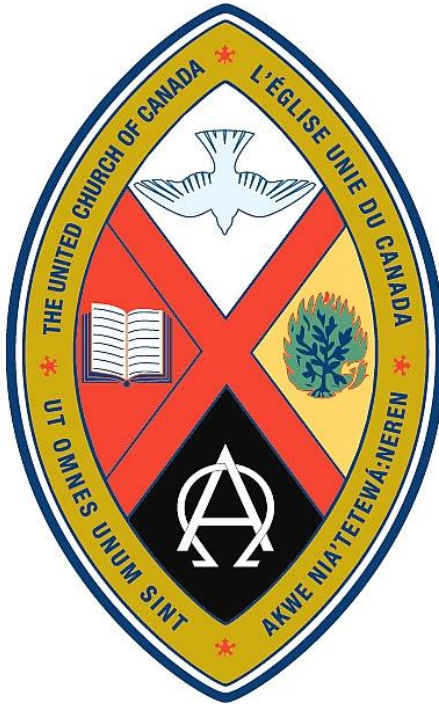


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MISSION STATEMENT

"To be an open, loving community
committed to following Jesus Christ.
We seek to live out our mission by:
Celebrating in worship
Sharing our gifts
Praying for one another
Inviting and including all people
Serving others locally and globally."

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Some of you may remember the television commercials for Quality Milk that ran around 2013. The one I remember the most begins with a scene of a home in suburbia and a couple clearing out a room over the garage. Once it is empty, they proceed to redecorate it with horrible yellow wallpaper, hung crooked, and with ugly table lamps. They mix patterns and colours, to give the room a horribly unwelcome look. The icing on the cake though is a very large moose head hung above the bed. The next scene is of a family, mom, dad, and grown son, eating dinner. The only words spoken are by the son, "Mom, Dad, I love what you did to my room". The punch line: if you want your kids to leave home, stop cooking with cheese.

Cheese can be a special part of one's diet if lactose isn't a problem for you. In the book, *Who Moved My Cheese?* Dr. Spencer Johnson uses cheese and characters that love it, to demonstrate how what we want in life and the ways we look for it may affect how we deal with change. These cheese loving characters run around a maze to get to what they want most, cheese. However, they are faced with an unexpected change in the maze and their cheese is not where it usually is. They all struggle with this change but when one finally figures out how to deal with it they write what they have learned on the wall for others to see. Once the others see the "writing on the wall" they too get to enjoy less stress and more success.

Change has been all around us this year. Binkley United Church, who had come to "Nest" with us while their property on Main St. was redeveloped, asked us instead to strike up a conversation about an amalgamation. We began this process early in 2022 and have an agreement that will be presented for our congregations to vote on in the next little while. We also began to talk to Knox Presbyterian about forming a Shared Ecumenical Ministry in December of 2021. Over the course of this past year, we continued this conversation and now worship together each week and have an agreement that we will vote on at our annual meeting.

We have changed our time of worship, our staff make up, how we cover readers, and serve coffee after church. All of these things may change again...who knows.

There has been some running around as we look for what we want and can't find it in the mazes of the SEM and the Amalgamation processes. We have also had to figure out how to incorporate each other's styles and sacred practices. Oh, and did I mention hymns!

It has been an interesting and challenging year, but as we came to the close of 2022 it seems we will find our cheese. All these conversations and processes have helped us understand who we are as a community and prioritize what we must do to get what we want. That being, a vibrant, active community of faith that lives out the gospel to further God's kin'dom here on earth. We have learned plenty and whatever the outcome, we can use it to help other communities. For the processes we have been a part of, are becoming the norm as faith communities of all kinds, seek ways to survive declining attendance and givings and live into the future.

Respectfully,
Rev. Peg



Hello everyone!

Another busy and event-filled year. So many steps forward for three communities of faith!

The year has had its struggles, emotional, political, and a huge amount of hard work.

Witness all of the folk working behind this Annual Report!

It feels warm inside to get to know each other in a deeper way. It feels good to trust God leading us toward something we need not in this moment totally envision.

As we take the next step of finalizing the Shared Ecumenical Ministry with Knox, as we complete amalgamation plans with Binkley, let us take time to acknowledge and celebrate the Spirit moving among us. Let us really try to see God in the eyes, the hands, the laughs and the controversy that we encounter. Together we weave a new community....may we three become one!

What about you?

Whether you choose to watch for now with keen interest....

***Whether you are trying out new roles, stepping up to the plate in new ways,
getting to love new folk....***

Whether you are deep in the thick of the details of the process...

Thank you for being you!



FOR your hands that work willingly...



FOR your mind that comes to the table with enthusiasm and openness...



FOR your heart that so passionately yearns that God's will to be done in this place...

Blessings,

Barbara Williams (Chair)

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

This year has been one of change, endings and beginnings. We began 2022 with pandemic restrictions so the Spiritual Leadership Team met via Zoom. Worship services were on line and we thank the efforts of Peg Turner for pivoting once again. It is much more time consuming to pull together on line worship and we appreciate all the efforts of our Minister, Director of Music, Scripture Readers, Administrative Assistant, Audio/Tech volunteers and all who helped make on line worship happen. We continued to celebrate Communion in our homes and connect with one another virtually.

In February, Paul Fayter led us in worship on Darwin Sunday and showed us the connection between Science and Religion. He acted as an excellent guide as we took a history walk through the Middle Ages. Alison Slaats also led us in worship in February and again in May with A History of Hymns service.

In March, we began to transition from on line to in person worship. We enjoyed a joint on line service with Knox and Alison Slaats and the Choir presented a Lenten Lessons and Carols service. Peg continued to lead us on line and then in person during Lent.

In the Spring, we said good-bye to the Faith, Rattle and Soul program. Wrapping up this program allows us to explore new opportunities and possibilities. The musical instruments have been donated to a Hamilton School who will make good use of them.

In April, we celebrated the Easter season with Palm Sunday and Good Friday services. On Easter we offered a sunrise service as well as our traditional Easter worship service. Later in April, The Caring Kitchen Team led us in worship. Our guest speaker from The Raw Carrot, shared the story of their non-profit soup enterprise that helps those on disability gain skills and employment through soup making. Our Communities of Faith had a chance to purchase and sample some tasty soup, with the added benefit of supporting the work of The Raw Carrot.

We continue to share worship with our friends from Binkley United. In May, Binkley approached St. Mark's about amalgamating our congregations. We are now in the process of following the steps that will lead us in joining together. What a journey!

In June, we celebrated the Confirmation of three young people, a Tree of Life Service for three longtime St. Mark's members and Pentecost. Brian Snell was a guest preacher for one Sunday and Norene Anderson offered her talents on the piano. We ended the year sharing a joint, outdoor worship service with Knox.

Over the summer months we participated in joint worship with Binkley, Knox, St. Mark's, Copetown and Jerseyville. In August we said good bye to our St. Mark's Music Director Alison Slaats and Wilma Doel from Knox will continue in the role of Music Director for the immediate future.

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (continued)

The work of the Shared Ecumenical Ministry task group continues. Plans to hire an Audio-Visual individual, who would run the slides, camera and audio were initiated. In September, we welcomed Tony Bifano to this role. In the fall, the SEM group recommended that we move to joint worship with Knox and the blending of our various Teams. The rest of this report will now fall under the Faith Formation Team of Binkley, Knox and St. Mark's. This has truly been a year of change, beginnings and endings!

Respectfully submitted, Fran Elliot.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Binkley, Knox and St. Mark's

In September, Binkley, Knox and St. Mark's met together for our first joint worship meeting. We welcomed Peg Turner (Minister of St. Mark's), Penny Garrison (Minister of Knox), Wilma Doel (Music Director), Leslie Powers (Knox), Barb Clark (Knox), Brian Snell (Binkley), Norene Anderson (Binkley), Helen Coon (St. Mark's), Barb Burns (St. Mark's), Barb Wood (St. Mark's), Jan Park (St. Mark's), Fran Elliot (St. Mark's). There was representation from all three congregations but as we move forward it is our hope that we will operate as one group representing us all.

We provided feedback about September worship services to Peg and Penny, determined some order of service items and communion routines. A date was selected for a St. Mark's Church Tour and Brian Snell, Wilma Doel and Norene Anderson offered coverage for monthly services at The Georgian, Wentworth Lodge and Queen's Garden.

At our November meeting, Fran Elliot accepted the position of Chair and Norene Anderson accepted the position of Recording Secretary. Plans were made for a Christmas Cantata led by Wilma and the Choir, a November Stewardship Campaign led by Kevin Elliot, services for Advent and Christmas were finalized. Peg informed us of some grant monies that are available for a wide range of church needs and the Worship Team will be investigating this further. Helen Coon continues to promote the Hospitality Teams and keeps us updated. Her hope and ours is that we can return to in person Coffee Hours when it is safe to do so. We thank Helen for her leadership and passion for Hospitality.

In December, we said goodbye to our Knox minister, Penny Garrison. Although Penny has earned her retirement, it is with great sadness that we say farewell. Penny faithfully led Knox through the process of determining their future and closing their church building but encouraged and supported their desire to take the plunge and begin the journey of Shared Ecumenical Ministry with St. Mark's. Her voice, wisdom and guidance will be missed.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM (continued)

In January we welcomed Rev. Dr. Ian McPhee, Transitional Minister for Knox. We look forward to working with Ian and benefitting from his many years of experience.

Worship plans are in place for January and February. Rev. Dr. Paul Fayter is working on gathering interested people who want to examine and discuss various Women of the Bible in a limited series. Peg and Ian are working on developing Lenten passport activities that involve St. James, Binkley, Knox and St. Mark's.

The Worship Team is working on installing a Smart T.V. in the McCullough Room for adults and children who need a quiet space. The service can be livestreamed so that people can still connect with the worship service. A small subcommittee has been formed to look at the Audio-Visual needs of our church and come up with a grant proposal that would help to cover significant costs. Grant monies are available through the Presbytery of the United Church.

As we move forward, the Worship Team is also looking at Coffee Hours and how we can bring the traditions of Binkley, Knox and St. Mark's together and offer hospitality and a chance to really get to know one another.

Wilma Doel our Music Director, is planning for Holy Week culminating with an Easter Cantata.

Pastoral Care is working with Peg and Ian to determine the best way to meet the needs of each church. Barb Wood leads the St. Mark's Team and is looking forward to working with the leadership from Binkley and Knox.

Christian Education for youth continues to be a challenge. We continue to offer a children's corner at the front of the Sanctuary and time during the worship service for the Young and Young at Heart. This year thanks to Gail Poole, we had a Gingerbread Contest and enjoyed the marvelous ingenuity of people of all ages!

As we transition forward with Knox and Binkley, we head into new territory. We don't know exactly what our future will look like but as long as we keep listening to one another, making decisions that are in the best interests of all and trusting that God is with us on this journey, we will continue to forge ahead with hope, gratitude and determination. We pray the best is yet to come!

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Elliot, Chair of the Faith Formation Team (Worship, Pastoral Care and Christian Education)

HOSPITALITY TEAMS

To say our Churches have been ‘humming’ this past year is an understatement. I will report only on Hospitality Teams even though I would like to write more about others.

Suffice it to say, Binkley, Knox and St. Mark’s have been working hard over this past year to be able to accommodate everyone. A huge task and thank you to all those involved in coming to decisions for our future.

Hospitality Teams are making changes as well. It has become increasingly difficult to carry out some of the responsibilities that has been second nature to St. Mark’s over the years.

Prior to the name change, we were the Hospitality Houses, and have been functioning well since 2016. However, along with a new year, we will see several changes. There will be a sign-up sheet for scripture readers. The Ministers will post the readings well in advance for folks to make a reading commitment. We are confident this will work well.

Greeters from the three churches have been very co-operative in following our guidelines. This will be continued, as in the past.

Looking forward to a new year filled with joy and positivity. Thank you to all who participated in reading and greeting over the year. It has been a blessing to get to know so many lovely, caring folks.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Coon
Co-Ordinator Hospitality Teams

PASTORAL CARE

The pastoral care team members in 2022 were Vin Barr, Yarmie Dingle, Barbara Wood and Reverend Peg Turner. This dedicated team spent many hours over the past year on the telephone, keeping in touch, mitigating isolation and offering care, support and prayers to those in our faith community who were living at home, in LTC settings and retirement residences. Personal visits in care settings were made when possible, however still affected by the limits imposed by the enduring Covid pandemic. The card ministry continued with over 35 cards sent. At Christmas a gift of cookies was delivered to some seniors and those in care settings. In conjunction with the Caring Kitchen and monthly Community Dinner program we were able to package and deliver 90 delicious and nutritious meals this year to individuals at home. These meals are very much appreciated by their recipients.

The Tree of Life service was held in June in the sanctuary immediately following worship. Rev Peg led a service of dedication of the memorial leaves in honour of three individuals who passed on in 2021/22. A particularly meaningful part of the service was the remembrances spoken by family and friends in attendance.

Many people in our church family share in the work of pastoral care and we acknowledge and thank them for their actions. We look forward to this continuing in 2023 and to developing joint ministry with those involved in pastoral care from Binkley and Knox.

Submitted by Barbara Wood

PASSAGES

Deaths

Alisa Ernst
Daniel Ciarniello
Douglas Fildey
Irene Maxwell
Averil Thompson
Robert Ellis
Helen Lenard
Roger Fenton
Margaret Harris
Dorothy Kuik
Fred & Evelyn Scobie
Grant Ottmann

Marriages

Jennifer Hampson & John Cooper

New Members by Confirmation

Sarah Murray
Hayley Murray
Elizabeth Stevenson

New Members by Transfer of Membership

Bill & Jan Park
Mary Lou Collett

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Members	96	94	94
Inactive Members	44	44	44
Adherents	72	51	46
Households	117	107	105
Deaths	13	1	6
Baptisms	0	0	0
Marriages	1	4	0

THE BOOK GROUP

This year St. Mark's Book Group has met on the second Monday of each month, including July and August, via Zoom or in person at the church at 7:30 pm, and sometimes outside in the courtyard when the weather cooperated. In October because Thanksgiving Day always takes precedence, we met on the third Monday.

Our numbers fluctuate each year due to changes in life's circumstances and we have always been pleased to welcome newcomers, as space permits. In 2022 we were a group of 17 people, seven of whom are not otherwise connected to St. Mark's community of faith. Between 12 and 16 of us came together regularly for discussion of a specific book, facilitated by a group member. Our choices are made annually as a group in April and are usually titles available from the Hamilton Public Library. Whenever we can, we make use of book kits provided by the Library. These contain 12 copies of a book plus notes useful for the group leader. Otherwise, we are responsible for obtaining our own copy of the book selected for a given month.

2022 marked the beginning of our 17th season. Once again this year, we invited

the author of one of our selections to join us for a discussion of their book. Denise Davy, former journalist with The Hamilton Spectator, spoke with us via Zoom about her book, ***Her Name was Margaret: Life and Death on the Street***. We learned much about the precariously-housed sleeping rough on our city streets and were moved to support a Hamilton-based project called *Purses for Margaret*. It provides vulnerable women with safe access to gently-used purses filled with hygiene necessities.

This is a list of all the titles we read and discussed in 2022:

- ❖ **Her Name was Margaret: Life and Death on the Street**
 - Denise Davy
- ❖ **Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking**
 - Susan Cain
- ❖ **How to Pronounce Knife**
 - Souvankham Thammavongsa
- ❖ **Death is But a Dream: Finding Hope and Meaning at Life's End**
 - Christopher Kerr MD, PhD
- ❖ **American Dirt**
 - Jeanine Cummins
- ❖ **23 Things You May Not Know about the Indian Act**
 - Bob Joseph
- ❖ **Unsettling Canada: A National Wake-up Call**
 - Arthur Manuel & Grand Chief Ronald M. Derricksen
- ❖ **Unreconciled: Family, Truth and Indigenous Resistance**
 - Jesse Went
- ❖ **It Was Dark There All The Time: Sophia Burthen and the Legacy of Slavery in Canada**
 - Andrew Hunter
- ❖ **Blaze Island**
 - Catherine Bush
- ❖ **The Island of Missing Trees**
 - Elif Shafak
- ❖ **The Promise**
 - Damon Galgut

THE BOOK GROUP (continued)

This not-so-small group has been meeting since the fall of 2006 and we have welcomed regular members, listeners and visitors with an interest in a particular book. Our numbers have now increased again and we celebrate this ever-growing interest in our discussions. We also recognize that it is perhaps time to consider whether there is sufficient momentum to start a second book group. If you would like to discuss this possibility, please contact Rob Pond or me to share your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Bartalos

THE PHOENIX GROUP

Before Covid the Phoenix group would meet on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, October and December in the Fireside Room. Most members had been hard working church women for many years, who enjoyed an opportunity to gather for a social time over the lunch hour and into the afternoon. Our usual practice was to have a speaker or activity planned by two volunteer hosts, who also provided dessert and beverages.

We asked each member for dues of \$5.00 per meeting and also received funds from funeral receptions. As a group we made decisions on how best to disburse our funds to support our church and other worthy causes. Our objective has always been to donate funds rather than hold them.

As in past years, we were asked by the Ellen Osler House to donate Christmas gifts for its twelve residents and the three women in satellite apartments. These are women who have served prison sentences and are in the process of reintegrating into society. We agreed to donate \$25.00 gift certificates to each woman, but because we had not met, there were insufficient funds. However, an email request to Phoenix Group members elicited a generous response so that we needed only \$50 from our bank account to raise the necessary \$375.

We were saddened to lose three formerly active members of the group in the past year, Averil Thompson, Margaret Harris and Evelyn Scobie. Members are aging and less able to actively participate. We are hopeful that there might be an opportunity to amalgamate with existing women's groups from Binkley and/or Knox churches in the coming year. That way we would be able to continue to meet and work together for the benefit of all.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Young, recorder

OUTREACH TEAM

Last year you read about us as the LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/MISSION TEAM. Under our 2022 governance document, we are now the OUTREACH TEAM. Our mandate remains care for and about our neighbours. We seek and support just solutions for challenges encountered by the disadvantaged and the marginalized in our community, our city, our country and our global village.

In May we began working with the Community Outreach Team of Knox Dundas under the direction of Gail Poole. Together we participated in Wesley's Case for Kids, and were pleased that Binkley members were keen to join us. In November, we offered support to Knox's invitation to local artist Danute Niton to speak about her book, *My Walks of Art*, and to Knox's annual event that had families decorating gingerbread houses a few weeks before Christmas. In December we all worked together in support of Wesley's Holiday Hamper program. We are also all enjoying Wednesday Walks (and Talks!) in the Park.

Throughout 2022 the Outreach Team continued our efforts in four focus areas:

- Food Security - community dinners, community gardens, the local food bank, the Blessings Box, and working with the Caring Kitchen Committee
- Climate Action - the pollinator garden, seed library and working with our Climate Action Advocate and the Green Committee
- Indigenous Matters - hearing the stories of our Indigenous neighbours and finding our way toward reconciliation
- Wesley Urban Ministries' work on behalf of the disadvantaged in our city

Our Team has four key members, each with responsibility for a focus area in which they are particularly interested. In addition we have continued learning about and supporting (\$11,000 in donations) the Mission and Service of The United Church of Canada and of the Association of Dundas Churches (ADC).

Elsewhere in this Annual Report you can read of the work of **Fran Elliot** and the **Caring Kitchen Committee** who oversee all things kitchen related. In particular, they have done a wonderful job of insuring our community guests have a generous take away meal on the first Monday of every month. We are grateful for all their hard work and to the team of community dinner volunteers from all three congregations who faithfully support this outreach program. Thanks too to each of you for your monthly donation to the Dundas Food Bank on our Food Bank Sunday.

We encouraged 6th Dundas Venturers who built and installed a Blessings Box beside the church's lower parking lot in May 2022. It operates like a mini food bank; anyone can take from it the food that they need or leave a donation of food for others. The project is promoted regularly through social media and a distribution of flyers. The entire 6th Dundas Scouting family are encouraged to donate items for the Box and two Vents, now Rovers, clean the Box monthly and will pick up donations. This has been a learning experience for the youth, who researched the idea, planned and learned how to build with wood and to paint the Box. They are currently considering the addition of plexi-glass doors and improvement to the signage. Their next task will be fund raising for the necessary materials. Well done!

From Norma Young, St. Mark's Climate Action Advocate

The Pollinator Border thrived despite the heat and lack of rain this summer, attracting bees and butterflies to do their job. Unfortunately weeds also thrived, so Annice Agard, Sandy Root, Dorothy Bartalos and Norma Young, members of the Green Team, met to weed it on June 21. Sandy had previously sprayed the weeds with vinegar to keep them down, and later installed a roll of black cloth between the border and the Community Gardens to inhibit further encroachment. This will be covered by mulch in the spring.

The Public was invited to an Educational Event to learn about Pollinator Plants on September 24. Deborah Boyd and Anne Mette Pederson told those in attendance how to prepare a pollinator garden and which plants to use. Then plants were added to our border and some existing plants were staked.

On October 22, with the cooperation of Scouter Ed Bisbee, a leader with the 6th Dundas Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, another educational event was held to show their members our pollinator border and emphasize the importance of bees and butterflies in propagating plants. It had always been our intention to involve youth, who will be most impacted by Climate Change, and we are grateful to Ed and Anne for their help with this.

Norma has also been a faithful supporter of the activities of the Association of Dundas Churches' Climate Action Team in their advocacy for the protection of the environment.

From Rob Pond: Indigenous Matters

We have continued during the past year to focus some attention on the "truth" portion of the Truth and Reconciliation report and journey that we in Canada have barely begun. We are seeking ways to recognize the fact that Indigenous peoples have lived on this land, using the land acknowledgement as a reminder of this fact and of their care and respect for nature. We attempt to keep the land acknowledgement meaningful and thoughtful, and not simply another ritual.

We have begun what we hope will become a series of documentaries and discussions on Indigenous issues, and are planning to continue what small steps we can take towards a more meaningful journey of reconciliation.

Thanks to the initiative of Rev. Peg, we celebrated Orange Shirt Day in September, and recently attended a Grandmothers' Tea with our Indigenous neighbours.

From Jan Park, St. Mark's Wesley Contact Representative

- 1. Wesley celebrated the opening of the Riverdale Childcare Centre and EarlyON Drop In Centre to service families with young children living in the east end of Hamilton.*
- 2. We had a great turnout for the Case for Kids Walk in June. The Binkley/Knox/St. Mark's Awesome Walking Team collected over \$11,000 to be used for important child and youth programming in Hamilton.*
- 3. Thanks to all who responded so generously to the collection of food, gifts and money in support of the Wesley Holiday Hamper Program this year.*
- 4. Not only does Wesley continue to serve the homeless and people living in poverty in Hamilton but also a big part of its mandate is to help integrate government assisted refugees coming to Hamilton from Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, African countries and other areas suffering from conflict and environmental upheaval.*
- 5. Recent news has informed us that Don Seymour, the Executive Director of Wesley Urban Ministries has resigned effective March 3, 2023 to accept a new position.*

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Bartalos

THE CARING KITCHEN TEAM

As we began 2022, the ongoing Covid, flu and respiratory virus situation continues to affect many activities..... but we have not let it stop us from continuing to provide weekly dinners to those in our Community who need a nutritious meal. Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, our chef Valeria, guest chefs, the Caring Kitchen Team, our partner churches and the hub that operates out of St. James, we continue to provide Take Away meals on Mondays of each and every month. What a marvelous accomplishment!

Throughout the fall of 2021 and into 2022, our three Communities of Faith (Binkley, Knox and St. Mark's) have worked together to provide dinner on the first Monday of each month. As we got to know one another, two new members joined the Caring Kitchen Team. In September, we welcomed Gail Poole from Knox and Brigitte Clarke from Binkley so we now have representatives from all three churches working towards the shared goal of feeding our community.

In January 2022 The Caring Kitchen Team began to meet in person, following the Health guidelines to plan the menus and organize our volunteers. Over the course of the year we had many volunteers lead us in the kitchen. Thanks to Valeria who leads us on an every other month basis and shares her cooking expertise with us. Thanks also to everyone who has helped with food preparation, whether at home or in the church kitchen and those who purchase items or deliver meals.

In April, The Caring Kitchen led the worship service and our theme was food. After several postponements, we were finally able to welcome Elena Haskell from The Raw Carrot. During worship, Elena told us about this non - profit social enterprise that works out of a Paris church and employs people on Social Disability. The Raw Carrot makes delicious home -made soup and St. Mark's supported this organization by purchasing a whopping \$1200.00 worth of soup!

In May, we honoured all of our volunteers by acknowledging their efforts in many areas and presented each volunteer with a carnation as a token of our gratitude.

Later in May, the Coordinators of the Community Dinners from St. James, St. Paul's, Dundas Baptist, Grace Valley, Knox and St. Mark's met to share information and determine if we were ready to return to indoor dining. The consensus of the group was we were not ready and we would continue with Take Away meals. We would meet again in the fall to re-access.

In August, the Coordinators met again and decided to continue serving Take Away meals out of St. James. In September, The Caring Kitchen Team polled our volunteers about returning to in person dining. Most indicated that they were not ready and we connected with the other Coordinators via email and our partner churches determined once again to stick with Take Away meals.

CARING KITCHEN (continued)

In December, thanks to a couple of anonymous donors and a grant from the organization 55+, our partner churches were able to give each community diner a \$25.00 gift card for groceries in December. We determined that we will be able to do this again at Easter time thanks to the monies remaining. There were some happy faces with this unexpected gift. We would also like to thank Helen Coon, June Boyter and Wilma Doel for preparing some cards and treats to tuck in with the Binkley/Knox/St. Mark's December meal.

The Caring Kitchen Team continues to keep the kitchen in good working order, along with our appreciated partners on the Property Team. One of our goals is to do our part in being a "green" church by recycling/composting what we can, using mugs or glasses instead of plastic and not purchasing Styrofoam or bottled water. These are small steps but important ones.

We have many behind the scene volunteers who quietly work away and are essential to our outreach work. We would like to acknowledge Barb Wood for preparing the monthly Pastoral Care meals that go out to members who need one, Martin Knyf who turns on and off the ovens and who regularly checks the to do list posted by the Kitchen Storage Room as well as the kitchen appliances, Dorothy Bartalos who organizes the volunteers with great skill and reliability and Binkley who generously donated many containers of dishwasher detergent for use in our kitchen. All of these people have had to handle unexpected changes or glitches and pivoted successfully. They do us all proud and we owe them are gratitude and thanks.

Lastly, I would like to thank the wonderful people I work with on The Caring Kitchen Team: Barb Burns, Gail Poole, Brigitte Clarke, Vin Barr, Norma Young, Aurora Kewley and Dorothy Bartalos. What on earth would I do without you hardworking folk??!! I count you among the many blessings of our faith community.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Elliot.

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Ministry and Personnel Committee acts under the guidelines of The Manual of The United Church of Canada. The Committee functions consists of three roles; the consultative and supportive role, the healthy relationships role, and the supervisory role. Your M&P committee provides resources and support for the staff and the community of faith with respect to any issue affecting staff of our church, include ministry personnel and lay employees. The committee works to build positive and trusting relationships between staff and members and adherents of the community of faith.

Should members of the congregation have praise or concerns about staff, both ministry personnel and lay employees, these can be shared in signed correspondence with the committee. The issues will be considered confidentially by the M&P committee, who will recommend action if necessary.

St. Mark's United Church is blessed with staff who are committed to their work and we are thankful for their dedication to this community of faith.

Ministry and Personnel Committee has been very busy behind the scenes in 2022-2023;

April 2022 Review and update to Music Director Position Description

Salary changes and position description – review and approved by Board

June 2022 Development of Position Description for new position of Audio-Visual Technician

Candidate search, interviewing and selection of new Audio-Visual Technician Tony Bifano. Tony continues to work with his volunteer audio- visual team to enhance our service experience and helps elevate and grow our on line presence

October 2022 M&P proposal to the Board to increase the membership of M&P and the requirement multi congregation representation on M&P. Proposal approved and nomination of new Members completed.

Completion for the Board of Annual Salary and Benefit Adjustments.

November 2022

M&P Goal Setting 2022

- Continue to be current of issues related to COVID -19 in consideration of ministry personnel, lay staff and community of faith and provide support and leadership as needed.

- Conduct staff annual reviews
- Review job descriptions annually and adjust as needed
- Recruit and hire staff as required. Example: Audio Visual Technician
- Support as required the work of “The Shared Ecumenical Ministry” with Knox Presbyterian and St. Mark’s United. The role of M&P in this work involves support with the following:
 - a) Strengthen and reinforce our leadership and ministries in bringing our communities together
 - b) to be Stewards of our **human** resources
 - c) to support staff in the context of a shared Ecumenical Agreement: Music Director, Office Administrator, Custodian, (New) Audio Visual Technician

Dec 2022 M&P took this opportunity to organize the committee into the following staff Liaison Roles: Brian Snell – Ministry Staff
 Annice Agard- Music Personnel
 Barb Agar- Office Administration Personnel
 Maureen Kitson – Chair, Contract Personnel
 M&P has a standing meeting time of the 3rd Thursday of every month at 1 pm. Meetings are called upon by digression of Chair.
 Ongoing work to update all position descriptions and annual review interview tool and schedule said reviews.
 Preparation and notice of Minister Peg’s change to call and community of faith approval to move to full time.

Your M&P Committee will continue to support the Community of Faith with aspects of change management by providing a channel for praise and concerns arising from Shared Ecumenical Agreements and offer support through transitional times.

Presently serving on your M&P Committee is **Annice Agard, Brian Snell, Barb Agar** and **Maureen Kitson** (Chair). The committee has new dedicated members and the hope and request of your M&P Committee is an increase of at least two new members to add to this group. This will result in a robust M&P Committee to assist the community of faith moving forward in 2023 with increased “bench strength” to provide great representation in order to support all staff members going forward.

M&P is looking forward with excitement to our consultative and supportive role for 2023-2024.

Maureen Kitson

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

St. Mark's Special Events Committee resumed some activity in 2022. Our fundraising events were successful – both as opportunities to work with new friends from Binkley and Knox AND as worthwhile fundraisers.

Many people worked hard to organize and conduct our Garage Sale on May 28th. Profit was over \$3400.

Perfect weather contributed to the success of our Cactus Festival Book Sale on August 20th. Profit was over \$1300.

The weather was dreadful on December 3rd as we conducted our DriveThru Cookie Walk. The event was supported by bakers from all of our combined congregations who provided a wonderful assortment of Christmas cookies. We sold 120 boxes of assorted cookies for a profit over \$3000.

These events appear to be appropriate for repetition in 2023. The Special Events Committee will soon meet to discuss 2023 plans. Several suggestions have been received and will be considered.

If you would like to be a member of this Team (Committee) please contact

Donna Wignall at 627-3400 or wignalljd@cogeco.ca.

ASSOCIATION OF DUNDAS CHURCHES

Founded in 1968, the Association of Dundas Churches represents 50-plus years of collegiality and collaboration among the Christian churches in Dundas. Together the churches have established a number of successful projects to benefit the town - Dundas Community Services, the Dundas Food Bank, Community Dinners, Dundas Youth Chaplaincy (Routes) - and they continue their interest in and support for these groups. In 2022 ADC included representatives, both clergy and lay, from eight Dundas area churches plus The Salvation Army, which provides a variety of community and social services and which, with Correctional Services Canada, operates the Ellen Osler Home for women.

ASSOCIATION OF DUNDAS CHURCHES (continued)

Currently chaired by Norma Coe of St. James, the Association meets regularly at 7:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month. Visitors/observers are always welcome. In 2022, COVID continued to have an impact - these monthly meetings were held sometimes via Zoom, and sometimes in person. Several regular programs of ADC, such as the Lenten Lunch series, were cancelled in compliance with health regulations and in the interest of the safety of leaders and participants. With strong support from three of our clergy members, Revs. Peg, Penny and Leslie, the annual Advent Walk was relocated to the Dundas Driving Park and about 200 people walked and worshipped in preparation for the wonders of Christmas Day. Our freewill offering was donated to Dundas Community Services.

ADC continues to make the environment a focus for its work. The Climate Action Team (CAT), chaired by Anne Washington, was established to identify, explore and make recommendations about how we could work together with other already established agencies, on important environmental issues. CAT members attended many webinars and Zoom meetings of Hamilton 350, Action 13, City Council and Hamilton Conservation Authority and other organizations, wrote letters and signed petitions to advocate for specific causes, concern over urban boundary expansion and destruction of the Ancaster wetlands on Garner Road being two ongoing local issues, the preservation of Ontario's Greenbelt and the proposed burning of waste by Carmeuse in Greensville now added to the list.

During 2022, ADC said farewell to the Rev. Penny Garrison of Knox Presbyterian Dundas on her retirement from active ministry. We sent regrets when Rev. Jim Cairney of St. Paul's left on a LOA for health reasons and celebrated his return in late fall. We were pleased to welcome Rev. Leslie Gerlofs of St. James and look forward to meeting Rev. Naomi Kabugi, new to Christ Church Flamborough. We also met Aliza Latta, Location Pastor for Mountainside Church which opened in September.

The Rev. Peg Turner represents St. Mark's at separate meetings of the Dundas Ministerial. As often as possible, we both attend the monthly ADC meetings. Each member church can have two lay representatives to the ADC. For many years, we have had only one. Would you like to join Rev. Peg and me as a guest at the next meeting and give prayerful consideration to accepting this role? Contact us!

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Bartalos

6th DUNDAS SCOUT GROUP

Much like 2021, January 2022 began noticeably the same. Our Beaver Scouts (SK to Grade 2), Cub Scouts (grades 3-5), Scouts (grades 6-9) and Venturers (grades 10-12) began the year with virtual weekly meetings. Our enrollment remained strong with 30 youth and programming solid with a dedicated team of 10 adult and youth volunteers.

By late January, we were back to in-person outdoor meetings. Our sections participated in the Scouts Canada “Claim the Flame Challenge”, a 4 week challenge, where groups across Canada participated in a great winter skills building marathon. The youth needed teamwork, creativity, and ingenuity to tackle each week’s challenge.

In March, many of our sections held hikes, and as restrictions eased again, were able to hold their meetings indoors. Our Beavers had fun making armour, and our Scouts had a visit to the Mountsberg Maple Town.

In April we held our first in person Advancement Ceremony in over 3 years. This is a ceremony where youth in their last year of a section move up to the next section. We held it at the Dundas Driving Park, and celebrated with a campfire and refreshments.

In May, our section meetings continued, with our Cubs working on Leadership Training, and our Venturers working on their Blessing Box project. Several of our youth volunteered some community service time towards the Dundas Rotary Lobster and Ribfest.

With the warm weather at the start of June, several of our Scouts attended Camp Wheeler in the Haliburton area for a Canoe Camp. One of the overall objectives of this event is building competencies for several stages of the Paddling Outdoor Adventure Skills badge. And, of course, it’s a ton of fun!

We wrapped up our regular weekly meetings with a “Scoutabration BBQ”. The well attended event, was a great way to cap off our year, present some awards, and have some fun!

In August, we joined the 1st Dundas Scout Group and marched together in the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade. It was great to get back out in the community and show that Scouting is still alive in Dundas.

September through December brought us back to more of a typical mix of Scouting activities. Co-op Camp in September, Apple Day, All-Section Group Camp in October, Troop First Aid Day, McMaster Planetarium visit, wrapping up the year with Christmas activities in December.

Despite some restrictions on our 2022 activities, we were still able to award 6 of our senior Beavers with their top-section North Star award, Congratulations!

Our fantastic Scouting leadership team, has done an amazing job over the last three years, preparing virtual and in-person meeting plans involving the youth, and allowing them to continue social interaction with their friends in Scouting.

DUNDAS SCOUTS (continued)

Scouting has a very positive impact on the development of our youth. It pushes them outside their comfort zone and helps them learn new life skills. Our continued success is attributable to a program based on the three tenets of the Scouting program, duty to God, duty to others and duty to self. Our focus this past year was Youth led programs with every section getting their Youth more involved in planning and where appropriate running the program.

The 6th Dundas Scout Group would like to thank the staff and congregation of St. Mark's for their sponsorship over the last 9 years, and we look forward to getting involved in the St. Mark's community once again. The ongoing success of the 6th Dundas Scouting Group is in large part due to the support of the St. Mark's community.

Yours in Scouting,

Ed Bisbee

6th Dundas Group Commissioner

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The writer has assumed the role of co-ordinator of this Committee

Serving this past year were Diane & Martin Knyf, Judy Hopkins, Bruce McDougall, and Craig Powers who joined us from Knox Presbyterian during the year and has been a welcome addition. Valeria Ivanecky continues in her staff role as our dependable Custodian.

Property handles the Church maintenance contracts and duties on a year round basis. It is also responsible for Church Rentals and has been the liaison for the Community Garden a joint venture with the Rotary Club of Dundas Valley Sunrise that provides fresh vegetables and fruit in season to local food banks and related organizations.

There were and are a multitude of tasks requiring various levels of expertise and those beyond our ability were attended to by licensed and insured independent contractors.

Our office administrator Jennifer Hampson keeps us updated on any property issues that come to her attention so that we are able to respond as needed to any concerns.

We are doing our best to welcome and respond appropriately to the concerns of our three congregations as they transition into one.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Bannatyne

Report of the TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 2022

The responsibilities of the Trustees are important but limited. Officially, the Trustees hold property for the use and benefit of the congregation and monitor areas such as investments, insurance and property. Their activities are restricted by public statute and the by-laws of the United Church of Canada. They act under direction of the Board of St. Mark's.

At St. Mark's, the Trustees are United Church members who have experience and skills in various areas of church life. They are: Dorothy Bartalos, Ed Mallard (signing authority), Rob Pond, Peg Turner (Minister), Mike Veall (co-chair), Donna Wignall (co-chair with signing authority) and Phil Wood. During 2022 long-time trustee Fred Scobie passed away.

Since our last report in February, 2022, the trustees (a) transferred \$10,000 from investments to the church bank account using an email ballot on April 11, 2022 and (b) agreed to a request of the Church Treasurer to similar transfers of up to \$70,000 at a meeting on May 8, 2022. Not all the \$70,000 was transferred: \$25,000 was transferred on June 3, 2022 and \$15,000 was transferred on December 22, 2022.

In addition, there is also an automatic transaction of \$2831 every quarter to transfer some of the income from the investments to the church bank account.

The church holds its investments with CIBC Wood Gundy and Stephen Palmer is our advisor. When investments need to be sold to accommodate transfers, we follow his advice as to which investments to sell.

On January 17, 2023, church investments were valued at \$359,317. This is a reduction of approximately \$83,000 from January, 2022. The main reason for this reduction are the transfers described above. However, it was also not a good year for the stock market. I calculate the church's rate of return as approximately -4.5% compared to an average Toronto Stock Exchange return over that period of almost -10%. The church's investments are conservative and tend to do not as badly as the TSX in an off year although not as well as the TSX in a good year. For example, in 2021 the average TSX return was just over 20% while the church's investments returned just over 10%.

The current investment portfolio is approximately \$3600 cash, 600 common shares of BCE valued at \$37,830, 490 shares of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce valued at \$28,704, 7306.892 units of Fidelity Tactical Fixed Income Fund FID797 valued at \$54,020 and 12,618.704 shares of Mackenzie Income Fund MFC6133 valued at \$147,904.

In addition, in a separate account, following Mr. Palmer's advice, in late 2020 \$75,000 was invested in a private pool of about 40 highly-diversified stocks. This is a mutual fund type arrangement with an average holding per stock of approximately \$2,000 yet with very low transactions costs. This investment is currently worth \$87,298 of which \$2820 is cash.

Appreciation is extended to Stephen Palmer, Investment Advisor at CIBC Wood Gundy, to Ross Bannatyne, member of the Finance Committee, and to Kevin Elliot, Church Treasurer, for their advice and assistance.

Mike Veall, Co-chair, Trustees, St. Mark's United

St. Mark's United Church
Annual General Meeting for 2021
February 27, 2022

Present: Peg Turner, Barbara Williams, Rob Pond, Rosemary Patak, J. Pringle, Nick Vrkjan, Annice Agard, Vin Barr, Dorothy Bartalos, Barbara Burns, June Boyter, Mary Frost, Linda Wilke, Donna Wignall, Mary Lou Collett, Fran Elliot, Kevin Elliot, Ed Mallard, Marilyn Mallard, Denise Julian, Ruth Lee, Diane Knyf, Joan Robertson, Mike Veall, Deb Fretz, Phil Wood, Barbara Wood, Norma Young

1. Motion: that Barbara Williams be appointed as Chair of the 2021 Annual Meeting of St. Mark's United Church. Dorothy Bartalos, Phil Wood, Carried
2. Motion: that Ruth Lee be appointed as recording secretary for the 2021 Annual Meeting of St. Mark's United Church. Donna Wignall, Barb Wood, Carried
3. Motion: that voting privileges for the 2021 Annual Meeting of St. Marks United church be extended to all those present. Linda Wilke, Fran Elliot, Carried
4. Motion: that the agenda for the 2021 Annual Meeting of St. Mark's United Church be approved as printed in the Weekly Update of Feb 26, 2022. Kevin Elliot, Diane Knyf, Carried.
5. Motion: that the minutes of the April 2, 2021 Annual Meeting of St. Mark's United Church be approved as written. Donna Wignall, Diane Knyf, Carried
6. Business Arising from the Minutes – None, acknowledged by Donna Wignall
7. Prayer of Memoriam – for those who have left us in the previous year. Rev. Peg
8. Committee Reports: Reflections on Spiritual Leadership Team - Rev. Peg
Reflections on Development/Mission Team – Rev. Peg
Reflections on Church Management – Rev. Peg
- Motion: That all written reports, with the exception of the Financial Statements and 2022 budget, contained in the 2021 Annual Report of St. Mark's United Church be received as presented. Fran Elliot, Mike Veall, Carried
9. Motion: that the Financial Statements of St. Mark's United Church for the year ended December 31, 2021 be approved as presented. Kevin Elliot, Diane Knyf, Carried
10. Reading the Names of the Trustees – Donna Wignall
Motion: to accept the Trustees Report: Mike Veall
11. Motion: that the operating budget of St. Mark's United Church for the year ending December 31, 2022 be approved as presented. Kevin Elliot, Donna Wignall, Carried
12. New Business: the shared Ecumenical Ministry Discussion with Knox Presbyterian
Motion: That we ratify the decision to explore an Ecumenical Shared Ministry with Knox Presbyterian. Barb Burns, Diane Knyf, Carried.
13. That the 2021 Annual Meeting of St. Mark's United Church be adjourned. Kevin Elliot.

St. Mark's Congregational Meeting

March 27, 2022, 11:16 am

Those present: Peg Turner, Barbara Williams, David Williams, Rob Pond, Annice Agard, Vin Barr, Dorothy Bartalos, Barbara Burns, Linda Wilke, Donna Wignall, Mary Lou Collett, Fran Elliot, Kevin Elliot, Ed Mallard, Marilyn Mallard, Denise Julian, Aurora Kewley, Ruth Lee, Mike Veall, Deb Fretz, Adam Veall, Phil Ferris, Ron Arner, Helen Coon, Rosemary Brown, Andy Cranbury, Pat Cranbury, Yarmie Dingle, Edith Bisbee, Lawson Bisbee, Phil Wood, Barbara Wood, Norma Young, Jan Park, Bill Park, Barb Agar, Myrna Schaarf, Tim Slaats, Alison Slaats, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant

Rev. Peg welcomed those present, asking for a motion to appoint Barbara Williams as Chair.

Motion: by Barbara Burns and seconded by Donna Wignall. Carried unanimously.

Barbara then called for a motion to name Norma Young as recording secretary. It was moved by Barbara Woods, seconded by Kevin Elliot. Carried.

Barbara then called for a motion. "to allow adherents or everyone present to vote" and was moved by Kevin Elliot and seconded by Donna Wignall.

Chair Barbara Williams proposed the following **Motion:** to approve the expenditure of \$5,576.55 to install streaming equipment, seconded by Phil Wood.

Dorothy Bartalos shared the history of this motion, explaining that the Board had passed a motion to share the cost of the installation of live streaming equipment by Mountain Audio with the Knox congregation, who will be meeting at St. Marks beginning on April 3. The Funds would come out of our Memorial Fund, which currently holds more than \$24,000. Because the cost to St. Mark's exceeded \$5,000, the Constitution requires that the congregation approve it.

Previously a grant was applied for by Debbie Christie to pay for the installation of our current sound system, which was installed by Mountain Audio. They had suggested an option for a future upgrade to streaming capability. During Covid when the church was closed for in person worship. You Tube and Zoom were used to maintain contact with the congregation, and the value of Live Streaming became evident.

Knox had used this system in its church building and wanted to have the equivalent for its worship services at St. Mark's. It has the capability of zooming in on the speaker or the choir as needed, and incorporate videos and the words of hymns, etc. to those watching from home. It is invaluable for weddings and funerals, where guests are able to watch no matter where they live, and at a time of their choosing. There will be sound system improvements and a clearer image. It is user friendly, and Mountain Audio will provide training.

Andy Cranbury asked whether we would have a Technical Team to operate the system. The Board is willing to pay a stipend for this service, and Knox, whose services will be immediately prior to ours, will have it set up.

There were no further questions, so the vote was called, and carried unanimously.

Fran Elliot moved that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Young

Community of Faith Meeting
Of St. Mark's United Church
December 18, 2022
At 11:30 a.m.

Present: Diane Knyf, Bill Park, Lawson Bisbee, Edith Bisbee, Rosemary Brown, Janice Park, Norma Young, Donna Wignall, Mary Lou Collett, Ed Mallard, Marilyn Mallard, Bill Truax, Bonita Truax, Art Heidebrecht, Lavina Barr, Brian Snell, June Boyter, Ed Porter, Ron Lomas, Annice Agard, Myrna Scharf, Tony Bifano, Dave Williams, Mike Veall, Deb Fretz, Norm Flett, Janet Flett, Joan Robertson, Barbara Wood, Philip Wood, Norend Anderson, Bob Bryant, Leona Bryant, Ed Porter, Glenda Kehoe, Brigitte Clarke, Kathy Oullette, Margaret Lomas, Rosemarie Patak, Helen Coon, Deb Eldridge, Ruth Lee, Rob Pond, Barbara Williams, Linda Wilke, Rev. Peg Turner.

Rev. Peg: may I have a motion to name Barbara Williams as chair for this meeting of the St. Mark's community of faith.

Motion by Diane Kynf, seconded by Norene Anderson. Carried

Barbara Williams: May I have a motion to name Ruth Lee as recording Secretary for this meeting.

Motion: by Norma Young seconded: Barb Wood. Carried

Barbara: May I have a motion to allow adherents to vote on matters that pertain to the subject of this meeting.

Motion by Rob Pond, seconded by: Donna Wignall. Carried

Barbara...Explanation for request to increase Rev. Peg Turner to full time.

"As a result of St. Mark's United Church's amalgamation conversations, with Binkley United Church, a Shared Ecumenical Ministry Conversation with Knox Presbyterian Church and the retirement of Rev. Penny Garrison, the Board of St. Mark's United Church decided to change the pastoral relationship between St. Mark's United Church and The Rev. Peg Turner from $\frac{3}{4}$ time to full time as of January 1, 2023.

the following is the motion:

"that the Community of Faith/ St. Mark's United Church confirm the decision of the Board made on October 18, 2022 to change the pastoral relationship between St. Mark's United Church and The Rev. Peg Turner from $\frac{3}{4}$ time to full time as of January 1, 2023."

Motion made by: Barb Agar seconded by: Myrna Scharf

Conversation: (Peg left the room). Carried: yes

the following is the last motion:

"to revise the job description to reflect the new hours and requirements for the current position."

Motion made by Barb Agar.....

seconded by: ...Norene Anderson.....

Conversation

Carried: yes

Barbara: ask for a motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Diane Knyf

FINANCE REPORT

December 31, 2022

Your Finance Committee consists of Ross Bannatyne and myself.

Please refer to the Comparative Income Statement and the Comparative Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 2022.

The net deficit for 2022 was \$6,748.93. This is an improvement of \$62,995 from the deficit projected in the Budget. The main reasons for this improvement are:

1. Total Givings and Fundraisers was \$182,739 which was above budget by \$62,000. This includes Receipted Givings over budget by \$13,000, M&S over by \$2,000, Special Events by \$8,000, \$18,000 over in rent from Knox, \$12,000 over in Miscellaneous Revenue from Binkley and \$4,100 over from Fitness Class Donations.
2. Expenses were below budget by \$3,000. This includes reductions in Finance by \$4,000 and Property by \$1,000.

There were transfers of \$10,000 from the Taafe fund in April and \$25,000 from Investments General in June to cover expected expenses over the summer. In December a further \$15,000 was transferred from Investments General for a year-to-date total of \$50,000. This has allowed us to safely cover the year end payments and maintain a reasonable balance to cover ongoing expenses into early 2023.

If we proceed with the Shared Ecumenical Ministry agreement with Knox, this will allow for sharing of costs and some revenues. This will lead to at least a balanced budget in the new scenario.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Elliot, Treasurer

St Mark's United Church
Comparative Income Statement
For the year ended December 31, 2022
Compared to 2022 Budget and 2023 Budget

	Actual 2022	Budget 2022	Budget 2023
REVENUE			
<u>4000 Givings/Fundraisers</u>			
4100 Receipted Givings	\$113,530.38	\$100,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
4101 Mission & Service Donations	11,021.00	9,000.00	12,000.00
4110 Loose Offerings	973.75	500.00	900.00
4143 Special Events - Garage Sale	\$ 3,492.00	-	\$ 3,500.00
4144 Special Events - Bake Sale	45.50	-	-
4147 Special Events - Cookie Walk	3,060.00	-	3,000.00
4148 Special Events - Book Sale	1,445.95	-	1,400.00
4149 Total Special Events	8,043.45	-	7,900.00
4150 Miscellaneous Revenue	12,855.00	-	24,000.00
4151 Concert Revenue	126.25	-	-
4152 Benevolent Fund	1,393.00	-	1,200.00
4155 Wesley Centre	\$ 150.00	-	\$ -
4156 Food Bank Donations	130.00	-	-
4157 Broadview Donations	900.00	-	-
4299 Total Designated Gifts	1,180.00	-	-
4300 Rent	27,580.00	9,000.00	30,000.00
4301 Fitness Class Donations	5,159.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
4305 Investment Income	5,489.73	-	3,500.00
4311 Community Dinner Donations	907.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
4316 Pollinator Garden	-	-	-
4399 Total Givings/Fundraisers	\$188,259.06	\$120,500.00	\$195,500.00
<u>4400 Investments</u>			
4450 Housing Allowance Transfers	\$ 11,324.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,100.00
4530 Transfer from Maw	-	500.00	500.00
4535 Transfer from Taafe Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
4545 Transfer from Bell Choir Fund	3,378.11	-	-
4599 Total Investment Transactions	\$ 24,702.11	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 15,600.00
<u>4600 Special Donations</u>			
4610 Memorial Donations	\$ 817.98	\$ -	\$ -
4699 Total Special Donations	\$ 817.98	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$213,779.15	\$145,000.00	\$211,100.00

St Mark's United Church
Comparative Income Statement
For the year ended December 31, 2022
Compared to 2022 Budget and 2023 Budget

	Actual 2022	Budget 2022	Budget 2023
EXPENSES			
5100 Worship Committee			
5103 Organ/Piano Maintenance	\$ 332.20	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
5110 Choir Supplies	-	250.00	250.00
5115 Coffee Hour	-	100.00	100.00
5120 Sundry	390.92	900.00	500.00
5125 Audio Visual Equipment	5,919.68	450.00	1,000.00
5130 Bell Choir Expenses	3,378.11	-	-
5199 Total Worship Committee	\$ 10,020.91	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,450.00
5200 Pastoral Care			
5210 Knitting Ministry	\$ 62.84	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
5225 Adult Education	65.56	100.00	100.00
5230 Pew Cards	-	200.00	200.00
5235 Welcome Lunches	16.87	200.00	200.00
5236 Quiet Christmas Service	0.00	250.00	250.00
5240 Cards & Miscellaneous	110.88	100.00	100.00
5299 Total Pastoral Care	\$ 256.15	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5300 Community & World Action			
5303 Mission & Service	\$ 11,021.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
5305 Regional Assessment	5,271.00	5,271.00	6,055.00
5310 Community Outreach	2,533.39	2,500.00	4,000.00
Pollinator Garden	-	-	200.00
5315 Benevolent Fund	1,325.00	-	-
5325 Educational Awareness	100.00	100.00	100.00
5330 Dundas Youth Chaplaincy	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5335 Association of Dundas Churches	125.00	125.00	125.00
5336 Food Bank Expense	130.00	-	-
5340 Fair Trade Product Sales	\$ (26.00)	\$ -	-
5355 Net Fair Trade Project	(26.00)	-	-
5399 Total Community & World Action	\$ 21,479.39	\$ 17,996.00	\$ 23,480.00
5400 Child & Youth Program			
5403 Church School Supplies	\$ 25.33	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
5405 Curriculum & S.S. Set-up	60.00	100.00	100.00
5420 Nursery & Youth Resources	-	600.00	600.00
5425 Faith, Rattle & Soul	-	700.00	-
5499 Total Child & Youth Program	\$ 85.33	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 950.00
5600 Finance			
5603 Salaries	\$101,197.30	\$109,000.00	\$ 110,500.00
5604 Freelance Contracts	4,210.77	-	12,200.00
5606 Benefits - EI	\$ 2,227.68	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,450.00
5607 Benefits - CPP	5,241.36	5,200.00	5,700.00
5608 Benefits - Other	16,542.24	15,900.00	17,700.00
5609 Total Benefits	24,011.28	23,450.00	25,850.00
5611 Minister's Continuing Education	-	100.00	100.00
5615 Pulpit Supply	-	1,120.00	1,120.00
5617 Other Travel & Education	-	500.00	500.00
5625 Office Supplies/Equipment	4,316.66	4,000.00	4,000.00
5635 Ministry & Personnel Expense	225.00	200.00	400.00
5699 Total Finance	\$133,961.01	\$138,370.00	\$154,670.00

St Mark's United Church
Comparative Income Statement
For the year ended December 31, 2022
Compared to 2022 Budget and 2023 Budget

	Actual 2022	Budget 2022	Budget 2023
5700 Property			
5703 Heating	\$ 8,547.66	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,600.00
5705 Hydro/Water/Sewer	5,401.92	5,000.00	5,400.00
5710 Insurance	7,142.90	6,000.00	7,000.00
5715 Telephone & Internet	1,981.69	2,500.00	2,500.00
5720 General Maintenance	10,506.73	10,000.00	12,000.00
5725 Cleaning Labour	13,199.32	14,800.00	15,300.00
5726 Lawn Maintenance	2,624.92	2,400.00	2,400.00
5727 Parking Lot Snow Removal	3,227.34	3,900.00	3,900.00
5728 Peace Garden Maintenance	392.08	1,000.00	500.00
5740 Kitchen Supplies	230.40	550.00	550.00
5799 Total Property	\$ 53,254.96	\$ 53,150.00	\$ 57,150.00
5800 Miscellaneous			
5810 Wesley Centre	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -
5869 Total Designated Gifts	\$ 150.00	-	\$ -
5870 Stewardship	0.00	500.00	500.00
5880 Miscellaneous - Other	87.63	100.00	100.00
5885 Website development	414.72	800.00	800.00
5899 Total Miscellaneous	\$ 652.35	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
5900 Transfers			
5965 Transfers to Memorial Account	\$ 817.98	\$ -	\$ -
5980 Total Transfers	\$ 817.98	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$220,528.08	\$215,866.00	\$241,100.00
NET INCOME	\$ (6,748.93)	\$ (70,866.00)	\$ (30,000.00)

St Mark's United Church
Comparative Balance Sheet
As at December 31, 2022
Compard to December 31, 2021

	As at 12/31/2022	As at 12/31/2021
ASSET		
1000 Cash		
1100 Cash in Bank	\$ 34,997.63	\$ 9,695.87
1499 Total Cash	\$ 34,997.63	\$ 9,695.87
1600 Receivables		
1670 GST (federal part) receivable	\$ 1,518.58	\$ 767.10
1671 HST (Provincial) receivable	4,229.32	2,049.85
1675 Accounts Receivable - Trust	0.00	17,024.54
1699 Total Receivables	\$ 5,747.90	\$ 19,841.49
1700 Investments		
1705 Investments - General	\$ 101,196.55	\$146,061.75
1710 Memorial Account	21,984.24	24,441.83
1720 Bell Choir Funds	5,926.73	-
1730 Reserve/Repair Contingency	8,831.27	9,246.68
1770 Funds for Lifelong Learning	570.94	597.81
1790 M.E. Maw Music Fund	2,620.67	5,882.96
1791 Taafe Youth & Music Fund	31,244.81	43,184.90
1810 Housing Allowance Fund	171,834.24	224,297.89
1899 Total Investments	\$ 344,209.45	\$453,713.82
TOTAL ASSET	\$ 384,954.98	\$483,251.18
LIABILITY		
2000 Current Liabilities		
2100 Accounts Payable	\$ 836.69	\$ 805.19
2116 Accrued Revenue	2,831.00	2,831.00
2155 CEBA Loan	10,000.00	17,000.00
2600 Bell Choir Donations	\$ -	\$ 9,742.88
2665 Payable to investment accounts	817.98	2,665.00
2699 Total Designated funds	817.98	12,407.88
2999 Total Accounts Payable	\$ 14,485.67	\$ 33,044.07
TOTAL LIABILITY	\$ 14,485.67	\$ 33,044.07
EQUITY		
3000 Accumulated Surplus		
3100 Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 154,025.76	\$205,435.89
3200 Current Earnings	(6,748.93)	(51,410.13)
3299 Total Accumulated Surplus	\$ 147,276.83	\$154,025.76
3300 Trust Funds		
3310 Memorial Fund	\$ 21,984.24	\$ 24,441.83
3320 Bell Choir Funds	5,926.73	-
3330 Reserve/Repair Contingency	8,831.27	9,246.68
3370 Funds for Lifelong Learning	570.94	597.81
3390 M.E. Maw Music Fund	2,620.67	5,884.96
3391Taafe Youth & Music Fund	31,244.81	43,184.90
3395 Income on General Investments	(19,820.52)	(11,472.72)
3410 Housing Allowance Fund	171,834.24	224,297.89
3999 Total Trust Funds	\$ 223,192.38	\$296,181.35
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 370,469.21	\$450,207.11
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 384,954.88	\$483,251.18