspondance
  - a. Thank-you card from Peggy Worrell to the Leadership Team
  - b. Thank-you card from Alzheimer Society for allowing them to use our space
  - c. Request from Maple Creek United Church Council to use First United Church's Policy & Procedures Manual when drafting their own. Approved by consensus.
9. Business Arising
  - a. The Leadership Team will lead the **April 12, 2026 worship service**. The theme is the United Church crest. Colleen & Peggy will plan the service, with Team members participating.
  - b. Reminder: 'Sowing Seeds of Faith' **Silent Auction, April 12, 2026**
  - c. **Fellowship Time on Sundays**: This is going ok. Folks appreciate the opportunity to gather for coffee and visiting before and after church. A comment was made that it needs to be an easy task to organize so that it keeps going.
  - d. **Vacation Bible School April 7, 2026**: This is a cooperative venture of St. Stephen's Anglican church, St. Olaf's Lutheran church and First United Church. Will take place at First United, with a maximum of 15 participants this time.
  - e. **Responses from AGM 'What would you like our church to do to fulfill our ministry'**: Charles will share the list with all committees to take a look at the items which might apply to their work. The Leadership Team will revisit this list in the future.

10. Reports from Committees

- a. Stewardship provided a Financial Statement Recap, dated Feb/26

11. Approval of reports: by consensus

12. New Business

- a. **Providing space for “The Farmers’ Table”:** We received an email from Amy Miller asking to use our space (parking lot in the spring/summer; inside space in the winter) for people to pick up their orders. (Details about this organization can be found at <https://farmerstable.localfoodmarketplace.com>.) We didn’t disagree with the idea, but did discuss such things as financial compensation for using indoor and outdoor space; The Farmers’ Table isn’t a charity, it is a business; does this set a precedent for use of our space by other businesses, etc. Will pass this on to Building & Property.
- b. **Church service led by St. Andrew’s College:** We received an enquiry from Outreach asking about setting a date for this service. Melanie will advise Fran Jackson to take the request to Worship & Music.

13. Closing Prayer: Brenda

14. Next Meeting: **Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7pm**

- a. Volunteer for Chair: Charles
- b. Volunteer for opening and closing devotion: Kim

15. Adjournment 7:57pm