

***MAPLE CREEK UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
2022 ANNUAL REPORT***



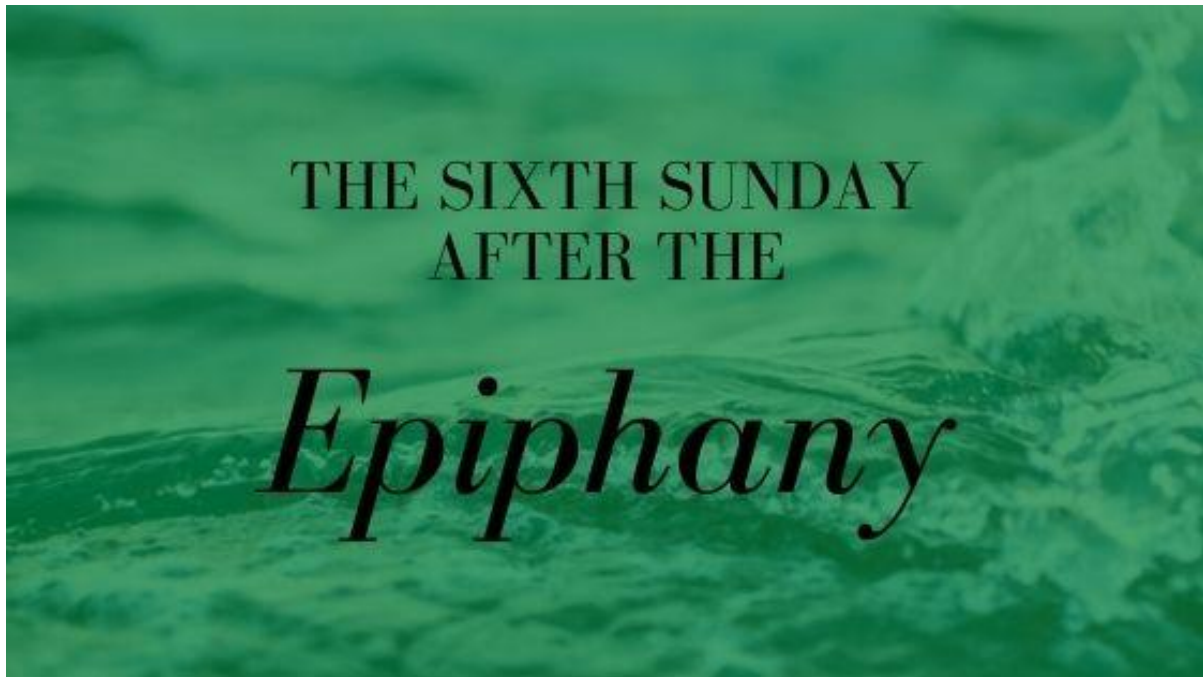
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February 12, 2023

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Welcome Friends



MAPLE CREEK UNITED CHURCH SERVICE AND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Service Leader: Rev. Michele Rowe

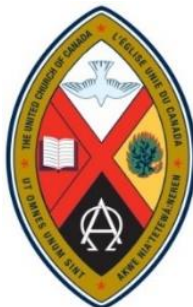
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MAPLE CREEK UNITED CHURCH

Clergy: Rev. Michele Rowe

Voluntary Associate Minister: Pastor Carolyn Conarroe

Minister: All Who Worship Here

Music: Andrew Hecker

Secretary: Al Holtemeyer

February 12th, 2023

11:00 am

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
2022 Annual General Congregational Meeting

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Gather:

How did you travel to church today?

(Everyone call out or think about the way you travelled to church.)

Why did you come to church today?

**All: We came to show our love for God, for one another,
and for all creation. We came to be loved just as we are,
and mysteriously made new again.**

**We came to this place that challenges us to think broadly and love
boldly. We came in response to God's call.**

🕯 *Lighting the Christ & Care Candles*

🕯 *A Candle to Honour Our Saints*

Hymn:

MV 7 - Gather Us In

Gathering Prayer:

**All: God of the journey, we have walked, rolled, motored, and wheeled
to this place, just to be here with you and with each other.**

**God of all our pathways, our weekly journey has taken us many
places, and as we've travelled, we've faced joys and sorrows,
celebrations and concerns, ups and downs and in-betweens. We
bring all of this with us this morning, offering each treasure and
burden of our life into your care. Bless us as we rest from our journey
for just a little bit this morning, finding refreshment and renewal in
being here with you, with Jesus, and with each other. Amen.**

Written by David Robertson and Susan Lukey. GatheringWorship.ca

Hymn:

MV 161 – I Have Called You by Your Name (v. 1 & 2)

Transforming

Prayer Seeking Grace:

**All: Gracious God, we live in a world that calls us off the path,
away from following you.**

**So many things invite us to distraction and diversion,
and so we spin our wheels, stuck in place,
or aimlessly wander in search of meaning.**

**Reorient the compassion of our hearts,
strengthen us for the journey and guide us on the way.
In the name of the One who lights our way we pray, amen.**

Assurance of Grace:

For prayers heard, hearts changed, and lives renewed, we give thanks,
O God!

Hymn:

MV 161 – I Have Called You by Your Name (v. 1 & 2)

Scripture Reading:

Psalms 119: 97-105, Matthew 7:13-14

Reflection:

“What Brings You Here?”

Prayers of the People & The Prayer of Jesus

We Receive & Dedicate the Offering:

Blessing & Sending

☪ ***The Light without becomes the Light within...***

Hymn:

VU 298 – When You Walk from Here

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REMINDER...

Our building is a Scent Free/Minimal Scents space.
HELP US KEEP THE AIR WE SHARE HEALTHY AND
FRAGRANCE-FREE!

FOOD BANK PRIORITY LIST...

The following items are much needed for the food bank for the month of
February 2023:

Canned mixed Vegetables (peas, carrots, corn), Syrup, and Pancake Mix

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CHURCH...

Monday, February 13th – MC Music School – 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Monday, February 13th – Al-Anon Meeting – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 14th – MC Music School – 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, February 14th – An Evening of Valentines Fun – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 15th – MC Music School – 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 16th – Coffee Row – 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Thursday, February 16th – Worship & Music Mtg. – 1:30 pm

Friday, February 17th – Living with Dementia Support Group – 2:00 pm

Friday, February 17th – Potluck & Games Night – 6:00 pm

CHURCH SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS...

Tuesday & Wednesday – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Thursday & Friday – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm &

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

(Unless otherwise posted on the office door and/or in the bulletin)

THE 2022 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:



Maple Creek United Church Current Members of Council - 2021

Chairperson:

Doug Haroldson (306) 662-8284

Vice-Chairperson:

Kerry Currie (306) 662-4195

Interim Secretary:

Irene Ahner (306) 661-7655

Christian Development:

Carolyn Conarro (306) 662-2050

Finance:

Louise Forester (306) 545-6015

Envelope Secretary:

Sally Pearce (306) 661-7660

Building/Property:

Vicki Flanagan (306) 662-2272

Fun & Funds Committee:

Bev Wenaas (306) 661-7656

Ministry/Personnel:

Sally Pearce (306) 661-7660

Visitation Team:

Pamela Sanderson (306) 558-4635

Worship & Music:

Heather Macnab (306) 662-7458

Conference Delegate:

Doug Haroldson - (306) 662-3004

Trustee:

Roy Erickson (306) 661-7696

**MAPLE CREEK UNITED CHURCH
AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING
February 12, 2023**

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - a. Motion to give approval to adherents

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Held March 6, 2022
 - b. Approval of Special Congregational Meeting of November 27, 2022

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Presentation and approval of Committee Reports

4. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Presentation and Approval of 2023 Budget
 - b. Mission and Service Goal
 - c. Lay Delegates to Regional Council Representative
 - d. Verify Trustees

6. NOMINATIONS

7. OTHER

8. ADJOURNMENT

9. HYMN, BENEDICTION, AND GRACE

**MAPLE CREEK UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR 2021 YEAR
MARCH 6, 2022**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Andrew Hecker at 12:35 pm. following an abbreviated service and a baptism ceremony. A brief gathering had followed the service, with coffee and cakes made by Charlene Erickson.

Carolyn Conarroe That Andrew Hecker and Irene Ahner be appointed chair & secretary for the AGM, with 19 people present.

Doug Haroldson **Carried.**

Roy Erickson That the agenda be adopted as amended to change the line for Lay Delegates to Conference to read lay delegates to Regional Council.

Louise Forester **Carried.**

Peter Hecker That adherents be allowed to vote on matters of finance and administration.

Dale Groves **Carried.**

Doug Haroldson That the minutes of the Mar. 7, 2021 AGM be accepted as amended to the spelling of the names of Carolyn Conarroe and Linda Hefner.

Charlene Erickson **Carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Committee Reports were contained in the circulated Annual Report. Chairs of these committees were present to answer congregational questions and present explanations of various items. Rev. Michele Rowe expressed her appreciation of support given her by the Council and congregation over the past year of much stress. The role of Voluntary Associate Minister, taken on by Carolyn Conarroe, was explained.

Dale Groves That the Committee Reports be accepted as presented.

Sally Pierce **Carried.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Louise Forester presented the Financial Statement for the 2021 year. There was a \$15,000.00 shortfall for the past year. Pandemic grants received in 2020 were still available in 2021 but not for 2022. We must try to hold more fund-raisers in 2022 to alleviate this situation. Louise expressed her appreciation of the support provided by Treasurer Dena Weiss and members of the Finance Committee.

Louise Forester That the financial statement be accepted as presented.

Sharon Ebner **Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation and Approval of 2022 Budget

Explanations were made for any budget changes from the previous year.

Louise Forester That the Budget for 2022 be accepted as presented.
Roy Erickson **Carried.**

b. Mission and Service Goal

Our church fell short of the 2021 goal by about \$400.00. It was agreed that we should keep on trying to reach the agreed upon goal.

Doug Haroldson That the Maple Creek United Church Mission & Service goal for 2022 be \$9200.00.
Shirley Pridmore **Carried.**

c. Lay Delegates to Regional Council.

These meetings have been on Zoom for two years. The next meeting may be in June but has not been arranged yet. It was agreed to leave this issue for a later meeting.

d. Verification of Trustees

Carolyn Conarroe That Roy Erickson (chair), Irene Ahner, Gordon Bacon, Eleanor Bowie, Peter Hecker, and Shirley Pridmore be verified as the Trustees of Maple Creek United Church.
Vicki Flanagan **Carried.**

e. Amendment to By-laws

To allow for continuity on Council and committees, changes to an approved 2021 by-law was felt to be necessary.

Roy Erickson That bylaw 2.0 (b) be amended to read "in a year in which Council turnover would exceed 50%, Council may recommend to the annual congregational meeting that an extension of one year be offered to no more than 25% of committee chairs."
Shirley Pridmore **Carried.**

NOMINATIONS

The Nomination Committee - Doug Haroldson & Evelyn Stork - presented the following slate:

- a. Chair of Council - Doug Haroldson
- b. Council Secretary – Irene Ahner
- c. Vice-Chairperson – Kerry Currie
- d. Worship & Music Chair – Heather Macnab
- e. Ministry & Personnel – committee member – Peter Hecker
- f. Fun & Fund - committee member - Andrew Hecker
- g. Christian Development – committee member – Malinda Drury

Sharon Ebner That the list of nominees be approved.
Shirley Pridmore **Carried.**

A motion of appreciation to all members leaving and to those who are joining Council & Committee positions was proposed by Roy Erickson and passed by consensus.

Doug Haroldson That thank you's be expressed to Carolyn Conarroe (Christian Development Chair), Vicki Flanagan (Property Chair) and Bev Wenaas (Fund & Fund Chair) for agreeing to maintain their positions for one more year.

Roy Erickson **Carried.**

Louise Forester That we give a vote of thanks to all the donors to the Church in the last year, no matter the size of their donations.

Vicki Flanagan **Carried.**

Rev. Michele Rowe presented lapels pins from the United Church to Sharon Ebner and Andrew Hecker whose positions have expired on the Maple Creek United Church Council.

Pamela Sanderson That the meeting be adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Evelyn Plummer **Carried.**

Irene Ahner
Secretary

Maple Creek United Church

Mission Statement

Proclaim the Gospel

- Through providing Christian Development and knowledge of the faith for all ages with opportunities for spiritual and personal growth.
- By providing a supportive community through worship service, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and pastoral care.
- By encouraging good stewardship to enable sound financial management.
- By providing outreach support to the community and the world showing loving concern for all God's creation.
- By providing fellowship and community activities through various special events of the church.

MAPLE CREEK UNITED CHURCH

Holy Manners

Our holy manners create an environment
where we are freed and empowered

- To take risks
- To think creatively
- To be fully ourselves knowing that we are valued, loved, and upheld in community.

All are welcome at the
Maple Creek United Church

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Maple Creek, Saskatchewan

Phone: (306) 662-2234

Email: mcunitedchurch@sasktel.net

We are also on Facebook
Services are also on YouTube

Statement of Holy Manners

We commit ourselves and will hold each other accountable to:

1. Keep God at the centre of everything we do;
2. Respect the worth of each individual;
3. Affirm people's right to hold and express differing opinions, assume best intentions, listen carefully to each other, without interrupting;
4. Strive for equal opportunity and encouragement of participation of all;
5. Affirm the wisdom of silence, pausing from time to time to ponder what others have said and to discern the Spirit's movement;
6. Seek to understand what others are saying;
7. Be open to new ideas;
8. Respect the confidentiality of individual members and their stories;
9. Uphold and honour decisions that have been made;
10. Keep life in perspective by preserving a sense of humour;
11. Hold one another in prayer.

MINISTER'S REPORT 2022

Rev. Michele Rowe

[Elijah] lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' (1 Kings 19: 5-9, 11-13)

Some of us write and some receive Christmas letters, which tend to be a summary of an individual's or family's accomplishments and transitions over the past year. Such letters tend to focus on the positive and the major events that took place. I can see the wisdom in that approach, and it could serve equally well for an annual letter to a family of faith, namely, all of you.

Over 2022, we have seen many people return to church in person and have grown our congregation on Facebook and YouTube. We hear that our online presence has been a real blessing for those unable to attend in person for a variety of reasons.

We have experienced the generosity of members and the wider community through support of our varied fundraisers and annual fall campaign. So much of our ministry is carried out by faithful and committed volunteers, some of whom attend our church and others who do not. There were baptisms and celebrations of lives well-lived, stories of faith shared, and always nourishing food for tired prophets. There were songs sung in tears and by way of joyful noise, ushering in the Spirit among us.

As 2022 comes to a close, however, I want to share with you that much of the work of the church occurs in a kind of holy and quiet space: prayer shawls draped around the shoulders of those who grieve; get well cards arriving in the mail; donations for the food bank laid in a crate; and the silence of prayers lifted for the world. Ours is often a ministry of small things where hands are held and the hungry are fed and encouragement is given to those seeking healing and recovery.

Like Elijah, we all need sustenance for the journey. We can not go it alone. This year, in addition to regular worship leadership duties, I spent a good deal of time in quiet spaces with those who were grieving, those transitioning from this life to the one beyond, and those seeking relief from trauma, old and new. These are the blessings and demands of ministry that do not engender newspaper headlines or overflowing budgets, but they are important and crucial. They matter to the God who met Elijah not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of silence.

The value of our church's ministry in this community and beyond may not be measured in monumental accomplishments and grand public announcements. Rather, it may be seen as a ministry of small things done with great love.

There are not good enough words to express how grateful I am for all of you who make this quiet ministry possible—saints who walk softly and with little fanfare. You have continued this work through decades, years, months, or days. You are worthy of the true prophet's reward: a snack, a nap, and recognition by your God.

2023 will call us to respond to God's question, "What are you doing here?" Together, we will live into the answers.

Michele

The Reverend Michele Rowe

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL – 2022

Doug Haroldson

The year has been a transition from COVID-19 Pandemic to normality. With the assistance of all you, our church was able to weather this difficult time for our community. With the determination and leadership of our ministry personnel, we were able to hold services in-person or online through most of the last two and a half years. Many United Churches in Saskatchewan were closed for months.

During the past year, Council had a number of in-person and Zoom meetings. Using both means, we were able to keep operating during these challenging times. All wasn't easy for anyone, but we must remember that things that are important and worthwhile are not easy. As ongoing communication is extremely important we have reintroduced the Council Highlights and periodic financial updates for the congregation.

Council spent a day exploring what we thought should be the "Vision" of our church. With input from various committees the visioning process has been initiated, however, our task has just begun.

The response to the Fall Canvas was positive. Our members and adherents stepped up to the plate. This combined with the return of our various fundraising projects has produced a much-improved financial position. Please review the financial report in this document.

Michele requested a change in the conditions of her employment from full time to three quarter time for 2023 to be reviewed towards the end of 2023. The congregation approved this request at a Special Congregational Meeting. Any decisions following the review will again be made by the Congregation.

The Ministry of the Maple Creek United Church Community of Faith is the responsibility of each and everyone of us. It would be negligent on my part and on your behalf not to recognize these people, Special thanks must go to the following:

- Our employees – Michele, Al, Dale, and Marigold.**
- Carolyn who is serving as a Voluntary Associate Minister**
- All Council members, Committee Chairs, and members.**
- Dena Weiss for her valuable, professional expertise demonstrated as our Treasurer.**
- For everyone who contributed to our Worship services in as organ and piano players, choir members, and worship leaders.**
- All people involved in fundraising projects.**

- **Co-ordinator and all members of the Helping Hands.**

Each and everyone of you play an important role in the ministry of our church. Regardless of what your role is, every role is important. With your continued commitment to our Community of Faith we will continue to flourish. Remember we are all in this together. Thanks be to God.

**Respectfully submitted
Doug Haroldson
Church Council Chairperson**

2022 STATISTICS
by Al Holtemeyer

| Joined by Transfer of Certificate (2) | |
|--|----------------------|
| June 24, 2022 | Larry Hassett |
| June 24, 2022 | Judy Hassett |

| Joined by Profession of Faith (Confirmation) (1) | |
|---|------------------------|
| | Debbie Du Haume |

| Baptisms (4) | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| March 6, 2022 | Benson Allen White |
| May 8, 2022 | Alexandra Mesha Treseng |
| May 8, 2022 | Michael Lucus Treseng |
| November 20, 2022 | Chett Allan Bertram |

| Weddings (0) | |
|---------------------|--|
|---------------------|--|

| Funerals (10) | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Date | Name |
| May 7, 2022 | Butch Wolfater |
| May 21, 2022 | Marion Berreth* |
| June 11, 2022 | Shirley Wenaas |
| August 20, 2022 | Joyce Amundson |
| August 24, 2022 | Mabel Hobbs |
| August 27, 2022 | Wallace Good |
| September 16, 2022 | Dean Angus Leger (Come & Go Tea – MC Legion) |
| September 17, 2022 | James Harold Sanderson* |
| November 12, 2022 | Harry Forbes |
| November 21, 2022 | Catherine Rutley |

| Removed from the Historical Roll (3) | | |
|---|----------|--|
| By Death | 2 | |
| By Transfer | 1 | |

2022 Financial Report

Louise Forester

Thank you all for answering the call for support; it sure shows how important our church is to everyone!

Generous donations of over \$52,000 (\$16,000 more than last year) were received. This more than made up for the loss of government support provided last year (over \$12,000).

In addition, we were able to hold more fundraising activities this year which raised more than \$16,000. This is \$5,600 more than last year. These included:

- Funeral teas
- Garage sale
- Online auction
- Cookie sales
- Cold plate & Fowl suppers
- Dessert socials

The increase in revenue almost covered 2022 operating expenses resulting in a small draw on capital of \$1,393.

Your finance committee and council continue to diligently oversee the operating expenses in spite of rising costs. The church will need your continued support in 2023 to cover its expected (budgeted) operating expenses (\$110,038) and keep the doors open.

Thank you so much to Dena for the numerous hours you spent providing more than just accounting services to our church; it is so appreciated.

Thank you to my committee members for all your patience and support:

Dena Weiss (Treasurer)
Sally Pearce (Ministry & Personnel)
Vicki Flanagan (Property)
Michele Rowe (Minister)
Louise Forester (Chair)

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Forester

Maple Creek United Church
Comparative Balance Sheet
As at December 31

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Float | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| Credit Union - chequing | 12,873.44 | 18,583.93 |
| Credit Union - plan 24 | 16,025.42 | 16,005.80 |
| Total Cash | 29,098.86 | 34,589.73 |
| GST receivable | 396.26 | 430.32 |
| Accounts receivable | 1,050.00 | 2,673.71 |
| Credit Union membership | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Total Current Assets | 30,550.12 | 37,698.76 |
| Investments | | |
| Manulife bank | 77,605.62 | 76,579.11 |
| Total Investments | 77,605.62 | 76,579.11 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 108,155.74 | \$ 114,277.87 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | 0.00 | 4,728.58 |
| Mission & service collected | 9,208.00 | 8,898.97 |
| Mission & service paid | (9,208.00) | (8,898.97) |
| Total Current Liabilities | 0.00 | 4,728.58 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 0.00 | 4,728.58 |
| EQUITY | | |
| Earnings | | |
| Contingency fund | 1,100.00 | 1,100.00 |
| Christian education fund | 295.00 | 295.00 |
| Memorial fund | 4,680.38 | 4,680.38 |
| Total Earnings | 6,075.38 | 6,075.38 |
| Opening operating capital | 103,473.91 | 118,928.89 |
| Current losses (note 1) | (1,393.55) | (15,454.98) |
| Total Earnings | 108,155.74 | 109,549.29 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 108,155.74 | 109,549.29 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$ 108,155.74 | \$ 114,277.87 |

Note 1: Due to generous donations and fundraising activities there was only a minor reduction in capital in 2022.

Maple Creek United Church
Comparative Income Statement
For the years ending December 31

| | 2022 | 2021 | Difference |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| REVENUE | | | |
| Envelopes | 41,896.00 | 41,057.80 | 838.20 |
| Loose offerings | 1,571.35 | 727.35 | 844.00 |
| Donations | 51,267.00 | 34,816.00 | 16,451.00 |
| Donations in kind | 1,361.72 | 0.00 | 1,361.72 |
| Pie social | 693.00 | 0.00 | 693.00 |
| Memorial donations - undesignated | 690.00 | 580.00 | 110.00 |
| Use of church | 1,430.00 | 1,050.00 | 380.00 |
| Helping hands (note 1) | 4,690.00 | 350.00 | 4,340.00 |
| Memorial Bulletins & Voices United | 235.00 | 265.00 | (30.00) |
| Weddings & funerals | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Cold plate supper | 1,331.25 | 0.00 | 1,331.25 |
| Fundraising dinners | 0.00 | 1,841.00 | (1,841.00) |
| Garage sale | 2,927.00 | 0.00 | 2,927.00 |
| Fowl Supper | 3,572.00 | 2,860.90 | 711.10 |
| Misc. fundraising activities (note 2) | 3,743.60 | 1,267.65 | 2,475.95 |
| CEWS and TWS | 0.00 | 11,418.12 | (11,418.12) |
| Restorative care | 0.00 | 1,436.66 | (1,436.66) |
| Sundry income | 0.00 | 20.00 | (20.00) |
| Copies & resale items | 152.35 | 94.25 | 58.10 |
| Interest income | 1,046.13 | 359.78 | 686.35 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 116,706.40 | 98,144.51 | 18,561.89 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Minister's salary | 47,229.09 | 46,379.63 | 849.46 |
| Travel | 332.10 | 0.00 | 332.10 |
| Administrative assistant | 8,857.96 | 7,994.35 | 863.61 |
| Caretaker | 7,010.00 | 7,000.00 | 10.00 |
| Pension & insurance | 10,916.66 | 9,937.50 | 979.16 |
| Minister's book allowance | 1,555.25 | 1,413.34 | 141.91 |
| CPP & EI | 4,024.74 | 3,485.15 | 539.59 |
| Church & Manse maintenance | 2,474.30 | 5,176.43 | (2,702.13) |
| Capital expenditures (note 3) | 1,656.79 | 0.00 | 1,656.79 |
| Telephone | 3,018.04 | 2,169.12 | 848.92 |
| Office supplies | 2,763.32 | 4,666.66 | (1,903.34) |
| Helping hands | 1,090.73 | 120.43 | 970.30 |
| ADP payroll charges | 366.32 | 261.22 | 105.10 |
| Equipment servicing | 466.71 | 486.45 | (19.74) |
| Natural gas | 2,832.93 | 3,143.57 | (310.64) |
| Power | 2,677.16 | 3,107.10 | (429.94) |
| Utilities & property tax | 4,589.29 | 4,480.96 | 108.33 |
| Insurance (note 4) | 6,721.74 | 4,200.50 | 2,521.24 |
| Observer & upper room | 200.00 | 373.21 | (173.21) |
| Presbytery allocation (note 5) | 4,057.00 | 5,126.00 | (1,069.00) |
| Workers compensation | 146.26 | 213.96 | (67.70) |
| Fundraising dinners | 316.83 | 455.93 | (139.10) |
| Fowl supper | 1,156.70 | 1,002.22 | 154.48 |
| Refugee support | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Christian development | 188.11 | 4.18 | 183.93 |
| Cold plate supper | 455.59 | 0.00 | 455.59 |
| Worship committee | 704.46 | 695.40 | 9.06 |
| Ministry & personnel | 618.40 | 703.51 | (85.11) |
| Bank charges | 352.93 | 345.00 | 7.93 |
| Sundry expense | 320.54 | 657.67 | (337.13) |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 118,099.95 | 113,599.49 | 4,500.46 |
| NET INCOME | (\$1,393.55) | (\$15,454.98) | 14,061.43 |

Notes:

1. Funeral teas and a birthday party
2. This includes the online auction proceeds (\$1,116.60), cookie sales (\$1,630), grief group fees (\$700) and a couple other smaller items.
3. New computer for Admin assistant
4. Insurance costs dramatically increased this year.
5. The allocation is based on the number of church members. The list of members was reviewed and those that had either moved away or otherwise left were removed.

MAPLE CREEK UNITED CHURCH

Comparative Budget

For the years ending December 31

| | Budget | Actual | Budget |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Expenses | 2022 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Minister's salary (note 2) | 45,556.83 | 47,229.09 | 36,246.00 |
| Minister's travel | 400.00 | 332.10 | 400.00 |
| Conference expenses | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| Administrative assistant (note 3) | 9,148.00 | 8,857.96 | 9,250.00 |
| Caretaker & snow removal | 7,480.00 | 7,010.00 | 7,480.00 |
| Pension & insurance (note 4) | 10,100.00 | 10,916.66 | 10,600.00 |
| Minister's book allowance | 1,493.00 | 1,555.25 | 1,157.00 |
| Administrative assistant allowance | 350.00 | 0.00 | 350.00 |
| CPP & EI | 3,600.00 | 4,024.74 | 3,750.00 |
| Church & Manse maintenance | 2,500.00 | 2,474.30 | 2,500.00 |
| Capital expenses | 3,000.00 | 1,656.79 | 3,000.00 |
| Telephone (note 5) | 2,400.00 | 3,018.04 | 3,000.00 |
| Office supplies | 4,000.00 | 2,763.32 | 3,000.00 |
| ADP payroll | 300.00 | 366.32 | 300.00 |
| Equipment servicing | 500.00 | 466.71 | 500.00 |
| Natural gas (SaskEnergy) (note 6) | 2,835.00 | 2,832.93 | 4,740.00 |
| Electricity (Sask Power) | 3,200.00 | 2,677.16 | 2,900.00 |
| Utilities & property tax | 4,400.00 | 4,589.29 | 4,600.00 |
| Insurance (note 7) | 6,443.00 | 6,721.74 | 6,415.00 |
| Presbytery allocation | 4,057.00 | 4,057.00 | 3,740.00 |
| Worker's compensation | 225.00 | 146.26 | 150.00 |
| Christian development (note 8) | 1,500.00 | 188.11 | 1,000.00 |
| Worship & music (note 9) | 1,200.00 | 704.46 | 1,000.00 |
| Ministry & personnel (note 10) | 1,000.00 | 618.40 | 2,000.00 |
| Bank charges | 350.00 | 352.93 | 360.00 |
| Sundry expenses | 1,000.00 | 320.54 | 1,000.00 |
| TOTALS | \$117,637.83 | \$113,880.10 | \$110,038.00 |
| Notes: | | | |
| 1. The observer subscription and fundraising are not budgeted for. | | | |
| 2. As approved by the congregation, Michele will be working 3/4 time in 2023. | | | |
| 3. Council approved an increase in hourly rate. | | | |
| 4. Council approved to top up Michele's pension and insurance to 100%. | | | |
| 5. Internet costs increased to provide better online services. | | | |
| 6. Natural gas costs to increase in 2023. | | | |
| 7. United Church of Canada is working on lowering insurance costs. In the meantime, the budget reflects current costs. | | | |
| 8. CD includes Sunday school and bible study. | | | |
| 9. W&M includes the organist which is currently being donated. | | | |
| 10. M&P includes an increase for minister relief if needed. | | | |

MISSION AND SERVICE REPORT – 2022

Shirley Pridmore

Thank you to everyone who supports the Mission and Service in our church. Information about where the money is used is placed on the bulletin board as I receive it. This year we donated \$9208.00. Last year our donation was \$8898.97.

**Submitted by,
Shirley Pridmore**

MAPLE CREEK UNITED CHURCH TRUSTEES REPORT 2022

Roy Erickson

The Trustees are Irene Ahner, Gordon Bacon, Elanor Bowie, Peter Hecker, Shirley Pridmore and Roy Erickson the chairperson. As chairperson I attended the church council meetings. We held no formal meetings this year. The UCC is changing the insurance supposedly saving money on premiums. We will not know our quote until March 2023.

**Respectfully submitted,
Roy Erickson**

ENVELOPES REPORT 2022

Sally Pearce

In 2022:

47 sets of envelopes were distributed.

21 families donated by automatic deposit.

The 2023 envelopes are at the United Church to give weekly offerings.

Receipts for income tax will be at the church by the end of January.

Anyone who does not have their envelopes or is looking for envelopes please call Sally Pearce at 661-7660. Also if you require any information regarding automatic deposit, give me a call.

**Respectfully submitted
Sally Pearce (Envelope Secretary)**

PROPERTY REPORT 2022

Vicki Flanagan

The saga of the leaky roof may be over. Again this year we'll have to see what the weather brings us to know for sure.

The eavestroughs on the sanctuary wing of the building were original to the building. They were in need of cleaning and upon inspection it was determined that replacement was necessary. Maple Creek Stucco was hired to remove and replace them.

The SW room off the narthex was repurposed as storage to leave more space in the resource room for supplies. The fridge and freezers were moved over after we relocated a table and the pew that had been in that space. A cupboard no longer needed in the office provides nice space for the communion paraphernalia, some seldom used but necessary kitchen items and extra pantry items.

As always routine furnace maintenance was required, new paper dispensers were purchased for the bathrooms and kitchen which was necessary to avoid an unreasonable price hike in the supplies for the existing dispensers.

It was decided that the time had come to replace the flooring in the manse. Nolan Jans has been hired to do this job and the materials have been purchased and are here in the building. The job will be started as soon as Nolan is free to start.

As ever, I do rely on others to inform me of problems with the building so please do not hesitate to let me know if you see something that may need attention.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Flanagan

CHINOOK WORSHIP CIRCLE IN SOUTHWEST SK

Annual Report For 2022

Sandra Watson

Members of the Worship Circle lead worship services and funerals primarily for communities of faith who no longer have paid ministry.

There are eight of us in the southwest who provide services; we are a mix of retired ministers, Licensed lay worship leaders and lay worship leaders.

Rates for services provided in 2023

| | |
|--|----------|
| UCC salary for development and delivery of a worship service | \$232.00 |
| Development of a service for delivery by local leadership or In the case of cancellation by the pastoral charge | 150.00 |

Milage for worship leader is \$0.55/km round trip

Meal 12.00

The rates for worship leader and mileage have been set by General Council

We lead worship regularly in Gull Lake, Pine Cree, Cabri-Hazlet, Abbey-Lancer, Leader, Eatonia.

Administration fee is \$20.00 Per service.

It is in place to compensate the Worship Circle co-ordinator for scheduling and co-ordinating services offered by the Worship Circle, to communicate regularly with communities of faith and with our own Circle and the Colleagues in Ministry, and with our Regional Council.

At our November meeting the decision was to pay the Co-ordinator \$800./year, to be reviewed annually. Elaine Little was our co-ordinator until April of 2022. Elaine continues to be active in the Worship Circle and we thank her for the years of service she has given in this capacity as well as leading Worship services.

Submitted by,

Sandra Watson,

Co-ordinator for Chinook Worship Circle in Southwest SK

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT – 2022

Doug Haroldson

Living Skies did not hold a regional gathering in 2022. Although, there wasn't a regional gathering, the regional Executive was busy on our behalf.

Members of the Regional Council Executive – 2021-2022

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Chairperson | Tricia Gerhard |
| Treasurer | Donna Brown (resigned September 23, 2021) |
| Treasurer | VACANT |
| Member | Ron Brandow |
| Member | Tim Ellis |
| Member | Linda Gunningham |
| Member | Kathleen James-Cavan |
| Member | Brian Maitland (resigned October 28, 2021) |
| Member | VACANT |
| Member | Piotr Strzelecki |
| Member | Dave Whalley |
| Executive Minister | Shannon McCarthy |
| Program Assistant | Jamie Mckay |

So, what did the Executive do this year? Good question, here are some highlights:

- **Established an affirming Task Group**
- **Worked on finding ways to support the community outreach ministries and camps here in the region – working with Edge to establish a position for grant support.**
- **Continued to find ways to support communities of faith during the pandemic.**
- **Discontinued the Regional Assessment for 2021 but established a Community Outreach fund where congregations could donate monies that would be distributed equally among the ministries and camps in the region.**
- **Established a rotational model for Regional Gathering Meetings for the three Regional Councils that Shannon McCarthy is Executive Minister for – a three-year cycle with one in-person meeting and two virtual meetings. In 2023, there will be an in-person meeting in all three of the regions and then in 2024, the rotation will begin with Living Skies having an in-person meeting while the other two regions are virtual, and 2025/2026 will be virtual for our region.**
- **Signed and supported the Interfaith Statement on Climate Change, a letter seeking to support the funding request of the Circle of Support and Accountability program to the Government of Canada.**
- **Created a Justice Committee and are searching for members to start this work.**
- **Continue to offer mission grants to North and South Saskatchewan Chaplaincies, ICM, RAPM, Micah Mission, Parkland Restorative Justice, United Church Camps, and other ministries in our Region.**
- **Support and resource for letter writing in response to Camp Hope and the change in the Saskatchewan Income Support Program (SIS).**
- **Support and financial considerations for the implementation of the Rural Connect Program in Living Skies Region.**
- **Financial Support for UCW, clusters, learning opportunities, youth events.**
- **On-going work with the Regional Youth Staff position.**
- **Encouraged participation in the Tri Region Snow and Ice Art competition.**

These are just some of the highlights of the work that has taken place this year. It hasn't always been easy, but grace has been abundant in our discussions. As we continue our work, please hold the executive, the staff, and the leadership

of this region in your prayers. Consider where you might be able to offer your gifts and skills in volunteer positions. Most of all, know that each and everyone of you has been a source of support and encouragement to the work of the Region.

The Regional Rambler is the regular means of communication from the Regional Council to the various Communities of Faith in Saskatchewan. Within the Maple Creek Community of Faith, each member of the local Council receives it by email, certain priorities are highlighted at Council meetings. It is also posted on the bulletin board.

There is an in-person Regional Gathering on May 25th-28th, 2023 hosted by Calvary United Church in Prince Albert. This will be the first in-person meeting since 2019.

Respectfully submitted
Doug Haroldson
Regional Council Representative

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL REPORT 2022

Sally Pearce

Ministry and Personnel Report 2022

First off, thank you Sharon for being such a great chairperson for this committee. You are definitely missed. Ian Bowie also retired from the committee and Peter Hecker took over from him. I became chairperson for M&P Committee after the February meeting. This has been a big adjustment and thank you to all the M&P and ex-M&P members who give me a guiding hand. Sharlene Erickson decided that M&P committee was not a good fit for her, and we regretfully said goodbye to her. This left us short a member and Diane Moss stepped into this role.

Luckily, we have kept our core staff for the United Church. Al Holtmeyer continues to be our efficient office administrator. Marigold Elgamo continues to be our custodian and we thank you for your great work on our behalf. Dale Gowen makes sure our lawn is cut during the summer and during the winter keeps our sidewalks clean of snow. We also have Michele Rowe as our minister since 2018. She is full of boundless enthusiasm and inspires our committee. Carolyn Conarro has stepped in to help out throughout the year.

It has been a busy year. We have had 10 meetings with the summer off for the M&P committee. Michele approached our committee to inquire about going to

$\frac{3}{4}$ time in 2023. We recommended to Council that Michele go to $\frac{3}{4}$ time and then began the work to make this fit. Both November and December of 2022 were extremely busy trying to make sure we were filling the holes left when Michele is away from the church. This is a one-year contract to see how this fits with the church and congregation. We also had a congregational meeting in November to approve the change. Carolyn has been amazing with saying she will provide pastoral care when Michele is away. Al is also willing to work with us.

Our other big project this year was trying to streamline our helping hands. Marylynn Eckart has been our convenor for many years. Diane Moss took over as our new coordinator with the provision that this become a 3-year position. We are looking for a person to be in charge of the kitchen provisions. If you know of anyone, please contact myself or Diane.

As always, M&P Committee are very grateful for all the other committees that give their time and energy to the church: Christian Development, Finance, Fun and Funds, Property, Music and Worship, Regional Representative, Trustees and Members of Council. Along with all the members of the congregation, these people keep our church running.

Thank you to everyone for all your support of our church.

Respectfully submitted
Sally Pearce

VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATE MINISTER REPORT 2022

Pastor Carolyn Conarroe

For some, this is a new designation. As you know there is a shortage of Ministers in many denominations including the United Church of Canada, and a shortage of people in many small rural churches.

In retirement many clergy, Ordained and Lay Designated Ministers were being asked to take services. As we were serving and representing the United Church, the Church established a way for accountability and support. A Zoom Support meeting of the Saskatchewan VAMs is held every second month.

All retired ministers who choose to do ministry functions in the U.C. of C. must be a Voluntary Associate Minister connected to a United Church Pastoral Charge. My connection is With Maple Creek United Church.

In 2022 I served as VAM as follows:

Maple Creek United Church

January – ½ time Pastoral Support while Michele was away. (20 hours a week)

During the year I covered for Pastoral care and Sunday Services. (5)

when Michele was away for Study Leave and Holidays.

I officiated at the funerals of Mable Hobbs and Wallace Good and met with the Jim Sanderson family to plan a Celebration of Life.

Worship Circle (a group of clergies who share ministry with congregations who do not have a Covenanted minister)

Sunday Services , Gull Lake (5), Leader (4), Etonia (5)

Respectfully Submitted by,

Carolyn Conarroe

CAMP SHAGABEC - YEAR IN REVIEW: 2022

Dave and Kat Fletcher

Camp Shagabec sold out all the camper spaces again this year and set a record for the number of camper registrations, but, despite this, still ended up in the red due to property improvements costs, fuel costs, and a jump in insurance and food prices. This was also the weakest year on record for donations to the camp. We usually see \$20 - \$50 000 in donations come in, but last year we received less than \$5000.

The camp continues to be a shining beacon of love, joy, and happiness for kids from around the prairie provinces. We have received numerous glowing reports back from parents discussing how much their kids have loved getting back to overnight camps after a two-year hiatus.

There were 144 volunteer positions filled over the course of the last summer. Without this level of volunteerism, Shagabec would not be able to operate. The volunteer staff is incredible and bring so much energy and joy to the camp. There were 7 paid staff positions filled as well. These staff members are at the camp for the entire summer and lead the camps as well as cook, manage, and do the bottle recycling program. Bottle recycling requires 2-3 people to collect and sort bottles and cans from 200 pick-up sites around the Cypress Hills. In total, we were able to collect close to \$17 000 from this contract and supplement the cost of running the camp.

Property improvements highlights:

- New staff cabin built
- New dining tables and benches being constructed (going back to the rectangle tables).
- 25+ large trees fell over the winter and spring – they were chopped up and cleaned up.
- Shaga-gate installed
- Foundation on Cabin 8 improved (new beam installed)

Bathroom Renovation Update:

After several summers of pushing off the bathroom renovation, we officially began upgrading the washhouse. Grady Rowley and his dad, Dave Rowley have graciously taken on the construction reno of the bathrooms. The "boys" and "girls" sides, along with the laundry room, are being upgraded.

Structurally the building will remain the same; however, the laundry room is being divided in half to accommodate a "gender accessible" bathroom (i.e. a bathroom that will be classified gender neutral but consist of features that make it wheelchair accessible) that will also serve as the paid-staff shower and washroom. The remaining portion of the old laundry room will remain exclusively a space for washing clothes and other storage. Each room will have a separate entrance going forward.

The construction aspect of the renovation is proceeding well. Thus far, the biggest issue we have encountered was removing portions of the concrete floor to install new drains where required. As of right now, most of the progress is concentrated on the girls' side (it is more or less ready for paint), but here is a list of what's been finished:

- All of the necessary concrete has been removed from all three spaces.
- A new door was installed for the gender-accessible (G-A) space.
- Walls have been framed in the G-A space.
- Walls for shower stalls and walls to hide the plumbing and wiring have been framed in the Girls and Boys'.
- New lights, switches, motion detectors, and fans have been wired into the Girls and Boys'.
- Rough-in plumbing for new showers have been installed in the Girls' and Boys'.
- Sinks and taps have been ordered and delivered.
- Countertops have been acquired, and holes for sinks have been cut.
- Showers for all three spaces have been ordered and delivered, two units have been installed in the Girls side. Boys side will be installed shortly

- **New windows for the Boys and Girls have been ordered.**

We were fortunate to source all of the showers at 60% the price we anticipated, which should give us some more wiggle room in the budget, but the most significant cost will still be the stall partitions for the toilets and urinals. We expect the windows to arrive in mid-December or later. The biggest hold up is going to be painting. With the temperatures dropping, it will be impossible to paint until spring.

Timewise, we anticipate there being no issue with finishing the project before the rental season, but if time looks to be an issue, we will leave the laundry room for last. Moreover, we may look at having a "painting party" once we are close to the finishing portion of the renovation. Dave-o has acquired a large paint sprayer which should help with the large pieces, such as the ceiling, but many hands might better tackle the smaller tasks.

| Profit and Loss | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Camp Shagabec Committee | | | | | | | | |
| | Budget 2022 | Actual 2022 | Actual 2021 | Actual 2020 | Actual 2019 | Actual 2018 | Actual 2017 | Actual 2016 |
| Income | | | | | | | | |
| Bottle recycling | \$18,000.00 | \$16,571.25 | \$19,311.70 | \$13,499.30 | \$12,059.35 | \$103.72 | \$145.00 | \$152.35 |
| Camp registration | \$114,000.00 | \$116,582.42 | \$22,791.30 | \$21,766.97 | \$108,730.02 | \$95,419.38 | \$88,784.01 | \$80,206.00 |
| Donations | \$11,750.00 | \$4,424.05 | \$51,580.67 | \$16,360.86 | \$22,352.25 | \$52,088.79 | \$76,992.24 | \$59,882.00 |
| Fundraising and grants | \$10,000.00 | \$4,408.00 | \$10,783.00 | \$10,783.00 | \$13,981.00 | \$1,200.00 | | \$2,775.67 |
| Insurance proceeds | | | \$36,570.32 | | \$9,352.32 | | | |
| Interest | \$250.00 | | \$24.41 | \$245.38 | \$439.52 | \$644.53 | \$312.35 | \$63.91 |
| Patronage allocations (Coop) | | \$253.53 | \$122.88 | | | | | |
| Merchandise sales | \$2,000.00 | \$4,212.00 | \$505.48 | | \$9,563.33 | \$2,780.24 | \$1,076.47 | \$4,901.00 |
| Rental | \$0.00 | \$1,300.00 | | | \$4,471.01 | \$3,150.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$4,270.00 |
| SK Small Business grant | | | | \$5,000.00 | | | | |
| CRA Wage Subsidy | | | | \$22,263.38 | | | | |
| Total Income | \$156,000.00 | \$147,751.25 | \$141,689.76 | \$89,918.89 | \$180,948.80 | \$155,386.66 | \$172,310.07 | \$152,250.93 |
| Less Operating Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Advertising and promotion | | | | \$206.44 | \$40.50 | \$764.74 | \$6,813.17 | |
| Bank Fees and interest | \$750.00 | \$635.13 | \$767.84 | \$607.43 | \$1,644.86 | \$1,413.28 | \$1,248.20 | \$2,312.01 |
| Interest adjustment for United Church loan | | | see note | \$2,243.05 | | | | |
| Bottle recycling expense | | | | | \$140.94 | | | |
| Committee - Administration | \$200.00 | | | | \$200.00 | | \$66.00 | \$3,705.18 |
| Committee - Meetings | | | | | \$155.04 | \$133.73 | \$92.15 | \$1,200.00 |
| Committee - Professional fees | \$1,900.00 | \$2,120.00 | \$2,170.00 | \$1,902.86 | \$1,908.00 | \$1,908.00 | \$3,064.13 | |
| Crafts and activities | \$16,200.00 | \$8,422.15 | \$1,420.14 | \$23.80 | \$15,930.68 | \$17,401.80 | \$12,493.81 | \$9,185.64 |
| Swimming | | \$3,279.03 | | | | | | |
| Food | \$30,000.00 | \$34,232.12 | \$11,229.11 | \$2,756.14 | \$28,645.04 | \$27,967.78 | \$28,853.79 | \$26,067.00 |
| Honorarium | | | | | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | | |
| Insurance | \$18,500.00 | \$18,676.66 | \$16,792.10 | \$3,902.88 | \$13,390.90 | \$12,250.00 | \$12,185.00 | \$12,112.00 |
| Merchandise cost of sales | | \$11,399.90 | \$252.74 | | \$19,618.40 | \$1,005.12 | \$490.90 | \$7,427.00 |
| Camper Shirts | | \$5,907.04 | | | | | | |
| Staff Shirts - Committee | | \$1,170.77 | | | | | | |
| Mileage | \$2,500.00 | \$2,548.82 | \$715.43 | \$740.48 | \$3,148.43 | \$5,772.80 | \$3,504.70 | \$4,368.00 |
| Supplies / Office | \$1,200.00 | \$1,541.68 | \$2,566.61 | \$704.41 | \$1,100.84 | | \$1,420.09 | \$734.63 |
| Office | \$1,000.00 | | \$1,552.03 | | | | | |
| Property | \$7,500.00 | \$6,885.96 | \$3,297.68 | \$4,268.26 | \$5,759.50 | | \$7,559.10 | \$5,263.00 |
| Repairs and maintenance | \$7,500.00 | \$814.98 | \$39,321.76 | \$256.02 | \$10,964.30 | \$443.46 | | |
| Salaries and benefits | \$45,000.00 | \$60,817.34 | \$37,907.27 | \$27,346.03 | \$48,349.29 | \$31,746.16 | \$32,928.12 | \$28,987.00 |
| Site leasing | \$2,300.00 | | \$1,121.85 | \$1,126.39 | \$2,288.64 | \$2,298.06 | \$237.60 | |
| Stripe fees | | | | \$233.33 | \$4,263.23 | | | |
| Telephone | \$1,500.00 | \$1,387.21 | \$1,596.85 | \$1,498.64 | \$1,426.96 | \$1,403.72 | \$1,491.09 | \$1,029.44 |
| Tuck | \$2,000.00 | \$2,687.64 | \$956.97 | | \$2,226.07 | | | |
| Utilities | \$4,100.00 | \$4,742.40 | \$6,365.10 | \$3,065.66 | \$4,134.95 | \$3,238.49 | \$5,703.76 | \$4,016.68 |
| Vehicle | \$2,500.00 | \$1,318.68 | \$2,557.49 | \$794.90 | | | | |
| Website costs | | | | \$1,350.00 | \$1,620.00 | | | |
| Capital projects | \$30,000.00 | \$35,103.66 | | \$4,141.55 | \$53,763.27 | \$71,008.26 | | \$16,741.36 |
| Insurance proceeds payment | | | \$37,412.95 | | | | | |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$174,650.00 | \$203,691.17 | \$130,590.97 | \$57,168.27 | \$221,219.84 | \$179,255.40 | \$118,151.61 | \$123,148.94 |
| Net Profit | -\$18,650.00 | -\$55,939.92 | \$11,098.79 | \$32,750.62 | -\$40,271.04 | -\$23,868.74 | \$54,158.46 | \$29,101.99 |
| *Approximate Cash balance at Nov 4, 2022 | | | | | \$ 50,000 | or \$10,000 factoring in CEBA repayment. | | |

HELPING HANDS REPORT – 2022

Diane Moss

Helping Hand's is an integral part our church. I have been helping this group for year's & appreciate the service of all those who help. Thank you to everyone.

Submitted by,

Diane Moss

Helping Hands Coordinator

VISITATION TEAM REPORT 2022

Pamela Sanderson

My report is short as I haven't been very active in the role. I have heard of areas that we should be focusing on more as in visits to long term care and the Cypress Lodge. Before covid visiting was done regularly at the services which we don't have now. There is a monthly visiting circle at the lodge. I would like to come up with some kind of schedule so some of our older members don't get missed. Prayer shawls have been handed out and with them a visit if possible. Please contact me if you have any ideas or know of someone who could benefit from this.

Submitted by,

Pamela Sanderson

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – FALL CANVASS - 2022

By Andrew Hecker

The annual canvass was prepared in the fall of this year, with the intent of distributing it before Thanksgiving. Thanks to on-point preparation by Al in the office the information brochure, the financial update, and Michele's letters were packaged and sent out in October. The package included the four-fold information pamphlet, a sign-up form for pre-authorized remittance (PAR), and a personalized letter from Michele. 145 envelopes were mailed. The response to this year's canvass was overwhelmingly supportive, and we are grateful to everyone who made room in their budget to support the Church in this way.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hecker

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE "COMMITTEE" - 2022

By Andrew Hecker

The website receives a steady number of pages visits each month, numbering between 20 and 30. The website and Facebook became more significant during 2020 as we were forced to use online means to reach our congregation. The Facebook page hosted online services for much of the year, and starting with the Christmas Eve service a number of recorded services are linked from the website to YouTube. The website calendar is updated regularly, if not frequently, and in a normal year would note functions such as the pie social, choir practices, and special events including the fall supper and fundraising activities. It also serves as a general information page for other events.

The domain (the website name and address) has been reserved to the end of 2027.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Hecker

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – 2022

Evelyn Stork

The Christian Development Committee has only had two meetings since COVID-19 but is already quite active.

- Cake and coffee were provided after the Baptism of Chet Allen Bertram.
- Michele is on the Refugee Sponsorship Committee and reports to the C.D.C.
- Plans are made to clean the Resource Room
- The potluck Supper and Games Night is scheduled for the 3rd Friday of each month at 6:00 pm
- Story Telling at Cypress Lodge resumed in November and will meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month.
- A one-day workshop on "ABC's of Dementia" was held and a support group was formed meeting here at the church.
- An appreciation tea was provided for the workers of Cypress Lodge
- The Emergency kits were checked and re-supplied.
- Malinda and Michele attend the "Truth and Reconciliation Meetings" and report to C.D.C.
- A Christmas party was held for Maple Creek & District Opportunities Clients and support staff with games, activities, prizes, and lunch.

- **Debbie Du Haume has joined the C.D.C. and will take over the position of Secretary.**

A big thank you to Carolyn who kept the C.D.C. active during COVID-19, seeing to the needs provided by the Committee and kept us connected.

We look forward to a productive year in 2023.

**Submitted by,
Evelyn Stork**

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

Heather Macnab

Our committee consists of Pamela Sanderson, Heather Macnab and Penny Parsons, as well as our minister(s). We are a working group and concern ourselves with various ideas, themes and resources that might be used in worship, we help with communion and baptisms, secure musicians for each service, look after our outdoor sign, and serve as a discussion group for the minister throughout the year.

The choir has not been meeting regularly and our numbers are down. In December we were delighted to have the Choir sing anthems on one Sunday of advent and the Chimes Choir provide anthems for another.

We now have five people taking turns on piano and organ, which is a big help. These five are Shirley Pridmore, Judy Gowen, Penny Parsons, Andrew Hecker, and Heather Macnab.

This year we had some Sundays where our congregation went to the Anglican Church and some Sundays where they came to our church. In addition to that co-operation, we continue to occasionally share choir members for funerals.

We organized and enjoyed a Sing-Along on the day of Cowtown Christmas, with a few dozen people coming to our church for a fun Christmas sing. There was no Carol Festival, and this was a very good alternative.

As Michele moves to three-quarter time this year, we will co-ordinate worship leaders for each Sunday.

**Respectfully submitted,
Heather Macnab**



ALL THE BEST FOR 2023!!

**MONTHLY GIVING'S GUIDE – EXAMPLES BASED ON 52 WEEKS
DIVIDED BY 12 MONTHS**

| Weekly amt. | Monthly amt. | Weekly amt. | Monthly amt. | Weekly amt. | Monthly amt. |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| \$10.00 | \$43.00 | \$50.00 | \$217.00 | \$90.00 | \$390.00 |
| \$20.00 | \$87.00 | \$60.00 | \$260.00 | \$100.00 | \$433.00 |
| \$30.00 | \$130.00 | \$70.00 | \$303.00 | \$125.00 | \$541.00 |
| \$40.00 | \$175.00 | \$80.00 | \$346.00 | \$150.00 | \$650.00 |

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