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St. James United Church Annual Report



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A Message from the Minister

Dear St. James Family,

What an amazing year of celebration it has been! Our founding parents in faith would be proud of how we lived out our 115th year.

I would like to name some of the highlights, and I'd like to give thanks for our everyday, ongoing life and ministry.

In January we learned more about Peterborough's housing crisis and homelessness as guest Affirm Speakers Susan Gontier and Margaret Slavin talked about their volunteer work with PATH (Peterborough's Action for tiny homes).

Our UCW baked delicious Valentine's Day cookies and pies to sell in February, and we also had a successful Giving Sunday Stewardship Campaign to help cover snow plowing costs.

The Fundraising Committee prepared a delicious Shepherd's Pie lunch for us one Sunday after church and Music Director, Brian and some St. James Players treated us to live music from the 40's and 50's in March. We also received a beautiful painting of St. James which was created by member Leslie Gutsale-Floyd. It is hanging just outside of the sanctuary, now known as Wesley Hall.

In April both the St. James Players and the congregation were extremely proud to host the first Players production in our renovated Wesley Hall. Anne of Green Gables was a huge success! In addition, the Worship Committee challenged the congregation to bring in 115 toonies for 115 years of life and ministry and the goal was met and surpassed!

A lot of wonderful things happened in May! The Christian Education Committee and members of the congregation prepared brown bag lunches for One City (which the Worship Committee repeated later in the year), the UCW hosted a Spring Muffin Party, our church family had the opportunity to share what St. James means to them one Sunday during worship, and the Stewardship Committee launched another successful Donor Match Campaign, with the St. James Players generously being this year's donor, giving \$15,000 and the congregation and UCW enthusiastically matching it.

June was also filled with a lot of amazing anniversary activities and events! UCW hosted a successful Plant Sale and Scrap Metal Collection, the Worship Committee organized a St. James History Trivia Contest one Sunday during worship, we thoroughly enjoyed a Brian's Broadway, and an Archive Display was put together and shared.

During the months of July and August, we caught our breath and took time to enjoy creation - in order to prepare for a Spirit-filled, and meaningful fall of continued anniversary festivities.

In September we had our annual welcome back Corn Roast lunch, we welcomed Reem Ali as our guest Affirm Anniversary Speaker, and Kidventure created anniversary cards to give to members of our church family who are not able to be at church in person.

During the month of October, we had the honour of hosting the 20th Annual Abraham Festival, as well as the amazing privilege of welcoming the Reverend Doctor Carmen

Lansdowne (Moderator of the UCC) as our Anniversary speaker. It was great to welcome back previous Affirm speakers, and friends from other United Churches and faith communities. We also enjoyed a Harvest Muffin Party – hosted by the UCW.

November was another exciting month! The St. James Players presented the musical, All Shook Up at Showplace, and it was greatly enjoyed by many. The UCW hosted their annual Christmas Tea and Bazaar and met record success! On Transgender Day of Remembrance Sunday, we were honoured to welcome Betty Baker as our Affirm Speaker.

For the Advent and Christmas season we enjoyed our annual Messy Church Christmas – with Santa as our special guest, as well as our family Christmas Eve service. In addition, we welcomed members of our broader community to our second annual Hope Abides service – which featured speakers from seven different faith communities, who shared words of wisdom and comfort from their faith traditions about grief, loss, love and hope. Our Affirm Committee challenged us to collect 115 pairs of socks for One City and the enthusiasm was contagious, with over 300 pairs of socks donated.

Our various groups and committees, as well as many individuals continued with their regular responsibilities this year, in addition to all the anniversary celebrations. Thank you for all you do – the many things we see and the many things you do behind the scenes.

It's been a year filled with rich, community and faith building experiences! Heartfelt thanks to everyone for your hard work, passion, and whole-hearted commitment to St. James and to following in the way of Jesus.

Thank you for another year of walking the road of faith together. It remains an honour and a privilege to be your minister.

Julie

Reverend Julie van Haften

Mission, Vision & Goals

MISSION

Living fully, intentionally, and compassionately as we journey with, and fully welcome into the life and ministry of St. James, people of every age, gender, race, sexual orientation, and gender identity, differing abilities, economic or cultural backgrounds to be a hope-filled faith community.

VISION

Open hearts, open minds.

OUR LONG-TERM GOALS: VISION 20/25

In 2019, the Official Board, along with the help and guidance of the staff and congregation, completed a new vision for 2020-2025. We developed many long-term goals for our four flourishing ministries.

WORSHIP & GIVING

We will continue reaching out to members and growing our membership; we will also work to improve our worship space so that it is multifunctional and accessible. We aim to fully realize the potential of our music program, to offer alternative and innovative worship services, and to continue worshipping in a variety of locations with other churches and worship communities.

LEARNING

We promise to keep our children's programs vital; and to partner with others to meet the needs of local youth. We will also continue to offer adult study programs and explore new ways of learning; we will invite others to participate in our learning opportunities and share in theirs as well.

We will become actively involved in initiatives that promote inclusivity as well as a better understanding of other faiths and lifestyles. And we will support learning opportunities for all of our members and staff.

CARING & CONNECTING

We will improve our building so that we can continue to celebrate our faith together in a fully accessible and accommodating space. We will create active teams, positions, and committees to help us welcome, nurture, support, and care for one another. In addition, we will continue to organize and host events, activities, and programs in which we can socialize and strengthen our relationships. As such, we will also take good care of our property and finances so that we can realize a surplus at the end of each year.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION & ENGAGEMENT

We will actively seek out ways to grow, prosper, worship, and share with others. We will reach out to the local community to learn more about their needs, continue to make connections with other United Churches and faith groups, and nurture our current community partnerships as well as create new ones to show that we care and are living active lives of faith.

The Official Church Roll

EXECUTIVE OF THE BOARD

Chair	Joanne Rorke
Past Chair	Jane Huggins
Secretary	Marney Horton
Treasurer	Marilyn Perrin
Minister	Rev. Julie van Haaften

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR OR DESIGNATE

UCW	Marney Horton
ECORC Rep	Peggy Fillier

AFFIRM

Chair	Susan Bott*
Member	Carolee Awde
Member	Kate Ellis
Member	Karen Kooy
Member	Barb Mills
Member	Lynda Parker
Member	Richard Patterson
Advisor	Rev. Julie van Haaften

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Co-Chair	Kim Dennis
Co-Chair	Eileen Stanbury
Member	Sue Field*
Member	Lorie Fitzgerald*
Member	Karen Kooy*

FINANCE

Marilyn Perrin, Chair & Treasurer
Joanne Rorke, Chair of Board
Fred Batley, Chair of Trustees
Kate Ellis, Chair of Stewards
Susan Weaver, Chair of Ministry & Personnel
Bob Field, Member

FUNDRAISING

Co-Chair	Shirley Rolufs*
Co-Chair	Joanne Rorke*
Member	Natalie Dorsett
Member	Kate Ellis
Member	Norma Keough*
Member	Karen Kooy
Member	Jim Mills
Member	Roxanne Murduff

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Chair	Susan Weaver
Member	Kim Dennis*
Member	Linda Dorsett*
Member	Yvonne Lai*
Member	Marilyn Perrin*

NEW CANADIAN CENTRE LEASE COMMITTEE

Member	Fred Batley
Member	Kate Ellis
Member	Ron Horton
Member	Lynda Parker
Member	Rev. Julie van Haaften

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Member	Fred Batley
Member	Susan Bott*
Member	Kim Dennis
Member	Kate Ellis
Member	Lynda Parker
Member	Marilyn Perrin
Member	Shirley Rolufs*
Member	Rev. Julie van Haaften
Member	Susan Weaver

**Please note that individuals marked with an asterisk will not continue their post in 2024.*

STEWARDS & PROPERTY

Chair	Kate Ellis
Treasurer	Marilyn Perrin
Member	Ruth Bowers
Member	Angus Fitzgerald
Member	Peter Floyd
Member	Ron Horton
Member	Barb Mills*
Member	JoAnne Rorke

STEWARDSHIP

Member	Natalie Dorsett
Member	Leslie Gutsale-Floyd
Member	Susan Weaver
Minister	Rev. Julie van Haaften

TRUSTEES

Chair	Fred Batley
Vice Chair	Bill Bott
Trustee	Peter Floyd
Trustee	Ron Horton
Trustee	Lynda Parker
Trustee	Dale White
Minister	Rev. Julie van Haaften

WORSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MISSION & SERVICE AND PASTORAL CARE

Chair	Lynda Parker
Music Dir.	Brian MacDonald*
Member	Linda Dorsett*
Member	Peggy Fillier
Member	Joyce Hodson*
Member	Jane Huggins
Member	Jim Lowes
Member	Shirley Lowes
Minister	Rev. Julie van Haaften

NOMINATIONS FOR 2024

The individuals below will be nominated to the following committees for the year 2024:

AFFIRM

Susan Bott, Member

FUNDRAISING

Doug Corbett, Member
 Joyce Corbett, Member
 Shirley Rolufs, Member
 Joanne Rorke, Member

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

Ruth Bowers, Member
 Bruce Clark, Member
 Richard Patterson, Member

WORSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MISSION & SERVICE AND PASTORAL CARE

Leslie Gutsale Floyd, Member
 Joyce Hodson, Co-Chair

**Please note that individuals marked with an asterisk will not continue their post in 2024.*

Congregational Meeting Minutes: February 26, 2023

The Congregational meeting was held as part of the Sunday morning worship service.

The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom. The link and instructions for using Zoom were sent to congregation members in advance. Yvonne Lai was the Zoom Monitor, watching the online attendees both for questions and voting.

In Attendance in Person

Rev. Julie van Haften, Jane Huggins, Karen Kooy, Yvonne Lai, Barb Herring, Joyce Hodson, Liza Ingram, Lynda Parker, Jane Jackson, Ron Horton, Peggy Fillier, Carol Urbach, Kate Ellis, W. Bruce Clark, Ruth Bowers, Fred Batley, Natalie Dorsett, Cathy Weiss, Bert Weiss, Roxanne Murduff, Waverly Porter, Brian MacDonald, Jim Lowes, Shirley Lowes, Shirley Rolufs, JoAnne Rorke, Bob Field, Sue Field, Marilyn Perrin, Carolee Awde, Shelley Moody, Tim Moody, Nate Axcell, Marney Horton

In Attendance via Zoom

Eileen Stanbury, Richard Patterson, Dorothy Rowan- Floyd, Susan Laurence

Copies of the 2022 St. James United Church Annual report were e-mailed out in advance of the meeting to all congregation members. Paper copies were also available.

Call to Order

Board chair, Jane Huggins called the meeting to order and thanked all those in attendance. She expressed heartfelt appreciation to all who supported the church and the board during the past year.

Jane Huggins made a motion that Rev. Julie van Haften act as chair for the meeting. There being no other nominations the motion was voted on and passed.

Jane Huggins made a motion that Marney Horton act as recording secretary for the meeting. There being no other nominations the motion was voted on and passed.

Jane Huggins announced that Yvonne Lai would act as Equity monitor for the meeting.

Permanent Motions

Marney Horton read the permanent motions (as passed at the Congregational meeting of Feb. 21, 2010) as follows:

“For the Official Board to have the authority to carry out the duties that would normally fall within the responsibility of the congregation between congregational meetings.”

“To allow additional people to join the various committees anytime throughout the year without having to come to the congregation.”

“That adherents have the right to vote on issues at the meeting on temporal matters; this covers the work, life and finances of the church.”

Minutes

Minutes of the February 27, 2022, Congregational meeting were available in the Annual Report on pages 9-11. Jim Lowes made a motion to accept the minutes as provided. Seconded by Peggy Fillier. CARRIED

Election of Auditors

Jane Huggins made a motion that Angus Fitzgerald and Ron Horton be the auditors for 2023. There being no other nominations the motion was passed.

Nominations Committee

Rev. Julie van Haaften thanked all those who had served on the various church committees and who were leaving their committees. She recognized Jane Huggins as the outgoing chair and thanked her for serving through two rather tumultuous years. Rev. Julie announced that the new chair of the board will be JoAnne Rorke and the treasurer will be Marilyn Perrin. Other new committee members names are in the Annual report.

Financial Report

Rev. Julie van Haaften asked treasurer Ron Horton to come to the stage and thanked him for his 13 years as the treasurer. She mentioned the many hours he has spent on webinars, applying for various subsidies during COVID and his diligence in keeping the board and the congregation aware of the church's financial situation. He was presented with a card signed by both staff and congregation members as well as a gift card. Ron was given a standing ovation.

Ron then reviewed the 2022 financial report section by section as printed in the 2022 St. James Church Annual report on pages 28-35. He gave an overview of each page and answered questions from the floor. There were two corrections brought forth: the amount the Tuesday morning craft group donated should read \$1,314. and the St. James Players donation should be \$12, 500.

Lynda Parker made a motion to accept the report with these revisions. Seconded by Bob Field. CARRIED

Budget 2023

The budget was presented in the Annual report on pages 36-37. Ron Horton asked if there were any questions and pointed out that there is a projected deficit of \$25,000. Marilyn Perrin made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Shirley Rolufs. CARRIED

Committee Reports

The 2022 Annual report contains reports from committees on pages 12-26. There was one correction on page 25 in the report from the St. James Players. The year end balance should read \$74,078.43. A motion to accept the reports with the one correction was made by Fred Batley and seconded by Jim Lowes. CARRIED

Staff Appreciation

Marilyn Perrin expressed heartfelt thanks to the church staff for their hard work and commitment to St. James. Their willingness to go the extra mile during some uncertain times and dealing with COVID was recognized.

New business

Ron Horton announced that a new ten-year lease has been signed with the New Canadian Centre effective October 1, 2023. There will be a 2.75% increase each year. There is also a clause that either party may break the lease with a 90-day written notice. We are presently awaiting a signature from ECORC. A motion was made by Fred Batley to accept this, seconded by Lynda Parker. CARRIED.

In Memoriam

Rev. Julie read the names of those who had passed away in 2022 and asked that we keep their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Adjournment

Rev. Julie van Haften thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their patience as we got Zoom set up. A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Lowes.

Congregational Meeting Minutes: June 4, 2023

In Attendance in Person & Online

Erik Feldcamp, Waverly Farquhar-Porter, Brian MacDonald, Lynda Parker, Justin Hiscox, Marilyn Perrin, Kate Ellis, Barb Herring, Joyce Hodson, Carolee Awde, Linda Dorsett, Andy Cragg, Ruth Bowers, Dale White, Jayne White, Diane Johnson, Trish Feeney, Gord Feeney, Kim Dennis, Norma Keough, Goldie Lock, Bob Chrysler, Lenore Lamoureux, Jane Jackson, Peter Cadman, Ellen Stewart, Liza Ingram, Yvonne Lai, Dorothy Rowan- Floyd, Natalie Dorsett, Barb Mills, Jim Mills, Roxanne Murduff, Cathy Weiss, Shirley Jackson, Shirley Lowes, Jim Lowes, Jane Huggins, Joanne Rorke, Shirley Rolufs, Peggy Fillier, Fran Daye, Sandy Hill, Sue Harvey, Sue Field, Bob Field, Peter Floyd, Ben Floyd, Lenora Blackmore, Julie van Haaften, Ron Horton, Marney Horton, Fred Batley, Richard Patterson, Eileen Stanbury

Call to Order

Joanne Rorke chair of the Official Board called the meeting to order. Peggy Fillier made a motion that Julie van Haaften be chair of the meeting and Marney Horton be secretary of the meeting. Seconded by Faith Morales. CARRIED

Julie van Haaften asked for a motion that Yvonne Lai be Equity monitor. Moved by Faith Morales and seconded by Jayne White. CARRIED

Julie van Haaften asked for a motion that the scrutineers be Peggy Fillier and Peter Floyd. Moved by Carolee Awde and seconded by Barb Mills. CARRIED

Permanent Motions

Marney Horton read the Permanent motions.

“For the Official Board to have the authority to carry out the duties that would normally fall within the responsibility of the congregation between Congregational meetings “

“That Adherents have the right to vote on issues at the meeting on temporal matters, this covers the work, life and finances of the church.”

Jim Lowes made a motion to accept these , seconded by Faith Morales. CARRIED

New business

Fred Batley, chair of the Board of Trustees read the motion to be discussed and voted on. “ That the NCC lease sub-committee continue conversations with the New Canadians Centre regarding the possibility of selling them our building.”

Moved by Barb Mills and seconded by Fred Batley.

Fred read and gave answers to the various questions that had been submitted by members of the congregation before the meeting. He opened the floor for further questions from those in attendance. He stressed that St. James is a vibrant church family and can remain so for many years. Having these conversations is a positive and proactive idea. The lease sub-committee

has spent many hours working on a new 10- year lease and both the NCC and St. James have signed the new lease with the understanding that the NCC would let us know by the end of 2023 if they are interested in purchasing the building. If they do decide to purchase, there would have to be changes made to the lease. We also have to present the idea to ECORC which will happen when representatives come to the June Board meeting.

The motion was read again, and the scrutineers gave out ballots to those attending. The results of the vote were Yes -46, No -4 Abstained – 2

The motion passed.

Bob Chrysler moved that the ballots be destroyed. Faith Morales seconded the motion.

Adjournment

Jim Mills made a motion to end the meeting.

A Message from the Board Chair

As we entered into 2023, Covid was still in our midst. Our Church has stepped up to the plate to continue making us a place that's open to new and exciting things while staying true to our calling and safe for all who enter our doors.

Our highlight was our 115th Anniversary celebrations. We were thrilled to welcome Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, to speak. We also welcomed an amazing cross section of people to the service. Our Church has never been so full.

Many thanks to all who have supported St. James throughout our highs and lows. We are a resilient bunch and I know we will rise above whatever is coming our way with hard work and perseverance. We do amazing things when we work together.

Thanks to Brian and the Choir for continuing with our amazing music program, and to Brian for agreeing to stay on until another director can be found.

We were able to also realize a very successful donor campaign, thanks to the St. James Players.

I know as a Church we can and will continue to do what it takes to keep thriving in the coming months, and I for one am grateful for being a part of this awesome group of people, who when we put our heads together can accomplish great things.

Bring on 2024, we're ready!

Joanne Rorke
Chair Official Board

Affirm Committee

Members: Susan Bott (chair), Carolee Awde, Kate Ellis, Karen Kooy, Barb Mills, Linda Parker, Richard Patterson and Julie Van Haften – Advisor

The Committee continues to support the congregation at St. James to be an inclusive and welcoming congregation.

March 12th was Affirm Committee Day of PIE. The lovely acronym PIE stands for Public, Intentional, and Explicit. These are the standards we hold ourselves to as an Affirming Ministry. The committee served tarts to the congregation after church, and they were enjoyed by everyone.

The St. James Congregation took part in the Pride Parade again and had many members of the congregation participating.

The Affirm Committee had numerous speakers throughout the year and Richard continued to prepare a Minute for Affirm numerous times.

Affirm ran a sock donation drive for One City Peterborough which we collected over 300 pairs of socks. We also sold peace pins this year for \$2.00 each.

The Committee will continue in its work and ministry to ensure we meet our commitment as an Affirming Congregation.

The Affirm Committee will be run without a chair this year but instead all committee members will take turns chairing the meetings and attending board meetings.

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan Bott

Christian Education Committee

Faith Morales continues to create a safe and nurturing environment for youth programs (Kidventure, summer camps and community events) at St. James.

Kidventure started the year off with an awesome food collection for Kawartha Food Share. The goal was 115 food items to be collected as it was the 115th anniversary of St. James. Kidventure delivered 117 items to Kawartha food share.

In January, we once again applied for a Canada Summer Jobs Grant for students to be hired for our summer camps. Many thanks to Yvonne Lai for her work on this application.

We had an excellent turn out of kids for the February Messy Church. 12 Kidventure kids made and decorated valentine cookies.

April 9th- another great turn out of kids for an outdoor Easter egg hunt in the park. 115 eggs were hidden (to match our 115th anniversary). All eggs were found!!

As director of summer camps, Faith managed the camp's daily activities and developed engaging weekly themes for the campers. Summer camp 2023 was a hit!! We had more than 100 unique kids over the 5 weeks of camp, many of which have already asked for more day camps, PA Day camps and plan on returning in summer of 2024.

Together, campers and counsellors made crafts like Pirate's Treasure Slime (Pirates Ahoy! week), Bottle Rockets (STEM week), fired ceramic tiles (4 Elements week) and dinosaur skeleton macaroni art (Art Attack Day Camp)! Campers spent countless hours playing outside in the splash pad, running in the field playing tag, soccer and themed games!

In the fall Kidventure planned and prepared for "The Grinch" for our Christmas Messy Church in Dec. It was a great success as well! The children had a lot of fun dressing up and rehearsing the show.

In Dec. Faith ran "Parent's Night Off Movie Night". We had 75% children from summer camps and 25% new community members join us for Christmas cookies and the Grinch movie.

Submitted by: Kim Dennis

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee members were Kate Ellis, Karen Kooy, Roxanne Murduff, Natalie Dorsett, Jim Mills, with Joanne Rorke and Shirley Rolufs as co-chairs in this past year.

During 2023 we arranged a hot lunch with entertainment after our Church service on March 26th; provided refreshments at the Players Spring production of Anne of Green Gables in April; refreshments at Brian's Broadway on June 23rd; also, a couple of Metal Drops were held.

Memorial Trees are an ongoing project, and we presently have 83 names on the trees with many more leaves available for the names of your friends and loved ones.

Stay tuned for our upcoming events in 2024.

Joanne Rorke and Shirley Rolufs
Co-Chairs, Fundraising Cttee.

Gift Cards

I would like to extend a big hearty thank you to everyone who purchased Gift Cards during 2023. A total of 3,140 cards were ordered resulting in a profit of \$4,969 for St. James. Way to go! The best year since we started in 2014.

During 2023, the New Canadians Centre decided to purchase gift cards through St. James as it freed up some of their time performing this task. During the summer months, orders were about \$200 each in profit. In August, they decided to process all their orders through St. James. What a bonus.

Of the \$4,969 profit realized in 2023, \$2,588 was due to orders submitted by the NCC. A big shout-out to them for their participation. Thank you NCC.

The beauty of this program is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our church without spending anything additional. Just spend your family's regular shopping dollars at the stores that participate in the program. Gift cards can be used for just about any purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, furniture, building supplies, auto repair, gasoline, dining out and much more. Look at it as paying for products and services in advance. There is absolutely no extra out-of-pocket expense to you. You only spend what you normally do for these items.

Gift cards are available from a large number of major retailers. Popular retailers that participate in the program include: Loblaws, Sobeys, Freshco, Foodland, No Frills, Canadian Superstore, Independent, Metro, Canadian Tire, Home Depot, Home Hardware, Swiss Chalet, Harvey's, Wendy's, Cineplex, Best Buy, The Keg, La Senza, Pizza Pizza, GAP, Old Navy, Kelsey's, the Bay, Lowe's, Pioneer Petroleum, Petro Canada, Esso, Ultramar, Shoppers Drug Mart, Walmart, Winners and many others.

Thanks again for supporting this worthwhile fundraising opportunity in 2023. Your participation helps support our many ministries and programs and is greatly appreciated by all.

Submitted by Jim Lowes

Ministry & Personnel Committee

This has been another exciting year in the life and work of St. James. We continue to be so grateful for the work of our dedicated and committed staff.

Rev. Julie van Haaften deserves special recognition for the success of the 115th Anniversary Service which took a great deal of planning to fill our Wesley Hall with so many people from various congregations in the area to hear the Moderator of the United Church of Canada address the service. We were able to host two major multi-faith events at St. James this year: the Abraham Festival and the Hope Abides service; both requiring a lot of planning and implementation on the part of Rev. Julie. She states that her major accomplishments include being a leader in navigating the church through another year of ministry and with helping the congregation deal with the fear of the unknown as St. James moves into another year. We sincerely thank Rev. Julie for her continued enthusiasm and love for St. James.

Brain Macdonald has really gone above and beyond for St. James this year. He has continued to serve as our Music Director through another year despite a desire to step back. He provides such beautiful, meaningful music every Sunday and continues to develop the talent of our dedicated choir.

Our office continues to run efficiently due to the administrative skills of Lindsay Leslie. It can be challenging running the office, responding to the requests of committees, maintaining a wide variety of church records — and the list goes on. Lindsay manages to juggle all of these various balls. For that we are very grateful.

Kidventure provides a safe, educational and fun space for the children, tweens and teens who attend our services on Sunday morning. This is due to the enthusiasm and talent of Faith Morales who is always looking for meaningful ways to keep our young people engaged and feeling a strong bond with St. James. Her time and joy are appreciated by all — young and not-so-young.

Keeping a large, rambling and very busy building clean is a challenge. Lynda Parker has been our Sunday Custodian for many years. Last Spring, she approached M&P about this being a volunteer position shared by several individuals. We thank Lynda for her time as a paid employee as well as for her continued contributions as a volunteer. Sue Morgan is our custodian who puts in many hours every week keeping our “house” clean for our members and visitors and we thank her for all of the effort that she puts into her work with us.

Thank you to all of our Staff who give so much of themselves to support St. James and all who are welcome here. Your service is invaluable!

Submitted by: Susan Weaver, Chair

Board of Stewards

The Board of Stewards are the caregivers of the building and property. We are all volunteers who are always on call 24/7, 365 days a year. The building's needs never stop.

Some of the duties of the Stewards are as follows:

- Responding to security alarms
- Tending to lawns, gardens and parking lot
- Fixing anything we can on our own
- Calling contractors in when needed and hanging around until jobs are completed
- Emptying dehumidifiers
- Keeping pests out and under control
- Maintenance for tenants
- Trying to keep the building neat and tidy

Scheduled Repairs and tests

- Pumping grease trap in the kitchen yearly
- Yearly water back flow inspection
- Changing batteries in many CO2 detectors where electricity is not an option
- Scheduling yearly alarm system tests and getting deficiency repaired
- Yearly inspection of elevator
- Every Fall, bleeding air out of radiators
- Changing furnace filters

Repair 2023 and upgrades (Just to name a few)

- Major boiler repairs (both)
- Alarm system repairs (on-going)
- Elevator repairs (many)
- Sewage backup
- Roof repair
- Repainting lines in the parking lot
- Elevating slopes (Aylmer side) so water drains away from the building
- Finished main floor painting of halls and hanging beautiful signs for easy navigation

Toughest challenges in 2023

- New garbage by-law and getting all groups in sync with how to sort recycling and do garbage
- Monitoring propping doors and getting groups to only let their own in
- Getting snowplow bill and cringing at our monthly meeting

2023 was an eye-opener. The cost to repair our aging building and all the aging systems that run the church. Sometimes over budget.

Thank you, volunteers.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kate Ellis, Chair of the Board of Stewards

Stewardship

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

We feel confident in saying that the members of St. James have shown themselves to be cheerful givers based on the generous response to the Stewardship calls for donations.

The economic times are always challenging but this past year has seen significant increases in most of the essential items in our day-to-day lives. Those financial challenges are felt by the Church as well with increases in such essential items as utility bills and building and property maintenance. Maintaining our church is what allows us to operate our various programs so that we can support our community.

It is so encouraging to see that you contribute what you can, when you can. The Stewardship Committee is very aware that some of you may not always be able to answer the call for financial contributions, but that you support the work of our committee in other ways. The Stewardship Committee is able to continue its work as a result of the generous giving of those who are able to respond to our Giving Sundays, of which we have two a year; our Donor Match, which we have been able to feature for the past three years due to the generous challenges extended by our donors; and our Anniversary Match (i.e. \$115 for St. James' 115th Anniversary).

The mandate of our committee is to continue to ask you to assist in meeting the goals of St. James while recognizing that every individual is invited to give only as much as they can when they can. Thank you for your on-going support as you are able.

Natalie Dorsett
Leslie Gutsale Floyd
Rev. Julie
Susan Weaver

Board of Trustees

The Trustees continue to oversee the monies, investments, and insurance of the church.

As Chair of the Trustees, I am a member of the NCC Lease sub-committee.

The Trustees have also been involved in the discussions regarding the selling/lease to own of the building, as required.

Thank you so much to all the committee members for your work on behalf of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted by:

Fred Batley, Chair of Trustees

Worship, Membership and Mission & Service Committee

2023 was a year of many celebrations of our 115th Anniversary.

Starting in January, PATH volunteers, Margaret Slavin and Sue Gontier gave a presentation.

Valentine's cards were distributed to members in February. These were made at a Messy Church event.

Pink Shirt Day was celebrated with Shirley Jackson telling us about the Underground Railway. February is always a special music month as we sing many of the familiar spirituals.

Toonies for Mission and Service were collected in March, surpassing our goal of 115 toonies. On Good Friday, the Northminster congregation joined us in a beautiful, heartfelt service.

In May, 130 lunches were prepared for One City. Everyone was encouraged to write what "St. James means to Me", and Julie shared results with us.

Flowers were given to the women on Family Day, and Fathers' Day cards were distributed to the men on Fathers' Day. A trivia contest was held during a service in June. On June 25th, we held a farewell service and luncheon for Brian MacDonald. Unfortunately, his replacement, Justin Hiscox, was not able to join us, so Brian has agreed to stay with us until a replacement can be found.

To cover Julie's Summer study leave and vacation, lay speakers, Jane Huggins, Jim Lowes, Joyce Hodson, Shirley Rolufs, Lynda Parker and Joanne Rorke filled in. Many thanks for your thoughtful services. We also welcomed Matt Barlow and Mary Gordon from Bridges Peterborough, and Rev. Darren Liepold.

The Committee hosted a corn and hotdog lunch in September.

Our Affirm anniversary guest speaker was Reem Ali, and we observed Orange Shirt Day.

October was a very busy month. Harvest items were brought in for the communion table for Thanksgiving; World-wide Communion was celebrated; the Abraham Festival held their annual service at St. James with entertainment and vegetarian potluck lunch following in the Large Auditorium and a Blessing of the Animals service was held.

115th Anniversary service was held on October 29th with the Honourable Right Reverend Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator, as our guest speaker. Former affirm speakers, several ministers, Northminster, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Abraham Festival, Oasis, Emmanuel United were invited. A light lunch and reception followed in the Large Auditorium.

On Transgender Remembrance Day in November, we welcomed Betty Baker as our guest speaker.

The sanctuary was decorated for Christmas by the choir and members of our committee.

In December, we held a Hope Abides multi-faith service, and those attending received a rock with "hope abides" message. Children presented a Grinch Christmas play, and the Choir provided special Christmas solos and duets.

Two services were held on Christmas eve, and no service was held on New Years' Eve. Santa appeared and presented the children with gifts.

Angel tree donations of 36 gift cards (\$645) were distributed to Crossroads and Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid.

Albert Moher shares his gift of music with us once a month.

Minute for Mission, Stewardship and Affirm videos are shared on a rotating basis. M&S givings were distributed as received.

Committee members take turns greeting on Sunday morning and seeing that everyone has a name tag.

Membership and shut-in lists were reviewed and updated.

Lindsay keeps track of our rolls, and Rev. Julie keeps in touch with those who can't attend in person.

Christmas cards were sent to shut-ins. A team of volunteers delivered bulletins to shut-ins. Many thanks to those who provide this service.

Thanks to the volunteers who help during the services greeting, ushering, reading scriptures, manning the sound booth, power point, and decorating. Many hands make light work. Thanks to Linda Dorsett for your work on the committee. You will be missed.

Thanks to Rev. Julie and Brian for your leadership, and to all the committee members for your support and hard work.

In 2023, we lost six members to death, and nine people joined the church.

Submitted by, Lynda Parker, Chair

We welcomed nine new members through confirmation or transfer of membership this year.

This year we celebrated two weddings and no baptisms

Reverend Julie officiated at 15 funerals.

Delegate to ECORC

ECORC met twice this year. The spring meeting was on May 5th and 6th at Trinity United Church in Cobourg. The Region formed a task group to draft a strategic plan framework for the next five years, with specific activity streams and measurables for the next two years. Building on the areas of focus offered by the General Council in its strategic planning document, "Strategic Plan 2023-2025," we adopted as our organizing principle the 'fish' diagram which consists of these categories: Growth (Renew, Create, Invite), Justice, Climate, Leadership, Indigenous Pathways, and (the Church's) Common Good.

Inspired by 'the fish', the task group named itself 'Discerning Currents'. The Indigenous Pathways part reflects the important discernment work being done by the Indigenous Church in determining its relationship with the settler church. The settler church work is reflected in the work being done to adopt the remit, and the ongoing Regional work of the Indigenous Justice and Respectful Relationships forum. <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/our-call-and-our-vision>).

We voted to establish an Autonomous National Indigenous organization. It was Rev Paul Reed's last meeting and Rev Wanda Stride is the new leader of ECORC. There was a covenant with our new Executive Minister, Rev Eric Hebert-Daly.

Our fall meeting was at Emanuel United Church in Odessa on October 27th and 28th. On Oct 27th I went to the Walking the Path to Peace Together. Walking the Path to Peace Together – Kingston Indigenous Languages Nest – planting a Little Forest Nindazhiikewinaan Our community: The Little Forest on HWY 15 is planted on 2.86 acres of pasture located in the peri-rural area of east Kingston. This site is owned by the United Church of Canada and was intended to be the future site of the Faith United Church building. In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Faith United community and the local Indigenous community began several years of conversation, relationship building, and consultation, culminating in the United Church's commitment to repatriate the land to the Katarokwi urban Indigenous community and the formation of the Walking the Path of Peace Together land council. The land is important for cultural and language revitalization. The Kingston Indigenous Languages Nest (KILN), committed to land-based culture and language revitalization supported the planting of the Little Forest with TD Friends of the Environment funding. Our community is in relationship with the land – we are kin relatives. We see ourselves as part of the ecosystem web of kin relations. A key belief is that the land, the humans, and all beings are the community. Why we planted a little forest: The WTPPT land council agreed to plant a little forest as it was in keeping with the desire to nurture biodiversity, respond to the climate crisis and restore native species back to the land, and thereby also support the restoration of the soil as it partnered with the roots of the Little Forest. Kingston Indigenous Languages Nest sought funding to support the planting of trees as a cultural and language revitalization activity. On Saturday I attended the ECORC fall meeting in Odessa. We will be hearing more about the Strategic plan in the coming months.

The Formation Nurture and Justice Forum has been working on THE PORTRAIT PROJECT (ongoing process). The vision is to bring an inclusive recognition of Intercultural and Indigenous leaders who have made significant contributions to the wider Church, as well as working through their

own communities of faith. Examples might be The Right Rev. Stan Mackay, Sang Chang-Lee, Rev. Wilbur Howard, and of course, our current Moderator, Carmen Lansdowne. Eleven communities of faith are now hanging portraits of their choice. St James United Church has a picture Moderator Carmen Lansdowne hanging in our hall.

Submitted by Peggy Fillier

St. James United Church Women

The women of St. James UCW continue to be an active group. We met for 2 general meetings with about 18 people attending. The Executive had 9 meetings and the two units met monthly.

At our June general meeting we collected clothing, blankets and diapers for babies and children. These were given to the Youth Emergency Shelter and Crossroads. During the year we had three muffin parties, a plant sale, an electronics and metal drop and the most successful Christmas café and bazaar. We also made beef, turkey, veggie and fruit pies. These were sold at the muffin parties, the bazaar and through many regular supporters. We made fruit pies and cookies for Valentines Day too.

After not having any receptions for several years due to COVID restrictions we had four in five weeks! Once again, our members were amazing in providing food and help for these. It was, however, a chance to celebrate the lives of Elizabeth Stillman, Wilma Byers, Jeanne Ellis and Opal Murphy. In October, we helped with the luncheon for the Abraham Festival.

In August, the UCW led one of the church services under the excellent leadership of Past President Shirley Rolufs. Various members took part in the service.

In the spring, we honoured Shirley Rolufs with a life membership pin in recognition of her many years as a member and Unit leader.

All women of the church are invited to be part of the UCW. There are two units – one meets in the afternoon the other meets in the evening. If you would like to join, please speak with Marney Horton.

I would like to thank Shirley Rolufs for presiding as President for 3 ½ years. I would also thank the executive for all their help since I became President in June.

UCW Executive for 2024 is: President – Marney Horton, Secretary – Sue Harvey, Treasurer – Eileen Stanbury, Sunshine – Peggy Fillier, Special Luncheons and Outreach – Lynda Parker, Kitchen and nominations – Marney Horton, Afternoon unit leader – Jayne White, Evening unit leader – Shirley Rolufs

Marney Horton

President, UCW

St. James UCW Financial Summary 2023

Income

Envelopes & Offerings	\$531.20
Donations	\$60.00
Funeral lunches	\$2,149.49
Projects, Interest & Dividends	\$16,481.49

Annual Income	\$19,222.18
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Previous Balance Dec 31, 2022	\$4,118.26
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	\$23,340.44
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Expenses

Administration/ Gifts	\$3,528.23
GIC Invested	\$2,500.00
Kitchen/Coffee	\$255.50
Donations to St. James incl. M & S	\$15,400.00
Outreach	\$1,000.00

Annual Expenses	\$22,683.73
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Balance Dec 31, 2023	
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	\$656.71
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The St. James Players

Chairperson: Fred Batley

Vice-chairperson: Faith Morales

Treasurer: Natalie Dorsett

Co-Secretary: Leslie Gutsale-Floyd, Debbie Airhart



Anne of Green Gables- Spring 2023:

We were finally able to put this show on the stage in Wesley Hall from April 19-23, 2023 where we performed 5 shows. The show was directed by Waverly Farquhar Porter and produced by Faith Morales. We pretty much sold out every show. We coordinated with the Fundraising Committee to supply food and refreshments to the audience for each show. We had an excellent cast and crew of 40 people which allowed us to put on such an amazing and well received show.

All Shook Up- Fall 2023:

Took place on Nov. 10-18, 2023, at Showplace. The show was directed by Jacquie Butler, and we had an amazing cast and crew of approximately 80 people. This was a new undertaking for us as it was a jukebox musical based on the music of Elvis Presley. We were not sure how ticket sales and attendance would go but the ticket sales picked up the second week of the show. It was a great show, and the music was lively, and people left dancing and singing after each show. We are looking at again only offering ticket sales at the Showplace box office in the future but there will be limited advance sales for the congregation, cast and crew.

Gentlemen's Guide to Love & Murder- Winter 2024:

This is the first time that we have done a third show in the history of the Players and will be the second show to be put on in Wesley Hall. We have made some improvements since putting on Anne of Green Gables and will be enhancing the sound with having the cast wearing body mics. We have installed the snake and cables to provide sound to the Friendship Room, Wesley Hall, and Narthex areas where we can put the live orchestra/band for shows, etc. A TV will be installed on the balcony so the cast will be able to see the conductor when in the Friendship Room and for the Church choir. We are excited to put on this hilarious musical which has many twists and turns. The show will be performed in Wesley Hall from February 9-17, 2024, where we will put on 8 shows. The show will be directed by Nate Axcell and produced by Fred Batley/Faith Morales. We have an excellent cast and crew who cannot wait to bring this show to life on stage for the Community. Tickets are now on sale at the St James Player's website.

The Little Mermaid- Spring 2024:

We just completed the auditioning and casting process for the show, and we had 140 people come to audition. We are looking forward to performing our third show of the season on the stage in Wesley Hall from May 2-5, 2024, where we will put on 5 shows. The show will be directed by Tracey Allison and produced by Faith Morales. We have an excellent cast and crew who cannot wait to start rehearsals and perform on stage for the Community. Watch for upcoming events and ticket sales.

Financials for Annual Report are as follows:

- Balance at December 31, 2023: \$63,856
- Investments: \$0

Comments:

We donated approximately \$17,500 financially to St James Church and we were so excited to be able to help support the congregation especially with the Donor Match campaign.

We are in the process of developing our strategic direction for the next 3-5 years.

A big thank you to the St. James Players Board of Directors, volunteers, and St. James church congregation for all you do and your continued support for our productions.

As a community theatre group, we have provided a safe and nurturing environment for many youths from our church and local community for the past 51 years.

Submitted by Fred Batley

Tuesday Morning Craft Club

LEADER

Lynda Parker – 705-742-1983

TREASURER

Linda Chambo – 705-742-9172

2023 was a bountiful year for our crafters and I am so proud of their generosity.

- 65 lap blankets taken to Fairhaven.
- 10 scarves to Good Neighbours
- 13 afghans to Linus Project
- 9 afghans to Y.E.S.
- 30 scarves and 7 hats to Janet McCue for far north
- 12 hats, 20 scarves and 5 afghans to path
- 6 blankets to the humane society for cat beds
- 12 hats, 7 scarves and 1 pair of mittens to the NCC.
- donated \$500 to the snowplowing fund, \$500 to matching donor fund, and \$500 to the general fund.

By selling wool blends and afghans, we were able to donate \$240 to Operation Smile.

We had a potluck luncheon in June, and a Cheese Shop-catered lunch in December with our guests, Julie and Lindsay.

If you enjoy crafts, or just a morning of fellowship, please consider joining us in 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Jan 1, 2023	\$ 177.00
Donations and sales	\$1738.00
Total	\$1915.00

Expenses	
Operation Smile	\$ 240.00
St. James General Fund	\$ 500.00
Matching Donor Fund	\$ 500.00
Snowplowing Donation	\$ 500.00
Total Expenses	\$1740.00

Balance Dec 2023	\$ 175.00
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Sharing our space with others

The halls and rooms of St. James were once again busy in 2023.

NEW CANADIANS CENTRE

The New Canadian Centre has grown over the last couple of years and there are many new faces.

The NCC has been using the rooms at St. James more frequently. They use the Large Auditorium for some of their larger community events, the Small Auditorium for sewing classes for newcomers and exercise classes for the women's group, Wesley Hall for meetings and community partner events and, of course, the women's group still meets weekly in our kitchen to prepare meals together.

ST. JAMES PLAYERS

The St. James Players had their first ever production in Wesley Hall and it was a success! Every show of Anne of Green Gables was sold out, so St. James was able to welcome many new members of the community into the building.

2024 will be an exciting year for St. James Players with two Winter/Spring shows in Wesley Hall!

COMMUNITY ROLL CALL

The Church is proud to share its space with many community partners and organizations.

We are pleased to have such a diverse group of community groups and organizations who contribute to the vibrant community centre that St. James strives to be.

We welcomed Mapleridge pickleball players as new tenants at St. James in 2023.

Below you will find some of our wonderful community partners and organizations who used our space in 2023.

Community Partners and Organizations:

Autism Ontario
Electric City Players
Fyd-L-Styx

Girl Guides of Canada
International Auction
Kawartha Muslim Religious Association
Klusterfork
New Canadians Centre
Nogojwanong Friendship Centre

Peterborough Academy of Circus Arts
Peterborough Academy of Performing Arts
Peterborough and District Obedience Club
Peterborough New Horizons Band
Peterborough Youth Roller Derby
Peterborough Youth Services
The Children's Montessori School
Trellis Entertainment

Financial Reports

ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH, PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

IN GENERAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2023

RECEIPTS

	2023	2022
CE summer camp (net)*	\$2,631	\$0
CE General	\$180	\$379
CE P.A. Day camps (net)*	\$0	\$0
In Memoriam Donations	\$3,762	\$7,492
Envelope givings (includes online)	\$59,267	\$82,983
Stewardship Campaigns	\$22,210	\$0
Other Special Givings	\$2,633	\$0
PAR givings	\$67,710	\$68,293
Fundraising (net)*	\$5,783	\$936
Gift Cards (net)*	\$4,968	\$2,073
UCC loan/government wage subsidies	\$0	\$21,112
Interest (savings account & GICs)	\$806	\$619
Loose offering	\$1,364	\$541
Miscellaneous	\$14,322	\$15,379
Organizations (general funds only)	\$32,025	\$20,604
Rentals	\$93,222	\$72,677
Salaries and Benefits Income	\$1,131	\$0
Memorial Fund	\$25,000	\$0
Total Receipts	\$337,015	\$293,088

*See breakdown of these four accounts in "Special Accounts" below.

DISBURSEMENTS

	2023	2022
ADP	\$446	\$426
Advertising	\$0	\$0
Affirm Committee	\$656	\$338
Bank Fees/Line of Credit Interest	\$657	\$447
Christian Education General	\$650	\$1,045
Church building cleaning	\$16,836	\$15,616
Elevator	\$7,078	\$1,462
Employee Benefits/Allowances/E.I./CPP	\$34,429	\$31,154
Fuel and utilities	\$37,593	\$24,457
Insurance	\$14,220	\$11,755
GIC/savings account purchase	\$25,000	\$3,270
Miscellaneous	\$6,274	\$4,504
Ministry & Personnel Committee	\$1,246	\$253
Office supplies/phone/postage/copier/internet	\$11,893	\$9,152
PAR	\$220	\$217
Regional UCC assessment (ECORC)	\$11,679	\$7,591
Repairs/maintenance/janitorial	\$45,058	\$44,870
Salaries	\$142,617	\$137,864
Technology Replacement Fund	\$480	\$699
Worship Committee – General	\$1,228	\$1,190
Worship – Choir Supplies	\$0	\$16
Worship – Honoraria – Music	\$350	\$250
Worship - Honoraria – Speakers	\$900	\$950
Worship – Instrument Maintenance	\$136	\$407
WSIB	\$601	\$303
Total Expenses	\$360,247	\$298,236

Surplus (Deficit) **-\$23,232** **-\$5,148**

Special accounts:

	2023	2022
1 - Mission and Service: received/disbursed	\$8775	\$8,563
2 - Capital costs: received/disbursed	\$0	\$0
3 - Kawartha Food Share: received/disbursed	\$575	\$570
4 - Gift cards: received	\$129,470	\$56,065
disbursed	\$124,502	\$53,992
5 - Summer camp: received	\$18,177	\$0
disbursed	\$15,546	\$0
6 - P.A. Day camps: received	\$0	\$0
disbursed	\$0	\$0
7 - Fundraising: received	\$6,312	\$3,629
disbursed	\$529	\$2,693
8 – Angel Tree: Received/Disbursed	\$0	\$375

Statement of Assets and Congregational Equity

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Assets/ (Liabilities)

GENERAL FUNDS

	2023	2022
Bank account (chequing)	\$14,245	\$9,358
Accounts Receivable (rents)	\$995	\$2,449
Accounts payable (outstanding cheques)	-\$3,401	-\$8,858
Due to restricted funds (money owing to line of credit)		
	\$0	-\$35,500
Total	\$11,839	-\$32,251

*GIC's valued at \$37,000 were cashed during the first quarter of 2023 (from both the restricted account and the Memorial Church Fund) due to our poor cash flow. We were able to purchase a GIC valued at \$25,000 with a donation made to the St. James Memorial Fund. We have been using our line of credit at times in lieu of cashing GICs; the line of credit was fully paid back by Dec. 31/23 but will likely need to be used again early in 2024. Interest paid in 2023 for our line of credit was \$217. Cashing a GIC or using our line of credit is necessary because our expenses are relatively even throughout the year, our revenue is not; revenue is heavily weighted towards the end of the calendar year and lowest during the May to September period. The "money owed for GICs cashed but not repurchased" has been removed which explains the difference between this 2023 and 2022 amounts due to restricted funds.

RESTRICTED FUNDS (ALLOCATED AND UNALLOCATED)

	2023	2022
Bank account (savings)	\$19,216	\$2,192
Term Deposits (all in GICs)	\$56,408	\$60,500
Total restricted funds	\$75,624	\$62,692
Less manse GIC	-\$38,000	-\$38,000
Less allocated restricted funds (details below)	-\$16,306	-\$15,771
Total allocated restricted funds	\$21,318	\$8,921

DESIGNATED FUNDS (INCLUDED IN "LESS ALLOCATED DESIGNATED FUNDS" LINE ABOVE)

	2023	2022
Benevolent	\$298	\$373
Building fund	\$13,864	\$6,201
Stained glass windows		\$5,270
Aylmer St. Garden		\$48
Gym equipment		\$25
Choir/Music program		\$0
ECO summer camp subsidies		\$2,370
Deposits (weddings and keys)	\$965	\$785
Technology Replacement Fund	\$1,179	\$699
Total	\$16,306	\$15,771

*At the March 2023 meeting of the St. James Official Board, it was decided to move the money from the asterisked funds into the general fund. Future expenses for any of these funds will be taken from the general account.

St. James Memorial Church Fund

Bequests have been invested in 12 GICs, 8 of which have been cashed in the last few years (for \$43,500) to assist our cash flow. The 4 remaining GICs total \$32,500.

We received one new bequest in 2023 that was designated for the Memorial Church Fund. As well, we received a bequest which was designated for the general fund. Interest earned from the GICs, and the savings account is transferred to the general funds in the month that it is earned..

Comments to Financial Statements

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) These financial statements are comprised of the accounts under the control of the Church Official Board. They do not include the assets, equity, receipts, disbursements, etc. of any of the Church organizations (e.g. - UCW, St. James Players, etc.).

b) Expenditures of a capital nature are written off in the year of acquisition.

2. MISSION AND SERVICE

All Mission and Service receipts are forwarded to the United Church of Canada at the end of the month in which they are received (\$8,775 in 2023). Money received for the Food Bank is forwarded to Kawartha Food Share twice a year (\$575 in 2023).

3. MANSE PROCEEDS

The proceeds from the sale of the Princess St. manse (\$38,000) are invested in a GIC. The interest earned on this GIC is included in the current general fund receipts (interest line).

4. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Group	General Fund		M&S		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
United Church Women	\$12,000	\$9,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$12,000
St. James Players	\$17,500	\$10,000			\$17,500	\$10,000
Friendship Card Group	\$900	\$500			\$900	\$500
Fyd-L-Styx	\$625				\$625	
Tuesday Morn. Craft Group	\$1,500	\$1,104			\$1,500	\$1,104
Totals	\$32,525	\$20,604	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$35,525	\$23,604

In 2023, the UCW also donated \$200 to the benevolent fund and \$200 to camp subsidies.

Grand total from organizations in 2023: \$35,925 (2022 - \$23,804).

We sincerely thank these groups again for their financial assistance!

Summary of Envelope/Online/PAR Givings

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Annual Offerings	Number of Donors*	
	2023	2022
\$0 – \$50	27	29
\$50.01 – \$100	11	21
\$100.01 – \$500	43	37
\$500.01 – \$1,000	20	18
\$1,000.01 – \$5,000	43	45
\$5,000.01 and up	2	6
Total donors*	146	156

*Total donors excludes money received from church organizations and from bequests. It does include one-time visitors/donors such as those who attended funerals, Christmas Eve and/or Easter services, etc.; This would include almost all the people in the \$0 to \$100 range above.

Total number of envelope holders in 2023 was 54; this number is included in the total number of donors above; in 2022, there were 64 envelope holders. This number has dropped over the past few years due to deaths, people moving, members going on PAR, etc.

Average annual donation in 2023 was \$1,115 (includes envelopes, PAR, in memoriam donations, one-time visitors, etc.) per donor (not per envelope holder): \$ (2022: \$1,091).

Number of members on Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) as of Dec. 31/23: 37 (2022: 36). Five people, realizing the benefits of being on PAR, moved to it in 2023. We urge other people to consider switching over to PAR in 2024.

Mission and Service (M & S) Funds – Receipts and Disbursements

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

RECEIPTS

	2023	2022
M & S (Envelopes/loose change)	\$5,775	\$8,563
M & S (UCW)	\$3,000	\$3,000
M & S (World Development/Relief)	\$0	\$0
Angel Tree (gift cards were donated, not cash)	\$645	\$375
Food Bank (for Kawartha Food Share)	\$575	\$570
Benevolent	\$744	\$356
Total	\$10,739	\$12,864

DISBURSEMENTS

	2023	2022
Mission and Service	\$8,775	\$8,563
World Development/Relief	\$0	\$0
Angel Tree	\$645	\$375
Food bank	\$575	\$570
Benevolent	\$819	\$525
Total	\$10,814	\$10,033

Benevolent Fund

Opening Balance Jan 1, 2023:	\$ 373.00
Received during 2023:	\$ 744.00 (includes \$200 from UCW)
Disbursed during 2023:	\$ 819.00
Closing Balance Dec 31, 2023:	\$ 298.00

The benevolent fund is used at the discretion of the minister to help individuals/families in need. The fund receives donations from church members, bequests, UCW, and the loose change on the collection plate on Communion Sundays. In 2023, several individuals/families were assisted with gift cards or food.

St. James United Church Memorial Trust Fund

This fund consists of donations from legacy bequests that are directed to St. James United Church. A GIC is purchased with each bequest. Interest from these GICs is transferred to our general account and is then shown on the "interest" line under receipts in the monthly and annual reports. As of December 31, 2023, the capital amount was \$32,500.

Legacy Gifts Received:

2012: Mrs. Gwyneth Thomson	2014: Mr. Wayne Dominick
2012: Mrs. Violet Bell	2014: Mr. Bert Geary
2012: Mr. Walter Murphy	2019: Mr. Denis Garrod
2013: Mr. Norman Sullivan	2020: Mr. Al Millett
2013: Mrs. Madeline Watson	2021: Mr. Lloyd Sucee
2014: Mrs. Blanche Campbell	2023: Mr. Ed McLellan

2023 Budget

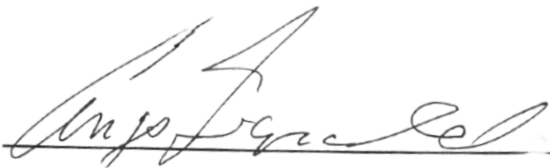
	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
<u>General Account - Receipts</u>		
Christian Education - General	\$180	\$100
C.E. summer camp (net)	\$2,631	\$700
C.E. P.A. day camps (net)	\$0	\$0
Envelope givings (incl. online)	\$59,268	\$51,750
Stewardship Campaigns	\$22,210	\$23,000
Other Special Givings	\$2,633	\$1,400
PAR givings	\$67,708	\$67,750
Fundraising (net)	\$5,783	\$4,000
Gift Cards (net)	\$4,968	\$5,000
In Memoriam Donations	\$3,762	\$3,000
Interest	\$806	\$400
Loose offering	\$1,364	\$1,300
Memorial Fund	\$25,000	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$14,322	\$15,400
Organizations	\$32,025	\$32,000
Rentals (net)	\$93,222	\$96,000
Salaries and Benefits Income	\$1,131	\$0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$337,015	\$301,800
	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
<u>General account expenses</u>		
Salaries	\$142,617	\$150,150
Employee benefits/allowances	\$34,429	\$33,000
ADP	\$446	\$453
Advertising	\$0	\$0
Affirm committee	\$656	\$425
Bank Fee/ Line of Credit Charges	\$657	\$650
Christian Education – general	\$650	\$600
Church Building Cleaning	\$16,836	\$17,500
ECORC (region) Assessment	\$11,679	\$11,800
Elevator	\$7,078	\$2,000
Fuel/utilities	\$37,593	\$39,000
GIC Purchase	\$25,000	\$0
Insurance	\$14,220	\$15,708
Ministry & Personnel Committee	\$1,245	\$300
Miscellaneous	\$6,274	\$4,500
Office/phone/postage/supplies	\$11,893	\$12,000
PAR	\$220	\$220
Repairs/maintenance/janitorial supplies	\$45,058	\$40,000
Technology Replacement Fund	\$480	\$480
Worship Committee (general)	\$1,228	\$1,326
Worship - choir supplies	\$0	\$100
Worship – honoraria music	\$350	\$600
Worship – honoraria speakers	\$900	\$1,500
Worship – instrument maintenance	\$136	\$300
WSIB	\$601	\$800
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$360,247	\$333,412
Total Expenses	\$360,247	\$333,412
Total Receipts	\$337,015	\$301,800
Surplus/deficit	-\$23,232	-\$31,612

	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
<u>Special Accounts</u>		
Mission & Service	\$8,776	\$6,500
Capital Expenses	\$0	\$0
Kawartha Food Share	\$575	\$575
Gift cards		
Received	\$129,470	\$129,500
Disbursed	\$124,502	\$124,500
Profit	\$4,968	\$5,000
Summer camp		
Received	\$18,177	\$18,200
Disbursed	\$15,546	\$17,500
Surplus/Loss	\$2,631	\$700
PA Day Camps		
Received	\$0	\$0
Disbursed	\$0	\$0
Surplus/Loss	\$0	\$0
Fundraising		
Received	\$6,312	\$5,000
Disbursed	\$529	\$1,000
Surplus/Loss	\$5,783	\$4,000

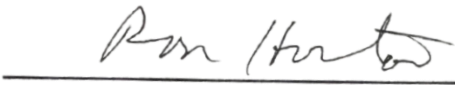
Auditor's Report

In accordance with our responsibilities as appointed auditors for the St. James United Church, Peterborough, Ontario general funds, special funds, and restricted funds, we confirm that we have reviewed the records of cash (including cheques) received, funds disbursed, and balances from the close of, and accounting activities for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. We have also reviewed the accounting procedures and controls in place. As well, we understand that there is an offsite church computer backup system in place, as well as a backup of the treasurer's home computer (both done on a weekly basis).

Angus Fitzgerald



Ronald Horton



Date:

January 21/24

In Memoriam

Isobel Mary Bowen
W. Keith Borland
Carol Ann Downey
Jeanne Alfreda Ellis*
George Edward Froggett
Betty Beulah Fulsang
James Matthew Hiscox
Donald Allen Johnson*

Beryl McClenaghan*
Ella Marjorie McCoy
Opal Irene Murphy*
Elizabeth "Mae" Prophet*
Dorothy "Dot" Sarah Robinson*
Holda Roszer
John Douglas Taylor

