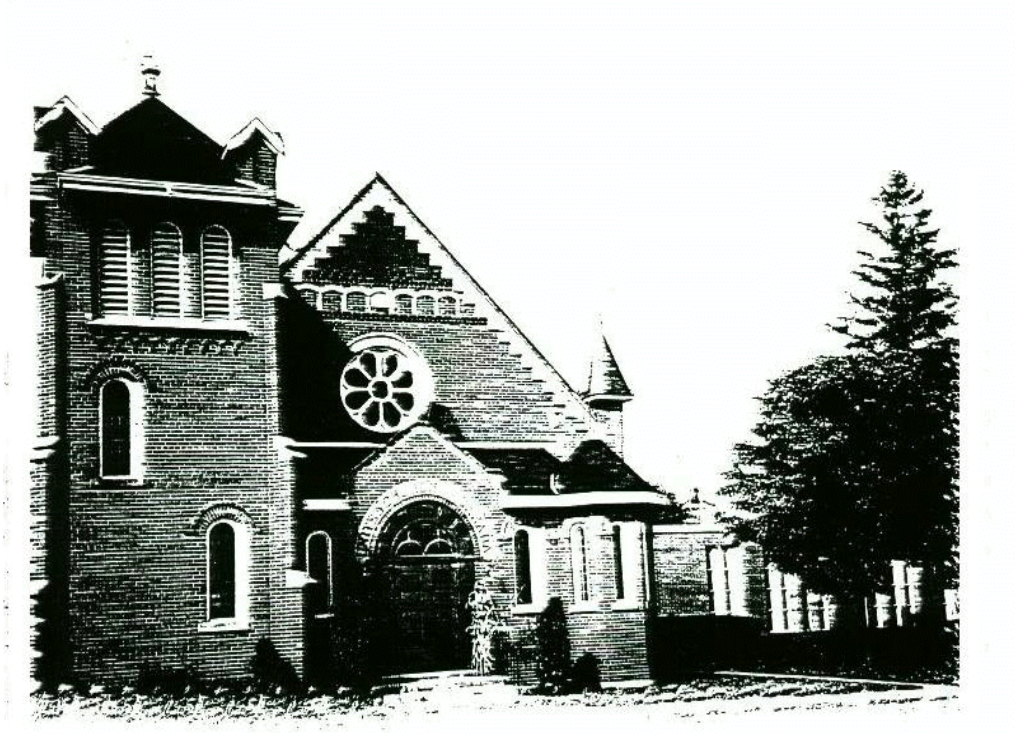
CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH
Stayner, Ontario



2025

ANNUAL REPORTS

MINISTER: Rev. Jennifer Irving
BOARD CHAIR: David Hopper

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MEMBERSHIP & MILESTONES

BAPTISMS

none

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY CONFIRMATION OR TRANSFER

Catherine Jean Lewis
Deborah Anne Mobbs

MEMBERS REMOVED BY TRANSFER

Janneke Leimgardt
Manfred Leimgardt

IN MEMORIAM

(indicates a member)*

Carol Marie Beattie
*Ron Benwell**
Paulette Edna Henderson
*Claire Laverne Hodgkinson**
Charlotte Kathleen Holroyd
*Lloyd Douglas Inkster**
*Muriel May Kerr**
Margaret Maud Miller
William Pearson Spellman
Marilyn Joan Wilson

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Resident Members	108
Non-Resident Members	16
Total Membership (resident and non-resident)	124
Families Under Our Pastoral Care	100
Active Families (Member and Adherent)	75
Identifiable Givers	113
Identifiable Givers to M&S	41
Average Weekly Attendance (Oct-Nov)	+62

+There was an average in person attendance of 42 people with 20 online. The online numbers are "views" on Facebook and Youtube so they do not reflect how many individuals were in the household viewing at the same time or if the same individual watched multiple times. We did not include views of less than 1 minute. Our History of Hymns Service in May had 121 views on YouTube!

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

When I look back on 2025 it is once again with deep gratitude. Deep gratitude for the community that is Centennial United Church. In the world we live in, independence is highly valued and we start to believe that not only should we be able to do things all on our own, we should be able to do everything all by ourselves. Yet, through our work together here at Centennial United Church, it seems to me that it is only through leaning on one another and helping each other that we are able to not only survive but thrive.

If I was trying to do all the ministry that happens here "by myself" not only would you have a minister who was burnt out but we wouldn't have half of what is contained in this annual report. And the amazing thing about living in community, as we do, is that when one of us is feeling weak and unable to do what they might like, someone else is there, lovingly stepping in. So that, at the end of the year, we can look back and we can be proud of the way our church has worked together for good (deepening spirituality, emboldening discipleship and daring justice).

Perhaps because this year marks the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada, I am also acutely aware that our ministry at Centennial is also a part of a bigger community—that of our whole denomination and I give thanks that what our church might not have the energy or resources to accomplish, another church might! We should celebrate our part in this wider ministry because we have not just been about keeping the doors open at Centennial in 2025. In this Centennial year, even with statistics of decline before us, we have stayed focused on who we are called to be as a church. We have been faithful in our ministry to one another, to our community and to the wider world.

When you read through these reports, it is plainly written how we have played an important part in the bigger community of humanity in small and big ways. And we all know that these reports don't tell the whole story of all that we have been about! There is so much more love and compassion I can hear loud and clear from between the lines.

As we continue our ministry together, may we continue to lean on one another and on the everlasting arms, and so help build a world more loving.

~ Jennifer Irving, Ordained Minister

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2025 has been a busy year with the usual administrative duties (bookkeeping, correspondence, preparing the weekly bulletin and projection PowerPoints, and financial report). This year we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada and the special events associated with that celebration also created some administrative demands. The anniversary celebrations, made possible by the contributions of many volunteers, were a wonderful reflection of this church community. The upgrading of the office computer system turned into a bigger project than anticipated (doesn't it always) from delivery of the new equipment to the installation of software but perseverance pays off and the new system is up and running. This allows us to continue to use the latest versions of Microsoft Office and the office software so essential to the smooth running of the church office. I am really enjoying the larger monitor – as well as the upgraded lighting in the office.

It is a pleasure to be part of the Centennial United family and I look forward to seeing what 2026 will bring!

~ Pat Elson, Church Administrator

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

2025 was an incredibly busy year at Centennial. Looking back May & June were almost non stop. Starting with our fish dinner, then the yard sale, right into planning for the 100th anniversary of the United Church. The highlight being our service. The church was full of people and music … then a wonderful meal and fellowship … the month of June was full of celebration and events.

We have worked hard to grow our congregation in our sanctuary and reach out to our followers on livestream who cannot attend in person. Thanks to Neelah for technical support and Jennifer for posting the services and working with Ron to keep the website up to date. Jennifer also created a new colorful brochure to promote Centennial. **(Technology and Communications)**

Worship and Music planned services and arranged for ministry when Jennifer had time off. We celebrated many special services this year from epiphany at the beginning of the year to lent, Good Friday, Easter sunrise, Easter service, camping Sunday, a special musical service to kick off the 100th anniversary of the United Church. (A lot of work and planning was put into our anniversary service and it was a huge success. The church was full of present and past members along with special guests … lots of special music followed by activities and of course food.) The following week we attended a joint service at Trinity in Collingwood with other United churches in the area. We ended June with an outdoor service and barbeque at Heidi and Edwins farm. During the summer we had get togethers on the church front lawn, at Deb and Geoff Allens and ended the summer with a pot luck dinner at Barb and Doug Dickinsons. Returning in the fall we acknowledged Orange Shirt day, Thanksgiving, then we celebrated the 134th anniversary of Centennial Remembrance Day, Advent, Longest Night, Christmas Cantata and Christmas Eve services. Thanks to Barb, Liz, Geoff and Penny for leading services while Jennifer was off.

Outreach and Social Action has helped many families through white gifts, Christmas Family donations, food cupboard, and ongoing donations to the food bank. The yard sale , wreath making and mitten tree were a huge success.

Affirming Ministries continues to meet and explore ways to help us become more inclusive. New rainbow graphics were added to our front sign.

Education and Program Committee is ready every week to welcome children and youth with lessons and events to keep them included and involved. Donna and her committee spend a lot of time planning activities from crafts to pumpkin carving, entering a float in the Santa Claus parade and a bake table at our Christmas Bazar.

Valerie and our **Pastoral Care Team** have worked hard reaching out to members in need or who are unable to attend church anymore with cards and handcrafted items for comfort.

Food and Fundraising Team were successful this year supporting our finances and outreach activities. Fish dinner, meat pies, receptions for funerals and a fowl supper were well attended.

The Finance, Property and Stewardship Committee continue to look after maintenance of the building. A hand rail was installed at the pulpit , a lectern and microphone were placed at the front lower level to make easier access for our scripture readers , wiring was installed under the floor , a new pocket door was installed in the round room , heavy snow and ice brought down the porch over the east exit door in the C E wing , this was cleaned up and the brick work patched , trim work was repaired at the outside door to Jennifer's office on the west side , new wiring was installed to our light and sign out front , eavestrough pipes were repaired , new shelves were built and painted to compliment our sanctuary windows , new plexiglass and refurbishment of our sign in the front yard , thanks to Elaine for looking after the flower beds.

John Squire and our auditors Richard and Carol Marsden continue to oversee our **finances**. The grant money for our energy efficiency improvements was paid out before the end of the year making our financial picture brighter. Mission and Service contributions were on target this year. Thank You. Our **Trustees** continue oversee our investments and insurance.

Faithful Footprints Committee continues with their program. Energy efficient lighting is completed, a new heat pump was installed in the offices. Rob installed a new electrical panel for it and Jim built a protective cover to shield it from ice and snow. Ceiling fans were replaced in the sanctuary and round roo . The last major job in the program is new front doors for the sanctuary to be completed later in the spring of 2026.

Marylin and the **Ministry and Personnel Committee** look after the well being of our staff. Pat continues to keep our office working smoothly, preparing bulletins with Jennifer, going through correspondence, keeping track of our facility rentals and working with John to record our finances, paying bills and preparing reports for meetings. A new computer was purchased and she spent many hours loading up programs over the summer. Megan continues to grow our musical ministry leading our choir and inviting special guests to participate. June fills in when Megan is away and accompanies her on special occasions like our anniversary service and Christmas Cantata. Jennifer and Megan also took part in the Community Christmas Concert.

We have a host of people who contribute weekly, scripture readers, counters who record offerings and make up the deposit slips and those who take the deposits to the bank, coffee time hosts after worship for our time of fellowship, sip and serve group who clean floors and washrooms.

We also think of those members no longer with us and the contributions that they have made.

I just wanted to acknowledge and thank everyone for their Time, Treasures and Talents for making 2025 a successful year.

~ David Hopper, Chair, Centennial Board

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FACILITIES USAGE

Our building is well used although rental of our space in 2025 has levelled out a bit. Income was $5,420 compared to $6,943 in 2024. Regular users continue to be Stayner Garden Club, Stayner Stitchers Quilting Group, Collingwood Agricultural Society and Selina Ree who runs music classes throughout the year. We have hosted family gatherings and dinners as well.

We also continue to support families who are grieving by hosting gatherings after funerals.

It has been decided that because we have less capacity to support rentals (opening and locking the church and cleaning) we will not host family events over the summer months.

With grateful thanks to the Sip ‘n’ Serve crew who make sure supplies are restocked and the facility cleaned and ready for use.

~Pat Elson, Church Administrator

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“The Church is the Church only when it exists for others…
not dominating, but helping and serving”
~ Deitrich Bonhoeffer

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MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Another year has flown by, and we continue to feel blessed to have such wonderful staff who keep all the leadership and administration functions flowing smoothly. It is an active and busy church community that they help to nurture.

Rev. Jennifer Irving continues to inspire us with her leadership, her weekly Sunday reflections and leading of Bible, Lenten and Advent study groups. Her care for our church family is provided with love and enthusiasm for those of all ages. Jennifer completed her term as President of the United Church WOW Region (Western Ontario Waterways) in 2025 but she continues to provide assistance as Past President. Jennifer also has spent numerous hours, care and concern for the broader Clearview community. She leads worship at Blue Mountain Manor and Stayner Care Centre, is active with the Clearview Ministerial, hosted a Housing Advocacy meeting, participates in Clearview/Stayner Foodbank meetings and became the Legion Padre, officiating at the Remembrance Day Service. Jennifer is truly a blessing to both the Centennial family and the local community.

With Jennifer's ¾ time employment there is a need to fill the gaps. Our Worship and Music team led by Barb Dickenson and supported by the talented lay members of our congregation – Geoff Allen and Liz Kraan, provided meaningful service leadership in Jennifer's absence.

Providing on-line Sunday worship continues to be a priority for Centennial. We are grateful to Neelah Irving and Dave Hopper for their support in running the system to provide this service to the congregation and those further abroad who are unable to worship with us in person.

Pat Elson our Church Administrator, with her kind and thoughtful approach ensures that the financial and administrative tasks at Centennial are well looked after. She also manages the rental of church facilities. During the summer months when we take a sabbatical from our regular services and activities and during Jennifer's absence, Pat is instrumental in keeping things running smoothly.

Music continues to play a large and important role in the life of Centennial. We have been truly blessed to have Megan Arksey as our Music Director for 2025. She brings tremendous talents and with the assistance of Liz Kraan directing the choir, our music ministry is alive and well. We are also grateful to June Flynn who assisted with accompaniment on the Organ during special services and to fill in during any of Megan's absences.

Of special mention during 2025 was Centennial's special events and services to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. We appreciate the additional effort and work that this presented for our staff. These events provided many fond memories for our Centennial family.

Please remember to pass on thanks to our staff as they work diligently to keep our Centennial family nurtured. We also thank the many people who share their talents on Centennial Committees and for those others who volunteer for the many tasks that enrich our lives.

~ Marilyn Beecroft, Alice Grottoli, Jeanette Northan

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"When I am with a group of human beings committed to hanging in there
through both the agony and the joy of community,
I have a dim sense that I am participating in a phenomenon for which there is only one word… 'glory.'"
~ M. Scott Peck

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FOOD & FUNDRAISING

The year 2025 our Fundraising returned to the way it was before COVID tried to shut us down.

In the cold winter months we came together to start the preparation for our "beef pies" also a variety of "fruit pies" were made. The day before men/women met together to peel, cut, chop, grind the vegetables to go into the ground beef. The next day the assembly line for filling the pies plus sales start, be QUICK to order as they soon disappear - 2025 we made 2 batches of pies. **2025 Pie Sale Profit – $4,645**

In April the committee met for the organization of the Spring "Fish Dinner" held on May 8th. We did a sitdown dinner plus take-out. The congregation was called in advance for monetary donations or to sign the work schedule list. Valerie Willock was responsible for the phone orders. Maxine Coutts-Reid the online orders. **2025 Fish Dinner Profit - $ 2,052**

In November the committee met again for the "Turkey Dinner" held on November 6th for both eat-in/take-out. The congregation was asked in advance for monetary donations which helps with the purchasing of food and to sign the work-schedule list. Once again the assembly line came together to prepare food in advance, tables set up and decorated. Volunteers for this dinner are very much required. **2025 Turkey Dinner Profit - $4,828.**

Thanks to congregation members for supporting these events that help our church in a big way. Without everyone helping we would not be able to continue.

Team members are Maxine Coutts-Reid, Elaine Lightheart, Jayne Coutts, Janice Have and Rev. Jennifer who sits in, helps when time allows.

~ Janice Have, on behalf of the Food and Fundraising Team

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SIP 'N' SERVE

Every Monday morning the dedicated members of the Sip n Serve group come to Centennial United to clean, vacuum, scrub, tidy and dust the Sanctuary, CE Wing and kitchen. Small repairs are done as needed. Cupboards are cleaned, supplies ordered. The church sign is regularly updated. Weekly garbage detail is carried. We fill the Food Cupboard as needed. Fellowship is enjoyed over coffee after work is completed. Special thanks to all members of our group.

~ Submitted by Elaine Lightheart

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CENTENNIAL FRIENDS

Centennial Friends Events in 2025 started with an afternoon trip to the movies in Collingwood followed by dinner that was organized very last minute (Sunday morning for Sunday afternoon) but enjoyed by those who could make it work. Then in the fall we gathered on a Sunday afternoon to pick flowers that we then shared with members of the congregation needing a touch of beauty. Our most successful event was our trip this December to Sainte Marie Among the Hurons First Light Festival. Several families enjoyed the music and lights. Unfortunately, the snow squalls that materialized that evening weren't quite as fun. These gatherings outside of worship help to deepen our relationships and strengthen our ties to one another. If you have ideas for adventures we might undertake together in 2026 please reach out to Lesia Collicutt, Jennifer Irving or Heidi Sterrenburg.

~ Submitted by Jennifer Irving

CENTENNIAL WOMEN

"Then the King will speak to those on his right. He will say, 'My Father has blessed you. Come and take what is yours. It is the kingdom prepared for you since the world was created. I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger. And you invited me in. I needed clothes. And you gave them to me. I was sick. And you took care of me. I was in prison. And you came to visit me.'" *Matthew 25: 34-36*

Centennial Women take this encouragement from Jesus to heart, and each year, we work hard to make sure that we are able to provide for those who are vulnerable in society. And we do our best to enjoy fun and fellowship while we do it. There is a whole host of women who contribute to making our Centennial Women's group an ongoing success! Thank you to each of you!

In 2025, we again shared our Valentine's Day meeting with the women of Blue Mountain Manor. We enjoyed singing, games, a wonderful chocolate fondue fountain, and singing and devotions. This was very well received.

In our April meeting, we celebrated important women in Canadian and United Church history with a focus on renewing our own dedication to doing the important work that we are called to.

In May, we enjoyed a field trip to Rural Roots, where we joined together to learn from Heidi all about edible flowers - the often overlooked culinary delight! We managed to eat a picnic lunch and do some personal shopping after our picnic, even though the weather wasn't as cooperative as it might have been.

In our October meeting, we celebrated the changing seasons, with many of us expressing a preference for Autumn - the coziness of it, as well as the riot of colour that autumn brings. We also included thoughts of Remembrance Day, as we watched Deb Allen's father recite the Morse Code alphabet, which he had to learn for his duties in WWII.

Later in October, some of our women were able to make the trip to Drayton and enjoy luncheon and an introduction to the new music being introduced to the United Church.

Late November, we came together to enjoy our annual Christmas Luncheon catered yet again by Café Coco, and served up by our three lovely gentlemen, Mark, Wayne and Dave. We were all deeply moved by our guest speaker, Sara Peddle, the executive director of Busby Centres. Our women brought lots of warm items to share with the clients served by the Busby centres, and Sara left at the end of the meeting with a truck full of donated warmth, and a full heart! Centennial Women always come through!

Through the ongoing fundraising that Centennial Women do, through baking for and serving funeral teas, we were able to financially support the Busby centre, the Collingwood Hospital and Hospice, as well as make improvements for dinner plate storage in the kitchen. We were also able to help support the church budget again this year.

Once a month, on the 15th of the month at 7pm, we gather in the Zoom room to lift up prayer for those in and affiliated with our congregation. The half hour flies by and prayers are quietly sent up and our spirits renewed again as we take that half hour out of the busyness of life to pause and pray.

This year, we are hoping to broaden our appeal to women who cannot attend during the day due to work commitments, by having some of our fair weather meetings in the evening. Stay tuned for some fun and interesting meetings coming up this spring!

~ On behalf of Centennial Women,
Liz Kraan, President, Deb Allen, Secretary, Donna Gerrior, Treasurer

CENTENNIAL WOMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance		***$ 3,963.55***
Receipts		
Funeral teas	*$3,950.00*	
Banquet Catering	*3,060.00*	
Christmas lunch receipts	*580.00*	
		7,590.00
		$ 11,553.53
Expenses		
Catering Supplies	*$ 1,974.96*	
Cards/postage	*110.95*	
Missions & Donations	*4,300.00*	
Christmas lunch	*525.00*	
Flowers and Decorating	*323.22*	
Meeting expenses	*154.48*	
Hall Rental	*50.00*	
Kitchen Supplies	*1,158.00*	*$ 8,596.61*
Closing Balance		***$ 2,956.94***

~ Donna Gerrior, Treasurer, Centennial Women

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COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Thank you to Jen Gerrior and Jennifer Irving who have taken the lead ensuring we have a presence on Social Media sharing our events along with words of encouragement and comfort. Thank you to Ron Nadolny who ensures that the calendar of events on our Web-site is kept up to date. Thank you to Marilyn Beecroft for her help with Newsletters and to all those who contribute information to be shared with the congregation. Thank you to Neelah Irving and Dave Hopper who have ensured our live-streams continue and did the trouble-shooting when there were problems with the technology (which as you know is a mystery!). Thank you to Myrna Whitley and Jen Gerrior for stepping in to help with the live-stream at the last minute. Thank you to Pat Elson for posting our bulletins on the web-site each week and for the weekly emails that keep everyone in the loop of what is going on at Centennial. Thank you to Jennifer for doing the bulk of the web-site updating and maintaining and sending a second weekly email to uplift and sustain us. Jennifer also spear-headed the creation of a new brochure to communicate what Centennial is all about to the wider community. It is always a challenge to keep mail, email and phone lists up to date. Please let Pat know if you have any changes in your contact information so that we can keep those communication lines open! And, if you aren't getting church emails or mail-outs please reach out to office@ucstayner.ca Ideas for how we can communicate better are always welcome.

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"Communication builds trust.
Trust generates commitment.
Commitment fosters teamwork.
Teamwork delivers results."
~ John Gordon

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EDUCATION & PROGRAM

We met as a committee 5 times in 2025 to plan opportunities for people of all ages to explore, understand and grow in their Christian faith at Centennial, and some activities just for fun.

Adults:

- For our Lenten Study, we used the United Church book, Something Sacred: Reflections on Music and Faith, edited by Alydia Smith. Jennifer led weekly sessions throughout Lent on Wednesday afternoons, with 8 people attending. We had to cancel our last session due to weather. All participants agreed this was the best UC book we had used for a Lenten study. It gave us a chance to look more deeply at the hymns that move us.
- The theme we used for our spring Stroll for Your Soul was looking for the Awesome in the world around us. Three of us enjoyed finding new plants on our weekly walks in May. Jennifer downloaded an app that helped us identify plants we did not know. Awesome learning!
- Jennifer began a weekly Bible study in September with a focus on the Lectionary readings for the coming Sunday. We took the time to read the passages from various Bibles, finding lots of agreement but also many differences. We discussed how these readings related to today and historically. Because each week was different readings it made it possible for people to attend when possible and not feel like they were out of step when unable to come and attendance grew from 4 to 7 people. It was fun to see how Jennifer moved forward with her sermons. Many times we were glad were not preaching!
- Jennifer used an Advent Study "Living Nativity", provided by The Prayer Bench along with worship resources purchased by the Regional Council for use in congregations. It allowed us to look at the Nativity in new ways. There were 4 sessions. 10 people participated with 6 people at each session.
- We held 3 Booksharing evenings, with 5 people sharing interesting books that they had read from a wide variety of genres. At the beginning of the summer we challenged members of the congregation to
- Centennial Reads 2025, offering 6 books for summer reading, suggesting people read one or all six. Next year we will check the availability of books that we include on our list. The clear winner this year was The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor by Sally Armstrong about the life of a Sally's great-great-great grandmother with links to Valerie Willock.

Youth:

- Sept. 12 -14, 4 Youth and 2 leaders attended a Tri-Regional Youth Retreat in Stratford, enjoying Annie at the theatre and assisting with planning the Sunday worship.
- At the end of October, 5 youth gathered at the church with 2 leaders to put together the treat bags for our Pumpkin Carving event and watch a Halloween movie.
- 5 older children and youth and 2 leaders gathered to bake for the Bake Table at the Bazaar on the PA day in November and then also helped to set up our table on Friday, Nov. 21st.

Sunday School:

- We followed the Lectionary for Sunday school for many of the Sundays. Leading up to the 100th Anniversary, we used The Painted Trunk by Alyson Huntly, to highlight some of the history of the United Church of Canada. Four children participated in our worship service celebrating the 100th Anniversary by interviewing two of our distinguished members about their memories of church and Sunday School. Sunday School was offered 31 times in 2025, with attendance ranging from 0 to 6 attending.
- Sunday School teachers for 2025 were Hannah Marlatt until June, Jennifer Gerrior, Jayne Coutts, Donna Nadolny, and Olyndra Irving. Thank you all for helping with Children!

Sunday School and Youth together:

- On May 3 Heidi and Blythe kept the Centennial Duck afloat in the Stayner Duck Race.
- Our most popular event continues to be the Annual Pumpkin Carving. This year 12 children and youth and some adults participated. There were creative games prepared by Jenny Marlatt! Leanne Campbell was able to get enough pumpkins from Heidi Sterrenburg and Dan McKinnon. Many thanks to Jenny, Leanne and Jennifer for ensuring the success of the event!
- Our Bake Table at the Christmas Bazaar on November 22nd was again a success because of the support from so many at Centennial, and their friends! The children, youth and adults had fun selling the baked goods! Thank you Jennifer for coordinating and baking with the older children in advance!
- Centennial had a float in the Stayner Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, December 6th. Many thanks to Jim and Myrna Whitley for the truck and decorated wagon, Wally and Shirley Somerville for hosting the float and decorating! Thank you, Jennifer, for coordinating, Jenny Marlatt and Leanne Campbell for organizing costumes and decorating the float. Many thanks to the 5 children and 3 adults on the float!
- Sunday, December 7th was our White Gift Service. Jennifer and Neelah coordinated the service to be less stressful this year and even managed to practise with those with speaking roles. Our older children enacted a play as a news reporter interviewing Mary and the Angel Gabriel. Jenny and Leanne helped with costumes. Many thanks to all who participated!

All Ages

- On Sunday, February 2, we held a Games Afternoon with 11 adults and 3 youth enjoying a variety of games and snacks for a fun afternoon.

Supporting Others Locally and Globally

The funds that we raised at our Bake Tables with the generosity of all at Centennial who prepared baked goods or purchased them at the Bazaar; allowed us to donate $760 to Gifts with Vision. We are:

- helping to support refugees from Ukraine
- assisting with food security for Indigenous Elders
- helping to build a well to provide a stable water supply in the Philippines
- providing five grocery gift cards for the Far North
- providing school supplies for a kindergarten in a refugee camp in Beirut
- paying for one teacher's salary for a month at a girls' school in Zambia
- helping to provide clean water and power that can be relied on at the United Theological College in Harere, Zimbabwe.

We also provided a $10 gift card for each of the 90 children and youth on the list at the Stayner Food Bank to go with their families' Christmas Hampers.

Thank You!

These activities need the gifts of many people! Many thanks to the entire Education and Program Committee! Leanne, Jenny, Marilyn and Jennifer, it has truly been a team effort. I appreciate you all being willing to do whatever is needed to make these events happen! Thank you Leanne for taking meeting minutes.

Jennifer, you continue to inspire our committee, lead our studies, contact Sunday School families and so much more. Your wisdom, guidance and leadership help us achieve so much!

~ Donna Nadolny, Chair, Education and Program

WORSHIP & MUSIC

JAN	Penny Squirrel was to lead a service but was unable to come because of weather – she sent service so we could do the service ourselves. Epiphany - Communion
FEB	Jennifer was off on February 16, but service was cancelled due to weather. Musical service which was planned was held February 23.
MAR	Jennifer was off March 16 and 23. Services were led by the Affirming Committee and Penny Squirrel. Communion was held the first Sunday of Lent. No Church service March 30 because of weather. Jennifer sent the service out by email.
APR	Good Friday Service 10:30 AM. Sunrise Service at Lloyd and Marilyn Sommerville's home, Easter Sunday and Hot Cross Buns and coffee before the Service. Hot dog lunch for Camping Sunday, April 27.
MAY	Mother's Day – hearing about the careers women have had during their lifetime. Communion was shared on May 25.
JUNE	100th Anniversary of the United Church on June 1. A collaborative service with other area United Churches hosted by Trinity United in Collingwood. Picnic at Edwin and Heidi Sterrenburg's farm June 22.
JULY & AUG	Summer alternative Worship July 6 – gathering on lawn at church July 20 – gathering at Geoff and Deb Allen's farm August 10 – gathering on lawn at church August 24 – pot luck picnic at the Dickinson's home
SEPT	Penny Squirrel filled the pulpit for a Sunday Jennifer was off.
OCT	Worldwide Communion October 4 Anniversary service October 19
NOV	Penny Squirrel filled the pulpit for a Sunday Jennifer was off. Reign of Christ Sunday was November 23 – we celebrated communion and welcomed new members Deborah Mobbs and Cathy Lewis.
DEC	Blue Christmas Service Dec 19 Afternoon of music Dec 21 Christmas Eve Service Dec 24 with Christmas pudding and coffee December 28 Geoff Allen led service.

As I retire from this committee I would like to thank the committee and the members of the congregation for their support for the past number of years. Your support was appreciated.

~ Barb Dickinson, Chair of Worship and Music Committee

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"Church is a moment in time when the kingdom of God draws near,
when a meal, a story, a song, an apology, even a failure
is made holy by the presence of Jesus among us and within us."

~ Rachel Held Evans

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MUSIC MINISTRY

We have enjoyed another wonderful year of music, singing, and fellowship at Centennial United Church. It's always surprising how quickly a year can pass, and as I look back, I am once again amazed by all that we have shared and accomplished together.

Over the past year, the choir learned approximately eight new anthems, each thoughtfully chosen to complement and reinforce the themes of our worship services. I am deeply grateful to our choir members for their dedication, flexibility, and willingness to embrace new music—often on a tight timeline. Learning new repertoire can be challenging, but our choir consistently rises to the occasion, making my role as music director an absolute joy.

In February, while I was away on vacation, June Flynn generously stepped in to lead worship and organize a special love-themed service in celebration of Valentine's Day. Preparing music for such an event requires significant time and effort, and I cannot thank June enough for taking this on. Her enthusiasm for music is truly contagious, and the service—enhanced by special poems throughout—was a beautiful and heartfelt celebration of love.

April brought the Community Easter Concert at Jubilee Presbyterian Church, where our choir participated by singing Come Into the Streets With Me, featuring a lovely solo by Jim Beecroft. The evening was made especially memorable by the thoughtful scripture readings that accompanied each musical selection.

In May, for Mother's Day, I joined Liz, Deb, and Dave in a special performance of A Crowded Table, a song that reflects the deep longing of so many mothers—to create a home where everyone belongs. In June, for Father's Day, Dave and I performed a duet of Grandpa, a heartfelt tribute to the men in our lives and the wisdom they share. I am always grateful for my husband's willingness to participate in these moments and for his desire to contribute meaningfully to our worship life.

June was also marked by the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. This special service was held at Trinity United Church in Collingwood and included ministers from Thornbury, Collingwood, and Creemore–New Lowell. A highlight of the service was the Stayner Sing Club, led by Selina Ree. I was fortunate to accompany their performances of Brave and You Will Be Found, songs that beautifully captured the spirit of both the occasion and the United Church. One lyric from You Will Be Found felt especially meaningful: "Even when the dark comes crashin' through… you will be found."

After a summer break in July and August, the choir returned in the fall feeling refreshed and ready to sing. On October 19th, we celebrated the 134th Anniversary of Centennial United Church. The choir presented Sweetgrass and Candle, an anthem that reflects our values of inclusion and equality. Dave and I also offered a duet of Rainbow by Kacey Musgraves, which Jennifer described as a reminder of God's covenant—first set in the sky and written on our hearts.

In November, while I was away once again, June returned to the piano to lead the choir in a moving Remembrance Day performance of Let There Be Peace. For Children's Sunday, we were delighted to welcome special musical contributions from John and Sandra Squire. I am continually impressed by the depth of talent within our congregation and thankful to everyone who shares their gifts.

The Christmas season, as always, was full and joyful. By revisiting favorite anthems from previous years, the choir was able to focus on confidence, expression, and the spirit of the season. On December 19th, we held a Blue Christmas service, offering a reflective and meditative space for those who needed it. On December 21st, we hosted a Carol Festival to celebrate the incredible depth of musical talent within our congregation—and it also gave me the chance to play alongside June, which is always a joy. The afternoon featured performances by Sandra and John Squire; Jennifer, Neelah, and Jennifer's sister Sandra; Penelope Chapman (my 8-year-old piano student); Ken Parton; Dave Arksey; Gerry Hautzager; Elsie Burkholder; and, of course, the choir. It was an afternoon filled with laughter, connection, and genuine joy. It takes courage to step forward and perform, and each contribution made the event truly special. Finally, June joined me again for Christmas Eve, where we shared hymns on piano and organ in a service filled with warmth and celebration.

Although the choir did not participate in this year's Community Christmas Concert at Jubilee Presbyterian Church, I was honoured to serve as the pianist for the first time. The theme, Meekness and Majesty, beautifully reflected the vulnerability of the Christ child. Jennifer offered a stunning solo of All Over Creation, which I had the pleasure of accompanying. Her generosity, courage, and musical talent are a true gift to our community.

Writing this report is always a powerful reminder of just how much we have created, shared, and enjoyed together over the past year. I am incredibly proud of our choir and grateful for the ongoing support of our congregation. I look forward to continuing this meaningful work together in the year ahead.

With thanks to all.

~ Megan Arksey, Music Director

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"When the world brings you down,
lift your voice up to God."

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PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral Care Team has worked together with Jennifer throughout the year to visit, call and support those in need of pastoral care within our congregation. Each person on the team is given five or six individuals with whom to check in regularly but the sharing of names is encouraged to ensure that everyone hears from us regularly. With the help of others in the congregation special deliveries with visits were made several times.

A great big THANK YOU to the whole congregation for helping to send cards every month! Last year we sent 156 cards for children's birthdays, big number birthdays, get well, thinking of you, sympathy, congratulations, graduation, baptism, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Thanks to your generous donations of cards, stamps, crafts, pocket prayer shawls and hand delivery our expenses were only $ 100.95 which was paid for by the hard work of the Centennial Woman's Group.

If you know of anyone needing a card or a visit from the church please let Jennifer or Valerie Willock (705 422 1201) know.

~ Submitted by Jennifer Irving & Valerie Willock

MILK BAG MATS

One of Centennial's ongoing ministries is making mats out of milk bags. It takes 78 bags to make a small mat and 8 mats to make a large one. In September we sent 9 large mats overseas and about 10 pillows made from scraps from the bags. Milk bags are donated to us from many in the church and community.

Donna Sled started these mats about 15 years ago and Donna Nadolny, Jeanette Northan and I carried it on. Nancy Brillinger, Joan Soules, and Leslie and Jerry Hautzager also came along. We have been doing the milk bags for many years and have decided to finish this ministry at the end of June this year. If anyone would like to continue making mats, I would get you started. Many thanks for helping.

~ Submitted by Berniece Wyse

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OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION

The Outreach part of our committee had a busy year in a number of ways: we enjoyed delivering Valentine's, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas treats and cards along with newsletters to many folks who are unable to attend Sunday services. These gifts are well received as we strive to keep our shut-ins and others part of our church family in partnership with Pastoral Care Team.

Free clothing events were once again held at the church, one in the spring and another in the fall. A lot of work goes into the gathering, sorting and display of the clothing items and we are happy to provide the space for this community outreach. There is a need and it is being filled.

Our annual yard sale raised just over $1,000 for church projects. Realizing that it is a lot of work for everyone for a number of days preceding the event and a day or two after, we looked at alternate ways of fundraising. The idea of a "car boot" sale was raised: those wanting to sell items could rent a space in the parking lot and be responsible for their own sales and removing their own unsold things. Plans are in the works.

The Community Food Cupboard is a big success. It is filled on a daily basis by various members and also donations from the community. The generosity of our congregation continues to provide food items to stock up the cupboard along with a large donation that comes in from the Clothing Swap patrons. We are looking into acquiring a refrigerator to allow for fresh produce and other perishables, stay tuned! We are thankful to help alleviate food insecurity in our town.

In November an idea was brought forward from Heidi: a wreath making workshop! We planned for an evening in November and it was a big success. $1,900 was raised for the church! Lots of work went into planning, setting up and cleaning up, but it was a fun evening with over 40 participants. Next time we are planning on back to back evenings to increase the numbers!

Exploring Affirm United continued to be top of mind in our committee. We hosted a "lunch and learn", participated in the P.I.E. day worship service and welcomed everyone to a movie night. All of these efforts are designed to educate ourselves and the congregation as to what it means to be an Affirming Ministry in the United Church. We will continue these efforts in 2026 with the hopes of having a congregational vote to become affirming when the Congregation is ready.

As always we welcome all comments and suggestions on our activities. Please don't hesitate to contact a member of our committee: Geoff Allen, Neelah Irving, Joan and Norm Soules, Heidi Sterrenburg, Nancy Brillinger, Lesia Collicutt, Alice Grotolli and Reverend Jennifer. We are called to serve and we will continue to do so!

~Submitted by Geoff Allen

WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

My role as the Regional Representative is to keep the Board and the congregation apprised of what is taking place in the Western Ontario Waterways Region of which we are a part. There are approximately 145 pastoral charges in our Region. The Regional Council's Governance arm provides support for pastoral relations, property matters, and congregational health.

Our new President, Rebekah Duncan, was inducted as President at the Spring Meeting of the Region in May for a two year period. Our minister, Jennifer Irving is now Past President for one year. Rev. Duncan is the pastoral minister for Badjeros, Rob Roy and Temple Hill charges.

During 2025 I attended personally or took part on Zoom in the following:

- the Spring Meeting of WOW at the Unifor Centre in Port Elgin on May 2nd and 3rd
- Eight Zoom meetings for the regional reps hosted by John Neff, minister of Congregational Support—these Zoom meetings included guests who informed us of the requirements of different arms of our Region or the National Church and supplied us with information to pass on to our congregation as is important. Guests were:
    - Kyle Pugh: Ontario Regional Council Archivist for the United Church of Canada
        - All material from pastoral charges is scanned, listed and catalogued, digitized and stored (including this annual report!)
        - Archival material begins at Church Union, 1925.
    - Greg Smith-Young: Growth Animator, Southwestern Ontario
    - Brenna Baker: Community of Faith Stewardship Support, General Council
    - Ann Harbridge: Chair of Congregational Support Commission, WOWRC
    - Peter Kupfer: Member of Congregational Support, WOWRC
    - Cam Fraser, Ministry of Evangelism for 2024-26, G.C.

I would be remiss if I did not remark on the fact that 2025 was the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada! Our congregation was one of many congregations across Canada that proudly celebrated this amazing milestone in June, 2025.

In Calgary in August 2025, General Council met in this the 100th year of our National Church.

I am proud that Neelah Irving was there representing our congregation as a youth. Youth in the church are very important and need to be listened to regarding their ideas in order for growth to happen.

Where do we go from here? As we embark on the journey Towards 2035, a ten year program of our national church, we need to focus on our “Goals, Dreams and Visions” for our congregations. We continue the story of Jesus by bringing Christ's presence to our time and place.

~ Submitted in faith by Greta Horton, WOW Regional Council Representative

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“We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers,
loving what he loved,
living what he taught,
striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place.”

~ A Song of Faith

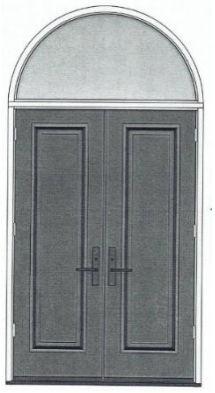
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FAITHFUL FOOTPRINTS

The Faithful Footprints Committee was established to coordinate the projects intended to reduce our church's energy consumption and reduce our carbon footprint. This is an active expression of our commitment to the care of God's creation. These activities were supported by a grant from The United Church of Canada designed to reduce financial barriers for United Churches to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon footprint. The goal is to reduce overall emissions of UCC ministries by 80% by 2030. The grant covers 2/3 of costs, the congregation covers 1/3 and work must be completed before grant funding is received.

The committee met several times to review possibilities and decide on priorities. Some projects, already completed, were eligible to be included in the grant application. That included replacing:

- Dishwasher
- Hotwater heater
- Furnace



Other projects identified and completed are:

- Replacement of all light bulbs with high quality LED bulbs
- Purchase and installation of reversible ceiling fans
- Installation of heat pumps in the offices

Outstanding is the installation of a new front door to the church. That work is scheduled to be completed, hopefully, in the Spring.

The completed report was sent in November and in December 2025 Centennial United received $ 29,000 of the $ 30,000 total grant. $ 1,000 is held pending a final report of our energy usage in 2026 so that the program can monitor if it has been effective. Even if we don't see an energy savings, the final $ 1,000 will be granted to us.

With grateful thanks to Rob Kraan who contributed his electrical services, John Squire for the contribution of scaffolding and to all those who helped in these projects.

~ Maxine Coutts-Reid, Chair

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FINANCE, PROPERTY & STEWARDSHIP

On behalf of the Stewardship, Property and Finance Committee I thank everyone for your continuing financial support. Financially we have ended the year incredibly well, all thanks to your generosity.

Thank you to all the volunteers who do all the tings that don't get noticed – minor repairs of the church, cleaning, lawn care and flower beds, kitchen helps, decorating etc. All these things are necessary to keep our building operating. A big thank you to everyone.

As I retire from chair of this committee I would like to thank the committee and members of the congregation for their support for thee past number of years. Your support was very much appreciated.

~ Doug Dickinson, Chair, Finance, Property and Stewardship Committee
Wayne Ridley, Secretary; John Squire, Treasurer; Rev. Jennifer Irving; Wally Somerville;
Ron Nadolny, Elaine Lightheart; Dave Hopper

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"We may not be able to help everyone, but each of us can make a difference to someone."

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS! WE ARE IN THE BLACK again, and our contributions to Mission and Service were 104% of budget.

This past year has been a challenging year. Again, our church building and equipment have required some repairs and upgrades. In the past two years we have spent over $43,000 on equipment and building repairs with: dish washer, furnace for the sanctuary, hot water heater, heat pump, masonry work on the building, led lights and reversing fans and a deposit on replacing the front doors.

Some of these costs were to qualify for the carbon rebate and energy grant but others were as a need to be replaced.

When I look at the balance sheet for the two-year period our financial position has decreased by $20,000.

Yes, a decrease, but remember $43,000 upgrades and upkeep. We need to remember owning a home requires us to make improvements and upgrades, the church is no different. If we don't make annual repairs and changes, it will cost much more in the future.

Thank you to you all. We have been able to do this because of you. A plea was made with our Christmas letter and 30% of our annual contributions were received in the month of December.

As I have mentioned in the past, Fund Raisers help our bottom line considerably. This past year, Fund Raisers make up just under 10% of our contribution. THANK YOU to those organizers, committees and volunteers for your continued support.

The Centennial Ladies have been so supportive in the past and again this year THANK YOU.

THANK YOU TO YOU, once again you have come through with your amazing support for the Church.

We need to continue to focus on our receipts as well as continuing to monitor our costs.

The budget for 2026 is a stretch, but I know we all are up for the challenge as we have been in the past.

The PAR program is an easy way to keep your financial commitment to the Church, even if you are unable to attend each Sunday. The continued support of PAR program makes in easier for the offering counters and our Administrator, as contributions are made automatically in the Church account each month. For more information on PAR please contact the Church office, or myself.

Thank you also to Pat, our church administrator, for her continued efficiency and support.

Congratulations again and thank you, let's keep up the good work and all the best in 2026.

~ John Squire, Treasurer

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"The most fearless thing we can do
is keep showing up with love and grace and joy
in our real, right-now lives."

~ Sarah Bessey

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TRUSTEES REPORT

In the context of the United Church, trustees hold all of the property of the congregation for the use and benefit of the congregation as part of the United Church of Canada.

The Board of Trustees is responsible in ensuring that Centennial United Church maintains adequate property and liability insurance; as well, trustees are responsible for investing any accumulated assets. With the sale of the manse in 2002, a capital of $121,220.00 was realized which was invested in Guaranteed Investment Certificates with interest paid annually. Terms varied from three to five years. A three year term matured in January 2025. With approval from the regional church council of Western Ontario Waterways, we were allowed to set aside $20,000.00 to facilitate some Centennial capital projects. The balance of $101,220.00 is invested with the Bank of Montreal in two GIC's on a 35 month term bearing interest at 3.25%, payable annually in February.

Our insurance coverage is reviewed and renewed annually with a premium due on June 1. For the 2025-2026 policy year our premium is $11,106.00 plus HST of $888.48 for a total of $11,994.48. There was no rate increase for the year but a 5% inflationary and 3% inflationary increase were levied on the building and contents respectively. The inflationary costs are standard. Our local broker contact is Mclean & Dickey Insurance in Orillia, working through Marsh Canada Limited and Ecclesiastical Insurance.

2025 has been an active and challenging year for Centennial. A number of major capital projects have been completed under a grant rebate program with 66% of the costs being returned to Centennial. Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to maintain the operation and future of Centennial United Church.

Board Of Trustees (2025): Jim Beecroft, Jennifer Irving, Wayne Ridley, Wally Somerville

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RECRUITMENT

The past couple of years a team of Marilyn Beecroft, Marjorie Ridley, Shirley Somerville and myself have worked together to ensure that the committees and teams within the church have the people they need to fulfill their particular ministry within the church. This work continues.

We want to especially thank Barb and Doug Dickinson and Marjorie and Wayne Ridley who are stepping down from their roles as Chair of Worship and Music, Chair of Finance, Property and Stewardship, Vice Chair of the Board and active membership on the Finance, Property and Stewardship Committee, respectively. They have been a guiding light in our ministry together. As they step down, there is a opportunity for others to step up and lead us into the future!

We'd also like to thank those who served on our Faithful Footprints Taskgroup for all their hard work: Nancy Brillinger, Maxine Coutts-Reid, Glynn Evans, Rob Kraan, John Squire and Wally Somerville.

We'd like to propose this slate of volunteers to round out our Committees and Board in 2026:

- Myrna Whitley: Vice Chair of the Board
- Pat Elson to the Worship & Music Committee
- Deborah Mobbs to Outreach and Social Action
- June Robinson to Finance, Property & Stewardship
- Jen Gerrior and Neelah Irving to Communications and Technology

~ Submitted by Jennifer Irving

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Centennial United Church, Balance Sheet for 2025

	Starting Balance Jan. 1, 2025	Change in funds	Closing Balance Dec. 31,2025
ASSETS			
CASH			
Chequing Account	34,022.42	48,757.35	82,779.77
Church GIC	30,567.28	(30,567.28)	0.00
Trustees GIC re Manse(interest to Dec 31 - 2,436.52)	121,220.20	(20,000.00)	101,220.20
Prepaid Insurance	4,552.92	44.10	4,597.02
Total Assets	**190,362.82**		**188,596.99**
LIABILITIES			
Centennial Ladies Group	10.00	0.00	10.00
Sunday School Mission Project	139.47	0.00	139.47
Centennial Friends	386.70	0.00	386.70
FUND BALANCES			
General Fund	66,534.27	6,784.44	73,318.71
Mission & Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Maintenance Fund	(3,141.31)	13,028.99	9,887.68
Trustee Managed Funds	121,220.20	(20,000.00)	101,220.20
Outreach & Social Action	2,956.08	(685.77)	2,270.31
Sunday School Mission Project	2,257.41	(893.49)	1,363.92
Fund Liabilities - amounts owing to above FUNDS	**189,826.65**		**188,060.82**
Total Liabilities	**190,362.82**		**188,596.99**

We the undersigned have examined the financial records for Centennial United Church and find the figures and amounts set forth in this Balance Sheet to be correct and an accurate accounting of the 2025 transactions.

Richard Marsden Richard Marsden

Carol Marsden Carol Marsden

Mission & Service Fund

	Actual 2024	Actual 2025
RECEIPTS:		
Envelope Contributions	13,834.00	13,206.00
Ukraine Relief Fund	0.00	0.00
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Actual RECEIPTS	13,834.00	13,206.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
United Church of Canada M&S	13,834.00	13,206.00
Ukraine Relief Fund	0.00	0.00
	-	-
Actual DISBURSEMENTS	13,834.00	13,206.00
Excess Receipts(+)/Disbursements(-)	-	-

Food Cupboard

	Actual 2024	Actual 2025
RECEIPTS	3,704.50	1,503.98
DISBURSEMENTS		
Supplies	819.42	289.75
Sanctuary Front Doors	0.00	500.00
Community Health Centre	0.00	500.00
June 1 Centennial Lunch	0.00	400.00
Defibulater Annual Inspection	0.00	300.00
Contingency & Benevolent	0.00	200.00
Total Disbursements	819.42	2,189.75
Excess receipts(+)/Disbursements(-)	2,885.08	(685.77)
Carry forward from previous year	71.00	2,956.08
Net carry forward	2,956.08	2,270.31

Sunday School Mission Project

	Actual 2024	Actual 2025
RECEIPTS:		
Receipts--Mission Project	0.00	435.00
Local Outreach	1,164.50	1,060.25
Actual RECEIPTS	1,164.50	1,495.25
DISBURSEMENTS		
Sunday School Supplies	0.00	0.00
Local Outreach	602.00	1,032.74
Mission Project	160.00	1,356.00
Actual DISBURSEMENTS	762.00	2,388.74
Excess Receipts(+)/Disbursements(-)	402.50	(893.49)
Carry forward from previous year	1,854.91	2,257.41
Net carry forward	2,257.41	1,363.92

Building & Computer/Maintenance Fund

	Actual 2024	Actual 2025
RECEIPTS		
Donations	5,340.00	2,965.00
Trustee Fund Transfer	0.00	20,000.00
Sanctuary Front Doors	0.00	9,704.00
Actual RECEIPTS	5,340.00	32,669.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Heat Pump	0.00	10,498.35
Sanctuary Front Doors (50% Deposit)	0.00	5,840.00
Lights and Reversing Fans	0.00	2,422.67
Freezer	0.00	878.99
Hot Water Heater	3,070.00	0.00
Improvements	636.00	0.00
Furnace for Sanctuary	4,755.00	0.00
Masonry Work	6,200.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Actual DISBURSEMENTS	14,661.00	19,640.01
Excess receipts(+)/Disbursements(-)	(9,321.00)	13,028.99
Carry forward from previous year	6,179.69	(3,141.31)
Net carry forward	(3,141.31)	9,887.68

Centennial United Church

Income Expense Statement
General Fund 2025

RECEIPTS:	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025
Regular Envelopes	78,863.62	85,000.00	74,584.50
PAR	17,320.00	20,000.00	17,450.00
Anniversary Envelopes	500.00	2,500.00	50.00
Christmas Envelopes	100.00	1,000.00	5,160.00
Loose Offering	1,362.70	2,000.00	711.19
Centennial Women's Group	5,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
Energy Grant	0.00	0.00	29,000.00
Bulletin Sponsorship	510.00	400.00	345.00
Memorial Donations	8,000.27	5,000.00	3,567.02
Broadview Subscriptions	240.00	225.00	150.00
Healing Fund	0.00	0.00	65.00
* Camp Simpresca Donations	520.00	300.00	690.00
* World Day of Prayer	169.10	0.00	0.00
Canada Helps	543.81	0.00	0.00
Funerals	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Food Bank	2,556.76	1,500.00	2,175.00
Contingency & Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Christmas Family and White Gift	2,190.00	1,000.00	2,950.00
Photo copies	16.00	0.00	22.25
GST Refunds	2,684.86	4,250.00	4,020.04
Weddings	150.00	500.00	0.00
CE Room Rentals	6,943.00	4,500.00	5,420.00
Fundraiser-Various	1,291.31	2,500.00	2,058.85
* Special Activities	1,255.00	0.00	0.00
* Food Grains Bank	0.00	0.00	200.00
Fall Supper	0.00	3,500.00	4,828.29
Spring Supper	1,713.78	2,500.00	2,052.53
Strawberry Supper(split with Presbyterian)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Suppers/Meat Pies	5,219.43	5,000.00	4,645.46
Interest re Manse Investment	2,885.04	2,885.00	2,885.04
Interest earned	2,160.76	300.00	780.82
Coffee Hour Supplies	10.00	0.00	6.00
Miscellaneous	20.00	0.00	0.00
Yard Sale	0.00	0.00	1,085.05
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$142,225.44**	**$145,860.00**	**$167,902.04**

SUMMARY OF MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR 2025

Murial Kerr
Claire Hodgkinson
Doug Inkster
Margaret Miller
Ron Benwell
Pearson Spellman
Paulette Henderson
Edith Robertson

*These expense items have full or partial offsetting donations / receipts.

DISBURSEMENTS

	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025
1) COMMUNICATIONS / PASTORAL CARE / MEMBERSHIP			
Advertising	0.00	250.00	320.00
Office Supplies/Paper/Envelopes	386.28	250.00	336.89
Postage	0.00	375.00	376.82
Telephone	240.00	250.00	240.00
Copier expense	864.81	800.00	675.00
Office Equipment Supplies	75.00	100.00	820.11
Internet access/Web Site Development	1,078.88	1,600.00	1,490.87
Broadview Subscriptions	300.00	225.00	240.00
UCRD (calendars)	83.32	0.00	0.00
Gifts and Flowers	0.00	200.00	0.00
Anniversary Expenses	0.00	100.00	560.00
Pastoral Care Costs	0.00	100.00	0.00
Coffee hour	841.91	450.00	450.11
Total Membership, Communications, etc.	**$3,870.20**	**$4,700.00**	**$5,509.80**
2) EDUCATION & PROGRAM			
Sunday School Curriculum	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday School Supplies	0.00	50.00	0.00
Adult study	0.00	100.00	0.00
Mid Week Program	0.00	100.00	0.00
Youth Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special events	0.00	250.00	351.98
Sunday School Mission Project	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Camper Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Leadership Development	0.00	100.00	0.00
Total Education & Program	**$0.00**	**$600.00**	**$351.98**
3) OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION			
* Camp Simpresca	520.00	300.00	690.00
* World Day of Prayer	169.10	0.00	0.00
* Healing Fund	0.00	0.00	65.00
* Christmas Family	2,100.00	1,000.00	2,950.00
* Food Bank	2,556.76	1,500.00	2,175.00
* Food Bank Extra	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benevolent & Contingency Funds	0.00	500.00	0.00
Total Outreach & Social Action	**$5,345.86**	**$3,300.00**	**$5,880.00**

*These expense items have full or partial offsetting donations / receipts.

DISBURSEMENTS

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Gifts and Flowers	0.00	200.00	0.00
Anniversary Expenses	0.00	100.00	560.00
Pastoral Care Costs	0.00	100.00	0.00
Coffee hour	841.91	450.00	450.11
Total Membership, Communications, etc.	**$3,870.20**	**$4,700.00**	**$5,509.80**
2) EDUCATION & PROGRAM			
Sunday School Curriculum	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday School Supplies	0.00	50.00	0.00
Adult study	0.00	100.00	0.00
Mid Week Program	0.00	100.00	0.00
Youth Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special events	0.00	250.00	351.98
Sunday School Mission Project	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Camper Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Leadership Development	0.00	100.00	0.00
Total Education & Program	**$0.00**	**$600.00**	**$351.98**
3) OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION			
* Camp Simpresca	520.00	300.00	690.00
* World Day of Prayer	169.10	0.00	0.00
* Healing Fund	0.00	0.00	65.00
* Christmas Family	2,100.00	1,000.00	2,950.00
* Food Bank	2,556.76	1,500.00	2,175.00
* Food Bank Extra	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benevolent & Contingency Funds	0.00	500.00	0.00
Total Outreach & Social Action	**$5,345.86**	**$3,300.00**	**$5,880.00**

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Centennial United Church

Income Expense Statement
General Fund 2025

	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025
4) MINISTRY & PERSONNEL			
Ministers Salary	63,171.60	65,067.00	65,066.76
Restorative Care	-9,098.47	0.00	0.00
Book/Education Allowance	1,163.12	1,267.00	1,266.72
Phone and Internet	1,250.63	1,500.00	1,500.00
Travel Allowance(.41/km)	1,077.64	1,000.00	1,433.21
Pulpit Coverage including Travel	2,600.61	1,200.00	1,333.32
Anniversary Speaker	0.00	300.00	0.00
ADP Service Fee	369.42	400.00	347.57
Administrator	9,013.10	9,184.00	9,027.72
Live Stream Technician	800.00	840.00	340.00
Study support (course)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pension/Restorative Care Employer	11,986.44	12,500.00	12,695.29
CPP Employer	4,022.16	4,100.00	4,161.82
EI Employer	1,678.27	1,800.00	1,715.74
Director of Music and Music Coverage	8,675.00	8,925.00	9,000.00
Gifts	370.00	250.00	381.98
Total Ministry & Personnel	**$97,079.52**	**$108,333.00**	**$108,270.13**
5) PROPERTY, STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE			
CHURCH EXPENSES			
Heat	5,382.85	7,000.00	5,719.82
Insurance	11,482.29	12,000.00	11,950.38
Appraisal Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance/Supplies	2,888.28	2,500.00	1,688.42
Utilities	1,824.42	2,000.00	1,792.66
Snow clearing	4,936.72	4,000.00	4,100.00
Covid Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Improvements	0.00	1,000.00	680.81
Water and Sewer	843.63	930.00	666.84
Subtotal Church Expenses	$27,358.19	$29,430.00	$26,598.93
STEWARDSHIP / FINANCE			
Offering Envelopes	0.00	0.00	93.98
Denominational Assessment	5,474.00	5,600.00	6,907.00
Equipment Purchased	9,075.00	0.00	0.00
Bookkeeping Supplies	0.00	0.00	138.51
HST	5,747.44	3,500.00	5,566.96
Bank/PAR Charges	81.20	100.00	77.82
Memorial Gift Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub Total Stewardship / Finance	$20,377.64	$9,200.00	$12,784.27
Total Stewardship, Property & Finance	**$47,735.83**	**$38,630.00**	**$39,383.20**

*These expense items have full or partial offsetting donations / receipts.

	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025
6) WORSHIP & MUSIC			
Sound System	150.00	250.00	65.48
Piano/Organ Maintenance	250.00	1,000.00	250.00
Music/Copyright License	743.16	750.00	717.64
Music Guest	0.00	0.00	75.00
Church Decoration	20.00	100.00	131.49
Communion/Worship Supplies	598.83	400.00	482.88
Total Worship & Music	**$1,761.99**	**$2,500.00**	**$1,722.49**
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$155,793.40**	**$158,063.00**	**$161,117.60**
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	**$ (13,567.96)**	**$ (12,203.00)**	**$ 6,784.44**

Mission and Service	Actual 2024	Target 2025	Actual 2025
	$13,834.00	**$12,500.00**	**$13,206.00**

We the undersigned have examined the financial records for Centennial United Church and find the figures and amounts set forth in this Income and Expense Statement to be correct and an accurate accounting of the 2025 transactions.

Richard Marsden Richard Marsden

Carol Marsden Carol Marsden

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2026 Budget

		Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
RECEIPTS:					
	Regular envelopes	78,863.62	85,000.00	74,584.50	85,000.00
	PAR	17,320.00	20,000.00	17,450.00	20,000.00
	Individual donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Anniversary Envelopes	500.00	2,500.00	50.00	2,500.00
	Christmas Envelopes	100.00	1,000.00	5,160.00	1,000.00
	Loose Offering	1,362.70	2,000.00	711.19	2,000.00
	Bulletin Sponsorship	510.00	400.00	345.00	400.00
	Broadview Subscriptions.	240.00	225.00	150.00	240.00
	Memorial Donations	8,000.27	5,000.00	3,567.02	5,000.00
*	Camp Simpresca Donations	520.00	300.00	690.00	300.00
	Funerals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Canada Helps	543.81	0.00	0.00	0.00
*	Healing Fund	0.00	0.00	65.00	0.00
*	Christmas Family & White Gift	2,190.00	1,000.00	2,950.00	1,000.00
	Contingency & Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
*	Food Bank	2,556.76	1,500.00	2,175.00	1,500.00
*	World Day of Prayer	169.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
*	Food Grains Bank	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
	Photocopies	16.00	0.00	22.25	0.00
	Interest Earned - Manse GIC	2,885.04	2,885.00	2,885.04	3,290.00
	Interest Earned	2,160.76	300.00	780.82	0.00
	HST Refunds	2,684.86	4,250.00	4,020.04	4,000.00
	Coffee Hour Supplies	10.00	0.00	6.00	0.00
	Weddings	150.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Room Rentals	6,943.00	4,500.00	5,420.00	5,500.00
	Piano/organ maintenance	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Centennial Women	5,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
	Yard Sale	0.00	0.00	1,085.05	0.00
	Energy Grant	0.00	0.00	29,000.00	0.00
	New Fundraiser(net of expenses)	2,546.31	2,500.00	2,058.85	2,500.00
	Spring Supper	1,713.78	2,500.00	2,052.53	2,500.00
	Fall Supper	0.00	3,500.00	4,828.29	3,500.00
	Stawberry Supper(split)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Meat Pies/Other Suppers	5,219.43	5,000.00	4,645.46	5,000.00
	TOTAL	**$142,225.44**	**$145,860.00**	**$167,902.04**	**$146,730.00**

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DISBURSEMENTS

		Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
1)	**COMMUNICATIONS / PASTORAL CARE / MEMBERSHIP**				
	Advertising	0.00	250.00	320.00	100.00
	Office Supplies	294.28	250.00	336.89	250.00
	Postage	92.00	375.00	376.82	250.00
	Telephone	240.00	250.00	240.00	240.00
	Copier expense	864.81	800.00	675.00	700.00
	Office Equipment Supplies	75.00	100.00	820.11	50.00
	Internet access & web site	1,078.88	1,600.00	1,490.87	1,600.00
	Broadview Subscriptions	300.00	225.00	240.00	240.00
	UCRD (calendars)	83.32	0.00	0.00	70.00
	Gifts and flowers	0.00	200.00	0.00	150.00
	Anniversary Expenses	0.00	100.00	560.00	0.00
	Pastoral Care Costs	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
	Coffee hour	841.91	450.00	450.11	450.00
	Total	**$3,870.20**	**$4,700.00**	**$5,509.80**	**$4,100.00**
2)	**EDUCATION / PROGRAM**				
	Sunday School Curriculum	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Sunday School Supplies	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
	Mid Week Programs	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Adult Study	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Special Events	0.00	250.00	351.98	250.00
	Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
*	Camp sponsorship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
*	Sunday School Mission Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Leadership Development	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Total	**$0.00**	**$600.00**	**$351.98**	**$600.00**
3)	**OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION**				
*	White Gift & Christmas Family	2,100.00	1,000.00	2,950.00	1,000.00
*	Camp Simpresca	520.00	300.00	690.00	300.00
	Benevolent & Contingency Funds	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
*	Food Bank	2,556.76	1,500.00	2,175.00	1,500.00
*	Food Bank Extra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
*	World Day of Prayer	169.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Healing Fund	0.00	0.00	65.00	0.00
	Total	**$5,345.86**	**$3,300.00**	**$5,880.00**	**$3,300.00**

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4) **MINISTRY & PERSONNEL**

	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
Ministers Salary	63,171.60	65,067.00	65,066.76	66,759.00
Restorative Care	-9,098.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Book/Education Allowance	1,163.12	1,267.00	1,266.72	1,300.00
Housing Allowance (phone)	1,250.63	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Travel Allowance (0.41/km)	1,077.64	1,000.00	1,433.21	1,000.00
Pulpit Coverage including Travel	2,600.61	1,200.00	1,333.32	1,200.00
Anniversary Speaker	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Administrator	9,013.10	9,184.00	9,027.72	9,408.00
Live Stream Technician	800.00	840.00	340.00	840.00
Study support(course)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pension/Restorative Care Employer	11,986.44	12,500.00	12,695.29	13,000.00
CPP Employer	4,022.16	4,100.00	4,161.82	4,300.00
EI Employer	1,678.27	1,800.00	1,715.74	1,800.00
ADP Payroll expenses (service fees)	369.42	400.00	347.57	400.00
Music Director and Music Coverage	8,675.00	8,925.00	9,000.00	9,310.00
Gifts	370.00	250.00	381.98	250.00
Total	**$97,079.52**	**$108,333.00**	**$108,270.13**	**$111,367.00**

5) **PROPERTY, STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

CHURCH EXPENSES

Heat	5,382.85	7,000.00	5,719.82	7,000.00
Insurance	11,482.29	12,000.00	11,950.38	12,000.00
Appraisal Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Janitorial Supplies	2,888.28	2,500.00	1,688.42	2,500.00
Utilities	1,824.42	2,000.00	1,792.66	2,000.00
Snowclearing	4,936.72	4,000.00	4,100.00	4,400.00
Equipment Purchases	9,075.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Improvements	0.00	1,000.00	680.81	1,000.00
Water & Sewer	843.63	930.00	666.84	1,000.00
Offering Envelopes	0.00	0.00	93.98	100.00
Denominational Assessment	5,474.00	5,600.00	6,907.00	5,600.00
Bookkeeping Supplies	0.00	0.00	138.51	100.00
GST	5,747.44	3,500.00	5,566.96	4,000.00
Bank/PAR Charges	81.20	100.00	77.82	100.00
Memorial Gift Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	**$47,735.83**	**$38,630.00**	**$39,383.20**	**$39,800.00**

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	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
6) **WORSHIP & MUSIC**				
Sound System & Power Point	150.00	250.00	65.48	250.00
Piano/Organ Maintenance	250.00	1,000.00	250.00	1,000.00
Music/Copyright License	743.16	750.00	717.64	750.00
Music Guests	0.00	0.00	75.00	100.00
Church decoration	20.00	100.00	131.49	100.00
Communion/Worship Supplies	598.83	400.00	482.88	400.00
Total	**$1,761.99**	**$2,500.00**	**$1,722.49**	**$2,600.00**
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$155,793.40**	**$158,063.00**	**$161,117.60**	**$161,767.00**
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	**$ (13,567.96)**	**$ (12,203.00)**	**$ 6,784.44**	**$ (15,037.00)**

Mission & Service	**Actual 2023**	**Target 2025**	**Actual 2025**	**Target 2026**
	$13,834.00	$12,500.00	$13,206.00	$0.00

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APPENDIX B

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH COMMITTEE & TEAM ROSTER - 2026

Communications & Technology Team
is responsible for the overall communications requirements of the Church including the web-site and social media, and oversees and maintains technology

Deb Allen
Jen Gerrior
Dave Hopper
Neelah Irving
Ron Nadolny
Heidi Sterrenburg

M & P Committee
provide a consultative and supportive agency for the staff of the Pastoral Charge and for members and adherents of the Congregation

Marilyn Beecroft
Alice Grottoli
Jeanette Northan

Trustees
hold all of the property of that congregation for the use and benefit of the congregation as part of the UCC.

Jim Beecroft
Jennifer Irving
Wayne Ridley
Wally Somerville

Education & Program Committee
has the responsibility for oversight and planning of the total Christian Education/Development program of the church

Marilyn Beecroft
Leanne Campbell
Jenny Marlatt
Donna Nadolny

Outreach & Social Action Committee
provide for and coordinate the Christian social action and Mission outreach efforts of Centennial United Church both in the local and global community (includes the Affirming Ministries Committee)

Geoff Allen
Nancy Brillinger
Lesia Collicutt
Alice Grottoli
Neelah Irving
Deborah Mobbs
Joan & Norm Soules
Heidi Sterrenburg

Church Board Executive
Chair: Dave Hopper
Vice: Myrna Whitley
Treasurer: John Squire
Secretary: Pat Elson

Food & Fundraising Team
promote, plan and encourage congregational fellowship and fundraising events

Jayne Coutts **Maxine Coutts-Reid***
Janice Have **Elaine Lightheart**

Pastoral Care Team
oversees the spiritual welfare of the members and adherents of the Congregation and maintains the Pastoral Charge Roll

Sharon Abel **Fred Dunlop**
Wendy Dunlop **Cathy Lewis**
Elaine Lightheart **Lloyd Somerville**
Valerie Willock

Stewardship, Property & Finance
is responsible for the ongoing process of stewardship education and for securing contributions to meet the financial responsibilities of the pastoral charge, and for dispersing the funds received for those purposes and responsible to the Church Board for the care and maintenance of the church buildings, equipment and grounds.

Doug Dickinson **Dave Hopper**
Elaine Lightheart **Ron Nadolny**
June Robinson **Wally Somerville**
John Squire

Worship & Music Committee
provide a suitable setting in which to worship God, and encourage dynamic, participatory worship services.

Deb Allen **Jim Beecroft**
Maxine Coutts-Reid **Pat Elson**
Megan Arksey

Congregational Rep: Janice Have
WOW Regional Reps: Greta Horton
vacant
Centennial Women Rep: Liz Kraan

Notes: The Ministry Person serves on all committees and teams except M&P. Underline indicates Chair and rep to the Church Board.
Committees & Teams can add members at any time and seek help from outside its membership for activities, tasks and projects.
*A Faithful Footprints Taskgroup was struck in 2024 to help the church go green for a grant!
Don't see your name and want to? Volunteers are always welcome!

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
February 23, 2025
12:30 PM
CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH
234 William St
Stayner, ON L0M 1S0

Present: (see attached list)

Opening Prayer

Rev Jennifer Irving opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion to Grant Voting Privileges to all persons present:

A motion to allow voting privileges to all persons was made by Lloyd Somerville, seconded by Wally Somerville. All in favour. Carried.

Nominations and Elections

Annual Meeting Chairperson

Alice Grottoli was nominated by Marilyn Beecroft, seconded by Sandra Squire. All in favour. Carried.

Annual Meeting Secretary

John Squire nominated Pat Elson, seconded by Dave Hopper. All in favour. Carried.

Motion for Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as corrected (some agendas recorded an incorrect year for financial reports). Moved by Marilyn Beecroft, seconded by Maxine Coutts-Reid. All in favour. Carried.

Motion to Approve Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve February 25th, 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes as circulated: Moved by John Squire, seconded by Donna Nadolny. All in favour. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising that is not included in agenda.

2024 Annual Reports

In Memoriam.

Alice read the list of names of members and non members who died in 2024, in addition to those for whom funerals or memorial services were held. They are missed and remain with us as our Community of Saints.

Reports of Staff, Committees and Groups

Reports were received in the Annual Report. Questions were invited.

Noted an addition to the Worship and Music Committee. A church lawn service was held July 7, 2024.

Business Arising

Greta Horton, Regional Representative had several comments. She, thanked Jennifer for her service as President of the Region. That role is completed in May 2025.

Greta also noted Centennial United Church supports Camp Simpresca even though it is in Shining Waters Region. There are 3 camps in Western Ontario Waterways – Camp Bimini, Camp Menesetung and Silver Lake Camp.

Greta also reminded the congregation that each pastoral charges is allowed two regional representatives. Greta is our only representative, and would appreciate someone else stepping forward as the second regional representative. Suggested the invitation be included in the bulletin to make the opportunity known.

Motion to Approve Reports of Staff, Committees and Groups

John Squire moved the acceptance of all reports, seconded by Doug Dickinson. All in favour. Carried.

2024 Financial Report

Business Arising

John Squire reported. The financial report for 2024 was circulated in the Annual Report. John drew attention to the Fund Balance Report that summarizes designated funds. John highlighted:

Mission and Service

2024 M&S contributions were $ 13,834. The previous year was $ 13,879.

Building and Computer Maintenance.

This is for major repairs and disbursements for the church. Maintenance and equipment replacement is an ongoing issue. There were more major expenses in 2024 than in previous years including a hot water heater, masonry work, furnace for the Round Room. The dishwasher, purchase in 2024 as well is recorded in general because there was a gift received recorded in general in 2023.

Food Cupboard

Proceeds from the yard sale and some donations have gone to support the Food Cupboard.

Sunday School Mission Project

Funds raised by youth and Sunday School and used to support local outreach and mission projects.

Income and Expense – General Fund

Overall received about $ 6,000 less than previous years. It should be noted the church received some sizable donations in 2023. John noted that Centennial Women are strong contributors to the church. This past year they contributed $ 5,000. The ongoing support from Centennial Women is deeply appreciated.

Facility rentals have increased in value, from $ 2,900 in 2023 to $ 6,900 in 2024.

Fundraising also makes a significant contribution to the bottom line. Appreciation to Maxine for organizing multiple food based fundraisers. The meat and fruit pies raised $ 5,200 for the church in 2024.

The church receives an HST rebate of 68-70% of HST paid. This rebate must be applied for.

John highlighted the from Restorative Care. This is a contributory plan helped cover costs of compassionate leave for Jennifer.

Other significant expenses include Insurance ($11,482). Equipment purchase is the dishwasher ($ 9,075).

Overall the general fund had a deficit of $ 13,567.96 at the end of 2024. The building and maintenance fund ended 2024 with a deficit of $ 9,321.

The 2024 Financial Statements have been reviewed and signed off by Richard and Carol Marsden.

Motion to Approve 2024 Financial Report

John Squire moved adoption of the 2024 Financial Statement as presented, seconded by Maxine Coutts-Reid. All in favour. Carried.

2025 Budget

John Squire presented the 2025 budget. Each committee identified needs in the coming year which were then consolidated. There has been good control of costs in the past and many budgets have very little change. The budget presented has a net deficit of $12,203 but John is confident the church will do better than that.

Ministry and personnel expenses are about 68% of budget. Property and Finance just over 20%. About 92% of budget expenses are in these 2 areas.

Responding to an invitation for suggestions on how to reduce the deficit Ron raised the question of the Yard Sale. At the moment there is no budget because the funds raised are going to Outreach and Social Action Fud. Alice addressed plans of the Outreach and Social Action Committee to disburse this money to local charities for local needs.

Motion to Accept 2025 Budget

John Squire moved acceptance of the 2025 budget as presented, seconded by Dave Hopper. All in favour. Carried.

Nominations and Election of 2025 Financial Examiners

John Squire shared that Carol and Richard Marsden are willing to examine the 2025 financial reports in 2026. While they cannot get to church the Marsdens appreciate the opportunity to remain involved with the church and make Marjorie Ridley moved to appoint Carol and Richard Marsden to be the 2025 Financial Examiners. Shirley Somerville seconded the motion. All in favour. Carried.

Many thanks to Carol and Richard for this contribution.

Mission and Service 2025

Motion to Accept 2025 M&S Target

The congregation surpassed our 2024 target of $12,500 with an amount of $13,834. Moved by Lloyd Somerville the 2025 target should be $12,500. Greta Horton seconded the motion. All in favour. Carried.

New Business

Yard Sale

At the last meeting of the Outreach and Social Action Committee the Yard Sale was discussed. It is considerable work and a great deal of energy is required to make it go. The Committee decided that it is a needed community service. They plan to further limit what will be accepted. A wide base of volunteers is required to make it possible (the Committee can't do everything). Thanks to all those who support the intake, setting up and cleaning up and is willing to lead the initiative. Date proposed is Saturday, May 17.

Faithful Footprints
Centennial is eligible for a grant. The program (begun in 2018) is designed to reduce financial barriers for United Churches to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon footprint.
Since it started more than 500 ministries (camps, congregations and others) have participated, and over 200 have completed their green projects. The goal is to reduce overall emissions of UCC ministries by 80% by 2030. Centennial is eligible for the grant.

The grant terms are the grant covers 2/3 of costs, the congregation covers 1/3.
There are two streams:
Energy efficiency.
Potential of $ 20,000 grant for projects costing up to $ 30,000
Reducing carbon footprint
Up to $ 10,000 of a $ 15,000 project would be covered.

A committee was formed to explore the possibility of applying for grants. This is a one time grant, the work must be completed and submission of actual expenses made.

These items are eligible

- Replaced hot water heater, with an energy efficient hot water heater.
- Replaced furnace for Round Room, with an energy efficient furnace.
- Dishwasher replaced with an energy efficient dishwasher.
- Lights have been changed to LED in CE Hall and the sanctuary.
- LED fixtures being explored for kitchen and offices.
- Reversing fans for sanctuary.
- New energy efficient upright freezer.
- Front entry doors (estimates are $ 14,000 - $ 23,000)

Some of these expenses have already been paid.

Doors.
Door options for the Sanctuary were presented. The existing doors are all wood, warped and can't be repaired. Quotes for insulated steel doors have been requested.

The lowest quote is $ 13,198 from a Thornbury based firm (Cedarport). They commit that the reframing (included in the quote) would be consistent with the building. The quote is for the plainest steel door.

The Committee is looking for direction from the congregation on whether to continue working towards replacing the existing doors, and whether to go with the plainest design or look at more decorative options.

Several comments were made:

- The doors should welcome people in.
- Existing doors were donated by a family. Need to continue to honour that gift even though doors will be replaced. (Suggested - take picture and plaque and put in memory room.)
- The committee was asked to give consideration to accessibility.
- Two quotes have been received – suggested a third quote be requested.

Moved by Marilyn Beecroft, seconded by Valerie Willock. The door replacement should move ahead with design to be decided at the discretion of the committee, informed by comments from the congregation. Approved.

If there are further suggestions/comments please refer to Maxine, or other members of the committee (included in the annual report, App B).

Reducing carbon footprint.
The Committee is looking for direction on whether to proceed with a plan to install a heat pump that would heat and cool the two offices. Estimates are about $ 15,000 which means the congregation would cover $ 5,000, the grant $ 10,000.

Moved by Barbara Dickinson, seconded by Donna Nadolny that the committee move ahead with the installation of a heat pump. Agreed.

Noted that permission has been given to use $ 20,000 of Manse funding for capital costs.

100th Anniversary of the UCC Visioning Team
June 10, 1925 the UCC was born. On June 8, 2025 the UCC is celebrating 100th Anniversary. Churches across the country are encouraged to find different ways to celebrate this special anniversary.

June 8, 2025 service will be in NFLD and will be livestreamed so that all UCC congregations can join in this special worship.

We are also encouraged to dream of ways to celebrate the anniversary as a congregation. Jennifer invited anyone who was interested to join a committee who would begin to work on ways to celebrate. Anyone interested should let Jennifer know.

Some suggestions were made for consideration:

- Scrapbook of long time families associated with Centennial, and others with history of involvement in the UCC.
- Collecting stories on people's personal story of involvement with the United Church
- The Regional Council is creating a jigsaw puzzle in the shape of the region and . every congregation has a piece of the puzzle to decorate. Donna Nadolny has designed several options for Centennial. Everyone was invited to vote on their favourite.

Thanks and Acknowledgements

Thanks to everyone who made time to attend the meeting, those who set up the room, those who made the lunch possible.

Thanks to Jennifer for another year of dedication to this church.

Thanks to Shirley Somerville who has retired as congregational rep. Thanks for all the fine service, keeping close to the pulse of the congregation. These will be big boots to fill!

Jennifer thanked congregation for their support throughout this difficult and challenging year.

Thanks to staff, Jennifer, Pat, Megan, June. Thanks to all the volunteers who support the church. Those efforts are appreciated and the church would not be able to thrive without them.

Thanks to Alice Grottoli for chairing the meeting.

Annual Meeting 2026 date

The Annual Meeting for 2026 is tentatively set as February 22. 2026. The Board may decide on alternative date at a later time.

Adjournment

Sandra Squire moved that we adjourn at 2:10 pm.

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
February 23, 2025

1. Sandra Squire
2. Marilyn Beecroft
3. Shirley Somerville
4. Wally Somerville
5. Jenny Marlatt
6. Alice Grattan
7. Janice Howe
8. Jeanette Nortman
9. Jim Beecroft
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11. JOHN SQUIRE
12. Marjorie Ridley
13. Anna Nadolny
14. Jena Lepan
15. Ron Nadolny
16. Nancy Billinger
17. Wayne Ridley
18. Doug Dickinson
19. Barb Dickinson
20. Greta Gordon
21. Valerie Wallace
22. Deborah Mobbs

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
February 25, 2025

23. E. Marina Coutts-Reid
24. Lloyd + Marilyn Somerville
25. Leslie + Gerry Houtzager
26. Rob Kraan
27. Norman Soules
28. Joan Soules
29. John Dyer
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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2026

1. Opening Prayer
2. Motion to Grant Voting Privileges to all persons present
3. Nominations and Elections
    a. Annual Meeting Chairperson
    b. Annual Meeting Secretary
4. Motion for Approval of Agenda
5. Minutes from the last Annual Meeting
    a. Motion to approve the Minutes
    b. Business Arising from the Minutes
6. 2025 Annual Reports
    a. In Memoriam
    b. Reports of Staff, Committees and Groups
        i. Business Arising
        ii. Motion to Approve Reports of Staff, Committees and Groups
    c. 2025 Financial Report
        i. Business Arising
        ii. Motion to Approve 2025 Financial Report
7. 2026 Budget
    a. Business Arising
    b. Motion to Accept 2026 Budget
    c. Nominations and Election of 2026 Financial Examiners
8. Mission and Service 2026
    a. Motion to Accept 2026 M&S Target
9. New Business
    a. Other New Business
10. Thanks and Acknowledgements
11. Annual Meeting 2027 date
12. Adjournment

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