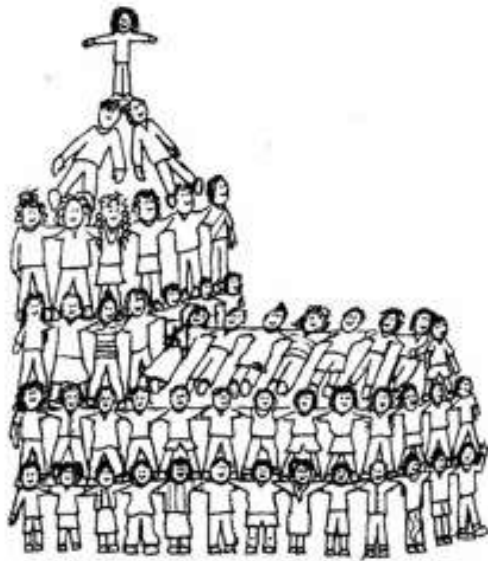


Annesley United Church

Markdale Pastoral Charge

Of the United Church of Canada



Annual Report 2022

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH
MARKDALE, ONTARIO – April 30, 2023**

Annesley United Church Mission Statement:

To bring people to a knowledge and love of God, through Christ, incorporate them into the Annesley family, and assist them to love as Christians and fulfil their ministry in the world.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Memorial Prayer
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Voting Privileges
4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting
5. Approval of the 2022 Annual Financial Statement
6. Approval of 2022 Program Reports – one resolution covering all reports
7. Acceptance of the Proposed Budget for 2023
8. Mission and Service Objective for 2023 – **\$22,500.00**
9. Nominating Committee Report
10. New Business
11. Benediction

* * * * *

NOTES:

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Inside Front Cover	Annual Meeting Agenda
Page 1	Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting
6	Appendix “A” Record of Attendance
7	Pastoral charge Supervisor’s Report
9	Board of Elders – Chairman’s Message 2022
10	Board of Trustees Ministry and Personnel Committee
11	Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council -2022
12	United Church Women/ Shalom Pastor’s Benevolent Fund
13	Church Library Report
14	Music
15	Pastoral Care Team
16	Small Groups Knit Wits Ministry Prayer Shawl Ministry
17	Prayer Group Christmas Baskets Annesley Garden Club
18	Annesley Woodworker’s Guild Centering Prayer
19	Annesley Quilt Makers

20	Statistics for 2022 Received Into Membership in 2022 Removed From Membership in 2022
21	Baptisms Marriages In Memoriam
22	Property Committee Kitchen Update Coin Banks
23	Annesley Cleanup and Refresh Report Worship Committee
25	Membership & Outreach Committee Report FundScrip Coin Banks
26	Christian Education Lay Worship Team
27	Cemeteries Report 2022
28	Annesley United Church Memorial/Investment Fund
29	Annesley United Church – 2022 Financial Statement
33	Annesley United Church Budget 2023
35	Addendum: Report of the Affirming Ministry Team

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 10, 2022

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Annesley United Church was held on Sunday, April 10, 2022 beginning at 11:25 a.m., following the morning worship service, in the Sanctuary.

- 1.0 Call of Meeting:** The notice of this meeting was printed in our Sunday Worship folders on the following dates: March 23, 30th, April 3, and April 10, 2022. Copies of the 2021 Annesley United Church Annual Report were made available for pickup on March 23, 2022.
- 2.0 Welcome:**
Rev. Kathy Underwood welcomed and thanked everyone attending this meeting.
- 3.0 Attendance:**
The Record of Attendance is included at the end of these minutes (page 06) as Appendix "A"
- 4.0 In Memorium:**
Reverend Kathy Underwood read the names of the beloved people who passed on during the year 2021, as printed on page 21 of the Annual Report Booklet. Rev. Kathy led a prayer in memory of those dearly departed. Thanks was expressed for the successful business of the past year, and prayers for this Annual Meeting and for successful church operations in the year 2022.
- 5.0 Nominations for Chair and Secretary for this meeting:**
 - 5.1** Dale Fawcett called the meeting to order and opened the floor for nominations for Chair of this Annual Congregational Meeting.
Mel Chamberlain was nominated for Chair by Ron Torry.
There were no other nominations for the Chair.
Mel Chamberlain agreed to be the Chair for this Annual Meeting.
MOTION#01: (Ron Torry/Lynn Wyvill) that nominations for Chair be closed. **MOTION CARRIED**
 - 5.2** Reverend Kathy Underwood opened the floor for nominations for Secretary for this Annual Congregational Meeting.
Patti Shaw was nominated for Secretary by Dale Fawcett.
There were no other nominations for Secretary.
Patti Shaw agreed to be Secretary for this Annual Meeting.
MOTION#02: (Dale Fawcett/Noreen Brodie) that nominations for the Secretary be closed. **MOTION CARRIED**

6.0 Call to Order:

The Chair, Mel Chamberlain, called this Annual Meeting to order at 11:45 p.m. and thanked the members of the congregation for staying after the service for the meeting.

7.0 Adoption of the Agenda:

MOTION#03: (Lynn Wyvill/Dale Fawcett) that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed on the inside front cover of the 2021 Annual Report booklet.

MOTION CARRIED

8.0 Voting Privileges:

MOTION#04: (Ron Torry/Viven Tolton) that Voting Privileges as described in The Manual 2013 of The United Church of Canada in Sections 3.7.2 and 3.7.3 on page #56 and in Section 3.4 on page #54 be extended as follows:

a) the full members decide to allow Adherents to Vote and

b) the vote is on a financial or administrative matter. **MOTION CARRIED**

9.0 Minutes of the 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting:

(Minutes as found on pages 1 to 5 of the 2021 Annual Meeting Report booklet).

Congregational Meeting of Annesley United Church held on July 14, 2021

be adopted with no changes.

MOTION CARRIED

10.0 ANNUAL OPERATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE MEMORIAL/INVESTMENT FUND STATEMENT FOR 2021

(Please refer to the operations statement on pages 28 to 31 of the 2021 Annual Report booklet) submitted by Sharon Murray, Church Treasurer. These operations financial statements were reviewed and found correct by Dawn and Ray Dawe.

Also, please refer to page 27 of the Annual Reports booklet for the Annesley United Church Memorial/Investment Fund Statement submitted by Menno Smith and reviewed and found correct by Carl Benninger. There was a question about what the Memorial Fund was - a brief explanation was made.

MOTION#06: (Ron Torry/Ted Spencer) that the Annesley United Church Annual Operating Financial Statement and the Memorial/Investment Fund Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 be approved as printed in the reports booklet for this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

11.0 PROGRAMS AND RELATED FINANCIAL REPORTS AND STATISTICS:

a) The Board Chair's Report on page 7 / Board Committees / Small Groups / Cemetery Reports / Statistics and Membership Changes) will be approved in **Omnibus Motion #07** (page 3) to be brought forth at the end of the review of each of these reports.

-
- b) The Chair, Mel Chamberlain, invited the authors of the reports to comment on their report if they wished to do so at the given time.

- 11.1 **Board of Elders Chairman's Report** (page 07) by Dale Fawcett;
11.2 **Board of Trustees Report** (page 08);
11.3 **Ministry and Personnel Committee** (page 08) by Jill Lawford;
11.4 **Western Ontario Waterways Region 2021** (page 09);
11.5 **United Church Women/Shalom Report** (page 10);
11.6 **UCW Financial Statement 2021** (page 10);
11.7 **Church Library Report** (page 11) by Lynn Wyvill;
11.8 **Pastor's Benevolent Fund** (page 11);
11.9 **Pastoral Care Team** (page 12) by Jill Lawford;
11.10 **Music Report: A Tribute to David Fries** (page 13) by John Lewis;
11.11 **SMALL GROUPS:**
11.11.1 **Knit Wits Ministry** (page 14);
11.11.2 **Prayer Shawl Ministry** (page 14);
11.11.3 **The Prayer Group** (page 15) submitted by Ruth Rose;
11.11.4 **Christmas Baskets** (page 15);
11.11.5 **Annesley Garden Club** (page 15);
11.11.6 **Woodworkers' Guild** (page 16) submitted by Doug Dickie & Rev. Mark Waugh (retired);
11.11.7 **Annesley Quilt Makers** (page 17) submitted by Nancy Edwards, Rosemary Eagles & Mary Muir, co-conveners;
11.11.8 **Centering Prayer** (page 17) submitted by Jill Lawford and Lynn Wyvill;
11.11.9 **Visioning Team Update (page 18)**, submitted by the Visioning Team;
11.12 **STATISTICS FOR 2021:**
11.12.1 Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, Membership, Non-Resident Members
11.12.2 Received into Membership: profession of faith, or by transfer (page 20);
11.12.3 Removed from Membership: by transfer, by death, or own request (pg.20);
11.12.4 Baptisms (page 21);
11.12.5 Marriages (page 21);
11.12.6 In Memoriam (page 21);
11.13 **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
11.13.1 **Outreach Committee Report** (page 22);
11.13.2 **FundScrip** (page 22);
11.13.3 **Coin Banks** (page 22);
11.13.4 **Christian Education Report** (page 23);
11.13.5 **Lay Worship Team Report** (page 23);
11.13.6 **Property Committee Report** (page 24), submitted by Ron Torry, Chair;
11.13.7 **Cemeteries** (page 25);
11.13.8 **Finance Committee Report** (page 26) by Mark Worthington, Chair;

- 12.0 OMNIBUS MOTION#07:** (Dale Fawcett/Jill Lawford) that all Programs and Related Financial Reports/Board Committees' Reports/Statistics and Membership Changes/Small Groups Reports/Cemetery Reports be accepted.
MOTION CARRIED
- 13.0 Annesley United Church Budget 2022** (pages 32 - 33):
MOTION #08: (Ted Spencer/Dale Fawcett) that the Budget for 2022 for Annesley United Church be approved as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 14.0 Mission & Service Fund Objective for 2022:**
The amount raised for M & S in 2021 was \$20,673, including \$1,000 from online donations.
MOTION #09: (Jill Lawford/Sharon Murray) that the Mission & Service Fund Objective for Annesley United Church for 2022 be \$22,500.
MOTION CARRIED
- 15.0 Nominating Committee Report:**
John Lewis presented the Nominating Committee report naming those individuals who are willing to serve or who are retiring as follows:
- a) **New members to the Board of Elders**
(after October 17, 2021 Congregational Meeting): *David Armstrong, Mel Chamberlain, Steacy Den Haan*
 - b) **Retiring members of the Board of Elders:**
Eileen Daikens, Wendy McCauley, Cris Smits (relocated)
 - c) **Elders returning to the Board of Elders:**
Jane Currah, Dale Beare, Dale Fawcett, Carl Herman, Hazel Johnston, Leah Legate, John Lewis, Sharon Murray, Ralph Shilton, Ron Torry, Mark Worthington
 - d) **Three Members will serve on the Ministry & Personnel Committee:**
Barb Hutton, Jill Lawford, Mark Worthington
Roy Metcalfe has relocated.
 - e) **There is a vacancy for a Representative to Western Ontario Waterways Region.** *Wendy McCauley has retired from the position.*
 - f) **Those who will serve as members of the Board of Trustees:**
Dave Armstrong, Gail McCauley, Brian McKillop, Ray Robertson, Ron Wyvill
 - g) **Church Librarian:** *Lynn Wyvill*
 - h) **Pastoral Care Team:** *Barbara Hutton (new), Jill Lawford, John Lewis, Patti Shaw, Heather Spry*
 - i) **Pastor's Benevolent Fund:** *John Lewis, Jean Smith, Karen Smith(new)*
Retiring: Art Jefferey has relocated
MOTION#10: (John Lewis/Dave Armstrong) that the Nominating Committee Report for the year 2022 be accepted. **MOTION CARRIED**

16.0 New Business:

(Please refer to Agenda item #10 on the inside front cover of the 2021 Annual Report booklet).

COVID POLICIES: We have been holding in-person services since October 17, 2021, with a gap due to the Omicron surge in December, 2021 due to government restrictions. We had hoped to be mask free by this time, but COVID is still a problem. We will continue to consult with the experts and to amend our policies based on the recommendations, continuing with “an abundance of caution”. A schedule to remove restrictions will be discussed.

AFFIRMING CHURCH – The United Church has a process for congregations that would like to become Affirming, confirming that they believe in inclusion and justice for all people. We can think of ourselves as inclusive, but the Affirming process is a long-term, educational process for congregations to not only state that they are inclusive, but demonstrate it. A group at Annesley would like the congregation’s permission and support to explore the Affirming process, which can take several years.

MOTION#11 (Jill Lawford/Lynn Wyvill) that with the support of the Annesley congregation, we will begin to explore the process to become an Affirming Church.

MOTION CARRIED

17.0 Expressions of Appreciation:

- 1) Thanks to all who prepared for and participated in this meeting.
- 2) Thanks to the staff for their strong support to the life and work of the Annesley Church congregation.
- 3) Thank you to Sharon Murray who is serving as our Church Treasurer.
- 4) Thank you to Menno Smith for volunteering to manage the Memorial Fund and Investments.
- 5) Thanks was expressed to Mel Chamberlain for serving as Chair of this Annual Congregational Meeting.
- 6) Thanks was expressed to Patti Shaw for serving as Secretary for this Annual Congregational Meeting.

MOTION #12: (John Lewis/Dale Beare) We express thanks and appreciation to Dale Fawcett for the work he has undertaken on behalf of the Annesley Congregation as Chair of the Annesley Board of Elders in the year 2021

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Prayer:

Reverend Kathy Underwood closed this meeting with a prayer.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to conduct at this meeting, the Chair, Mel Chamberlain, declared this meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Mel Chamberlain, Chair

Patti Shaw, Secretary

APPENDIX "A"
RECORD OF ATTENDANCE
ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2022

1 Dale Armstrong	26 Sharon Murray
2 David Armstrong	27 Tim Reilly
3 Betty Bassett	28 Lacy Sciamanna
4 Dale Beare	29 Melanie Seeley
5 Noreen Brodie	30 Patti Shaw
6 Marina Brown	31 Raju Singh
7 Pat Campbell	32 Karen Smith
8 Mel Chamberlain	33 Ted Spencer
9 Grace DenHaan	34 Heather Spry
10 Steacy Den Haan	35 Vicki Stephens
11 Joe Ewing	36 Joanne Timmins
12 Dale Fawcett	37 Vivien Tolton
13 Brent Fraser	38 Ron Torry
14 Kathy Fraser	39 Rev. Kathy Underwood
15 Robert Graham	40 Linda Waugh
16 Mavis Hiltz	41 Mark Waugh
17 Paul Hiltz	42 Gord Webb
18 Stacy Hiltz	43 Mark Worthington
19 Barbara Hutton	44 Lynn Wyvill
20 Hazel Johnston	45 Ron Wyvill
21 Jill Lawford	
22 Diana Lewis	
23 John Lewis	
24 Roy Metcalfe	
25 Mary Muir	

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISOR REPORT

I have now been the appointed pastoral charge supervisor for more than two years at Annesley United Church. I have witnessed and continue to witness a congregation that is ‘finding its feet’ and moving forward in a joy- and care-filled way. You committed yourself to making big changes in response to the Visioning Team’s recommendations and all around, you see evidence of that commitment.

There is fresh paint everywhere- furniture has been moved, replaced and renewed. Pictures have been moved and much has been given away or found new homes. Individuals and groups have voiced their concerns about some of the changes and the ‘refresh’ team has listened and adapted to make sure that the needs of existing groups (which are living out the ministry of Annesley) are balanced with the need to make the building a community asset instead of the sole preserve of the congregation. The building feels alive! Concerts, funerals, dog obedience classes, birthday parties, the “Still Standing” view party, Agnes MacPhail recognition events....the building is almost filled to bursting!

In worship, 50-60 people gather and the Sunday School, while small is robust and enthusiastic. The 6-10 children genuinely look forward to seeing each other and are engaged in understanding what it means to be Christian. Communion was offered on two occasions in 2022 as well as in-home communion for those who wished to receive it at home. Jill Lawford and I provided this on behalf of Annesley. One wedding was held at Annesley in 2022 with Rev. Christine Smaller presiding. Dale Beare, Pulpit Supply Coordinator, has done an admirable job in finding pulpit supply. Special thanks to Phyllis Fleming, Licensed Lay Worship Leader, who provides services two Sundays per month at Annesley and to the many other LLWLs and ministers. The Lay Worship Team also plays a pivotal role ensuring there are Scripture readers and worship leaders when a minister or LLWL cannot be in attendance.

The Lay Pastoral Care Team works very hard to keep people connected and to identify people who wish to have a visit from me. John Lewis is a faithful letter-writer and visitor and the other members of the team, Jill Lawford, Heather Spry, Patti Shaw and Barb Hutton are all engaged in regular phone calls and visits. They are supported in their work by the Quilters, the KnitWits, the Woodworkers and others who provide lovely prayer- and care-filled items to give to people so they know they are not alone.

Your “Search Team” is working hard on behalf to create a new and enthusiastic “Living Faith Story” that captures who you are—some of you have volunteered to appear on camera in a new video that we will share with ministers who are considering a move from their current call locations. Thank you to Steacy DenHaan, Andrea Campbell and Kathy Fraser for their perseverance in wading through documents and putting life into this “Living Faith Story.”

Annesley also has a number of members who meet regularly with other area United Church congregations to explore collaborations and ways to support each other. It is an exciting time at Annesley although they are more than ever aware that finding a new minister is a job that is unlikely to be over soon.

Annesley also hired a new Music director during this time and the choir is once again providing musical leadership. You are so fortunate to have Brenda Dimoff as your Music Director and Peter Dimoff as a regular musical contributor and member of your choir. Thank you to the choir for jumping into the front row to lead us in worship and inspire us with your music.

As required by The Manual, I attended all of your six Board meetings during the year and am informally supporting your Board to consider a new Board structure to better reflect the size and functioning of your congregation.

In addition to the role of Pastoral Charge Supervisor, I have a contract with Annesley provide some ministerial-type services to you on a fee-per-service basis contract which we established in November 2021. I think that having regular support (about 30 hours per month) has helped you as a congregation to find stability while also seeing the possibilities of a collaborative ministry model in which the minister does not need to lead worship each week. This creates the opportunity for you to consider part-time ministry in the future.

In spite of COVID, in spite of having a called or appointed minister over much of the last five years, you as a congregation are thriving in your own unique way. Yes, you have areas of fragility and vulnerability. Your ‘pool’ of active volunteers is small and at-risk of burn-out. Your finances are not yet where they need to be. But I also witness that you are leaning on each other and supporting one another. I hear of people who are actively asking their peers and friends to consider “trying Annesley out.” I see people greeting children by their names and making sure they know they are seen and heard and important.

It is truly an honour and privilege for me to be in your Pastoral Charge Supervisor as well as to provide some regular support to your Lay Pastoral Care Team, your Lay Worship Team and your Search Team. You witness to me what it means to be faithful in uncertain times. It is a privilege to walk with you.

With gratitude,

(Rev.) Kathy Underwood

BOARD OF ELDERS REPORT - CHAIR'S MESSAGE

2022 will likely be remembered in Annesley's history as one of challenges and changes. The year began with the continuation of COVID restrictions but with the close monitoring by the Reopening Committee of the current public health recommendations, in person and live streaming of services continued, but with restrictions. As time passed these restrictions became more relaxed and some of our church programs, activities and fundraisers gradually resumed. With the absence of a full or even a part time minister, we were able to have consistent pulpit supply throughout the year by our Pastoral Charge Supervisor, Rev. Kathy Underwood, several Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, Rev. Cathy Hird writing scripts that were delivered by our very capable Lay Worship Team, as well as individual members of our congregation. Wonderful musical leadership was also provided by Ted Spencer and Sheila Balls. We have been truly blessed by all those who have been involved in providing worship services and music including our Media Coordinator, Tim Reilly with assistance from Stacy Hiltz, Patti Shaw and Mark Worthington.

In my view, "a watershed moment" that could impact the future and sustainability of Annesley occurred at the congregational meeting on October 17, 2021. Arising from this meeting and with the inspiration, guidance and wisdom and of Rev. Kathy Underwood, a Visioning Team of volunteers was created and later sanctioned by the Board. The purpose of the Visioning Team was to look at possible options for shared ministry or partnerships with other faith communities. The Visioning Team was also tasked to consider ways for the building to better pay for itself. A report focusing on recommendations for immediate steps and tasks to be taken to maximize the potential for Annesley's physical building was presented to the Board in May and later to the congregation in late summer.

With these approvals different task groups were formed and a major tidying and clean up and a "refresh" began in earnest of areas such as the Narthex, Wesley Room and lower level of the church in particular. The transformation has been amazing! Renovation of the kitchen was also initiated. While much has been completed this work continues. Many, many volunteer hours have been spent in these endeavours and the efforts of many is greatly appreciated.

As for ministry, this past fall, Annesley, under the guidance of Rev. Kathy Underwood, Annesley invited all Grey County United Churches to meet together to get to know one another so we can find ways to support, encourage and complement one another's ministries. 16 lay persons representing 10 local churches attended our first meeting. Due to its success, the group decided to continue to meet on a regular basis and into 2023.

In December, Brenda Dimoff was hired as our new Music Director. Brenda immediately formed a choir and this has been a very welcomed event.

As we continue into 2023, I feel we have many reasons to be thankful and encouraged by what has been accomplished by continuing to provide quality services, building relationships with area churches and working towards making the church building more rentable towards sustainability.

We are not alone and together we can accomplish great things!
Dale Beare, Chair

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The members of the 2022 Board of Trustees were: David Armstrong, Gail McCauley, Brian McKillop, Ray Robertson and Ron Wyvill.

The Trustees arrange the renewal of the property insurance each year on March 1st. Insurance has been one of the largest budget expense items each year, and the Trustees work hard to seek and negotiate coverage for the Annesley building at a reasonable cost. Our Insurance Broker continues to be Nicol Insurance in Owen Sound. Our insurance will continue to be with Marsh Canada Limited (Marsh) for this coming year. In 2022, the Trustees were able to find ways to keep the insurance premium the same as the previous year, by amending or removing the coverage on items which would not be replaced if destroyed.

Marsh also provides third party liability insurance coverage to users of our church facilities who currently do not carry liability insurance. This is a very important feature with increased use of the rooms in the building.

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Ministry & Personnel Committee has kept in touch personally with staff members Patti Shaw, Marlene Ward and Vivien Tolton. We are so grateful for their dedication and hard work during these most challenging times. We are also grateful to the huge number of volunteers who have stepped forward this past year to take up roles that are traditionally those of paid ministry staff. It's because of these folks that we have been able to enjoy weekly worship services.

We would also like to recognize the work of Rev. Kathy Underwood who has helped our congregation navigate these strange times. Her support for the life of this church has been truly immeasurable.

Committee members *Barbara Hutton, Jill Lawford and Mark Worthington.*

WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Regional Council continues to support the Pastoral Charges with the ministry of the church and to address the various issues which may come before it locally or in the larger area.

The Regional Council has also greatly helped Annesley by assigning Rev. Kathy Underwood to be our Pastoral Charge Supervisor. Rev. Underwood has been knowledgeable and caring to Annesley, helping the Board of Elders, the Lay Worship Team, the Pastoral Care Team, Ministry & Personnel, and the Visioning Team, as well as writing services, doing pulpit supply, and keeping our AGM and Congregational Meeting on track.

Annesley presently has a vacancy for a representative to the Regional Council.

The Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council has become a great source of information. They send a monthly newsletter listing events being held throughout the region.

They are also part of a weekly Prayer Cycle. Each Prayer Cycle invites Prayer each week for a Community of Faith in the region. We are encouraged to name the community in our worship, to email a message indicating our prayer support, to pray for church personnel, and to include an ecumenical / interfaith focus. The weekly prayer cycles for each region can be viewed at

<https://www.prayercycles.ca/western-ontario-waterwaysaaf248ea>

For more information, see the United Church of Canada website at

<https://www.united-church.ca/>, or the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Website at **<https://wowrcucc.ca/>**

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN/SHALOM

Health restrictions prevented all activities of UCW/Shalom in 2022. In regular years, money raised through funeral lunches and catering is distributed to charities, including local, regional and international, as well as projects at Annesley, including the Pastor’s Benevolent Fund. We also purchase needed appliances or equipment for the church kitchen.

A group has recently reconvened the Funeral Lunch Group, so we are looking forward to good things in the year ahead!

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2021 **5,605.66**

Quilt Bats were purchased during 2022 for the Annesley Quilters. The balance in the account at the end of 2022 was approximately \$4,500.00. This will help the Funeral lunch group to have a good start in 2023. We are looking for someone who would like to volunteer to keep the books for the group.

PASTOR’S BENEVOLENT FUND

We continue to maintain the Pastor’s Benevolent Fund. This is a committee which oversees a small fund of money. Disbursements are used to assist local people in sudden financial need.

Committee members first attempt to help the individual or family to explore all possible alternative avenues. Frequently, our contribution represents a top-up. In the past, we have helped people with dental issues, some with mobility needs, and also winter heating fuel difficulties.

We wish to thank those members and groups in the Annesley family who have seen fit to make donations to this fund, as we have so far depended on this revenue stream.

Pastor’s Benevolent Fund Committee members in 2022:

John Lewis, Jean Smith, Karen Smith

CHURCH LIBRARY REPORT 2022

Annesley's library has had quite a run. I remember Doris Hird battling to bring the collection of books up from the remote Wesley Room into the narthex. Shelves were purchased and the library was established in the narthex making it accessible. Jean Smith took over from Doris and managed it very efficiently, making sure someone was always available to offer support after each and every Sunday's service. Barbara Sackett later assumed leadership, and at some point, a decision was made to remove the children's books from the narthex shelves and place them in the Sunday School. It was then, also decided to narrow the collection to nonfiction material only. Many acquired novels were offered back for sale or donated. I worked alongside Barbara until she left the community to live in Hamilton. Since I began, the now streamlined library is on wheels and moveable. Naturally, measured use of the library has been small. That is to be expected given the draw of digital material and its wide availability. I have attempted to highlight books that might not be available in the usual distributions, like public libraries and personal book shelves. I am pleased to see books borrowed, and returned by readers, who are visiting our congregation. One attendee of a recent book club meeting is a member of Thornbury United Church and she spoke casually to me about the possibility their church having access to the books on our shelves. She was impressed by the diversity of our material. This is an area of combined congregational ministry that could be explored in the future. I have always felt having the right book to reach a person's needs is invaluable. One never knows how crucial a match like this might be. It is of course, elusive and untraceable. Not everyone who reads a book from the shelves at Annesley actually signs one out. Last year, I considered not purchasing any books because of the church's financial challenges. But I remembered the pleading of previous librarians to have funds available. By not purchasing books, I was sending a message that this was an outreach of the church that was not worthy. In making this decision I told Patti, "I won't get that money back." So, I continued to buy new material for the library. As space is readjusted and reassigned within the church, I do not as yet see the library having a priority, or even a minor place within it. As Annesley looks closely at what keeps the heat on in the building, I recommend the present library be a resource that is available as needed. Its placement is obviously flexible. While new purchases would not to be made at this time, I trust that when Annesley as a congregation has a clearer picture of how this ministry can best be used, supportive resources will then be made available.

Lynn Wyvill, Annesley United Church Librarian

MUSIC DIRECTOR REPORT

It is hard to believe that I have been with Annesley United Church 5 months as Music Director. I believe I have settled into the rhythm of the church. I have met many people in the congregation, volunteers, administrative and church council members. Forgive me if I forget your names but that will come. I have been warmly welcomed by all and I appreciate that.

As we have come out of a pandemic, it has been a challenge to encourage parishioners to return to in person worship. My ministry in music is to augment and compliment the Word as it is proclaimed by the church's Lay Leaders and Ministerial. My tasks have been to lead the congregation in worship using the organ and pianos, re-establish the choir (small and mighty), start work with the children of the church and help develop new music ministries.

The choir room that was housed in the basement of the 1986 addition to the church has recently been repurposed, and the new Music Director's office is across from the main office. It houses all the music for the choir and other musical necessities.

We acquired as a gift to the church a Hazelton Baby Grand piano from Frazer Smith. It was assembled with the help of a group of strong men and the expertise of the tuner, Max Clark, and Frazer. I have appreciated playing it, and it has recently been tuned along with the Kawai piano. It is an acquisition that will draw other professional musicians to consider Annesley as a concert venue. I am aware that it has been used already for a few of the Annesley events.

The organ has been tuned and maintenance performed. The instrument will be 100 years old in 2024, and we are planning a celebration with guest organists to showcase it.

I want to thank my support team, who without their help, would have made the transition for me a challenging endeavour. Thanks to Patti, Dale, Tim, Lacy, Kathy and Mike and other people too numerous to name. Also thank you to all the Pastoral support, Lay Worship and ministerial worship leaders for their collaborative work with me to make our worship experience meaningful and inspiring. I look forward to many more years of association with Annesley.

Sincerely in Christ, *Brenda Dimoff*

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Pastoral care in our congregation was decidedly different again in 2022. With continued COVID-19 restrictions, team members were sometimes unable to visit congregants in home or in hospital. We met several times as a team to discuss pastoral care needs and kept in touch with each other through confidential emails, phone calls and texts.

Team member Patti Shaw kept us informed through the church office about members needing support and the Owen Sound Chaplaincy office notified us about members who were in area hospitals.

We were thankful for the efforts of the Centering Prayer group who arranged at Easter time for treats and cards to be delivered to members we knew would enjoy this tangible sign of care from their congregation.

The Pastoral Care Team looks after the distribution of the Prayer Shawls. Thank you to the Knit Wits and other knitters in our community who produce the lovely and cozy shawls that are such an important outreach to people who are ill, bereaved, recovering, or needing a reminder that the Annesley community cares. 13 Prayer Shawls were given out in 2022.

During the summer months, the team created a list of people who have not been back to in-person worship at Annesley. The callers had a list of questions, but were mainly calling to make contact with these missing people. The calls showed that people need more calls, and a few need visits. Many people are working very hard to keep things together. There is a fair bit of anger, resentment and misunderstanding. Many cannot return due to fear for their health. Some did not want to return until we could have coffee hour and sing without masks. A few have moved away from the area, a few others are attending elsewhere. Many people missed having a music program, and would not return until we had a choir and a music program. Sharing a minister with other congregations was a very common suggestion. The call program was a very valuable exercise, and we thank the people who made the calls. Many of the concerns have been addressed, as there is now coffee time and music, which are thoroughly enjoyed by people who do attend.

In truth, it is a challenge to provide pastoral care without the support and leadership of a staff minister. Rev. Kathy Underwood has helped immensely. As always we were most appreciative of congregation members who passed along the names of people they knew needed support. We are so grateful for this, and we encourage all of you to continue to help us in our ministry of care by doing this either by contacting us directly by email or phone, or by leaving a message at the church office.

Pastoral care team members *Barbara Hutton, Jill Lawford, John Lewis,*
Patti Shaw, Heather Spry

SMALL GROUPS

KNIT WITS MINISTRY

The Annesley Knit Wits had a successful 2022 despite COVID restrictions. This small group of yarn enthusiasts meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons in the lower hall. 2022 projects included the Knitting Tree (Christmas Baskets), as well as the Diabetes Association and Pennywise Shop (hospital). Hundreds of items were crafted. Prayer Shawls are also supplied to the Pastoral Care Team as needed for distribution. Donations of yarn and new knitters or crocheters are always welcome.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are delivered by the Pastoral Care Team to both members of our congregation and the wider community. These are folks who need a comforting reminder that the Annesley family loves and cares for them when they are grieving, ill or recovering from surgery. The Annesley knitters ensure a steady supply of prayer shawls.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry started 15 years ago, and over 372 shawls have been given out in that time, 13 of them in 2022. The shawls are knit by the ladies of Markdale and the surrounding area who call themselves "The Knit Wits", and they meet at Annesley United Church on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of most months. Prayer Shawls are given to people who are ill, grieving or are dealing with difficult issues. If you know of someone who should receive a shawl, please contact the church office at 519-986-3019.

THE PRAYER GROUP

The Annesley Prayer Group/ Bible Study meets Wednesday mornings from ten o'clock until noon. Although our numbers are few, we have thoughtful and often lively and fun discussions as we search for a better understanding of God's word and how it applies to us in today's world. We welcome all.

If you have prayer requests, please contact the office at 519-986-3019.

* * * * *

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Markdale Christmas Basket Committee would like to thank all those who contributed to the baskets in 2022. The donations of cash, food items, gifts and gift cards were amazing. As well, a big thank you to all who sorted, packaged, moved boxes and delivered to more than 60 local families in need. The baskets included gifts for the children, knitted items, lots of canned goods as well as a turkey or ham, milk, potatoes, carrots, cheese and clementines. The support for this community outreach was overwhelming. Many groups, businesses and individuals contributed to this effort and we thank all of you for your generosity!

* * * * *

ANNESLEY GARDEN CLUB

Most Tuesdays during the spring and fall we will be found, weather permitting, in the garden on our hands and knees. We share information, have fun and maintain the beautiful Annesley gardens. We welcome any extra Canadian Tire money, which we use to buy fertilizer and plants. In the spring, we have a Plant sale on Saturday of the Victoria Day weekend. (May 20th this year). Proceeds from the plant sale go into the General Fund. New members are needed, and are always welcome. No experience is required, only that you love nature with its challenges.

Noreen Brodie 519-986-3162

ANNESLEY WOODWORKERS' GUILD - 2022

2022 was the 20th year for the Woodworkers' Guild. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we continued to gather following public health rules. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., usually at Annesley, but we enjoy "field trips" to local woodworking businesses or workshops.

Special thanks go out to Doug and Donna Dickie who sent out information and notices of meetings to members. Thanks to all who have participated again this year. We believe we have tapped into the creative spirit of many people, and helped to enrich the work and life of Annesley and beyond.

Co-conveners: *Doug Dickie*
Rev. Mark Waugh (retired)

CENTERING PRAYER REPORT 2022

The Centering Prayer group has continued to meet regularly either by Zoom or in person. We take turns choosing passages of scripture, music or verse that can guide us into 20 minutes of silent prayer. We have been meeting in this manner for over 20 years now, adapting to the needs of the times and of our members. When we are able to meet in person, we go into the sanctuary. Tim Reilly or Patti set up a special mike that enhances the use of the hearing devices. The passages we choose are guided by our own personal study patterns. It makes for stimulating conversation, stretching from Father Keating to Richard Rohr, or Norval spiritual prayers to Madame Teresa d'Avila. We are very blessed to be able to share this time together.

Prepared by Lynn Wyvill

ANNESLEY QUILT MAKERS

The Annesley Quilt Makers were very busy creating quilts and giving them away in 2022. With COVID still a threat, our numbers were small, but we still managed to enjoy many days of fellowship and productivity.

The fabric for our quilts thankfully continues to be donated and the batting is paid for by the Shalom Group. We received some monetary donations which helped with the purchase of fabric for the quilt backings.

We found ourselves with a number of quilts suitable for children. When the Christmas hampers were being organized by Dale Armstrong and her crew in December, we gave quilts to the children in most of those families.

The quilts were distributed as follows:

34 to individuals

2 to the geriatric area of the Owen Sound Hospital

13 to Grey Gables

5 to a Ukrainian family that settled in the area

35 to the children of families receiving Christmas hampers

We know our quilts are thankfully received. Our small group provides an important outreach that benefits our Markdale community and beyond. If you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved or could otherwise benefit from the comfort of a quilt please let us know.

Co-chairs Nancy Edwards and Mary Muir

STATISTICS FOR 2022

Number of Baptisms - Children	0
-Adults	0
Number of Marriages	1
Number of Burials	2
Total Membership – December 31, 2021	300
Received by Profession of Faith	0
Received by Re-affirmation of Faith	0
Received by Transfer	0
Removed by Death	7
Removed by Transfer	3
Removed by Own Request	1
Total Membership – December 31, 2022	289
Non Resident Members	60

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP IN 2022

By Profession of Faith

None

By Transfer

None

REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP IN 2022

By Death

Lois Henry

Donna Hill

Randall Madill

Reginald Ries

Dean Rutherford

Velma Spencer

Sharon Stoddart

By Transfer

Caitlyn Adams

Ross Adams

Ruth Adams

By Own Request

Eileen Daikens

BAPTISMS

None

MARRIAGES

Clarke Marco A. Sciamanna *and* Maiia Shymshyrt March 12, 2022

IN MEMORIAM

We give thanks for the lives of the following and commend them all to God’s abundant mercy. We are especially thankful for the service and witness of those who were members of Annesley.

	<u>Date of Death</u>
James Winston Parker	January 1, 2022
Christopher Michael Brown	January 2, 2022
Terry Allan Thompson	January 3, 2022
Mary Isabel Thistlethwaite	January 16, 2022
Harold William Parker	February 17, 2022
Ruth Lena Florence Astbury	February 21, 2022
Keith Charles Dennis	February 24, 2022
Velma Mabel Spencer*	March 30, 2022
Dean Andrew Rutherford*	April 17, 2022
Donna Hazel Hill*	April 30, 2022
George Ross Ryan	July 8, 2022
Joanne Mildred Timmins	August 29, 2022
Reginald Robert Ries*	September 5, 2022
Lois Kelso Henry*	September 6, 2022
Randall Scott Madill*	September 26, 2022
Sharon Elizabeth Stoddart*	December 29, 2022

*Indicates a member of Annesley

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

2022 was a quiet year for the Property Committee, as COVID-19 kept the use of the building down. Maintenance on the furnace and the regular inspection by Georgian Bay Fire and Safety were done. The Task Teams worked very hard all around the building this year.

Thank you for your continued financial support. Just a reminder, our cost to keep heat, hydro, water, insurance and general maintenance is roughly \$30,000.00 dollars per year.

Thanks to the Gardening Club for your green thumbs to keep our yards around the church beautiful, and to Marlene and company for the day to day tasks that continue on.

Thanks to our (retiring) Property Committee, *Dale Fawcett, Carl Herman and Ron Torry*

KITCHEN UPDATE

By now, many of you will have noticed alterations begun in our Church kitchen. If you had hoped for the sledgehammer and wrecking bar approach, as per home improvement TV, you will be disappointed.

There were several objectives in mind when planning resumed this fall:

First, in keeping with the Visioning Report, functionality was paramount. Secondly, it was hoped that use of the kitchen might be interrupted for as little time as possible. And finally, we wished to adhere to a budget, with the understanding that we only spend funds which were on hand and designated for kitchen upgrades.

There are approximately 30,000 dollars (\$30,000) allocated for the kitchen improvements, with another 20,000 dollars (\$20,000) available. It has long been clear that our growing nest egg has not kept pace with the spiralling cost of a full cabinet/cupboard replacement. And it is our belief, hopefully shared by most of you, that the full makeover vision was not felt to be viable or necessary. Needs versus wants. But when the cost of proposed changes could be covered by designated funds we were obliged to move forward.

So, our strategy has been to address certain aspects which will help to enhance our kitchen's commercial status (new convection ranges, improved refrigeration), and others which will improve efficiency (sinks, counter space). These changes can help to attract rentals, all the while being useful to our own church members. Minimal footprint alterations will be necessary.

Other changes will address some safety/hygiene concerns (stainless steel counter tops, high shelving alterations, improved ventilation, dedicated hand wash facility) and finally, there will be a freshening of surfaces which have grown tired/worn through the passage of time (new flooring, paint).

At present, essentially all decisions and choices have been made. Ranges are bought, refrigeration is on hold with a deposit. Final measurements for stainless steel counter tops

have been made and confirmed. Fabrication, installation and plumbing connections will follow. Finally, ventilation, flooring, painting, and installation of appliances. We now hope that most of these steps can be realized by end of May. Delays are inevitable. And finally, for those folks whose hopes are pinned on new cabinets, we are investigating an alternative, namely replacing/refacing the "fronts" and cabinet hardware in the future. This would constitute "Renovation Part 2". It could be accomplished with little or no disruption, if and when money becomes available and the need remains. We need to acknowledge members of past Property Committees who committed considerable time and effort in attempting to bring more than one kitchen proposal to fruition. Their efforts were frustrated by insufficient funds and the distraction posed by larger issues of the times, i.e. a dwindling congregation, our attempts to procure/afford the services of a Minister and the Pandemic. We are standing on their shoulders. If there are questions in connection with the above, please speak with any of the Team members: *Dale Beare, Kathy Fraser, Doreen Latimer, Karen Smith, John Lewis.*

ANNESLEY CLEANUP AND REFRESH REPORT

This group met officially four times. We were a formidable team. Many informal meetings kept the ideas fresh and the progress monitored. Lacey, Michael and Katherine logged over 1000 hours of heavy duty work that has refreshed and reawakened space in our church building. Jill and Lynn moved in front of this momentum, sorting and disposing of dated materials to thrift stores, recycling bins and donations to individuals.

As a result, ***Annesley has been noticed!***

The Wesley Room is now a welcoming space for quiet reflection, small group gathering and a performers' Green Room to recharge between performances.

Lower level ceilings, walls, doors and bifold door rooms have refurbished. The lower kitchen and hallway has been gutted, and refreshed with one old refrigerator in place to make this area an enhancement for lower level rental space. As the refurbishing was complete areas were reawakened with art, lamps and a fresh setup.

The lower west rooms were numbered and designated for specified use:

- *Rooms 1 and 2 - rentals by Tim Reilly
- *Room 3 - Church storage including Christmas Basket materials, choir gowns, costumes
- *Room 4 – Sunday School
- *Room 5 – Old choir room - cleared and partially painted for rental by yoga instructor.

Further work will continue into the minister's study. Work in the parlour will be continued in the fall. Narthex will be left as partially repainted until the installation of a lift is investigated. A portable chart stand is on order to replace the old bulletin boards.

The following are noted for future consideration:

- 1. Electrical realities are dangerous. We see this as a priority.*
- 2. Women's washroom downstairs needs higher toilets and grab bars for safety.*
- 3. We urge the board to anticipate the need to hire a person to handle promotion, rentals and event coordination.*
- 4. The purchase of shelves is desperately needed for this next step. Shelves should be on casters to make any future changes possible. They should also not be higher than the doors, again to allow for future manoeuvrability. Shelves will allow us to specify areas of storage and get materials off the floor.*
- 5. The Cleanup and Refresh Committee all agree it might be a good thing to rename one of the refreshed rooms "The Vivien Room".*

Report prepared by *Lynn Wyvill*

Members: *Jill Lawford, Michael Weiland, Leah Legate, Lacey Sciammana, Katherine Weiland, Lynn Wyvill*

MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEES

The COVID-19 pandemic again limited the activities of the Outreach Committee, but with hard work and innovation, a couple of fundraisers were undertaken in 2022.

In the spring, it was decided to hold a Harriston Meat Packers sale. This was a fund raiser that had been done last year, and it was decided to be a perfect “COVID-friendly” fundraiser. Orders were taken at the office, and delivery day was organized with curbside pickup at the main door.

A delicious Takeout Chicken Dinner was held in the fall, as the Turkey Supper was again not possible. This event was a great success, and is definitely something we will do again.

Members of the 2022 Membership & Outreach Committees were: *David Armstrong, Dale Beare, Mel Chamberlain, Jane Currah, Leah Legate and Ralph Shilton.*

FUNDSCRIP

Another successful fundraiser which allows us all to put cash in Annesley’s bank account by merely purchasing cash cards with which to pay for routine purchases like groceries, gas, hardware, and as well as dining, clothing gift wares etc. We have raised over \$8,000.00 for Annesley in the 6 years we have been using FundScrip. 2022 was another successful year. Thanks to Dale Beare, Sharon Murray and our office staff for administering this great initiative. Thanks also to our loyal participants. If you haven’t tried FundScrip, make this year the year you try it!

COIN BANKS

Coin Banks continued to be a fundraiser. Thank you to all who support this endeavour.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2022 started as another quiet year for Christian Education. When we were able to meet again, the small but enthusiastic group enjoyed themselves very much. We hope to plan some fun activities in the future.

* * * * *

LAY WORSHIP TEAM

Following the congregational meeting in October, 2021, a lay worship team was formed to provide guidance and support for Sunday morning worship services. At first, members of the team and other Annesley volunteers presented the Sunday worship services written by Rev. Kathy Underwood each week. Sheila Balls and Ted Spencer shared music leadership until Brenda Dimoff was hired as a Music Director. Tim Reilly live streams the services each Sunday morning, and they are watched on YouTube by an average of 90 viewers/week.

Thanks to Dale Beare's considerable efforts, we have had pulpit supply. Volunteers willingly support those conducting the service each week, including singers lending their voices to lead us in singing. We are also grateful for Rev. Kathy Underwood's guidance and wisdom, for the ministers and lay people who have led us in worship, and for the many volunteers who have shared their gifts.

The lay worship team members are: *Marina Brown, Barb Hutton, Hazel Johnston (who reports to the Board) and Heather Spry. Dale Beare has been of great assistance.*

CEMETERIES

In 2020, the Trustees presented a document recommending a combined cemetery board, to reduce unnecessary duplication of duties. Each board was historically composed of cemetery neighbours or descendants, and there was concern about who would take over the duties in the future. A combined board would open the volunteer pool to a wider range of participants. A new board would consist of new and old members from all communities to manage the finances, fundraising and maintenance. Any finances belonging to each cemetery would remain for their perpetual care. The board passed MOTION# 2020/21-16 to merge the boards. This recommendation was brought to the Annual Congregational meeting, and a motion was passed to combine all of the Cemetery Boards on December 31, 2021.

These cemeteries, as well as being the resting place for ancestors of our community are also sources of historical information for those tracing family history. The Board encourages those interested in preserving these historical sites to make their donations through Annesley United Church, indicating their intention on their envelope.

The Ebenezer Cemetery is located East of Markdale on County Road 30 at the site of the former Ebenezer United Church.

The Irwin Cemetery is located south of Markdale on Highway 10 at the site of the former Irwin Methodist Church. Both Cemeteries have been inactive for several years.

The Harkaway Cemetery is located at 635762 Euphrasia Holland Townline.

The Vandeleur Pioneer Cemetery is located at 154264 Grey Road 32.

ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH MEMORIAL/INVESTMENT FUND

Annesley United Church Memorial / Investment Fund

	2022		
	Receipts	Disbursed	Total
Opening Balance January 1 2022			158,561
Donations and Bequests	10,225		
Interest earned on GICs	1,802		
Interest transferred to general fund		1,802	
Bank Service charges			
Sub Totals	12,027	1,802	
Total Memorial / Investment Fund			168,786

Summary of Investment / Memorial Funds

	Int. rate %	Balance
GIC BNS Maturity date 2022 Feb 11	0.02	35,425
GIC BNS Maturity date 2023 Mar 6	1.68	114,345
Sub Totals GIC		149,770
Savings Account		19,016
Total Record of Investments		168,786

Submitted by
Menno Smith

Reviewed by
Dawn Dawe, and Ray Dawe

ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022

29

OPERATING RECEIPTS				
	Dec-2022	YTD	YTD	Budget
Account Name	Current Month	2022	2021	
Envelopes	12,559.00	93,403.20	105,978.95	106,000.00
Loose	55.00	467.25	70.20	100.00
Initial		85.00	150.00	200.00
Sub Total	12,614.00	93,955.45	106,199.15	106,300.00
Turkey Supper				
Pie, Plant & Yard Sale				
Pork Chop BBQ				
Other Fundraising-Coin Banks	44.00	44.00	205.00	500.00
-FundScrip		809.20	2,815.26	3,000.00
-Online Auction			9,139.00	9,000.00
-Harriston Meats		7,497.00	8,505.00	1,427.00
-Chicken Dinner		4,470.00		
-James Brown Trio	1,150.74	1,150.74		
-Hospital Aux Dinner	675.00	675.00		
Other Fundraising Sub Total	1,869.74	14,645.94	20,664.26	
Fundraising Sub Total	1,869.74	14,645.94	20,664.26	13,927.00
Rent	2,060.00	8,024.63	2,415.25	5,000.00
Weddings		250.00	350.00	
Sub Total	2,060.00	8,274.63	2,765.25	5,000.00
Observer Subscriptions	25.00	400.00	25.00	50.00
Presbytery Dues				
HST Refund		1,236.34	1,041.02	2,000.00
Interest from Memorial Fund	1,802.00	1,802.00	1,064.00	1,500.00
Shalom Local Support				
Miscellaneous	1,580.00	2,466.05	282.50	1,000.00
Sunday School				
Music Program				
Deductions (CRA)	133.04	133.04		
CEWS		955.52	9,975.08	
Sub Total	3,540.04	6,992.95	12,387.60	4,550.00
Total Receipts	20,083.78	123,868.97	142,016.26	129,777.00

OPERATING EXPENSES Account Name	Dec-2022			Budget
	Current Month	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	
Salaries	3,027.29	36,327.48	35,861.28	36,500.00
Contract Wages	409.70	4,916.40	10,916.40	5,000.00
Benefits	898.44	9,433.61	8,677.84	9,500.00
Music Director	1,420.00	1,420.00		
Sub Total	5,755.43	52,097.49	55,455.52	51,000.00
Honourarium	1,100.00	13,200.00	16,700.00	11,000.00
Mileage	199.57	1,361.04		
Guest Speakers & Musicians	2,828.00	14,151.00	8,115.22	16,000.00
Sub Total	4,127.57	28,712.04	24,815.22	27,000.00
Union Gas	783.69	6,556.24	4,324.96	5,000.00
Electricity, Water & Sewer	855.89	6,873.86	6,604.16	7,500.00
Church Maintenance	1,303.73	6,465.24	2,635.76	5,000.00
Insurance		12,488.04	12,741.84	11,000.00
Sub Total	2,943.11	32,383.38	26,306.72	28,500.00
Office Expenses	403.86	3,441.51	2,569.83	3,000.00
Telephone	114.02	1,331.91	1,317.52	1,400.00
Observer Subscriptions		525.00		
Wedding Gratuities			400.00	500.00
Presbytery Dues	2,938.50	5,877.00	7,692.00	5,877.00
Bank Fees	11.25	71.25	60.00	100.00
Music		1,201.00	280.00	500.00
Membership Committee		30.00		250.00
Outreach Committee			394.40	500.00
S. School, Christian Ed.				200.00
Library		200.20	239.04	250.00
Miscellaneous	2,281.89	3,395.29	1,874.70	2,500.00
Worship Committee			130.00	300.00
Fundraising - Pie, Plant, & Yard Sale				
-Pork Chop BBQ				
-Turkey Supper				
-Harriston Meats		4,934.00	6,374.00	
-Chicken Dinner		2,351.96		
-Hospital Aux Dinner	103.90	103.90		
-James Brown Trio	1,130.00	1,130.00		
Boiler Repair		1,005.00	315.00	2,500.00
Funeral Gratuities		100.00	50.00	
HST	936.12	5,126.64	3,431.76	4,000.00
PAR & ADP Charges	43.90	567.86	572.81	650.00
Search Com.				
Netcast Ministry			1,627.13	750.00
Sub Total	7,963.44	31,392.52	27,328.19	23,277.00
Total Expenses	20,789.55	144,585.43	133,905.65	129,777.00
RECEIPTS (U)/O EXPENSES	-705.77	-20,716.46	8,110.61	

NON OPERATING RECEIPTS	Dec-2022 Current Month	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Ebenezer Cemetery			100.00
Irwin Cemetery	10.00	120.00	330.00
Memorial Fund	50.00	10,225.00	45.00
Mission & Service	2,598.00	19,057.10	20,673.00
Ukraine Emergency Fund		240.00	
Prayer Shawl	21.00	101.00	140.00
Markdale Food Bank			50.00
Christmas Baskets	4,300.00	4,370.00	4,615.00
FundScrip	725.00	46,295.00	56,015.00
Kitchen Renovations		21,000.00	539.93
Hospital Lunch Project		1,040.00	996.25
Quilt Makers			100.00
I Care - I Walk		25.00	
Refresh Fund	225.00	225.00	
Total Receipts	7,929.00	102,698.10	83,604.18

NON OPERATING EXPENSES	Current Month	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Ebenezer Cemetery	266.00	266.00	237.50
Irwin Cemetery	190.00	190.00	190.00
Memorial Fund	225.00	10,225.00	45.00
Mission & Service	3,833.00	19,057.10	20,673.00
Ukraine Emergency Fund		240.00	
Prayer Shawl Ministry		100.00	
Garden Club Expenses		220.00	40.97
Markdale Food Bank			50.00
Pastor's Benevolent Fund		600.00	
Christmas Baskets	4,370.00	4,370.00	4,615.00
FundScrip	625.00	46,295.00	55,915.00
Hospital Lunch Project		1,138.90	868.80
Streaming Equipment		1,874.85	5,728.33
Refresh of Church	1,152.86	5,192.94	
Total Expenses	10,661.86	89,769.79	88,363.60
RECEIPTS (U)/O EXPENSES	-2,732.86	12,928.31	-4,759.42

BANK BALANCE RECAP

Date	Description	Disbursements	Receipts	Bank Balance
01-Jan-2022	OPENING BALANCE			-52,780.79
31-Dec-2022	Operating Receipts		123,868.97	
31-Dec-2022	Operating Expenses	144,585.43		-73,497.25
01-Jan-2022	OPENING BALANCE			109,503.47
31-Dec-2022	Non-Operating Receipts		102,698.10	
31-Dec-2022	Non-Operating Expenses	89,769.79		122,431.78
31-Dec-2022	Bank Balance			48,934.53

Kitchen Renovations

Northern Waters Grant (2018)	17,137.00	
Gail McCauley Donation (2020)	8,000.00	
Contributions (2018-2022)	24,791.95	49,928.95
Available Funds		-994.42

**ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH
BUDGET 2023**

OPERATING RECEIPTS				
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Account Name	2022	2021	2022	2023
Envelopes	93403	105979	106000	99530
Loose	467	70	100	100
Initial	85	150	200	200
Sub Total	93955	106199	106300	99830
Chicken Dinner	4470		0	4500
Coin Banks	44	205	500	0
Pie Plant & Yard Sale	0		0	1000
Fundscrip	809	2815	3000	900
Online auction	0	9139	9000	0
Other Fundraising/ Meat Sale	9323	8505	1427	25000
Sub Total	14646	20664	13927	31400
Rent	8025	2415	5000	20000
Weddings	250	350	0	500
Sub Total	8275	2765	5000	20500
Observer	400	25	50	400
Miscellaneous	2466	282	1000	1500
HST Refund	1236	1041	2000	1500
Interest from Memorial Fund	1802	1064	1500	3600
CEWS	1088	9975	0	0
Sub Total	6992	12387	4550	7000
Total Receipts	123868	142015	129777	158730
Total Expenses	144582	133905		
Shortfall /Surplus	20714	8110		

OPERATING EXPENSES	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	
	2022	2021	2022	2023	
Salaries	36327	35861	36500	47000	
Contract Wages	4916	10916	5000	0	
Benefits	9433	8678	9500	9600	
Interim minister/ Pulpit Supply	0		15000	0	
Music Director	1420			14200	
Sub Total	52096	55455	66000	70800	
Travel Allowance	1361		0	1500	
Guest Speakers & Music	14151	8115	1000	15000	
Honourarium	13200	16700	11000	12000	
Sub Total	28712	24815	12000	28500	
Fuel, Heating Gas	6556	4325	5000	7000	
Utilities, Church incl. Electricity	6873	6604	7500	7000	
Maintenance, Church	6465	2636	5000	7000	
Insurance	12488	12741	11000	13565	
Sub Total	32382	26306	28500	34565	
Office Expenses	3441	2570	3000	3500	
Telephone	1332	1318	1400	1400	
Observer	525		0	0	
Weddings & Funeral Gratuities	100	450	500	0	
Presbytery	5877	7692	5877	4790	
Bank Fees	71	60	100	75	
Music	1201	280	500	500	
Membership	30		250	250	
Outreach Committee	0	394	500	250	
S. School, Christian Ed.	0		200	500	
Library	200	239	250	250	
Miscellaneous	3395	1875	2500	2500	
HST	5126	3432	4000	5000	
UC Charges Re PAR&ADP	568	573	650	600	
Bolier Repair	1005	315	2500	5000	
Worship Committee	0	130	300	250	
Fundraising expenses	8521	6374	0	0	
Netcast	0	1627	750	0	
Sub Total	31392	27329	23277	24865	
Total Expenses	144582	133905	129777	158730	

ADDENDUM: REPORT OF THE AFFIRMING MINISTRY TEAM

The Affirming Ministry team was formed in the summer of 2022 in response to a request from the pastoral care team to explore the possibility of Annesley becoming an Affirming Ministry church. The goal of the affirming process is to provide a public, intentional and explicit welcome for diverse gender identities and sexual orientation. The process is described as spiritual, reflective, educational and it takes as long as it needs to. We met several times in the following months to begin educating ourselves about what was involved in the affirming process. We gathered information through resources provided by personnel at the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council and Affirm United.

We next made a presentation in November to Annesley's board to explain the process and to ask board approval for us to continue exploring the possibility of becoming an affirming church. Our motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

We've met for team meetings twice in 2023 primarily to make plans for engaging with the congregation about the affirming process. Rev. Thérèse Samuel is our liaison person from the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council. She met with us for several meetings and is a most helpful and valuable resource.

In February, we invited congregation members to stay after church to watch a 10-minute video filmed at Riverside United Church in London about their church's affirming journey. The video underscored the reason for and the importance of becoming an affirming church. After the video we had time for questions and discussion about the process and there were thoughtful questions and comments made by the attendees.

At a worship service in March, a video message was shown from the UC moderator highlighting the significance of PIE Day (March 14th) which is National Affirming day in Canada and afterwards the video "Love is Love" was shown. It's a short and inspiring YouTube video about love between people no matter their religion, gender, age, nationality, or ability.

To celebrate PIE Day at Annesley congregation members were invited to attend a gathering after church in Fellowship Hall to listen to a 20 minute CBC piece from the Tapestry program featuring Julian Munro, a divinity student at Emmanuel College who identifies as a non-binary, transitioning person. We followed up with small group conversations.

We have placed a question/comment box in the Narthex in hopes that members will feel comfortable writing their questions/comments. As well there are copies available in the library of the booklet "Open Hearts" It's a great resource which describes in detail the affirming ministry process.

Please know that we will travel this journey with the congregation thoughtfully, prayerfully, and slowly. We truly hope you will engage with us along the way.

Members of the affirming ministry team are:

Marlene Evans, Jill Lawford, John Lewis, Ralph Shilton, Heather Spry, Vicki Stevens, Mark Waugh

ANNESLEY CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022

BOARD OF ELDERS – Chair – Dale Beare

David Armstrong, Dale Beare, Mel Chamberlain, Jane Currah, Steacy DenHaan, Dale Fawcett, Carl Herman, Hazel Johnston, Leah Legate, John Lewis, Sharon Murray, Ralph Shilton, Ron Torry, Mark Worthington

TRUSTEES – Dave Armstrong, Gail McCauley, Brian McKillop, Ray Robertson

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Barb Hutton, Jill Lawford, Mark Worthington

TREASURER - Sharon Murray

RECORDING SECRETARY - Patti Shaw

SUNDAY SCHOOL – John Lewis

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Brenda Dimoff

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN - Shirley McMeeken, Treasurer

LAY DELEGATE TO REGION - vacant

**EBENEZER-IRWIN CEMETERY BOARD - David Armstrong (Chairperson),
Ronald Wyvill (Secretary-Treasurer)**

**HARKAWAY CEMETERY BOARD - Hillis Halbert, Janie Hanna (Secretary-Treasurer),
Jim Hawken, John Lewis (Chairperson), Blair Thompson**

**VANDELEUR CEMETERY BOARD - Bob Bowles, Jack Davis,
Marilyn Davis (Secretary-Treasurer), Dale Fawcett,
Isabel Jefferey (Chairperson), Brenda Teeter**

LIBRARIAN - Lynn Wyvill

NURSERY- Christian Education Committee

CHURCH OFFICER- Marlene Ward

CHURCH SECRETARY, BROADVIEW REPRESENTATIVE - Patti Shaw

ENVELOPE STEWARD- Vivien Tolton

REVIEWERS OF FINANCIAL RECORDS - Carl Benninger, Dawn Dawe, Betty Madill, Jean Smith

INVESTMENT FUND ADMINISTRATOR -Menno Smith