

Humbercrest United Church
Approved Minutes of Church Council Meeting
February 24th 2026

Attendance: Dianna Seth, Marg Garrie, Linda Steggles, Rev. Diane Mugambi, Howard Gaskin, Dorothy Lothian, Barbara Pattison, Aileen McGregor, Brian Packham

Regrets: Charlie

Gathering, Land Acknowledgement, Welcome

Welcome and land acknowledgement by Rev. Diane

Inclusivity check list Linda

Prayer : Brian

Administrative Ministry of the Church

Motion: Dianna/Howard

That Council Approve the Minutes of January 27 2026 Council Meeting **CARRIED**

Motion : Aileen/Brian

That the Agenda for the meeting be approved as circulated **CARRIED**

Correspondence: No correspondence

Chair Report Linda

Thank you, Rev. Diane, Barb P., Marg G., Dorothy, Chris and all who helped set up and clean up for a successful Shrove Tuesday and Ash Liturgy evening. Thanks too to all who attended and who contributed a delightful variety of food. Rev. Diane's question:

What will you give up for Lent?

I also visited a congregant in LTC with Rev. Diane as we had heard from this person's family at Christmas time that this would be much appreciated.

Aileen, Howard, Donna, Celine and Linda will be on a roster of volunteer Sunday School teachers March 1 to June 21, the last Sunday before the school break. A schedule, template for the programme and links to simple crafts have been provided. Sunday School volunteers have been added to the "Humbercrest Services" shared document.

I have been working with Chris on refining the Annual Report. BIC is not using the Friendship Rm. for small group discussions after their service any more so we will use that space without inconveniencing any other group. Please note - Heritage Hall and the Kitchen is booked from 1 pm on along with the sanctuary for a Recital and reception. So

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we will only have limited access to the kitchen. Congregational Life will provide tea and coffee. As a result, please bring your own lunch. Thank you Dianna for all your work on the AM 2024 minutes, and advice re the Agenda.

The Nominations proposals will contain some changes as a few of us are at the end of our terms. Dorothy and Vince will co-lead the Devotion Team, Libbie Evans will step up as Chair of Trustees and so become a member of Council, Howard will leave Trustees to return as Chair of Council and I will take on Secretary for one year. Huge thanks and gratitude to Brian and Dianna for their skilful and dedicated work on Council. Brian will continue on the Worship Committee and the Affirm Group and Dianna will join Trustees, as well as stay on the Rental Committee, Outreach as the Kindred Kitchen liaison, and as a Counter. Vince will also help with communications on social media.

I would like to highlight a few events which will come up before our next meeting. I draw to your attention the West End Affirm film series which begins March 3 at Kingsway Lambton. April 20 at HUC. See details in the Beacon. Please plan to attend. Also, the World Day of Prayer Service is March 7 at 10 am at St. Paul's Willard Anglican Church. Come and relax that afternoon here enjoying a free Recital put on by a Brass Quintet and bring a non-perishable food item as your entry fee!

Please support the walk for a local food bank March 21. Please see the Beacon or speak to Barb Gilmour.

Thank you everyone

1. Volunteer led Sunday school will begin March 1

2. Gospel Extravaganza

Confirmed for May 31st in the afternoon.

Stewardship of our Resources Charlie

Motion : Dianna/Dorothy

Carried

That the financial reports and cheque register for the month of January 2026 be approved as circulated

Motion: Charlie/Dianna

Carried (email vote)

That an adjustment to the December Operating Fund statements to add an additional expense of \$601.75 be approved.

Our Shared Ministries

Community Team Barb

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Sunday February 8, Book Club, Care and Welcoming and Visitation Groups hosted a Valentine-themed coffee and teatime.

Sunday, February 22, M & P, and Mission hosted coffee and teatime following the Scouting Sunday Service.

Both were enjoyed by all - many sweet treats and healthy choices!
Congregational Life will provide coffee, tea and cookies for the Annual Meeting.

My thanks to all those who host, help set up and clean up.

Devotion Team Brian

Brian circulated a devotions planning schedule. The Good Friday service time is 11 a.m.

Facilities Team Howard

OPEN PROJECTS LIST

- 1) Outdoor electronic sign – on track
- 2) Boiler system ionizer – planning stage
- 3) Roofing – winter storm repairs - spring
- 4) 2013 Canon Printer replacement – planning stage
- 5) Centre door surveillance system Ring Camera type solution - spring
- 6) Centre door lock - no progress

OPEN PROJECTS DETAILS:

- 1) **OUTDOOR SIGN:** City of Toronto permitting and BP Heritage District approval are almost complete. Sign construction planned for March. Installation for early April.
- 2) **IONIZER:** Follow-up request for a formal quote made 20Feb ~\$5,800
- 3) **ROOF REPAIRS:** South gutters torn down by ice. Leaks in sanctuary & Minister's office closet, Marg met with roofers late January. Quote on repairs pending better weather
- 4) **OFFICE PRINTER:** 2026 budget pending a second quote from an alternative supplier
- 5) **CENTER DOOR CAM:** Inexpensive door cam to be purchased and installed in spring Cost: ~\$200
- 6) **LOCK:** Thom exploring next steps on thumb latch fix.

ODDS & SODS

- 1) Snow removal is occurring 8-12 hours after first snow falls – will explore options for fall 2026
- 2) Elevator access closed for several days w/o 16 Feb due to crashed gutters and ice falling.

CLOSED PROJECTS

- 1) Amplifier replacement part purchased and installed \$1,977.50 pd 28Jan26
- 2) KEYS request for a humidifier turned down. KEYS informed.

OUTDOOR SIGN UPDATE - CHERYL GASKIN

Council

The sign project is progressing as expected. Permitting through the City of Toronto and the Baby Point Heritage District are almost complete. Minor cosmetic adjustments have been proposed that do not materially impact the cost or functionality of the sign. Cheryl will review the final design with Dianna and Marg, and Council, before construction commences in March. Installation is tentatively planned for early April once the ground is properly thawed.

Mission Dianna

Donations to support the Walk will go the Sharing Place

Resources Marg

Use of Halls

Feb.22 Sinfonia Toronto Set up 6-9 pm

Feb 23 Sinfonia recording 8-5 pm

Feb.24 Sinfonia finished recording and moved out

Rental Report

The after-school Children's Art group: -due to poor enrollment they have decided to try again in Sept. for a possible session.

The after-school Children's Tutoring group: – might possibly try for a Spring session.

Trustees Howard

No report

Ministry and Personnel Aileen

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Aileen reported that Greg would be away from 20th to 26th April.

Minister's Report

Humbercrest United Church
Pathway for Disciplined Prioritization
Ministry Direction
2026–2027

Do you think we can get there? We'll never know if we don't try.
Rev. Diane will present this for those interested at another time.

Meeting adjourned 8.10

The next meeting of Council is March 24th by zoom

AGM 8th March

L. Steggles – Council Chair

D Seth – Secretary