

## **Roxboro United Church Council Meeting February 24<sup>th</sup> 2026, via Zoom**

**Present:** Beverly Baker, Ann Beaupre, Diane Campbell, Françoise Côté, Caroline Golphin, Heather Herridge, Vivien Lapa, Rev. Darryl Macdonald, Carol Paradis, Claudia Rourke-Frew, Janet St-Pierre, Lynda Scardocchio, Cindy Snow/Sawers, Sandra Thomson.

**Regrets:** none

### **Territorial Acknowledgment, Opening Worship & Welcome:**

Rev. Darryl Macdonald opened the meeting with a prayer and the territorial acknowledgment.

**Council President: Janet St-Pierre:** She welcomed the new members-at-large, i.e. Ann Beaupre and Caroline Golphin with Sandra Thomson rejoining. Thanks were extended to Kim Hensen, Charles Paradis and Lori-Ann Snow for their service. Vivien Lapa also mentioned that the meetings are recorded, whereas an AI summary is provided for further reference.

Call to order: by Janet St-Pierre at 7:18 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Beverly Baker moved that the agenda be accepted, seconded by Cindy Snow/Sawers Motion was carried.

**Correspondence:** Nothing to report. However Beverly Baker noted that the church received a thank you note for the donation to the Canadian Bible Society.

**Adoption of Minutes of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026** Beverly Baker said that the statement that “free-will” baskets would be present to help with the costs” was incorrect. The monies were equally divided to Fonds d’ Aide de Ouest -de-I’lle and Welcome Hall Mission. Carol Paradis moved that the modified minutes be adopted and Beverly Baker seconded it. Motion was carried.

### **Time with Darryl:**

1. “Messy Church” held on Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 was a great success with about fifty (50) persons attending. Next will be at Cedar Park United on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.
2. Study Group will start on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, continuing to March 25, 2026. Robin Wall Kimmerer is the author of “The Serviceberry”. To obtain the Zoom link email [minister@mergingwaters.ca](mailto:minister@mergingwaters.ca)

3. Roxboro's theme for Lent will be "How Does Your Garden Grow".
4. There will be a meeting with Rev. JoëlleLeduc to arrange shared services for the Easter time: Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2026, Good Friday will be held at Ste. Genevieve and Maundy Thursday at Roxboro. Each church will hold their own Easter Sunday services. As usual Easter services will be held at Roxboro at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast prepared by the St-Pierres afterwards at 8:30 a.m. and then at 10:30.
5. He mentioned that the funeral service for Norma Letts will be held at a future date. Her paintings were displayed at the last church service, allowing persons to take one home. Janet St-Pierre noted that, with her son Peter Letts' consent, her costume jewellery has been donated to the church. It will be available for sale during the Fall Bazaar Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Business Arising:** Janet St-Pierre reported:

- AGM follow up: no report.
- Pancake Supper Follow up: It went very well with the proceeds of about \$357.00 equally given to the charities mentioned above. Food that was left over was sent to Ricochet Shelter. It was noted that the previous contact with the Muslim community, Madame Anari has died and a sympathy card was sent to her daughter.
- Kitchen telephone: A telephone is still needed.

**New Business:** UCW Request: A request from Cindy Snow/Sawers is to have the UCW report presented first. under the heading of Committee Reports. This is to accommodate the next president Susan Beckmann's schedule.

Wooden Tables: They will be again checked as to their usage.

The newsletter "Daily Bread" will be reviewed as to whether the subscription is to be renewed or modify the order.

**Committee Reports:**

- UCW: Cindy Snow/Sawers: see report. At the Potluck luncheon, pies will be the dessert. The pies will first be served at coffeetime that Sunday, ie March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in lieu of National PI Day. Also four (4) ladies who celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, as well as two (2) others in their 80's will be honoured on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

- Community Action /M&S: Claudia Rourke-Frew: Ricochet, which helps the homeless, appreciated the gift of pancakes and such. ON ROCK is doing well. The various local charities of which she is in touch are very grateful for all the help and donations that they have been receiving. She also clarified that the recent homelessness due to a local fire, are not housed at Ricochet, but are being helped by the Red Cross.
- Finance: Beverly Baker: see report.
- Membership: Carol Paradis: Various persons received cards from the church.
- Regional Council: Diane Campbell: no report.
- Strategic Planning: Diane Campbell: no meeting yet.
- Affirming Ministry: National Pi Day, will be held on March 15, 2026.
- Trustees: Rev. Darryl Macdonald: There has been no meeting yet to discuss the needs of the church building. Some details as to what is needs attention were clarified.
- WISDA wishes to rent at supper time, with Sunday, November 29, 2026 recommended.
- Cluster: Rev. Darryl Macdonald: A meeting will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, noting that Pentecost service will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Merging Waters United.
- M & P: Françoise Côté, Heather Herridge: no report.
- Pastoral Care (K.I.T) Lynda Scardocchio: She volunteered to buy the cake for the celebration on March 29, 2026
- Roxboro Revelations: Cindy Snow/Sawers: Deadline was February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 but there were few submissions.
- Special Events: Janet St-Pierre: Easter breakfast and the Kirkland Concert on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 were noted. On Easter Sunday, eight (8) new members, previously adherents, will be recognized.

**Adoption of Reports:** Motion to accept the committee reports was made by Diane Campbell seconded by Lynda Scardocchio. Motion was passed.

**Motion to Adjourn & Closing Prayer:** The motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by Claudia Rourke-Frew, seconded by Carol Paradis. Motion was passed. Darryl Macdonald closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Next Meeting: March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. Respectively submitted – Vivien Lapa