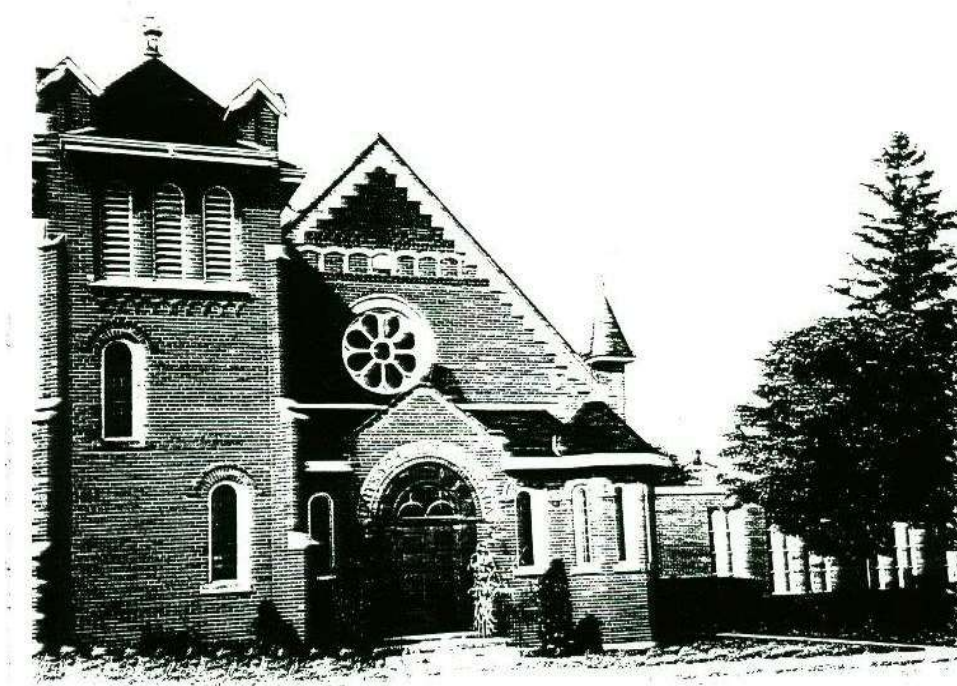


CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

Stayner, Ontario



2023

ANNUAL REPORTS

MINISTER: Rev. Jennifer Irving

BOARD CHAIR: David Hopper

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MEMBERSHIP & MILESTONES

BAPTISMS

Avery Ella Ann Lafrance
Landen Kenneth Wayne Cose
Dawson Joseph Draper
Johanna Eleanore Heidi Wiese

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY TRANSFER

Sharon Barbara Jeanne Abel
Patricia Marena Elson
Elsie June Flynn
Leslie Ann Houtzager
William Gerald Houtzager
Joan Elizabeth Kraan
Robert William Kraan
Wendy Susan Whalen
James Harold Whitley
Myrna Viola Lowe Whitley

IN MEMORIAM

(* indicates a member)

Howard Cecil Atkinson
*Bruce Clair Bowman**
*Norma Evelyn Bowman**
Ina Mildred Evans
*Daphne Jeannine Jackson**
*Dale Zane Nixon**

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Resident Members	116
Non-Resident Members	17
Total Membership (resident and non-resident)	133
Families Under Our Pastoral Care	96
Active Families (Member and Adherent)	68
Identifiable Givers	80
Identifiable Givers to M&S	34
Average Weekly Attendance (Oct-Nov)	+70

+There was an average in person attendance of **45** people with **25** 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

On this sunny day in January—one of the few so far this winter, I am warmed by the light just as surely as I have been warmed by the love that has been shared this past year at Centennial United Church.

This year has been a difficult one for me personally, from starting out the year with my husband, Neil needing to be hospitalized, to taking on the Presidency of the Regional Council in the middle of the year, to ending the year filled with grief over the death of my older sister, Carolyn. Through all these personal challenges, I have felt wrapped in a blanket of comfort and support by the congregation. The same blanket of loving care that wraps around each and every person who steps through the doors of this church and spreads across each and every aspect of our ministry together.

The making of a new church directory, that was accomplished this past year, symbolized for me the time and effort we take to reach out to one another with invitation and welcome, inclusion and grace. What a testimony to our church family we have captured through these photos and phone numbers! When we look through this directory in the years to come I hope it will fill us with the memories of the love and support we have found here this year.

This was a year that we continued to build on our ministry with children, youth and young adults through special events and finally hosting that “Wake-Over”! We welcomed new members through profession of faith and transfer of membership and even celebrated the sacrament of baptism! We have supported the eldest in our congregation through our pastoral care, reaching out with special deliveries to ensure everyone feels covered by the warmth of our grace.

Also this year, at the request of one of our members, the board voted to began the Affirming Ministries process. Through this process we will identify ways we can be more public, intentional and explicit about including everyone in our church family regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation specifically, but also, regardless of age, ability, race, or gender. We give thanks for all the ways this process over the next few years will confirm the lived experience of our warm and loving welcome to all.

The warmth of our love extended in so many other ways this year like through the installation of our Little Food Cupboard through which our community shares resources with each other and our partnership with the Clearview-Stayner Foodbank is strengthened, our work with the Clearview Ministerial helping to advocate for affordable housing for all, and our Mission and Service givings, which once again exceeded our goal and through which we embrace the entire world.

Through all our work and witness this year, we have added layers and length to the comfort and warmth we spread here and everywhere. Having received this comfort and warmth so personally this year, I give thanks and encourage us all to keep knitting with the love of God through Christ!

~ Jennifer Irving, Ordained Minister

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

~ Hebrews 10:24-25

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2023 has been a busy one administratively! The administrative work of the church includes bookkeeping, correspondence, preparing the bulletin for printing and the powerpoint for projection each Sunday, recording minutes for the Board, and sending out financial reports. And of course – other duties as assigned!

In the past year facility use has increased significantly – in both number of requests and the different community groups asking to use our meeting spaces.

Getting ready for in person and online worship is, of course, a key part of the work. As our outreach continues to grow so does the work around bulletin and powerpoint production as we try to keep people aware of all that is happening within our church community. And, of course, second guessing the number of bulletins needed each week!

I have enjoyed being part of the Centennial United community and look forward to continuing the work in 2024.

~ Pat Elson, Church Administrator

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

2023 has been a year of returning to a more “normal” atmosphere in our church life. Members have returned on Sunday morning & it is encouraging to see new faces in our congregation. Our CE wing is once again busy with meetings & the return of groups renting the facilities. Even the weather co-operated & we did not have any service cancellations due to storms. It is amazing how we have been able to regroup & swing back into action after 2 years of isolation.

A lot of work & effort was put into preparing special services that complimented our regular Sunday worship. I was honoured to represent the board at services for baptisms, new members & membership transfers. We celebrated communion throughout the year, AED dedication in memory of Donna Allen, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, & Easter Sunday Services. We had a wonderful outdoor service & barbeque at Heidi & Edwin's farm for Indigenous Peoples Day. Our summer “get togethers” kept us in touch. We celebrated our Anniversary Sunday with a pulpit exchange with Jane Sullivan from Creemore. Kathy Douglas & Ron Ewart presented Olyndra with the Baillie Volunteer Service Award. Remembrance Day had music & last post by Colin Irving. We hosted a special longest night service lead by Jane Sullivan & Rebekah Duncan. Advent services lead up to a wonderful Christmas Eve service complete with Christmas Pudding!

Committees got back to work quickly & took on some large tasks such as our photo directory, fundraising dinners (both take out & dine in), meat pie & apple crisp sales, yard sale, bazaars, AED installation & training, renovations to our washrooms, roof & building maintenance. As a board, we voted to begin the Affirming Ministries process at the request from a member of the congregation. We also voted “yes” on the remit from General Council regarding the establishment of an autonomous national Indigenous organization within The United Church of Canada,

We also encountered challenges along the way. Early in the year we were faced with security issues & had to put some measures in place to ensure the safety of our congregation, youth & staff. It was distressing that people would enter our sanctuary with ill intent. Our property committee had to deal with basement flooding several times during the heavy rains in July. Our finance picture for both the general fund & mission & service ended the year on a positive note. We were able to help more Christmas families than planned. Thanks to everyone's generosity for this & food bank donations.

Thank you to everyone for the hard work from service preparation, committee meetings, facility maintenance, technical support for live stream & recording our services, fund raising, youth activities & many outreach programs.

We will move forward with more activities & projects in 2024.

~ David Hopper, Chair, Centennial Board

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Another memorable year has passed in the life of Centennial United Church and with its passing we give thanks for the staff and all of the volunteers that have worked so hard on our behalf. We continue to feel blessed to have wonderful staff that keep the spiritual leadership and administration functions flowing smoothly and volunteers that step forward to carry on all the tasks that keep our church open and thriving.

Rev. Jennifer Irving continues to inspire us with her leadership and her compassion for our church family - which she so generously provides with love and enthusiasm. She has provided support for so many that have had serious health issues and personal difficulties in their lives. Jennifer continues to provide spiritual inspiration for all ages, from the youth to the elderly among us. In addition to guiding Centennial, we feel honoured to have her take on the role of President of Western Ontario Waterways Region. We know that this is a tremendous responsibility that Jennifer has embraced and we continue to give her the support that she needs to faithfully carry out this calling. Additionally, we were happy to be able to allow Jennifer the flexibility to be with her family and sister this fall during the difficult time of her illness and death.

As we continue to live with the challenges of covid, flu, other illnesses and an aging congregation we realize how important it is for us to provide on-line Sunday worship. We are very thankful for the technological support that Jennifer's family provide (Olyndra, Neelah and Colin). We are hopeful that going forward members of the congregation will become trained to assist with the on-line worship technology so that we can continue to provide this important service to the congregation and to those further abroad who are unable to worship with us in person. Jennifer and her family continue to be a very special part of our lives. We are thankful for the Irving family.

Pat Elson works faithfully behind the scenes as our Church Administrator and does so with great dedication and enthusiasm. She ensures that administration is looked after even during the summer months when we take a sabbatical from our regular services and activities. Pat has kept the administrative and accounting responsibilities running smoothly and brings a wonderful, thoughtful approach to all that she does and with all those she encounters.

Thank you to June Flynn who continued to share her talents and joy of music with us until she needed to deal with some health issues. Thanks to Julie McDonald, Colin Irving and Mary Boyd who shared their music with us during June's absence. Mary has brought her talents and willingness to lead a choir. Having the choir come together with hymn support and special music brings us great joy. It was a wonderful treat to have Mary at the piano and Colin Irving at the organ during our Christmas Service. We are fortunate to have such talented replacements available to keep music alive at Centennial.

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 Grotoli, Jeanette Northan

AFFIRMING MINISTRY

At a Board meeting in June, 2023, after a presentation by a youth member of the congregation, the Board voted in favour of starting the Affirming Ministries process.

In order to become an Affirming Ministry, we will work through an educational/discernment process designed to help us reflect on what it means to be inclusive and intentional about how we include others within the life and work of our ministry. This process looks at a variety of areas that may be barriers to those coming to our community – age, gender, race, ability, class, economic status and, in particular to the Affirming ministry, gender identity and expression, and sexualities. Our discussions will include as many groups within the church as possible, from our governing body to our staff, choir, adult groups, spirituality groups, youth, children, outreach, and more. The process takes as long as it needs to take. Some take a year, others are longer. Becoming Affirming isn't a quick journey, because it's a process of love, discernment, and transformation.

In order to figure out how best to approach this work, a committee of volunteers was formed which included Neelah Irving, Heidi Sterrenburg, Joan Soules, Sharon Abel and Geoff Allen. We are currently working on a Vision Statement concerning the inclusion of all, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, race, class, gender, family configuration, economic status, neurodivergence, as well as the full spectrum of mental and physical abilities, as part of a broader commitment to seeking justice and inclusion for all people.

We welcome all comments, suggestions and will follow the education and discernment process as we move forward.

~ Geoff Allen, Member, Affirming Ministries Committee

CENTENNIAL FRIENDS

In 2023 we supported a family games day, two movie nights and the outdoor worship and BBQ lunch at the end of June. We organized a last minute afternoon of flower picking and bouquet making at Rural Roots included cucumber sandwiches and lemonade. It would have taken more than the little rain shower that had us running for cover to dampen our spirits! Our bouquets were then shared with the Pastoral Care Team to help bring joy at Thanksgiving. If you would like to join us or if you have an idea for a "Centennial Friends" event in 2024 don't hesitate to reach out!

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

~Jane Goodall

CENTENNIAL WOMEN

Centennial Women continue their mission to support the work of the church in our community and enjoy opportunities for fellowship along the way.

Our Valentine's meeting on February 9 had an outreach focus on Blue Mountain Manor, The ladies decorated a potted tree branch with Valentines for the residents.

Our Spring meeting was on April 22, and Janice Have's final meeting as secretary. Many thanks to Janice for serving as our secretary for several years. Our meeting focus was precious memories, and we spent a pleasant time sharing items and the memories that they hold for us.

In October we had hoped to meet again for a field trip to Meaford Anglian Church to see the lovely WWII stained glass windows but this was postponed to the following spring due to COVID concerns.

In November we met with a Remembrance Day these. Liz Kraan came on as sectary for this meeting and going forward. We shared favourite recipes at this meeting and collected all the recipes into a small cookbook for everyone to take home with them.

On December 5 we enjoyed a Christmas luncheon catered by Coco Café. Our ladies brought lots of hats, mitts and socks to support the local “Out of the Cold” program, and additionally some track pants and hoodies were purchased to go along with the hats etc. Jennifer and Liz with her guitar led us in a Christmas Carol sing. At this meeting we also assembled mason jar Christmas centrepieces that could either be taken home or donated to our pastoral care team for their Christmas visits.

At this meeting we decided as a group to support Collingwood General and Marine Hospital’s MRI fund with a \$ 1,000 gift., Georgian Triangle Hospice with \$ 1,000, and \$ 2,000 to the church’s general fund.

Our meetings have been well attended with 18 – 28 women attending.

Upcoming events are announced in the weekly church bulletin. New members are always welcome to join us at meetings or in the kitchen.

~ Nancy Brillinger, President, Centennial Women

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

~ Coretta Scott King

CENTENNIAL WOMEN’S FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,021.85
Receipts	
Funeral teas	\$ 3,700.00
Celebration Teas	3,603.00
Christmas lunch receipts	375.00
Donation – Out of the Cold	10.00
	<u>\$ 7,688.00</u>
	\$ 10,709.85
Expenses	
Catering Supplies	1,603.52
Cards/postage	132.98
Church support	2,000.00
Missions donations	2,217.43
Coffee hour	115.58
Insurance for Church visit	43.70
Christmas lunch	400.00
Meeting expenses	74.50
	<u>6,587.71</u>
Closing Balance	<u>4,122.14</u>

~ Donna Gerior, Treasurer, Centennial Women

“We ought to think that we are one of the leaves of a tree, and the tree is all humanity.

We cannot live without the others, without the tree.”

~ Pablo Casals

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Despite not meeting in an official capacity, this team has been working behind the scenes to ensure that our web-site and Facebook Page are kept up to date, our live-stream runs smoothly, and the tech equipment in the church is performing as it should. Thank you to Ron Nadolny who keeps the web-site calendar updated, Neelah, Olyndra and Colin Irving, Myrna Whitley, Maxine Coutts-Reid and Deb Allen for assistance running our live-stream of worship, and to Dave Hopper for his help running our sound system and researching and facilitating equipment updates as needed. Regular weekly emails from the administrator, Pat Elson and our minister, Jennifer Irving help keep everyone informed and up to date. If you would like to be added to the email list please reach out to office@ucstayner.ca or sign up on our website: www.ucstayner.ca

“There is no communication with God without communication with God’s people.”
~ Sunday Adelaja

EDUCATION & PROGRAM

We met as a committee 5 times in 2023 to plan opportunities for spiritual growth and fun for all ages. You will have to imagine all of the joy and excitement in the activities highlighted below:

Adults:

- Booksharing was held via Zoom on January 31, due to weather and October 3, due to Covid. We met in-person on June 13, with 4 people present each time. In-person offers more interaction and typically more participants.
- Our Lenten Study was based on the United Church book, good courage, edited by Alydia Smith. We met in-person, weekly from February 22 – April 5. The book was purchased by 20 people and we averaged 9 people discussing the daily readings during the 6 week study.
- The theme for the Prayer Bench Stroll for Your Soul was “Returning to our Senses”. The daily emails, sent May 13 – June 3 invited us to use one of our senses each day – touch, hearing, taste, smell, sight, and proprioception – to connect to the world around us and to our Greater Creator. On average 5 of us met weekly for the 4 weeks, to stroll together and exchange thoughts on the readings.
- The Prayer Bench Autumn Rambles theme was “Ease into Autumn” with emails sent for 14 days to help us enjoy slowing down and become more connected with nature. Our wrap-up was held on Sunday, October 29, with 8 of us enjoying the beautiful, warm fire at Lloyd and Marilyn Somerville’s home. Thank you Lloyd and Marilyn!
- Our Advent Study was based on the Prayer Bench 6 week “Musicians of Holy Mystery”. We learned about how some famous musicians combined their love of music with their spiritual journey. We had planned 6 sessions and completed 4 of them, with 5 participants and 4 of us in attendance each week. Each session stands alone and can be used at any time of year. New dates will be chosen in 2024 to complete the study, inviting anyone interested.

Youth:

- During the beginning of the year, the Youth met via Zoom 6 times with all 3 youth and 2 leaders participating. Zoom was used partially due to the weather and partially due to how challenging it is to find time that suits all schedules.
- We attended the Stayner Duck Races to cheer on our duck, Jonah, on May 6. Jonah was not last, and not swallowed by a whale. Many were present to cheer for Jonah.

- On Tuesday, May 16, we went to Barrie to see the movie “Hello God, It’s Me, Margaret”. Our 3 youth and 3 adults were joined by the youth and leaders from New Lowell.
- At long last, on September 21-22 we held our “first” Wakeover! The youth began with supper at the Pita Pit, tried Rock Climbing in Collingwood, helped to organize the Sunday School room, watched movies and wrapped up with a pancake breakfast.
- On October 28, the youth gathered to pack 20 Hallowe’en Treat bags and watch a movie.
- Congratulations to Olyndra Irving! At worship on November 5, Olyndra was presented with the Baillie Volunteer Service Award. Fifteen Baillie awards are presented annually across Canada to youth and young adults for their commitment to volunteer service.
- The Western Ontario Waterways Region held a Cookie Baking Challenge on Sunday, November 5 at Centennial for students in Grade 6 and up. We had 5 youth from Centennial and 5 adults present.

Sunday School:

- We followed the Lectionary for morning Sunday school during the winter and spring, then studied Moses during the fall until Advent.
- Sunday School was offered 32 times in 2023, with attendance ranging from 0 to 6 attending, usually 3.
- Sunday School teachers included Donna Nadolny, Olyndra Irving and Hannah Marlatt. Thank you!
- Sunday afternoon events continue to attract more children than Sunday morning and include our youth (see below).
- In September, all adult teachers and members of Education and Program renewed their Police Checks.

Sunday School and Youth together:

- The Sunday School and Youth had a successful Bake Table at the Spring Bazaar on April 25. Funds raised are used for outreach projects. Several families baked for the table and 6 children, 2 Youth and 4 adults assisted on the day of the Bazaar.
- On May 30 the Youth, Sunday School children and parents were invited to learn more about the Food Bank. Following the visit families were offered \$20 from our outreach money to shop for the Food Bank. The food and a donation of \$1000 was presented to the Stayner Food Bank.
- In the Spring, with the assistance of Heidi Sterrenberg, we planted annuals and perennials to create a butterfly and bee garden, using some of our funds raised at the bake sales. In the fall we added a flowering crab tree to our garden. Thank you Heidi!
- Our most popular event continues to be the Annual Pumpkin Carving. This year 20 children and youth and 12 adults participated. The event was enhanced by creative games Produced by Anina Geisser. Thank you Anina!
- On Monday, November 6, Centennial hosted a gathering of 6 leaders and Sunday School teachers in our Region, facilitated by Kathy Douglass, who is responsible for the Children and Youth Ministries in Western Ontario Waterways Region.
- A Bake Table at the Christmas Bazaar on November 25 was again a success, with 1 youth, 6 children and 5 adults helping sell the baked goods produced by many Centennial bakers!
- Centennial once again had a float in the Stayner Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, December 2. Many thanks to Jim and Myrna Whitley for the truck and decorated wagon, Wally and Shirley Somerville for hosting the float decorating party and kept everything on track. Many thanks to our 2 youth, 7 children and 5 adults on the float and the 5 adults in the truck.
- On Sunday, December 3, we held a Make and Take crafting afternoon and rehearsal for the White Gift Service. Many thanks to Anina Geisser for coordinating all of the crafts – enjoyed by 3 youth, approximately 10 children and 8 adults.

- Sunday, December 10 was our White Gift Service “It’s a Wonder” by Bari Castle and Linnea Good. Our 3 youth astounded everyone once again, and amazing speaking parts by some of our older Sunday School members. In all 8 children participated with 3 youth and many adults including the Centennial Choir and Mary Boyd on piano. Many volunteers helped with setting up and taking down the stage and props. The entire committee helped with costumes. Thank you all!

Activities for All Ages:

- A group of 20 watched the movie “Wonder” on Saturday, February 25.
- We had a Games Afternoon on Sunday, March 26 with fun for all 24 present.
- A group of 7 – 3 youth and 4 adults watched the most recent Little Women movie on Friday, June 9.

Thank You!

All of these activities took the work of many people! Many thanks go to the entire Education and Program Committee! Leanne, Jenny, Marilyn and Jennifer it has truly been a team effort. I appreciate you always being willing to do pumpkin carving, figure out costumes, plan for all ages and so much more!

I particularly want to thank Jennifer who leads our studies, contacts people, stays awake during the wakeover, and guides our committee – all with joy, knowledge and the Grace of God. Your leadership truly helps us achieve so much!

~ Donna Nadolny, Chair, Education and Program

FACILITIES USAGE

Use of the church building in 2023 increased again as community groups and individuals have felt more comfortable organizing group gatherings. Regular users include the Stayner Garden Club, the Stayner Stitchers quilting group and the Collingwood Agricultural Society. Individuals have also used the CE hall for family gatherings. In September, after comparing our rental rates with comparable facilities, the Board raised the prices for Facility rentals. In 2023 income from rentals was \$ 2,900.

~Pat Elson, Church Administrator

“We know that without food we would die. Without fellowship, life isn’t worth living.”

~ Laurie Colwin

FINANCE, PROPERTY & STEWARDSHIP

2023 has come to an end and again our committee gives a big thank you to everyone for their continued support – financial and in many other ways. This year ended on a very positive note despite increased costs. Insurance, snow removal, unplanned expenses (such as tree pruning, roof repairs, chimney removal, insurance appraisals plumbing and washroom renovations. We couldn’t have gotten through the year without your generosity and hope you will give us your continued support for 2024.

Committee members are – Rev. Jennifer Irving, John Squire (Treasurer), Wally Somerville, Ron Nadolny, Elaine Lighheart, Wayne Ridley, Dave Hopper (Secretary)

~ Doug Dickinson, Chair, Finance, Property and Stewardship Committee

“Treasure up the gifts of God; the time will come when you will need them; and if you are faithful to treasure up the gifts of God then they will wake up in your soul.”

~a Shaker mother

FOOD & FUNDRAISING

March 2023 Maxine organized the making/selling of our “Beef/Turkey” plus some fruit pies. Lots of preparation goes into this event with an assembly line of congregation member volunteers. The pies are a sold out event. **2023 Pie Sale Profit – \$ 4,480**

In April the committee met for the organization of the Spring “Fish Dinner”. It was decided to continue with take-out only, date for dinner Wednesday May 10th. The congregation was called in advance for monetary donations or to sign the work schedule list. Valerie Willock was responsible for taking the phone calls & Maxine Coutts-Reid for the online orders.

2023 Fish Dinner Profit - \$ 2,200

In October the committee met again to brainstorm for the Fall Dinner. It was decided to serve a complete Turkey Dinner. The turkey dinner was served on Sunday, November 19th with Take out served between 4:30 and 6:30. A sit down meal was served to 96 people at 5 PM. Barb Dickinson was responsible for the phone orders, Maxine Coutts-Reid the online orders.

2023 Turkey Dinner Profit - \$ 2,250

I would like to acknowledge Valerie Willock for her position of sending out an assortment of cards to mark many different occasion in our church community. Valerie advised approximately 140 cards were mailed or hand delivered. The cost was \$130, which paid for stamps, sympathy cards and “special” birthday/anniversary cards. If anyone has extra cards they will not be using please feel free to donate. They are much appreciated!

Thanks to our congregations for supporting these events that help our church. Without everyone helping we would not be able to continue.

Team members are Jayne Coutts, Maxine Coutts-Reid, Elaine Lighthouse, Janice Have and Rev. Jennifer who also sits in.

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

MILK BAG MATS

In 2023 Berniece Wyse continued to gather milk bags donated to the church and turn them into mats in her home! She completed 5 mats in total. The group is hoping to begin meeting again in person at the church to have weekly milk bag mat weaving bees in 2024. Stay tuned for the future of this outreach ministry.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION

2023 was another good year for our committee. With the leadership of Reverend Jennifer, we were able to provide support to many members of our church community and the wider Stayner area community.

Starting with Easter our group and others delivered treats to many of our seniors who were unable to attend church. Thanksgiving & Christmas were also opportunities to reach out to them to let them know that Centennial United Church was thinking of them and wishing them well. It should be noted that these goodies were assembled by Jennifer and family along with Valerie Willock and our Pastoral Care team.

Our annual Spring Garage Sale was another success story; over \$2000 was raised from donated items and the rest were sent to Value Village that made for a quick clean up.

Prior to Christmas, on the suggestion of Joan and Norm Soules, we were able to help their neighbour organize a free clothing giveaway at the church. It was a big success, with many items donated and a large attendance from those who needed some help with warm clothing among other things. We plan on doing it again in April, 2024.

Christmas was a special time of generosity, kindness and of outstanding support from our congregation. With help from many others, we were able to support 10 families this year, plus assist in helping a family that became unhoused. We helped them find an apartment and some furniture and other supplies were given to them as well as some Christmas gifts and food items. As usual we also supported some seniors and had some money left over from the over \$2600 donated by our congregation, to help out the Foodbank.

The newest development for the community from our committee was the establishment of a Community Food Cupboard. With the generosity and skill of Jim Beecroft, the cupboard was built and installed outside the church building. Donations from our congregation and the wider neighbourhood has kept it filled. It seems to be being used regularly by those of the Stayner community who need a little help with food insecurity. It is a wonderful project and we're proud to be a part of it.

Please reach out to any of our group with ideas and suggestions: Geoff Allen, Nancy Brillinger, Lesia Collicutt, Alice Grotoli, Joan & Norman Soules

PASTORAL CARE

In 2023 the Pastoral Care Team met several times to share prayer concerns and ensure those in need were receiving visits and phone calls whenever needed. Although Gretta Bishop, Sharon Inkster and Fran Somerville had to step away from an active role on the team during the year, Sharon Abel and Cathy Lewis joined Fred and Wendy Dunlop, Greta Horton, Elaine Lighheart, Lloyd Somerville and Valerie Willock in meeting the Pastoral Care needs of our congregation.

Thank you to Valerie Willock who sends out cards on behalf of the team and to Greta Horton who was able to fill in when Valerie underwent surgery herself. There were over 140 cards sent out to extend our sympathies, offer condolences, share get well sentiments and birthday or anniversary wishes. along with cards for other significant events and milestones. Valerie began sending out Birthday cards to our Sunday School and Youth this year.

We also sent out cards and made special deliveries for Easter, Thanksgiving (which included flower bouquets picked at Rural Roots) and Christmas (which included ornaments and cards from our Sunday School and a mason jar with lights and greenery made by the Centennial Women) with the help of the Outreach and Social Action Committee.

With each visit, call and card we share the warmth of our comfort and spread the love of God throughout our congregation. If you know someone who you think would benefit from being added to our phone list of in special need of a card please let us know.

SIP 'N' SERVE

Each Monday morning the dedicated members of the Sip and Serve group come to Centennial United to clean, vacuum and dust and do small repairs at the church. In the last year the washroom off the sanctuary has been redecorated and a new toilet installed. The trolley in the kitchen was refurbished. The sign outside the church has been regularly updated and the nativity scene was set up for the Christmas season outside the church. Regular garbage detail has been carried out. Fellowship is enjoyed over coffee after our work is completed. Thank you to everyone!

~ Submitted by Elaine Lighheart

TREASURER'S REPORT

Last year in my report I mentioned, "Reach up as far as you can, and God will reach down all the way". Well, you did and God did, **CONGRATULATIONS! AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE FINISHED THE YEAR IN THE BLACK** also our **Mission and Service contributions were 138% of what we budgeted.** Our annual contributions are the highest I have ever seen in the last 12 years that I have acted as the treasurer. Thank you all for your continued support, we are truly blessed to have sure a caring and supportive church family.

Our costs have gone up, mainly heat and insurance and related insurance costs. We have also continued to do more maintenance this past year but as everyone knows, when you own a building, this is an ongoing thing, the church is the same.

If you recall the 2023 budget was a sizable loss of \$14,097, as mentioned we finished with a surplus of \$1,711.90. Fund Raisers played a big part in our financial success, contributing over \$11,700 to the bottom line. Thank you, organizers, volunteers and each one of you for supporting these fundraisers.

The budget for 2024 is again a loss, I have complete confidence that we will end 2024 better than budget.

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 increased support of PAR 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.

Again, thank you to everyone for this past year, also a special thank you Pat, our church administrator, for your continued monthly promptness and support.

Congratulations again and thank you for 2023 and all the best in 2024

~ John Squire, Treasurer

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.

The two major functions of the Board of Trustees are to maintain sufficient property and liability insurance as well as having the responsibility for the investment of any accumulated assets. With the sale of the manse in 2002, we are fortunate to have \$121,220.00 invested in Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC's) at the present time. These will mature in January 2025 when the capital will be re-invested. Interest is paid annually.

A properly insurance appraisal for use in analyzing our insurance needs for Centennial was conducted in July, 2023 by Kroll Canada Limited. The only previous appraisal was conducted by the same company in November,2007. Based on their investigation, they estimated the "Insurable Value" of Centennial, as of July 25,2A23 to be \$4,400,000.

With an updated "Statement of Values" recommended by the underwriters, Centennial is insured for \$4,875,650. This amount covers building, contents, organ, grand piano, and demolition and debris removal.

In 2023,Centennial has continued with ongoing maintenance, upkeep, fundraising and upgrades. With an active and generous congregational support, Centennial United continues to be in a strong position to meet our future needs.

Board Of Trustees (2023): Jim Beecroft, Jennifer Irving, Wayne Ridley, Wally Somerville

WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

January 1, 2024 marks five years since the beginning of the “Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council” and the other 15 regional councils across Canada. This huge change was, in part, to reduce the amount of administration necessary to serve The United Church of Canada across our country.

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council (WOWRC) is comprised of over 140 Communities of Faith. Our minister, Rev. Jennifer Irving, is serving as the current President of our regional council commencing her two-year role in late May of 2023.

The Regional Council Executive and Commissions of 1) Congregational Support, 2) Human Resources and, 3) Discipleship and Justice administer the work to keep our regional council humming along. We share an office space in Carlisle near Hamilton and some staff with Horseshoe Falls RC and Antler River Watershed RC.

New volunteers, both lay and ministry personnel, are always welcomed. A volunteer might serve as a liaison from the regional council to a church searching for a new ministry person or amalgamating with another United Church or as a Pastoral Charge Supervisor to Communities of Faith without a ministry person. If you are interested as a lay person for a short term position you can fill out an expression of interest at www.wowrcucc.ca

In 2023, I attended, via Zoom, both the Spring WOWRC Meeting, entitled “Dreaming Dreams” and the Fall WOWRC Meeting, entitled “We are One - Living into Right Relations.” There were over 100 participants at each of these meetings.

During the Spring meeting, I was able to attend the installation of Jennifer Irving as our new President at the Unifor Centre in Port Elgin with a group from Centennial. What an honour that was!

At the Fall Meeting we honoured “The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation” through prayer, reflection, listening and action. We were part of a moving Worship Service around a sacred fire lit for us at Cape Croker. This meeting was led by our President, Jennifer. At this meeting, WOWRC voted “yes” on the General Council 44, Remit #1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization. To pass, this Category 3 Remit needs majority approval from all regional councils and pastoral charges in the church. If passed, the Basis of Union will be amended include an autonomous National Indigenous Organization within the structure of the United Church of Canada which will have its own mechanisms to make changes to how it’s structure and processes, and, therefore will not be subject to the remit process. This is in response to a proposal from the National Indigenous Council of the United Church of Canada and part our work of living into reconciliation.

I also attended on Zoom several meetings for the regional council’s lay representatives such as myself. These meetings were well planned by Rev. John Neff who is the Congregational Support Minister for WOWRC. It serves as an opportunity to get to know other lay representatives in our region and learn more about the council and our roles.

Our WOWRC Spring 2024 Meeting will take place as part of a larger Tri-Regional Meeting on May 24 to May 26 both at the Unifor Centre in Port Elgin and via Zoom. The Moderator of the United Church of Canada-the Right Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne will be the theme speaker on “Life Together”.

Should anyone have questions regarding information shared in this report, I am pleased to discuss same. If it is beyond my scope I would pursue the information asked.

~ Greta Horton, WOW Regional Council Representative

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Our year for 2023. We held in person worship in the sanctuary throughout the year, with livestreaming and posting services on Facebook. Highlights of the year included:

January - We welcomed guest Minister Rev David Stead

February - Communion to celebrate beginning of Lent

March - Jennifer was away for two Sundays

- March 12th service was led by Worship & Music and the Board
- March 19 we welcomed guest minister Mary Elizabeth Piercy

April - Palm Sunday Communion

- Community Choir told the Easter Story in song in place of Maundy Thursday service.
- Sunrise service at Lloyd and Marilyn Somerville's home.
- Coffee and hot cross buns before Easter Sunday service.
- April 16 Afternoon Hymn sing.

May - May 14 Family Day Communion, transfer of membership to Centennial & 2 baptisms.

- May 28th Worship & Music led the service as Rev Jennifer was being installed as President of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council.

June - 2 baptisms and picnic at Edwin and Heidi Sterrenburg's farm.

July & August - Gathering on the church lawn

- Pot luck at Doug and Barb Dickinson

September - Back to regular worship in the sanctuary at Centennial

October - October 1st World Wide communion service for all the church in the Western Ontario Waterways Region was led by Rev. Jennifer on You-tube.

- 15th Anniversary Service led by Rev Jane Sullivan from St John's United, Creemore and New Lowell United church.
- October 29th service led by Worship & Music and the Board

November - Olyndra received the Baillie Youth Award from Toronto United Church Council.

- Worship & Music and the Board coordinated the service. Two guests (Rev Kathy Douglas from Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council and Ron Ewart, Executive director of Toronto United Church Council) came to present.
- Remembrance Day Service, Communion & Beginning of Advent

December - We welcomed Mary Boyd who provided music leadership while June recovered from surgery.

- December 10th White Gift Sunday, the children led the service with a presentation of "It's a Wonder" by Linnea Good and Gary Paterson.
- December 18th Liz Kraan told Mary's story in a service organized by Worship & Music and the Board.
- December 20th Blue Christmas Service. A joint service in partnership with Creemore-New Lowell, Badjeros, Rob Roy & Temple Hill in person & online.
- December 24th Christmas Eve Service was held at 2 PM, followed by coffee and Christmas pudding.

I would like to thank Rev. Jennifer Irving for her leadership. June Flynn for her musical talent. Colin Irving and Julie McDonald for a job well done filling in for June. Mary Boyd for stepping in for December and Christmas at the piano and the organ and with our choir. Thank you to Olyndra and Neelah Irving keeping things on track at the back. Thank you to the Worship & Music Committee for their continuous support: Jennifer Irving, June Flynn, Maxine Coutts-Reid, Jim Beecroft and Deb Allen.

~ Barb Dickinson, Chair of Worship and Music Committee

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music is an enormous part of the celebration of our ministry and integral to our worship. We want to thank the many people who have contributed their gifts and skills to keep this ministry going in the midst of transition.

Many thanks to June Flynn who has taken a leave to manage health concerns but who has led the music ministry for many years. Much appreciation for June’s many talents and exuberant leadership. We wish June well as she continues to address her health needs and look forward to welcoming her back.

Thanks as well to Colin Irving and Julie MacDonald who stepped up to play on Sundays. Their willingness to support the music ministry of the church is appreciated.

And thanks to Mary Boyd who has stepped in to provide interim leadership for the music ministry including the choir. It has been a gift to us.

~ submitted by Pat Elson, Church Administrator

“Where words fail, music speaks” ~ Hans Christian Andersen

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank each of the people who said yes when I asked them to count the offering after Sunday Service. We are so fortunate in our congregation to have so many who are willing to help do a task when asked!

~ Wally Somerville

“It is our collective and individual responsibility to protect and nurture the global family, to support its weaker members and to preserve and tend to the environment in which we all live.”

~ Dalai Lama

NOTES

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Centennial United Church Balance Sheet for 2023

	Starting Balance Jan. 1, 2023	Change in funds	Closing Balance Dec. 31, 2023
ASSETS			
CASH			
Checking Account	16,326.65	(6,125.95)	10,200.70
Church GIC	98,216.12	(24,606.77)	73,609.35
Trustees GIC re Manse(interest to Dec 31 - 2,436.52)	121,220.20	-	121,220.20
Prepaid Insurance	4,136.40	410.85	4,547.25
Total Assets	239,899.37		209,577.50
 LIABILITIES			
Centennial Ladies Group	10.00	-	10.00
Sunday School Mission Project	139.47	-	139.47
Demand Loan re CEBA	30,000.00	(30,000.00)	-
 FUND BALANCES			
General Fund	78,390.33	1,711.90	80,102.23
Mission & Service Fund	-	-	-
Building Maintenance Fund	8,229.69	(2,050.00)	6,179.69
Trustee Managed Funds	121,220.20	-	121,220.20
Food Grains Project	71.00	-	71.00
Sunday School Mission Project	1,838.68	16.23	1,854.91
<i>Fund Liabilities - amounts owing to above FUNDS</i>	209,749.90		209,428.03
 Total Liabilities	 239,899.37		 209,577.50

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 2023 transactions.

Richard Marsden

Richard Marsden

Carol Marsden

Carol Marsden

Centennial United Church Fund Reports

Mission & Service Fund

	<u>Actual 2022</u>	<u>Actual 2023</u>
RECEIPTS:		
Envelop Contributions	10,809.00	13,854.30
Ukraine Relief Fund	260.00	-
Israel/Palestine Relief Fund	-	25.00
<u>Actual RECEIPTS</u>	<u>11,069.00</u>	<u>13,879.30</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
United Church of Canada M&S	10,800.00	13,854.30
Ukraine Relief Fund	260.00	-
Israel/Palestine Relief Fund	-	25.00
<u>Actual DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>11,060.00</u>	<u>13,879.30</u>
Excess Receipts(+)/Disbursements(-)	<u>9.00</u>	<u>-</u>

Building & Computer/Maintenance Fund

	<u>Actual 2022</u>	<u>Actual 2023</u>
RECEIPTS		
<u>Actual RECEIPTS</u>	<u>26,295.00</u>	<u>2,780.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Roof Repairs	0.00	2,600.00
Recladding Windows CE Wing	0.00	0.00
Computer	0.00	0.00
Furnace for Sanctuary	4,548.00	
Masonry Work	6,450.00	2,230.00
<u>Actual DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>10,998.00</u>	<u>4,830.00</u>
Excess receipts(+)/Disbursements(-)	<u>15,297.00</u>	<u>(2,050.00)</u>
Carry forward from previous year	<u>(7,067.31)</u>	<u>8,229.69</u>
Net carry forward	<u>8,229.69</u>	<u>6,179.69</u>

Foodgrains Project

	<u>Actual 2022</u>	<u>Actual 2023</u>
NET CARRY FORWARD	<u>71.00</u>	<u>71.00</u>

Sunday School Mission Project

	<u>Actual 2022</u>	<u>Actual 2023</u>
RECEIPTS:		
Receipts--Mission Project	418.00	-
Local Outreach	606.70	1,982.00
Youth Program	-	-
<u>Actual RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1,024.70</u>	<u>1,982.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Mission and Service	-	1,000.00
Sunday School Supplies	-	25.00
Local Outreach	27.54	940.77
<u>Actual DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>27.54</u>	<u>1,965.77</u>
Excess Receipts(+)/Disbursements(-)	<u>997.16</u>	<u>16.23</u>
Carry forward from previous year	<u>841.52</u>	<u>1,838.68</u>

Income Expense Statement General Fund 2023

RECEIPTS:	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023
Regular Envelopes	64,887.80	70,000.00	85,649.00
PAR	16,269.50	20,000.00	16,795.00
Anniversary Envelopes	200.00	2,500.00	1,750.00
Christmas Envelopes	2,765.00	1,000.00	0.00
Loose Offering	969.00	2,000.00	1,249.50
Centennial Women's Group	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
* Youth for Christ Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bulletin Sponsorship	300.00	400.00	280.00
Memorial Donations	8,962.25	2,500.00	10,600.00
Broadview Subscriptions	150.00	200.00	125.00
Sunday School Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Camp Simpresca Donations	288.00	300.00	386.00
* World Day of Prayer	260.00	0.00	0.00
Canada Helps	96.25	0.00	529.37
Funerals	120.00	0.00	0.00
* Food Bank	2,033.56	750.00	1,872.49
Contingency & Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Christmas Family and White Gift	1,800.00	500.00	2,616.00
Photo copies	0.00	0.00	9.25
GST Refunds	2,623.71	2,000.00	2,963.91
Weddings	0.00	500.00	0.00
CE Room Rentals	1,721.25	2,500.00	2,900.00
Fundraiser-Variou	969.63	2,500.00	944.00
* Special Activities	50.00	0.00	573.00
* Food Grains Bank	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
Fall Supper	3,792.58	3,500.00	2,251.89
Spring Supper	2,791.28	2,500.00	2,199.81
Strawberry Supper (split with Presbyterian)	0.00	0.00	173.16
Other Suppers/Meat Pies	3,538.69	2,000.00	4,500.32
Interest re Manse Investment	2,443.20	2,897.00	2,885.04
Interest earned	315.02	250.00	2,533.80
Coffee Hour Supplies	37.29	0.00	43.00
Covid Payroll Rebate	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yard Sale	2,431.00	0.00	1,796.80
 <u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	 <u>\$120,815.01</u>	 <u>\$119,797.00</u>	 <u>\$148,726.34</u>

SUMMARY OF MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR 2023

Helen Henderson
Dale Nixon

DISBURSEMENTS

	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023
1) COMMUNICATIONS / PASTORAL CARE / MEMBERSHIP			
Advertising	432.92	250.00	0.00
Office Supplies/Paper/Envelopes	269.75	250.00	322.84
Postage	490.13	500.00	210.23
Telephone	203.88	250.00	266.14
Copier expense	741.98	800.00	844.52
Office Equipment Supplies	155.00	100.00	41.41
Internet access/Web Site Development	1,318.44	1,600.00	1,421.88
Broadview Subscriptions	175.00	200.00	225.00
UCRD (calendars)	29.96	0.00	66.39
Gifts and Flowers	0.00	200.00	0.00
Anniversary Expenses	98.69	100.00	48.00
Pastoral Care Costs	0.00	100.00	0.00
Coffee hour	182.43	200.00	388.36
Total Membership, Comm., etc.	<u>\$4,098.18</u>	<u>\$4,550.00</u>	<u>\$3,834.77</u>
2) EDUCATION & PROGRAM			
Sunday School Curriculum	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday School Supplies	232.00	160.00	115.50
Adult study	99.00	150.00	0.00
Mid Week Program	24.99	100.00	0.00
Youth Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special events	0.00	100.00	868.49
Sunday School Mission Project	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Camper Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Leadership Development	0.00	150.00	0.00
Total Education & Program	<u>\$355.99</u>	<u>\$660.00</u>	<u>\$983.99</u>
3) OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION			
* Camp Simpresca	288.00	300.00	386.00
* World Day of Prayer	260.00	0.00	0.00
* Food Grains Bank	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
* Christmas Family	1,850.00	500.00	2,250.00
* Food Bank	2,033.56	750.00	1,872.49
* Food Bank Extra	335.00	0.00	0.00
Benevolent & Contingency Funds	0.00	100.00	0.00
Total Outreach & Social Action	<u>\$4,766.56</u>	<u>\$1,650.00</u>	<u>\$5,608.49</u>
4) MINISTRY & PERSONNEL			
Ministers Salary	57,141.96	59,427.68	59,427.72
Book/Education Allowance	1,130.00	1,157.00	1,157.04
Phone and Internet	1,228.00	1,228.00	1,227.96
Travel Allowance(.41/km)	630.66	1,400.00	488.95
Pulpit Coverage including Travel	484.80	1,000.00	733.78
Anniversary Speaker	0.00	300.00	0.00
ADP Service Fee	348.67	350.00	329.10
Administrator	8,218.08	8,386.56	8,585.75
Live Stream Technician	0.00	840.00	580.00
Study support (course)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pension/Restorative Care Employer	10,940.35	12,000.00	11,276.04
CPP Employer	3,211.45	3,271.00	3,775.05
EI Employer	1,498.07	1,500.00	1,599.33
Director of Music/Music Coverage	4,550.00	8,925.00	5,650.00
Gifts	485.00	250.00	110.94
Total Ministry & Personnel	<u>\$89,867.04</u>	<u>\$100,035.24</u>	<u>\$94,941.66</u>

	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023
5) PROPERTY, STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE			
CHURCH EXPENSES			
Heat	6,060.54	6,000.00	6,995.39
Insurance	9,556.56	10,000.00	10,804.95
Appraisal Fee	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Maintenance	3,351.59	2,000.00	1,804.57
Utilities	1,572.64	2,000.00	1,741.27
Snow clearing	3,477.34	3,600.00	3,793.36
Covid Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Improvements	0.00	1,000.00	2,444.55
Water and Sewer	762.17	700.00	1,015.64
Subtotal Church Expenses	\$24,780.84	\$25,300.00	\$31,099.73
STEWARDSHIP / FINANCE			
Offering Envelopes	0.00	100.00	75.17
Denominational Assessment	4,651.00	5,117.00	5,117.00
Equipment Purchased	2,302.00	0.00	0.00
Bookkeeping Supplies	0.00	100.00	0.00
HST	4,239.92	2,500.00	3,852.46
Bank/PAR Charges	84.41	100.00	90.50
Memorial Gift Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub Total Stewardship / Finance	\$11,277.33	\$7,917.00	\$9,135.13
Total Stew., Property & Finance	<u>\$36,058.17</u>	<u>\$33,217.00</u>	<u>\$40,234.86</u>
6) WORSHIP & MUSIC			
Sound System	0.00	250.00	0.00
Piano/Organ Maintenance	0.00	1,000.00	600.00
Music/Copyright License	619.00	570.00	598.00
Workshop Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Decoration	0.00	100.00	0.00
Communion/Worship Supplies	250.18	250.00	212.67
Total Worship & Music	<u>\$869.18</u>	<u>\$2,170.00</u>	<u>\$1,410.67</u>
<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>\$136,015.12</u>	<u>\$142,282.24</u>	<u>\$147,014.44</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ (15,200.11)</u>	<u>\$ (22,485.24)</u>	<u>\$ 1,711.90</u>
<u>Mission and Service</u>	Actual 2022	Target 2023	Actual 2023
	<u>\$11,069.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$13,879.30</u>

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 2023 transactions.

Richard Marsden

Carol Marsden

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Carol Marsden

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

BUDGET 2024

	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
RECEIPTS:				
Regular envelopes	64,887.80	70,000.00	85,649.00	85,000.00
PAR	16,269.50	20,000.00	16,795.00	20,000.00
Individual donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Anniversary Envelopes	200.00	2,500.00	1,750.00	2,500.00
Christmas Envelopes	2,765.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Loose Offering	969.00	2,000.00	1,249.50	2,000.00
Bulletin Sponsorship	300.00	400.00	280.00	400.00
Broadview Subscriptions.	150.00	200.00	125.00	225.00
Memorial Donations	8,962.25	2,500.00	10,600.00	5,000.00
* Camp Simpresca Donations	288.00	300.00	386.00	300.00
Funerals	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Canada Helps	96.25	0.00	529.37	0.00
* Sunday School Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Christmas Family & White Gift	1,800.00	500.00	2,616.00	1,000.00
Contingency & Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Food Bank	2,033.56	750.00	1,872.49	1,500.00
* World Day of Prayer	260.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Food Grains Bank	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00
Photocopies	0.00	0.00	9.25	0.00
Interest Earned - Manse GIC	2,443.20	2,897.00	2,885.04	2,885.00
Interest Earned	315.02	250.00	2,533.80	300.00
GST Refunds	2,623.71	2,000.00	2,963.91	3,000.00
Coffee Hour Supplies	37.29	0.00	43.00	0.00
Weddings	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Room Rentals	1,721.25	2,500.00	2,900.00	2,500.00
Piano/organ maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Centennial Women	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Covid Payroll Rebate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yard Sale	2,431.00	0.00	1,796.80	0.00
Church Covid Cleaning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Fundraiser (net of expenses)	1,019.63	2,500.00	1,517.00	2,500.00
Spring Supper	2,791.28	2,500.00	2,199.81	2,500.00
Fall Supper	3,792.58	3,500.00	2,251.89	3,500.00
Stawberry Supper(split)	0.00	0.00	173.16	0.00
Meat Pies/Other Suppers	3,538.69	2,000.00	4,500.32	3,000.00
TOTAL	\$120,815.01	\$119,797.00	\$148,726.34	\$140,610.00

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

**Actual
2022**

**Budget
2023**

**Actual
2023**

**Budget
2024**

DISBURSEMENTS

1) COMMUNICATIONS/PASTORAL CARE/MEMBERSHIP

Advertising	432.92	250.00	0.00	250.00
Office Supplies	269.75	250.00	322.84	250.00
Postage	490.13	500.00	210.23	375.00
Telephone	203.88	250.00	266.14	250.00
Copier expense	741.98	800.00	844.52	800.00
Office Equipment Supplies	155.00	100.00	41.41	100.00
Internet access & web site	1,318.44	1,600.00	1,421.88	1,600.00
Broadview Subscriptions	175.00	200.00	225.00	225.00
UCRD (calendars)	29.96	0.00	66.39	0.00
Gifts and flowers	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Anniversary Expenses	98.69	100.00	48.00	100.00
Pastoral Care Costs	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Coffee hour	182.43	200.00	388.36	200.00
Total	\$4,098.18	\$4,550.00	\$3,834.77	\$4,450.00

2) EDUCATION & PROGRAM

Sunday School Curriculum	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday School Supplies	232.00	160.00	115.50	50.00
Mid Week Programs	24.99	100.00	0.00	100.00
Adult Study	99.00	150.00	0.00	100.00
Special Events	0.00	100.00	868.49	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	150.00	0.00	100.00
Total	\$355.99	\$660.00	\$983.99	\$600.00

3) OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION

* White Gift & Christmas Family	1,850.00	500.00	2,250.00	1,000.00
* Camp Simpresca	288.00	300.00	386.00	300.00
Benevolent & Contingency Funds	0.00	100.00	0.00	500.00
* Food Bank	2,033.56	750.00	1,872.49	1,500.00
* Food Bank Extra	335.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
* World Day of Prayer	260.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food Grains Bank	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00
Total	\$4,766.56	\$1,650.00	\$5,608.49	\$3,300.00

4) MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Ministers Salary	57,141.96	59,427.68	59,427.72	63,172.00
Book/Education Allowance	1,130.00	1,157.00	1,157.04	1,230.00
Housing Allowance (phone)	1,228.00	1,228.00	1,227.96	1,500.00
Travel Allowance (0.41/km)	630.66	1,400.00	488.95	1,000.00
Pulpit Coverage including Travel	484.80	1,000.00	733.78	1,000.00
Anniversary Speaker	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Administrator	8,218.08	8,386.56	8,585.75	8,915.00
Live Stream Technician	0.00	840.00	580.00	840.00
Study support(course)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Actual
2022**

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4) **MINISTRY & PERSONNEL** (cont'd)

Pension/Restorative Care Employer	10,940.35	12,000.00	11,276.04	12,900.00
CPP Employer	3,211.45	3,271.00	3,775.05	3,750.00
EI Employer	1,498.07	1,500.00	1,599.33	1,650.00
ADP Payroll expenses (service fees)	348.67	350.00	329.10	350.00
Music Director/Music Coverage	4,550.00	8,925.00	5,650.00	8,250.00
Gifts	485.00	250.00	110.94	250.00
Total	\$89,867.04	\$100,035.24	\$94,941.66	\$105,107.00

5) **CHURCH EXPENSES**

Heat	6,060.54	6,000.00	6,995.39	7,000.00
Insurance	9,556.56	10,000.00	10,804.95	12,000.00
Appraisal Fee	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
Janitorial Supplies	3,351.59	2,000.00	1,804.57	2,000.00
Utilities	1,572.64	2,000.00	1,741.27	2,000.00
Snowclearing	3,477.34	3,600.00	3,793.36	4,200.00
Equipment Purchases	2,302.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Improvements	0.00	1,000.00	2,444.55	2,000.00
Water & Sewer	762.17	700.00	1,015.64	900.00
Offering Envelopes	0.00	100.00	75.17	100.00
Denominational Assessment	4,651.00	5,117.00	5,117.00	5,250.00
Bookkeeping Supplies	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
GST	4,239.92	2,500.00	3,852.46	3,500.00
Bank/PAR Charges	84.41	100.00	90.50	100.00
Memorial Gift Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	\$36,058.17	\$33,217.00	\$40,234.86	\$39,050.00

6) **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Sound System & Power Point	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Piano/Organ Maintenance	0.00	1,000.00	600.00	1,000.00
Music/Copyright License	619.00	570.00	598.00	600.00
Workshop Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church decoration	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Communion/Worship Supplies	250.18	250.00	212.67	250.00
Total	\$869.18	\$2,170.00	\$1,410.67	\$2,200.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$136,015.12	\$142,282.24	\$147,014.44	\$154,707.00
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SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$(15,200.11)	\$(22,485.24)	\$ 1,711.90	\$(14,097.00)
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Mission & Service	Actual 2022	Target 2023	Actual 2023	Target 2024
	\$11,069.00	\$10,000.00	\$13,879.30	

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

APPENDIX B

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Ministry Person serves on all committees and teams except M&P.

Underline indicates Chair and rep to the Church Board.

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
Colin Irving
Ron Nadolny
Heidi Sterrenburg

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

Food & Fundraising Team

promote, plan and encourage congregational fellowship and fundraising events

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

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 **Greta Horton**
Cathy Lewis **Elaine Lighthouse**
Lloyd Somerville **Valerie Willock**

Ministry & Personnel 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

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

Geoff Allen
Nancy Brillinger
Lesia Collicutt
Alice Grottoli
Joan & Norm Soules

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 Lighthouse **Ron Nadolny**
Wayne Ridley **Wally Somerville**
John Squire

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

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 **Barb Dickinson**
June Flynn

Church Board Executive

Chair: Dave Hopper
Vice Chair: Marjorie Ridley
Treasurer: John Squire
Secretary: Pat Elson

Congregational Rep: Shirley Somerville
WOW Regional Rep: Greta Horton

Note: Committees & Teams can add members at any time and seek help from outside its membership for various activities, tasks and projects.

Don't see your name and want to? Volunteers are always welcome!

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 26, 2023

12:30 PM

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

234 William St

Stayner, ON L0M 1S0

Present: 29 (see attached list)

Opening Prayer

Rev Jennifer Irving opened the meeting with prayer.

Nominations and Elections

Annual Meeting Chairperson: John Squire nominated Marjorie Ridley, seconded by Donna Nadolny. All in favour. Carried.

Annual Meeting Secretary: Marilyn Beecroft nominated Pat Elson, seconded by Shirley Somerville. All in favour. Carried.

Motion to Grant Voting Privileges to all persons present:

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

Motion for Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated. Moved by Maxine Coutts-Reid, seconded by Dave Hopper. All in favour. Carried.

2022 Annual Reports

In Memoriam.

Jennifer read the list of names of members and non members who died in 2022, 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.

Business Arising

Greta Horton, Regional Representative, drew attention to page 14 of the Annual Report. The Theme of the Regional Meeting last Fall was corrected to "Where Two or Three are Gathered".

Greta noted Centennial had an active UCW 1962 to 2000.

Greta described the grandfathered relationship with Camp Simpresca. While this is not the closest camp in the region it has been very closely associated with the church since the beginning of the camp with 2 people from Centennial sitting on the initial Camp Board.

Greta also noted the congregation can have 2 regional reps and invites someone to take the second position and join Greta in this role.

Jennifer highlighted that over the past 3 years the number of identifiable givers has risen every year, as have identifiable givers to M&S.

Motion to Approve Reports of Staff, Committees and Groups

John Squire moved acceptance of all reports. Seconded by Neil Irving. All in favour. Carried.

Motion to Approve Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve March 27th, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes as circulated:

Moved by Marilyn Beecroft, seconded by Greta Horton. All in favour. Carried.

2022 Financial Report

Business Arising

John Squire reported on 2022. 2022 had been a deficit budget of \$ 26,000 and while, at the end of year there was a loss in general fund of \$ 15,000, there was a surplus in the building fund of \$ 15,097 so rather than a net loss the year end finished with a modest surplus.

M&S finished at 111% of budget. The Sunday School had contributed \$1,000 but these funds had not been transferred in 2022. This will be done in 2023. Overall givings are up over the previous year (2021) including contributions to the Food Bank, Camp Simpresca and support to the Christmas families. Thanks everyone who made these contributions possible.

Fundraising through meat pie sales fish dinner, roast beef dinner and fruit pies contributed almost \$ 11,000 to the church. A big thank you to the Food and Fundraising Committee- Janice Have, Elaine Lighthouse, Maxine Coutts-Reid and Jayne Coutts.

Heating costs, water and insurance have all substantially increased from previous years. Other expenses are inline.

The 2022 Financial Statements have been reviewed and signed off by Richard and Carol Marsden.

Motion to Approve 2022 Financial Report

John Squire moved adoption of the 2022 Financial Statement as presented, seconded by Ron Nadolny. All in favour. Carried.

2023 Budget

John Squire presented the 2023 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 \$ 22,000 but John is confident the church will do better than that.

Receipts for January 2023 are higher than January of the previous year. Thanks to all for support and a good start to the year.

The HST rebate for 2022 has been calculated and we expect to receive \$ 2,954.

Motion to Accept 2023 Budget

John Squire moved acceptance of the 2023 budget as presented, seconded by Marjorie Ridley. All in favour. Carried.

Nominations and Election of 2023 Financial Examiners

John Squire shared that Carol and Richard Marsden were willing to examine the 2023 financial reports in 2024. John moved to appoint Carol and Richard Marsden to be our 2023 Financial Examiners. Lloyd Somerville seconded the motion. All in favour. Carried.

Mission and Service 2023

Motion to Accept 2023 M&S Target

The congregation surpassed our 2022 target of \$10,000 with an amount of \$10,869. Lloyd Somerville moved and Norm Soules seconded the motion. All in favour. Carried.

New Business

Update on search for Music Director.

A search committee has been struck and that work is ongoing. Only one person came forward and later withdrew. Ads were run in November in Creemore and Wasaga papers for 2/3 weeks. The vacancy has been posted on Facebook and Linked In, and on the sign at the church. Everyone who might have a connection please invite them to apply.

July and August Sunday Gatherings

Since the pandemic the congregation has not had regular worship in July and August (Jennifer is off), with informal gatherings a couple of times per month over the summer. Before the pandemic one summer month had been covered by pulpit supply and one month was closed.

The Worship and Music Committee are interested in having someone other than committee take the lead on the informal summer gatherings. Barb and Doug Dickinson have offered a pot luck at their place at the end of August.

Moved by Marilyn Beecroft that formal services not take place in July and August in 2023 but informal gatherings would take place, seconded by Maxine Coutts-Reid.

The last formal service in the summer would be June 25, 2023 and resume September 10, 2023.

Living Faith Story

Each Community of Faith is asked by the Region to update their Living Faith story. Greta Horton, Geoff Allen and Jennifer Irving undertook a revision which was reviewed by the Board. Jennifer reviewed the changes proposed. This document is posted, but is largely for internal congregational use.

Jennifer thanked Greta and Geoff for their work, and the Board for their wisdom.

Moved by Shirley Somerville that the Living Faith Story as updated be adopted, seconded by Jim Beecroft. All in favour. Carried.

Centennial Friends

Jennifer reported. Centennial Friends dreams up events and makes sure they were implemented. This was interrupted by the pandemic.

Lesia Collicutt, Fran Somerville, Heidi Sterrenburg and Jennifer continue to dream and will be implementing plans. For example they are hoping to coordinate a Games afternoon the last Sunday in March. Anyone is invited to join the group! Or present ideas!

Worship Service

Jennifer invited input or suggestions to come to her.

AED Dedication and plaque

The AED was a dream of Donna Allen. It is proposed the AED be dedicated on Easter Sunday. A plaque acknowledging Donna Allen's contribution to obtaining the AED is being made. June and Jim MCFarlane have been notified and they will invite other family.

Other New Business

Shirley Somervilles introduced herself as congregational rep on the Board and invited comments, concerns or compliments!

Training for technical support of worship services

We need more people to be trained.

Jennifer will be away March 12 and March 19. The Worship and Music Committee will look after one service. Pulpit coverage by Penny Squirrel for the other Sunday.

Thanks and Acknowledgements

Thanks to Maxine for the lunch time soup, Jennifer's family for the buns, and all those that helped with lunch.

Thanks to Dave for stepping into the role of Chair of Board.

Thanks to staff for their ongoing efforts.

Thanks to Jennifer for putting heart and soul into worship and congregational work. We wish her all the best as she becomes president of the Region.

Thanks to Pat for her efficiency and efforts.

Thanks to June who continues to support music leadership even as she tries to move on. We are thankful to Colin and Julie for filling in to give June a break.

Thanks to Marjorie Ridley for chairing meeting.

Thanks to Valerie for sending out cards and extra phone calls as part of Pastoral Care Team. It is an important ministry to connect to people and making sure they know the congregation is there for them. Valerie welcomes calls letting her know when a card or call is needed. Thanks to Centennial Women for supporting the costs associated with mailing cards.

Annual Meeting 2024 date

The Annual Meeting for 2024 is tentatively set as February 25, 2024. The Board may decide on alternative date at a later time.

Adjournment

Marjorie Ridley moved that we adjourn at 1:40 pm.

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| 1. <u>Margie Riley</u> | 12. <u>JOHN SQUIRE</u> |
| 2. <u>Shirley Inmanville</u> | 13. <u>SANDRA SQUIRE</u> |
| 3. <u>Arta Holton</u> | 14. <u>Wyd Samerville</u> |
| 4. <u>Fal Elson</u> | 15. <u>Marilyn "</u> |
| 5. <u>Wallace Somell</u> | 16. <u>Sharon Abel</u> |
| 6. <u>Tom Wood</u> | 17. <u>Donna Adobief</u> |
| 7. <u>Wayne Bidley</u> | 18. <u>Janice Howe</u> |
| 8. <u>Ann Givins/Anakin, Zue, Esme Dwyer</u> | 19. <u>Nancy Brillingen</u> |
| 9. <u>Jennifer Irving</u> | 20. <u>Marilyn Beckett</u> |
| 10. <u>Rob Kraan</u> | 21. <u>Neil B King</u> |
| 11. <u>Liz Kraan</u> | 22. <u>Doug & SHARON INKSTEI</u> |

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24 Norman Saules 35. _____

25 Valerie Willock 36. _____

26 Joe Hopper 37. _____

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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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. 2023 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. 2023 Financial Report
 - i. Business Arising
 - ii. Motion to Approve 2023 Financial Report
7. 2024 Budget
 - a. Business Arising
 - b. Motion to Accept 2024 Budget
 - c. Nominations and Election of 2024 Financial Examiners
8. Mission and Service 2024
 - a. Motion to Accept 2024 M&S Target
9. New Business
 - a. Affirming Ministry Committee Introduction & Information Sharing
 - b. Centennial Friends Conversation
 - c. Music Ministry Update
 - d.
 - e.
 - f. Other New Business
10. Thanks and Acknowledgements
11. Annual Meeting 2025 date
12. Adjournment