



# MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, March 3, 2024

#### AGENDA

1. Call To Order and Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Secretary
3. Record Attendance
4. Approve Agenda
5. Receive and Consider Reports
6. Approve Presbyterian Sharing Allocation For 2024
7. Set and Approve Budget for 2024
8. Appointment Of Trustees
9. Appointment Of Reviewers
10. Appointment Of Managers
11. New Business
12. Appreciations
13. Adjournment And Benediction

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## **MINISTER'S MESSAGE: SEEING THE FOOTPRINTS**

The time has come once again for us to open the pages of the annual report and reflect upon the past year. Sometimes when I reflect back on something I am reminded of the familiar poem "Footprints in the Sand" written about a man who did this with each scene from his life. When we reflect upon an annual report, we are obviously considering a shorter time frame than the man in this poem did, but like him, we are looking to see the footprints. When the man reflected there were times when he saw two sets of footprints in the sand, and at other times just one.

As we examine the various reports, we too may see at times two sets of footprints and in other instances just one. The two sets of footprints will be found whenever we see our brothers and sisters in Christ walking in faith offering their gifts to His ministry and service. There will be other moments in these reports when we will see just one set of footprints and realize these were the times when Jesus was carrying us. By recognizing both sets of footprints in these reports, it will serve as a reminder to us of our calling to keep stepping forward in faith offering our gifts to Christ's ministry in 2024. It will also remind us that we can count on the same faithfulness from Jesus that He showed us here during this past year. I hope you spot the footprints contained in these reports.

God Bless,  
Pastor Dean

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING – Sun., Feb. 26, 2023**

The Annual Meeting of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church was held Sunday, February 26, 2023, after the morning service, and was opened with prayer. Janet Franklin moved that Debbie Opersko act as secretary, seconded by Velma Hughes. Carried. Debbie accepted the position.

Attendance of the meeting was Members - 21 Adherents - 5

Jeff Allen moved that we adopt the agenda, seconded by Don Brown. Carried.

The congregation received the minutes prior to the meeting to review. No items were brought forward from the 2022 minutes.

Dayna Opersko made a motion to receive and consider the reports as printed, seconded by Velma Hughes. Carried. There were no discussions on the reports and Neil Macpherson moved that we approve the reports as printed, seconded by Nancy Brown. Carried.

The Session voted on the allocation of \$5,500 for Presbyterian Sharing for the year 2023. Don Brown moved to accept the allocation of \$5,500.00 for Presbyterian Sharing, seconded by Jeff Allen. Carried.

There was some discussion on the proposed budget for 2023. The budget for a furnace is provisional in case it breaks down and needs to be replaced. Don Brown put on a presentation regarding the

planting of trees for a Memorial Forest in the back lot. These trees are not just for members to donate trees in memory of loved ones, but it is open to the community in hopes to create outreach to the community. There was also discussion on purchasing a defibrillator. It was mentioned it should come from the Memorial Fund, not the General Fund. This matter will go back to the Session to make the decision.

Janet Franklin moved that Harvey Walsh, Alex Fairlie and Jeff Allen be reappointed as church trustees for the year 2023, seconded by Dayna Opersko. Carried.

Don Brown made a motion that Jeff Allen and Barb Franklin be reappointed as reviewers of the financial books for 2023, seconded by Murray Macpherson. Carried. They accepted their positions.

Doug Hughes has stepped down from the Board of Managers. It was moved that Barb Franklin and Kevin Weir be reappointed for another 3-year term, seconded by Dent McIntyre. Carried.

### **New Business**

Rev. Dean announced to the congregation that Don Brown has been asked to join the Session. He was an Elder when he attended the Greenbrier Presbyterian Church. Jeff Allen moved that Don Brown's Eldership be transferred from Greenbrier to Mt Pleasant, seconded by Velma Hughes. Carried.

It was asked that the chair lift and elevator be reconsidered, and it will go back to the Session for discussion.

Dean Opersko offered to sit on the Board of Managers to replace Doug Hughes. Jeff Allen made a motion that Dean Opersko be added to the Board of Managers, seconded by Dayna Opersko. Carried.

A vote of thanks was extended to the following people:

- Amy Groleau for her work as Music Director and for the arrangement of special music,
- To the Music Committee of Janet Franklin, Nadine Adlam and Karen Young for leading the singing during the Church Service and for special music,
- Laurie Santos and Jane Pritchard for teaching Sunday School,
- June Adlam as the Church Historian,
- Kevin Weir as Envelope Secretary
- Kevin Weir and Jeff Allen for counting the money every Sunday morning,
- The Chancel Committee for the decoration of the Sanctuary for special occasions,
- Neil Macpherson, Murray Macpherson and Janet Neal for looking after and watering the flower beds,
- Helen Szabad for watering and weeding of the long flower bed beside the church,
- Janet Franklin for organizing, printing and sending out the annual reports,
- To the Board of Managers and the Session,
- Rev Dean gave a thank you to the congregation for adapting coming to Church and for their generosity as we come out of Covid,
- Nadine Adlam for all the work she puts into the power points for every Sunday service, for the cleaning of the Church every week and with the work she has done teaching the Sunday School Children the Lord's Prayer and songs in sign language,

- Vote of thanks went out to Rev Dean for all the work he does for preparing the online and in-person morning services and for the Children Stories.

Jeff Allen motioned for adjournment. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Opersko

## **REPORTS**

### **KIRK SESSION**

Rev. Dean Adlam has led us through another year with his ministry of the Word to this congregation. We thank him for his pastoral care and leadership. We pray for him and his family as we look forward to another year.

The Kirk Session had four meetings during the year, and we celebrated four Communion services. The number of members attending ranged between 30 and 47.

Sadly, one member and one adherent died during 2023:

- Art Lowe
- Anna Merritt

They will be greatly missed.

We need to thank the many people who work in the background to keep our church a loving, caring community of faith. In particular, we thank Amy Groleau for enhancing our worship services with music and singing, and Nadine Adlam for her work on the slide show and the video for the online service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Velma Hughes, Clerk of Session

### **RESULTS FROM THE SESSION ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY**

In the fall of 2023, Session put together a survey seeking feedback from the congregation on the accessibility needs for our church building. Surveys were distributed by e-mail as well as being handed out at the door. While not everyone returned their surveys, we did receive 20 completed in total. Session reviewed the results of the completed surveys at their November meeting. It was decided by Session at the meeting based on the results of the survey not to proceed at this time with any changes to the accessibility needs of our building but to revisit the matter in two years' time.

The Board of Managers was presented with the results of the survey at their December 2023 meeting and informed of Session's decision. At our meeting in January of 2024, Session decided to include the

results from the accessibility survey in the annual report. You will find in the chart below the six questions asked in the survey and the number of yes and no answers to each.

Thank you to everyone who took time to answer the questions on this survey. It is important for us in matters like this to know the will of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dean Adlam

	Question	YES	NO
1)	Do you feel our existing chairlift is adequate for providing accessibility to the sanctuary.	14	6
2)	Do you think we need to replace the existing chairlift with a wraparound model that would provide access to the top of the landing. <i>(estimated cost \$27,000)</i>	6	14
3)	Do you feel we need to consider an elevator that will provide accessibility to either 2 or all 3 levels? <i>(no firm estimates available at this time)</i>	3	17
4)	Would you still attend worship on a regular basis if it was held in St. Andrew's Hall for accessibility if only this area was made accessible rather than the sanctuary?	6	14
5)	Do you think St. Andrew's Hall and the back entry by the washrooms need to be made more accessible through the installation of a temporary ramp and a portable lift system? <i>(estimated cost of portable lift \$13,500.00 / ramp \$200.00-\$300.00)</i>	6	14
6)	Do you think Heritage Hall needs to be made more accessible by widening the doors between the two halls? <i>(quotes have not been obtained yet as to the cost)</i>	3	17

## **MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

David tells us in Psalms 100 to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands". We at Mt. Pleasant were doing just that in this past year and it is my privilege to present this report.

We offered songs and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody unto the Lord, singing with thanksgiving unto Him. (Colossians 3:16). The Kawai piano originally from Knox was used each week. Occasionally, additional musical instrumentation used throughout the services included the Kawai piano, tambourine, bongo drum and eggshakers.

Since the pandemic of 2020 and the beginning of online worship services, Nadine Adlam, Janet Franklin and Karen Young have been leading in worship and have provided special music throughout the year. We were also blessed to have Janet Neal, Jane Pritchard and young Sadie join these ladies in using their vocal talents.

With the passing of Donald Pritchard in 2022, we have missed his music in person, but again, through the lessons of Covid, we have recorded many of his songs. So, on the high services in our church calendar - Palm Sunday, Anniversary and Christmas Eve, we are still able to hear his lyrical voice.

Over the course of the next year, may we all be able to have the joy of the Lord as our strength through His word in song.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Groleau, Music Director

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Sunday School has 3 steady members: Sadie, Gregory and Chloe have a great time learning about our Lord with Reverend Dean and then they go downstairs for our weekly lessons. We also appreciate the “big kids” that help out with the children’s story and the other members of the congregation that help out for Sunday School.

Sadie sang a song and Gregory did a reading at the morning Christmas service and Chloe did a reading at the afternoon service.

We have been reading our lessons in the Bible and learning where the different books are found in the Bible. We have also been doing all kinds of projects and crafts which you can see on the bulletin board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Santos

## **BOARD OF MANAGERS**

The Board of Managers are responsible for maintenance of the church buildings and grounds.

This year 58 small trees were planted in the field behind the church to form the beginning of a Memorial Forest. Twenty-five of these trees have been dedicated in memory of loved ones. A donation of fifty dollars is requested for each tree dedicated. A memorial book contains certificates naming those who are remembered, and those who choose to dedicate a tree receive a certificate acknowledging their gift.

The community garden was tended by church members and others and provided fresh produce for folks from the church, the village and the food bank.

The eaves and downspouts were cleaned and flushed.

A defibrillator was purchased and installed in Heritage Hall over the photo copier. An excellent training session in its use was attended by the members of the board and two members of the congregation.

Two new efficient toilets were installed.

There was some discussion regarding improving accessibility in the church. A survey distributed by the Session showed that most of those who replied were satisfied with the stairlift we are using now. A railing has been installed on the stairs between the front entry and Heritage Hall. One of the new toilets is higher, providing easier access for some.

The cost of replacing burnt out lights in the church sign has become prohibitive. Electronic replacement signs have been donated and will be mounted in the frame of the present sign.

The portable induction burner worked so well at the beef supper that one burner was purchased and a second burner and a pan suitable to use on them was donated for future use.

It was decided to research what is required to allow online donations to the church.

Several new fundraisers were tried this year. Three bottle drives worked well and will be continued. The spring plant sale was a great success and should be repeated. A chili cookoff was well supported by folks willing to make chili and do the work, but not by folks wanting to pay for and eat the chili. It was planned in a hurry and not well advertised. We may try this again.

Thanks to all who help in so many ways to keep our church and grounds clean, safe, in good repair and attractive.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Franklin, BOM Secretary

## **CHANCEL COMMITTEE**

We are happy to welcome Lisa and Mark to the Chancel Committee this year, joining Janet, Murray, Neil and myself.

For Easter, the large wooden cross was draped in purple with purple cloths on both Communion tables, changing to black for the Good Friday Service and then white for Easter Sunday. Easter lilies were added for the Sunday service.

For our Mother's Day Service, a carnation was presented to each women attending. Thank you to Mark and Lisa for donating the flowers. A gift of chocolates was given to the oldest mother in the congregation who was Pearl Foubert at 103 years of age.

On Father's Day Sunday, a gift of cookies was given to the men of the congregation.

This Committee is also responsible for flowers at the front door and the flower bed around the church sign. In the spring, our tall urns that stand at each side of the front entry were filled with annuals and ivy. Hosta plants surround the sign. We are grateful to Murray and Neil who water all the flower beds around the church and in our Memorial Garden.

The village of Mount Pleasant recognizes Decoration Day the second Sunday in September. We continue our custom of placing a container of zinnias and ferns on the graves of former members of our church buried in our village Pioneer Cemetery. We also recognize two other important former citizens of the village, Brant Atkins who was named Honorary Mayor of Mount Pleasant and Chester Wetmore, founder of the Mount Pleasant War Service Club. A bouquet is placed on the grave of our first Minister, Rev. John Bryning (1830-1843). Our thanks to Joan Franklin who each year plants and donates the flowers for this occasion.

In October, Ted and Louise Sanders donated two fall arrangements for our outdoor planters made up of pots of mums, pumpkins, gourds, and spiritual messages.

For Thanksgiving Sunday, our two Communion tables were decorated with vegetables and fruits of the season and jars of preserves. Bouquets of corn cobs decorated the windows. Thank you to those members who donated vegetables for our display.

Church Anniversary and its Scottish heritage was celebrated on Sunday, October 22. This year marked 145 years in our present building and 193 years of Presbyterianism in our village. Thanks to Nancy Brown who made pins of small replicas of Scottish tams that were given to all members and guests attending the service. The Royal Stuart Tartan draped the gallery, and tartans representing the Scottish heritage of many of our former and present church families hung at the windows, walls and nave of the Sanctuary. The communion table was draped with the Hanna Tartan honouring our first minister, Rev. John Bryning (1830-1843), and flanked by the St. Andrew's and Scottish flags. On the table was the pewter communion set used by the Burford Presbyterian Church when we were amalgamated with them from 1877-1884, and our heritage candle holders. The Knox communion table was draped with the Cleric Tartan honouring all other ministers and student ministers who followed Rev. Bryning. Replicas of the collection boxes used in the early Scottish churches were displayed on this table. Vintage enamel water pitchers used in our church in the 1930's and 1940's were filled with decorative weeds and flowers used in the early Scottish churches and graced each communion table. A special floral arrangement designed for this occasion was on the memorial stand. It was an early Scottish custom that when clans went into battle, they placed a piece of their clan's symbol on their tam. It could be cotton, ivy, thistle, rowanberries or Scotch pine. The arrangement depicts these as well as a horseshoe for strength and feathers for courage. Jeff Allen always helps with the hanging of the tartans. Following the service members enjoyed our traditional anniversary coffee hour with scones, home-made jams, Irish bread, cheese, and shortbread cookies.

Our Remembrance Day Service featured wreaths of poppies on both the Knox and Mount Pleasant communion tables. Plant stands held arrangements of poppies and the Canadian flag. Our Honour Roll that contains the names of members of both Knox and Mount Pleasant who served in both world wars was draped with both the Canadian and Union Jack flags. A large wooden poppy is placed outside the church on this day. A small Canadian flag with a poppy decorates each of the graves of those named

on the Honour Roll who are buried in our village Pioneer Cemetery. A wreath is also placed on the Mount Pleasant War Service Club Memorial.

Our thanks to Ted and Louise Sanders who decorated urns with a winter arrangement for outside our church doors.

A crown with Advent candles was lit during Advent and Christmas Eve Services. In the sanctuary, swags adorned the windows and lighted garlands were on the gallery and sanctuary rails. Communion tables were decorated, one with a nativity scene and the other with carolers. Our large, decorated Christmas tree centered the stage. Our thanks to the members who donated poinsettias for our sanctuary in memory of family members. The outside of the church was also decorated with swags and wreaths at doors and windows. The large Nativity scene was again placed in our Memorial Garden and lit at night for the enjoyment of the community. Thanks to Jeff Allen, Neil and Murray for their work in its assembly.

On behalf of our congregation and community, I would like to thank Janet Franklin for programming our church's electric carillon to play 15 minutes before our Sunday worship service, at noon during the week as well as special occasions. I have asked Janet to include a report on her work as many of us who do not live in the village are unaware of the many other occasions when they are played.

My thanks to the dedicated members of the Chancel Committee for all their help. As a committee, we strive to honour both the past and present by carrying on the traditions set by former clergy and congregations as well as initiating new customs for today's congregation.

Respectfully submitted,  
June Adlam

## **CARILLON**

The church's electric carillon was installed in 2009, largely paid for with a bequeath from the estate of the late William Walsh. The carillon has come to play a role in both church and community life. Four musical selections begin to play 15 minutes before every church service of the year. Special selections are chosen to mark key events in the church year such as Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, and of course, the national anthem plays on Canada Day.

On Remembrance Day, the chimes toll the hour at 11:00 a.m. After a moment of silence, they play *O Canada*, followed by the hymns *O God Our Help in Ages Past* and *Amazing Grace*. Often, a few members of the congregation or community will gather in the memorial garden to share in this act of remembrance. Special selections are also chosen for the regular daily performances with a focus on peace and the grace of God.

For the benefit of the community, the carillon plays every day at noon and at 7:00 p.m. Each time, the Westminster chimes ring the hour. At noon, two selections follow. The evening chimes began during the Covid-19 lockdown as part of a cross-Canada tribute to frontline workers. They were so well received by the community, that the carillon continues to play one hymn every evening to help

bring the day to a close. At Christmas, the carillon plays carols throughout December. For the Christmas season only, two songs play in the evening.

Over the years, the carillon has played to commemorate a number of special events including taking requests from the community for the occasional wedding, funeral and birthday. In 2023, to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, carillon recitals were held across Canada. Our carillon played *God Save the King* and a selection of hymns chosen by the king for his coronation ceremony. Also in 2023, we were asked to extend the evening playing on December 15<sup>th</sup> for the Mount Pleasant Optimist Club's Christmas festival held at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Franklin

## **CHURCH HISTORIAN**

The duties of the Church Historian are to

- identify and record artifacts relating to our church and their location in the building,
- record historical information in binders and maintain scrapbooks of related material taken from publications,
- prepare an inventory of these artifacts and materials in our archives and update each year,
- collect books of an historical nature about our area,
- maintain the Memorial Book and record the names of members who pass away. In 2023 we lost Anna Merritt and Arthur (Art) Lowe.

We were fortunate to add twenty-seven books this year to our collection through the book sale held by the Brant Heritage Railway Society. As well, the Canadian Military Heritage Museum in Brantford is kindly donating books to us when they have multiple copies. Books on World War I and II are getting scarce and we are now adding these to our archives for historic purposes and preservation. At this time, I will only mention a couple of valuable additions this year:

- *Souvenir Dedication of the Brant War Memorial. February 25, 1933,*
- *Mothers, Munitions and Matrons, Honouring Women's Wartime Contributions,*
- Jean Waldie's books I and II on the History of Brantford and Brant County.

All books received this year will be added to our inventory document.

I continue to fill the large binders that will hold full pages from newspapers that we use for articles of historic importance. These contain articles regarding our church, the village of Mount Pleasant, the City of Brantford, and Brant County. Any articles of historic interest on other nearby counties (Norfolk and Haldimand) are also included.

The quilt donated to our archives from the estate of the late Hilda (Houlding) Andrews was loaned to Burtch Baptist church for display as many of their members have ancestors' names on the quilt. Our prized copy of *Album of Honour for Brant County World War II, 1939-1945* is now displayed on Remembrance Day Sunday as part of the decorations.

Our unofficial church photographer is Janet Franklin who takes pictures of yearly events at the church and maintains albums of these photos on file in the church.

I am always grateful for newspaper clippings, pictures and memorabilia related to our church that can find a new home in our archives. If discarding any of the above, please forward them to me. The Session appointed me to be the Church Historian in 2004 and it has been my pleasure to serve the church in this position.

Respectfully submitted,  
June Adlam, Church Historian

## **CHURCH OUTREACH**

Coffee Hours are held on the second Sunday of every month. They are a joint effort of many people who have found their own ways to contribute. Whether it be setting up, cleaning tables and chairs, preparing treats, serving or cleaning up, people have seen tasks that need to be done and found their own ways to become involved. The Bread Box collects donations for Vivian, our sponsored child in Uganda, and starting in 2024, we will once again start collecting for the Alzheimer's Society. This was the chosen charity of Knox Presbyterian Church before our churches amalgamated. Collections for our child and for Alzheimer's will alternate month by month.

Other outreach activities have also continued throughout the year. Items are collected for the food bank on the first Sunday of every month. At Christmas, shoebox gifts were donated to Operation Christmas Child run by Samaritan's Purse. Hats, mittens and other warm clothing were donated to the Salvation Army. Handcrafts made by people in the congregation were sold at the Yard Sale and continue to be available for sale in Heritage Hall.

## **COMMUNITY AND CHURCH GARDENS**

The Mt. Pleasant Community Garden is located on our grounds behind the storage shed. The raised beds are a part of the Equal Ground Community Gardens initiative that promotes the importance of allowing all people to grow their own food. The garden is maintained by residents of the community as well as Eleanor Shaw and Donald Young from our church. New volunteers are always welcome. Produce from the gardens is available for use by members of the community. A portion is also set aside for local charities.

The site of the former church manse was turned into a Memorial Garden in May 2002. The garden features a central rose garden. Each rose was dedicated to the memory of a deceased loved one. Other memorials in the garden include a sundial and park benches. This garden is maintained by Clara Czeranko, Barb Franklin and Jeff Allen. The flower beds at the side of the church and at the back around the composters are maintained by Helen Szabad. The flower bed along the fence beside the raised community garden beds is maintained by Eleanor Shaw and Don and Nancy Brown. The bed around the church sign is maintained by members of the Chancel Committee who also water all of the flower gardens.

## **FUNDRAISERS**

### **Beef Supper**

This year saw the return of our roast beef supper fundraiser. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we have not had this fundraiser since the fall of 2019. It has always been a very popular and successful fundraiser for the church. Several changes were made to this year's fundraiser from previous suppers. These changes included:

- having it on a Saturday night as opposed to a Wednesday night,
- having two seatings as opposed to multiple seatings,
- having fewer tables for each seating,
- having the food come out all at once for each seating.

Ticket sales went very well for the dinner. The number of tickets purchased to eat-in and take out was 189 in total. Many people who came to the event commented on how happy they were to see this fundraiser back on, and how much they enjoyed the food. Such a fundraiser would not be possible if it were not for all the gracious donations and hard work done by so many in the church. Some volunteers that night were from outside our church community, too. The gross sales and net profit from this fundraiser can be found in the financial reports. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated to this fundraiser. It was great to have it back.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Opersko

### **Garage Sale**

Once again, our church held another successful garage sale. The sale was originally scheduled for Saturday, June 24th, but since we had so many items leftover, we ran a second sale on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. This was our first year organizing the sale since June Adlam retired after many years of faithful service. It is impossible to thank everyone who helped with the sales as it was a real team effort. Thanks go in particular to Debbie Bridges who took responsibility for organizing the clothing and other fashions.

After the sale these organizations benefited from our unsold items.

- Alzheimer's Society (CD's)
- Bibles for Missions
- Book Fair: Mount Pleasant Train Station Restoration
- Canadian Food for Children
- Habitat for Humanity (ReStore)
- Hardy Terrace
- John Noble Home (DVD's)
- Men's Mission: London
- Our Church Archives.

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- Salvation Army Thrift Store
- South Brant Legion (scrap metal)

If you are able to help with this year's yard sale, or if you have any constructive ideas, please let Nancy know at 519-753-2422.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don and Nancy Brown

## **Plant Sale**

This year the Board of Managers had their first Plant Sale in May. We were quite successful. Thanks to the congregation for the donations of plants, garden tools and lawn ornaments.

We would like to thank everyone who donated plants from their gardens and who worked to make the plant sale a success.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dayna Opersko

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## **COLLEGES AND CAREERS – Final Statement**

Bank Balance as of Jan. 01, 2023	601.84
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### **Revenue**

Bread Box Donations: January-June	170.00
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Bread Box Donations: July-December	254.16
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	424.16
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### **Expenses**

World Vision re: sponsored child	480.00
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Account Closed – transferred to church	291.84
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December Bread Box donations	254.16
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	-1026.00
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Closing Balance Dec. 31, 2023	0.00
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Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Franklin

## **DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS**

Donations for the church: \$90,280.49  
 Donations for missions: \$ 5,646.40  
 Total Donations: \$95,926.89

Respectfully submitted,  
 Kevin Weir, Envelope Secretary

## **FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

Fund Raiser	Income	Expenses	Profit
Chili Fest	\$ 318.00		\$ 318.00
Plant Sale	\$ 695.55		\$ 695.55
Yard Sale	\$ 4,613.00		\$ 4,613.00
Bottle Drives	\$ 320.15		\$ 320.15
Roast Beef Dinner	\$ 4,628.50	\$ 2,216.59	\$ 2,411.91
Bazaar (Jam sales)	\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00
	\$10,655.20	\$ 2,216.59	\$ 8,438.61

Respectfully submitted,  
 Dean Adlam

## **MISSION ACCOUNT**

### **Presbyterian Sharing**

Total givings to Presbyterians Sharing in 2023 \$5,646.40  
 Accepted allocation for 2023 \$5,500.00  
 Amount over allocation in 2023 \$ 146.40

### **Designated Donations**

Alzheimer's Society (April communion)	\$ 241.55
ALS Society (June communion)	\$ 105.95
Scott Mission (Bill Burke's crosses)	\$ 325.00
Revivaltime Tabernacle (October communion)	\$ 239.75
ALS Society (Donation from garage sale)	\$ 461.30
Christmas gifts for Nova Vita (December)	<u>\$ 182.25</u>
	<u>\$1,555.80</u>

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Dean Adlam

## **MEMORIAL FUND**

Bank balance as of December 31, 2022 \$32,734.69

### **Deposits**

April 3, 2023	\$ 50.00	
October 20, 2023	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	
	\$100.00	
		\$32,834.69

### **Expenses**

October 3, 2023	\$2,258.88	
		\$30,575.81

Bank balance as of December 31, 2023 \$30,575.81

### **BREAKDOWN OF MEMORIAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT**

Memorial fund	\$23,572.10
Restoration fund	\$ 1,464.19
Bill Walsh Bequeath	<u>\$ 5,539.52</u>
TOTAL	\$30,575.81

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Opersko

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2023**

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2022 \$247,471.40

### **Summary of Bank Balances as of December 31, 2023**

TD Trust Account	\$ 29,190.51	
Manulife Account	\$ 25,098.92	
T.D. Investment	\$ 25,171.19	
Trustee Board Pres. Church	\$168,297.60	
E. & O. E.		<u><u>247,758.22</u></u>

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## TREASURER'S REPORT 2023 - Continued

Particulars	2023	Amount in Budget	Balance
<b>Revenue</b>			
Envelopes	\$90,280.49	\$75,000.00	(\$15,280.49)
Required to Balance Budget	\$0.00	\$36,742.46	\$36,742.46
Loose Collection	\$2,550.85	\$1,500.00	(\$1,050.85)
Transfer from Colleges & Careers	\$546.00	\$0.00	(\$546.00)
Hall Rental	\$50.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)
Interest Earned	\$4,787.89	\$3,500.00	(\$1,287.89)
G.S.T. Rebate	\$1,001.85	\$800.00	(\$201.85)
Donations, Misc. Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Presbyterians Sharing	\$5,646.40	\$5,500.00	(\$146.40)
Fundraising	\$10,655.20	\$5,000.00	(\$5,655.20)
Other Missions & P.W.S. & D.	\$0.00		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$115,518.68</b>	<b>\$128,042.46</b>	<b>\$12,523.78</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Minister's Stipend/Supply	\$49,747.88	\$50,030.28	\$282.40
Revenue Canada	\$11,500.90	\$11,387.12	(\$113.78)
Pres. Church - Deans Ded.	\$7,622.04	\$7,622.04	\$0.00
Health Insurance	\$5,311.44	\$5,311.44	\$0.00
Pension Fund	\$4,561.20	\$4,595.58	\$34.38
Youth Leader & expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Music Director	\$6,195.00	\$6,090.00	(\$105.00)
Caretaker	\$1,000.00	\$2,756.00	\$1,756.00
Heat, Hydro, Water, Phone	\$4,951.15	\$5,000.00	\$48.85
Repairs, Maintenance	\$3,017.94	\$5,000.00	\$1,982.06
Furnace	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Cab Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Presbytery Dues	\$1,637.72	\$1,700.00	\$62.28
Insurance	\$4,271.10	\$3,800.00	(\$471.10)
Snow Plowing/Landscaping	\$4,113.75	\$3,000.00	(\$1,113.75)
Presbyterian Record	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Expense	\$336.79	\$500.00	\$163.21
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Designated Donations	\$1,555.80		
Chair Lift	\$794.00	\$1,500.00	\$706.00
Sundries Expense	\$432.18	\$500.00	\$67.82
Presbyterians Sharing	\$5,646.40	\$5,500.00	(\$146.40)
Defibrillator		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Fundraiser Costs	\$2,216.59	\$2,500.00	\$283.41
Chancel Committee	\$104.55	\$250.00	\$145.45
Accessibility & Green Comm.		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Christmas Gifts	\$215.43	\$500.00	\$284.57
Camp Kintail		\$300.00	\$300.00
Secretary/Treasurer Honorarium	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$115,231.86</b>	<b>\$128,042.46</b>	<b>\$12,810.60</b>
Increase(Decrease)	\$286.82		

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Adlam

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT COMPARISON 2023-2022**

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Year 2023</b>	<b>Year 2022</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Envelopes	\$90,280.49	\$81,966.00	\$75,000.00
Required to Balance Budget			\$36,742.46
Loose Collection	\$2,550.85	\$1,902.75	\$1,500.00
Canada Emer. Wage Subsidy	\$0.00	\$3,942.26	\$0.00
Hall Rental	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$4,787.89	\$322.72	\$3,500.00
G.S.T. Rebate	\$1,001.85	\$839.85	\$800.00
Presbyterians Sharing	\$5,646.40	\$5,296.00	\$5,500.00
Fund Raising	\$10,655.20	\$4,028.30	\$5,000.00
Transfer from College & Career	\$546.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$115,518.68</b>	<b>\$98,297.88</b>	<b>\$128,042.46</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Minister's Stipend/Supply	\$49,747.88	\$49,569.54	\$50,030.28
Revenue Canada	\$11,500.90	\$11,051.76	\$11,387.12
Pres. Church - Deans Ded.	\$7,622.04	\$7,753.56	\$7,622.04
Health Insurance	\$5,311.44	\$5,058.72	\$5,311.44
Pension Fund	\$4,561.20	\$4,595.64	\$4,595.58
Youth Leader	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Musical Director	\$6,195.00	\$5,750.00	\$6,090.00
Caretaker	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,756.00
Heat,Hydro,Water,Phone	\$4,951.15	\$4,562.76	\$5,000.00
Repairs, Maintenance	\$3,017.94	\$423.79	\$5,000.00
Furnace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
Cab Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Presbytery Dues	\$1,637.72	\$1,437.17	\$1,700.00
Insurance	\$4,271.10	\$3,963.83	\$3,800.00
Snow Plowing/Landscaping	\$4,113.75	\$2,511.01	\$3,000.00
Presbyterian Record	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Expense	\$336.79	\$479.94	\$500.00
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Designated Donations	\$1,555.80	\$705.45	
Chair Lift	\$794.00	\$794.00	\$1,500.00
Sundries Expense	\$432.18	\$296.88	\$500.00
Presbyterians Sharing	\$5,646.40	\$5,296.00	\$5,500.00
Defibrillator	\$0.00		\$2,500.00
Fund Raiser Costs	\$2,216.59	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Chancel Committee	\$104.55	\$57.18	\$250.00
Accessibility & Green Comm.			\$1,500.00
Christmas Gifts	\$215.43	\$150.00	\$500.00
Camp Kintail			\$300.00
Secretary/Treasurer Honorarium	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$115,231.86</b>	<b>\$105,457.23</b>	<b>\$128,042.46</b>
<b>Increase(Decrease)</b>	<b>\$172.32</b>	<b>-\$7,159.35</b>	

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## PROPOSED BUDGET 2024

	<b>2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>2023 Actuals</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>vs. Budget</b>			<b>vs. Actuals</b>	
Envelopes	\$75,000.00	\$90,280.49	<b>20%</b>	\$80,000.00	-14%
Loose Collection	\$1,500.00	\$2,550.85	<b>70%</b>	\$2,500.00	-3%
Hall Rental	\$0.00	\$50.00		\$0.00	
College & Careers Transfer	\$0.00	\$546.00		\$0.00	
Interest Earned	\$3,500.00	\$4,612.78	<b>32%</b>	\$4,500.00	-3%
Investment Income				\$10,000.00	
GST Rebate	\$800.00	\$1,001.85	<b>25%</b>	\$800.00	-25%
Presbyterians Sharing	\$5,500.00	\$5,646.40	<b>3%</b>	\$5,500.00	-3%
Fund Raising	\$5,000.00	\$10,655.20	<b>113%</b>	\$8,000.00	-53%
Coffee Hours	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$250.00	
Required to Balance Budget	\$36,742.46	-\$74.41	<b>-100%</b>	\$15,341.89	42%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$128,042.46</b>	<b>\$115,269.16</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>\$126,891.89</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Minister's Stipend	\$50,030.28	\$49,747.88	<b>-1%</b>	\$50,083.60	0.7%
Revenue Canada	\$11,387.12	\$11,500.90	<b>1%</b>	\$11,499.13	0%
Pres. Church - Dean's					
Deductions	\$7,622.04	\$7,622.04	<b>0%</b>	\$7,622.04	0%
Health and Dental	\$5,311.44	\$5,311.44	<b>0%</b>	\$5,577.12	5%
Pension Fund	\$4,595.58	\$4,561.20	<b>-1%</b>	\$4,600.00	1%
Musical Director	\$6,090.00	\$6,195.00	<b>2%</b>	\$6,200.00	0%
Caretaker	\$2,756.00	\$1,000.00	<b>125%</b>	\$1,000.00	0%
Heat/Hydro/Water/ Phone	\$5,000.00	\$4,951.15	<b>-80%</b>	\$5,000.00	1%
Repairs/Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$3,017.94	<b>-1%</b>	\$5,000.00	40%
St. Andrews Furnace					
replacement	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	<b>-45%</b>	\$5,500.00	100%
Presbytery Dues	\$1,700.00	\$1,637.72	<b>-4%</b>	\$1,700.00	4%
Insurance	\$3,800.00	\$4,271.10	<b>12%</b>	\$4,300.00	1%
Snow Plowing/Landscaping	\$3,000.00	\$4,113.75	<b>37%</b>	\$4,000.00	-4%
Office Expense	\$500.00	\$336.79	<b>-33%</b>	\$500.00	33%
Sunday School	\$100.00	\$0.00	<b>-100%</b>	\$100.00	100%
Designated Donations	\$0.00	\$1,556.10		\$0.00	
Sundries Expense	\$500.00	\$432.18	<b>-14%</b>	\$500.00	14%
Chair Lift	\$1,500.00	\$794.00	<b>-47%</b>	\$1,500.00	47%
Green Committee / Accessibility	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	<b>-100%</b>	\$1,500.00	100%
Defibrillator	\$2,500.00		<b>-100%</b>	\$0.00	0%
Presbyterians Sharing	\$5,500.00	\$5,646.40	<b>3%</b>	\$5,500.00	-3%
Chancel Committee	\$250.00	\$104.55	<b>-58%</b>	\$250.00	58%
Fund Raising Costs	\$2,500.00	\$2,216.59	<b>-11%</b>	\$2,500.00	11%
Website	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$360.00	
Christmas Gifts	\$500.00	\$215.43	<b>-57%</b>	\$500.00	57%
Specified Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,000.00	
Camp Kintail	\$300.00	\$0.00	<b>-100%</b>	\$0.00	0%
Treasurer & Secretary					
Honorarium	\$600.00	\$0.00	<b>-100%</b>	\$600.00	100%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$128,042.46</b>	<b>\$115,232.16</b>	<b>-10.0%</b>	<b>\$126,891.89</b>	<b>9.1%</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Weir, BOM Chair

## **CHURCH OFFICERS IN 2023**

### **THE KIRK SESSION**

Church Elders are elected by the congregation with no term limit. The current members of Session are:

- Velma Hughes, Clerk of Session
- Jeff Allen
- Don Brown
- Debbie Opersko
- Harvey Walsh

### **TRUSTEES**

Trustees represent the congregation in legal matters. Trustees are appointed yearly by the congregation at the annual meeting. The trustees for 2022 are:

- Jeff Allen
- Alex Fairlie
- Harvey Walsh

### **ACCOUNT REVIEWERS**

The Account Reviewers review the financial reports at the end of the financial year. Reviewers are appointed yearly by the congregation at the annual meeting. The reviewers for 2022 are:

- Jeff Allen
- Barbara Franklin

### **BOARD OF MANAGERS**

Managers are appointed by the congregation to a three-year term. The current board members are:

<b>End of Term</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Jeff Allen	Don Brown	Barb Franklin
	Dent McIntyre	Joan Franklin	Dean Opersko
		Dayna Opersko	Kevin Weir (Chair)
		Harvey Walsh	