

# Knollwood Heights UMC

## Round Table Minutes January 20, 2026

Members present:

Jamie McMurtrey, Brian Lewis, Bob Dominicak, Alan Thornburg, Chris Bryant,

Non-voting: Pastor Sharla McCaskell, Elke Baxter, Guest: Mary Wood

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Jamie McM. Meeting was opened with prayer by Jamie McM. Next month's devotion will be given by Pastor Sharla.

**December Minutes were approved.**

### **Finance:**

See attached financial sheets for December & 2025 year end accounting. Motion made to approve financial report; accepted.

Elke to make financial slide of year end report plus projected budget for 2026 is \$187,970 (expenses listing only – no mention of budgeted income).

MRP Bookkeeping's new fee schedule options was discussed. The new package deal was accepted via motion.

A 4% CD for 6 month is being offered by our credit union – recommendation made by Alan T. to take advantage of this offer by rolling the balance of the savings account \$\$ (roughly \$36,000) into this CD. Motion made and approved.

### **Trustees:**

The parking lot light is fixed; Women's bathroom needs touch up paint on walls. Front door sticking issues still need to be addressed.

Lawncare for 2026 was approved on an annual basis.

### **Missions:**

2025 Mission totals were presented with exception of the Food pantry which is an ongoing project. Currently there are at least \$ 2000.00 in the account for future purchases.

There are now 2 fridge/freezers in the pantry but food options are scarce from the foodbank. Slide of 2025 total missions is requested. 2026 missions list was discussed and approved to remain the same.

We are looking to host a PASSAGES meal on February 22. We are looking for volunteers to organize the event (Diane & Betty Lou are current volunteers there). Pastor Sharla suggested a simplified hot dish – like chicken - and have the congregation bring salads instead of bringing crock pots full of food which may or may not stay hot and therefore safe for consumption.

Motion made & approved as well as One Heart coffee date, which a date still need to be set for.

**Staff/Pastor/Parish:**

No content

**Pastor's report:**

A pilot program called "Generosity Grove" has been introduced by the conference to be launched Spring/Summer '26. Through it free help is being offered for the next 2 years to receive instruction on how to learn to advance giving for churches.

Pastor Sharla will send out info on it to the group and a decision should be made in February if we would like to be a participating church.

Next, Pastor Sharla is asking the board for permission for a short term leave of the month of June & to take her accrued vacation which has already been approved by the conference. Motion approved.

Door code change: We're changing the door code to update our security measures. A general announcement will be made later.

Ash Wednesday service will be at 5:30pm and info for a Lenten Study is being put together.

Water/Sewer Assessment from the City \$ 200.- needed to be put into a budget item. Added to garbage... budget line

Tuesday bible study group has increased to 18 people. There's growth in all areas of the church along with new people who started coming to church.

Website - Bob D. would like to see a tab for **meeting/minutes** of roundtable & building committee & charge conference on our website for easy access to the congregation. Separate the RT, Building Committee & Charge Conference.

**Building Committee:**

Closed on lot (purchased) on Sept. 2, 2025. We have chosen to proceed with preliminary Option 3, 120'x80' = 9600 sq. ft. building to show elevations and detailed cost list to see if adjustments need to be made prior to presenting to the Conference Building Committee.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Sharla at 6:58 pm.

The next Round Table will meet on February 10th, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

With respect,

*Elke Baxter*

Secretary

