

Minutes  
Starbuck United Church council meeting  
Sunday September 21, 2025

In attendance : Margaret Porter, Janis McMorran, Kathleen Manness, Helen Kendall, Michele Ammeter, Sharon Masse, Jacquie Ell, Rev. James DeBeer, Melanie Stanley

Meeting was called to order at 12:03

A motion to adopt the Oct.6 2024 minutes made by Melanie Stanley, seconded by Michele Ammeter.

**Carried**

**Ministers report**

**Chair report**

**M & P report**

The Meridian Pastoral Charge (MPC) Ministry & Personnel (M&P) committee members are Judy Cormier, Stuart Manness, Julie Ringash and Michele Ammeter (Chair until Feb 2026). Chair then will rotate to Sanford. The M & P committee held a Zoom meeting, hosted by Rev James, on May 8.

The leadership schedule was the primary agenda item. Rev James will be in Starbuck every week with the exception of the second Sunday each month when Starbuck United joins Trinity Lutheran. On those Sundays Rev James will be in Avonlea at 11:00 am from September through to January. From February to June, he will be in Sanford at 11:00 am. Pulpit supply will be used by Sanford on Christmas Eve.

Should you know of anyone requiring pastoral care please pass the information to James. James can be reached by email, text or phone.

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Michele Ammeter*

**Worship Report**

The MPC Worship Committee held our Annual Mtg on August 26th, 2025 at Sanford United Church. Rev. James and 7 representatives from the 3 churches gathered to review the 2025 - 2026 church year. The meeting opened with Rev. James leading us in prayer.

Our agenda began by looking back over the previous year, which included the joy of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada in June.

Looking ahead:

This years leadership schedule with Rev. James:

Starbuck: every Sunday at 11:30AM

Joint service with the Lutheran congregation the 2nd Sunday of every month.

Avonlea: 9:30AM in person or live stream

11:00AM September 2025 to January 2026 (5 months) - 2nd Sunday of the month, Rev. James in person.

Sanford: 9:30AM in person or live stream

11:00AM February 2026 to June 2026 (5months) - 2nd Sunday of the month, Rev. James in person.

Rev. James offered Lay-led worship material as an option for any church.

Communion Dates for Starbuck United Church:

6 Sundays, corresponding to the changing seasons of the Church Year.

Worldwide/ Thanksgiving October 5, Advent December 7, Epiphany January 11, Lent February 8, Easter April 12, Pentecost May 10.

These celebrations will take place when we have Rev. James in person.

Worship:

At present, we are in Worship Year C. Advent1 (Nov. 30th), the beginning of the church year will be Worship Year A.

Time Change: Nov 2nd, 2025 and March 8th, 2026

\*\*Recovenanting Service - September 14<sup>th</sup> Not too sure check with James and Margaret

Many of the events of Advent and Lent will be decided by individual congregations.

Advent 1: Nov 30th

Blue Christmas Service & ice candles - virtual - Saturday, December 20th

Christmas Eve: Starbuck. 5PM. Rev. James

Sanford ?? Time. Pulpit Supply

Avonlea 7PM. Rev James

December 28th, 2025 - individual church decision to be open

Season of Lent Lent 1: Feb 22,2026 liturgy of Ashes

Passion/Palm : March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Good Friday: April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 Avonlea 10:00a.m.

Easter: April 5, 2026. Avonlea-Pulpit Supply

Pentecost – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. “Suggesting- United 101 Service”

10:00a.m. Sanford/Communion/Pot Luck

Union Point Church: June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1016 10:00a.m.

MPC will pay for one pulpit supply per church per year.

A general discussion included some service format changes and children's story time.

Also there was some discussion about having another Joint United Church service again perhaps in June if the interest is still there. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UC C last June was so successful and everyone really enjoyed it.

Next MPC worship meeting – August 25, 2026 Sanford 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Diane Trudeau

Worship Chair for Starbuck United Church

MPC worship chair for 2026/2027 and 2027/2028

### **Projects Report-**

### **Pastoral Care report**

### **Prairie to Pine**

**A motion to adopt** the reports was made by Jacquie Ell, seconded Michele Ammeter.

**Carried**

## Treasurers Report

<b>Starbuck United Church</b>	
<b>2025 Income Statement (January 1 - September 15, 2025)</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	
Offering	\$ 6,865.00
Offering M&S	\$ 20.00
Gifts	\$ 8,370.72
Donations	\$ 100.00
Interest Term deposit	\$ -
Interest Savings & Dividend	\$ 330.03
Projects (pancake Supper & Hort Night)	\$ 809.00
Misc Other	\$ -
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 16,494.75</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Allocation	\$ 23,100.00
TLC Rent	\$ 3,000.00
Donations	\$ 8,900.00
Mission & Service	\$ -
Pancake supper	\$ 162.00
Horticulture Night	\$ 76.36
Pastoral care	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 119.40
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 35,357.76</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 16,494.75</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 35,357.76</b>
<b>Net income (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$ 18,863.01</b>

Bank Balance			
Balance January 1, 2025			
			\$ 219,862.73
General Account			\$ 6,443.89
Outstanding cheques			\$ -
Outstanding deposit			\$ -
Term Deposit 116040218889			\$ 170,000.00
Platinum Savings			\$ 43,418.84
Transfers from Accounts			
Transfer from	Transfer to	Date	Amount
Savings (2413)	Cheque (0012)	Feb 28	\$ 1,300.00
Savings (2413)	Cheque (0012)	Feb 28	\$ 15,000.00
Savings (2413)	Cheque (0012)	Oct	
GIC	Savings (2413)	Oct	
Closing Balance (Sept 15, 2025)			\$ 200,997.97
General Account			\$ 3,550.85
Outstanding cheques			
Outstanding deposit			
Term deposit 116040218889			\$ 170,000.00
Platinum Savings			\$ 27,447.12
Total Balance Change			-\$ 18,864.76

SUC Balance Sheet				
Bank Balance at December 31 (ACU)			<b>2024 Dec 31</b>	<b>2025 Sept 15</b>
Checking (-outstanding)			\$ 6,443.89	\$ 3,550.85
Platinum savings			\$ 43,418.89	\$ 27,447.12
Term Deposit			\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00
			\$ 219,862.78	
	Plus 2025 Net Income		-\$ 18,864.81	
	Total Assets		\$ 200,997.97	\$ 200,997.97
GIC term	Principal 2025	15-Oct	\$ 170,000.00	
	Interest est	15-Oct	\$ 7,310.00	
			\$ 177,310.00	

**A motion to adopt the treasures report as circulated** made by Michele Ammeter, seconded Jacquie Ell.

**Carried**

**A motion to take \$15,000 plus the interest** from the past year from the GIC coming due and put it into general funds, moved Michele Ammeter, seconded Sharon Masse.

**Carried**

## **Correspondence**

## **Old Business**

- 1) The foundation looks like it may be in place in the new year.

## **New Business**

- 1) Suggestion of a joint service to celebrate the 101 anniversary in May. Please think on this. We will make a motion at the AGM.
- 2) Reminder that the second Sunday of the month is a joint service. Our church is often only represented by Margaret on those Sundays.
- 3) There will be a living well workshop in Oak Bluff. Rev. James has put together a little brochure for MPC. He will include us in the flyer.
- 4) We will schedule our AGM for January 25 barring requests for other congregations.

**Michele Ammeter moved, Jacquie Ell seconded** that we will not have a service on Sunday Dec. 28.

**Carried**

**A motion to adjourn** the meeting was made at 12:18 by Michele Ammeter.