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Markdale Pastoral Charge Of the United Church of Canada



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Annual Report 2023

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH MARKDALE, ONTARIO – April 7, 2024

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 2023 Annual Financial Statement
- 6. Approval of 2023 Program Reports one resolution covering all reports
- 7. Acceptance of the Proposed Budget for 2024
- 8. Mission and Service Objective for 2024 \$22,500.00
- 9. Nominating Committee Report
- 10. New Business -
- 11. Benediction

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ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH Annual Congregational Meeting 82 Toronto Street South, Markdale, Ontario April 30, 2023

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting April 30, 2023

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Annesley United Church was held on Sunday, April 10, 2023, beginning at 11:40 a.m., following the morning worship service.

1.0 Call of Meeting: The notice of this meeting was printed in our Sunday Worship folders on the following dates – March 12,19, 26 and April 9, 16, 23, and 30. Copies of the 2022 Annesley United Church Annual Report were made available for pickup on April 16, 2023

2.0 Welcome:

Rev. John Neff welcomed and thanked everyone attending this meeting.

3.0 Attendance:

The Record of Attendance is included at the end of these minutes (page 7) as Appendix "A"

4.0 In Memoriam:

Reverend John Neff read the names of the beloved people who have passed on during the year 2022, as printed on **page 21** of the Annual Report Booklet. Rev. Neff led a prayer in memory of those dearly departed. Thanks was expressed for the successful business of the year passed and prayers for this Annual Meeting and for successful church operations in the year 2023.

5.0 Nominations for Chair and Secretary for this meeting:

- 5.1 Rev. John Neff called the meeting to order and opened the floor for nominations for Chair of this Annual Congregational Meeting.
 Ray Robertson was nominated for Chair by Dale Beare.
 There were no other nominations for the Chair.
 Ray Robertson agreed to be the Chair for this Annual Meeting.
- MOTION#01: (Dale Beare/Hazel Johnston) that nominations for Chair be closed.
- 5.2 Reverend John Neff opened the floor for nominations for Secretary for this Annual Congregational Meeting.
 Patti Shaw was nominated for Secretary by John Lewis. There were no other nominations for Secretary.
 Patti Shaw agreed to be Secretary for this Annual Meeting.

MOTION#02: (John Lewis/Dale Beare) that nominations for the Secretary be closed. MOTION CARRIED

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6.0 Call to Order:

The Chair, Ray Robertson, called this Annual Meeting to order at 11:47 a.m. and thanked the members of the congregation for staying after the service for the meeting.

7.0 Adoption of the Agenda:

MOTION#03: (Dale Fawcett/Hazel Johnston) that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed on the inside front cover of the 2022 Annual Report booklet.

8.0 Voting Privileges:

MOTION#04: (Mark Worthington /Donna Hutton) 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 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting:

(Minutes as found on pages 1 to 6 of the 2022 Annual Meeting Report booklet). **MOTION#05:** (Mark Worthington/Dale Beare) that the Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of Annesley United Church held on April 10, 2022 be adopted with no changes. **MOTION CARRIED**

10.0 ANNUAL OPERATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE MEMORIAL/INVESTMENT FUND STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2022

(Please refer to the operations statement on pages #29 to 32 of the 2022 Annual Reports booklet) submitted by Sharon Murray, Church Treasurer, these operations financial statements were reviewed and found correct by Dawn Dawe and Ray Dawe. Also, please refer to page 28 of the Annual Reports booklet for the Annesley United Church Memorial/Investment Fund Statement submitted by Menno Smith and reviewed and found correct by Dawn and Ray Dawe.

There was a lengthy discussion about items on the Memorial/Investment Statement, the Financial Statements and the Budget. (*One of the GIC dates had already passed; it had been renewed, but the statement still showed the matured date, and there was a difference between the bank balance at the end of the year and the reported start date of the next year - these were human errors which have been corrected.*) There were other questions about the funds that are set aside for kitchen renovations. There is just one bank account, so the day-to-day expenses are paid from the account, but the kitchen money is earmarked for the kitchen, and will be used when the kitchen renovation work is paid. The Finance Committee consists of 2 volunteers, and they have a very difficult job. It would be a benefit if questions about the Financial Statements would be made throughout the year, and in the weeks before when the Annual Reports are made available. It puts the Finance Committee on the spot to have to answer specific questions at the Annual meeting. More support from the ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH 82 Toronto Street South, Markdale, Ontario April 30, 2023

> congregation is needed to help the Finance Committee. It was suggested that a Financial Review Team should be set up to review the statements before each Board meeting, to help with accuracy and to provide extra assistance to the Finance Committee. A Financial Review Team will be set up before the May Board meeting. Our deficit situation continues. The cancellation of the Christmas Eve service due to weather was a very devastating event for our finances. We are the same as most churches; declining attendance due to changing lifestyles, poor health, COVID and congregants who have moved out of the area have lowered givings at the plate, fundraising has not covered the shortfall. There was a suggestion to look at whether services being watched through streaming instead of attendance in person is the problem with declining contributions. We have no way to know who is watching the services, and whether they are contributing, but viewership is usually 15-20 on the livestream, and 50-70 during the rest of the week. This is a valuable outreach that is helping people who cannot attend. We have put a link to Canada Helps on our website, and we are developing a screen to be displayed at the end of the online services asking for a donation.

It was agreed that it is confusing to discuss the Financial Statements without a copy of the previous year's statements on hand, so we will ensure that copies will be provided at subsequent Annual meetings.

MOTION#06: (Joe Ewing/John Lewis) that the Annesley United Church Annual Operating Financial Statement and the Memorial/Investment Fund Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 be approved with a change to the GIC Renewal date from Feb. 11, 2022 to Feb. 11, 2023, correction of the starting bank balance and pending a review. MOTION CARRIED

11.0 PROGRAMS AND RELATED FINANCIAL REPORTS AND STATISTICS:

- a) The Pastoral Charge Supervisor's Report on page 7 / Board Committees / Small Groups / Cemetery Reports / Statistics and Membership Changes) will be approved in **Omnibus Motion #07** (see page 4) to be brought forth at the end of the review of these reports.
- b) The Chair, Ray Robertson, invited the authors of the reports to comment on their report if they wished to do so at the given time.
- 11.1 Pastoral Charge Supervisor's Report (page 7) by Rev. Kathy Underwood;
- 11.2 Board of Elders Chairman's Report (page 9) by Dale Beare;
- 11.3 Board of Trustees Report (page10);
- 11.4 Ministry & Personnel Committee (page 10), by Barbara Hutton, Jill Lawford & Mark Worthington
- 11.4 Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Report (page 11)
- 11.5 United Church Women/Shalom Report (page 12) by UCW/Shalom;
- 11.6 Pastor's Benevolent Fund Report (page12);
- 11.7 Church Library Report (page 13) by Lynn Wyvill;

- 11.8 Music Director's Report (page 14) by Brenda Dimoff;
- 11.9 Pastoral Care Team (page 15);

11.10 SMALL GROUPS:

- 11.10.1 Knit Wits Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry (page16);
- 11.10.2 Prayer/Bible Study Group (page 17);
- 11.10.3 Christmas Baskets (page 17);
- 11.10.4 Annesley Garden Club (page 17);
- 11.10.5 Annesley Woodworkers' Guild (page 18) submitted by Doug Dickie/Mark Waugh;
- 11.10.6 Centering Prayer (page 18) submitted by Lynn Wyvill;
- 11.10.7 Annesley Quilt Makers (page 19) submitted by Nancy Edwards & Mary Muir, co-conveners;

11.11 STATISTICS:

- 11.11.1 Statistics for 2022(page 20);
- 11.11.2 Received into Membership: profession of faith, or by transfer (page 20);
- 11.11.3 Removed from Membership: by transfer, by death, or by own request (page 20);
- 11.11.4 Baptisms, Marriages (page 21)
- 11.11.5 In Memoriam (page 21);

11.12 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11.12.1 Property Committee Report (page 22) submitted by the Property Committee;

- 11.12.2 Kitchen Update (page 22) submitted by the Kitchen Team;
- 11.12.3 Annesley Cleanup and Refresh Report (page 23) by the Refresh Team;
- 11.12.3 Membership & Outreach Committees (page 25);
- 11.12.4 FundScrip & Coin Banks Reports (page 25);
- 11.12.5 Christian Education Report (page 26);
- 11.12.6 Lay Worship Team (page 26);

Addendum: Report of Affirming Ministry Team (page 35)

11.13 CEMETERIES REPORT (page 27)

- 11.14 Annesley Memorial/Investment Fund (page 28) submitted by Menno Smith
- 11.14.1 Financial Statements (page 29-32) submitted by Mark Worthington, Chair;
- 12.0 OMNIBUS MOTION#07: (Della Goetz/Jean Benninger) 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 2023 (page 33):

There was a discussion and questions about the budget - the Fundraising figure does *not* include Fund raising expenses, so the Fundraising amount on the budget is net, after expenses. The Finance committee has always tried to balance the budget by

forecasting higher contributions at the plate and higher fundraising; this would be a target, a best case scenario if we found some way to increase givings and fund raise more. But the congregation is aging, and a few very hardworking people are doing most of the work.

There was a suggestion that we should include a line in the budget/forecast for funds that we foresee that we will have to borrow from the investment fund. MOTION #08: (John Lewis/Dale Fawcett) that the Budget for 2023

for Annesley United Church be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

14.0 Mission & Service Fund Objective for 2023:

MOTION #09:(Dale Fawcett/John Lewis) that the Mission & Service Fund Objective for Annesley United Church for 2023 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: There were no new members.
- b) Retiring members of the Board of Elders: Mel Chamberlain, Dale Fawcett, Carl Herman, Jane Currah
- c) Elders returning to the Board of Elders: David Armstrong, Dale Beare, Hazel Johnston, Leah Legate, John Lewis, Sharon Murray, Ralph Shilton, Mark Worthington
- d) Three Members will serve on the Ministry & Personnel Committee: Barbara Hutton, Jill Lawford, Mark Worthington
- e) No Members will serve as Presbytery Representatives to Northern Waters Presbytery: This position is vacant.
- f) Those who will serve as members of the Board of Trustees: David Armstrong Gail McCauley, Brian McKillop, Ray Robertson
- g) Church Librarian: Lynn Wyvill
- MOTION#10: (Dale Beare/Hazel Johnston) that the Nominating Committee Report for the year 2023 be accepted. MOTION CARRIED
- 16.0 New Business:

(Please refer to Agenda item #10 on the inside front cover of the 2022 Annual Report booklet).

HUB Worship Dale Beare advised that Southampton United Church is offering HUB worship to congregations without a minister over the summer. Their minister will deliver the sermon, and participating churches will be combined on a live stream that will consist of 3 or 4 congregations taking part in the service from their own church buildings. We will investigate what would be involved in taking part in this, as it would be an alternative to finding pulpit supply. Cost would be approximately the same as pulpit supply.

Board/Committee Positions Concern was expressed that there are no new Board members. Too much is being done by a few people, and everyone is encouraged to step forward and help in one of the many areas: Property, Worship, Christian Education, Outreach/Membership, Finance, even as committee members who do not attend meetings. More people are needed to prevent fatigue and make things happen.

17.0 Expressions of Appreciation:

- 1) Thanks to The Board for arranging this meeting.
- 2) Thanks to the staff for their strong support to the life and work of the Annesley Church congregation Marlene and Murray, Sharon, Patti
- 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 on behalf of the congregation, to Mel Chamberlain, who served as Chair of the April 10, 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting.
- 6) Thanks was expressed to Ray Robertson for serving as Chair of this Annual Congregational Meeting on April 30, 2023.
- 7) Thank you to Patti Shaw for serving as Secretary for this Annual Congregational Meeting.

MOTION #11: (Mark Worthington/John Lewis) We express thanks and appreciation to Dale Beare for the work he has undertaken on behalf of the Annesley Congregation as Chair of the Annesley Board of Elders in the year 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Prayer:

Reverend John Neff closed this meeting with a prayer.

Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct at this meeting, the Chair, Ray Robertson, declared this meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.on a motion by Hazel Johnston.

Ray Robertson, Chair

Patti Shaw, Secretary

Footnote: The Record of Attendance is recorded in Appendix "A" on page #7

APPENDIX "A" RECORD OF ATTENDANCE ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING APRIL 30, 2023

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- 1. Dale Armstrong
- 2. Dale Beare
- 3. Jean Benninger
- 4. Marina Brown
- 5. Mel Chamberlain
- 6. Shirley Chamberlain
- 7. Steacy Den Haan
- 8. Brenda Dimoff
- 9. Peter Dimoff
- 10. Joe Ewing
- 11. Dale Fawcett
- 12. Della Goetz
- 13. Barb Hutton
- 14. Donna Hutton
- 15. Hazel Johnston
- 16. Doreen Latimer
- 17. Jill Lawford
- 18. Leah Legate
- 19. Diana Lewis
- 20. John Lewis

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- 21. Brian McKillop
- 22. Sharon Murray
- 23. Rev. John Neff
- 24. Howard Newman
- 25. Pamela Newman
- 26. Tim Reilly
- 27. Dan Rose
- 28. Ruth Rose
- 29. Ray Robertson
- 30. Lacy Sciamanna
- 31. Patti Shaw
- 32. Heather Spry

BOARD OF ELDERS REPORT - CHAIR'S MESSAGE

This past fall was a very busy time at Annesley! The online auction was successful, although earnings were considerably down from previous years. The takeout chicken BBQ was once again very successful and enjoyed by all! In October, we bid Rev. Kathy Underwood a fond farewell and thanked her for her leadership, guidance, inspiration and spiritual support these past several years as our Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

In mid November, we welcomed Rev. Christine Smaller on a part-time, temporary basis while she completed her doctorate. She has been able to provide us with more consistent pulpit supply, pastoral care support and to act as our Pastoral Charge Supervisor. Rev. Christine guided us through a wonderful Advent Season which culminated in a beautiful and well attended Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, prepared and led by Phyllis Fleming.

The Scott Woods Band returned to Annesley in early November and performed to a very large crowd. This was an Annesley fundraiser supported by the ANNESLEY EVENTS group. Despite community interest, we were unable to hold a Christmas Bazaar this year due to a lack of volunteers. In mid December, TheCommunity Christmas Choir delivered two outstanding performances at Annesley to large and appreciative crowds. Prior to Christmas, Dale Armstrong and her "band of angels", coordinated, packed and delivered Food and Gift Hampers to 66 families in the community this year.

ANNESLEY EVENTS was also very busy this fall through the Christmas Season arranging a number of musical, word, and other cultural performances, events, exhibitions and presentations for the community at large. ANNESLEY EVENTS is a secular, non profit entity which evolved from our Visioning process in 2021/22. Incorporation will allow them to access grant resources which would be otherwise unavailable to charitable institutions like Annesley. Once obtained, these monies would be directed toward operation and maintenance of our Church building.

Annesley Board and ANNESLEY EVENTS representatives have had ongoing discussions seeking clarification around questions posed by congregants and Board members. We are also requesting estimated timelines for what ANNESLEY EVENTS plans to accomplish in 2024 and beyond and how this can benefit Annesley UC, long term. Both parties recognize the need to support and work together. ANNESLEY EVENTS EVENTS will soon be changing their name to MIDDLE GREY ARTS AND HERITAGE GROUP.

Amid weak givings, it is unlikely that we will be able to hire a full-time minister anytime soon. The congregation is welcome and encouraged to share your thoughts and recommendations on how we should supply ministry after the current arrangement ends.

All for now, *Together We Can Achieve More Dale (Beare)* Chair, For the Annesley Board of Elders

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

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The members of the 2023 Board of Trustees were: David Armstrong, Gail McCauley, Brian McKillop and Ray Robertson. Paul Hutton was added later in the year.

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 (2024/25).

Marsh also offers 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 REPORT

We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of the M&P committee during the challenging year of 2023. After the sudden passing of long-time employee Vivien Tolton in February of 2023, her envelope steward duties were redirected to our Treasurer and Secretary. The M&P committee also provided immeasurable support during the illness of long-time custodian Marlene Ward in the latter part of 2023.

Thank you to the volunteers who have stepped forward to take up roles that are traditionally those of paid ministry staff. It is because of these folks that we have been able to enjoy weekly, in person, worship services.

Pastoral Charge Supervisors Rev. Kathy Underwood (January- October) and Rev. Christine Smaller (November & December) supported of the life of Annesley by helping Annesley to navigate difficult times.

The M and P Committee in 2023: Barbara Hutton, Jill Lawford and Mark Worthington

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CHURCH LIBRARY REPORT 2023

Annesley's library will provide resources to educate, inspire, comfort and challenge the spiritual development of individuals, families and groups within the Annesley community.

The value of a church library is difficult to assess. Looking at the number of books is deceptive. Looking at titles, even more so. The library supports a small number of people, often when their need is the greatest. Annesley's library is one of the most underused resources in our church community. Additions to our shelves are presently restricted to donated books. We have received some excellent ones. Keep our library viable, by using it.

Lynn Wyvill

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2023

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 and utilize the resources that I have in the new Music Director's office. It is close to the main office, which enables me to touch base with Patti regarding planning for services etc.

My other main responsibility is to have the choir lead the congregation in worship (a small and mighty dedicated group). The services were enhanced with Special music from Granite Hill, and also our pre recorded CD.

The organ will be tuned and maintenance performed. The instrument will be 100 years old later this year, and we are planning a celebration with guest organists to showcase it.

I want to thank my support team. Thanks to Patti, Dale, Tim, Lacy, Kathy and Mike, Rev. Christine, 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

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UNITED CHURCH WOMEN/SHALOM

After 3 years of COVID-19 restrictions, the funeral lunch team reconvened in 2023 to begin the important outreach of funeral lunches for the Annesley and wider community. Money raised through funeral lunches and catering will be distributed to charities, and also projects and programs at Annesley, such as the Pastor's Benevolent Fund and the Annesley Quilt Makers.

At the end of 2023, the Annesley United Church Women's account at TD Canada Trust, Markdale had a balance of : **\$4,554.93**, all from previous year's activities.

Funeral lunches in 2023 brought in **\$3960.00**, with Expenses of **\$111.76**. The profit, **\$3848.24**, was held in Annesley's General account until a treasurer could be found for UCW/Shalom. Dale Armstrong and Diana Lewis are now administering the account, and the group began distributing funds in early 2024. A full financial statement will be provided in the 2024 Report, reflecting the full year's revenue and expenses in this valuable outreach.

PASTOR'S BENEVOLENT FUND

I believe that this fund was first established when former ministers kept the proceeds of funeral gratuities aside in order to provide an emergency fund for those in financial need: within the Church family and beyond.

More recently, it has been maintained by private donations and regular top ups by our AUCW/Shalom. It has been administered for some time by a committee of 3. The members are presently *Jean Smith, Karen Smith* and *John Lewis*.

Here are the parameters which presently exist for this Fund, listed to the best of my ability:

*Requests for financial assistance should best be made in writing.

*There shall be clear evidence of financial need with an understanding of due diligence on our part tempered by trust.

*A one-time payment only shall be made to help offset the total need.

*Payment shall be made to a third party, i.e. landlord, repair person, health or transportation provider, etc.

* Historically, we have used the Markdale postal catchment/ Annesley reach as our area of service. As neighbouring churches have closed, we have received requests from somewhat further abroad.

*Applicants are encouraged to seek additional funding/assistance elsewhere. Sometimes we can help with those connections: Examples of this would be our local Food Banks, 211, our other community churches, and also SEGCHC with whom we have a working reciprocal relationship.

* Our funds have been kept earmarked under NON-OPERATING.

FOOTNOTE:

Several changes to this fund have been suggested and will be reviewed at our May Board meeting.

First among them a new name, more reflective of the times such as "Financial Outreach" or " Community Outreach".

Secondly, that the Fund might be accountable more visibly to our Board, possibly under the wing of a newly energized Outreach Committee.

Thirdly, that a dedicated budgetary line be established to monitor the financial outreach and to solicit donations if required.

The Benevolent Fund members are: John Lewis, Jean Smith and Karen Smith

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Pastoral care in our congregation was decidedly different again in 2022. With off and on COVID-19 restrictions in the hospitals and long-term care facilities, team members were sometimes unable to visit congregants in home or in hospital. The team met several times to discuss pastoral care needs and kept in touch with each other through confidential emails, phone calls and texts.

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. 15 Prayer Shawls were given out in 2023.

In truth, it is a challenge to provide pastoral care without the support and leadership of a staff minister. Rev. Kathy Underwood helped immensely until October, and Rev. Chritine Smaller in November and December. We appreciate those who keep us informed about members needing support: *notes*,

calls, cards, visits. The Owen Sound Chaplaincy office notifies us about members who were in area hospitals, but we need to hear from you about those who are at home. 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: *David Armstrong*, *Barbara Hutton (until late 2023)*, *Jill Lawford*, *John Lewis*, *Patti Shaw*, *Heather Spry*

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AFFIRMING MINISTRY TEAM

The Affirming Ministry Team are exploring the possibility of Annesley becoming an Affirming Ministry church. They held educational meetings, a PIE day coffee time event, and took part in the Owen Sound Pride Parade in June, along with other United Church members and ministers. The parade had more than 400 participants! It was a joyful, colourful, noisy and inspiring event. The Affirming Team has placed resource material in the church library, and a Comments and Questions box in the Narthex. They wish to hear from everyone as they discern their path. The Affirming Team members are: *Jane Currah, Marlene Evans, Jill Lawford, John Lewis, Ralph Shilton, Heather Spry, Vicki Stephens and Mark Waugh*

SMALL GROUPS

KNIT WITS UNITED

The Annesley Knit Wit group continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. We are a small but prolific group. Collectively, the group knit: 25 pairs of slippers, 46 pairs of mittens, 33 toques (hats), 22 pairs of socks, 31 scarves plus 1 hat and scarf set, 1 afghan and several prayer shawls, 43 sweaters, 16 baby hats, 1 baby sweater set, 1 Cinderella doll and 2 other dolls and more... We distribute the items to those in need locally as much as possible. 15 prayer shawls were given out in 2023. Let us know if you know someone who would benefit from the comfort of receiving a shawl.

Most of our knitting is done from yarn donated to the church and we thank you for that. We meet on the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Mondays of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 in the lower hall. Join us for a lovely afternoon of knitting and socialization.

Suzanne Hill and Lorrie Ann Breedon ~ with remembrance and appreciation of Vivien Tolton and Marilynn Davies.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an important part of Annesley's outreach. Warm and cozy shawls are given to those of the congregation and community who need a comforting reminder that the Annesley family loves and cares for them when they are grieving, ill or recovering from surgery. The shawls are distributed by the Pastoral Care Team and the Knit Wits. The Prayer Shawl Ministry started 16 years ago, and over 387 shawls have been given out in that time, 15 of them in 2023.

The knitters ensure a steady supply of prayer shawls are available. The appropriate yarn must be purchased. If you would like to help, put your donation in an envelope marked Prayer Shawl and your name and send it to the church office. If you know anyone in the community who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the office at 519-986-3019.

The Annesley Quilt Makers had a successful year in 2023 making and donating quilts. We gave 36 quilts to individuals, 5 wheelchair quilts to Grey Gables and donated one Christmas quilt to the on-line auction in October.

Material for our quilts is mostly donated and the money for batting is provided by the Annesley United Church Women's group.

We met 4 times in 2023, with some of our members continuing to work at home throughout the year to make tops, blocks or to tie quilts.

Annesley Quilts Makers is a very important community outreach for our church. If you know of anyone who would benefit from the comfort that a handmade quilt brings, please let us know. We are always looking for new helpers to carry on this important endeavor.

Nancy Edwards and Mary Muir

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ANNESLEY WOODWORKERS' GUILD - 2023

2023 was the 21st year for the Woodworkers, and was the final year that the Annesley Woodworkers' Guild formally met on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The members will now get together whenever they want to socialize and discuss their shared interest in woodworking. We thank them for the many projects that they completed at Annesley and the wider community throughout the years.

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CENTERING PRAYER REPORT 2023

This small group meets weekly, either in person in the sanctuary or via Zoom. We share preparation, as we invite God to participate with us in our time together. Each session includes 20 minutes of silent prayer. We are proud to have met in this way for 25 years. Our numbers have fluctuated over that time, with variety and process always shifting, but the need to be together and the need to have that time of shared meditation is always present.

Lynn Wyvill

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Each Christmas season for many years now, Annesley has been part of a community Christmas basket program in Markdale and the surrounding area. A list of individuals or families is compiled with help from the Markdale and District Food Bank. These are households for whom Christmas might be a challenging time, a time of want due to tough economic times or other circumstances. A hardworking group based at Annesley plans each basket to match the recipients' needs, based on the number of people in the household, and the age of children, if any.

From early November throughout Advent, our members bring in designated non-perishable food as well as cash for additional items. A food drive at Beavercrest Community school gives a big boost to the food items collected for the baskets. Our friends at Christ Church Anglican provide gift items and donations, and our own Monday knitting group, the Annesley "Knit Wits" contribute beautiful handmade socks, mittens, hats, sweaters and scarves. Gifts and food are purchased to supplement the donated items, using cash and gift cards donated by individuals and generous community partners, including the Rotary Club, the United Way, Medike and many others. Many hours are spent by the volunteers, sorting food and gift items and making sure that each basket provides the recipients with not only a Christmas dinner and presents, but many other food and household items to help through the season and beyond. The baskets are delivered the week before Christmas, and we hope that they provide needed cheer, comfort and security to the homes to which they are delivered.

This initiative represents Annesley United at its best. It is a tradition close to our hearts and which we hope sends our message throughout the community. Surprisingly, there are people within the congregation itself, never mind the larger community, who are not aware of this endeavor. Thank you to the volunteers, and to all who make this important outreach possible.

66 Baskets were prepared and delivered in 2023 - 76 children were included in that total.

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ANNESLEY GARDEN CLUB

Anyone interested in caring for the beautiful Annesley gardens is encouraged to come out on Tuesday mornings (or any day that they are available) to pull weeds and keep the gardens in shape. A big thank you to Diane Houston, who consistently worked on the gardens in 2023.

The Plant Sale was held in 2023, and raised \$586 for Annesley. We collect (and accept) Canadian Tire money to buy fertilizer and plants for the gardens.

STATISTICS FOR 2023

| Number of Baptisms - Children | 1 |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| -Adults | 0 |
| Number of Marriages | 1 |
| Number of Burials | 3 |
| Total Membership – December 31, 2022 | 289 |
| Received by Profession of Faith | 0 |
| Received by Re-affirmation of Faith | 0 |
| Received by Transfer | 0 |
| Removed by Death | 11 |
| Removed by Transfer | 2 |
| Removed by Own Request | 0 |
| Total Membership – December 31, 2023 | 276 |
| Non-Resident Members | 55 |

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP IN 2023

| By Profession of Faith | By Transfer |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| None | None |

REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP IN 2023

By Death

Barbara Beattie Darlene Bowler Bess Dixon Ronald Hutton Leona Kirkpatrick Mona Livingstone Blanche McCullough James Shaw Kerri-Lynn Stafford Kay Thompson Vivien Tolton **By Transfer** Betty Bassett Roy Metcalfe

By Own Request None

BAPTISMS

Rylee Vivian McCallum

MARRIAGES

Thomas Paul Hill and Hayley Kathryn Scully

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IN MEMORIAM

Funeral services were conducted for the following persons in 2023. We gave thanks for their lives and commended them all to God's abundant mercy. We are especially thankful for the service and witness of those who were members of Annesley.

James Sinclair Shaw* Vivien Diane Tolton* Kerri-Lynn Stafford* Blanche Noreen McCullough* Darlene Alberta Bowler* Mona Eileen Livingstone* Ronald James Alexander Hutton* Shirley Mae Parker Bessie Eliza Dixon* Leona Irene Kirkpatrick* Barbara Beattie* Kathleen Emily Thompson* Date of Death January 5, 2023 February 22, 2023 March 12, 2023 March 15, 2023 May 9, 2023 May 11, 2023 June 13, 2023 August 19, 2023 August 27, 2023 September 21, 2023 October 20, 2023 November 9, 2023

*Indicates a member of Annesley

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MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEES

The Harriston Meat Packers sale was held in May, and was again a success. Everyone enjoys their quality products for the BBQ season.

The Plant Sale was held in 2023, after a 3-year absence. The Rotary Club held a barbeque in the parking lot during the sale, and despite it being a cool and rainy morning, \$586 was raised. Leftover plants were donated to the Hospital Plant Sale.

The biggest fund raiser of the year was the Online Auction, held on October 6th. Thank you to the organizers, helpers, and those who donated items for the auction.

Another delicious Takeout Chicken Dinner was held in October, to raving reviews by everyone who took part. Over 200 dinners were prepared.

In November, Scott Woods and his band visited us with their Christmas Show. It had been a few years since we were able to host this show, and 281 people attended and enjoyed the toe-tapping entertainment.

Thank you to everyone who helped with these events at Annesley. We hope to do even more in 2024.

A huge thank you to Karen Smith for arriving early and leaving late every Sunday and getting Coffee Hour treats for us to enjoy and socialize with. This was a feature of Sunday morning worship that so many people missed during COVID-19 restrictions. It is wonderful to be back, and we all owe our appreciation to Karen.

FUNDSCRIP

The FundScrip fundraising program allows us all to put cash into Annesley's bank account by merely purchasing cash cards with which to pay for routine purchases such as groceries, gas, hardware, as well as dining, clothing and gifts. This program has raised \$9844.44 for Annesley in the 7 years that we have been offering it. \$1,162.57 in 2023. The FundScrip website shows many organizations that have raised tens of thousands through FundScrip. We can use this program to make a positive difference in our finances. More participation is needed.

Thank you 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 the year that you try it!

COIN BANKS

Thank you to David Armstrong for reviving the Coin Bank program in 2023. \$912 was raised, just by collecting loose change.

LAY WORSHIP TEAM

The Lay Worship Team was formed in October, 2021 to provide guidance and support for Sunday morning worship services in the absence of a regular minister. The team meets to plan regular and special services, and does a great job of presenting one service per month written by Rev. Cathy Hird. Arranging Pulpit Supply throughout 2023 was a monumental task. Lay Worship leaders are few, and they are in great demand throughout Grey and Bruce Counties, as many congregations are in the same position as Annesley and do not have a minister. The congregation at Annesley owes a great deal of thanks to Dale Beare for doing the difficult job of finding pulpit supply. In November and December, Rev. Christine Smaller was available to lead many of the services at Annesley, but her time with us is temporary. Dale's considerable efforts should not be overlooked. Thank you also to the volunteers who read Scripture, read sermons, arranged readers, and led the services written by Rev. Hird. In 2023.

The lay worship team members are: *Dale Beare, Marina Brown, Hazel Johnston (who reports to the board) Mary Muir and Heather Spry.*

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Operating under the understanding that faith is caught, not taught, a group of parishioners from Annesley have been able to provide Sunday school lessons most Sundays since September during Church services. The lectionary or an online curriculum are used for subject matter. Attendance is very sporadic, from 0 to 7. Either the designated basement classroom or the Fellowship Hall are used. John Lewis and Mora Foster have provided leadership. Parents of children in the public school age were informed in September of this happening.

The group of adults who have participated are: Hazel Johnson, Jill Lawford, Kathy Fraser, Kelly Miller, and Della Goetz. Karen Smith provides goodies and drink boxes each Sunday. Our pulpit supply often helps with teaching info. We appreciate Christine Smaller's encouragement. The library, built in the past, is helpful and thank you to the Refresh team for the comfortable surroundings. There are possibilities to serve here, either as a teacher or second helper. Please speak to John or Mora if you have questions or an interest in joining this Annesley team.

The possibilities of containers with appropriate lesson material and a designated space being available to children in the sanctuary during services has been discussed. There are paper collections and art supplies at the back of the Church, always. Best practises would plan for 2 adults each Sunday and more children. I hope this gives insight about what we are trying to do, Sunday by Sunday.

Written by Mora Foster

21 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The long-planned kitchen renovation was completed in 2023! The kitchen team's strategy was to address certain aspects which helped to enhance our kitchen's commercial status (new convection ranges, improved refrigeration), and others which improved efficiency (sinks, counter space). The goal was to help to attract rentals, all the while being useful to our own church members. Minimal footprint alterations were necessary. Other changes addressed some safety/hygiene concerns (stainless steel countertops, high shelving alterations, improved ventilation, dedicated hand wash facility) and finally, there was a freshening of surfaces which had grown tired/worn (new flooring, paint). Finally, they found an alternative to cabinet replacement: refacing the cabinet doors and cabinet hardware. What a success! Within budget (designated kitchen donations) and it looks great! Thank you to the kitchen team. (*Dale Beare, Kathy Fraser, Doreen Latimer, John Lewis Karen Smith*). It is a joy to work in.

We again want 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 by larger issues of the times, i.e. a dwindling congregation, our attempts to procure/afford the services of a Minister and the Pandemic.

A local serviceman was found to look after servicing the boiler. A major (\$6,988, --\$5,000 had been budgeted) service was done on the furnace, which will hopefully make it run more efficiently and save heating costs in the future. The changes allowed us to stop using the auxiliary baseboard heaters.

A lot of work was done to sort out the electrical panels this year. The receptacles and switches are now labelled, so we now know which of the many panels is connected to them. A motion sensor light was installed just outside the office door for safety in the basement.

As part of the refresh and reorganization of the rooms, storage shelving was purchased to organize the storage areas. Thank you to Dale Beare and John Lewis for helping with this.

A heavy rainstorm flooded the basement area at the base of the stairs causing the carpets to be stained. Mud and leaves were removed from the eavestroughs, and the problem seemed to improve. We will see what this spring brings. Thank you to Mark Worthington for quickly gathering dehumidifiers and getting them working to minimize the problem. Thanks also to Dave Armstrong for getting the eavestroughs cleaned out, and Dale Armstrong for cleaning the carpets.

Thank you to the Wards and also to the Wielands for their care of the building.

CEMETERIES REPORT 2023

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.

FINANCE REPORT 2023

The Financial statement to the end of December 2023 indicates a deficit of \$30,340.36, which means we spent \$30,340 more than we received in our Operating financial Statement.

We had a drop in givings from \$93,955 in 2022 to \$82,445 (2021 was \$106,199) (a 22% drop in 2 years)

Our fundraising more than doubled to \$13,956. ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO CONTRIBUTED SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED –THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Just for clarity, you will note fundraising amounts on both Expense and Receipt sections of the Financial Statement. The gross receipt of fundraising was \$25,833 less expenses of \$11,877 for a net of \$13956.

We borrowed \$23,000 from our Investment/Memorial fund to help meet expenses and were unable to pay it back.

The Investment/Memorial Fund had a balance of \$148,286 on December 31,2023 and earned us \$5606.78 in interest which shows in the Operating Financial statement under receipts.

We have transferred \$15,000 from the Fund to our General account March 1, 2024 to cover the cost of our Insurance premium for 2024

The question raised at last year's AGM was: how much money do we have at this time??? And, is it realistic to show a balanced budget by inflating the Givings and Fundraising to unrealistic goals?

This year's Budget/Forecast is not Balanced and we forecast that we will end the year in a deficit once again. This continues to be a concerning trend and further clearly amplifies the need for new revenue sources.

Our Rental income increased in 2023 and we are forecasting a further increase in 2024 to help offset our expenses.

If any of this report or the financial statement requires more information, please try to see a member of your Finance Committee prior to the Annual meeting.

Dale Armstrong, Donna Hutton, Sharon Murray and Mark Worthington (Chair)

ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023

| OPERATING RECEIPTS | Dec-2023 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Account Name | Current Month | YTD 2023 | YTD 2022 | Budget |
| | Wonan | 2020 | LULL | |
| Envelopes | 12,140.50 | 80,896.60 | 93,403.20 | 99,530.00 |
| Loose | 516.05 | 1,222.25 | 467.25 | 100.00 |
| Initial | 205.00 | 327.00 | 85.00 | 200.00 |
| Sub Total | 12,861.55 | 82,445.85 | 93,955.45 | 99,830.00 |
| Plant Sale | | 586.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| FundScrip | | 1,162.57 | 809.20 | 900.00 |
| Chicken Dinner | | 4,968.00 | 4,470.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Flower Fund | 90.00 | 610.00 | | |
| Coin Banks | 659.45 | 911.85 | 44.00 | |
| Other Fundraising | | | | |
| Scott Woods | | 4,070.00 | | |
| Annesley Events | | 2,765.49 | | |
| Harriston Meats | | 6,627.00 | 7,497.00 | |
| Online Auction | | 4,133.55 | | |
| James Brown Trio | | | 1,150.74 | |
| Hospital Aux dinner | 0.00 | 47 500 04 | 675.00 | 05 000 00 |
| Other Fundraising | 0.00 | 17,596.04 | 9,322.74 | 25,000.00 |
| Fundraising Total | 749.45 | 25,834.46 | 14,645.94 | 31,400.00 |
| Rent | 2,318.75 | 14,576.65 | 8,024.63 | 20,000.00 |
| Weddings | | | 250.00 | 500.00 |
| Sub Total | 2,318.75 | 14,576.65 | 8,274.63 | 20,500.00 |
| Observer Subscriptions | | 325.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Presbytery Dues | | | 1.222.13 | |
| HST Refund | 4,857.68 | 9,417.67 | 1,236.34 | 1,500.00 |
| Interest from Memorial Fund | 5,607.00 | 5,607.00 | 1,802.00 | 3,600.00 |
| Shalom Local Support | | 000.00 | 0.400.05 | 4 500 00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 230.00 | 2,466.05 133.04 | 1,500.00 |
| Deductions (CRA) Music Program | 20.00 | 400.00 | 133.04 | |
| CEWS | 20.00 | 400.00 | 955.52 | |
| Funeral Gratuities | | 125.00 | 333.32 | |
| | | 120.00 | | |
| Sub Total | 10,484.68 | 16,104.67 | 6,992.95 | 7,000.00 |
| Total Receipts | 26,414.43 | 138,961.63 | 123,868.97 | 158,730.00 |

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ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023

| OPERATING EXPENSES | Dec-2023 | VTO | VTD | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|--|
| Account Name | Current Month | YTD 2023 | YTD 2022 | Budget | |
| | WORT | 2023 | 2022 | | |
| Salaries | 3,130.22 | 37,562.64 | 36,327.48 | 47,000.00 | |
| Contract Wages | 1,100.00 | 2,919.40 | 4,916.40 | 11,000.00 | |
| Music Director | 1,220.00 | 15,845.00 | 1,420.00 | 14,200.00 | |
| Benefits | 745.02 | 9,609.35 | 9,433.61 | 9,600.00 | |
| | | | | | |
| Sub Total | 6,195.24 | 65,936.39 | 52,097.49 | 70,800.00 | |
| | | | | | |
| Honourarium | 1,000.00 | 12,500.00 | 13,200.00 | 12,000.00 | |
| Mileage | 43.45 | 956.75 | 1,361.04 | 1,500.00 | |
| Guest Speakers | 1,546.00 | 12,972.50 | 14,151.00 | 15,000.00 | |
| Sub Total | 2,589.45 | 26,429.25 | 28,712.04 | 28,500.00 | |
| Union Gas | 854.29 | 6,994.50 | 6,556.24 | 7,000.00 | |
| Electricity, Water & Sewer | 466.88 | 8,478.50 | 6,873.86 | 7,000.00 | |
| Church Maintenance | 250.00 | 4,354.00 | 6,465.24 | 7,000.00 | |
| Insurance | | 13,564.80 | 12,488.04 | 13,565.00 | |
| Sub Total | 1,571.17 | 33,391.80 | 32,383.38 | 34,565.00 | |
| Office Expenses | 276.71 | 3,634.17 | 3,441.51 | 3,500.00 | |
| Telephone | 65.99 | 882.94 | 1,331.91 | 1,400.00 | |
| Observer Subscriptions | | | 525.00 | | |
| Presbytery Dues | 4,790.00 | 4,790.00 | 5,877.00 | 4,790.00 | |
| Bank Fees | | 135.85 | 71.25 | 75.00 | |
| Music | | 1,394.00 | 1,201.00 | 500.00 | |
| M&P Committee | | | | | |
| Membership Committee | | | 30.00 | 250.00 | |
| Outreach Committee | | 128.97 | | 250.00 | |
| S. School, Christian Ed. Library | | 110.00 | | 500.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 104 50 | 142.00 | 58.20 | 250.00 | |
| Worship Committee | 401.59 | 3,695.20 | 3,395.29 | 2,500.00 | |
| Fundraising-Annesley Events | | 2,225.00 | 1 1 2 0 0 0 | 250.00 | |
| - Harriston Meats | | 5,047.00 | 1,130.00 | | |
| - Takeout Chicken Dinner | 24.00 | 2,831.63 | 4,934.00 2,351.96 | | |
| - Flower Fund | 102.36 | 533.10 | 2,351.90 | | |
| - Scott Woods | 102.00 | 1,240.00 | | | |
| -Hospital Aux dinner | | 1,240.00 | 103.90 | | |
| Boiler Repair | | 6,987.89 | 1,005.00 | 5,000.00 | |
| Funeral Gratuities | | 125.00 | 100.00 | 5,000.00 | |
| HST | 292.57 | 9,173.13 | 5,117.88 | 5,000.00 | |
| PAR & ADP Charges | 42.95 | 578.67 | 567.86 | 600.00 | |
| | | | | | |
| Sub Total | 5,996.17 | 43,544.55 | 31,241.76 | 24,865.00 | |
| Total Expenses | 16,352.03 | 169,301.99 | 144,434.67 | 158,730.00 | |
| RECEIPTS (U)/O EXPENSES | 10,062.40 | -30,340.36 | -20,565.70 | | |
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ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023

| NON OPERATING RECEIPTS | Dec-2023 | | |
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| | Current | YTD | YTD |
| | Month | 2023 | 2022 |
| Ebonozoz Comoton i | 000.00 | | |
| Ebenezer Cemetery | 300.00 | 300.00 | |
| Irwin Cemetery | | 340.00 | 120.00 |
| Memorial Fund | | 2,500.00 | 10,225.00 |
| Mission & Service | 1,719.50 | 16,138.50 | 19,057.10 |
| Markdale Food Bank | | 250.00 | |
| Christmas Baskets | 4,275.00 | 5,075.00 | 4,370.00 |
| Pastor's Benevolent Fund | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry | | 55.00 | 101.00 |
| FundScrip | | 46,935.00 | 46,295.00 |
| Kitchen Renovations | | 125.00 | 21,000.00 |
| UCW Funerals | | 3,960.00 | |
| Hospital Lunch Project | | | 1,040.00 |
| I Care - I Walk | | | 25.00 |
| Refresh Fund | | | 225.00 |
| Quilt Makers | | 25.00 | |
| Ukraine Emergency Fund | | | 240.00 |
| Memorial Fund Loan | | 23,000.00 | |
| Ice Time | | 600.00 | |
| Total Receipts | 6,394.50 | 99,403.50 | 102,698.10 |
| | | | |
| NON OPERATING EXPENSES | Current | YTD | YTD |
| NON OPERATING EXPENSES | Current Month | YTD 2023 | YTD 2022 |
| NON OPERATING EXPENSES | Current Month | YTD 2023 | YTD 2022 |
| Ebenezer Cemetery | | | |
| Ebenezer Cemetery Irwin Cemetery | Month | 2023 | 2022 |
| Ebenezer Cemetery Irwin Cemetery Memorial Fund | Month | 2023 | 2022 266.00 |
| Ebenezer Cemetery Irwin Cemetery Memorial Fund Mission & Service | Month 294.50 | 2023 294.50 | 2022 266.00 190.00 |
| Ebenezer Cemetery Irwin Cemetery Memorial Fund Mission & Service Prayer Shawl Ministry | Month 294.50 2,500.00 | 2023 294.50 2,500.00 | 2022 266.00 190.00 10,225.00 |
| Ebenezer Cemetery Irwin Cemetery Memorial Fund Mission & Service Prayer Shawl Ministry Garden Club | Month 294.50 2,500.00 | 2023 294.50 2,500.00 | 2022 266.00 190.00 10,225.00 19,057.10 |
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| Ebenezer Cemetery Irwin Cemetery Memorial Fund Mission & Service Prayer Shawl Ministry Garden Club Markdale Food Bank Pastor's Benevolent Fund Christmas Baskets FundScrip Hospital Lunch Project UCW Funerals Streaming Equipment | Month 294.50 2,500.00 3,387.00 | 2023 294.50 2,500.00 16,138.50 250.00 130.00 5,075.00 46,935.00 | 2022 266.00 190.00 10,225.00 19,057.10 100.00 220.00 600.00 4,370.00 46,295.00 1,138.90 |
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| Ebenezer Cemetery Irwin Cemetery Memorial Fund Mission & Service Prayer Shawl Ministry Garden Club Markdale Food Bank Pastor's Benevolent Fund Christmas Baskets FundScrip Hospital Lunch Project UCW Funerals Streaming Equipment Refresh of Church Kitchen Renovations Ukraine Emergency Fund | Month 294.50 2,500.00 3,387.00 | 2023 294.50 2,500.00 16,138.50 250.00 130.00 5,075.00 46,935.00 111.76 711.58 5,534.50 | 2022 266.00 190.00 10,225.00 19,057.10 100.00 220.00 600.00 4,370.00 46,295.00 1,138.90 1,874.85 |
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Reviewed by Dawn Dawe

ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH MEMORIAL/INVESTMENT FUND 2023

| | 2023 | | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| | Receipts | Disbursed | Total |
| Opening Balance January 1 2023 | | | 168,786 |
| Donations and Bequests | 2,500 | | |
| nterest earned on GICs | 5,607 | | |
| nterest transfered to general fund | | 5,607 | |
| Cashed GIC from Memorial to General Fur | nd | 23,000 | |
| Sub Totals | 8,107 | 28,607 | |
| | | | |
| Total Memorial / Investment Fund | | | 148,286 |
| Fotal Memorial / Investment Fund | ds Int. rate % | Balance | 148,286 |
| Fotal Memorial / Investment Fund | Int. rate % | | 148,286 |
| Fotal Memorial / Investment Fund Summary of Investment / Memorial Fun GIC BNS Maturity date 2024 Feb 16 | Int. rate % 3.75 | 26,446 | 148,286 |
| Fotal Memorial / Investment Fund Summary of Investment / Memorial Fund GIC BNS Maturity date 2024 Feb 16 GIC BNS Maturity date 2024 Mar 6 | Int. rate % | | 148,286 |
| Total Memorial / Investment Fund Summary of Investment / Memorial Fun GIC BNS Maturity date 2024 Feb 16 GIC BNS Maturity date 2024 Mar 6 GIC BNS Maturity date 2024 April 6 | Int. rate % 3.75 3.75 | 26,446 41,379 | 148,286 |
| | Int. rate % 3.75 3.75 | 26,446 41,379 77,557 | |

Submitted by Menno Smith Reviewed by Dawn Dawe, and Ray Dawe

ANNESLEY UNITED CHURCH FORECAST/BUDGET 2024

| OPERATING RECEIPTS | Actual | Actual | Budget | Budget | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| Account Name | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | |
| | 2020 | | | | |
| Envelopes | 80896 | 93403 | 99530 | 85000 | |
| Loose | 1222 | 467 | 100 | 100 | |
| Initial | 327 | 85 | 200 | 200 | |
| Sub Total | 82445 | 93955 | 99830 | 85300 | |
| Chicken/Fish Dinner | 4968 | 4470 | 4500 | 4500 | |
| Coin Banks | 912 | 44 | 0 | 1000 | |
| Pie Plant & Yard Sale | 586 | 0 | 1000 | 1000 | |
| Fundscrip | 1162 | 809 | 900 | 1200 | |
| Online auction | 4133 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Scott Woods | 4070 | | | 0 | |
| Meat Sale | 6627 | 9323 | 25000 | 5000 | |
| Flower Fund | 610 | | | 0 | |
| Annesley Events | 2765 | | | 0 | |
| Sub Total | 25833 | 14646 | 31400 | 12700 | |
| Rent | 14576 | 8025 | 20000 | 30000 | |
| Weddings | | 250 | 500 | 0 | |
| Sub Total | 14576 | 8275 | 20500 | 30000 | |
| Observer | 325 | 400 | 400 | 0 | |
| Miscellaneous | 230 | 2466 | 1500 | 1000 | |
| HST Refund | 9418 | 1236 | 1500 | 1500 | |
| Interest from Memorial Fund | 5607 | 1802 | 3600 | 5000 | |
| Music program | 400 | 1088 | 0 | 0 | |
| Funeral Gratuities | 125 | | | 0 | |
| Sub Total | 16105 | 6992 | 7000 | 7500 | |
| Total Receipts | 138959 | 123868 | 158730 | 135500 | |
| Total Expenses | 169304 | 144582 | | | |
| Shortfall /Surplus | 30345 | 20714 | | | |

| OPERATING EXPENSES | Actual | Actual | Budget | Budget | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | |
| | | | | | - |
| Salaries | 37563 | 36327 | 47000 | 21000 | |
| Contract Wages | 2919 | 4916 | 0 | 15000 | |
| Benefits | 9609 | 9433 | 9600 | 4800 | |
| Sub Total | 65936 | 52096 | 70800 | 40800 | |
| Guest Speakers | 12973 | 14151 | 15000 | 15000 | 19172 |
| Travel Allowance | 957 | 1361 | 1500 | 1000 | |
| Music Director | 15845 | 1420 | 14200 | 12000 | 49 weeks |
| Audio Visual Streaming | 12500 | 13200 | 12000 | 12000 | 49 weeks |
| Sub Total/ Worship | 29302 | 15981 | 27700 | 40000 | |
| Fuel, Heating Gas | 6995 | 6556 | 7000 | 7500 | |
| Utilities, Church incl. Electricity | 8479 | 6873 | 7000 | 8000 | |
| Maintenance, Church | 4354 | 6465 | 7000 | 5000 | |
| Insurance | 13565 | 12488 | 13565 | 14000 | |
| Sub Total Building | 33393 | 32382 | 34565 | 34500 | |
| Office Expenses | 3634 | 3441 | 3500 | 3500 | |
| Telephone | 883 | 1332 | 1400 | 1000 | |
| Observer | 0 | 525 | 0 | 100 | |
| Weddings & Funeral Gratuities | 125 | 100 | 0 | 0 | |
| Presbytery | 4790 | 5877 | 4790 | 5125 | |
| Bank Fees | 136 | 71 | 75 | 150 | |
| Music | 1394 | 1201 | 500 | 1000 | |
| Membership | 0 | 30 | 250 | 0 | |
| Outreach Committee | 129 | 0 | 250 | 200 | |
| S. School, Christian Ed. | 0 | 0 | 500 | 500 | |
| Library | 142 | 200 | 250 | 200 | |
| Miscellaneous | 3695 | 3395 | 2500 | 2500 | |
| HST | 9173 | 5126 | 5000 | 5000 | |
| UC Charges Re PAR&ADP | 579 | 568 | 600 | 500 | |
| Bolier Repair | 6988 | 1005 | 5000 | 1000 | |
| Worship Committee | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0 | |
| Annesley Events | 2225 | | | | |
| Meat Sale | 5047 | 8521 | 0 | | |
| Chicken dinner | 2832 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Flower fund | 533 | _ | | | |
| Scott Woods | 1240 | | | | |
| Sub Total | 43545 | 31392 | 24865 | 20775 | |
| Total Expenses | 156331 | 130431 | 143730 | 136075 | |

ANNESLEY CHURCH DIRECTORY 2023

BOARD OF ELDERS – Chair – Dale Beare

David Armstrong, Dale Beare, Hazel Johnston, Leah Legate, John Lewis, Sharon Murray, Ralph Shilton, Mark Worthington After AGM: Dale Armstrong & Donna Hutton helped to review Financial Statements

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

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

TREASURER - Sharon Murray

RECORDING SECRETARY - Patti Shaw

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Brenda Dimoff

PASTORAL CARE TEAM: David Armstrong, Barb Hutton, Jill Lawford, John Lewis, Patti Shaw, Heather Spry

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN/ SHALOM – Account administrators: Dale Armstrong, Diana Lewis Conveners: Shirley Chamberlain, Karen Colwell, Mary Muir, Gail McCauley

LAY DELEGATE TO REGION - Vacant

CEMETERIES - EBENEZER-IRWIN CEMETERY - HARKAWAY CEMETERY - VANDELEUR CEMETERY

LIBRARIAN - Lynn Wyvill

CHURCH OFFICER- Marlene Ward

CHURCH SECRETARY, BROADVIEW REPRESENTATIVE - Patti Shaw

ENVELOPE STEWARD (discontinued in February 2023) - Vivien Tolton

REVIEWERS OF FINANCIAL RECORDS - Dawn Dawe, Jean Smith

INVESTMENT FUND ADMINISTRATOR -Menno Smith