

LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS IN BRIEF

Meeting: Feb 4, 2026

WE DECIDED:

- That the Leadership Team recommend for approval at the Annual Congregational Meeting on March 15th, the 2025 income statement and the 2026 budget.
- That an in-depth assessment of the air handling units which feed the sanctuary and hall be done for up to a cost of \$3,500 from the Building Reserve Fund.

WE DISCUSSED:

- The many components of our Sunday worship service (order of service), and other things we have in place on Sunday mornings at Spirit of Hope.
- Feedback and ideas from the January 24 Leadership Team reflection and planning retreat.
- Our continuing partnership building with community groups, particularly those supporting newcomers, the 2SLGBTQ1a+ community, seniors and food security.
- Visitor training provided by Rev Blaine to members of the Congregational Care team.
- Updates on Nomination Committee's search to fill Leadership Team vacancies, Annual Report compilation and printing (for Mar 1) and planning details for the Narrative Budget presentation on March 8 and Annual Congregational meeting on March 15.
- Rev. Gregg's report, shared with the Leadership Team. The Amos Bible Study is scheduled for Wednesday evenings from April 8-29 and will be held on Zoom. The Regional Affirm Committee will liaise on behalf of The United Church with Edmonton Pride Fest for the August 22nd parade.
- Feedback received from participants in January 25 Promotion Project celebration and kick-off and next steps.
- The need for more to participate in the broadcast booth.

LOOKING FORWARD TO:

- Marking the beginning of Lent with Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and Service of Ashes (Feb 17).
- Observance of Lent with special stewardship project to benefit the Garneau Strathcona Food Security Program.
- City wide weekly Lenten prayer services, with one at Spirit of Hope on Sun. Mar 1 at 4 p.m.
- Our annual narrative budget discussion on Mar 8 – followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting on Mar 15.
- Community events: Sunday movie, family open mic and the BLT! breakfast at the end of February.
- Planning for Lent, Easter and the Spring!
- The Ladies Group is hosting a garage sale on April 18!
- The return of Jazz and Reflections concerts at the end of March.
- Continuing to welcome new people into Spirit of Hope, with warmth, openness and hospitality.
- Guided and inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus and other sources of great wisdom, continuing to journey; learning, changing, and growing together.

Next meeting: Wed, Mar 4, 2026

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

- Chair: Jim Lewis
- Past Chair: Carol Loewen
- Secretary: Phyllis Verhaar
- Treasurer: Kevin Gue
- Ministry and Personnel: Eva Cooper
- Trustees: Sandra Hawes
- Property, Finance and Stewardship: Cathy Martin
- Worship Faith in Action Team (FIAT): Roslyn Thomson and Vici Wynn
- Learning and Growth FIAT: Heather Green and Chris Meintzer
- Just and Caring Community FIAT: Judy Meintzer and Sara van Halderen
- Communications: Susan Bramm
- Minister: Reverend Blaine Gregg