Windsor United Church of Christ Council Minutes,
February 10, 2026

Present: Dwight Mueller, Caitlin Mountford, Pastor Tammy Martens, Lori Newlun, David Schipper, Shane Schweppe, Jeanne Wendtland, Gene Nader, Joan Rice

1. Opening Devotional: Pastor Tammy Martens

2. Minutes of the January 13 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Treasurer's Report: The January Financial Report wasn't ready for distribution.

4. Moderator's Report: The next 5th Sunday offering will be on March 31. Contributions will be used toward the salary of the Christian Education Coordinator. There were many positive comments regarding the annual meeting. Having a Constitutional Change Policy in effect helped things run smoothly by preventing last minute motions. Last month, Council passed a motion to look into constitutional changes regarding baptism and moderator participation on the search committee.

5. Pastor's Report: Tammy shared Celebrations, Looking Ahead and Wonderings:

   - Celebrations include Sunday visits, the annual meeting with a passed budget, visitors to worship, Urban Immersion for Confirmands and Confirmands participation in Maundy Thursday suppers.
   - Looking ahead includes Ash Wednesday Lenten Suppers with 30-minute programs, leading a book study on *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage* by Richard Rohr, a slate of special guest preachers and developing process for mission/vision work which will start in April.
   - Wonderings include our troubled country, looking into community response training and finding ways to help connect with new people.

6. Music Report: David reported that they have enjoyed performing at senior housing sites and plan to do more of it. Choir is practicing on Thursdays. Steven Sundeen helped fix some wiring to improve the sound system.

7. Old Business

   - A subcommittee will be formed to examine constitutional language concerning baptism and moderator participation on the search committee. The Executive Committee will discuss this and present some thoughts next month.
   - Jeanne Wendtland shared a comparison of two mortgage refinancing proposals. The Board of Trustees recommends that Wings proposal be accepted.

Lori moved that we accept and approve the Board of Trustees recommendation that the Wings mortgage refinancing proposal be accepted. Shane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. New Business

    - Lori shared a list of tasks related to creating a safety plan. A small workgroup will begin addressing simple, low-cost items on the list. A safety team will be formed.
    - Vote for Vice Moderator was suggested.

Joan moved that Lori Newlun continue as Vice Moderator for 2026. Caitin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

    - Jeanne Wendtland and Gene Nader have been added to the Ministry Teams document.
    - A draft of ideas for Mission and Vision statements was discussed. The terms were defined and Council members contributed thoughts on questions that were proposed.

9. Committee Reports

    - Board of Trustees: The grease trap problem is being addressed. There are 2 quotes: $2,000 to clean and repair and $4,700 to replace it. They are looking into repairing rather than replacing the basement refrigerator. The elevator maintenance agreement has been completed. Spring clean-up will be at the end of April.
    - Stewardship: Luann was absent from meeting and no report was available.
    - Missions: Shane will be working with Tammy, Caitlin, Dawn Collins and Aaron Lisowe to discuss future plans. It is hoped that they will be involved in the Ministry Team.
    - Worship: Lori reported that Ash Wednesday, Lenten and Easter plans are underway.
    - Christian Education: Caitlin reported that on February 25 the Sunday School classes will host the first Lenten supper. Caitlin and Tammy will meet with a public school representative to discuss additional way we can address the needs of homeless youth. Food from the food pantry may be shared with the public schools, including much needed snacks. There is a significant need for food in the public schools and food not needed at the food pantry may be donated to help address the need.
    - Gene reported that Pastor David Moyer will celebrate the 50th anniversary beginning his of his ministry at Windsor UCC next Sunday. He and Ann will be hosting a coffee hour. Spread the Love visits have begun and are going well. Lenten suppers will begin on February 25. There will be a 30-minute informal service following each supper.

10. Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: March 10, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rice