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Stan Mushinski

April 30th, 2023

Bertha Beatty

Sept. 30th, 2023

Baptism

Amanda Holder

April 2nd, 2023

Ministry and Personnel Report 2023

A decision was made, based upon a suggestion from East Central Ontario Region, to conduct the annual reviews with staff members in the early Spring months. This is a less busy time in the church life and allows time to consider and plan for any changes that might be implemented. As a result, staff reviews for 2024 will be held in March or April.

During this past year, Marion McComb “shadowed” Shasta Morey for two days in her position as Charge Office Administrator. At that time, Shasta also provided a listing of what she does each day, making us aware of the extent of her duties, some that go beyond the job description.

Pastoral Charge Committee Members: Marion McComb, Leon Silk, Dawn Pilgrim and Donna Budgen

St. Andrew’s Committee Members: Leon Silk, Dawn Pilgrim and Donna Budgen.

Submitted by Donna Budgen.

CASTLETON GRAFTON PASTORAL CHARGE

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023

	DECEMBER	2023 YTD	PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RECEIPTS				
Allocation St. Andrews	1,933.75	20,442.25	23,205.00	23,205.00
Allocation Castleton	1,041.25	10,883.75	12,495.00	12,495.00
Telephone Recovery	25.00	250.00	300.00	300.00
Transfer from Term Deposit	0.00	4,922.41	0.00	0.00
GST/HST Refund	0.00	193.57	150.00	150.00
Miscellaneous/Interest/Bulletins	0.00	548.50	700.00	700.00
Vernonville Anniversary	0.00	30.00	150.00	150.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>37,270.48</u>	<u>37,000.00</u>	<u>37,000.00</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Minister's Expenses				
Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Continuing Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Employee CPP, EI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
United Church Pension	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Minister's Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Other Expenses				
Pulpit Supply	1,322.55	12,222.81	14,000.00	14,000.00
Secretarial Contract	1,008.00	6,084.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Music /Organist	625.00	4,295.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Video Services	320.00	320.00	320.00	320.00
Internet fees	61.00	732.00	900.00	900.00
Telephone	50.97	670.72	700.00	700.00
Office supplies	41.19	774.34	800.00	800.00
Worship/Pulpit supplies	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
UCC Assessment	0.00	3,939.00	3,939.00	3,939.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	941.00	941.00
Transfer to Term Deposit	0.00	5,548.50	0.00	0.00
Bank /ADP charges	4.95	59.40	300.00	300.00
GST/HST	19.91	265.18	0.00	0.00
Outreach/Discretionary	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Vernonville Anniversary	0.00	358.33	200.00	200.00
Search Committee	0.00	0.00	800.00	800.00
Affirm United	0.00	100.00	200.00	200.00
Other Expenses Total	<u>3,953.57</u>	<u>35,869.28</u>	<u>37,000.00</u>	<u>37,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,953.57</u>	<u>35,869.28</u>	<u>37,000.00</u>	<u>37,000.00</u>
Receipts over (under) expenditures	<u>-953.57</u>	<u>1,401.20</u>		
Opening bank balance	<u>9,546.58</u>	<u>7,191.81</u>		
Closing bank balance	<u>8,593.01</u>	<u>8,593.01</u>		
Term Deposit @ 5.25% due July 16/24	5,000.00		Member Shares held	50.00
Term Deposit @ 3.65% due Nov.18/24	15,547.50		Member Dividend account	15.19

Linda Marshman, Treasurer

CASTLETON UNITED CHURCH BOARD COMMITTEES

Board of Trustees

This Board will be responsible for the legal signing of all legal documents, deeds, loans, investments, trust funds, endowments, rent and insurance.

Linda Marshman, Marion McComb

Building & Grounds Committee

This Committee will be responsible for all property: additions (inside and out), repairs, painting, lights and heat, grounds; cutting grass, planting flowers and trees and snow removal. Caretaker duties and supplies.

Bob McComb Philip May Bart Nelson

Finance & Stewardship Committee

This Committee guides, motivates and educates the local congregation in its responsibility as stewards of creation that includes time, talent, and money.

Brian Annis Bonnie Bunyan Marion McComb – UCW representative
Linda Marshman/Linda Annis - Castleton Treasurers.

Pastoral Care & Outreach Committee

This Committee nurtures and coordinates the work of visitors in their visiting with members of the congregation. In addition, the committee enables the congregation in welcoming new members, caring for people in transition and grief, and visiting the elderly and sick.

Irene Clarke Robert Rusk Nancy Nelson

Worship & Christian Education Committee

This Committee provides oversight for the worship services and use of the worship space. The duties of the Committee shall also include studying the educational needs of the congregation.

Irene Osborne David Bunyan Brian Annis
Invited: Organist/Choir Director

Other Committee Positions

Ministry and Personnel Committee

Marion McComb

Nominating Committee

2024 Retiring Board Members

Anniversary Committee

Worship Committee and friends

Church Bookings

Marion McComb 905-344-7601 (home) 905-375-8155 (cell)

Treasurers

Linda Annis/Linda Marshman

Bay of Quinte Region ECOR Rep.

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**CASTLETON UNITED CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023**

RECEIPTS	DECEMBER	2023 YTD	2023 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Local	2,755.00	15,628.00	20,000.00	16,000.00
Loose	170.00	402.00	500.00	400.00
Bulletins/Envelopes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission & Service	197.50	1,055.50	1,600.00	1,200.00
Easter & Good Friday	0.00	135.00	100.00	100.00
Anniversary/Thanksgiving	0.00	880.00	500.00	800.00
White Gift/Candlelight/Christmas	1,427.80	1,427.80	400.00	1,400.00
Transfers B&M/F&S	0.00	212.50	0.00	0.00
Roast Pork Dinner/pies	20.00	4,431.87	0.00	4,400.00
Roast Beef Dinner	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GST/HST	0.00	707.84	500.00	700.00
Gourmet Dinner Draw	0.00	2,975.00	1,000.00	2,200.00
Yard sale	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
Community Lunches	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Discretionary Fund	19.70	185.80	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	4.00	118.00	300.00	100.00
United Way	273.14	1,119.53	800.00	1,000.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>4,867.14</u>	<u>29,303.84</u>	<u>26,700.00</u>	<u>28,300.00</u>
 EXPENDITURES				
Music Ministry	0.00	0.00	500.00	400.00
Charge Treasury	1,041.25	10,883.75	14,520.00	12,495.00
Pulpit Supply/Supervisor	168.40	428.40	400.00	500.00
Church Supplies	0.00	214.13	180.00	205.00
Fuel	296.06	3,428.60	3,200.00	3,600.00
Hydro	90.84	1,116.20	1,500.00	1,300.00
Phone	54.48	684.05	700.00	700.00
Repairs & Maintenance	68.49	1,537.01	1,000.00	1,500.00
Insurance	0.00	6,854.76	5,800.00	7,000.00
Roast Pork Dinner/pies	0.00	1,426.80	0.00	1,400.00
Roast Beef Dinner	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	0.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Miscellaneous & bank charges	137.39	344.64	300.00	300.00
Mission & Service	342.50	1,055.50	1,600.00	1,200.00
Transfer to B& M	0.00	212.50	0.00	0.00
GST	29.69	337.44	300.00	300.00
HST	47.48	540.09	500.00	500.00
Gourmet dinner	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Donations- House Fires	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
White Gift	1,050.00	1,150.00	100.00	1,100.00
Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,526.58</u>	<u>31,013.87</u>	<u>31,000.00</u>	<u>33,100.00</u>
 Excess of Receipts				
over (under) Expenditures	1,340.56	-1,710.03	(4300.00)	(4800.00)
Opening bank balance	<u>12,481.04</u>	<u>15,531.63</u>	use excess cash	use excess cash
Closing bank balance	<u><u>13,821.60</u></u>	<u><u>13,821.60</u></u>		

Linda Annis, Treasurer

Linda Marshman, Treasurer

CASTLETON UNITED CHURCH
FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP FUND
2023

FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 12,207.85
CASH RECEIPTS		
Investment Income - High Interest Savings	518.70	518.70
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		
Transfers to General Account	-	0.00
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2023		12,726.55

	Cost	Market Value
Renaissance High Interest Savings variable 4.33%	12,725.92	12,725.92
CIBC Investors account-cash	0.63	0.63
	12,726.55	12,726.55

Includes \$1,233.23 transferred from Sunday School account

CASTLETON UNITED CHURCH
BUILDING & MEMORIAL FUND
2023

FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 46,606.60
CASH RECEIPTS		
In Memoriam	-	
Regular Offering	684.00	
Bequests	-	
Investment Income - Savings Account	0.42	
Investment Income - Guaranteed Term Deposit	1,575.49	2,259.91
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		
Transfers to General Account	0.00	0.00
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2023		48,866.51

	Cost	Market Value
CIBC Savings 9520368	5,674.40	5,674.40
CIBC Mortgage Inc. - GTD May 31/24 3.65%	43,164.00	43,164.00
CIBC Investors account-cash	28.11	28.11
	48,866.51	48,866.51

The principal of \$20,920.96 from the sale of the manse is held in trust for the United Church of Canada. The funds are not available for operating or capital expenditures unless approved by Regional Council.

Linda Marshman, Treasurer
Linda Annis, Treasurer

Castleton Chairperson Report 2023

As I reflect back on the 158th year of the Castleton United Church I am struck most by the resilience and dedication of our leaders and members.

The year started with the promise that our long search for a United Church minister would soon be over. But alas it wasn't meant to be. An awkward time for everyone but our resilience shone through. Out of the darkness came the light to form the Community of Faith committee that has worked very hard to identify our needs moving forward. I am looking forward to their report.

Reverend Janet showed us her true character by soldiering on as worship leader while undergoing a very difficult time in her own life.

Reverend Calvin continues to provide his much appreciated advice as our ministerial oversight person.

Our church year had the usual special Easter and Christmas services that were well attended but the highlight for me was the return of the fall supper. Seeing the church basement full of people enjoying the great food and fellowship was very rewarding.

A special thank you to Shasta Morey and the congregation at St Andrews for all their support throughout the year. For all their musical gifts, acting talents, tech support and even helping at our church supper we thank you very much.

As we move forward I hope we can work more closely with St Andrews on combining even more services. The reality of trying to juggle family and work commitments in a world that no longer reserves Sunday mornings for Church is leaving our Sunday attendance somewhat unviable.

My final thank you is to the great people at Castleton United who few in numbers work so very hard to keep the community of faith alive in this cherished place.

~Submitted by Bart Nelson

Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee Report 2023

The Outreach Committee continues to send cards, make phone calls, and visit whenever possible. We encourage conversation that ensures others know we care about them and their situation. Sharing goodies always brings a smile.

Finance and Stewardship Report 2023

Giving of time, sharing of talents and assisting with projects undertaken by all within the church were quite evident by the success of various activities.

Thanks to Ted Westbrook for continuing to offer his support with the Gourmet Dinner preparations. Five hundred plus tickets were sold.

We thank all who are selfless in their givings to the church and to the community at large. Every dollar is important and used wisely.

Thanks to those who baked, cooked, served, organized, set-up and cleaned up to make the Roast Pork Supper in October a huge success. Welcoming the supper guests made each feel special. To the individuals who came from St. Andrews to assist at the supper, thank you

Contributions to the Mission and Service Fund were shy of the budgeted amount, but givings submitted by the UCW increased the Community of Faith contributions. Thank you.

Budgeted \$1600 Givings \$1055.50 UCW \$ 600.00

Finance and Stewardship Committee: Linda Marshman, Brian Annis, Bonnie Bunyan, Marion McComb, Linda Annis

~Submitted by Linda Annis for the Finance Committee

Worship Committee Report 2023

Castleton United is a welcoming, out-reaching group. Many have participated in various services freely and provided ideas.

We have been asked to join with the St. Andrews worship committee meetings to combine ideas for service enrichment. We enjoy times under Shasta's leadership presenting the services, especially the skits she provides that allow us to shine, notably the service on Family Sunday in May and White Gift in December.

Thanks is extended to Shasta as Charge Secretary but more importantly for her dedication to the music ministry. Hymn selection. musical instruments and her voice leading the hymns.

Worship leader, Rev. Janet Warren has enriched our services throughout the year.

Thanks to Rev. Jean Wilson and Rev. Deborah Elliott for assisting with the Communion Services and Karen Bates for her service.

Castleton was closed during the month of July, but we were able to enjoy the fellowship with the St. Andrews congregation.

In June, Ashley Bowman was the guest speaker for the Affirming Anniversary.

Castleton's 158th Anniversary service was led by Rev. Janet Warren and musical guest Wendy Anderson Well planned service.

The White Gift Service in December was a joint service prepared and presented by both committees. Great work by all! The Colborne Legion was very pleased with the donated gifts.

We thank all who have taken part in services.

Worship Committee David Bunyan, Brian Annis, Irene Osborne

~Submitted by Brian Annis for the Worship Committee



Castleton UCW Report 2023

Castleton UCW has been an active group during 2023. We met at the home of President, Marion McComb in January with the decision being made to work on milk bag mats, fidget muffs and other projects at the church during the rest of the year. We met again in February & April at the church to work on these projects. On Friday, March 3rd, we held the World Day of Prayer Service in the downstairs of Castleton United Church. The country of Taiwan had prepared the service for this year with the theme of "I Have Heard About Your Faith". Thank you to Shasta Morey & Ed Mulvey for their assistance with preparing the Power Point presentation. In June, Judy Smallwood came to the church to instruct us in the art of making cards. We were able to make 3 cards using her guidance and her tools and the supplies that she provided. In July, we were invited to tour the beautiful gardens of our member, Irene Osborne. We took our own lunches and Irene Clarke provided a delicious fruit punch beverage. Everyone enjoyed visiting and then Irene O gave us a tour of her gardens. In August, some of us got together at the home of Linda Rayner, daughter-in-law of our member, Leta Rayner & sister-in-law of our member, Khristine Rayner. Linda lives south of Grafton and has some beautiful gardens...some of which go into the woods behind her home. We brought our own lunches and Linda & Khristine served a delicious beverage. In September, on the suggestion of Christine Hammond, some of us took the drive to near Baileboro where we partook of our own packed lunches & Marion McComb provided a fruit punch beverage. We then toured the grounds of the ZimArt's Rice Lake Gallery, which is all outside, to admire the hand-carved Zimbabwean stone sculptures. The Gallery has now permanently closed after Thanksgiving 2023 after being opened 23 years ago.

Many of our members assisted with the Castleton United Church Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, October 28th. Lots of hard work goes into the planning, preparation, serving and cleanup of the dinner. We presold tickets for 2 sittings which were sold out. It was a huge success with many compliments being received about the food, the service and many are looking forward to the next dinner that we hold.

On Remembrance Day, the UCW catered the lunch in the lower level of the church, to the members of the Postal Unit of the Trenton RCAF after they participated in the Remembrance Day Service at the local cenotaph. Homemade soups, pork on a bun (using leftover pork from the church dinner), sandwiches and desserts of cookies, squares & tarts were served & well received with many wonderful compliments being received.

In November, we met at the church to work on the milk bag mats and some members made meat pies using the rest of the pork that was leftover from the church dinner. The pies were sold with the money going to the Church for ongoing expenses. (Small pies were \$7 each and large ones were \$20)

Donations were made to the following: Cornerstone, Camp Quin Mo Lac, Mission & Service, WICC (Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada) and the UCW National Project. Toys were purchased by Irene Clarke for the Colborne Legion Christmas Hamper program. The UCW donated money towards these toys.

Money was sent to the Hills & Shores UCW Presbyterial for dues, bursary fund and for the National UCW.

Thank you to Irene Clarke for continuing to send cards to people in the community on behalf of the Castleton UCW & Castleton United Church. Irene receives reimbursement from the UCW for the cost of the stamps.

Respectfully submitted by Marion McComb, Castleton UCW President

CASTLETON UCW FINANCIAL DECEMBER 2023

	MON	YEAR		
Chq. Bk. Bal Beg. Mon/Yr	\$2,414.21	\$2,589.84		
			2023	
RECEIPTS		YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET
Regular Offering	\$ 56.00	\$.576.00	\$ 500.00	\$.
World Day of Prayer	\$0	.. 105.00	\$0	\$. . .
Donations/Bequests	\$0	\$200.00	\$ 500.00	\$. . .
Funerals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
Lunches / Buses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
Observer Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
Charity Offering	\$0	\$ 60.00	\$ 100.00	\$.
Miscellaneous	\$0	.\$0	\$.655.00	\$. . .
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
TOTAL INCOME	\$56.00	\$941.00	\$1,755.00	
EXPENSES				
Bursary Fund	\$0.	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$. . .
M&S Expense	.\$ 100.00	.\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$.
Camp Quin Mo Lac	\$0	\$. 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$.
Presbyterial Dues	\$0\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$.
Canadian Bible Soc	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
Day of Prayer/Women	\$0.	\$ 105.00	\$ 0	\$.
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
Kitchen/ Food/ Electrical	\$0. . . .	\$. 26.99	\$ 400.00	\$..
Library	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
Floor/Wax/ Lights	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
Comm/ Gifts/ Décor	\$0	\$ 30.50	\$ 200.00	\$.
Flowers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
Observer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
Child for Camp	\$0	\$0	\$ 100.00	\$.
Charity Donation	\$. 101.65 .	\$ 161.65	\$0	\$.
Envelopes / Stamps /Cards	\$. 11.30 . . .	\$.134.44	\$.250.00	\$.
Mandate	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$.
Church	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
Bank Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$.
Misc.	\$0	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00	\$.
TOTAL EXPENSES	.\$ 212.95	.\$1,273.58	\$1,755.00	\$.
Excess Rec/Exp	\$.(156.95)	.\$(332.58)		
.CHQ BOOK BAL @ .DEC 31/23 \$2,257.26				

S. Busk
Treasurer

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BOARD COMMITTEES 2024

Board of Trustees

Sharon Brown 2024 Gaye Hoskin 2024

Building & Grounds Committee

John Wilson 2026 Christina Wilson 2026
Laurie Deviney 2025

Worship and Christian Education Committee

Doreen Payne 2026 Sharron MacDonald 2024 Olivia Gibbs 2026
Brian Payne 2025 Invited: Music Director

Finance & Stewardship Committee

Treasurer (annual appointment)

Pastoral Care Committee

Christine Hammond 2024 Gail Hoskin 2024 Cathy White 2024
Bev Silk 2024

Social Justice & Outreach Committee

Sharron MacDonald 2026 Olivia Gibbs 2026
Cathy White 2026 Bev Silk 2026

Other Committee Positions

Ministry and Personnel Committee

Donna Budgen 2024
Dawn Pilgrim 2025
Leon Silk 2024

Haldimand Court Apartments

Gaye Hoskin 2024
Brenda Keller 2025
Jenn Galt 2024

Church Bookings Nominating Committee Envelope Steward

John & Jean Wilson
2024 Retiring Board Members
Sharron MacDonald

Communication and Newsletter Region 11 Rep.

Donna Budgen
Donna Budgen

St. Andrew's Building and Memorial Fund Report 2023

Memorial Fund Report

Opening Balance			\$29,630.73
Donations	\$300.00		\$29,930.73
Service Charges		\$59.40	\$29,871.33
Closing Balance			\$29,871.33

St. Andrew's United Church General Account Financial Statement 2023

Mission and Service Fund

Objective for 2023	\$5000
M&S Donations 2023	\$7170

Restricted Funds

White Gift	\$579.64
Social Justice	\$2,465.68
Community Outreach	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$3,145.32

Available Funds as of Dec. 31/23

Bank Balance Dec. 31/23	\$33,725.86
Outstanding Cheques	\$528.77
Outstanding Deposits	\$1151.00
Restricted Funds	\$3,145.32
Available Funds Dec. 31/23	\$31,202.77

Notes:

- Misc. Expenses include Bibles, Fair Share donation, Gift Card and Memorial Fund.
- In 2023 the cost of Utilities for 135 Old Danforth was \$1734.00
- Cost of Grass cutting for 2023 was 5819.00

Submitted by Jean Wilson, Treasurer

	2023 Year End	2022 Year End	Budget 2023	2024 Proposed Budget
Receipts				
Offerings -Local	\$40,691.00	\$39,871.15	\$57,500.00	\$40,000.00
Offerings - M&S	\$7,170.00	\$5,535.00		
Offerings - Loose	\$1,241.00			\$1,000.00
Fundraising -	\$1,865.00	\$134.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Donation- Other	\$640.00			\$1,000.00
Rentals	\$851.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
GST/HST Refund	\$445.12	\$510.71	\$500.00	\$400.00
Vernonville Insurance				
Recovery	\$3,384.36	\$3,092.13	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
Transfer from Trustees	\$1,120.00	\$1,120.00	\$1,120.00	\$1,120.00
Celebration Bank	\$406.45			\$400.00
Memorial Donation	\$300.00			
White Gift	\$1,130.00	\$1,450.00		

Community Outreach	\$100.00	\$2,554.53		
Misc	\$100.00			
Use of Surplus	\$0.00		\$13,000.00	\$925.00
Extra Appeals		\$1,926.75		
Total Receipts	\$59,443.93	\$56,394.27	\$76,420.00	\$52,145.00
Expenses				
CGPC - Assessment	\$20,417.25	\$12,789.00	\$40,000.00	\$21,000.00
CGPC - Phone Recovery	\$275.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
UCC - M&S	\$7,970.00	\$5,535.00		
UCC Extra Appeals		\$1,926.75		
Wages & Honorium	\$4,297.00	\$1,380.00	\$9,220.00	\$5,000.00
TRAVEL	\$283.80	\$0.00		\$300.00
Hydro One - 137 Old Danforth	\$1,765.45	\$1,680.64	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
Hydro One - 135 Old Danforth	\$541.23	\$495.66	\$600.00	\$600.00
Enbridge - 137 Old Danforth	\$3,477.16	\$2,263.44	\$3,100.00	\$3,500.00
Enbridge - 135 Old Danforth	\$1,193.59	\$457.72	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Lakefront Utility	\$601.55	\$597.56	\$550.00	\$700.00
Insurance	\$10,153.08	\$9,370.08	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
Administration (Treasurer)	\$363.38	\$896.30	\$500.00	\$250.00
Supplies (Caretaker)	\$71.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Bank Charges	\$103.14	\$131.84	\$300.00	\$45.00
Committee - CE & Worship	\$0.00	\$324.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
Committee - Stewardship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Committee - Building & Grounds	\$7,162.68	\$813.85	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00
Committee -Pas Care & Outreach	\$150.50	\$6,892.21	\$650.00	\$150.00
White Gifts	\$2,100.00	\$549.61		
Misc	\$773.09		\$200.00	\$500.00
Total	\$61,698.90	\$46,403.66	\$76,420.00	\$52,145.00
Surplus/ Deficit	-\$2,254.97	\$9,960.61		

White Gift		Investment	
Balance Forward	\$1,549.64	CIBC GIC	\$5,364.89 <i>at 3.15%</i>
Donations	\$1,130.00	<i>Value at</i>	<i>(Feb 9,</i>
Total Receipts	\$2,679.64	<i>Maturity</i>	<i>\$5,534.35 2024)</i>
Total Expenses	\$2,100.00		
Year End Balance	\$579.64		

Annual Report for 2023

Pastoral Care & Outreach Committee goals for 2023: To provide a safe place of worship where all are welcome and respected regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, differing abilities, ethnic background or economic circumstances. (*Charge mission statement*)

Committee members continue to be in contact with congregants who have been unwell or appreciated ongoing contact via home visits, telephone calls or cards.

- ❖ Guidelines for friendly visiting have been finalized and all committee members have had police checks completed.
- ❖ Requests for pastoral care/visits from the ministerial team can be facilitated through members of the committee.
- ❖ Committee members ensure that supplies for the after Church fellowship hour are available and extend many thanks to all who have provided snacks, cold drinks, coffee and tea – and cleaned up afterwards!
- ❖ All members are encouraged to extend a warm welcome to visitors and be aware of those who may be ill or who would welcome a friendly phone call or visit.
- ❖ The committee organized a Christmas tea/reunion at Rosewood Estate Retirement Home in Cobourg for members who are unable to attend regular services. 15 members plus the pastoral care ministerial team spent a lively afternoon together. Many thanks to Joan Chalovich who facilitated the communication with Rosewood.

Social Justice and Outreach goals for 2023: To reach out to others in the community and the world (*Charge mission statement*). To act with conviction, stand alone or within community partnerships to address and advocate for equity within the Church and the community.

- ❖ The Social Justice and Outreach Committee mounted monthly information campaigns that included displays in the conversation area and outside the Church facility, utilizing the screen during services, speakers, the newsletter and community outreach via the Church web site. Topics included Black History Month, Earth Day, Red Dress Day, Affirm, Orange Shirt Day, World AIDS Day and the red scarf campaign. The purpose was to raise awareness within the membership and the larger community of important social justice issues and demonstrate St. Andrew's commitment to these topics. The committee is now in the process of evaluating this approach and planning for 2024.

The Building and Grounds committee reports costs for 2023 were under budget. Major costs were grass cutting and grounds maintenance. Other costs were small repairs to the church building. Fire and building inspection are completed monthly. Spring and fall yard clean up were completed with volunteers. Mould on the church siding was cleaned and removed and external window frames were painted. A plan is underway to utilize “Faithful Footprints” guide to assess the church and Heavenly Helpings building energy use with a goal to reduce St Andrew United Church buildings carbon footprint.

Respectfully Submitted

Laurie Deviney, Ted Jackson and John Wilson

ST. ANDREW’S BOARD REPORT - 2023

I was honoured to be the chair of St. Andrew’s United Church board for 2023. We met in person for every meeting, and it was a joy to see everyone face to face after the long years of the pandemic. In 2023, the church board committees set goals and worked toward establishing and improving their work for the church. Several members of the board worked on updating St. Andrew’s Bylaws to align with the United Church of Canada. A stand-alone Social Justice committee is now part of the church board structure. It incorporates some of the previous work of the UCW but embodies a broader scope that informs and challenges our congregation to recognize our role in promoting social justice in our community and the world.

I am grateful for the guidance of former chairs and members of the board who share their gifts of knowledge, experience and physical effort freely with a mutual goal of making the best decisions for our congregation. Thank you to the hard-working worship committee and music ministry who continue to plan, and conduct varied and stimulating services on a regular basis. It is a challenge to continue the work of the church without a dedicated minister, yet St. Andrew’s continues to serve the community.

I am grateful to Reverend Calvin Stone and Reverend Jean Wilson for sharing their expertise and guiding the board in matters of United church policy but more significantly, in matters of spiritual implication and leadership.

As a chair I am looking forward to a planning retreat set for the board on March 9, 2024. We will continue the work of St. Andrew’s United Church as we enter our 180th year of existence.

Yours Respectfully

Laurie Deviney

The Worship & Christian Education Committee planned many services and events in 2023 with the goal of providing meaningful worship.

Services featured music, skits, and puppet plays. Special services were recorded by Ed Mulvey for posting on YouTube.

We were fortunate to have Rev. Janet Warren conduct many services for us this year and we thank her for her willingness to work with us. Thanks also to Rev. Jean Wilson, Rev. Calvin Stone, Rev. Deborah Elliott and Karen Bates for presiding during the year.

Following are some examples of the services and activities organized during the year:

- February – Black History Month featuring gospel music
- April – Easter services and Holy Humour Sunday
- June – Pride Day was celebrated on June 11 with a special presentation by Ashley Bouman from PFLAG, arranged by Cathy White.
 - A float of enthusiastic singers was entered in the Grafton Canada Day Parade.
- July – Outdoor services started with a Canada Day themed musical service featuring hymns and songs by Canadian composers.
 - “Sundae Sunday” with ice cream and scrumptious toppings was a sweet way to bring July to a close.
- August – Outdoor services continued and were well attended.
- September – Hunger Action Month was highlighted with a presentation by Erin Hunter of the Fare Share Food bank, arranged by Bev. Silk.
 - St. Andrew’s 179th Anniversary was celebrated with a service on September 17 featuring guest musicians, The Brass Quintet
 - Castleton’s anniversary service followed the next week.
- October – All Saints Sunday featured a celebration of the saints in our lives.
Guest musician – Alison Landry
- December – Special services throughout the month culminated in a Christmas Eve service featuring Eileen Stone on piano.

A welcome station was set up – including a guest book, an updated brochure and sign-up sheet for the church newsletter – to engage new people who attend our services and as a source to keep in touch.

The Committee also oversaw seasonal Sanctuary decoration, including Easter decorations, the use of a Pride altar cloth during Pride Month and the display of crèches and poinsettias during the Christmas season.

Communion took place four times over the year. Guest musicians included Alison Landry, Wendy Anderson, Eileen Stone and The Brass Quintet whose contributions are always well received.

Thanks for the work they do must go to the Worship Committee: Brian Payne, Doreen Payne, Sharron MacDonald from St. Andrew’s and Brian Annis and David Bunyan from Castleton. Special thanks to our invitee on the Committee - Shasta Morey - for her dedication and creativity without whom there would be less order – and much less music.

~Olivia Gibbs

TRUSTEES REPORT 2023

Balance on hand January 1, 2023 \$2,552.43

RECEIPTS

\$0.00

Total Receipts

\$0.00

EXPENSES

Maintenance Fee \$30.00

St. Andrew Church \$1,120.00

Total Expenses

\$1,150.00

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 2023

\$1,402.43

Trustees Investments

1-Matures Feb. 9,2024 (18 months) \$42,168.00 Interest rate 3.8%

2-Matures May 22,2024 (18 months) \$10,105.62 Interest rate 4.8%

Manse Fund is included in Trustee Investments

Balance January 1/2023 \$22,400.00

Transferred to church \$ 1,120.00

Balance December 31/2023 \$21,280.00

Insurance for the churches is with Brokerlink

Grafton church Building \$1,271,389

Stained glass \$ 45,459

Contents \$ 130,829

Organ \$ 14,379

Cookie fact. \$ 101,714

Vernonville Church \$ 333,592

Premium cost is \$10,153.08 which is shared with Vernonville

Gaye Hoskin

Sharon Brown

Bill Finley

VERNONVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Vernonville Cemetery Board Financials - 2023

CURRENT ACCOUNT: *1

Scotiabank balance January 1, 2023 8,490.78

RECEIPTS

Donations 3,969.88
HST/GST Rebate 246.55
Misc. 250.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 4,466.43

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bank Charges 30.00
Office supplies 478.84
Decoraton Day expenses 497.73
Caretaking/Maintenance 3,135.75

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 4,142.32

BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 8,814.89

HERITAGE FUND - C.I.B.C *2

Bank Balance January 1, 2023 4,238.76

RECEIPTS:

Donations 1,505.00
Misc. 450.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS: 1,955.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Insurance 3,384.36
S/C 4.50

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: 3,388.86

BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 2,804.90

GANARASKA CREDIT UNION *3

Bank Balance January 1, 2023 8,169.45

RECEIPTS

Members Shares 67.94
Monument Upkeep/Stones 200.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 267.94

DISBURSEMENTS

Service charge 59.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: 59.40

BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 8,377.99

INVESTMENTS

Ganaraska Credit Union Term Cert. *4 3,280.95
Ganaraska Credit Union Care/Main *5 34,477.61
CIBC - Cemetary Board *1 10,658.99
Scotiabank #1 10,119.64

TOTAL INVESTMENTS 58,537.19

1. account to pay for care and maintenance of cemetery

2. heritage account is governed under gov't heritage regulations and money can only be used for building issues

3. a portion of each lot sold and each headstone erected must be deposited into trust account - this account is regulated by the Gov't

4. same as 3

5. bequest left and specific to ongoing care and maintenance of cemetery

Submitted by : Brenda Keller

Reviewer's Report 2023

As mandated by the St. Andrew's United Church Board, we, the appointed review committee of St. Andrew's Untied Church, have conducted an examination of the church's annual financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 2023 and the related books, records and supporting documentation for the year then ended.



Laurie Deviney

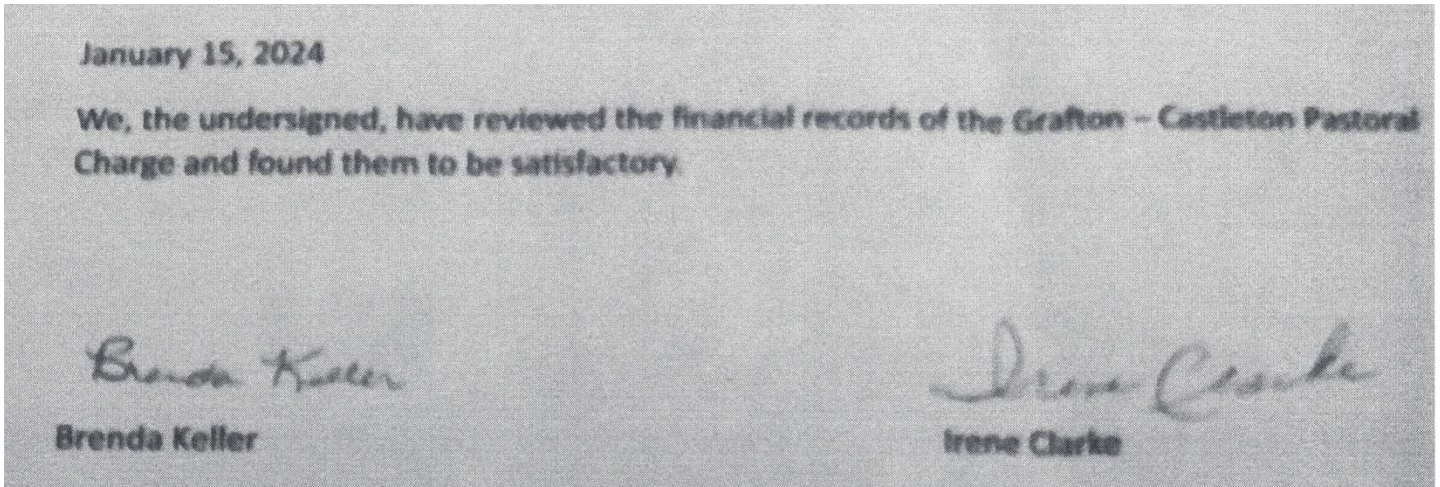
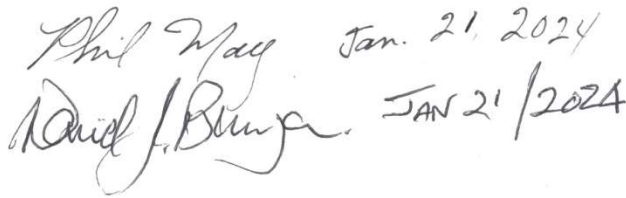


Donna Budgen

Castleton Church Financial Reviewers Report 2023

The financial books and records for Castleton United Church for the calendar year 2023 were examined on January 21, 2024. These include the ledger (record of receipts, expenditures), monthly bank statements, deposit records, Finance and Stewardship Fund and Building and Memorial Fund. It is our opinion that these documents represent the true financial position of Castleton Church as of December 31, 2023.

Submitted by Phil May and David Bunyan



CASTLETON – GRAFTON PASTORAL CHARGE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
MARCH 1, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: **Castleton:** Irene Clarke, Linda Marshman, Linda Annis, Bob McComb, Phil May, David Bunyan, Bonnie Bunyan, Marion McComb, Bart Nelson.

Grafton: Brenda Keller, Bev Silk, Leon Silk, Gaye Hoskins, John Wilson, Jean Wilson, Christine Hammond, Donna Budgen, Sharron MacDonald.

Supervisory Minister: Rev. Calvin Stone

1. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting: MOVED by Linda Marshman to accept the minutes of February 23, 2022, SECONDED by Christine Hammond, and CARRIED.

2. REPORTS

a) Ministry & Personal Report – pg. 2

b) Deceased – pg. 2

c) Financial – pg. 3 – 6 Castleton pg. 12 – 14 Grafton

d) Reviewed Financial Report – pg. 19

MOVED by Bart Nelson to accept the reports, SECONDED by Bob McComb, CARRIED

3. NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE

Rev. Stone conducted this portion of the meeting.

Chairperson: Brian Payne

Vice-Chairperson – Christine Hammond

Secretary – Sharron MacDonald

Treasurer – Linda Marshman

Financial Reviewers for 2023 – Irene Clark and Brenda Keller

MOVED by Donna Budgen, SECONDED by Bob McComb to approve Brian Payne as Chairperson, Christine Hammond as Vice-Chairperson, Sharron MacDonald as Secretary, Linda Marshman as Treasurer and Financial Reviewers Irene Clark and Brenda Keller for 2023. CARRIED

4. SEARCH COMMITTEES – ORGANIST/PIANIST – There have been no inquiries regarding this position and the search committee had discontinued their search due to there being no minister. Will continue search when the situation warrants.

CLOSING PRAYER: Rev. Calvin Stone

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2024 – to be held on February 28, 2024 at Castleton United Church at 7:00 p.m.

Castleton United Church AGM – Sunday, February 26, 2023

We met after morning service in the church basement. In attendance were Rev. Jean Wilson, Linda Marshman, Bart & Nancy Nelson, Philip May, Bob & Marion McComb, Linda & Brian Annis, Leta and Khristine Rayner, and Irene Clarke.

Chairman Bart Nelson called the meeting to order.

Devotions and Land Acknowledgement – during service

Agenda approved on a motion by Marion, seconded by Nancy, Crd.

Approval of previous meeting's minutes passed on a motion by Linda M. with Khristine seconding. Crd.

Election of Officers – Bart will continue as Chair; Irene as secretary; Linda A. and Linda M. treasurers. A vice chairperson is still needed. Financial Reviewers – Philip May and David Bunyan will remain.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Dinner Draw – Ted Westbrook is willing to cater the draw on Mother's Day – tickets will be given out -details of dinner will be between winner and Ted. Marion kindly offered to print the tickets and be responsible for advertising through media.

Sign – Bart is hoping Beyond Sign & Design will have sign finished this week. \$400 plus hst.

We were reminded of the charge monthly newsletter and encouraged to contribute.

Reports from Annual Report

Minister's Report – n/a

ECO Regional Council – Rev. Jean advised the spring meeting is the first weekend of May.

Treasurer's Report – Linda M. thanked Linda A. for her weekly support. She advised the \$4564 excess this past year was largely in part to reduced payments to central treasurer, dinner draw & yard sale. She also reported that if we have a minister, we would need to take \$10,000 from savings this year. An insurance application has been submitted to UC of C, and we can anticipate insurance costs to rise. Rev. Jean noted that as of now, we are no longer able to list minister's salary separately, but needs to be lumped together with salaries, wages, honorariums. We can discuss salary but not during official meetings.

Acceptance of Financial Report – As per Rev. Jean, this needs to be a separate motion. Marion moved to accept with Khristine seconding. Crd.

M & S Objective – Motioned by Brian, seconded by Bart, that the 2023 goal be \$1600.00 Crd

Trustees Report – as per written

M & P Report – as per written

Building & Grounds – as per written

Finance & Stewardship – as per written

Pastoral Care & Outreach – as per written

Worship & Christian Outreach – as per written

U C W – as per written

Acceptance of Reports – on a motion by Bob, and seconded by Nancy. Crd

New Business –

Irene reiterated a thank you from Colborne Legion Hamper Program, adding that a huge appreciation was verbally given to the Castleton Church and Community for their most generous support.

Emergency Use - discussion around opening the church for this purpose. Marion requested that she be called first, since she is the contact person for bookings. It was suggested that the church could be utilized during extended power outages in the area, if it was not affected. Also, that the fire department could obtain the church key from the store in emergency cases. If the church is opened for this reason, the OPP should also be notified. Irene shared that the Castleton Store has offered any assistance they can provide, should this happen. Motion to accept by Bob, seconded by Linda M. Crd.

Affordability of Ministerial Candidate Rev. Stone – Discussion ensued, with several thoughts being shared.

Irene had spoken with Rev. Janet, who indicated she would be happy to continue in her present capacity. There is a list of available retired ministers and LWLL as well. The financial impact of hiring Rev. Stone was discussed, mentioning that the extra money could be taken from investments. It was questioned as to whether having a half-time minister would increase attendance; what additional benefits there would be to hiring one; how long the church can survive. Rev. Stone will be leading the joint service in Grafton on Sunday March 5th, following which there will be a question period. People are encouraged to attend and participate in the vote.

Ideas to Generate Income - Rev. Jean suggested setting up PAR; highlighting special church seasons with letter mailings, including envelopes; yearly letter mailing updating financial situation; stewardship campaign. Also take out dinners; Canada Day BBQ

Next AGM meeting – Sunday, February 25, 2024, at noon, after church service.

Next meeting –, April 16, after morning service. Devotions during service. Irene will do Sept. devotions

Closing – Rev. Jean closed with prayer.

Adjournment at 12:00 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Feb 12th, 2023

- Attending:** Olivia Gibbs, Sharron MacDonald, Elaine Hope, Donna Reeves, Sharon Brown, Carroll Mallory, June Mallory, Rev. Jean Wilson, John Wilson, Frances Flynn, Rev. Calvin Stone (ECORC), Bev Silk, Leon Silk, Bill Finley, Gaye Hoskin, Gail Hoskin, Brenda Keller, Christine Hammond, Doreen Payne, Kris Williams, Linda Constable, Dawn Pilgrim, Donna Budgen, Brian Payne, Cathy White, Laurie Deviney.
- Call to order and Welcome:** Laurie Deviney welcomed all to the meeting and introduced herself as the new Board Chair for this year
- Land acknowledgment:** The Chair opened with a reading from the United Church Manual entitled an Apology to First Nations Peoples (1986)
- Devotions:** Sharron MacDonald led devotions with a reading referencing the importance of Christians reflecting God's light as Jesus is the light of the world.
- Adoption of the agenda:** The Chair requested the addition of an item regarding a congregational meeting to discuss our financial situation and ways forward.
The agenda, with the addition, was approved.
- Chair's remarks:** The Chair introduced the new executive and thanked the previous executive for their enthusiasm and very hard work.
John and Jean Wilson will take over the Church Bookings functions from Shasta
- Memorials:** The Chair acknowledged those congregants in the Charge who have died over the past year, and noted that one marriage had taken place at the Church.
- Voting privileges:** Motion- That those attending the meeting, both members and adherents, be allowed to vote on all matters at the AGM.
Moved by June Mallory, seconded by Donna Budgen. Passed with all in favor.
- Minutes of the last AGM:** Errors or omissions – please add Cathy White as being in attendance at that meeting.
Moved – That the amended minutes be accepted. Moved by Sharron MacDonald, seconded by Donna Budgen. Passed with all in favor.
- Business arising from the minutes:** None

Correspondence: None received.

Financial reports: Budget for 2023: Questions from the floor regarding:

- transfer from savings,
- \$5000.00 Organist line
- where are the euchre funds reflected

As the previous Treasurer was not in attendance there was no explanation available.

The Chair requested that the new Treasurer liaise with the previous Treasurer to clarify these point and report back to the Board and the Congregation.

Moved - to accept the financial reports and budget and to seek clarification of the above issues. Moved by Christine Hammond, seconded by Dawn Pilgrim. Passed with all in favor.

Board
Committees and
Reports:

No questions from the floor.

Moved – to accept the Board and Committee reports as presented. Moved by Cathy White, seconded by Christine Hammond. Passed with all in favor.

New Business:

- Vernonville Anniversary Service – will be July 9 @ 11 am followed by a pot luck lunch. Laurie Deviney will co-ordinate and Sharron MacDonald volunteered to assist.
- Mission and Service commitment – Moved- that St. Andrew's commitment be \$5000.00. Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Sharron MacDonald. Passed with all in favor,
- Appointment of Treasurer – Rev. Jean Wilson has volunteered to act as Treasurer this year.
- Appointment of Financial Reviewers – the matter will be referred to the Board as there were no volunteers.
- Congregational meeting – the Chair suggested to the members that much has changed during the COVID pandemic and it would be prudent to reassess our financial situation as it relates to the mandate given to our Search Committee. The Committee has been instructed by the Charge to fill the ministerial vacancy with a part time minister.
 - With the approval of the meeting, the date for the Congregational Meeting will be on February 26 after the Church service. The Chair will give the required notice by both email and announcement in the Church services.
- Date of 2024 AGM – February11, 2024 @1 pm at the Church
- Devotions for the AGM -Laurie Deviney

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Brenda Keller.