

## LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS IN BRIEF

### Meeting: May 6, 2026

#### WE DISCUSSED:

- The success and appreciation of the five Jazz and Reflections concerts that ran from March 29 to May 3. After expenses, the church received \$2,331.65 from donations made by attendees. Thank you to Vici Wynn and the many other volunteers who made this possible.
- The successful April 28 Garage Sale coordinated by the Ladies Group that brought in \$2,314.20 for the church operations, with an additional \$232.90 from puzzle sales organized by the Chancel Ringers to pay for bell maintenance costs.
- Rev Blaine's experience attending the May 4 Alberta Christian Leadership Summit.
- Introducing Rev. Lloyd Lovatt as Minister Emeritus, an honorary position.
- Financial report: as of the end of March our operating finances are off to a good start (Cathy reporting).
- Promotions Project update: continuing to receive responses from those attending Spirit of Hope on what it means to them; progress on website design concepts, videographer to film activities at the church over the next six weeks.
- The vital way in which the Spirit of Hope mission, vision and values continue to inform decisions made regarding updated job descriptions and staff expectations, and emerging ideas—building on the skills, strength and energy of volunteers and staff. We continue to create something new through learning, changing and growing together!
- For the fall, Rev. Blaine to initiate a study group to discuss current issues through a faith lens.

#### LOOKING FORWARD TO:

- All ages service on May 17, celebrating a baptism.
- Two movies in the month of May: "Nonnas" on Mother's Day (May 10) and "Godspell" on May 24.
- Church School children planting the vegetable garden in the front.
- Another community Open Mic event on May 16, hosted by Marie Fontaine.
- A new and exciting fund-raising dinner event: Night of Knights medieval feast on May 30.
- Refreshing the paint on our rainbow stairs in time for Pride month.
- 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, June 3, 2026

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

- Chair: Jim Lewis
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- Secretary: Phyllis Verhaar
- Treasurer: Kevin Gue
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- 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