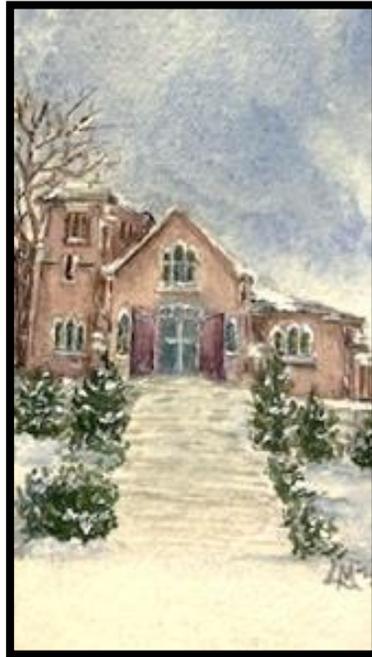


Building on a firm foundation,
Stamford Lane United Church

**celebrates God's presence,
follows Christ's teachings and reaches out to all people
through
sharing the Word, sacrament, fellowship, and music
within
a supportive, caring and accepting community.**



**Annual Reports
Financial Statements
2023**

Linda Bruch
Bryanna Johnson
Leslie Maddalena
Sara Maida-Nicol
Lucie McCarthy
Rev. Harvey Tobey

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Minister's Report

***Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.***

*Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.*

*We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.*

*This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.*

The District School Board of Niagara also moved in renting classrooms in the basement to teach English as a second language to people from all over the world. Along with dance, exercise and kids' groups, there are ongoing adjustments to scheduling, and also budgeting, that we greet with a positive outlook for the future. Thank you to all the Staff and Volunteers that have been part of meeting these shifting demands on time and talent. In the midst of it all, you replaced the boilers and paid off the covid loan that saw us through to where we are.

Secure in faith and funding, thanks to your support, we are working on gathering the community. The ongoing connection with 30+ seniors in residential care, and the 30+ children in choirs and Sunday School, remain priorities as we build relationships. Social events and dinners need your ideas, support, creativity, inspiration and organizing, to reach families and individuals who know, or are searching for, Christian love here.

*“When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue,
or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.” 1 Corinthians 14:26*

We get together so we can reach out together. The blessings of connecting as a church, in what ever way you are able, walking in the cold, running an event, cooking a meal, leading a meeting, singing a song or just showing up, are little things that make a bigger difference than we realize in the moment. Worship goes deeper in connecting to God's Holy Spirit when we discover something of each others burdens and blessings. Make it your mission each day to greet someone with the attitude you desire from others. While we continue to celebrate our diversity in service and worship, I know that the pastoral care you give each day is guided by Jesus, your saviour, placing you in the right place at the right time. Please take every opportunity to welcome, invite and engage in building the relationships that build your faithful church. Building your church is strengthening your own relationship with the Body of Christ. Your blessing is my blessing. Thank You.

Message from Council Chair

So, we reach the end of another great year and what a year it has been. We had many plans that came to completion but we also had many tasks that we had not planned on handling. This year we opened the Bargain Boutique thrift shop. The Boutique has not only supplied the community with thrifty clothing but it has also fostered fellowship and positive relationships with community members. The church ran a community food drive as a Thanksgiving project which as always was very successful. We promised to supply Christmas food for 45 families this year at a cost of \$5500 and we met that goal with our white gift offerings. The Mission and Outreach committee has applied for and received a grant for up to \$5000 to do community outreach work. This will mean that in 2024 we will be able to be even more active in supporting the people in need than in the past. This church has a tremendously positive impact on our local community. The Mission and Outreach committee is the largest committee in the church with 18 listed members which shows how important it is to help others in the community. The building itself supports the community by supplying space for many local groups to meet. The Ukrainian congregation uses our church as they work to practice their faith in their new home and several of our members have personally supported families as they landed in Canada. This church has a big heart!

There have been some hurdles this year with unexpected maintenance costs and financial pressures on our investments. We decided at the first of the year to change the heating system boilers. The boilers were about 35 years old and very inefficient. Our natural gas expenses for last year were over \$13,000, so we replaced the 60% efficient boilers with 95% efficient ones. This was an unplanned expense of over \$45,000 but the boilers are in place and paid for. Our dishwasher needed a major repair and the refrigerator needed to be replaced. At the same time our fire inspection indicated that our main fire control panel needed to be replaced. These were all on top of our normal maintenance budget. During covid the government gave us a no interest loan for \$60,000 with \$20,000 forgivable if repaid before the end of 2023. That loan has been repaid. So, you can see that this has been a very active year around here.

Enough can't be said about our wonderful staff. We have the most amazing, dedicated staff that any organization could hope for and all the activities that happen here are a reflection of their hard work in the background. Their minds never stop thinking of new and exciting things to do next. Don't forget to tell them how much we appreciate them when you talk to them.

So, tell your friends that if they feel like walking away from the painful news and drama of everyday life that there is a place to come to be uplifted. Come and experience the love and support of a congregation that cares. Be happy, life is too short to be anything but happy.

Bryce Anderson, Council Chair.

2023 Stamford Lane United Church Statistics

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| Membership Roll as of January 1, 2023 | 261 |
| Removed by Death | -10 |
| Removed by Request | -3 |
| Membership Roll as of December 31, 2023 | 248 |

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| Families under Stamford Lane United Church Pastoral Charge | 229 |
| Families who contribute financially to the operation of Stamford Lane United | 169 |
| Families who support the Mission & Service of the United Church | 59 |
| Average Attendance Website/Youtube Oct/Nov | 43 |
| Average Attendance In House Oct/Nov | 100 |
| Facebook Sunday Live followers | 412 |

Stamford Lane Council 2023

Minister: Rev. Harvey Tobey
Past-Chair: Dan Monteith
Treasurer: Ray Marshall

Chair: Bryce Anderson
Vice-Chair: Dan Taylor
Administrative Assistant: Leslie Maddalena

ARNOTT, Anne
BEAL, Cris
COLE, Barbara
COWAN, Sandra
DAVIS, Alastair
DEMPSEY, Mary
FAST, Paul
FOSTER, Will
HACKETT, Jacki
HARRIS, Janet
HARRISON, Mary Ann
JANVARY POOL, Paisley
JOHNSON, Bryanna
KAINE, Janet
LAND, Peter
LAPP, Vivian
LE GALLAIS, Lynne

LE GALLAIS, Randy
LENNOX, Marion
MacDONNELL, Mary
MacKENZIE, Joan
MAIDA-NICOL, Sara
MALEKZADEH, Afshin
MONTEITH, Carolyn
NICOL, Bobby
PATERSON, Ginny
SAUDER, Carol
SAUDER, Jim
SCHMAGALA, Mary
STEIP, Al
WALKER, Donna
YOUNG, David
YOUNG, Dawn
ZAVITZ, Tim

Stamford Lane Trustees

ANDERSON, Bryce
ARNOTT, Anne
DEMPSEY, Mary
GILMORE, Dennis-Chair
JANVARY-POOL, Paisley

LENNOX, Marion
MACKENZIE, Joan
PATTERSON, Paul
ZAVITZ, Gerald (Tim)

Horseshoe Falls Regional Council:
Representative: Ray Marshall
Representative: Mary Ann Harrison
Alternate: Dan Monteith
Clergy: Rev. Harvey Tobey
Rev. Cathie Ellarby
Rev. Lorraine Davis

Extension Council:
Representative: Tim Zavitz
Cave Springs Camp Representatives:
Representative: Paisley January-Pool
Representative: Brenda Skinner
Representative: Jim Sauder
Representative: Carol Sauder

Director of Music Sara Maida-Nicol
Music Accompanist Linda Bruch
Church Custodian Lucie McCarthy
Director Bell Choir Laura Sparkman

Communication Assist. Bryanna Johnson
Sunday School Rev. Cathie Ellarby
Paisley January Pool
Turkey Team Afshin Malekzadeh
Women's Group Jane Shores

Council Committees 2023

** executive * committee member only

Minister: **Rev. Harvey Tobey **Chair:** **Bryce Anderson
Past-Chair: **Dan Monteith **Vice-Chair:** **Dan Taylor
Treasurer: **Ray Marshall **Administrative Assistant:** **Leslie Maddalena

Christian Education

Chair: **Sandra Cowan
Paisley Janvary Pool (Sunday School)
*Rev. Cathie Ellarby Sara Maida-Nicol
Vivian Lapp Carol Sauder
Mary MacDonnell Mary Schmagala

Property

Chair: **Dan Monteith
Cris Beal Jim Sauder
Joan MacKenzie *Dan MacDonnell
Dan Taylor *Richard Lambert
*Paul Patterson

Finance

Chair: **Tim Zavitz
**Ray Marshall – Treasurer
Anne Arnott
Bryce Anderson
Marion Lennox
Afshin Malekzadeh
**Leslie Maddalena

Rental

Chair: **Paisley Janvary-Pool
Barbara Cole
**Ray Marshall

Worship and Congregational Concerns

Chair: ** Barbara Cole
Paul Fast Lynne LeGallais
*Joanne Fast Randy LeGallais
Janet Harris Marion Lennox
*Carole Jarvis Sara Maida-Nicol
Janet Kaine Al Steip
Peter Land Donna Walker

Mission and Outreach

Chair: **Alastair Davis
Mary Dempsey Gail Goar
*Darlene Foster Will Foster
*Pam Gilmore Jacki Hackett
Mary Ann Harrison Peter Land
Lynne LeGallais Randy LeGallais
*Lynn Marshall Bobby Nicol
Carolyn Monteith Ginny Paterson
Sara Maida-Nicol *Vera Packham
*Brenda Skinner

Audio/Visual

Chair: *Dan MacDonnell
Co Chair: Bryce Anderson
Paul Fast
Will Foster *Richard Lambert
Bryanna Johnson Bobby Nicol

Ministry and Personnel

Chair: **Paisley Janvary-Pool
Anne Arnott
Paul Fast
Mary Ann Harrison
Ray Marshall
Dan Taylor

In Touch

Chair: *Diane Becken
Co-Chair: **Ray Marshall
*Noreen Bradshaw Paisley Janvary-Pool
Barbara Cole *Lynn Marshall
*Rev.Cathie Ellarby Ginny Paterson
*Joanne Fast *Jane Shores
Paul Fast Donna Walker
*Gail Goar Dawn Young
Janet Harris David Young
Mary Ann Harrison April Zavitz
Debbie Hertich

Bargain Boutique

Chair: Ginny Paterson Alastair Davis
Lynne LeGallais Randy LeGallais

The Council Chairperson is an ex-officio member of all committees.
The Minister is an ex-officio of all committees, except Ministry and Personnel.

Proposed Council 2024

Until February 2025: Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Sandra Cowan, Alastair Davis, Jacki Hackett, Janet Kaine, Peter Land, Vivian Lapp, Marion Lennox, Joan MacKenzie, Afshin Malekzadeh, Tim Zavitz

Until February 2026: Cris Beal, Barbara Cole, Paul Fast, Will Foster, Mary Ann Harrison, Lynne Le Gallais, Randy Le Gallais, Paisley January-Pool, Mary MacDonnell, Carolyn Monteith, Bobby Nicol, Ginny Paterson, Carol Sauder, Jim Sauder, Al Steip, Dan Taylor, Dawn Young, David Young

Nominated to February 2027: Donald Brown, Janet Harris, Bryanna Johnson, Leslie Maddalena, Sara Maida-Nicol, Ray Marshall, Dan Monteith, Nancy Risto, Donna Walker

and anyone who volunteers by February 18, 2024.

Board of Trustees:

Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Mary Dempsey, Dennis Gilmore, Paisley January-Pool, Marion Lennox, Joan MacKenzie, Paul Patterson, Gerald (Tim) Zavitz.

Horseshoe Falls Regional Council:

Representative: Ray Marshall

Representative: Nancy Risto

Representative: Dan Monteith

Alternates: Mary Ann Harrison
Carolyn Monteith

Clergy: Rev. Harvey Tobey
Rev. Lorraine Davis
Rev. Roy Nicol-Macdonald
Rev. Gwen Nicol-Macdonald

Extension Council:

Tim Zavitz – Representative

Cave Springs Camp Representatives:

Carol Sauder

Jim Sauder

Stamford Lane United Church

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting held as part of the morning service

Approximately 110 people in attendance.

Dan Taylor sent his regrets.

Stamford Lane United Church

Sunday January 29 Your Family Tree includes Saul

Prelude

Welcome: Dan Monteith Chair of Council-Called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I declare this annual meeting open for all business that may come before us in the name of Jesus, the head of the church.

We are a strong church because of you, and our staff, our volunteers, our Council, our music, our ministry, and so much more. Our out-reach into the community goes far and wide, like the branches of a tree. At any given day walk past the building and you'll see people coming and going. We are bursting with activity and like the new trees we planted out front, we have good roots, and with God's help our branches will give us the energy to keep growing.

(solo) We are all God's children (sung by Rafaella)

We are all God's children
We are all God's children
We are one in God's love
Jesus loves me, this I know
Everyone's a child of God.

Paisley January - Ministry & Personnel

Praised staff for this outstanding year, they are our church backbone. Paisley thanked all the volunteers and the whole congregation for their commitment to Stamford Lane United Church.

Hymn: I am the church! You are the church!!

Call to worship: Dennis Gilmore – Trustees

On the way here this morning we passed snow piled high along the roads and in the plaza. The odd thing was the radio entertained us with the song "Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer". Just when we think the cold winter will never pass we always have the expectation of spring flowers and the "Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer.

So what can this congregation look forward to in the upcoming years. I think it is important to look back as to what we, as a congregation, have done since amalgamation and the sale of Lundy's Lane United Church.

- In 2016 Council approved over \$230,000 in renovations to our church and to give funds as mandated through the sale of Lundy's Lane UC to local organizations and to the UC archives
- Over the years 2016 through 2017 we completed renovations of over \$204,300 which mainly came from investments
- Over \$31,500 was sent to the UC archives and to local organizations which came from our holdings.

Part of the approved \$230,000 included the replacement of our roof however

- A Roof Reserve Fund was set up as a Directed Fund
- Over the span of 2017-2019 \$31,285 was raised of which \$31,256 was spent for a new roof in 2018

Our church has been blessed with the generosity of our Church members. We receive monies through different means such as Directed Funds to various renovations, memorial funds, community services and planned legacy. Just like the weather we go through some dark, cold periods however we have the expectation that better days lie ahead. We have a strong faith and belief that we can weather the storm even though the short term financial horizon may not be promising. But, just like the song, we expect that things will improve in the long term.

Welcome to this place of love and grace.

Jesus invites us into loving community.

The Holy Spirit of grace leads us in hope and perseverance.

We walk with Saul.

We walk with courage,

We walk with Faith.

We worship God together.

Candle of Hope: Diane Becken – In Touch Committee

Diane offered a prayer and lit our Candle of Hope

Dear Lord:

Let us remember the members we lost in 2022 and help us as we continue to reach out and support our shut-ins. We are all your children and we are a family. Guide us as we continue to do our little part as a loving and caring church family. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Remembering those who died in 2022)

Hymn: Jesus wants me for a sunbeam,

Life and work of the Church: Ginny Paterson - Thrift Shoppe

Opening of our very own Stamford Lane Bargain Boutique, Council approved.

Ginny thanked committee members Lynne and Randy LeGallais , Alastair Davis and Dan Monteith and his renovation specialists for helping to make this fund raising initiative possible.

Dan MacDonnell - Boiler

The old boiler is past its prime, a more efficient boiler is needed. The Property Committee proposes replacing the boiler in 2023 and establishing a fundraising goal of \$25,000.00 to work towards raising some of the cost through donations.

Offertory Anthem Many Gifts, One Spirit

Tim Zavitz - Finance

Tim didn't report financials as he said they are all in the report but encouraged us to look around at what a welcoming and well maintained church we have to enjoy every Sunday. Let them know their work is appreciated, Ray, Bryce and the three Dan's, and Paisley who shares her knowledge and opinions with us and Cathie who works with the children on Sundays.

Offertory Hymn

Offertory Prayer: Ray Marshall

O Lord, you have blessed us with the ministry of this church. We thank you for our minister, our staff, and all our volunteers. We give thanks that our members use their spiritual gifts to bless others. We thank you for the rich fellowship we enjoy with each other and together with you. We give our offerings to you now, knowing that they are used to support the ministry of this church both in our community and worldwide. Amen.

Ray Marshall-Treasurer

I believe that the Financial records on Pages 26-29 show an accurate account of the Monies received and spent in 2022. Overall the income exceeded our 2022 budget expectations. Similarly, our expenses were less than anticipated in the budget. At the end of the year our bank balance was just over \$50K. Looking ahead to 2023, we are forecasting an increase in spending in the operating budget (pages 28 & 9) of almost 3%. As in the past, I anticipate that we will be able to meet this. In addition, the council is anticipating replacing the boilers in the near future and are creating a fund to pay for them. The goal in 2023 is \$25K. As always, if you have a question, please contact me and I will endeavour to find an answer.

Time for Growing Souls Rev. Cathie Ellarby

Learning is best done by doing. The children in Sunday School participate in singing and prayers and they have their own offering. They also create plays which are performed usually at Christmas time. They are planning to tell the story of Holy week, based on the Old Turtle story. They will tell the story in a new way and include people of all ages.

Girls: Worship the Lord
Boys: worship the Lord
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
Girls : raising our hands
Boys: raising our hands
in devotion to God who is one!

Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one! R

Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one! R

Called to be partners with God in creation,

honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one! R

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 664 Sandra Cowan - Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee is planning a Valentine Sunday, February 12, after church, a light lunch will be provided and a dance will follow. Please register the children who are attending so members of the congregation may add Valentines to each of their bags, please include extra Valentines addressed to "my friend" in case there are children that attend that didn't sign up. Everyone is invited to our Valentine's Party.

Hymn: We are one as we come,

Sermon: 1 Samuel Saul Rev. Harvey Tobey

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Adapted from Communion Liturgies for the Whole People of God *by Alydia Smith*

Barbara Cole - Worship and Congregational Concerns

The Worship and Congregational committee are responsible for 3 tasks:

1. Co-ordinate greeters at the door every Sunday, please speak to Barbara if you're interested
2. Worship service planning, short term and long term. The last 2 Sundays in February and the first Sunday in March we welcome Amadeus Pyralis, Pam Sharp and Rob Patterson to provide our message.
3. Co-ordinate any congregation concerns-speak to Barbara if you have a concern or a suggestion.

Barbara Cole led communion with Rev. Harvey

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God!

It is right to give God our thanks and praise!

For you created the heavens, earth, and all that is in them:
you cast sunbeams through the snow, open eyes and ears,
to see and know that You could sustain all of your creation.

But you asked us to be your people.

Thank-you for the wonders of creation and for your great trust in us. Thank you for our family tree of Judges, Prophets, and Disciples, providing words of wisdom as we continue building your kingdom.

Though humanity sometimes weeps,

We wait lovingly for you, God.

We still need you to be our God.

We praise you for Jesus, Christ, who lives among us
as a teacher, healer, and friend,
giving us a sacred path to follow,
eternal as your love, our bond to one another.
We rejoice with all your people of every time and place,
and with angels and archangels,
we proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before Jesus died,
he took a loaf of bread,
gave thanks, broke it, and said,
“Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”
After supper, Jesus took the cup, saying,
“This is the new covenant, remember me.”

We do remember.
In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Holy Mystery, God the Spirit,
we call on you to transform these familiar things,
as you continually transform the world around us,
empowering us to faithfully share your love with all of creation.
Bless this bread and this cup,
the wheat and the grape,
the seed and the sower,
all who taste and see.

That we might catch a glimpse of what it is to be
in communion with you and with one another,
this day, for tomorrow.

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

The body of Christ,
the bread of life.
The cup of blessing.
Remember Him.

Anthem One Bread, One Body

Prayer after Communion: Alastair Davis - Mission and Outreach

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.
**We are fed by your love;
we are strengthened by your life.**

**May our worship and work be one in this world
as we live into the visions
God has laid on our hearts.**

We are now commissioned to:

**Feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

Alastair Davis- Our community partners are very grateful for Stamford Lane’s ongoing commitment to our local community. The positivity and enthusiasm in our church speaks to our resilience and our partners in the community are astonished and overwhelmed at our generosity.

Upcoming events:

February 25, 2023, The Coldest Night of the Year Walk. This event is a fundraiser to support the homeless and people in need in Niagara Falls. Several individuals from our congregation are participating in the event and the Stamford Lane United Church Junior choir is also walking on February 26th after church. You can donate online, or by e-transfer, cash or cheque through the office is also an option.

Feb 19, 2023 is Mission Sunday, Pam Sharpe, Director of Project Share, and a member of our congregation, will speak and after church a Pancake lunch will be shared in the gym. The cost is \$4 for children under 10 and \$8 for adults.

*... **Motion to accept Minutes** of the annual meeting of Stamford Lane United Church February 6, 2022... pages 6-9 Questions.

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| Moved by | Seconded by | Action: |
| Jacki Hackett | Cris Beal | Moved |

*... **Motion to accept Stamford Lane United Church Reports for 2022...**pages 1-4,10-24 Questions.
Leslie noted changes that are already archived in the 2022 Annual Report.

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| Moved by | Seconded by | Action: |
| Paisley January Pool | Cris Beal | Carried |

*... **Motion to accept Stamford Lane United Financial Reports for 2022...** pages 25-29 Questions.

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| Moved by | Seconded by | Action: |
| Tim Zavitz | Pauline Anderson | Carried |

New Business: -Boiler -Thrift Shoppe

Motion to support Council approval of the new Bargain Boutique.

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| Moved by | Seconded by | Action |
| Ginny Paterson | Alastair Davis | Carried |

Dan MacDonnell—The property committee received estimates which suggest the replacement cost would be over \$47000.00. At this time, the boiler runs at about 50% efficiency, the new boiler will run at approximately 90% efficiency. The payback of the investment will be about 14 years, as estimated by Bryce Anderson.

Motion of support to replace the boilers.

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| Moved by | Seconded by | Action |
| Al Steip | Cris Beal | Carried |

*... **Motion to accept Proposed Budget, Mission & Service Goal and Boiler Replacement Goal for 2023**
Page 30-31 Questions.

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| Moved by | Seconded by | Action: |
| Sharon MacDonnell | Doug Craig | Carried |

Call for Nominations: x3

Nominations are called

Members of Council Nominated so far Until February 2026:

Cris Beal, Barbara Cole, Will Foster, Paisley January-Pool,

Mary MacDonnell, Carolyn Monteith, Dan Taylor,
Mary Ann Harrison, Ginny Paterson

New Council members as of January 29th, 2023

Bobby Nicol, Jim Sauder, Carol Sauder, David Young, Dawn Young,
Al Steip, Lynne LeGallais, Randy LeGallais, Paul Fast

Nominations are called

Property

Chair: ** Dan Monteith

Cris Beal, Joan MacKenzie
Dan Taylor, Jim Sauder
* Dan MacDonnell, * Paul Patterson
* Richard Lambert

Worship/Congregational Concerns

Chair: **Barbara Cole

Janet Harris, Marion Lennox
Sara Maida-Nicol, Donna Walker
Peter Land, Al Steip
Paul Fast, * Joanne Fast
Lynne LeGallais, Randy LeGallais
*Carole Jarvis

Audio/Visual

Chair: Dan MacDonnell
Co-Chair **Bryce Anderson
Bryanna Johnson, Bobby Nicol
Will Foster, *Richard Lambert
*Paul Fast, *Glad Klassen

In-Touch

Chair: *Diane Becken
Co-Chair: ** Ray Marshall
Barbara Cole, *Gail Goar
Janet Harris, Mary Ann Harrison
Paisley Janvary-Pool, Donna Walker,
David Young, Dawn Young
*Lynn Marshall, *Joanne Fast
*Cathie Ellarby, *Jane Shores
Paul Fast, Ginny Paterson
*Noreen Bradshaw

Rental

Chair: Paisley Janvary-Pool
Barbara Cole
Ray Marshall

Bargain Boutique

Chair: Ginny Paterson
Lynne LeGallais

Board of Trustees: (previously elected)

Chair: **Dennis Gilmore

Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Mary Dempsey,

Paisley January-Pool, Marion Lennox, Joan MacKenzie,
Paul Patterson, Gerald (Tim) Zavitz.

Horseshoe Falls Regional Council:

Representative: Ray Marshall
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Alternates: Dan Monteith
Clergy: Rev. Harvey Tobey
Rev. Cathie Ellarby
Rev. Lorraine Davis

Extension Council:

Tim Zavitz – Representative

Cave Springs Camp Representatives:

Paisley January-Pool
Brenda Skinner

Nominations are called

**Those who volunteer or are nominated on Sunday
are asked to contact the chair of a committee to join.**

And contact Ray Marshall to register as an officer of the church.

*With the exception of Trustees and Ministry & Personnel,
Everyone is invited to join a committee without being elected to Council.*

- *The Council Chairperson is an ex-officio member of all committees.*
- *The Minister is an ex-officio of all committees, except Ministry and Personnel.*

*... **Motion to elect the elders of Stamford Lane United Church and Executive
as Presented this day**, -as well as trustees, delegates and representatives as presented,
with great thankfulness to Dan Monteith, retiring as Chair, and Dan MacDonnell & Evan Gillespie
retiring from council.

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| Moved by | Seconded by | Action |
| Paisley January | Doug Craig | Carried |

*... **Motion to enable Council to conduct the business** of Stamford Lane United Church in the name of Jesus, Saviour and Head of the church, and that any urgent matters may be dealt with by the Council or Executive by email, zoom or in person as able.

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| Moved by | Seconded by | Action |
| Al Steip | Jacki Hackett | Carried |

*... **Motion to Adjourn** Moved by **Tim Zavitz**

Bryce Anderson spoke as incoming Chair of Council: Bryce quoted Barbara Streisand, “People who need people are the Luckiest people in the World”. Bryce said Covid has left people lonely. People are social animals that crave connection with other people and we need to use our new directories to reach out to the people in our congregation that we haven’t seen since Covid and welcome them back into the fold.

***Blessing**

***Choral Blessing**

Hymn: **Walk with me**, I will walk with you

Kids’ Night February 9 at 6pm-7:30

Valentine Family Service, Lunch, Dance February 12 at 10am.

Coldest Walk for Project Share February 25

Coldest Walk for Junior Choir after church February 26

Horseshoe Falls Region

Horseshoe Falls Region held 2 meetings in 2023 – a hybrid in June and a virtual meeting in the middle of October. The June meeting had a presentation concerning the Remit on the Indigenous church required by the General Council 44. Mary Ann Harrison and Ray Marshall attended parts of this meeting. The Remit education continued through the summer and fall. At the Fall meeting, Horseshoe Falls Regional Council voted in favour of the Remit. Also, at the Fall meeting, the Region approved its budget for 2024, once again with no dues added to the National Church Dues. Even though it is a deficit budget, the Region’s treasurer feels there are sufficient funds via National Grants and investments.

The Region is continuing to explore ways that it can be of more assistance and guidance to congregations and they have noted a disconnect with the loss of Presbyteries. To that end, they have continued both gatherings of clergy and lay representatives. These took place a couple of times in 2023. Commission reports and minutes are always available on the Region Website: <https://hfrucc.ca/> as are various “toolkits” to support work in Communities of Faith. The region will next meet on May 24-26, 2024. This will be a tri-region meeting at the Unifor Education Centre, Port Elgin, with the Moderator in attendance. It is expected to also be available via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Marshall

In Memoriam

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| Elizabeth Blanchfield † | February 10 | Margaret Nunnamaker † | August 22 |
| David Martin † | March 6 | Evelyn Arlene Matoff | August 27 |
| Timothy William Moses | March 22 | Shirley Baesso | August 31 |
| David Andersen Durward † | March 29 | Patricia Carol Howe † | September 4 |
| Grace Louise Buchanan | April 2 | Geraldine Main Young † | October 15 |
| Bonnie Evelyn Felstead | May 9 | Traven Ernest Reed | October 18 |
| Shirley Margaret McGuire | May 12 | Ann McKechnie † | December 2 |
| Elizabeth Anne Pattinson | May 24 | Muriel Jean Chagnon † †† | December 5 |
| Charles Atkinson † | June 23 | David Francis Hoto | December 10 |
| Anne White | June 26 | | |
| Cora Lopers † | July 3 | | |
| Peggy May Tout | July 5 | | |
| Cathy Ferland † | July 26 | | |

† Member

†† No funeral date at this time

Marriage Blessings

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| Christine Bayan Magno & Adam Leslie Blonski | October 20 |
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Ministry and Personnel

This is a confidential and supportive committee for staff and parishioners. We meet as needed throughout the year.

Our volunteer committee consists of:

Chair Paisley January-Pool from Christian Education, Dan Taylor from Property, Mary Ann Harrison from Mission and Outreach and Paul Fast from Worship and Congregational Concerns. I represent Finance along with the assistance of our treasurer Ray Marshall

This year on July 2, 2023 our Congregation was invited to drop by for a Garden Party Lunch at the Tobey/Molnar home. This was in honour of Reverend Harvey's 60th birthday. We had a great celebration.

We are very grateful for our dedicated staff:

Rev Tobey, our minister, Leslie, Lucie, Sara, Linda and Bryanna.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Arnott

Christian Education and Development

It has been another busy year for our children! This past summer Sara, Reverend Harvey and many volunteers ran our second Art and Music summer camp which was enjoyed by all! Sunday school carries on, with thanks to Paisley and Brenda for organizing and volunteering their time! We are sad to have Rev. Cathie Ellarby move on this summer. We all appreciate and miss her teaching, especially the children. We enjoyed hosting the end of year barbecue, with many thanks to our volunteers at the grill. September always leads to a sweet beginning with our Sundaes Sunday event to kick off the beginning of Sunday school in the fall. We were excited to have a visit from Santa at Christmas and thank the congregation for their sandwich donations. We continue to sponsor campers at Cave Springs camp through our sponsorship program. Looking forward to an exciting year in 2024!
Sandra Cowan

Bible Study

You are invited to gather Tuesday mornings at 10:15-11:45 just about every week. 10-25 Friends gather when they can to share our life stories and discover how the Holy Scriptures connect us together.

This is a time of reading and reflecting, sharing and pastoral care with capable leadership. Rev. Harvey Tobey and others who take up leadership in this group are always preparing for worship the following Sunday.

Choir /Art Camp

This year 37 campers gathered at church every morning, July 10-14, 2023. 23 children aged 5-7 and 14 aged 8-12 gathered each morning for games, scripture, prayer, art and choir. Once again, Choir was led by Sara Maida Nicol and Linda Bruch, while Art was led by Rev. Harvey Tobey and Anne Molnar. With the help of many volunteers we were able to lead the children in learning songs that turned 5 days of Praying "Jesus Hands are Kind Hands" into 5 weeks of Worship, from September through to Thanksgiving. The group also created their own paintings, made their own patio stones, candles and holders that inspired our BBQ and Gallery. Proceeds from registration and BBQ totalled \$2359.00, expenses for camp and BBQ were \$982.17 which left a revenue of \$1376.83.

Kid's Night

As many as 17 children, aged 5-9, have been gathering with my family and volunteers at church for Kids night. Registration was \$20 for four times in the spring, and we ran it again in fall. We played games and prayed, while sharing in a creative spirit that is Holy. Through the year we prepared pretzels for the "Building the Kingdom" Party, made paper, painted and planted flower pots, made table runners and pumpkins, we even made slime, and created Christmas t-shirts and flower arrangements. Including the remaining 2022 revenue of \$508.55 + registration in 2023 of \$640.00 + \$1100.00 Investor's Group grant, expenses were \$685.55 we are left with a total revenue of \$1563.00 at the end of 2023.

Sunday School

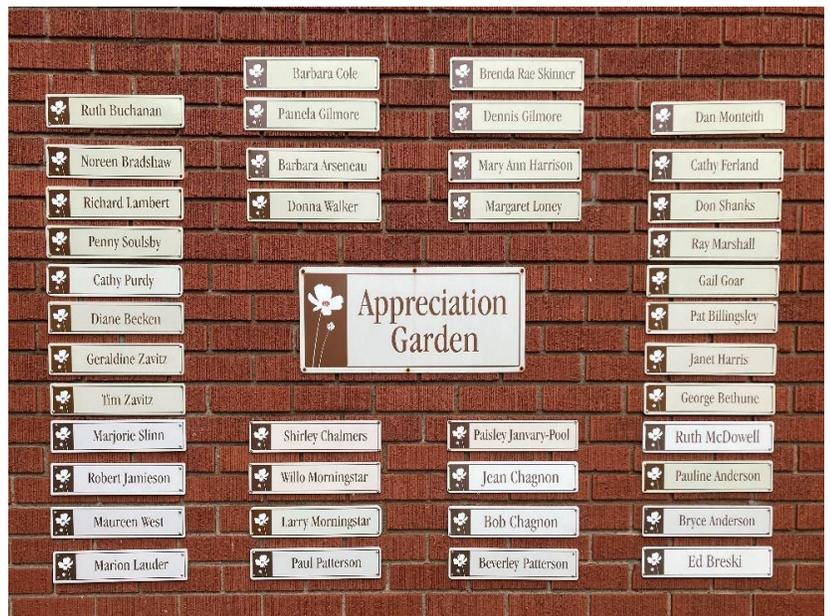
The lessons from January to June were led by Rev. Cathie. The class numbers varied from a few to twenty. Brenda, Paisley and Michelle filled in when needed.

Paisley, Carol and Brenda took over the class in September and followed the lessons Rev. Harvey was doing in church. Michelle continued to assist as did the older students. Advent and the Christmas concert completed the year's study.

Rev. Cathie Ellarby, Paisley January-Pool, Brenda Skinner, Carol Sauder, Michelle Caron

Appreciation Garden

The Appreciation Garden Committee met on the evenings of April 3 and May 15, reviewed all nominations received, including those remaining from 2022. The Committee decided to honour **Barbara Cole, Dan Monteith, and Brenda Skinner**, and recommended them to the Council. Council agreed with the Committee and these three were feted at the service of May 28. Our church is very fortunate to benefit from the countless kindnesses and services from these members. It is our privilege to thank them on your behalf.



It is also time to think of this spring; nomination forms for 2024 are available in the office and need to be returned to the office on or before the last banking day of March – that's Friday, March 29.

Your Appreciation Garden Committee 2023, Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Janet Harris, Paisley January-Pool, Dan Taylor, Ray Marshall

Walking and Exercise Group

The exercise and walking group have been going all year inside in the fall, winter and spring and outside in the summer. We walk at 10am on Monday and Thursday mornings.

We will welcome new members at anytime. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by Gail Goar

The Sewing Mission Group

Our mission is to sew and knit baby apparel for The Niagara Warehouse of Hope, located at Port Weller in St Catharines. They ship cloth bags full of baby items, to new moms who live in Guatemala and Honduras. We welcome anyone who would like to join us Friday mornings at 10:00 am in the activity room. We are sorry to have lost 2 wonderful friends and contributors this last year. Jean Chagnon, and Jenny Kok. We made these items during the year 2023. Bags, 40, Blankets 7, Knitted Hats 31, Nightgowns 7, Shorts 11, Slings 12.

Thank you: Allison Wills, Bonnie Fletcher, Carole Jarvis. Karen Corey, Donna Mongeri, Lynn Young, Sharon Swayze, Pauline Anderson, Penny Soulsby. Submitted by Penny Soulsby.

In-Touch Committee

The In-Touch Committee met in January, March, May, September and December. Luncheons were held in January, March, June and October.

Rev. Cathie Ellarby and Noreen Bradshaw resigned from our Committee. April Zavitz returned and Debbie Hertrich joined our Committee.

In April we transferred \$1,500 to assist with the dishwasher repair. In December we again agreed to transfer \$1,500 to the Church account.

Cards were sent or delivered to our Shut-Ins for Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving and over the Summer. As requested by Rev. Tobey, sympathy, thinking of you and get well cards were sent. Cards were, also, sent to our Veterans.

Poinsettias were purchased again for our Shut-Ins and Bereaved families. Thank you to Dawn and David Young for picking up the poinsettias.

Another luncheon is scheduled for January 2024.

Please continue to keep our church members in your thoughts and prayers.

In-Touch Committee: Rev. Harvey Tobey, Rev. Cathie Ellarby (resigned), Diane Becken, Noreen Bradshaw (resigned), Barbara Cole, Joanne and Paul Fast, Gail Goar, Janet Harris, Mary Ann Harrison, Debbie Hertrich, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Lynn and Ray Marshall, Ginny Paterson, Jane Shores, Donna Walker, Dawn and David Young, April Zavitz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Becken

76th Annual Turkey Dinner

On November 18th, the 76th Annual Turkey Dinner took place, and I'm thrilled to announce that it was a huge success!

This year, we once again provided more than 350 dinners. The success of this event is undoubtedly attributed to the dedicated volunteers who played a crucial role, and my heartfelt gratitude goes out to each of them for their invaluable contributions. Special thanks to the entire team from Stamford Lane and the volunteers from Toronto who generously devoted their time to ensure the event's success.

Our Turkey Sponsorship Program achieved remarkable success this year, with the combined proceeds from the dinner and sponsorships reaching an impressive total of over \$11,200.

Sincerely, Afshin Malekzadeh and the Turkey Team! Thanks

Mission and Outreach Report

It was a most extraordinary year of enthusiasm, action, and innovation. Our committed congregation continues a long-standing focus of strong contributions for Mission & Outreach. Our Grand Total was **\$36,111.10** (Plus \$10,862 CNOY directly to Project SHARE)

Mission & Service Fund – achieved our annual goal of \$25,000 which supports initiatives of the United Church of Canada locally, nationally, and internationally.

Community Outreach Program From discussions with local charities, we identified a major concern with ongoing Gaps where they could not provide in *individual circumstances*, essential items (i.e. personal hygiene, socks/underwear, pharmacy items, children shoes, clothing, basic housewares...) for their most vulnerable clients.

With identification of the general nature of the “needs” it was important the Outreach Program be self-funded to ensure a sustainable future. To generate these funds the **Bargain Boutique** was approved by Council in January. Ginny Paterson and Lynne and Randy LeGallais set out an excellent merchandizing and marketing plan. The Boutique opened in April 2023 and was an instant success, receiving strong donations of clothing/housewares and sales were brisk to the congregation, ESL students and the general public. Total sales were an impressive \$10,958. Council approved net proceeds of the Boutique in 2023 would be distributed as 34% to church operating income and 66% to community outreach ministry in conjunction with the Seeds of Hope Grant (see below)

Seeds of Hope Grant– Council approved an application for a one-time Seeds of Hope Grant from the United Church of Canada Foundation to create a new and innovative self-sustaining Community Partner Outreach Ministry. The Grant was approved for **\$5,000** and was received in December 2023. The program was immediately implemented in December. This grant provides the financial resources to operate the program in 2024-25 and build up the financial resources from the Boutique to sustain the future service and support to our community partners/clients.

Current partners are Birchway Niagara (Women's Place), Project SHARE, Niagara Falls Soup Kitchen, and Habitat for Humanity Niagara. Individual client eligibility is carefully established by our community partners. The program includes reaching out to special groups such as the Caribbean farm workers and the ESL/Transitions students.

White Christmas Program sponsored 47 families with Project SHARE and additional donations ensured family support programs were successful (hydro, sourcing housing, foodbank.)

Coldest Night of Year Walk (CNOY) we raised \$10,862 that is not included our financial statements. Thank you for the leadership of our Junior Choir who raised substantial funds on their own contributing to the success of the walk plus the proceeds of the Mission Sunday Pancake Lunch.

Pollinator Garden – \$1,000 grant received from the Niagara Extension Committee to plant a Pollinator Garden as an environmentally–friendly project for bees, insects, and enjoyment of the public. The garden was designated as a *Butterflyway* by the David Suzuki Foundation.

September Garage Sale – Our thanks to Vivian Lapp for her calm leadership as our Team Coordinator creating net income of \$1,923. Over 40 energetic volunteers participated. The Bargain Boutique held a 50% Off Sale and contributed their funds to the garage sale. The proceeds were equally shared with Birchway Niagara and Project SHARE and \$500 to the Mission fund.

Thank you for the enthusiastic encouragement of our Council, congregation, volunteers and donors for the generous commitment and support of the work of the Mission & Outreach Committee. Appreciation is expressed for the funding by the Niagara Extension Council and the Seeds of Hope United Church of Canada Foundation.

Submitted by

Alastair Davis
Chair Mission & Outreach
January 11, 2024

Book Sale

The book sale was held in the church gymnasium on May 20th and 21st, with a profit of \$564.00. With only one day to set up my thanks go to the many people who worked together so well to sort and display thousands of books and puzzles.

Submitted by
Vivian Lapp

Stamford Lane United Church MISSION GIVINGS – 2023

| World Mission | Member Givings | Good News Unit | Mission Committee | Garage Sale | Bargain Boutique | Pancake Luncheon | J&A Thompson Endowment | Total |
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| Mission & Service Fund (UCC) | \$20,129.11 | \$500.00 | \$468.30 | | | | \$3,377.59 | \$24,475.00 |
| World Development Fund | 525.00 | | | | | | | 525.00 |
| World Mission Subtotal | \$20,654.11 | \$500.00 | \$468.30 | | | | \$3,377.59 | \$25,000.00 |
| Local Mission | | | | | | | | |
| Blue Sea Philanthropy Inc. | 255.00 | | | | | \$483.00 | | 738.00 |
| Birchway Niagara (WPSN) | 20.00 | | | 471.88 | \$239.67 | | | 731.55 |
| Niagara Falls Community Outreach | 1,200.00 | | 500.00 | | | | | 1,700.00 |
| Project Share | 980.00 | | | 471.87 | 239.68 | | | 1,691.55 |
| White Gift | 5,325.00 | | | | | | | 5,325.00 |
| White Gift Surplus | 925.00 | | | | | | | 925.00 |
| Local Mission Subtotal | \$8,705.00 | | \$500.00 | \$943.75 | \$479.35 | \$483.00 | | \$11,111.10 |
| Grand Total | \$29,359.11 | \$500.00 | \$968.30 | \$943.75 | \$479.35 | \$483.00 | \$3,377.59 | \$36,111.10 |

Stamford Lane Coldest Night Walk: \$10,862 was donated to Project Share.

Food & Mittens were also donated.

The Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree reminds us of our commitment to community outreach. The tree stands proudly at the St. John Street entrance as we enter the new year. Paisley, Ginny and Brenda organize and distribute the mittens, hats, and scarves, to local schools so children can stay warm in the upcoming winter months. Three bags of 16 pairs of mittens and 8 hats went to local schools. 19 socks, 23 scarves, 24 hats and 15 pairs of mittens went to Project Share. Thank you for supporting the gathering of mittens, scarves and socks this winter. Some yarn is available if you would like to start knitting for next year!

Rental Committee

We reach out to the community in many ways, including making space available for the community to gather. In 2023 we enabled ballroom and line dancing, Dance-it, Treblaires, Probus, Tops, AA in a safe clean space at reasonable cost. Our long-term arrangements with Unifor, Transitions Canada, and now The District School Board of Niagara and the growing Ukrainian Congregation, enable us to better meet our budget demands as all costs continue to rise. We are grateful to the property committee who work to reduce costs while gathering for regular maintenance and repairs to the building. Our caretaker, Lucie, and administrator, Leslie, work hard to make the building available, and we appreciate that everyone has been adjusting to the increased use of this wonderful facility. While we continue to try to be available for events where families and children can gather and play together, we are aware of our limitations and liabilities that require booking ahead, insurance, and responsible supervision. We are an active church in Niagara Falls every day.

Transitions Canada—Niagara

Another year has passed, and we are into 2024 whether we are ready for it or not! We had the privilege to have two Brock nursing students here on placement this year to help us with our physical education and mental health programs. Thank you, Jenica Centurione and Ryann MacKenzie you did an awesome job.

Olufunmilayo Alli (Funmi) from the Autism and Applied Behaviour Analysis Program at Algonquin College will be starting her student placement here in January and in May. Please say hello and make her feel welcome if you see her in the halls.

We are sad to say that Billy Wilson passed away in November. We will miss his crazy sense of humour.

The participants continue to work on our My Healthy Me program – we are all learning about Grains and Proteins.

We are sending out a huge THANK YOU to Maggie for providing our Yoga classes.

Transitions Canada is an abilities centre that provides programs covering life skills for independence, socialization, community participation and recreation.

We at Transitions Canada would like to wish everyone all the best in 2024. Rose Quong

Yoga

Stamford Lane United Church and its congregation and neighbourhood had supported three yoga classes since 2017.

After the Covid pandemic we were able to support two classes.

Thursdays at 10:15 am we provide a half hour class for the Transitions group in the building. This class is gentle and for all abilities, providing opportunities for socialization, flexibility and balance. There is no extra charge for the participants of the class. Attendance is usually around 5 participants a week.

At 11 am on Thursdays we provide a very gentle class suited mainly for seniors. The focus of the class is balance, stretching, range of motion movement and mindfulness and breathing practices. Patrons may use a chair for support. Sitting, standing and floor work are all incorporated. Modifications are made for limited mobility and support. Attendance has been steady between 4-8 participants each week. Some attend the walking group and immediately come to the yoga class. The timing of the class was intentional to allow this to happen. The charge for this class is \$10 drop in or a 6 class pass for \$50.

Yoga classes have been appreciated by patrons and instructors alike with the beautiful space to practice, and with the support of the church we hope to continue for some time

Worship and Congregational Concerns Committee

Sunday morning services continued to be shown live on Facebook and posted later on the church's website throughout 2023.

We began in January with the continuation of our Biblical Family Tree. On January 29 the Annual General Meeting was held as part of the worship service. It was well received done this way.

February 19th was Mission Sunday. Pam Sharp spoke about Project Share.

April was the month we celebrated Palm Sunday and Easter. The Maundy Thursday communion service was held in the Friendship Room. The Good Friday Ecumenical Service took place at St. John the Evangelist. The church continued to use the disposable communion elements for health reasons.

In late May three members of the congregation were recognized for their "above and beyond" work for the church. The bells played during the service, and there was cake in the gym afterwards.

On June 11, Dan Monteith involved the congregation with church trivia. We learned a lot! On Father's Day, Al Steip delivered a heartfelt message.

On the screen beginning July 9, our Indigenous land statement began to be shown before each service. Summer services were held with Rev Cathie Ellarby, Paul Fast, Rev. Doug Mitchell, Mary MacDonnell, and Bryce Anderson as worship leaders. We thank them for contributing their talents, wisdom and time to provide meaningful experiences to those who attended and those who watched the services on Facebook.

Following the theme developed in the summer's art camp, In September our minister began a series of sermons based on "kind hands."

We had communion on Thanksgiving Sunday, October On October 29, the theme of the service was "Dry Bones." The children and others in the congregation wore Halloween costumes, as is the custom in our church.

On Thursday November 2, there was a special All Soul's Day evening service that consisted of a memorial hymn sing. It was a beautiful and well attended event. We would like to see this continued. Paul Fast led the service on November 26. Thank you, Paul.

December 3, Hope, Sharon MacDonnell played a beautiful bell solo to begin the observance of this season of Advent. On Dec. 10, Peace, the children's choirs gave us the Christmas story in song. This was followed by a sandwich luncheon and a visit with Santa Claus. December 16, Joy, the bell choir played several pieces which were a joy to hear. On December 24, Love, there were two services, one in the morning and the traditional Christmas Eve Communion worship. On December 31, we had the "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake after the worship service.

We have noticed that Sunday worship service in-person attendance throughout the year has steadily increased. We welcome this post pandemic return to sharing this holy time together.

On behalf of the congregation, the Worship Committee thanks all those who served as greeters, the adult choir and soloists, our regular and guest musicians, guest worship leaders and especially Rev. Harvey for providing meaningful worship and other programs for all of us throughout 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cole, Chair
Worship & Congregational Concerns Committee

Music

The music program at Stamford Lane is thriving once again! The choirs came back to offer a heart-felt service of LOVE in February. Later that month, the JR choirs celebrated a wildly successful fundraising campaign through Project Share's "Coldest Night of the Year" walk. The choir raised over \$3000 and helped propel the Stamford Lane Walkers past their goal of \$10,000. In April, all the choirs participated in a meaningful Palm Sunday theatrical performance. The service brought together the Children, JR and Adult choirs in addition to actors from our congregation. Later on, during Lent, the Adult Choir was invited to sing at St. John's Anglican Church for a community Good Friday service. In July, the music team collaborated once again with Christian Ed. to offer a summer camp focused on art and music. We had 30+ children gather for the week to enjoy activities based on our theme "Jesus Hands Were Kinds Hands".

In an effort to maintain community, as well as bring in a little extra revenue for the church over the summer, we continue to offer our "Summer Concert Series" that this year included two Sunday concerts by New Vintage Winds and a Young Musicians Recital, curated by your music director.

The fall brought some new JR choir members (28 in total), a blessed Family Thanksgiving Service and the first ever Candlelight Hymn Sing celebrated on All Souls Day, November 2nd.

We also welcomed back a number of young musical guests from our community who performed during Sunday worship. This year, we are also pleased to have pianists Teo Ordinario and Terrence Wu who happily step in for Linda as needed. We consider these young musicians a part of our family. We are grateful not only for their talents but for their friendship and loving attachment to our church.

Our Adult Choir has worked extremely hard this year, bringing their love of music to you each week, to enrich worship. We currently have 23 members. We welcomed new members, Catherine Bovaird, John and Ann Essery but were sad to say goodbye to Fred Ellarby. We thank Fred for his countless musical contributions over the years that were very much appreciated.

Advent this year featured beautiful music from our choirs (including Bells, lead by Laura Sparkman), a full church, three doves and a baby lamb. We were definitely filled with hope, peace, joy and love... all season long.

I am so grateful to be your Music Director and to work alongside extraordinary, creative people like Linda Bruch (a true musical wonder). We look forward to more incredible music, lifting spirits and voices of all ages in 2024.

Submitted By: Sara Maida-Nicol

Audio Group

Many thanks to our audio team. Paul and Afshin and Bobby and I got through another year without breaking too many eardrums.

We had a breakdown with our handheld wireless microphone system near the end of the year. The Treblaires have agreed to share that resource with us going forward.

We welcome any new volunteers that might be interested in learning to help out.

Dan MacDonnell

Projection Group

The projection group, hardly the right description for 2 people, makes sure that there is information on the screen for the service each week. A special thanks needs to go out to Bryanna Johnston for her ongoing dedication to creating the weekly slides and for the extra work involved for special presentations. She uses her creativity to enhance each presentation. We are always looking for more help.

Property Committee

2023 was an exciting year for our church and especially the property committee. Twelve things we achieved before Christmas: Bargain Boutique room remodelling, Dishwasher motor replacement, Boiler System replacement, Thermostat replacements, Heat system pump replacement, Heat system valve replacements, Fire / security panel replacement, Sewer line replacement, Sewer line scoping and cleaning, Refrigerator replacement, Roof repairs, and washroom fan replacement. Our team also painted, cleaned, replaced lights, upgraded electrical, repaired lawnmower and snowblower, and so much more. The list is too long and what a great team we have. As you can imagine it's a big job that demands a lot of time and attention.

All this work couldn't have been achieved without the dedication of our Property Committee members. Here's a special thanks for their valued time and input; Cris Beal, Will Foster, Richard Lambert, Joan MacKenzie, Dan Taylor, Dan MacDonnell, and unofficially Bryce Anderson, Adrian Visser, Doug Craig, and Ray Marshall. We would be remiss by not mentioning our amazingly patient and forever helpful staff to whom we're always grateful.

Even though we enjoyed using our God given talents in the service of God, we're looking forward to a less challenging year in 2024.

Dan Monteith, Property Chair

The Fundscrip Program

Once a year we take orders for gift cards through Fundscrip. This year we had a large order which provides a percentage back to the church. Since 2011 the church has received \$5,504.67 from this program.

This year we receive another \$500.26. Thank you for the many ways you support the work of your church.

Trustees Report

Our current trustees are Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Mary Dempsey, Dennis Gilmore, Marion Lennox, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Joan MacKenzie, Paul Patterson, Rev Harvey Tobey, and Gerald (Tim) Zavitz.

The Board of Trustees holds property for the use and benefit of the congregation.

All lands, premises and Real Property and Personal Property held or acquired in trust for or for the use of a congregation are to be held, used and administered by the Board of Trustees. Personal Property is defined to include money and investments.

Investments

- Our Investments are held by Investors Group managed by Peter Huebert and Barb Tobey in a Moderate/Conservative Portfolio. Typically, this portfolio will yield 3-5%. This year the central banks have dealt with higher inflation with higher interest rates. Conservative portfolios have declined as much as those in aggressive markets. It was the worst year for the bond market in 70 years. Both Canada and the U.S. are still at risk of recession over the coming months. There are rumours the interest rates will start to fall which will affect our investments in a positive manner. The war in Ukraine is still holding back the stock market.

- In November a withdrawal of \$40,000 was made from investments and placed in the Church's general account to repay the CEBA \$40,000 loan. The original loan was for \$60,000 however, if paid prior to December 31, 2023, \$20,000 of the loan was forgiven. We have received confirmation from TD Canada Trust of loan closure, dated November 30, 2023.

| 2023 | Investors Group |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Value December 30,2022 | 821,372.48 |
| Amount Invested | 0 |
| Amount Withdrawn | 40,000.00 |
| Change in Value | 21,136.01 |
| Value December 31, 2023 | 842,508.49 |

Insurance

- As of March 1, 2023, our insurance plan was administered by UCC Protect Insurance. The Master Policy is with HUB HKMB International which is a General Insurance Plan for the United Church of Canada providing Property, Boiler and Machinery, Crime, Commercial General Liability and Abuse Indemnity Form. We saw drastic increases in 2021 33% and the 2022 premium was increased by another 15%. The 2023 premium was a hybrid of two months old plan and nine months new plan. We saw a 17% savings even with a 5% increase in property value.
 - The United Church of Canada commenced a self-insurance plan December 1, 2022 called "UCC Protect". Our policy commenced March 1, 2023 with monthly payments up till November 1, 2023.
 - Going forward our policy term will be December 1st to December 1st.

Planned Legacy Giving

We continue to be blessed with the generosity of our Church members. We received donations in memory of Elizabeth Blanchfield and Geraldine Young.

Legacy gifts help fund our congregation's ongoing ministries, build our reserves, facilitate new ministry programs and opportunities and help our congregation in the future. These gifts come in the form of:

- Bequests – you can make a gift in your will to any area of the church or divide your gift among several programs and ministries
- Annuities – you make a gift now; you receive a charitable donation receipt for a portion of your gift; you receive guaranteed semi-annual payments for life
- Life Insurance – a substantial future gift is created to support the ministry and mission of the church

- RRSP's, RRIF's and TFSA's – a substantial future gift is created to support the ministry and mission of the church; your estate receives a charitable donation receipt that will offset taxes, which will in turn replenish the value of your estate; designating a ministry as the beneficiary of a policy helps avoid probate fees on these gifts

If you are interested in making a difference in the financial future of Stamford Lane United Church please speak to Reverend Harvey Tobey or Dennis Gilmore.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Gilmore

Women's Group - Good News Unit

President- Jane Shores, Secretary – Carolyn Monteith, Treasurer – Jacki Hackett

The Good News Women's Group meet monthly, on the **2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.** We currently have 15 members in our group. As a small group, we enjoy getting together for devotions, business planning, games or activities and socializing over refreshments.

On **Saturday, March 11th**, the group organized the annual **Chili/Trivia Night** for \$20 per person. It was a sold-out event! Dinner included Chili, Salad, Italian Bread, with Cupcakes for Dessert. The Evening included a Silent Auction, along with Door Prizes and Raffle Prizes for Trivia winners. Following the Dinner, **Dan Monteith** took over as **Trivia Host, extra-ordinaire**, leading us all in questions and answers, with lots of fun and laughter. Our profit for the evening was: \$3,919.31.

In association with the congregation in late April and early May, we had a "**Fill A Crib**" event to provide women's toiletry needs, shoes, large size diapers, books, puzzles and colouring books, for the women and families at Birchway Niagara. (formerly Women's Place).

On **May 7th**, several members of our group participated in the Sunday Morning service. Following the service, our members invited all the women in the congregation to a **Spring Fling Luncheon**. Our Good News Members prepared the sandwiches, fruit & vegetable trays, as well as the dessert. There was no cost for the luncheon, however we did have a free-will offering basket available to cover some of the food costs.

At our **May 17th meeting**, Barb Tobey presented a slide presentation on her and Rev. Harvey's trip to South America and Easter Island. We had a take-in dinner together in the Friendship Room on June 14th. With lots of good food and laughter.

We had regular fall meetings from Sept. through November, 2023. On Dec. 10th, we had a **Bake sale** after church, which was a huge success. Our proceeds for this event were **\$872.00**.

In spite of our small numbers, I am so very grateful to the incredible women in our Good News Unit. They are a dedicated and committed group, who provide much needed fellowship in our hectic lives. Our profits for the year were distributed to the Mission and Service Fund, the Boiler replacement and the General Account. If you are interested, please feel free to join us at a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Shores, President.

2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR GOOD NEWS UNIT

RECEIPTS

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance forward Dec 31, 2022 | \$ 966.24 |
| Collections | \$ 438.75 |
| Trivia Ticket Sales | \$ 2,240.00 |
| Trivia Silent Auction | \$ 2,039.40 |
| Trivia Kitchen Sales | \$ 356.95 |
| Lunch Free Will Offering | \$ 493.10 |
| Bake Sale | \$ 872.00 |

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mission & Service Fund | \$ 500.00 |
| SLUC General Fund | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Trivia Expenses | \$ 717.04 |
| Ladies Lunch Expenses | \$ 130.00 |
| Balance on hand Dec 31, 2023 | \$ 2,059.40 Ladies |

\$ 7,406.44

\$ 7,406.44

Respectfully submitted

Jacki Hackett, Treasurer

Men

The men of Stamford Lane United Church enjoy getting together for fellowship and socializing once a month at various locations, but mostly at Doc Magilligan's Irish Pub on Lundy's Lane. Our "Club" is inclusive and any male member of the church is welcome to join us, when we gather for good food, drinks and conversation. Watch your email for notice of our next get together.

Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee Report to Annual General Meeting Once again, the Finance Committee wishes to thank you, the congregation, for your many financial gifts in 2023. We have had many financial “successes” this year – our local donations are up more than \$10,000 from last year; we have repaid our CEBA Loan of \$40,000; we raised sufficient funds to replace our heating system boilers at a cost of over \$45,000, albeit, with a grant from Faithful Footprints of \$20,000; and we have a positive balance to begin 2024. There were also several unplanned, but necessary, expenses this year: 2 gate valves for the heating system @ \$2,000+ each; Dishwasher repairs @ \$3,800+; Collapsed Sewer line @ \$1,800+; and a new refrigerator for the kitchen @ \$3,500+. Collectively, you deserve a pat on the back for rising to the challenges of 2023. Leslie and Ray continue their efforts to keep us informed of our position each month. We noted last year that we would need to find some alternate sources to maintain the programs that we have come to expect and along have come some significant increases in our rental income from our Ukrainian Church friends and the DSBN English as a Second Language program. Both are planning to continue in 2024. The proposed budget for 2024 is asking for an increase of more than 15%. This is driven primarily by a UCC-mandated 6.3% increase in payroll and the realization that our building is aging and we need to plan for more ongoing maintenance. In 2 Corinthians 9:8, Paul writes: “And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (NIV) Once again, we ask that each of you prayerfully consider your offering for 2024 as we look to the year ahead.

In Faith, Finance Committee Tim Zavitz, chair, Leslie Maddalena & Ray Marshall, treasurers, Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Marion Lennox, & Afshin Malekzadeh

Church Givings for 2023

Church Donations by Families who supported the local church in 2023

| <u>Donation</u> | <u>Number of Families</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Less than \$50 | 9 |
| \$50 - \$100 | 8 |
| \$100 - \$200 | 25 |
| \$200 - \$500 | 36 |
| \$500 - \$1,000 | 33 |
| \$1,000 - \$2,000 | 34 |
| \$2,000 - \$3,000 | 16 |
| \$3,000 - \$5,000 | 3 |
| More than \$5,000 | 5 |

**Stamford Lane United Church
Receipts and Disbursements
for the year ended December 31, 2023**

| INCOME | <i>Year to</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>% of Budget</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>2023</i> |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Local Offering | \$188,660.62 | | 117.9% | 160,000 | |
| Loose Collections | 2,048.41 | | 102.4% | 2,000 | |
| Initial Offering | 108.00 | | 108.0% | 100 | |
| Christmas Offering | 2,210.00 | | 147.3% | 1,500 | |
| FundScrip | 1,105.99 | | 221.2% | 500 | |
| Misc. – Bargain Boutique | 10,958.52 | | 730.6% | 1,500 | |
| Misc. – FunD Ctte | 203.80 | | | | |
| Misc. – Good News Unit | 4,000.00 | | 400.0% | 1,000 | |
| Misc. – HST Rebates | 7,826.10 | | 313.0% | 2,500 | |
| Misc. – In-Touch Committee | 3,000.00 | | 300.0% | 1,000 | |
| Misc. – Thompson Endowment Fund | 3,377.60 | | 135.1% | 2,500 | |
| Misc. – Turkey Dinner Proceeds | 2,555.92 | | 127.8% | 2,000 | |
| Misc. – Turkey Sponsorships | 8,740.00 | | 158.9% | 5,500 | |
| National & Region Assessment Collections | | | 0.0% | 100 | |
| UCW Pies | | | 0.0% | 100 | |
| Rent Revenue | 62,076.50 | | 310.4% | 20,000 | |
| Sunday School Offerings | <u>135.00</u> | | 135.0% | <u>100</u> | |
| Sub-Total Income, 2020 | | \$297,006.46 | 148.2% | | \$200,400 |
| Transferred from Directed Funds to General | 3,224.13 | | | | |
| Transferred from Investments (IG) | 40,000.00 | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | <u>\$340,230.59</u> | | | <u>\$200,400</u> |
| Surplus (Deficit) | | (\$10,766.45) | | | (\$68,096) |
| EXPENSES | <i>Year to</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>% of Budget</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>2022</i> |
| SALARIES | | | | | |
| Salaries, Wages | \$151,824.00 | | 100.0% | \$151,824 | |
| Minister’s Travel Allowance | 2,766.50 | | 69.2% | 4,000 | |
| Supply – Sabbatical, Pulpit, Organ, Custodian | <u>3,528.00</u> | | 78.4% | <u>4,500</u> | |
| | | \$158,118.50 | 98.6% | | \$160,324 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | | | | | |
| Church’s Share of Employee Benefits | 31,331.85 | | 97.9% | 32,000 | |
| Minister’s Continuing Education & Book Allowance | <u>1,626.00</u> | | 100.0% | <u>1,626</u> | |
| | | 32,957.85 | 98.0% | | 33,626 |
| BARGAIN BOUTIQUE | | | | | |
| Bargain Boutique Disbursements | 7,395.60 | | | | |
| Bargain Boutique Expenses | <u>1,989.03</u> | | 132.6% | <u>1,500</u> | |
| | | 9,384.63 | 625.6% | | 1,500 |

| EXPENSES (continued) | <i>Year to</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>% of Budget</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>2023</i> |
|---|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| WORSHIP & SERVICE | | | | | |
| Advertising | | | 0.0% | 100 | |
| Appreciation Garden | 534.73 | | 106.9% | 500 | |
| Choir Expenses | 82.36 | | 41.2% | 200 | |
| Fellowship Hour | 56.22 | | 28.1% | 200 | |
| Licencing (CCLI) | 601.40 | | 160.4% | 375 | |
| Organ and Piano Tuning | - | | 0.0% | 350 | |
| National & Regional Assessment | 13,221.00 | | 100.0% | 13,221 | |
| Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts | 856.48 | | 85.6% | 1,000 | |
| Worship Expenses ((+Conference Delegate) | <u>963.01</u> | | 240.8% | <u>400</u> | |
| | | 16,315.20 | 99.8% | | 16,346 |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT | | | | | |
| Children's Time | | | 0.0% | 100 | |
| Financial Assistance – Cave Springs Camp | 100.00 | | 50.0% | 200 | |
| Library | 40.00 | | 13.3% | 300 | |
| Special Events | 723.86 | | 90.5% | 800 | |
| Summer Camp | | | 0.0% | 100 | |
| Sunday School Supplies & Curriculum | 447.59 | | 59.7% | 750 | |
| Youth Work | <u>-</u> | | 0.0% | <u>200</u> | |
| | | 1,311.45 | 53.5% | | 2,450 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Custodial Supplies | 2,331.29 | | 77.7% | 3,000 | |
| Fuel | 15,321.70 | | 102.1% | 15,000 | |
| Office Expenses | 3,828.50 | | 95.7% | 4,000 | |
| Office Telephone & Internet | 1,790.10 | | 89.5% | 2,000 | |
| CEBA Loan Repayment | 40,000.00 | | | | |
| Utilities | <u>6,881.79</u> | | 86.0% | <u>8,000</u> | |
| | | 70,153.38 | 219.2% | | 32,000 |
| BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND | | | | | |
| Elevator Maintenance Contact & Licence | 1,205.00 | | 60.3% | 2,000 | |
| Fire Monitoring | 2,659.90 | | 81.8% | 3,250 | |
| General Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance | 17,037.85 | | 340.8% | 5,000 | |
| Insurance | <u>8,402.80</u> | | 88.5% | <u>9,500</u> | |
| | | 29,305.55 | 148.4% | | 19,750 |
| CONTINGENCY | <u>3,699.98</u> | | 148.0 | <u>2,500</u> | |
| | | 3,699.98 | 148.0 | | <u>2,500</u> |
| Transferred from General to Directed:Investment Holding | | | | | |
| | <u>29,750.50</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>29,750.50</u> | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | \$350,997.04 | 130.7% | | \$268,496 |
| RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS(Deficit) | | (\$10,766.45) | | | |
| GENERAL FUND BALANCE at BEGINNING of Year | | \$ 50,696.34 | | | |
| GENERAL FUND BALANCE at END of Year | | \$ 39,929.89 | | | |

STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH DIRECTED FUNDS YEAR END 2023

| <i>Category</i> | <i>Balance, Jan. 1, 2023</i> | <i>Received this Year</i> | <i>Paid out this Year</i> | <i>Balance, Dec. 31, 2023</i> |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Benevolent Fund | \$ 1,373.16 | \$ 0.00 | (\$ 0.00) | \$ 1,373.16 |
| Broadview (formerly Observer) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (0.00) | 0.00 |
| Cave Springs Camp | 0.00 | 0.00 | (0.00) | 0.00 |
| Choirs | 5,030.37 | 1,825.00 | (1,776.00) | 5,079.37 |
| Church Garden | 154.32 | 1,300.00 | (1,209.40) | 244.92 |
| Concerts (&/or Dinners) | 0.00 | 1,771.15 | (1,771.15) | 0.00 |
| Foster Child | 356.50 | 0.00 | (356.50) | 0.00 |
| FundScrip | 0.00 | 8,535.00 | (8,535.00) | 0.00 |
| Good News Unit | 966.24 | 6,310.20 | (5,217.04) | 2,059.40 |
| Hymn Sing | 0.00 | 890.00 | (890.00) | 0.00 |
| In Touch Committee | 2,992.20 | 2,239.65 | (4,114.71) | 1,117.14 |
| Investment Holding | (40,000.00) | 40,000.00 | (0.00) | 0.00 |
| Library | 0.00 | 568.05 | (0.00) | 568.05 |
| Memorial Fund | 1,542.54 | 1,635.20 | (1,687.54) | 1,490.20 |
| Mission & Service | 0.00 | 24,475.00 | (24,475.00) | 0.00 |
| Mission Committee | 15.23 | 14,800.35 | (4,270.90) | 10,544.68 |
| Niagara Falls Community Outreach | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | (1,200.00) | 0.00 |
| Organ Fund | 3,059.94 | 0.00 | (1,695.00) | 1,364.94 |
| Planned Legacy Giving (TD) | 9,249.50 | 1,000.00 | (10,249.50) | 0.00 |
| Project Share | 0.00 | 980.00 | (980.00) | 0.00 |
| Renovations (Boiler Fund) | 0.00 | 47,385.00 | (47,385.00) | 0.00 |
| Renovations (Boiler Loan) | 0.00 | 30,000.00 | (30,000.00) | 0.00 |
| Student Fund | 3,669.78 | 0.00 | (0.00) | 3,669.78 |
| Tri-M | 485.47 | 0.00 | (0.00) | 485.47 |
| Women's Place of South Niagara (Birchway Niagara) | 0.00 | 20.00 | (20.00) | 0.00 |
| White Gift | 0.00 | 6,250.00 | (6,250.00) | 0.00 |
| World Development | 0.00 | 525.00 | (525.00) | 0.00 |
| Youth Work (Fisher Fund & McCall-MacBain Foundation) | 4,101.93 | 4,595.50 | (4,160.38) | 4,537.05 |
| TOTAL Directed | (\$7,002.82) | \$196,305.10 | (\$156,768.12) | \$32,534.16 |

| INVESTMENTS | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | Investors Group |
| Value, December 30, 2022 | \$ 821,372.48 |
| Amount Invested | 0.00 |
| Amount Withdrawn | 40,000.00 |
| Change in Value | 21,136.01 |
| Value, December 31, 2023 | \$ 842,508.49 |

Comments on Proposed Budget 2024

- Compensation is increasing 6.3% (CPI index as of October 1 being used)
- Worship:
 - Choir Expenses increased to use to give an honourarium to Bell Choir Director
 - National & Regional Assessment down because income of 2022 was down
 - Worship Expenses up to allow for Region Delegates to attend Region meeting in Port Elgin in May
- Operating Expenses:
 - Allowing \$2K for Audio-Visual Equipment (microphones)
- Building Maintenance:
 - Increase General Repair to \$15K – our building is aging
- Contingency:
 - Increased to \$3K; approx. 1% of total; last changed in 2018
- The Goal for M&S remains the same

STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED BUDGET 2024

| | Actual, 2023 | | Budget, 2023 | | Proposed, 2024 | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | | | | | | |
| Local Offering | \$188,660.62 | | 160,000 | | \$175,000 | |
| Loose Collections | 2,048.41 | | 2,000 | | 2,000 | |
| Initial Offering | 108.00 | | 100 | | 100 | |
| Christmas Offering | 2,210.00 | | 1,500 | | 1,500 | |
| FundScrip | 1,105.99 | | 500 | | 400 | |
| Misc. - FUNd Committee | 203.80 | | | | 500 | |
| Misc. – HST Rebate | 7,826.10 | | 2,500 | | 2,500 | |
| Misc. - Good News Unit | 4,000.00 | | 1,000 | | 2,000 | |
| Misc. – In-Touch Committee | 3,000.00 | | 1,000 | | 1,000 | |
| Misc. – Summer Camp | | | | | 1,000 | |
| Misc. – Thompson Endowment | 3,377.60 | | 2,500 | | 2,500 | |
| Misc. – Bargain Boutique | 10,958.52 | | 1,500 | | 18,000 | |
| Misc. – Turkey Dinner Proceeds | 2,555.92 | | 2,000 | | 2,500 | |
| Misc. – Turkey Sponsorships | 8,740.00 | | 5,500 | | 6,000 | |
| Misc. – UCW Pies | | | 100 | | | |
| National & Region Dues | | | 100 | | 100 | |
| Rent Revenue | 62,076.50 | | 20,000 | | 55,000 | |
| Sunday School Offerings | <u>135.00</u> | | <u>100</u> | | <u>125</u> | |
| Sub-Total Income | | \$297,006.46 | | \$200,400 | | \$270,125 |
| Transferred from Directed Funds | 3,224.13 | | | | | |
| Transferred from Investments (IG) | 40,000.00 | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$340,230.59 | | \$200,400 | | \$270,125 |
| | | | | | | |
| Surplus (Deficit) | | (\$10,766.45) | | (\$68,096) | | (\$43,031) |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | | | | | |
| SALARIES | | | | | | |
| Staff Salaries | \$151,824.00 | | \$151,824 | | \$165,123 | |
| Minister’s Travel Allowance | 2,766.50 | | 4,000 | | 4,000 | |
| Supply – Sabbatical, Pulpit, Organ, Custodian | <u>3,528.00</u> | | <u>4,500</u> | | <u>4,500</u> | |
| | | \$158,118.50 | | \$160,324 | | \$173,623 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | | | | | | |
| Church’s Share of Employees’ Benefits | 31,331.85 | | 32,000 | | 35,000 | |
| Minister’s Continuing Education & Book Allowance | <u>1,626.00</u> | | <u>1,626</u> | | <u>1,731</u> | |
| | | 32,957.85 | | 33,626 | | 36,731 |
| BARGAIN BOUTIQUE | | | | | | |
| Bargain Boutique Disbursements | 7,395.60 | | | | 9,333 | |
| Bargain Boutique Expenses | <u>1,989.03</u> | | <u>1,500</u> | | <u>4,000</u> | |
| | | 9,384.63 | | 1,500 | | 13,333 |

| | Actual, 2023 | | Budget, 2023 | | Proposed, 2024 | |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| WORSHIP AND SERVICE | | | | | | |
| Advertising | | | 100 | | 100 | |
| Appreciation Garden | 534.73 | | 500 | | 550 | |
| Choir Expenses | 82.36 | | 200 | | 500 | |
| Fellowship Hour | 56.22 | | 200 | | 100 | |
| Licencing CCLI | 601.40 | | 375 | | 650 | |
| Organ & Piano Tuning | | | 350 | | 400 | |
| National & Region Assessment | 13,221.00 | | 13,221 | | 12,119 | |
| Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts | 856.48 | | 1,000 | | 600 | |
| Worship Expenses (including Region Delegate) | <u>963.01</u> | | <u>400</u> | | <u>2,500</u> | |
| | | 16,315.20 | | 16,346 | | 17,519 |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT | | | | | | |
| Children's Time | | | 100 | | 100 | |
| Financial Assistance – Cave Springs Camp | 100.00 | | 200 | | 200 | |
| Library | 40.00 | | 300 | | 300 | |
| Special Events | 723.86 | | 800 | | 800 | |
| Summer Camp | | | 100 | | 100 | |
| Sunday School Supplies & Curriculum | 447.59 | | 750 | | 750 | |
| Youth Work | <u>-</u> | | <u>200</u> | | <u>200</u> | |
| | | 1,311.45 | | 2,450 | | 2,450 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Custodial Supplies | 2,331.29 | | 3,000 | | 3,500 | |
| Fuel | 15,321.70 | | 15,000 | | 15,000 | |
| Office Expenses | 3,828.50 | | 4,000 | | 4,500 | |
| Equipment Renewal (Audio-Visual, 2024) | | | | | 2,000 | |
| Office Telephone & Internet | 1,790.10 | | 2,000 | | 2,000 | |
| CEBA Loan Repayment | 40,000.00 | | | | | |
| Utilities | <u>6,881.79</u> | | <u>8,000</u> | | <u>8,000</u> | |
| | | 70,153.38 | | 32,000 | | 35,000 |
| BUILDING MAINTENANCE | | | | | | |
| Elevator Maintenance Contract & Licence | 1,205.00 | | 2,000 | | 2,500 | |
| Fire Monitoring | 2,659.90 | | 3,250 | | 4,000 | |
| General Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance | 17,037.85 | | 5,000 | | 15,000 | |
| Insurance | <u>8,402.80</u> | | <u>9,500</u> | | <u>10,000</u> | |
| | | 29,305.55 | | 19,750 | | 31,500 |
| CONTINGENCY | | | | | | |
| | <u>3,699.98</u> | | <u>2,500</u> | | <u>3,000</u> | |
| | | 3,699.98 | | <u>2,500</u> | | <u>3,000</u> |
| Transferred from General to Directed:Investment Holding | <u>29,750.50</u> | | | | | |
| | | <u>29,750.50</u> | | | | |
| TOTAL | | <u>\$350,997.04</u> | | <u>\$268,496</u> | | <u>\$313,156</u> |
| | | | | | | |
| MISSION AND SERVICE GOAL | | \$25,000.00 | | <u>\$25,000</u> | | <u>\$25,000</u> |

Sunday to Sunday at Stamford Lane United Church 2024

February 11 Valentines

- You Are Invited to:
- Quilt With Us Mon. 10-2pm
- Walk With Us Mon. 10-11am
- Line Dance Mon. 6:30pm
- Bargain Boutique Tues. 10-2pm
- Bible Study Tues. 10:15-11:45am
- Treblaires practice Tues. 6:30-9:30pm
- AA Tuesday 7pm
- AA Wed. noon
- TOPS Wed. 5:30-7:00pm
- Church Council 1st Wed. 7:00pm
- Good News Women 2nd Wed. 7:30pm
- Ringers Wed. 7:00-8:00pm
- Bargain Boutique Thurs. 10-2pm
- Walk With Us Thurs. 10-11am
- Yoga Thurs. 11-12noon
- Kid's Night third Thurs. 6-7:30
- Ball Room Dance Thurs. 6:30pm
- Adult Choir Thurs. 6:30-8pm
- Sew With Us Fri. 10-2pm
- Children's Choir Sat. 11am
- Junior Choir Sat. 12:00noon
- Sunday School Sun. 10:00am
- Worship Sunday 10:00am

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Family Service & Pancake Lunch

Pre-order lunch \$10, child \$5, family \$25.

February 18 Lent 1

Annual Congregational Meeting

To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

February 25 Lent 2

Woman, behold, thy son! Behold, thy mother!

March 3 Lent 3

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

March 10 Lent 4

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Chili 7 Trivia March 16, 6:00

Reserve your place at the tables.

March 17 Lent 5

I thirst

In-Touch Lunch March 22, 12:15

Reserve your meal with friends.

March 24 **Palm Passion** It is finished.

March 28 **Holy Thursday Communion**

March 29 **Good Friday** Community Service

March 31 **Easter Sunday** Family Service

Coldest Night of Year Walk Stamford Lane United

Walkers are participating in the **Feb 24th, 2024**, walk

to raise desperately needed funds for Project SHARE.

Alastair Davis invites you to participate as a walker or

donor. Donations can be made online at **CNOY.org** for a

Stamford walker, or to the church by cheque/cash or e-

transfer to givings@stamfordlaneunited.ca (specify CNOY)

More info: Alastair at 905-641- 5925

or alastairdavis9@gmail.com

Kid's Night events are being planned with Rev. Tobey.

The next group registration of \$20 covers Feb.15, Mar. 21, April 18, May 16.

6-7:30 Pizza, Story, craft/creation games and prayer. Age 5-9.

Volunteers are welcome for fun or hours office@stamfordlaneunited.ca

Bargain Boutique The door is open around back on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-2, ready to receive or sell your good new or used clothes, jewellery, accessories & home decor.