

# St. Andrew's River Heights United Church

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## ANNUAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2022



**FOR PRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

**Annual General Meeting  
St Andrew's River Heights United Church  
Sunday, February 26, 2023, 11:30 a.m.**

**Agenda**

1. Call to order and declaration of quorum
2. Opening prayer and time of remembrance
3. Motion allowing adherents to vote
4. Election of meeting secretary
5. Acceptance of February 27, 2022, Annual General Meeting minutes
6. Tabling of Group Reports
7. Council Report
8. Foundation report
9. Finance report
  - a) Tabling of independently reviewed 2022 financial statements
  - b) Approval of 2023 budget
11. Nominations and elections for (a) Council, and (b) Foundation Board
12. Other business
13. Expressions of appreciation
14. Closing prayer
15. Adjournment

**Our Vision Statement**

*To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion  
and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture,  
growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.*

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## A Message from Rev. Karen Lumley

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*“Without a vision, the people perish.”*

Proverbs 29:18

This verse has been going through my mind, heart, and soul this last year. I feel as though a COVID cloud was over us and it has now not been lifted as we had all hoped, but we are told it is time to learn to live with it. Much like the flu, we will need booster shots yearly, and yes, it is contagious. Restrictions have been lifted, however, we all still need to be diligent and careful. Life has been changed and although we seemingly return to life with its gatherings and activities, it is a new normal.

We emerged from Covid with the realization that we all had to learn to live with Covid and to do what was comfortable for us. Some mask at church, some do not and some attend church and some do not. I must say we miss those who are not in attendance, and something is lost in our faith community when they are not here with us on Sunday mornings.

We moved ahead with worship in person and numbers continued to increase. However, families were not back yet. During Advent, families returned to the church and the children to Sunday school. The Christmas Eve service was pre-recorded online and posted on Christmas Eve Day. The service was Santa Claus and the elves telling the story of the true meaning of Christmas. That was a highlight of the year for me as well as having children present for Children’s Time.

Other highlights for me this past year were:

- Celebration Sunday, with the bouncies, picnic and outdoor service. It was great to be together once again.
- Sunday services, as I try to be creative in the liturgy and sermons.
- Taking opportunities for performing and being people like Isaiah.
- The Creation Liturgy that Fred Cross and I read together.
- Children’s Time created opportunities to tell stories and to dress up, affirming the importance of our children present and those online, always ensuring there was a special time for them
- Partnering with Westworth at Christmas time, Good Friday and attending Walking the Paths: from the Truth of Residential Schools to Reconciliation in September was an opportunity to hear Cree Elder Gloria Cook share her story.
- The Sunday service led by Cree Elder Stan McKay with the Walking Wolf Singers and Oji-Cree singer Keely McPeck was a unique opportunity to continue learning. The heartbeat of Mother Earth was heard on the drums and stories of residential school survivors were shared. It was a very moving time together.

- The services at the Wellington
- The visits to seniors in residences, care homes and at home. Meeting people in their homes is an opportunity to share what is happening in their lives and to be a part of that.
- The baptisms this fall were a refreshing gift to us all, as we saw families coming together and for us to be able to officially welcome the children and their families into the community of faith.

Unfortunately, this year there were more deaths than usual and more funerals as some were held over from Covid times when restrictions prevented gatherings in ways families needed and wanted. Many of our members passed and have joined the saints gone before them.

I have been privileged over the last years to work with an incredible staff:

- Charlotte Lindsay in the office as our Office Administrator,
- Bill Craddock as the Treasurer,
- Wes Elias as our organist,
- Katy Harmer our Music Director
- Jeff Kremer our caretaker,
- There are also all the volunteers,
  - Fred Cross who graciously records the services and edits them each and every week;
  - Tyler Craddock who is there Sunday after Sunday who ensures the sound system is working and speakers are heard;
  - Jan and Evan Demeduk who are there every Sunday for Sunday School and the nursery.
  - The wonderful choir with all the lead singers and choir members who sing faithfully each week sharing their gift of music with us.

Thanks to all the staff, volunteers and groups such as Worship, Christian Education, Property and Administration, Ministry and Personnel, Outreach, Fellowship, Caring Community and the Church Council who are there to support the life, work and Ministry of us all. They all deserve special thanks for persevering throughout the pandemic.

Another year has passed and we move forward realizing the need for community and for our faith community to gather and be together in worship and in fun events for the future.

In Service Together:

***Rev. Karen Lumley***

# ST. ANDREW'S RIVER HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH

## Church staff (as of December 31, 2022)

Ministers	All the people of the congregation
Clergy	Rev. Karen Lumley
Ministry of Music	Katy Harmer, Wes Elias
Office Manager	Charlotte Lindsay
Treasurer	Bill Craddock
Church Caretaker	Jeff Kremer
Sunday School	Jan Demeduk

## The Church Council (as of December 31, 2022)

Chair	Rob Siddall
Past Chair	Anne Grewar
Minister	Rev. Karen Lumley
Secretary	Lisa Richards
Treasurer	Bill Craddock
Ministry & Personnel Chair	Michael Duncan

## **Members at Large**

Sarah Witiuk	Kathy Knowles
Glenn Neufeld	

## Group Chairs

Christian Education	<b>Vacant</b>
Fellowship & Pastoral Care	Betty Jubinville
Finance	Paul Webster
Ministry and Personnel	Michael Duncan
Nominating	Anne Grewar
Outreach	<b>Vacant</b>
Property and Administration	Gord Shawcross/John Swan
Stewardship	Greg Fearn
Worship	Ruth McKenzie acting Chair
Church Trustees	John Barber, Bernard Boland, Ellen Bruneau, Gord Shawcross,
Prairie2Pine Representative	Rita Swan

**St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Foundation**

Chair

Paul Webster

Secretary/Treasurer

David Wreford

**Anna Blair Circle**

Kay Shawcross

**Statistical Information**

Number of baptisms .....	6
Number of confirmations/reaffirmations.....	0
Number of marriages.....	3
Number of deaths, funerals, memorial services.....	25
Number of supporting households as of December 31, 2022 .....	169

**Baptisms:**

Noa Avery Munt	May 15, 2022
James Arthur Cornelius DeFehr	June 19, 2022
Colter Charles Napper	June 19, 2022
Boston Zachary Manabat-Fewings	October 9, 2022
Holiday Stebbe	November 26, 2022
Harrison William Rex	December 11, 2022

**Marriages:**

Laura Hamilton & Michael Eiffert	June 20, 2022
Lynn Miller & Ana Resendes	July 8, 2022
Ashley Smith & Jon Stebbe	November 26, 2022

**Deaths, Funerals, Memorial Services:**

Robert Earnest Hartley Stinson	January 15, 2022
Robert Brian Cook	January 17, 2022
David Holman	March 3, 2022
Ted Hinchliffe	March 14, 2022

Ruth Nicolas	March 16, 2022
Timothy John Scott	March 26, 2022
Doreen Edith Morrow	April 28, 2022
Shirley Annabella Keats	May 6, 2022
Michael Dawson	May 14, 2022
Bob Siddall	May 16, 2022
Ross Adamson	May 27, 2022
Kenneth Mason Jardine	June 14, 2022
Shirley Jean Watson	June 16, 2022
Rex Blamey	July 12, 2022
Shirley Frances Regnell	July 14, 2022
Judi Lyn Broeska	July 27, 2022
Pat Drewett	August 4, 2022
Joyce Fry	August 9, 2022
Luella Myrtle Rutledge	August 23, 2022
Lula Irene MacLeod	September 6, 2022
Joyce Barber	September 30, 2022
Margaret Edna Ruth Peggy Phillips	October 12, 2022
Norma Aileen Ferguson	October 22, 2022
Mary Campbell	October 29, 2022
Marilyn de Von Flindt	December 2, 2022



## ***From the Church Council Chair***

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Much has changed in the last year. When I was elected Chair in February of 2022 we were not yet meeting in person and masks, capacity limits and vaccine mandates were still with us. Thankfully things have returned to more of a normal state, and we have been able to gather in person since last March. As the pandemic circumstances changed, Council gradually lifted our COVID protocols and the post-service coffee and tea gatherings resumed in a somewhat modified form. It has been wonderful to once again be able to gather in-person, and I would like to extend a special thanks to Glenn Neufeld for having led Council in the return to in-person services initiative. We are continuing to record our services so that those who are not yet comfortable in returning to in-person services or who are simply unable to do so may follow online.

Now, for a few reflections on 2022.

In February, we updated our Rental Policy and increased our rental rates. That has worked out well because the Church is very busy with rentals and the resulting revenue has helped to offset to some extent the loss of revenue from other fundraising activities that were curtailed because of COVID.

In March, in an initiative brought forward by the Outreach Group, we hung an orange shirt bearing the words “Every Child Matters” at the Oak Street entrance to show our support in remembering and honouring the lives of the missing and murdered Indigenous children and our commitment to reconciliation.

In March, the Church also recognized Rita Swan’s Lay Ministry affirmation.

Notwithstanding a snow storm, we were able to hold in-person services for Easter Sunday which marked the return of Wes, Katy and the choir and the wonderful music that adds so much to our Sunday services.

During the year, members of the Congregation were provided with an opportunity to financially support humanitarian needs in Ukraine through a St. Andrew’s giving program.

Over the summer we agreed to the installation by the daycare of a security system for entry to the Church in order to enhance the safety of the more than 100 children who are in our Church from Mondays to Fridays.

We also introduced a voluntary name tag program to assist the Congregation in identifying visitors/newcomers to our Church so that we can more easily reach out and welcome them to St. Andrew's.

Late in the year, Council undertook a survey to try and better understand the needs of the Congregation. The survey results, a summary of which was shared in one of our e-blasts, reflected that our Sunday services generally fulfill respondents' spiritual needs and are meaningful to most respondents, although some expressed a desire for a more varied style of liturgy/preaching, for greater diversity in the music and for more opportunities to become involved in additional outreach activities. Council will engage with the Worship Group and the Outreach Group on those matters.

While St. Andrew's, like many other churches, faces a number of challenges, we continue to do reasonably well, and that's largely as a result of the contributions of so many of you who work very hard, often behind the scenes and relatively unnoticed, to support the day-to-day activities and operations of the Church. That may be through the Worship Group, the Property & Administration Group, the Ministry and Personnel Group, the Finance Group, the Fellowship Group, the Outreach Group, the Stewardship Group, the Christian Education Group, all of those who contribute to our wonderful music program, our Caring Community volunteers, those who serve on the Foundation Board, the members of Council, the Meals on Wheels volunteers, those who support the Church financially and all those who contribute in other ways. It is through your collective efforts that we have been able to sustain St. Andrew's and its operations in past years and through your continued efforts we will be able to do so in the coming years, and on behalf of Council, I wish to thank all of you who have contributed in one way or another.

May God continue to bless us all at St. Andrew's.

***Rob Siddall***  
*Council Chair*

## ***Strategic Priorities***

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- I. Create a comprehensive maintenance and building plan
- II. Develop a “radical hospitality vision” for St. Andrew’s to ensure that both new and existing visitors and members feel engaged with the church
- III. Explore amalgamation processes and engage in initial conversations with Westworth United Church
- IV. Develop a revision of a thriving youth and children’s ministry program that is based on the needs of existing and new families
- V. Revise and clarify internal communication structures and interest group structures

## Finance Reports

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### Treasurer's Report

The year 2022 was a financial success. Most revenue items were greater than projected and many expense items were less. As a result, we ended the year with a surplus of \$1,919 compared to an expected breakeven.

Member givings at \$224,295 were \$663 less than projected. We came close to budget despite the unusually high number of deaths in our congregation. Total rental income was \$84,445 or \$16,602.07 more than projected. A significant part of this extra revenue was from miscellaneous rentals which were \$26,232. We received 110 payments for these rentals. They resulted in over 190 different events during the year which kept our church building very busy.

In 2022, we earned \$23,569 of dividends and interest from our church investments. We also received \$35,000 from our Foundation.

Total expenses were \$13,178 more than budgeted. This was largely due to our natural gas expenditure being \$6,075 more than expected. Also, we donated \$4,564 more to our church outreach needs than we had planned. We are budgeting for a breakeven year in 2023. We are projecting member givings to be about \$17,000 less than 2022. We are expecting miscellaneous rental income to be similar to 2022 and Daycare and Nursery rental income to be greater by the amount of inflation. We are planning on church investment income and the Foundation grant to be similar to 2022. However, to achieve a balanced budget in 2023, we expect to use \$23,500 of revenue received from the federal government in 2020, but not used at that time.

Table 1 is the consolidated income statement for 2021 and 2022 and the budget for 2023. Table 2 is the complete balance sheet for all assets and liabilities.

I believe that all of our financial statements accurately show our church's financial position and that our accounting procedures are in good order. Howard Rempel has again in February, 2023 undertaken an Independent Review of our financial records and procedures.

It has been my pleasure to have served as your treasurer for another year. Thank you to the other members of the Finance Committee, Paul Webster, Chair, Rob Siddall, Deborah Metcalfe, David Bergman, Diane Bowles and David Wreford. Also, thanks to Karen for many thoughtful discussions, and to Charlotte in providing a pleasant work environment.

Respectfully submitted,

***Bill Craddock***

Treasurer

**Table 1**

<b>ST. ANDREW'S RIVER HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH</b>							
<b>Consolidated Profit &amp; Loss</b>							
		Dec.-22					
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Annual	Annual
		Dec.-22	Dec.-22	Dec.-22	Dec.-21	Budget 2022	Budget 2023
<b>INCOME</b>							
3100	OFFERINGS						
3101	REGULAR OFFERINGS	224,295	224,958	-663	233,088	224,958	207,260
3103	OPEN COLLECTIONS	1,387	200	1,187	324	200	1,000
3105	SUNDAY SCHOOL	0	20	-20	0	20	0
3109	MISSION & SERVICE	1,930	1,000	930	1,215	1,000	1,800
3113	Memorial Easter Flowers	1,105	1,000	105	955	1,000	1,000
3174	Fundraising	3,082	1,200	1,882	1,585	1,200	9,200
	Other Income	9,250	4,600	4,650	30,494	4,600	2,800
3150	OPERATIONS INCOME	91,805	72,853	18,952	74,622	72,853	88,396
3124	INVESTMENT INCOME	20,918	33,000	-12,082	135	33,000	45,000
3190	FOUNDATION GRANT	35,000	35,000	0	30,000	35,000	33,000
3160	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	394	300	94	462	300	350
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>389,166</b>	<b>374,131</b>	<b>15,035</b>	<b>372,880</b>	<b>374,131</b>	<b>389,806</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
30502	OTHER EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0	0
4000	STAFFING					0	
4010	Ministerial	94,633	93,800	833	92,559	93,800	95,290
4030	Administration	46,810	47,000	-190	45,523	47,000	48,400
4050	Caretaking	11,979	12,000	-21	10,108	12,000	14,500
4080	Pandemic Extra Staffing	2,200	3,000	-800	11,600	3,000	2,200
4090	Music	44,794	43,900	894	44,056	43,900	47,500
40901	Youth	2,517	2,530	-13	2,478	2,530	2,600
40902	ADP	369	350	19	320	350	360
	<b>TOTAL 4000 STAFFING</b>	<b>203,302</b>	<b>202,580</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>206,644</b>	<b>202,580</b>	<b>210,850</b>
6000	OPERATIONS						
6230	Equipment/Furniture	2,813	1,900	913	2,380	1,900	2,200
6520	Maintenance & Repairs	48,248	48,912	-664	36,558	48,912	46,537
6940	Utilities, Taxes, Insurance	54,868	47,226	7,642	45,100	47,226	55,966
	<b>TOTAL 6000 OPERATIONS</b>	<b>105,929</b>	<b>98,038</b>	<b>7,891</b>	<b>84,038</b>	<b>98,038</b>	<b>104,703</b>
6100	ADMINISTRATION						
6540	Office Expenses	4,692	4,350	342	3,826	4,350	3,900
6630	Finance	7,235	4,053	3,182	4,708	4,053	5,625
66301	Minister's Local Travel	1,179	1,200	-21	793	1,200	1,400
	<b>TOTAL 6100 ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>13,106</b>	<b>9,603</b>	<b>3,503</b>	<b>9,327</b>	<b>9,603</b>	<b>10,925</b>
6601	COMMITTEE EXPENSES						
6610	Christian Education	3,666	4,150	-484	1,221	4,150	3,450
6620	Fellowship	426	1,050	-624	649	1,050	950
6640	Ministry and Personnel	1,506	1,493	13	1,069	1,493	1,543
6650	Outreach	25	2,500	-2,475	372	2,500	2,000
6670	Stewardship	90	600	-510	164	600	400
6680	Worship	3,538	4,550	-1,012	2,448	4,550	3,830
6700	Music	9,282	9,975	-693	8,994	9,975	10,475
	<b>TOTAL 6601 COMMITTEES</b>	<b>18,533</b>	<b>24,318</b>	<b>-5,785</b>	<b>14,917</b>	<b>24,318</b>	<b>22,648</b>
66932	Affirm Min. plus wreath purchase	154	300	-146	1,647	300	200
6900	MISSION & SERVICE	13,152	12,370	782	12,873	12,370	12,163
6914	OUTREACH	12,164	7,600	4,564	11,609	7,600	8,800
6911	UCC ADMINISTRATION	18,960	18,960	0	18,959	18,960	18,960
6999	OTHER EXPENSES	375	300	75	1,726	300	300
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>387,247</b>	<b>374,069</b>	<b>13,178</b>	<b>361,740</b>	<b>374,069</b>	<b>389,549</b>
<b>NET ORDINARY REVENUE</b>		<b>1,919</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>11,140</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>257</b>

**Table 2**

**ST. ANDREW'S RIVER HEIGHTS**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
**As of 31 December 2022**

	31 Dec 22	31 Dec 21	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Chequing/Savings			
1010 · PETTY CASH	49.90	49.90	0.00
1011 · FLOAT	121.25	121.25	0.00
1018 · BANK ACCOUNTS			
1041 · **** RBC TOTAL CHEQUING BALANCE			
1040 · RBC Checking, Regular Funds	-13,832.84	1,563.41	-15,396.25
1050 · Checking, Allocated Accts.			
1046 · Anna Blair Circle	1,734.48	1,734.48	0.00
1048 · "Other" Allocated Funds	4,375.00	0.00	4,375.00
1049 · Bequests & Other Gifts	140.00	0.00	140.00
10593 · Deferred Givings	10,152.48	10,704.94	-552.46
10597 · Spirit Path	10,024.04	54,272.47	-44,248.43
Total 1050 · Checking, Allocated Accts.	26,426.00	66,711.89	-40,285.89
Total 1041 · **** RBC TOTAL CHEQUING BALANCE	12,593.16	68,275.30	-55,682.14
10411 · **** CIBC BANK ACCOUNT			
10413 · **** STEINBACH CREDIT UNION	185.69	6,474.69	-6,289.00
10663 · Building Fund			
1067 · Regular Operating Account	250.00	250.00	0.00
10671 · Other Allocated, Accts.	-2,911.57	12,107.69	-15,019.26
10674 · Youth Fundraising	38,508.49	63,508.49	-25,000.00
10674 · Youth Fundraising	28,884.68	28,884.68	0.00
1090 · Accumulated Intere	35,135.13	38,662.61	-3,527.48
Total 10413 · **** STEINBACH CREDIT UNION	99,866.73	143,413.47	-43,546.74
Total 1018 · BANK ACCOUNTS	112,645.58	218,163.46	-105,517.88
1019 · INVESTMENTS			
10600 · **** CIBC-WG CANADIAN FUNDS			
10601 · EQUITIES, CANDADIAN FUNDS	169,532.32	201,062.98	-31,530.66
10610 · CASH CIBC-WG SEG. FNDS, MUTUAL			
106101 · Cash, CDN			
1062 · Investment Cash	0.00	143.53	-143.53
10633 · Undistributed Div. & Int. CDN\$	1,001.93	1,435.24	-433.31
106333 · Income Statement Cash	5,001.00	0.00	5,001.00
106334 · Other Alloc. Accts. Cash	35,304.53	25,000.00	10,304.53
Total 106101 · Cash, CDN	41,307.46	26,578.77	14,728.69
10639 · P.H. & N. Vintage Mutual	1,040.31	1,141.57	-101.26
Total 10610 · CASH CIBC-WG SEG. FNDS, MUTUAL	42,347.77	27,720.34	14,627.43
Total 10600 · **** CIBC-WG CANADIAN FUNDS	211,880.09	228,783.32	-16,903.23
10603 · **** CIBC-WG U.S. \$ ACCTS.			
10605 · EQUITIES U.S. FUNDS	50,910.88	50,699.13	211.75
10606 · CASH CIBC-WG US \$			
106210 · Cash US Funds			
106211 · CIBC-WG US Cash	20,593.10	20,655.86	-62.76
106214 · Undistributed US Int. & Div US\$	350.44	590.46	-240.02
Total 106210 · Cash US Funds	20,943.54	21,246.32	-302.78
Total 10606 · CASH CIBC-WG US \$	20,943.54	21,246.32	-302.78
106220 · Adj. US \$ to CDN \$	25,364.61	18,999.40	6,365.21
Total 10603 · **** CIBC-WG U.S. \$ ACCTS.	97,219.03	90,944.85	6,274.18

**ST. ANDREW'S RIVER HEIGHTS**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
As of 31 December 2022

	31 Dec 22	31 Dec 21	\$ Change
10607 · **** CIBC INVESTOR'S EDGE			
106078 · CIBC IE - CDN EQUITIES			
10850 · Music Endowment Equities	0.00	9,746.95	-9,746.95
106078 · CIBC IE - CDN EQUITIES - Other	201,598.36	111,959.66	89,638.70
<b>Total 106078 · CIBC IE - CDN EQUITIES</b>	<b>201,598.36</b>	<b>121,706.61</b>	<b>79,891.75</b>
10999 · Cash - CDN			
106016 · Investment Cash	-57,904.28	-37,148.89	-20,755.39
106017 · Undist. Div. & Interest	26,984.32	21,613.94	5,370.38
1060181 · Trading Gains - CDN	7,754.79	0.00	7,754.79
1060182 · Income Statement Cash (i.e.)	13,602.49	9,858.31	3,744.18
1060183 · Other Alloc. Accts. Cash (i.e.)	37,850.99	25,000.00	12,850.99
106038 · Music Endow.	13,088.75	2,419.39	10,669.36
<b>Total 10999 · Cash - CDN</b>	<b>41,377.06</b>	<b>21,742.75</b>	<b>19,634.31</b>
<b>Total 10607 · **** CIBC INVESTOR'S EDGE</b>	<b>242,975.42</b>	<b>143,449.36</b>	<b>99,526.06</b>
10608 · **** CIBC INVEST. EDGE US\$ ACCT			
106020 · CIBC-IE US Equities	18,811.20	16,576.10	2,235.10
106021 · Cash U.S.			
106030 · Investment Cash	29,619.00	21,378.87	8,240.13
106031 · Undistributed Div. & Int.	8,402.22	7,119.32	1,282.90
1060311 · Trading Gains US	4,263.93	0.00	4,263.93
106032 · Capital Gains	721.25	0.00	721.25
<b>Total 106021 · Cash U.S.</b>	<b>43,006.40</b>	<b>28,498.19</b>	<b>14,508.21</b>
106035 · CDN adj.	22,821.61	12,112.92	10,708.69
<b>Total 10608 · **** CIBC INVEST. EDGE US\$ ACCT</b>	<b>84,639.21</b>	<b>57,187.21</b>	<b>27,452.00</b>
<b>Total 1019 · INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>636,713.75</b>	<b>520,364.74</b>	<b>116,349.01</b>
9000 · INVESTMENT ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT			
90021 · Equities CDN Accts.	-83,210.35	-21,296.73	-61,913.62
90022 · Equities US Accts.	-23,156.90	-22,469.52	-687.38
9005 · Gain/Loss on Currency	3,385.13	2,639.92	745.21
<b>Total 9000 · INVESTMENT ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-102,982.12</b>	<b>-41,126.33</b>	<b>-61,855.79</b>
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<b>646,548.36</b>	<b>697,573.02</b>	<b>-51,024.66</b>
Accounts Receivable			
10701 · G.S.T. (Regular Fund Asset)			
1070 · G.S.T. (all except major renov)	3,508.03	4,573.60	-1,065.57
<b>Total 10701 · G.S.T. (Regular Fund Asset)</b>	<b>3,508.03</b>	<b>4,573.60</b>	<b>-1,065.57</b>
1071 · Accounts Receivable (Other)			
107101 · R.H.S. Child Care Inc.	889.89	0.00	889.89
107102 · Oak Street Nursery Inc.	177.98	0.00	177.98
1071 · Accounts Receivable (Other) - Other	376.20	713.84	-337.64
<b>Total 1071 · Accounts Receivable (Other)</b>	<b>1,444.07</b>	<b>713.84</b>	<b>730.23</b>
10741 · Steinbach Credit Union			
1076 · SCU Regular Funds i	1,061.10	0.00	1,061.10
<b>Total 10741 · Steinbach Credit Union</b>	<b>1,061.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,061.10</b>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>6,013.20</b>	<b>5,287.44</b>	<b>725.76</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>652,561.56</b>	<b>702,860.46</b>	<b>-50,298.90</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>652,561.56</b>	<b>702,860.46</b>	<b>-50,298.90</b>



**ST. ANDREW'S RIVER HEIGHTS**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
**As of 31 December 2022**

	31 Dec 22	31 Dec 21	\$ Change
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
2100 · Accounts Payable..			
2245 · Accts. Payable, Other	20,333.62	745.97	19,587.65
Total 2100 · Accounts Payable..	20,333.62	745.97	19,587.65
2710 · EQUITY - ALLOCATED FUNDS			
27111 · Deferred Regular Givings	10,152.48	10,704.94	-552.46
27421 · BEQUESTS & OTHER GIFTS			
2737 · Margaret Tyler Fund - Bequest	357,572.26	357,572.26	0.00
27423 · Betty Barkwell Bequest	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
27424 · Dorothy Rogerson Bequest	500.00	500.00	0.00
27425 · Katherine Riehl Bequest	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
27426 · Donald Brooking Bequest	54,579.00	54,579.00	0.00
27427 · Joan McMorris Bequest	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
274271 · Dr. Jean McFarlane Bequest	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
274272 · Bruce MacMillan Memorial Fund	1,653.40	1,653.40	0.00
274273 · Margaret Gourley Bequest	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
274274 · Pearl & Don Leslie Mem. Fund	12,694.01	12,694.01	0.00
274275 · Catherine Anderson Bequest	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
274276 · Ruby & James Ashdown Mem. Fund	3,920.00	3,920.00	0.00
274277 · John Hunter Cordner Memorial	539.93	539.93	0.00
274278 · Audrey Arnett Bequest	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
274279 · Jan Mildren Memorial Fund	4,067.90	4,067.90	0.00
27428 · Reesor & Norma Bingeman Mem. Fd	7,030.00	7,030.00	0.00
274280 · Jean MacDonald Memorial Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
274281 · Dorothy Gage Memorial Fund	1,025.00	1,025.00	0.00
274282 · Jean Potter Memorial Fund	350.00	350.00	0.00
274283 · Lorna O'Brien Memorial Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
274284 · Rob't Parrish Spear Mem. Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
274285 · Josephine Brown Gift	12,600.00	12,600.00	0.00
274286 · Other Memorial Gifts	6,508.34	6,368.34	140.00
274287 · Fred Code Memorial Fund	500.00	500.00	0.00
274288 · Marlene Websdale Bequest	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
274290 · Sally Dowler Memorial	1,690.00	1,690.00	0.00
274291 · Eleanor Gibson Bequest	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
274292 · Ina Frances Bowles Bequest	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
274293 · Phillip Ashdown	10,100.00	10,100.00	0.00
274300 · Anonymous	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Total 27421 · BEQUESTS & OTHER GIFTS	529,329.84	529,189.84	140.00
27430 · Accumulated Int. & Div. CDN \$	63,148.24	62,008.58	1,139.66
2743001 · Accumulated Int. & Div. US \$	8,402.21	7,119.32	1,282.89
274303 · Realized Capital Gains CDN \$	-58,510.70	-70,678.23	12,167.53
2743031 · Realized Capital Gains US \$	5,210.24	946.31	4,263.93
274305 · MUSIC ENDOWMENT	13,088.75	12,059.91	1,028.84
274306 · Shelter (roof)	250.00	250.00	0.00
274310 · Gain/Loss US Currency in CDN\$	4,544.47	2,639.92	1,904.55
2744 · ANNA BLAIR CIRCLE	1,734.78	1,734.78	0.00
27446 · SPIRIT PATH	10,024.04	54,272.47	-44,248.43

**ST. ANDREW'S RIVER HEIGHTS**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
**As of 31 December 2022**

	<u>31 Dec 22</u>	<u>31 Dec 21</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<b>2748 · OTHER ALLOCATED FUNDS</b>			
27110 · Gov't Support Funds C.E.W.S.	57,803.15	57,803.15	0.00
2712 · Sundry Alloc. Funds	7,049.14	8,893.62	-1,844.48
2713 · Public Address System	931.81	931.81	0.00
2722 · Working Capital	3,686.91	3,686.91	0.00
27234 · Basement Bookstore	2,480.00	2,480.00	0.00
27236 · Fridge Fund	1,157.28	1,157.28	0.00
2723601 · Electrical Fund	350.00	350.00	0.00
2723602 · Heating Reserve Fund	20,125.00	15,125.00	5,000.00
272362 · Special Projects Fund	7,141.09	7,141.09	0.00
272363 · Centennial	924.79	924.79	0.00
27271 · Memory Tree	248.18	473.18	-225.00
2731 · Handbells	425.00	425.00	0.00
2735 · Choir	4,191.75	4,291.75	-100.00
27351 · Choir Bursary	7,139.47	7,139.47	0.00
27481 · Right to Housing Coalition	2,435.44	2,685.44	-250.00
<b>Total 2748 · OTHER ALLOCATED FUNDS</b>	<u>116,089.01</u>	<u>113,508.49</u>	<u>2,580.52</u>
<b>2760 · YOUTH FUNDRAISING</b>	<u>28,884.68</u>	<u>28,884.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total 2710 · EQUITY - ALLOCATED FUNDS</b>	<u>732,348.04</u>	<u>752,641.01</u>	<u>-20,292.97</u>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>752,681.66</u>	<u>753,386.98</u>	<u>-705.32</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>752,681.66</u>	<u>753,386.98</u>	<u>-705.32</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>752,681.66</u>	<u>753,386.98</u>	<u>-705.32</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
3000 · OPENING BAL EQUITY	-20,500.96	-23,224.91	2,723.95
3050 · INVESTMENT ADJUSTMENTS	-102,982.12	-41,126.33	-61,855.79
3900 · RETAINED EARNINGS - PRIOR YEAR	11,100.77	2,684.00	8,416.77
900001 · Balance Sheet Adjustments	10,342.07	39.95	10,302.12
Net Income	1,920.14	11,100.77	-9,180.63
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>-100,120.10</u>	<u>-50,526.52</u>	<u>-49,593.58</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>652,561.56</u></u>	<u><u>702,860.46</u></u>	<u><u>-50,298.90</u></u>

## Church Group Reports

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### **Affirming Report**

Although our Affirming Ministry program focuses mainly on issues of inclusion and justice for people of all sexual orientations, it encourages ministries to broaden their understanding, awareness and action to include:

1. Promoting economic justice for the poor and homeless.
2. Supporting programs to help people with disabilities.
3. Supporting programs that care for the planet.
4. Working to end all kinds of racism.

Because the Affirming Group has no Chair-Person for this year, we were unable to hold any meetings to plan and implement events and programs for the year 2022. However, some events were implemented and are listed below.

#### Pie Day & Affirming Sunday—March 13, 2022

On Pie Day, Affirming Churches across Canada serve & eat pie to celebrate the full inclusion of LGBTQ and Two-Spirited People in faith communities.

Also, this was St. Andrew's 7th Affirming Sunday celebration since becoming an Affirming Church. Rainbow colours, including candles, decorated the front of the Church. Liturgy expressed diversity; the choir anthem expressed togetherness and Rev. Karen Lumley's sermon expressed the need to be accepted with a Transgender story.

#### Pride Parade —June 5th, 2022

After an absence of two years due to the Covid Pandemic, the yearly City Pride Parade event returned. The parade represented various businesses, churches, governments, schools, universities and individuals who share the same belief in diversity and inclusiveness. St. Andrew's Church was represented by Peter Brehaut, Kathy Knowles and Anne Grewar.

It is worth noting that each year on December 10, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights are recognized. It was on December 10, 1948, the Declaration was signed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris France. It is recognized as a common standard of Human Rights for all peoples and all nations. The principles of the Human Rights Declaration also walk hand in hand with our Affirming principles.

Respectfully submitted,

***Peter Brehaut***, On behalf of the Affirming Group

## **Christian Education Report**

2022 started out quite similar to 2021, the church was closed for the first few weeks of the new year. Evan and I continued in the lounge with Sunday school and the nursery till the end of June. We had no children attending at this time.

After the summer break when we reconvened in September during celebration Sunday, it was nice to see some familiar, yet older, little faces. At that time, I had five children sign up for Sunday School. During the weeks that followed, we had a few others join.

During Advent, we were surprised to have 12 more join us. Two children each Sunday during advent participated in a “breaking news” announcement during service. At that time in Sunday school, the children made beautiful Christmas cards for shut-ins.

We decided this year to do an online family Christmas Eve service again. All the children were there to participate and it was wonderful.

Evan continues to be available for nursery care, but as of yet has had no one, but actively helps me out in Sunday school and is there every week, should there happen to be the need for nursery.

Going forward, our Sunday School is continuously evolving and changing every week depending on the amount of children. I am hopeful that this is the beginning for things returning to our new normal.

Respectfully submitted,

***Jan Demeduk***

*Sunday School Superintendent*

## **Fellowship and Pastoral Care Report**

COVID continues to play a large part in our ability to reach everyone in the congregation. The Fellowship Interest Group consists of Diane Bowles, Karen Carswell, Verla Cleland, Maxine Hannam, Marilyn Muir, Marion Kozak, Roberta Popoff, Laura Regier, Kay Shawcross, Sandra Walker, Abigail Regier and chairperson Betty Jubinville.

The Caring Community Ministry consists of Vinny Ashton, Ellen Bruneau, Verla Cleland, Maxine Hannam, Karen Lumley and Roberta Popoff.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is maintained by Charlotte Lindsay.

For this report, each committee will report individually.

### **The Fellowship Committee:**

Church services resumed in 2022, but due to COVID restrictions, the Fellowship Interest Group did not prepare refreshments after the services. In November 2022, the council chose to serve refreshments following the service on a trial basis.

This year, we missed the opportunity to hold the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper a St. Patrick's Day lunch for Oak Table at Augustine United Church, Easter breakfast and Church picnic lunch. We were able to serve a hotdog lunch for Celebration Sunday to approximately 70 people. This lunch was slightly modified by pre-wrapping the hot dogs, serving individual bags of chips and individual ice cream sundaes. Although we were unable to have the 100-foot sundae, the lunch was well received.

This year, we decided to continue with the modified version of the Cookie Walk on December 3 & 4, 2022. We took orders for pre-boxed cookies. Each box included a selection of 3 dozen cookies. 95 boxes were sold for a profit of \$1,410.00. There was also a cash donation making a total of \$1,460.00. The Cookie Walk is a fundraiser for the church and the congregation generously supported this event by baking over 262 dozen cookies and purchasing cookies. Thank you everyone for your support!

Maxine Hannam again took the lead of the Memory Tree on Oak Street. This event took place on December 11, 2022. This year we were able to hold a short service in the sanctuary followed by the lighting of the tree at 5 PM. Hot chocolate was served outdoors. Heather sang a beautiful solo and led everyone with carols. It was a beautiful evening and very meaningful. The Memory Book was updated with the 2022 names and was on display for the service and will continue to be displayed in the Narthex (back of

the church) for all to view throughout the year. A donation of \$1,500.00 was sent to Jocelyn House, which is a privately-owned palliative care facility. A huge thank you to Gord & Kay Shawcross for putting the lights on the evergreen tree near the outdoor manger scene and to those who prepared the service.

Since the COVID-19 restrictions, most of our meetings have been Zoom meetings. We were able to resume in-person meetings in November. It was so wonderful to see everyone.

In December, our interest group prepared cookies to be delivered to approximately 15 members of our congregation that are at residences and care facilities. Karen delivered these cookies, and cards made by the youth, on her visits.

We continue to collect Canadian Tire money. Thank you to everyone who donates their spare Canadian Tire money!

Our interest group would like to thank our friends and family for their continued support and help. We could not do this without you!

Respectfully submitted,

***Betty Jubinville***

*Chair, Fellowship & Pastoral Care Group*

**Caring Community and Rose Ferries Prayer Shawl Ministry:**

The Caring Community is an interest group that works under the umbrella of the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Group to connect with those who are experiencing difficulties and/or are homebound. Like other groups, we continue to be affected by COVID concerns and restrictions and have not felt able to resume in-person visiting over the past year. However, we have been able to fulfill other aspects of our mandate on behalf of the congregation.

Charlotte Lindsay, our Office Manager, oversees the Rose Ferries Prayer Shawl Ministry where prayer shawls are gifted to many dealing with illness or bereavement. Baby shawls

are also provided to infants and young children at the time of their baptism. Please contact Charlotte if you would like to volunteer to knit either type of shawl.

We have also been able to continue to send cards to those experiencing illness, the death of someone close to them, or the isolation of being shut-in. Many of the cards, which are designed by Colette Berriault, incorporate a small drawing of St. Andrew's in the design, and we thank Colette for her artistry. The cards are intended to be a tangible representation of our care and concern for those known to us who are having difficulties.

Last year 122 cards were sent (32 Thinking of You; 35 Sympathy, 28 to shut-ins at Christmas and 27 during Holy Week for those bereaved since last Easter). Each card contained a personal message written by Ellen Bruneau, who coordinates this aspect of the Caring Community group in collaboration with Rev. Karen Lumley and Charlotte Lindsay.

Members of the group include Vinny Ashton, Ellen Bruneau, Verla Cleland, Maxine Hannam, Roberta Popoff and Rev. Karen Lumley.

In the new year, we will be consulting with Rev. Karen Lumley to determine how our group might best function going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

***Ellen Bruneau***

*Past Coordinator, Caring Community*

**St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Foundation**

The St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Foundation was established in 1975 and was initially funded with funds derived from special gifts transferred over from the church in the original amount of \$12,217.63, and then added to with the sale of the church manses. Since its inception, the Foundation's assets have grown as a result of bequests, memorial gifts and donations. A minimum of 80% of the annual and/or accrued income derived from the Foundation's investments is distributed annually to St. Andrew's River Heights United Church to be employed in the ongoing mission and work of the church.

Over the past many years, the Foundation has been invested in a diversified portfolio, however with the majority invested in fixed income investments such as money market funds, bonds and deposit notes. As at December 31, 2022, 52.42% of the market value of the Foundation's assets were invested in fixed income or equivalent investments (comprised of Guaranteed Investment Certificates and provincial, municipal and corporate bonds ranging in duration from 1 to 6 years, and preferred shares) and with 44.89% being invested in equity mutual funds, common stocks, real estate trust units (comprised primarily of large cap Canadian companies, US and international growth and dividend funds and a Canadian real estate investment trust). The remaining balance, approximately 2.69%, was held in cash on December 31, 2022.

Over the past number of years, due to relatively higher percentage of fixed income investments, the Foundation's balance sheet and rate of return has been quite stable. The table below indicates the approximate market value of the Foundation

\* (inclusive of accrued interest) as of December 31 in each of the past 5 years:

2016	\$869,000
2017	\$891,000
2018	\$834,000
2019	\$886,000
2020	\$892,000
2021	\$1,028,880
2022	\$933,042

The annual donations to the foundation in 2022 were \$20,186.98, as compared to \$33,517.83 in 2021.

The Foundation's investment advisors (CIBC Wood Gundy) have confirmed that the annualized rates of return for the foundation investment portfolio as of December 31st, 2022, were as follows:



From 2013 to 12-2022	4.21%
01-2018 to 12-2022 (5 year)	3.62%
01-2020 to 12-2022 (3 year)	3.59%
01-2022 – 12-2022 (1 year)	-5.45%

During the 2022 calendar year, Foundation investments earned interest and dividend income of approximately \$36,093.42. This income covered the \$35,000.00 contributed from the Foundation to the operation of St. Andrew’s Church during the 2022 calendar year. During the 2023 calendar year, the Foundation projects earnings will be approximately \$33,000.00 on investments. At the Foundation annual meeting held in November of 2022, the Board decided to set the gift to the church for this year to 3.5% of assets at the year end to comply with CRA minimum for Foundations for the 2023 calendar year, as determined by our auditors. Audit costs and income tax filing costs for 2022 (payable in 2023) are anticipated to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.00 plus taxes.

The specific and memorial gifts received by the Foundation during 2022 are set forth in Schedule ‘A’ to this Report, which were in the total amount of \$20,186.98. Once again, the Foundation Board expresses sincere thanks to all who gave so generously to the Foundation during the 2022 calendar year.

As Chair, I would encourage all members of the church and other individuals or organizations who utilize the church building for the advancement of community objectives and activities, to make annual donations as well as planned gifts to the Foundation. All gifts to the Foundation receive a charitable donation tax receipt which reduces the out-of-pocket cost of the gift. It is particularly useful in estate planning to consider gifting registered investments such as an RRSP or RRIF to a charity (if such investments are not eligible to be ‘rolled over’ to a surviving spouse as beneficiary). In situations where the registered investment cannot be gifted or ‘rolled over’ to a surviving spouse, the donor’s estate will receive a significant reduction in tax that would otherwise be payable to Canada Revenue Agency upon collapse of the registered investment. Money that would otherwise go to Canada Revenue Agency may thereby find its way into the Foundation to serve the broader purposes of the Foundation and the church. Please speak with your investment advisor, accountant, or lawyer for more information in planning your charitable estate gifts. Your gifts enable the Foundation to contribute financially to the ability of St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church to serve both the community of faith within the church and the broader outreach work of The United Church of Canada. Gifts to the Foundation truly are gifts that ‘keep on giving’ - while you are alive and after you have departed this world. The Foundation encourages gifts made at any time during your lifetime or as a charitable bequest under your will or

as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Please direct any enquiries or questions to any member of the Foundation Board or to Paul Webster at 204-269-5444.

As Chair of the Board of the Foundation, I wish to thank all the members of the Board for their valuable assistance. Again, this year, I wish to express thanks for the tireless efforts and contributions of David Wreford as secretary of the Foundation and to thank Mark Braun of CIBC Wood Gundy for his investment counsel.

As of December 31, 2022, the following persons were members of the Board of the Foundation:

Rev. Karen Lumley, David Wreford, Bill Craddock, Deborah Metcalfe, Anne Grewar, John Barber, Rob Siddall, and Allison Koots.

Respectfully submitted,

***Paul Webster***

Chair

\*cash + interest receivable + market values of investments

**Schedule "A"**

St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Foundation Annual Report 2022

NATURE OF GIFT:

DONOR:

SPECIFIC GIFTS:

Fred Cross  
Deborah Metcalfe  
Canada Helps  
Estate of Joyce Barber  
Brevity Fund  
Charitable Giving Program

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

In Memory of Hartley Stinson

Ellen Peel  
Diane Bewell

In Memory of Mary Campbell

Iris McKay

In Memory of Helen Fearn

Greg Fearn

**Ministry and Personnel Report**

The Ministry & Personnel Interest Group is a confidential consultative body that supports the pastoral relationship in the United Church. We describe ourselves as, “being in ministry together, recognizing that the work of the paid ministry personnel is only part of the work of the ministry.” There are also several other staff positions for which the M&P Interest Group is responsible including the office manager, caretaker, choir director, organist and financial administrator.

Duties of the M&P Interest Group include:

- Provide a consultative and supportive agency
- Review working conditions and remuneration
- Oversee the relationship of staff members among themselves and with the congregation
- Conduct annual staff evaluations
- Review regularly the responsibilities of staff and revise position descriptions when required
- Monitor continuing education

As a committee, we have three main areas of responsibility: Administration, Personnel and Ministry.

#### Administration

Charlotte Lindsay, our office manager, is responsible for organizing, coordinating, and supervising office operations and procedures. Charlotte tracks membership, manages calendars, coordinates events and facility management, and maintains our website and an email database that enables electronic communication with our congregation and community partners. Her office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm.

#### Personnel

Katy Harmer is our Director of Music. Katy is responsible for overseeing and, most often, participating in the overall musical life of our church. Through collaboration with the minister, Katy provides a guiding vision for the music ministry at River Heights St. Andrew’s United Church.

Wes Elias is our organist. In addition to providing accompaniment for hymns and anthems, Wes plays preludes, offertories, and postludes as well as music for weddings and funerals. Wes’ contribution to the online service has been outstanding and M&P would like to recognise and thank Wes for his contribution.

As Financial Administrator and Treasurer, and reporting to the Finance Interest Group, Bill Craddock manages the financial affairs of St. Andrew’s. For 44 years, Bill has served on many committees including the Service Team. Thank you, Bill, for the many hats you

wear in your role.

Jeff Kremer is under contract for the cleaning work in the church building - a challenging task for a building that is in use most days from early in the morning until late in the evening.

### Ministry

Our Ministry is led by Full-Time Minister Rev. Karen Lumley whose focus is worship including preaching and sacraments, pastoral care, adult education, and attracting and retaining members.

The Youth & Young Adult Coordinator is responsible for the planning, implementation, evaluation, and support of programs including Youth & Young Adults and Messy Church-type activities, which lift up the place of Youth & Young Adults. This position is currently open, pending the completion of the Strategic Planning Process.

### Conclusion

The M&P Interest Group would like to offer a special thank you to all the additional St. Andrew's volunteers for the many hours spent performing countless tasks and projects throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining our interest group, I would be pleased to speak with you. The M&P Interest Group is always available to handle comments or questions from the members of our congregation. All enquiries will be handled in a confidential manner.

The M&P Interest Group members are:

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Heather Kozak - [hkozak@live.com](mailto:hkozak@live.com)

Michael Duncan - [mduncan@nhpi.ca](mailto:mduncan@nhpi.ca)

Tara Snider - [tbrous@aol.com](mailto:tbrous@aol.com)

Sincerely,

***Michael Duncan***

*Chairman, M&P Interest Group*

**Outreach Report**

The 2021-2022 year continued to be governed in some ways by COVID-19 and variants, thus meetings were all by zoom except for one. Despite COVID, the following is a list of initiatives that folks managed to do either in a small group or individually.

1. A virtual tour of the Human Rights Museum was shown in our church sanctuary.
2. The group joined a Zoom meeting of two coalitions in Winnipeg Make Poverty History & Right to Housing. Following up to that meeting, some of our group sent email support regarding specific issues that the coalitions were involved with.
3. Sonja, Peter, Vinny and Joan presented Minute for Mission items during specific services throughout the year.
4. Some members joined the Bear Clan for a Patrol walk, noting the ways in which specific communities in Winnipeg benefit from the presence of the Bear Clan members.
5. The group was given permission from the church council to display an orange shirt in a church window with the logo "Every Child Matters"
6. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Sox-Box campaign was set up; many dozens of pairs of warm socks were then donated to folks that frequented the "Just a Warm Sleep" or JAWS which is a program sponsored by 1JustCity.
7. A Ukrainian Crisis Donation fund was set up through Bill Craddock at St. Andrew's so that members of our congregation might feel safe about choosing to send donations if and when they wanted to participate.
8. Several of our group participated in Truth & Reconciliation events with Westworth over two consecutive days in October which included hearing Reverend Stan MacKay speak plus being privileged to hear several Residential School survivors tell their stories.

On behalf of the Outreach group, I would like to share a comment that was repeated a few times by very wise indigenous people:

***"One should not judge a person who is down and out  
because you have not walked in their shoes."***

My personal thanks go out to the members of the Outreach Group during this time: Karen Lumley, Kelvin Koots, Jennifer Chieh Ho, Karoline Klug, Vinny Ashton, Sonja Lundstrom, Peter Brehaut & Clark Brownlee. A special thanks is reserved for Vinny who served as a fine co-chair.

Respectfully submitted,

***Joan Stevenson***  
*Outgoing Chair*

## **Meals on Wheels:**

St. Andrew's River Heights United Church has provided support for Meals on Wheels Winnipeg for many years and continues to do so. On behalf of all of you, I wish to send a big bouquet to Ardelia Burrow who has retired as Volunteer Coordinator of Route #4 out of the Misericordia Hospital. I believe that Ardelia along with her late husband Bruce held that position for approximately thirty years. Ardelia, we are thankful for your diligence and expertise. You did a wonderful job as coordinator. Thanks a million!

Meals on Wheels is an important service that among other things supports aging folks to remain longer in their own homes. It is a 'well-oiled machine' organized and directed by caring and capable people.

Clark and I have enjoyed delivering for Meals on Wheels for about 20 years. Why so long? We have had great experiences along the way having met fine people who are grateful for the service. It has not been an onerous commitment. In fact, we really enjoy getting into the car, picking up the food cooler at the Misericordia and following the directions provided in an easy- to- read binder prepared for our route #4. Under 1 ½ hours we have done something concrete and important. During the pandemic, it was an event that got us out of the house!

As of November 2022, I chose to step up and try to fill Ardelia's shoes. I want to say thank you to the great team that is now delivering for Route #4. Thank you also to those who have delivered in previous years and have now decided to call it quits; you are all missed.

In closing, I would like to mention that every now and then we will be seeking new driver volunteers. You may want to consider joining our team: did I mention the quarterly gas-cheque and the year-end fine dinner held at the Assiniboine Park Café on our behalf? Keep us in mind if you are looking for a satisfying volunteer job. You would be so welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

***Joan Stevenson***

*Volunteer Co-ordinator*

*Meals on Wheels - Route 4 - Misericordia Hospital*

**Property and Administration Report**

Your 2022 P&A group comprised acting chairs Gord Shawcross and John Swan, secretary Sue Wiste and members Murray Cameron, Bruce Scott (until mid-year), Cam Regier and myself, Dave Wreford. We do thank them all for their hard work and advice. We also thank Jeff Kremer, Karen Lumley, Charlotte Lindsay, Michael Cuthbert, Bill Craddock and others too numerous to mention who provided invaluable backup advice and assistance in many different ways.

Due to the pandemic, P&A's normal in-person "first Tuesday" monthly meetings were held via Zoom during the first half of the year. The normal schedule resumed after the summer break. The council was, however, kept informed throughout the entire year of any significant developments related to P&A responsibilities.

As always, we welcome new members. If you have skills or interests that you would like to put to use in maintaining or improving our building, its physical plant, and its environment, please contact Gord Shawcross or John Swan. They would be delighted to hear from you.

As in 2021, P&A used Jeff's firm for janitorial services along with minor maintenance and repairs. Gord and John handled more major jobs (for example, tree-trimming and painting). The most significant projects (annual boiler/heating system checks and maintenance, for example, and major plumbing issues) were as usual handled by outside suppliers.

As in 2021, the compulsory daily boiler safety inspections and checks were contracted out at a considerable saving compared with the cost of hiring a full-time employee with sufficient qualifications to monitor our steam boiler/heating system as required by the provincial government. Otherwise, the usual minor plumbing, heating, electrical, ventilation, compressor and security issues were dealt with by P&A members and Jeff. These tasks included: the repair of heating system leaks (the condensate return lines having been a particular nuisance in this regard), unplugging blocked drains, grass trimming and general external tidying, repairing furniture, negotiating rental details with occasional renters, doing security checks and arranging access for individuals and groups at times when the building is normally closed, liaising with the snow-clearing contractor,



review and renewal of insurance policies, keeping and distributing monthly meeting minutes and job priority lists, and monitoring defibrillation and first-aid kits.

As with all aspects of St. Andrew's activities through 2021, pandemic disruptions continued to affect P&A operations in various significant ways through 2022, mostly related to our building being used less than it usually is. Through at least the first half of the year worship services and other congregational events, meetings etc. were curtailed. As in 2021, this enforced and unwelcome time-out did at least lead to smaller utility bills than would otherwise have been the case. Income from "occasional rentals", however, suffered through the early part of the year but recovered sharply as individual and group rentals resumed in the closing months of 2022.

Again, due to pandemic disruptions and to conserve funds, P&A did virtually no major repairs or improvements during 2022. One exception was the re-flooring of the small washroom by the north entrance to the auditorium, together with replacement of flooring tiles on either side of that entrance. Another project saw wi-fi internet quality enhanced throughout most of the church building.

Late in 2022, security enhancements were put in place at the 255 Oak St. entrance in order to comply with provincial regulations for daycares. Costs of hardware and software for this system were borne by the daycare, which is likewise responsible for monitoring the system. Entry for parents through the 255 Oak St. entrance during daycare hours is by fob, and for others through an audio-visual link to Charlotte in the church office where she can unlock the door from her desk. Outside daycare hours, the new security package is deactivated. In the last 1/2 of 2022 our roofing contractor emphatically pointed out the need for replacement of our flat roofs. Quotations were provided and discussed at Council, who have asked Finance to source funding. P&A are now adding this item to the list of Major System replacements."

Discussions regarding our outdated major building systems (electrical, heating and plumbing) are ongoing with the objective of finding the "right" solution at the "right" price with the "right" funding before there is a major failure.

In conclusion, the group would like to reiterate its gratitude to the congregation as a whole and to the many individual members who help us keep our much-loved but sometimes temperamental old building functioning more or less smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

***Dave Wreford,***

*P&A member*

### **Stewardship Report**

The world still continues to be challenged by Covid-19. One wonders how many variants can possibly exist! However, there are signs of improvement. It is in this environment that members of St. Andrews quietly and determinedly make their pledges for the 2023 year. For in the midst of a storm we need an institution upon which to rely.

The Stewardship Committee thanks each of you who donates to the work of the church for 2023. As we move into a new year, some of the normal fundraising activities are still in question. We know that government supports have evaporated.

However, we also know that the community of God and Jesus Christ will be in the forefront of our minds as we move through future challenges. It is with this knowledge that we move forward with confidence and serenity in an era of the continued unknown. We are pleased to report that pledged givings plus projected givings total \$207,260. Although this is a few thousand less than the 2022 year, we are optimistic for the 2023 year.

Let us move forward knowing that the love of God will guide and nourish us through whatever trials are set before us.

Respectfully submitted,

***Greg Fearn***

*Chair, Stewardship Group*

***Bill Craddock***

***Iris McKay***

***Glenn Neufeld***

## **Worship Report**

The Worship Group has the responsibility to support the Ministerial Team in the provision of weekly worship services. This includes having ushers, scripture readers and other helpers as needed each Sunday, and the preparation of the sanctuary for special services such as baptisms, communion, Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving.

With continuing COVID restrictions at the start of the year, our group had to adapt procedures. Throughout the year, we moved from online services to limited attendance, to open attendance on Sundays. We appreciate that online services continue to be available as many members cannot attend in person.

This coming year, we will be considering the findings from the survey and notes from "Let's Talk Church." There may be some changes in how worship each Sunday is approached. Please feel free to contact members of the Worship Group with your thoughts on these changes.

Members of the Worship group are myself, Rita Swan, Judy Bourcier, Linda Paul and Martha Graham. Rev. Karen Lumley, Katy Harmer and Wes Elias are staff members of the group. Kelly McKeag resigned from the group during the year. I want to thank Kelly and the other members for all their work and support throughout the year. I also wish to thank Colleen Watters who arranges for scripture readers and thank the many people who helped with church decorations and delivery of flowers after services.

Respectfully submitted,

***Ruth McKenzie***

*Acting Chair, Worship Group*

## **Other Reports**

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### **Anna Blair Circle Report**

The Anna Blair Circle, which is a social group open to all women at St. Andrew's, did not meet in 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of us have missed the camaraderie and goodwill of this group. It is hoped that later in 2023 we can resume our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

***Iris McKay***

*On behalf of the ABC Interest Group*

### **Senior Choir Report**

January 2022 began very quietly indeed. With the emergence of the Omicron variant, the musical leadership of Katy Harmer and Wes Elias made the decision to go back to soloists leading the hymns each week for the safety of the musicians and to reduce the risk of transmission to the congregation.

As case counts declined further into February, the soloists reconvened to sing in quartets again, and finally, at the end of March 2022, full choir rehearsals resumed! Seated at a distance from each other, and singing while masked, full rehearsals began again to prepare for the Easter season of services.

In May, the choir soloists led by Katy, along with organist Wes Elias, and pianist Anna Schwartz performed a fundraising concert of solo, duet, and group performances with all proceeds given to the church. Fun was had by all – performers and audience members alike!

Summer services were led by Katy, Wes and a variety of soloists each week, and then in September, full choir was back!

In Fall of 2022, the choir prepared many varying selections, and welcomed guest instrumentalists to enhance their choral offerings. Highlights include hearing our

sopranos/altos, and tenors/basses featured in their own anthems in October and November, Magnificat with Shelli Traskovksi on clarinet for Advent 3, the return of our handbell choir on Advent 4, and our annual Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve.

The choral soloist roster has seen some changes over the last year. This year, we bid farewell to Chris Donlevy and Nicki LeGrand as they pursued opportunities to further their careers. In September, we welcomed Lorenz Sarrondo to the choir as our new tenor soloist. The other soloists – Fred Cross, Paul Forget, Nolan Kehler, Judy Oatway, Susanne Reimer and Sarah Witiuk will all continue on into 2023.

Church services continue to be recorded and uploaded to the church's YouTube channel. A special thank you to Tyler Craddock and Fred Cross for their expert sound & recording skills which have allowed us to be seen and heard online for every service.

We are looking forward to the 2023 church year, with even more choral singing!

Respectfully submitted,

***Sarah Witiuk***

*Soprano Soloist / Member-At-Large, Church Council*

***Katy Harmer***

*Music Director*

### **Senior Youth Report**

No report submitted.

**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**St Andrew's River Heights United Church**  
**Sunday, February 27, 2022 11:30am via Zoom**

1. Call to order (11:34am) and declaration of quorum-Anne Grewar
  - Quorum of (36) expected. Quorum achieved.
  
2. Election of meeting chair and secretary
  - Moved by Kathy Knowles, Seconded Rob Siddall, that Anne Grewar be elected Chair of the meeting and that Lisa Richards be elected Secretary. All in favour.
  
3. Opening prayer and time of remembrance- Rev. Karen Lumley
  - List of those who are remembered: David Drybrough, Janice Burke, Darlene Hay, Roger Jubinville, Michael Koots, Doreen Morrow, Eleanor Siddall, Pat Richtik, Helen Fearn, Joyce Barber, Robert Cleland, Peggy Phillips, Gordon McDiarmid, Bruce Holland & Judi Broeska
  
4. Motion allowing adherents to vote
  - Moved by Michael Duncan, Seconded by Glenn Neufeld. All in favour.
  
5. Acceptance of minutes of AGM, February 28, 2021
  - Moved by Bill Craddock, Seconded by Bernard Boland. All in favour.
  
7. Report of the chair of the church council- Anne Grewar
  - Anne presented the report of the Chair (found in the Annual Report 2021).

a) Introduction of the Church Council

Rob Siddall

Lisa Richards

Bill Craddock

Michael Duncan

Sarah Witiuk

Kathy Knowles

Glenn Neufeld

Rev. Karen Lumley

## 8. Foundation report- Paul Webster

- Paul Webster presented the foundation report (found in the Annual Report 2021).

## 9. Finance report- Bill Craddock

### a) Independent reviewer's statement

- This has been distributed, it will be attached to the eblast, and is on the website. It is a favourable report.

### b) Finance Interest Group

- Bill Craddock presented the treasurer's report (found in the Annual Report 2021).
- Bill Craddock added that \$35,000 from the Foundation will help achieve a balanced budget.

### c) Approval of 2022 budget

- Moved by Rob Siddall, Seconded by Carol Neufeld. All in favour.

## 10. Nominations-Glenn Neufeld

- Nominations are as follows:
  - Rob Siddal as our new Chair
  - Anne Grewar, Bill Craddock, Lisa Richards, Sarah Witiuk, Michael Duncan, Kathy Knowles and Glenn Neufeld as Council members
  - Rita Swan as our representative for Prairie to Pine
- Vote to elect the nominees above. All in favour.

## 11. Other business

- Rita Swan shared her experience of her Lay Worship leader course. She thanked the council and congregation for their support throughout her journey. A big thank you to Rev. Karen for her support and guidance, and to Fred Cross, Iris MacKay, Bill Muir, Vinny Ashton, Kay and Gord Shawcross for providing feedback. She is waiting to be interviewed for lay ministry and support.
- Katy Harmer introduced two musical pieces, one that she composed to use as a benediction for upcoming services in March.

## 13. Expressions of appreciation (video with choir music)

To all who have made church possible this past year.

- Karen Lumley for her moral guidance and leading by example
- Bill Craddock for his dedication in managing St Andrew's finances
- Charlotte Lindsay, our office manager and tech support
- Charlotte Lindsay and Michael Cuthbert for their professional recording and editing of the services
- Glenn Neufeld for his leadership with the return to in-person services
- Derek Morphy who ensured singers, soloists were available for each service
- The Music Director Search Committee.
- Katy Hamer who continues to showcase quality music at our church
- Wes Elias, our organist and pianist
- Tyler Craddock on the soundboard
- Soloists and Singers: Sarah Witiuk, Fred Cross, Chris Donlevy, Paul Forget, Nolan Kehler, Heather Kozak, Nikki LeGrand, Judith Oatway, Suzanne Reimer, Diane Wreford
- Colleen Watters who arranges readers each week
- Ruth Mackenzie who ensures everyone is signed in and Covid protocols are followed
- David Wreford who opens the church when needed
- Rita Swan who was a student in the lay workshop leadership program for her contributions
- Jan and Evan Demeduk for their contributions with the children and youth Christian education
- Allison Koots for her work coordinating the sale of wreaths
- Jeff Kramer for his efforts maintaining the building
- Greg Fearn and the Stewardship group for this year's campaign
- Fellowship group for re-inventing the cookie walk, and Meals on Wheels for delivering food to those at home
- Gord Shawcross and John Swan for going above and beyond the call of duty, and to all the members of the Property Committee for the hands-on work they do
- The interest groups who continue to work behind the scenes in different ways
- The members of the Church Council, a small but efficient group who have many gifts they voluntarily share, along with their hard work and dedication
- All the members of the congregation for continuing to participate in the Sunday services in many different ways



- The volunteers who phone members to check in with them
  - The many volunteers who give freely of their time throughout the year
  - A final big thank you to Anne Grewar, our Chair of Church Council for 3 years.
- Throughout it all Anne has led council through the many challenges over the last few years, organizing meetings, chairing and dealing with many issues that have come up during this time. We express our sincere thanks and gratitude!

#### 14. Closing prayer and adjournment - Karen Lumley

- Meeting adjourned at 12:13pm

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