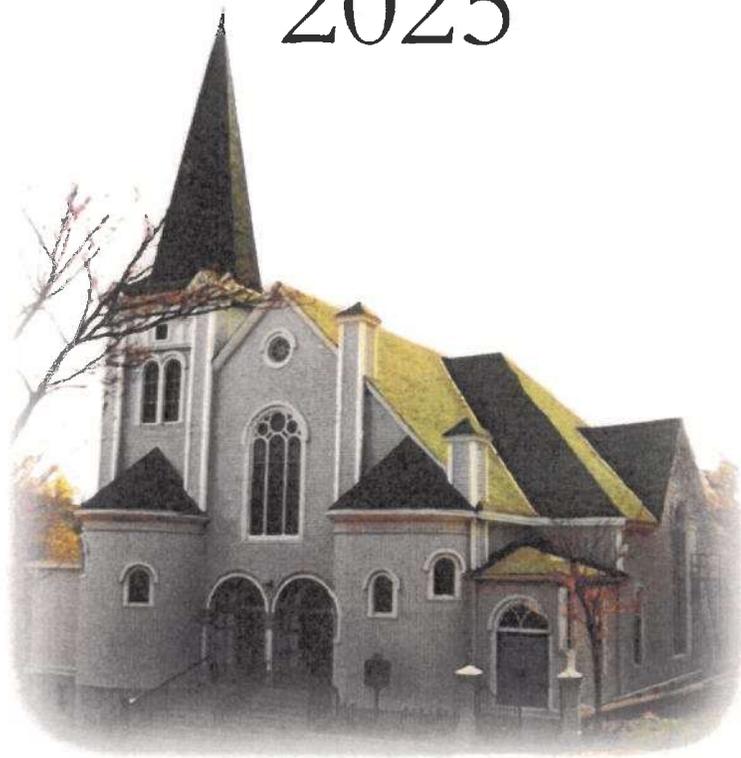




# Wesley United Church

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## Annual Report 2025



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**Wesley United Church  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, March 9, 2025  
Minutes**

**Attendees:** 26 individuals attended the meeting.

**Words of Welcome and Opening Devotion**

- Rev. Bill Mercer led members in prayer and devotion (Psalm 46).

**Appointment of Chairperson and Secretary**

- Marvin Barnes was appointed as Chair for the meeting.
- Erika Harris was appointed Secretary for the meeting.

**Adoption of Minutes of the 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting**

- The minutes from the March 17, 2024, were discussed; no changes were proposed.

*A motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2024, Annual Congregational Meeting, meeting was moved by Jim Butters and seconded by Dawn Smith.*

**Presentation of Reports**

- Chair outlined all reports in the Annual Report for information:
  - Minister's Report
  - Fall Fair Committee Financial Statements
  - Wesley United Church Women
  - Music Director Report
  - Property Committee
  - Lazy Bank Apartments
  - Pre-Authorized Remittance
  - Building for Generations Fund
  - Ministry and Personnel Committee
  - VOWR
  - Bridges to Hope
  - Fellowship Ministry
- Lester Stoyles noted that the Cemetery Report was not submitted and provided a verbal update; a report will be presented prior to the next Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Fred Harris noted that there was no report from the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Delegates related to the outcomes of the May 2024 meeting.
  - Rev. Mercer noted that while four representatives were nominated at the last Annual Congregational Meeting, no delegates from Wesley United Church attended Regional Council meetings in 2024.
  - Eleanor Wentzell advised that delegates typically have a presentation during the Sunday worship service and put a report in a binder in the office.
  - Rev. Mercer notes that while a report was not in the Annual Report in the past, it could be included in future reports.

*A motion to include a report from First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Delegates was moved by Fred Harris and seconded by Lester Stoyles.*

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Eleanor Wentzell presented financial statements (Comparative Income Statements, Adjusted Maintenance/Repairs/Renovations, Balance Sheet, Income Statement (Actual and Budget)).
- Discussion occurred regarding decreased energy costs; it was noted that these were not related to the recently completed Greening Initiative.
- Discussion occurred regarding Wesley United Church's member's contributions to Bridges to Hope.
  - Eleanor Wentzell advised that when individuals make contributions to Bridges to Hope, they can indicate that they are members of Wesley United Church. The individual receives all applicable tax credits; however, they are attributed to Wesley United Church's contributions in a notional capacity.
- Discussion occurred regarding whether individuals can contribute to Bridges to Hope via PAR

*A motion to accept the financial statements as presented was moved by Eleanor Wentzell and seconded by Anne Marche.*

*A motion to accept the 2025 Budget as presented was moved by Eleanor Wentzell and seconded by Jim Butters*

### **Action:**

- Eleanor Wentzell and Marvine Barnes to determine if contributions to food banks can be made via PAR and advise at next Annual Congregational Meeting.

## **Nominations Report**

- Church Council

Composition is as follows:

Chair:	Jim Butters
Secretary:	Erika Harris
Treasurer:	Eleanor Wentzell
Property Chair:	Andrew Wells
Clerk of Session:	Daphne LeDrew
VOWR Representative:	Ted Nofall
M&P Representative:	Alice Nofall
At-Large Members:	Jennifer Pinsent Barnes Carolyn Pitcher Gerard Marche
Ex Officio Member:	Rev. Bill Mercer

*A motion to acclaim the current Council members for 2025, was moved by Andrew Wells and seconded by Fred Harris.*

- First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Delegates

- Discussion occurred regarding delegates:
  - Delegates attend the Regional Council meeting (held in Corner Brook May 2-4, 2025).
  - Registration fees are covered by Wesley United Church
  - Wesley United Church is entitled to four representatives.
- 2025 representatives are as follows: Daphne LeDrew, Gerard Marche, Micheal Ralph and Eleanor Wentzell.

- Session  
Composition is acclaimed as follows:  
Clerk of Session: Daphne LeDrew  
Members: Anne Marche  
Michael Ralph  
Catherine McGrath  
David Chafe (ex officio)  
Rev. Bill Mercer (ex officio)
- Bridges to Hope Board of Directors Representative
  - Rev. Bill Mercer advised that Roy Barbour submitted his resignation for this role as of the Bridges to Hope AGM in May 2025, and thanked him for his participation.
  - Roy Barbour advised the following about the role:
    - Monthly meetings
    - Participation on committees such as Finance, Human Resources or Property.
    - Bring areas of interest or concerns to the congregation
  - No nominations were received for this role.
- Bridges to Hope Voting Member
  - Mildred Cousens agreed to continue in this role.
- Board of Trustees
  - Current Trustees include: Jennifer Pinsent Barnes, Doreen Whalen and Wayne Hancock.
  - Discussion occurred regarding the Board of Trustees:
    - Members have signing authority for property
    - Minimum of three required
- Ministry and Personnel Committee
  - Current members include: Alice Nofall, Wayne Hanock and Dawn Chaplin.
  - Discussion occurred regarding the Committee:
    - This is a support committee
    - Manages staff relations
    - Manages conflict resolution with staff
    - All activity is confidential
    - Currently three members
    - Meetings occur on an ad hoc basis

*A motion to accept Fred Harris as a member of the Ministry and Personnel Committee was moved by Lester Stoyles and seconded by Gerard Marche.*

### **New Business - None**

### **Memorial Celebration and Remembrance**

- Congregational statistics were presented
- A moment of silence was observed, during which the names of all those who passed away in 2024 were read aloud.

### **Closing Remarks:**

- Rev. Bill Mercer thanked Paul LeDrew, March Chafe, David Chafe and Nancy Burse for all they have done to support him and Wesley United Church this past year.

- Rev. Bill Mercer led members in a closing prayer.

**Motion to Adjourn**

- Jennifer Pinsent Barnes made the motion to adjourn
- Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm

**Blessing and Benediction**

## Minister's Report

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I bring you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the One who faithfully and lovingly journeys with us every day of our lives. It is hard to believe that I have been sharing this greeting, and this journey, with you for the past 20 years. I feel truly blessed to find myself walking with such a wonderful group of faithful witnesses to God's love, compassion and care. I have treasured the journey thus far and I look forward to our shared ministry yet to come.

As we find ourselves preparing for our Annual Congregational Meeting, our Church Council is pleased to present to you our Annual Report. Within these pages, you will find an account of the life, witness and ministry of our church family this past year and an invitation to continue the work of God's kingdom for the coming years.

As I prepare this message, my thoughts turn to one of Jesus' many teachings on the kingdom:

*He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." (Matt.13:31-32)*

In this report, we acknowledge that we are the ones who are doing the planting and the gifts we offer and share are the mustard seed; but, it is God who transforms what we do and share into something far greater. May we all find encouragement in Christ's teaching and never think that what we have to share is not great enough; "with God, all things are possible." (Matt. 19:26)

I wish to thank you all for your continued, faithful financial support of Wesley United Church. We are all aware of the financial struggles we face as individuals and, yet, you continue to reach out to maintain this sanctuary, dedicated to God's glory, and to extend your reach beyond this sanctuary to touch the lives of God's children in our city, province, country, and around the world. Of course, your financial support is needed but you also share in so many other varied and special ways.

You have shown your dedication to your worldwide ministry through the United Church of Canada's Mission and Service Fund and to our local brothers and sisters through your contributions of food to Bridges to Hope (weekly and White Gift Sunday); much needed items for Naomi Center (Pink Gift Sunday); and contributions of goods to our weekly Thrift Store. Also, it is worth noting your support of the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign through the shared Christmas celebration each year with the Salvation Army Temple Band and Choristers and the Wesley Hymn team, under the direction, and cooperation, of Mark Barter and David Chafe. All of these bear witness to your desire and willingness to share God's love. We also continue to provide low rent seniors' accommodations through Lazy Bank Apartments.

We continue, as well, to bear faithful witness to God each week as we gather in worship, fellowship and praise. This year, we have seen an increase in our average regular attendance, as well as those who share with us online through Facebook and YouTube and listening on VOWR. These services are enhanced by the wonderful ministry of music shared by our Hymn Team

soloists, Hymn Team choir, Gentlemen's Chorus and special musical guests (on special occasions); all under the dedicated and faithful leadership of our music director David Chafe. I would be remiss if I did not offer a very special thank you to David for his hard work and exceptional ministry with us and to all who contribute musically in the enhancement of our worship. I also thank all who share in the reading of scripture each week, sharing in the proclamation of God's Word. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful group of volunteers each Sunday.

We are also blessed and fortunate to have an active youth presence in our church family through our Hearts and Hands program, under the leadership of Debra Sparkes-Mercer and Annabeth Loveys. Our Hearts and Hands program is **not just** a Sunday School fellowship but is a vital part of who we are, and what we do, as a church family. Our Hearts and Hands share their gift of song (H&H choir and the Cherubs), take leadership roles in worship and minister to us through their special worship programs and presentations (written by Annabeth Loveys). These young people share their joy, love, wisdom and ministry with us as faithfully as the longest standing members of congregation and we are truly blessed to have them journey with us.

I would also like to take a moment to note other opportunities for fellowship within our church family and church building. This year, we have reopened our Thrift Store on Tuesday afternoons and have a wonderful group of volunteers who sort through donations, operate the store and provide a light lunch, free of charge, to the clientele. Anyone is invited to volunteer their time in this outreach and share with others in fellowship and good work. In recent weeks (2026) we have also started up a Seniors' Outreach program on Wednesdays from 11:00 am. – 3:00 pm, which offers exercise, a hot lunch and afternoon fellowship. This program is open to any and all and, if you are interested, please feel free to drop by. Our United Church Women's group, though smaller in number, still meets monthly and provides an opportunity for fellowship and ministry for women of the church.

As well as the financial support of our church family, our Church Council has worked diligently in securing financial support through rentals and special events at the church. We have increased our weekly rentals and have a number of groups that meet in the church. Among these are: Eastern Sun Sangha Meditation (Saturday mornings and Wednesday nights), Heart Beats Conscious Dance (DJ Music every second Friday night), Scottish Dancers (Monday nights), Lindy Hop On The Rock (Tuesday nights) and TOPS (Thursday nights). While not 'official' Wesley groups these are open to the public and they would love to have you join with them. Another successful rental/event was the Christmas concerts by The Once, where we provided the refreshments (through your generous donation of delicious cookies) at intermission and were able to raise a substantial amount of money. This was so successful for them, and for us, that they have reached out to hold their concerts here in 2026.

I would like to take a moment to say a special thank you to some individuals and groups for their vital leadership as stewards of God's church here at Wesley: Jim Butters and the Church Council for their leadership and decision making; Daphne LeDrew and the Session for their spiritual guidance and provision for worship and sacramental sharing; our Fall Fair Committee for providing fellowship opportunities and their fundraising support; our UCW for their continued ministry, support and outreach; our M&P committee for the continued support of all our staff; and, our sound booth operators for enabling us to reach out and be heard beyond the

walls of the church. I offer a special thank you to Eleanor Wentzell for her work and dedication as our Church Treasurer and keeping our finances up to date. This is, perhaps, the most thankless job and I truly appreciate her willingness to share in this way.

Finally, I would like to offer a special thank you to those I work with on a daily basis: to David Chafe for his friendship and guidance in worship and beyond; to Paul LeDrew for his friendship and dependability whenever called upon; and to Mark Chafe for his friendship and his technical skills in bringing our worship services to the world and keeping us operational in so many different aspects of our church work (sound, video, computers, wi-fi – the list goes on and on). Lastly, but certainly not least, I want to thank Nancy Bursey, our office administrator, for her friendship, support and incredible work ethic. She is the welcoming voice you hear on the phone, the accommodating presence you meet in person and she is simply amazing at keeping our office running smoothly and efficiently.

As you can see, God is, indeed, using our ‘mustard seed’ to grow our church into a place that does wonderful things for God’s kingdom and people and I feel richly blessed to be a part of this church family and community. I thank each and every one of you for your love and continued support and I pray God’s richest blessings upon you all as we continue this journey together in God’s name and with God’s presence.

Yours in Christ’s love and service,

Rev. William Mercer

#### Congregational Statistics

Baptisms	4
Funeral (Wesley)	14
Funerals (Other)	62
Weddings	2

#### Baptisms

Sophie Ann Jones daughter of Samantha & Dennis Jones  
Katie Ann Greene daughter of Jody Fradsham & Robert Greene  
Ella Anne Snelgrove daughter of Allison & Gregory Snelgrove  
Sawyer Samuel Thomas Stamplecoski son of Nicole Stamplecoski & Barry Firmage

#### Marriages

Jessie Eva Squires & Lucas Henry Walsh  
Amanda Michelle Cahill & Jonathan Barry Lewis

## **IN MEMORIAM**

We give thanks for the lives of those of our church family who passed away last year and for the memories they created and legacy they leave with us:

Violet Abbott  
Roberta Bugden  
Edith Butler  
Janet Forward  
Louise LeGrow  
Marion Osmond  
Albert Peckham  
Barbara Reid  
Faye Stone  
Art Templeman  
John Tilley  
Pauline Wadland  
Geoffrey Whalen  
Gerald Whalen

**Revenue:**

Carryover from 2024	\$1,342.53
Tickets - Turkey Dinner in March	\$2,465.00
Tickets #2 - Turkey Dinner in March	\$140.00
Flipper Dinner #1	\$4,325.00
Flipper Dinner Basket #1	\$497.00
Flipper Dinner Basket #2	\$341.00
Flipper Dinner #2	\$4,080.00
The Once Cookies	\$3,755.70
The Once Donation	\$834.45
Turkey Dinner 12 11 25	\$2,960.00

**Total Revenue** \$20,740.68

**Expenses**

Campbell's Meats	\$412.97	#472
Supplies for Turkey Dinner	\$555.49	#475
Service Charge (January)	\$9.00	
Service Charge (February)	\$9.00	
Service Charge (March)	\$9.00	
Service Charge (April)	\$9.00	
Service Charge (May)	\$12.53	
Service Charge (June)	\$13.11	
Flippers	\$1,920.00	#478
Pies	\$230.79	#479
Vegetables and Supplies	\$657.65	#477
Honourarium	\$100.00	#480
Pies	\$269.70	#476
Service Charge (July)	\$9.00	
Service Charge (August)	\$9.00	
Vegetables and Supplies	\$537.54	481
Service Charge (September)	\$9.00	
Service Charge (October)	\$9.00	
Service Charge (November)	\$9.21	
Turkeys	\$252.37	#482
Veggies and Supplies	\$621.19	#483
Wesley	\$9,000.00	#484
Sobey's	\$14.31	#485
Service Charge (December)	\$18.17	
Wesley United Church (Once Concer	\$4,590.15	#486
ALS - In Memoriam	\$50.00	#471
Wesley Building Fund - In Memoriam	\$50.00	#473
Wesley Building Fund - In Memoriam	\$50.00	#474

<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$19,437.18
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<b>Net Revenue</b>	\$1,303.50
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Respectfully Submitted,

Marvin Barnes

**WESLEY UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**  
**Annual Report – 2025**

We have already entered another year, and our small group happily soldiers on. We held eight meetings in 2025, with an average attendance of seven, an indication that presently our home members outnumber those able to attend. We are extremely grateful for their continued support and interest. At the December meeting we were pleased to welcome a prospective new member and we hope this will promote a trend.

During the year, several of our meetings were held at the homes of Sophie, Debra and Audrey. We thank them all for opening their homes to us.

While not active in fundraising as in the past, we were able to donate to the Canadian Bible Society, Kids Eat Smart, Bridges to Hope, Mission & Service, Burry Heights and Wesley. We also provided funds to replace the refrigerator and microwave in the kitchen. This in part, was possible through offerings from our members, and the tremendous contributions to our Memorial Hymn Sing. We do thank most sincerely the congregation for their continued interest and support of this initiative. We continue to maintain contact with our home members, either with personal visits or telephone calls.

This year, we assisted with the various Fall Fair dinners, and other activities, such as the Waterford Dinner and serving refreshments at the Memorial Hymn Sing.

Once again, we go forward with enthusiasm to continue this very viable fellowship within the church.

Ruby Russell,  
Secretary.

## Wesley United Church Women

### Statement of Income & Expenses for 2025

#### Income

Bank Balance at Jan 01, 2025	9,493.86
Offerings	1,480.00
Least Coin	19.15
Registration Fees	60.00
Tree of Memories	5,310.00
Bridges to Hope	70.00
<b>Gross Income</b>	<b><u>16,433.01</u></b>

#### Expenditures

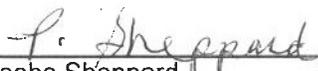
Wesley United Church	3,000.00
Memorial Hymn Sing	25.00
UCW Fees	400.00
Luncheons, Communiions, etc.	136.54
Kids Eat Smart	200.00
Bridges to Hope	300.00
Canadian Bible Society	100.00
Mission & Service Fund	1,800.00
Fridge & Microwave	1,207.60
Christmas Hampers & Gifts	400.00
Bank Charges	228.04
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>7,797.18</u></b>

Total Income - 2025	16,433.01
Total Expenditures	7,797.18
<b>Net Income for 2024</b>	<b><u>8,635.83</u></b>

Bank Balance at Dec 31, 2025	9,843.43
Less Outstanding Cheques	1,207.60
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>8,635.83</u></b>

Memorial Hymn Sing - Transferred to Church 9,025.00

Tree of Memories - Will be used on other projects 5,310.00

  
Pheobe Sheppard  
Treasurer, U.C.W.

## Music Director Report

More than eighty singers and instrumentalists contributed to our thriving music ministry in 2025. Our Hymn Team of Sunday morning singing leaders has grown to nearly thirty, along with several others who join our biannual "Sing the Story" gospel singalongs. In June, we travelled to St. Matthew's United Church in Bay Roberts for a joyous "Sing the Story" event, where we were joined by St. Matthew's singers and treated to a wonderful supper. Our other "Sing the Story" was here at Wesley in October with our friends of the Salvation Army St. John's Temple Corps. The Hymn Team also prepares several group anthems for special services throughout the year, and every singer is invited to share their solo singing talents each week. I am so grateful to every singer of the Hymn Team for your enthusiasm and wonderful talents. You enhance every service so much. Thank you.

Under the direction of Annabeth Loveys, our wonderful Hearts & Hands group of more than fourteen children offers beautiful music and pageantry, including high-quality, original content. Thank you, Annabeth, for your leadership, kindness, artistry, patience and love for this choir. I offer special thanks to Debra Sparkes-Mercer for her caring Sunday School leadership, and generous support of Annabeth and the children.

Annabeth and I represented Wesley United Church well outside of our regular worship services throughout the year, including our special Mother's Day concert, a performance on the annual VOWR concert in June, and a performance by Hearts & Hands at the Masonic St. John's Lodge for their Christmas Carol service. Annabeth is extraordinarily generous with her talent and time. I am privileged to be her musical partner, and we both are honoured to represent our church in the community whenever we can.

In addition to the Hymn Team and Hearts & Hands, a third choir was born this year, The Wesley Gentlemen's Chorus. They made their debut in our November 9<sup>th</sup> Remembrance service, followed by a music ministry during Advent. You will be hearing more from these fine gentlemen in the coming year.

For the fourth consecutive year, the music ministries of Wesley United Church and the Salvation Army St. John's Temple Corps combined for our very popular concert "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" that was once again attended by several hundred in person and thousands online. This event has proven to be a mainstay on the Christmas concert calendar in the city and is a wonderful fundraiser for the Christmas Red Kettle Campaign.

I try to incorporate plenty of solo piano into our music ministry. Our Sunday services are preceded by fifteen minutes of piano music. Every week for nearly three years, Mark Chafe and I have been presenting our online video series "Hymn Time" featuring well-known hymns. Also, for the past three years I have offered an evening solo piano service called "Blessed Quietness" as a unique, contemplative start to Holy Week.

We are blessed to be joined by recurring professional guest musicians each year who greatly complement several of our major services. Trumpeter Katie Sullivan has become a regular addition to our Remembrance and Christmas Eve services. We are joined Christmas Eve and Easter by violinist Sam Farquharson. Sam started with us as a young teen five years ago, is now a violin major at Memorial University, and has become a significant part of these larger celebrations. For Pink Gift Sunday, we were joined once again by about twenty singers of Memorial University's School of Music. Baptismal services are enhanced by harpist Ed Kavanagh, who this year also sang solo at Wesley with me on guitar for one of our Advent services. Deborah Hawksley was also a fine guest music leader for a couple of our summer services.

I am thankful to Mark Chafe for his incredible expertise, patience, enthusiasm, and attention to detail, as well as to Paul LeDrew and Lester Stoyles for their experience and reassurance in the booth. I wish also to thank Nancy Bursey for her hard work, professionalism, and assistance.

I am especially grateful to Mildred Cousens for being such a wonderful and supportive friend and musical partner, and for filling in for me so beautifully.

I reserve my greatest thanks for Rev. Bill Mercer for his leadership, support, kindness, spiritual guidance and personal friendship.

It has been an honour to serve as Wesley United Church's Music Director for five years. I am thankful to the entire church family for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Chafe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

David Chafe

**Wesley United Property Committee**  
**Andrew Wells for January 20, 2026**

Work Completed

Connolly's

- \$10,810 Hot Water Tank installed
- \$455 Men's washroom drain overflow
- \$587 Leak in porch entrance
- Reversed \$115 charge for coming in to look at the radiator in the balcony

Summit

- Overheat in primary room required new valve and thermostat \$3260
- Radiation steam trap repair balcony cost unknown
- Minor issues with heat Dec 29 cost unknown

Mini Split Covers Installed (approximately \$846 for both)

- Aluminum purchased to make brackets \$114
- Brackets attached by Hanks Home Maintenance approximately \$550
- Plywood and metal roof panel purchased to make cover \$182

NL Power

- Street light out in parking lot corrected

Work Required

- Three roof issues require attention. Estimated cost is \$20,000:
  1. Wesley House leak. The three-tab shingles on the roof are more than 25 years old and need to be replaced. Estimate \$10,000 for entire roof replacement, before tax.
  2. Church leak under flat roof section over corridor near chapel on way to VOWR entrance. There was a significant leak December 29 that seems to have also made it to the primary room floor. This is a recurring problem, that reveals itself when snow piles up on the roof. There are open seams in the torch-on roof. Some siding will need to come off and flashing/touch-on redone. Estimate \$5000 for repair, before tax.
  3. Long-standing leak in church balcony stemming from flashing and shingles around an exterior pillar above the roof. The leak is currently managed using a tarp/hose/bucket arrangement, which catches approximately 5-10 gallons monthly depending on rain. Estimate \$5000 for repair, before tax. Once repaired, significant interior work is needed on ceiling and walls.
- Several exterior door issues require attention. Estimated cost is \$37,000:
  1. Accessible steel door near VOWR needs to be replaced. Estimate \$10,000 based on Tulk's estimate.
  2. Front doors to the church (2 double doors) are ill-fitting and need overhaul. Cost estimated at \$5000.

3. Emergency exits in balcony (2) are ill-fitting and need overhaul or more likely replacement with steel doors. Cost estimated at \$5000 each.
4. Office entrance and Fellowship Hall entrance exterior aluminum doors require replacement. Estimate \$12,000 for both.

Work on Standby

1. Tulk's quoted \$9,861 before tax to replace the accessible door. Daphne completed the grant application form for Government funding.
2. KD Pratt (Jackie Manning/Charles Lacey) quoted \$3,838 before tax to bring the kitchen to the commercial fire protection standard. This is on hold pending further discussion. Caution is noted that the quote has expired.

Keep in View:

<b>Leak in roof in Balcony Leak in corridor near VOWR Leak in Wesley House</b>	New garbage cans/recycling front vestibule
<b>Survey church/pictures/serial numbers for insurance</b>	Security nightly checks contract?
<b>Cover for emergency shut off switch for furnace</b>	Organ Repair \$7000 +?
<b>Exterior doors</b>	Door to sanctuary: glass too easy to break in
Lockable thermostats Primary Room/Fellowship Hall	
Kitchen Rental Agreement	
Fence repair	
New thermostats WIFI controllable	

Wesley United Church  
Budget Source & Application of Funds  
2026

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	2026
Regular Offerings	\$166,000
Mission & Service Fund	14,000
Mission & Service U.C. Women	1,500
UCW Hymn Sing	7,500
Easter Offering	2,500
Thanksgiving Offerings	2,000
Christmas/White Gift Offerings	5,200
U. C. Women Contributions	3,000
Withd - Bldg. for Generations	50,060
Fellowship Team	
Fall Fair	8,000
Memorials	12,000
Benevolent Fund	1,000
June Special	6,000
Lenten Folders	8,000
Rental Income	26,000
Lazy Banks Apt Income	36,000
Miscellaneous Income	500
Bequests	
Interest Income	
Sound Booth/Recycling	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$349,260</b>
 <u>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</u>	
Workers' Compensation	700
Salaries and Allowances	106,960
EI Expense	1,679
CPP Expense	2,790
Pension Expense	10,305
Medical Expense	10,706
<b>Salary Expense</b>	<b>133,140.00</b>
Heating Fuel	25,000
Electricity	16,000
Taxes	700
Maintenance	6,000
Repairs/Renovations	50,000
Snow Clearing	18,000

Insurance	18,800	
Church Equipment	<u>500</u>	
<b>Church Expense</b>		<b>135,000.00</b>
Fuel	0	
Electricity	0	
Repairs & Maintenance	11,500	
Taxes	<u>700</u>	
<b>Wesley House</b>		<b>12,200</b>
Stationery & Supplies	4,000	
Computer Software Subscriptions	1,300	
Postage & Meter	2,000	
Telephone/Long Distance	4,800	
Equipment Lease	3,300	
Office Equipment	100	
Church Socials	2,000	
Books/Pamphlets/Observer	100	
Gifts/Honorariums	7,300	
Payroll Service Charge	800	
Bank Service Charge	3,000	
Miscellaneous	<u>200</u>	
<b>Administration Expenses</b>		<b>28,900</b>
Music Supplies	0	
Music Soloist	1,000.00	
Harp Expense	100.00	
Organ Repairs/Tuning	500.00	
Piano Tuning - as part of David's casual labour	<u>720.00</u>	
<b>Music Ministry</b>		<b>2,320</b>
Leadership Training	0	
Equipment Expense		
Sound Booth	500	
Travel Expense	4,400	
Conferences/Seminars	<u>800</u>	
<b>Travel/Training/Booth</b>		<b>5,700</b>
Sunday School Supplies/socials	<u>100</u>	
<b>Sunday School</b>		<b>100</b>
Worship & Sacraments Expense	<u>400</u>	
<b>Worship &amp; Sacraments</b>		<b>400</b>

Mission & Service Contributions	14,000
Presbytery Assessment	14,000
Bridges to Hope	500
Benevolent Fund	500
General Protestant Cemetery	<u>2,500</u>
<b>Work at Home &amp; Abroad</b>	<b>31,500</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>349,260</u></b>
Total Revenue from page 1	349,260
Total Expenses from page 2	<u>349,260</u>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b><u><u>\$0</u></u></b>

Lazy Bank Apartments  
Revenue/Expenses 2025

Revenue	
Rent	75,600.00
Total revenue	75,600.00
Expenses	
Bank charges	60.00
Insurance	5,968.53
Snow clearing	6,440.00
Water tax	6,900.00
Wesley church donations	36,000.00
Garbage collection	2,166.84
Metro Property Mgmt	9,337.00
Total expenses	66,872.37

Metro Property Mgmt amount includes monthly service fee and repair/maintenance. Fees \$6,975.20; Repair/maintenance \$2,361.80

Wesley Thrift Shop  
Financial Report for 2025

Opening Balance		\$0
Sales Income		\$762.20
Cash Box and Ledger	\$45.00	
Food Supplies	<u>\$310.00</u>	<hr/>
	\$355.00	\$762.20

## Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR) Contributions – Annual Report – 2025

During 2025, 52 contributors used the PAR system as their method of giving to Wesley. The year end monthly contribution numbers follow:

### **Transferred to Church:**

Total Monthly Donations:	\$4,181.66
VISA Service Charge (\$1021.66 X 2.5%)	(\$25.54)
MasterCard Service charge (\$105 x 2.5%)	(\$2.63)
52 Contributors X \$0.50	<u>(\$26.00)</u>
Total Transferred to Church Accounts	<u>\$4127.49</u>

These numbers show \$50,179.92 being donated to Wesley using the PAR system in 2025. PAR allows you to make donations to Wesley directly from your bank account or credit card. Donations are made automatically on the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month or on the first business day thereafter. The average annual donation from members of Wesley in 2025 was \$80.4, 2, up slightly from 2024.

The benefit of using the PAR system is the budgeting process is greatly facilitated when givings are regularized and the Church has a better idea of revenues it can expect for each month of the year. As a PAR contributor you can ensure your donations to Wesley are being made, even when you are unable to attend regularly or worshipping remotely/online. Donations to the *Mission & Service Fund* can also be made through PAR. You can use "PAR Cards" which you can drop in the collection plate when you are in church to show that your donation has been made.

*The PAR system for donating would be especially useful for those worshipping with Wesley online through Facebook or Youtube or over VOWR.*

It would be a great benefit for Wesley if all members of the congregation, in person, on VOWR and/or online were to consider using the PAR system for givings. This is especially important for those of us who may be out of town for extended periods or worshipping remotely and therefore unable to attend church in person. If there are any questions with respect to the PAR System, or if you would like assistance with the application form, please contact me (709-579-7900 or marvin.barnes1955@gmail.com) or the Church Office (709-579-3682 or info@wesleychurch.ca). Your annual support for Wesley through the PAR system is very much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marvin Barnes  
Congregational PAR Contact

## Building for Generations Fund – Annual Report 2025

The closing bank balance for the *Building for Generations Fund* in 2025 was \$13,013.17; donations to the fund (\$18,234.93 + carry over from 2024 of \$37,703.10) totaled \$55,938.03 while expenditures for repairs and maintenance totaled \$42,924.86.

This fund allows Wesley to continue to respond to large scale challenges related to our aging church building without impacting regular church finances or incurring any extra debt. It was never envisioned that this fund be utilized for routine or small expenditures; rather the intent is to build up the fund for major expenditures. Past expenditures have included roof replacements, replacement of two fire escapes, major furnace work and the like. "Maintenance and Repairs or Renovations" funds in the church budget should cover more routine maintenance issues.

With your continued help and support for the *Building for Generations Fund* we will ensure that Wesley is kept up and maintained for the future and we look forward and thank you for your continued support. Wesley is extremely grateful for those who have donated funds.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marvin Barnes

## Report of the Ministry and Personnel Committee for 2025

The Ministry and Personnel Committee continues to fulfill its mandate as specified in the Manual of the United Church of Canada. The committee reports to and is under the guidance of the Wesley United Church Council. All matters discussed with staff are, of course, confidential to only the committee members.

All members of the committee participate and share the load. During 2025, meetings and ongoing dialogue were held with all staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Noftall

Wayne Hancock

VOWR Chairperson's Report  
Wesley United Church Annual Report 2025

It is with deep gratitude and pride that I present the 2025 VOWR Chairperson's Report. This past year has been one of continued resilience, modernization, and community connection. As I look back on 2025, I am filled with gratitude for everyone who has played a part in VOWR's story this year. Our volunteers, our donors, our listeners, our partners—all have helped sustain a Station built on compassion, service, and community spirit. It is an honour to be part of this legacy.

Our volunteers embodied that heart every single day. More than 50 dedicated individuals gave their time, energy, and love to this Station. They arrived early, stayed late, filled in for each other, and supported one another in ways that often went unseen but never unfelt. We welcomed new volunteers this year, each bringing fresh enthusiasm and new ideas, while long-time members continued to provide the wisdom and stability that keep us grounded. Their shared commitment is the reason VOWR continues to thrive, year after year.

Financially, we remained steady thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our listeners and supporters. Every donation, whether large or small, carried a story: a tribute to a loved one, a thank-you for a program that lifted someone's spirits, or a simple expression of appreciation for a Station that has become part of their daily lives. We are thankful to everyone who supported our fundraising events to make each one a resounding success. These contributions did more than support our operations, they affirmed our purpose and strengthened our resolve.

Community engagement remained a key priority. VOWR participated in several community events throughout St. John's and surrounding areas, strengthening our visibility and reinforcing our role as a community partner. Our Outreach Team continues to share their gifts of music and fellowship for ten months of the year at long-term care homes. VOWR remains a trusted neighbour and friend. In moments when people needed reassurance or connection, we were there—just as we have been for over a century.

Looking ahead, we carry forward not just our goals, but our shared belief in the importance of what we do. VOWR is more than a radio station. It is a voice of comfort, a keeper of memories, a connection between generations, and a reminder that kindness—broadcast faithfully—can reach farther than we can ever imagine. Together, we will continue to carry VOWR's mission of "We Serve," forward with the same spirit of service that began more than 100 years ago.

Respectfully submitted,



Christa Chaplin  
*Chairperson, VOWR Board of Directors*

# VOWR

## Comparative Balance Sheet

	As at 12/31/2024	As at 12/31/2025
<b>ASSET</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Savings Bank Account	53,755.38	64,579.30
Chequing Bank Account	32,808.70	23,796.50
Short Term GIC--Mutual Fund	67,696.34	67,696.34
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>154,260.42</b>	<b>156,072.14</b>
VOWR Merchandise	0.00	0.00
Accounts Receivable	16,946.00	6,140.00
Other Accounts Receivable	50.00	50.00
<b>Total Receivable</b>	<b>16,996.00</b>	<b>6,190.00</b>
Prepaid Insurance	0.00	5,485.52
Prepaid Accounts	1,557.51	1,316.57
Prepaid Programming	3,500.00	5,000.00
Vowr Merch	1,383.61	982.09
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>177,697.54</b>	<b>175,046.32</b>
<b>Long Term Assets</b>		
Long Term GICs	97,671.89	104,196.67
<b>Total Long Term Assets</b>	<b>97,671.89</b>	<b>104,196.67</b>
<b>Capital Assets</b>		
Computer Equipment	1,565.09	1,565.09
Accum Depreciation Comp Equip	-782.46	-1,304.10
<b>Net - Computer Equip</b>	<b>782.63</b>	<b>260.99</b>
Studio Flooring	0.00	4,930.79
Accum Depreciation Studio Floo...	0.00	-493.08
<b>Net-Studio Flooring</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,437.71</b>
Studio Equipment	430.00	430.00
Accum Depreciation Studio Equip	0.00	0.00
<b>Net - Studio Equipment</b>	<b>430.00</b>	<b>430.00</b>
New Roof Transmitter Building ...	0.00	12,749.50
Accum Depreciation New Roof	0.00	-266.30
<b>Net - New Roof Transmitter</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,483.20</b>
Office Furniture & Equipment	794,023.95	794,023.95
Accum. Depreciation--Furn. & E...	-5,526.27	-9,654.39
<b>Net - Furniture &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>788,497.68</b>	<b>784,369.56</b>
Transmitter-2021	114,593.81	114,593.81
Accum. Depreciation-Transmitter	-19,100.00	-24,830.00
<b>Net-Transmitter</b>	<b>95,493.81</b>	<b>89,763.81</b>
Heat Pump 36 kw	14,792.00	14,792.00
Accum Depreciation - Heat Pump	-493.08	-1,479.24
<b>Net - Heat Pump</b>	<b>14,298.92</b>	<b>13,312.76</b>
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>899,503.04</b>	<b>905,058.03</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSET</b>	<b>1,174,872.47</b>	<b>1,184,301.02</b>
<b>LIABILITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	7,793.17	5,175.41
Other accounts Payable	3,537.00	1,587.00
Accured Liabilities	2,558.00	4,808.00
Allowance - Bad Debts	1,680.00	0.00
HST Paid on Purchases	-6,000.66	-5,695.90
HST Owning (Refund)	-6,000.66	-5,695.90
Unearned Revenue	120.00	0.00
<b>Total Unearned Revenue</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>9,687.51</b>	<b>5,874.51</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>	<b>9,687.51</b>	<b>5,874.51</b>

**VOWR**  
**Comparative Balance Sheet**

	As at 12/31/2024	As at 12/31/2025
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	1,157,514.75	1,165,184.96
Current Earnings	7,670.21	13,241.55
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>	<u>1,165,184.96</u>	<u>1,178,426.51</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>1,165,184.96</u>	<u>1,178,426.51</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<u>1,174,872.47</u>	<u>1,184,301.02</u>

# VOWR

## Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024	Actual 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
In-memoriums	0.00	1,970.00
In-memoriums on line	1,325.00	410.00
Donations	31,813.92	37,479.72
Donations on Line	9,398.92	7,452.24
Donations- Radiothon	20,928.38	15,638.01
Sponsorship Sales	49,460.00	44,680.00
Record/CD Sales	6,986.10	9,815.10
Bank Interest	1,613.69	7,396.70
Take Out Meals - Geraldine Rubi...	2,475.00	0.00
Dance Tickets 2024	4,569.50	0.00
100Th Aniversary Concert	46,478.41	0.00
Music of Your Life Concert	0.00	50,715.00
100th Anniversary Banquet	7,239.57	0.00
Sock Hop Sep 2024	4,734.61	0.00
Dance Tickets Jan 2025	0.00	2,020.00
Dance May 03, 2025	0.00	3,355.00
Recycling Revenue	0.00	15.00
VOWR Merchandise Sales	2,779.20	2,532.50
<b>Net Sales</b>	<u>189,802.30</u>	<u>183,479.27</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>189,802.30</u>	<u>183,479.27</u>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>		
Transmitter Site R & M	1,963.64	592.64
Transmitter Site Upgrades	508.99	215.00
Studio R & M	12,356.16	7,165.61
Studio Upgrades	19,254.37	6,237.31
Transmitter Site -Electricity	16,819.44	17,175.45
Studio - Electricity	8,968.11	8,743.94
Transmitter Site - Telephone	2,005.25	200.89
Transmitter Site - Internet	2,240.66	3,414.63
Studio-Telephone/Internet	6,767.42	8,715.75
Streaming/Web Site Hosting	5,354.35	1,565.10
Freight	0.00	822.38
Station Management	12,000.00	12,000.00
Commissions	1,560.00	1,540.00
Programming	9,500.00	12,800.00
Licence Fees	2,471.75	7,608.62
Office & Administration Expenses	8,699.21	9,309.57
Janitorial	6,412.25	6,212.54
Snow Clearing	4,416.04	3,080.00
Insurance	17,904.09	16,978.62
Bank Charges	654.20	356.28
Bad Debts	1,680.00	4,636.00
Take Out Meals - Geraldine Rubi...	993.58	0.00
100th Anniversary	3,898.03	0.00
100th Anniversary Concert	15,022.13	0.00
100th Anniversary Banquet	6,002.50	0.00
Sock Hop - Sep 28	1,355.59	0.00
Dance Jan 2025	0.00	818.30
Dance May 03	0.00	1,368.90
2nd Annual Concert	0.00	24,319.86
Miscellaneous	459.56	0.00
Depreciation	11,133.68	12,125.30
COGS Mechandise	1,731.09	2,235.03
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>182,132.09</u>	<u>170,237.72</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>182,132.09</u>	<u>170,237.72</u>

**VOWR**  
**Comparative Income Statement**

	Actual 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024	Actual 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>7,670.21</u>	<u>13,241.55</u>

Dear Supporters,

Because of your generosity and commitment, Bridges to Hope continues to be a vital lifeline for individuals and families across St. John's. We are grateful to share an update on the impact your support has made throughout 2025.

So far this year, our Food Bank has recorded **17,910 client visits**, serving **5,541 unique individuals** in our community. The need remains significant, particularly for families with children—**31% of those we served were children aged 1–17**. At the same time, **seniors accounted for 7.1% of total visits**, reminding us that food insecurity affects people at every stage of life.

Your support also made several key programs possible:

- Our **Bag to School Program** helped **900 kindergarten to Grade 12 students** start the school year with essential supplies, easing the burden on families and setting students up for success.
- Our Christmas Hamper program, **Miracle on Cookstown Road**, provided holiday support to **665 households**, ensuring that families could experience dignity, warmth, and hope during the holiday season.

These numbers represent more than statistics—they represent neighbours, children, seniors, and families who were able to access nutritious food and meaningful support when they needed it most.

Thank you for standing with us. Your compassion helps ensure that Bridges to Hope can continue responding to growing needs in our community with care, respect, and hope.

With sincere gratitude,

**Ken Peters**

Chair of the Board-Bridges to Hope

## Time Capsule – 1988 – 2088

On St. John's Day, June 23, 1990, the Wesley United Church Time Capsule was duly sealed in the vault at City Hall, prepared for the 107 capsules submitted by a wide variety of organizations and / or private citizens.

A Certificate of Ownership (52275) was received by the Wesley Committee and has been framed for safe keeping and placed in the Church Archives.

The Committee requests that this notice be inserted in each Annual Report until the time comes for the vault to be opened and the Capsule claimed.

Time Capsule Committee

# WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

## MISSION STATEMENT

Wesley United Church's Mission, as a part of the fellowship of the United Church of Canada, is to lead people into a lively encounter with God through services providing for the Worship of Almighty God, both to its own congregation and its radio audience; to promote the redemptive and social challenge of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the community and the world; and to build up the membership in the faith through spiritual nourishment, care and loving support for one another in the congregation.