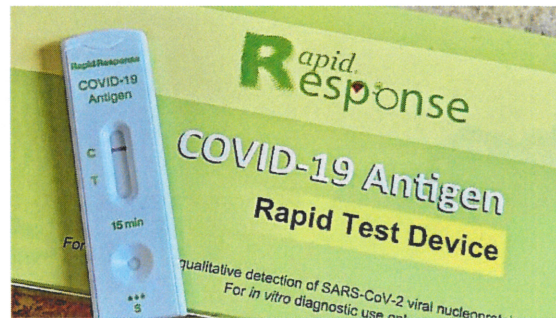


Oak Bank United Church

2022 Annual Report

3rd year affected by Covid 19, but with lifting of restrictions as the year progressed



Our Mission: *Rooted in community, grounded in compassion,
growing in faith, reaching out in generosity.*

Our Vision: *A vibrant church reaching out to love
and serve our community in faith.*



Box 148, 582 Balsam Crescent, Oak Bank, MB R0E-1J0

Web Address: www.oakbankunitedchurch.com

Minister: Kristin Woodburke, D. M.

OAK BANK UNITED CHURCH 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Table of Contents

	<u>Page</u>
Baptisms, Confirmations, In Memoriam, Marriages, Membership Transfers	3
Covid 19 Pandemic Year 2022 in Review	3
Oak Bank United Church Board Executive, Standing Committees & Staff Listing...	4
Minister's Reflections	5
Oak Bank United Church Unified Board Chair and Committee Reports:	
Chairperson	7
Building & Property	10
Christian Education	11
Fellowship	12
Ministry & Personnel	13
Outreach	14
Pastoral Care Team and Cheer Fund	15
Stewardship Committee (including Revenue & Expenses 2013-2023)	16
Vision Fund	18
Worship	20
Congregational Groups/Committees and Church Events:	
Affirm Committee	23
Elders	23
Mistletoe Market (formerly Snowflake Bazaar)	24
Prairie to Pine Regional Council Representatives	24
Refugee Family Sponsorship Status Update.....	25
Senior Choir	26
Sonbeam Choir	26
Trustees (Board of)	27
United Company (Dinner Theatre) Producers Report – 2022	28
United Company Revenue Statement (filed with 2022 Annual Report when finalized)	32
2022 AGM Minutes:	
February 23, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes (and att'ments)	33+33(a-k)
Financial Documents:	
2022 Auditor's Report (filed with 2022 Annual Report once approved)	34
2022 Financial Statements (filed with 2022 Annual Report once approved)	35-38

BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATIONS, IN MEMORIAM, MARRIAGES AND MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS – 2022

Baptisms - None

Confirmations - None

In Memoriam

Sandra Ruth Tucker

Brian Herbert Wilkinson

Talina Nahanni Sandra Rampersad Husack

John Sellen

Victor James Tanner

Marriages

Phyllis Gridley and Jacob Fehr

Membership Transfers – None

COVID 19 PANDEMIC YEAR 2022 IN REVIEW: (Worship/Music/Tech Teams permitted)

JANUARY 9 to FEBRUARY 13: Open to Non-Tech & Fully Vaxed if eligible

FEBRUARY 20: In-person Worship cancelled due to weather; livestreamed service from home

FEBRUARY 27 to MARCH 6: Open to Fully Vaxed only (if eligible)

MARCH 13 to APRIL 10: Open to all, with masks recommended (OBUC Vaccine Policy lifted March 9)

APRIL 14: Maundy Thurs. (online only) / APRIL 15: Good Friday (Open to all)

APRIL 17 – Sunrise Service: Held at OBUC due to road conditions at BHP

APRIL 17 - Easter Sunday to May 22: Open to all

May 29 – Church Picnic: Held at OBUC due to rain

JUNE 5 to JUNE 26: Open to all

JULY 24 & AUGUST 28 - Two Summer Services: Open to all

SEPTEMBER 11 to DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve: Open to all

No Worship Service on December 25 or January 1

2022 OAK BANK UNITED CHURCH STANDING COMMITTEES & STAFF

Executive:		Outreach:	
Kori Van Ryssel, Chair	444-5063 / 807-3268	Donalda Matity, Chair	981-1352
Ken Fanstone, Vice Chair	444-2770 / 391-3215	Sue & Tim Proskurnik	479-3237/224-4842
Sarah Mueller, Clerk	801-1367	Bev Doern	444-3004
Lawrie Kyle, Treasurer	853-7527	© Joan Warbeck	444-3261
		© Joan Nurse	256-8536
		© Diane Carruthers	222-9985
		© Laurie Peper	227-7132
Building and Property:		Pastoral Care:	
Ian Reid, Chair	444-5046	Debbie Penner, Chair	444-4565
Dave Rayner	510-9222	Nancy MacLean	444-4012
Dave Matity	981-9385	© Arline Christopherson	444-3364
© Doug Zawada	444-2171 / 997-9620	© Richard Radey	444-3086
© Mike Robinson	444-3628	© Edna Kargus	444-5033
© Abe Peters	777-3399		
		© Nettie Rayner (Casserole Ministry)	294-8003
Christian Education:		Stewardship:	
Charmaine Bergen, Chair	333-2285	Hans Peper, Chair	292-7132
© Kori Van Ryssel	444-5063	Stan Penner	444-4565
© Jane Wells-Farrell	444-5914		
© Kori Kelly	853-7798	© Ian Reid	444-5046
© Lisa Zubert	444-5378	© Barb Zawada	444-2171
© Susan MacLean-Pilat	995-3434	© Darren Dueck	899-4715
		© Ken Fanstone	444-2770 / 391-3215
		© Lawrie Kyle (T)	853-7527
Fellowship:		Worship:	
Nettie Rayner, Chair	294-8003	Jane Burpee, Chair	444-3098
Margaret Henry	612-4489	© Barb Kyle	853-7527
© Dave Rayner	510-9222	© Karen Hunt	444-3294
© Dave Henry	612-4489	© Heather St. George	866-3673
		© Lindsay Kyle	227-8409
Ministry and Personnel:		Support Staff:	
Kim Reid, Chair	444-5046	Linda Rodgers	Choir Director
© Ashleigh Gusberti	444-4768	Stephen Cocks	Pianist
© Dave MacLean	782-5128	Lindsay Kyle	Organist
© Kori Van Ryssel	444-5063 / 807-3268		
© Irene Peters	777-3399	Barb Zawada	Office Manager
© John Kaye	853-2093	Mark Kroeker	Custodian
(T) Treasurer		(M) Minister Kristin Woodburke	380-9040
© Congregational Member			
		Prairie to Pine Regional Council Reps:	
		Linda Rodgers	269-4680
		Heather St. George	866-3673
Elders:		Trustees:	
Joan Nurse	256-8536	Ken Fanstone	444-2770 / 391-3215
Lawrie Kyle	853-7527	Ian Reid	444-5046
Dennis McLeod	444-2991	Dennis McLeod	444-2991
Ian Reid	444-5046	Lawrie Kyle	853-7527
Barb Kyle	853-7527	Hans Peper	292-7132
Ken Fanstone	444-2770 / 391-3215		
Ardith Cook	444-3479		
Vicky Elliott	444-3147		
		United Company Producers:	
		Jaime Kyle	955-6945
		Heather St. George	866-3673
		Allan Doern	226-4771

MINISTER'S REFLECTIONS - 2022

As I look back over 2022, it's amazing to see the changes we went through. We began the year almost in complete lockdown again, because of the spread of the Omicron variant. We had asked people who could attend online to do so, the choir was suspended, and only a very small group gathered in person on Sunday mornings. The Youth Group was only meeting online, Sunday School had activities they could do themselves at home, and Dinner Theatre rehearsals were put off. Even after things started opening back up, Covid reared its ugly head, with many of our members falling ill and forcing us to change plans time and again. I myself had to attend the Palm Sunday worship service from home due to Covid!

The winter of 2022 was stormy and miserable as well. The highways were closed due to storms several times. We had to cancel in-person worship once in February due to the weather, and we had another massive storm just before Easter which meant that we had to relocate our Easter Sunrise service to our own churchyard as Bird's Hill Park wasn't cleared of all the snow.

And yet, as spring came, so did some changes. In March, we were tasked with once again making decisions about our Covid policies as the provincial restrictions were lifting. I know it wasn't easy dealing with the restrictions throughout the pandemic, but I am so proud of our Board and the Congregation for the way we handled the discussions and decision making, and how we lived into the decisions. I am aware that many congregations broke down over arguments on this sensitive topic, and many ministers had their congregations take out their frustrations on them. I'm so grateful for all of your grace, compassion, and patience which helped us get through that time together.

I'm also proud of how well we have kept up the life and work of this church under these difficult circumstances. Our offerings, through PAR and through envelopes, have stayed fairly level, enabling us to continue our current ministry and look towards the future. Our commitment to outreach also continued throughout the pandemic - not only did we collect our usual donations to the Springfield Food Bank and West Broadway, but we supported several new ministries through the season of Lent and had four guest speakers throughout the year to help us look beyond our walls.

2022 also brought some moments of amazing joy! We were finally able to celebrate Maureen and Donna's retirements properly with a fantastic lunch and entertainment program. We were able to bring back many beloved activities: our church picnic in May, which was great fun even if it was indoors due to rain; the exam pancake breakfast for the SCI students in June; and our first live Dinner Theatre in three years in the fall!

This year also saw some new creative events. We had our first PIE day service and lunch to learn more about our Affirming journey while enjoying various pies; two worship and fellowship events around a fire pit in the parking lot, one to kick off the season of Lent in February and another in August to bless the upcoming fall; and a hilarious and holy Pick-Up Christmas Pageant for all ages in December.

We aren't quite living in a post-Covid world, but we are starting to move into a new normal. I'm reminded of Isaiah 35, one of the scripture passages we heard in Advent. The prophet is speaking to a people who had been in exile far from their homes for many years, and who were now going back. It was a time to be thankful, and yet, there were still challenges awaiting them. The journey home through the desert could be dangerous, they would have a long difficult task of re-building once they

arrived, and deep down they knew that things would never go quite back to the way it had been. Sound familiar?

Despite all these looming challenges, Isaiah offers the people a prophecy of hope, a vision of the desert blossoming with joy around them on their journey. This is both a sign that God will be with them during this time of transition and rebuilding, and a reminder to look out for blessings, and celebrate moments of joy, even when the road is long and difficult. *"Take courage, don't be afraid, God is here with you,"* Isaiah says.

And that is a message we need to remember today. We know that we have challenges facing us: we have an ongoing deficit budget and an aging congregation, there are concerns about how long we will have the energy to continue some of the activities we love, and we miss the larger crowd of children and youth that we had on Sunday mornings before the pandemic.

But just as God was with us through our difficult pandemic exile time, we can have faith and trust that God will be with us on the next steps of our journey, even through the challenges. Let us take to heart the words of Isaiah: *"Take courage, don't be afraid, God is here with you"*. Let us go forward together in faith, and let us keep our eyes and hearts open to recognize the blessings and celebrate the joys that show up along the way.

With gratitude,

Kristin Woodburke



OAK BANK UNITED CHURCH UNIFIED BOARD CHAIR AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Unified Board Chair - 2022

The 2022 Unified Board and the Congregation were brought together in a combination of virtual and in person gathering for the Annual Meeting on Wednesday February 23, 2022. Our Constitution indicates the Board is responsible for the administration and organization of the church, as well as managing the affairs and assets of the Congregation. Also indicated in our Constitution is that the Unified Board must meet within one month of the AGM, and our first virtual board meeting was held March 9, 2022 via Zoom. We were able to meet monthly but for the two summer months, using both virtual and in person meetings (or a combination of the two) as weather and health allowed.

As we reflect on the 2022 year, it feels like we have entered our new normal with many things returning in person and in ways that were familiar to what we were accustomed to prior to March 2020. As we look back on the activities, we were cautiously optimistic and moved ahead with many trepidations, as our Congregation members also moved forward at their own Covid comfort level. We should be proud of how we have been able to accept and respect each other, as we all navigate Covid both organizationally and personally. The past 3 years in dealing with Covid has brought us closer as a Congregation, as we have found new ways to support, gather and continue the work of OBUC in our community. In situations that have divided many, we have found ourselves more accepting and understanding of our differences and that is something for which we are very proud.

Our year started by offering hybrid worship services both in person and virtual, so that we could accommodate as many of our Congregation as possible. As the year progressed, we had a number of guests attend our services such as Lynda Trono and Mark Olfert from West Broadway, Moe Feakes from House of Hesed, Brent Reid from the SAFARI Grow Project, to name a few. Our Outreach Committee worked to highlight the local organizations chosen for us to support throughout the year, showing the "Why" behind the "Ask" which had those who could, giving generously. We were also able to continue some of the projects in support of our Refugee Family. We are expecting that there will be movement forward for this family in 2023.

Early in 2022, we realized that our Dinner Theatre originally scheduled for April/May would be best moved to October. This was a great move, as we were able to successfully hold our 29th Annual Dinner Theater, and the Church was a buzz of activity. We were lucky to not have to worry about any weather-related issues and we successfully dealt with health issues as they occurred. We could ask the question "Who did it better?" with cast and company members filling in for each other and never missing a beat. It was also very fortunate that many DT committees were not short of volunteers, with quite a few new faces coming from outside the church. It was heard so often throughout the 3 weeks of dinner theatre; how great it was to be back in person and together. There is just something about being able to share a meal together that is so therapeutic; whether it's enjoying the production with family and friends, or downstairs in the hospitality room, catching a quick moment to enjoy the new cookies or casseroles as they were delivered. Congratulations to all involved in your ability to adjust and pivot and deliver such a high-class production with attendees never fully understanding all the juggling that goes on. The DT production for 2023, being the 30th Anniversary, is sure to be fantastic!

After two years, we were finally able to gather in June to properly honour our retirees, Maureen and Donna. It was such a fun and meaningful gathering to see Maureen again and have her up on our

pulpit for a special noon worship service with such a full sanctuary! Our Kitchen Crew always delight with an amazing meal, but the skits and songs that were curated to “honour” Donna and Maureen stole the show. If those are an indicator of the impact both these amazing women had on OBUC, I would say it was substantial.

If we look at our physical building and reflect on the year, there is but one word to capture everything and that is WATER. The phrase “Water water everywhere, but not a drop to drink” seems so fitting. Our Building and Property Committee was on their toes almost all year with water challenges. We replaced our well as the old well had long outlived its original projected life span. There were spring flooding issues, requiring work on our window wells and then pipes that leaked through the basement and we haven’t even mentioned the number of water tests that were conducted! This crew was busy, worked hard and kept our building open and functional. We were able to allow the Girl Guide Sparks and Pathfinders the space for their weekly meetings, examples of community outreach wherever needed. We also opened the doors to rentals again, allowing the Russian Church to resume their Saturday sanctuary use after our vaccination policy was lifted March 9th, as well as having the SPACE, AA, Toastmasters and various celebrations in both the upstairs and downstairs spaces, resulting in some much-needed additional revenue.

In partnership with the Stewardship Committee, the Building and Property group organized the water bottle fundraiser to offset some of the unbudgeted costs of the new well. It is initiatives like this that will ensure our ongoing ability to remain true to our mission and vision and grow in our community. Thank you for all the work you do in keeping our building functioning and available. There is never an off season. Your work is continuous, and we are grateful for your talents, abilities, and commitment to OBUC!

Our Worship Committee was able to get back to supporting the planning of our Worship Services, as things remained more consistent in 2022 than they had in prior years. It was such a gift to welcome our choir back to regular worship services. Our music ministry is truly a gift to the Congregation and the team led by Linda Rodgers and accompanied by Stephen Cocks and Lindsay Kyle add so much to our services. Thank you to all who contribute and share their gift of music!

Led by our Minister Kristin Woodburke, our ministry and services were creative, offering us different ways to pray and be faithful. We had the opportunity to have an outside service in the summer and for Lent we were able to symbolically burn (with paper and a fire pit) anything that was holding us back in order for us to focus on moving forward. Also it was fun to end the 2022 worship season with an impromptu Christmas Pageant that involved our young and young at heart. Kristin with the help of Laurie Peper provided us with bible study and learning opportunities throughout the year. Kristin’s worship services kept us connected in new and different ways, showing us how we can be spiritual in our changing lives and the world around us. Thank you for your creativity and passion for all things OBUC; we are so grateful to be able to grow in faith with your guidance and leadership.

I think we started our year thinking we’d be able to quickly move forward and go back to “normal”, but we have seen that just wasn’t the case. Things are different for so many reasons post Covid, and we will have to move forward differently. Younger families haven’t returned to worship on Sunday mornings with many competing activities and the new realization of the need for time at home. Our budget remains challenged. We are frugal in our spending, but will need to look at ways to increase our revenue. We were successfully able to host our September Golf Tournament, Dinner and Auction which has been an amazing addition to our operating budget. Mistletoe Market was a surprising boost to our revenue, as well being an event that opened our doors to many in the community who don’t normally attend church. Dinner Theatre was an overwhelming success and

added more to our revenue than expected. Thank you to the many people working on those initiatives that are crucial to our viability, we are grateful! When these ventures were first started, they were intended to fund project-based initiatives which is in line with healthy church finances. However today we are dependent on these initiatives to fund our day-to-day operations, so will need to think outside the box on ways to grow our Congregation and their connection to OBUC. It will be a critical piece of the puzzle to increase our donations, regardless of in person attendance on Sunday mornings. We have been able to connect with a broader audience via our combination of Live Stream and In Person services, and this will continue to be part of our outreach.

The Congregation of Oak Bank United Church has been a pillar in this community. With roots back to 1873, we will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary in 2023. However, the community we serve does not have the same demographic as before, so we must find ways to share all that we offer even though this is not something we're naturally comfortable in doing. OBUC provides such a supportive and caring community of faith, allowing people to explore their own faith regardless of where they are on that path.

We will continue down our journey of becoming an Affirming Congregation, and therefore better understand as a faith community exactly what that means and how we can be involved. If we are looking ahead, we will have to better understand how we can connect to the community served by OBUC, while maintaining all that we hold dear. Growth isn't easy and can even be called hard, but if we love and value OBUC, we are at a point where we will have to grow in different ways. The introduction of our Community Family Engagement Coordinator and the continued work of the Call to Action Teams will be a significant move forward, but will require the continued involvement of all Board Committees to support these initiatives.

We are strong and mighty; the past 3 years have proven that! We should all take time to reflect on all that we have overcome and accomplished, and then move ahead with excitement on where we can go next.

Thank you to every one of our Congregation, Committees, Unified Board Members, Support Staff and Ministry Team for all the work you have done, as we moved through situations we never could have predicted or understood. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the life and work of the church. It really is inspiring and something for which we are most proud. I will thank you in advance for your commitment and excitement as we work to achieve growth, and welcome you to share in the joy as we see our vision come to reality.

Respectfully submitted,
Kori Van Ryssel
Unified Board Chair



Building and Property Committee - 2022

Members: Ian Reid (Chair), Dave Rayner, Dave Matity; © Doug Zawada, Mike Robinson, Abe Peters

This has been another busy year for this committee as 'normal' life returns to OBUC. Concerns about water (both drinking and flooding) required some of our efforts, but many other projects were dealt with by our committee. The following is an abbreviated summary of activities:

- Faithful Footprints Grant – We completed the final process of this United Church grant and received the maximum proceeds of this initiative. The grant was offered to improve the energy efficiency of United Churches nationwide and OBUC has been one of the exemplary examples of the program. As a result of the grant, we have upgraded our systems and energy reduction programs significantly. We have upgraded our furnaces, HVAC, hot water tank, front doors and other systems in the building for the benefit of the congregation. Not only is our building more energy efficient, but we were able to upgrade our operating systems significantly! Many thanks to Sarah Mueller, Lawrie Kyle and the B&P Committee Members for their OUTSTANDING work on this initiative! This is an effort deserving of national recognition. Well done!!
- New well – In spite of significant efforts to solve the contamination problem, Boil Water Advisories continued to be an issue of concern. Our existing well showed signs of failure and since hooking up to town water was not an option, the decision was made to drill a new well. The well was drilled in August and now supplies us with an abundance of safe, clear water. Ongoing sampling and monitoring will ensure its purity.
- The biblical rainfalls this year created some water seepage issues in the basement. This was addressed by sealing and filling the south window wells and landscaping the south side of the church. The town sidewalk was replaced during this project, and thanks to some shrewd negotiating by Doug Zawada, we were able to get some backfill for the window wells and a load of limestone for the parking lot. Thanks to Hans Peper for spreading the limestone.
- HVAC – Issues with the HVAC system that were identified during Dinner Theater have been addressed. An issue with the unit's program board has rectified the poor airflow issue and we anticipate improved functionality.
- Snow clearing and yard maintenance –Doug Zawada and Dave Rayner have continued to diligently clear the snow. Throughout the summer months, Doug keeps the grass trimmed and Dave and Nettie Rayner do a wonderful job of the flowerbeds. Heartfelt appreciation for the incredible job that they do to make our church such a safe and beautiful place!
- Many other jobs were dealt with over the course of the year including but not limited to: replacement of the emergency lighting, water sampling, plumbing repairs, systems and safety checks, Christmas trees and lights, and much more.

Mark and Marcia do a fantastic job of keeping OBUC clean and shiny and we thank them sincerely! Sincere thanks to the members of the Bldg and Property Committee and the many other volunteers for their generous efforts in keeping our grounds and facility well maintained and safe.

Respectfully submitted: Ian Reid, Chair



Christian Education Committee – 2022

Committee Members:

Charmaine Bergen, Chair
Lisa Zubert
Susan MacLean-Pilat

Kori Van Ryssel
Kori Kelly
Jane Wells-Farrell

In early 2022, because of Omicron, we had asked people to not attend church if they could join online, and we did not restart Sunday School in person after the Christmas break. Pam Buhr had lots of resources she had put together the previous year when she was providing Sunday School online, so she sent out resources weekly to Sunday School ages families for them to use at home on their own.

During on Lent kick-off event in February, we had an all ages worship service and fellowship time around a fire in the parking lot. We had several children who attended and participated in the rituals and worship as well as enjoying the large pile of snow in the parking lot!

We finally had our first church picnic in three years at the end of May. Unfortunately, that day was very rainy, so we had to hold our picnic in the church hall. But everyone in attendance enjoyed a short worship service “in the round”, a delicious lunch and then lots of “minute to win it” games!

At the end of August, we held another outdoor all-ages service around a fire in our parking lot. We gave thanks for the summer that was, blessed backpacks and other items that symbolized the new school year that was coming, and enjoyed hotdogs and s’mores together.

We have continued to offer Sunday School in person since late spring, but because the attendance has been low and sporadic, and our pool of teachers is also low, the Sunday School kids have joined in with the youth group for their activities.

At Christmas, we had to think about how to do a pageant, not being sure how many children and youth would be able to be involved. So on Dec. 18, we held a “pick-up pageant”, with two youth involved as readers, and two Sunday School children and many enthusiastic adults being the last-minute actors. It was a great time and we look forward to trying it again! We finished that service with the traditional “Merry Christmas” congregational song, and then enjoyed some food and fellowship time together after the service.

In the spring, the CE and M&P committees met to talk about the CE position we wanted to hire. We talked about ideas, and what we would like to see for the position and for the future of our ministry with children and young families. Kristin reached out to several families over the summer to get their feedback on what we had been doing in the past, and their thoughts for the future, and presented the results to the M&P committee.

In October, a position description for a Family Engagement Co-ordinator was developed and posted on our website, on the Prairie to Pine Regional Weekly News, and in the Centre for Christian Studies newsletter. After Christmas, it was posted on our OBUC Facebook page and shared to several local Facebook groups.

Our Youth Group was able to meet throughout the year in various formats, and continued meeting virtually and in person when possible on Sunday mornings. We were able to plan our social, fun events monthly including a few movie &/or games nights, and had a great return to our Fall season with a bbq at Birds Hill Park in September. Our youth continue to be committed to our events, and we’re happy to welcome some new younger youth too. We are fortunate and thankful to have such a great group of participating youth.

Submitted by: Charmaine Bergen, Kori Van Ryssel, Kristin Woodburke

Fellowship Committee – 2022

Board Members: Nettie Rayner (Chair) and Margaret Henry

Congregational Members: Dave Rayner and Dave Henry

Fellowship was unable to have monthly functions due to Covid still being a contributing factor.

Jan & Feb: No events held.

March 4th: Lent Kickoff Service with outside bonfire and refreshments.

April 17th: Hot Cross Buns were served to those who attended the Sunrise Service held at the church (not at Bird's Hill Park) due to road conditions.

May 15th: This was our P.I.E. Potluck Affirm Event. We had a lunch with many donated different types of savory and sweet pies. Christian Education also brought in some pizzas, since those are usually cut into pie shapes.

August 28th: We had a church service outside in the parking lot, with a fire pit set up in the NW corner. After the service we cooked hotdogs, and of course had Smores for dessert. Thankfully the thunderstorms went around us.

Sept & Oct: No events held due to Dinner Theatre Rehearsals and the 11 DT Performances.

November 20th: A luncheon was held with a twist. We had a cupcake bake off with 3 judges to enjoy the sampling. The winner received a small trophy that was mostly edible.

December 18th: Following the Pick Up Christmas Pageant held during the worship service, there was a fellowship time afterward of cookies, cheese, crackers and hot chocolate/coffee/juice.

Submitted by
Nettie Rayner, Chair



Ministry and Personnel Committee - 2022

Members: Ashleigh Gusberti, John Kaye, Dave MacLean, Irene Peters,
Kori Van Ryssel, Kim Reid (Chair)

M and P usually meet once per month or on an “as need” basis. We continued to meet via zoom as it made it easier for some of our members to attend. However, it has also been nice to meet back in person again when possible.

Covid was still very real at the beginning of 2022. We continued to livestream and keep our Church family connected as best as we could.

We were so happy to be able to finally celebrate Maureen McCartney and Donna McLeod’s retirements in June. Everyone was happy to get together and celebrate the work of these individuals over their years with us. It was a great get-together!

This year we have worked on hiring someone who could co-ordinate the Sunday School and help get our children back to Sunday School by organizing events, etc. Unfortunately, after much work, we did not have anyone apply for the position. We will continue to hold that position in our prayers and hope for something to happen in 2023.

The United Church of Canada recommends that clergy take a Sabbatical after five years of service. Kristin has decided to take her Sabbatical during the 4th quarter of next year. We wish her well during this time of reflection and rest.

Much work was taken on by the various groups in the church, and we wish to thank everyone for their participation and dedication to Oak Bank United Church and its ministry.

Thank you also to all the members and adherents of Oak Bank United Church for their time, talent and support to our church and family, both physically and spiritually.

Respectfully submitted by

Kim Reid, Chair



Outreach Committee – 2022

Committee Members: Diane Carruthers, Bev Doern, Tim Proskurnik, Sue Proskurnik, Joan Nurse, Laurie Peper, Joan Warbeck and Donalda Matity.

The work of this committee could not be done without all the volunteers and the very generous donations from the Congregation. I am incredibly awed by the “outreach” that our church initiates and accomplishes. Much of this is not done directly by this committee; for example, Dinner Theatre and Mistletoe Market. All this “outreach” aids our church and our community. Never underestimate the difference a smile or the words “hello” and “welcome” can make.

Oak Bank United Church has given monetary donations as well as non-perishable food items, paper products, hygiene products, gently used clothing, winter apparel, and socks to the following organizations: Springfield Food Bank, 1JustCity (West Broadway Community Ministry), 1JustCity (St. Matthews Maryland), Bear Clan Patrol, Open Doorways Orphanage, House of Hesed, Bruce Oake Recovery Centre, Nova House Crisis Centre, SAFARI (of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank), Sandy Sauteaux Spiritual Centre and the Centre for Christian Studies.

The used book sale has continued to raise money for the Refugee Fund. We also donated some books to the Mennonite Central Committee, Big Brothers Big Sisters Winnipeg, Canadian Diabetes, and Immigration and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba.

This year the SCI Graduate Award was presented by Kristin Woodburke at the Springfield Collegiate Graduation exercises. The recipient was Adrian Zablotski, and the award was once again \$500.00.

We were fortunate to host four guest speakers in 2022: Adrian Jacobs from Sandy Sauteaux Spiritual Centre, Brent Reid from SAFARI, Moe Feakes from House of Hesed and Lynda Trono from West Broadway Community Ministry.

Orange t-shirts were ordered for anyone who wished to purchase them, arriving in time to wear as we observed National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. In each weekly church email, we highlighted one of the 94 Calls to Action and we continue to look for ways to increase knowledge and understanding as we work towards reconciliation.

32 sleeping mats from recycled plastic bags were donated to 1JustCity. Doug Zawada has continued to deliver cases of bananas to West Broadway Community Ministry every other Wednesday. A mere thank you doesn't seem adequate for his generosity and commitment. Doug, it is a good thing that your halo glows brightly so the rest of us can follow you!

Respectfully submitted, Donalda Matity



Pastoral Care Committee and Cheer Fund – 2022

Committee Members: Debbie Penner (Chair), Arline Christopherson, Richard Radey,
Edna Kargus, Nancy MacLean

The main mission of the Pastoral Care Committee during 2022 was to provide a connection between OBUC and our members and adherents. We continued to contact our membership by phone throughout the year. We received many positive responses to our calls. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, our in-person visitation was very limited. We tried as a team to meet on a regular basis to update our calls and call lists, and provide encouragement for those having difficulty doing “cold calls” to members they did not know.

The Committee continued to send out Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas cards to the OBUC members that are shut-ins, or to those suffering a loss or sickness in 2022. Thank you to Barb Zawada and Kristin Woodburke for their assistance and dedication in sending many Cheer Cards throughout the year.

The total cards sent out in 2022 were:

Easter	42	Sympathy M & S Donations	8
Thanksgiving	48	Sympathy Other Donation	3
Christmas	50	Prayer Shawls	9
Graduation	5	Prayer Shawls-House of Hesus	10
Wedding	1	Thinking of You/Get well	17
Sympathy only	3		

We also provided meals to 5 families this year. Thanks to Nettie Rayner for her assistance with the Casserole Ministry providing many appreciated meals in 2022.

Thank you to the members of our team who accepted the responsibility of representing our church family as a member of the Pastoral Care Committee, and to the spiritual guidance provided by Kristin. Your contribution has definitely made a difference in our goal of maintaining connection with our congregation.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Penner, Chair



Stewardship Committee - 2022

Board Members: Hans Peper (Acting Chair), Stan Penner

Congregational Members: Ian Reid, Darren Dueck, Ken Fanstone, Lawrie Kyle, Barb Zawada

After the spring of 2022, life was starting to return to the new normal, with most Covid restrictions lifted. OBUC's Sunday service continued on a regular basis throughout the year, always live streamed as well as with some of the congregation present in the church. Attendance was relatively small and took some time to bounce back to a little over half to two-thirds. After 2.5 years, people have become used to being home more and the future will only tell how many will end up coming back to their pre-pandemic social lives. Older youth activities were strong, but the Sunday School attendance remained absent. Many special activities are being organized in 2023 to bring the youth and their families back to church.

2022 proved to be an exceptional year financially. The original budget, which showed a large deficit, was blown out of the water with the many positive things that happened in that year. Instead of a budgeted loss of approx. \$18,000, which included the use of \$30,000 of Covid funds in our revenues, we had a net loss of only \$9,000 without using any Covid funds. This included even a transfer of \$7,400 to replenish the LRP and the Vision fund. Therefore, our true financial loss was less than \$2,000. A very unexpected but positive surprise, due to our high revenues from fundraising and some reduced expenses.

Again, like the previous year, the total offerings through PAR, collections and donations, stayed basically the same as in 2021, at a total of \$130,000. Miscellaneous income was 10% higher than the previous year, at \$15,000 excluding any Covid grant. No further Covid grants were received in 2022, and as per above, no further Covid reserve funds were used. This left the Covid fund at \$62,000, for use in the coming years as needed.

Our main fundraiser the Dinner Theatre, had to be re-scheduled a few times, and ended up taking place in the fall. It was in the traditional format except it had 11 instead of 14 shows. However, the success was great, with solid ticket sales, and a hilarious show. The financial results surpassed the budget by close to \$20,000 and came in at approx. \$50,000. Our dependency of the Dinner Theatre fundraising will be greatly tested in the next years, as we see our central group of volunteers age.

Our other 2 fundraisers, the Golf Tournament/Dinner/Auction and the Mistletoe Market Children's Christmas Shopping Event, both brought in record breaking revenues, showing a large participation with many people involved. It is these events that make us optimistic for the future, as we witness our congregation and our community come together in excitement and kindness.

The total expenses for the year came in just over \$220,000, which was \$17,000 less than budgeted and 3.5% over the expenses from the year before. Cost for support personnel in 2022 went up by approximately 10%.

It was very positive that we were able to allocate some of the excess budgeted funds from the Golf Tournament to the LRP fund, and we also were able to replenish the Vision fund with \$4000.

The operating funds together were reduced in 2022 by \$11,241, leaving a total balance of \$206,887. This amount includes the Covid grants that are left of \$61,651.

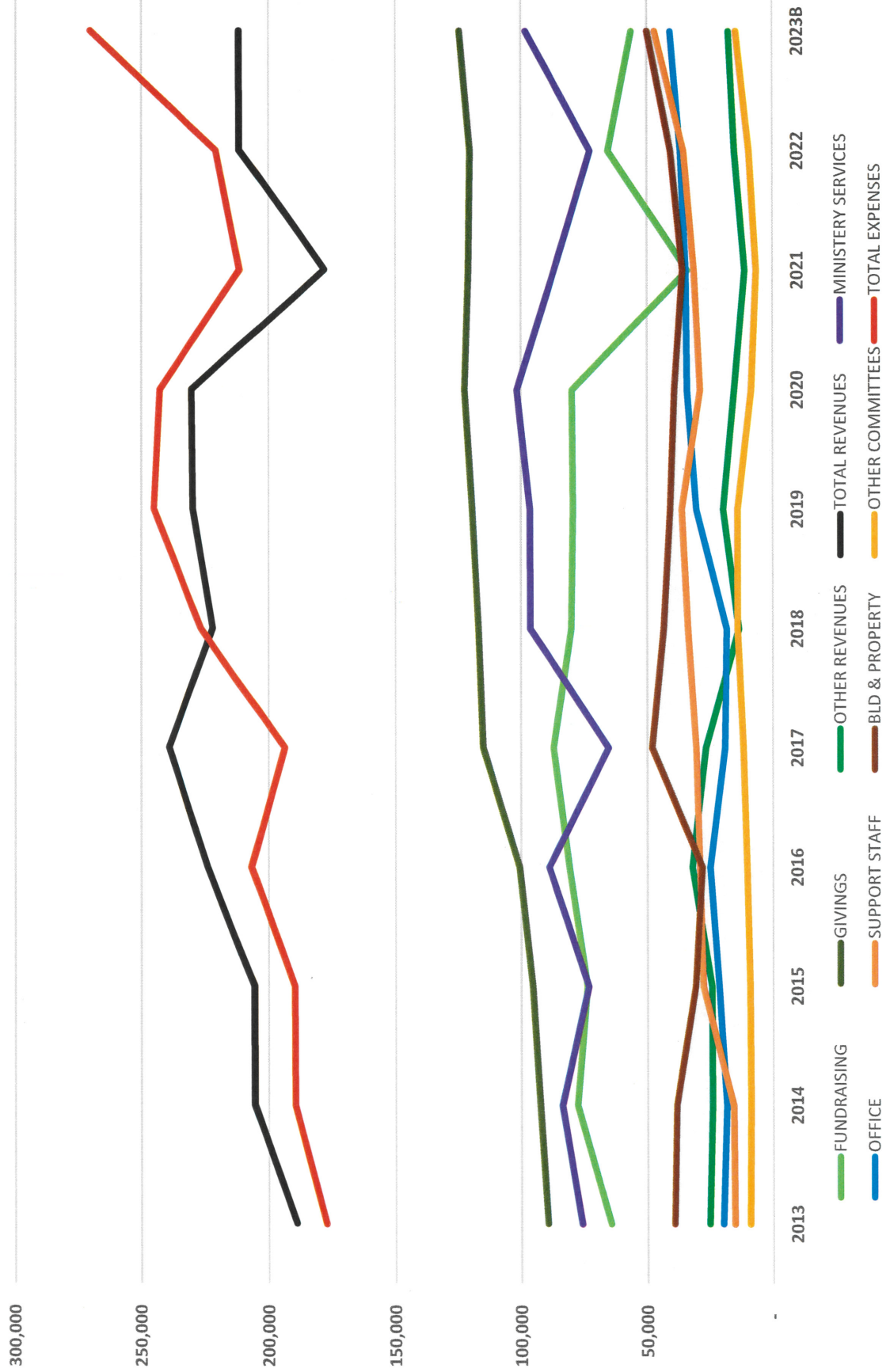
The Call-to-Action program, which started in the fall of 2019, was paused in the spring of 2020, continued to be on hold throughout 2021, and was slowly restarted in 2022 in a slightly different format. The Board together with the Stewardship Committee formulated 9 actions that should and could be restarted. However, due to resource availability, only a few of these activities saw action in 2022 and a renewed focus is to be given to them in 2023.

No particular giving campaign was initiated in 2022, as we all were very grateful for the constant givings we have been receiving through PAR and by envelope donations. For 2023 we will be revisiting our longer-term financial forecast, assuming a few different scenarios. The budget for 2023 is showing such a deficit, that if it were to be realized, cannot be sustained for multiple years. As our society is still recovering from the Covid isolation and the resulting changes in social behavior, it is difficult to predict the longer term outlook for our church. We will all work hard to retain the vibrancy in our beloved Oak Bank United Church.

For the Stewardship Committee,
Hans Peper
February 2023



OAKBANK UNITED CHURCH REVENUE AND EXPENSES 2013-2023 excluding Covid grants



MAIN CATEGORIES OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - 2013-2023												
Feb 13 2023												
REVENUES	2013 ACTUAL	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ACTUAL	2018 ACTUAL	2019 ACTUAL	2020 ACTUAL	2021 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	FINAL
-Dinner Theatre	53,720	67,338	63,404	67,542	73,997	67,161	65,840	71,749	18,431	49,394	45,000	
-Golf tournament	8,553	7,861	7,469	10,616	10,010	10,259	10,196	8,133	12,274	11,602	8,000	
-Snowflake Bazaar/Mist.Mkt	2,046	2,474	2,890	2,690	3,150	2,617	3,373	-	3,146	4,274	3,000	
Total Fundraising	64,318	77,673	73,763	80,848	87,157	80,037	79,409	79,789	33,850	65,270	56,000	
Family Givings	89,572	92,530	95,478	100,616	115,144	116,922	119,466	122,382	120,815	120,223	124,500	
Mission & Services	9,989	11,112	11,939	10,035	9,858	11,028	10,806	12,385	12,465	10,542	13,200	
Other Revenues	25,242	24,059	24,287	32,071	26,647	13,409	19,630	15,206	11,004	15,023	17,500	
TOTAL REVENUES	189,121	205,374	205,467	223,570	238,806	221,395	229,311	229,762	178,134	211,058	211,200	
EXPENSES												
Ministry + Min. services	75,982	83,783	73,250	88,940	65,176	96,249	96,366	101,522	86,865	72,484	98,111	
Office	19,747	18,328	21,414	24,864	19,020	18,320	30,309	34,017	34,516	36,583	40,676	
Support staff	15,304	15,774	27,780	29,069	30,399	33,704	36,050	28,781	31,199	35,267	46,821	
Mission & Services	9,989	11,112	11,939	10,035	9,848	11,028	10,806	12,385	12,465	10,542	13,200	
LRP - Golf Tournament	8,518	7,861	7,469	4,922	-	-	10,196	8,053	-	3,432	-	
Vision Fund	-	-	-	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	4,000	-	
Building & Property	39,308	38,401	30,888	28,176	48,055	43,401	40,800	39,122	35,739	40,658	49,834	
Other committees	9,158	8,914	9,213	10,296	11,732	13,931	13,974	8,528	6,530	9,321	14,550	
GST return	6,132	-	1,925	-	-	-	3,738	-	2,506	-	750	
Presbytery/Reg. Assessment	5,570	5,570	6,004	6,201	5,478	5,440	5,984	5,984	5,984	7,740	7,739	
TOTAL EXPENSES	177,443	189,743	189,883	206,502	193,708	226,073	244,748	242,393	210,792	220,028	270,181	
Government subsidies								7,932	15,000	-	30,000	
SURPLUS WITHOUT SUBSIDIES	11,678	15,632	15,584	17,068	45,097	4,678	15,437	12,631	32,658	8,970	58,981	
SURPLUS WITH SUBSIDIES								4,699	17,658	8,970	28,981	

OAKBANK UNITED CHURCH - VISION FUND SPENDING 2016 TO 2022

MISSION STATEMENT:
Rooted in community,
grounded in compassion,
growing in faith, and
reaching out in
generosity.



February 14 2023

TOPIC	DETAIL	CATEGORY	DATE	STATUS	COST TO FUND
2022 SPENDING:					
				Opening	\$ 8,726.90
1 Transfers to Refugee Fund	Monthly transfer to build up our fund	Outreach	monthly		\$ 3,000.00
2 West Broadway - Fresh Fruit Expenses		Outreach	bi-weekly		\$ 1,749.74
3 Donations to West Broadway Fruit Fund		Outreach			-\$ 1,459.00
4 SAFARI Grow Project (Can Foodgrains Bank)		Outreach			\$ 750.00
5 Donation of two goats to Wpg Yazidi Community (Jan 2022)		Outreach			\$ 735.00
6 Just One City		Outreach			\$ 225.00
7 SCI Exam Breakfast	Provide breakfast to SCI students and staff during exam wk	Outreach			\$ 444.98
TOTAL SPENDING 2022					\$ 5,445.72
ADDITION TO THE FUND BY OBUC					\$ 4,000.00
ADDITIONS THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS					\$ 85.00
FUND BALANCE PER DECEMBER 31 2022					\$ 7,366.18
2021 SPENDING:					
1					
2 West Broadway Fresh Fruit	Began with individual donations at start of Covid (Apr '20)		bi-weekly		\$ 1,479.72
3 SAFARI Grow Project	Springfield Farmers - Can Foodgrains Bank	Outreach	Nov-21		\$ 1,000.00
4 Springfield Christmas Hampers	Donation	Outreach	Nov-21		\$ 1,000.00
5 Custodial cleaning donated	Misc events	Outreach	2021		\$ 120.00
6 Refugee Fund	Donations in preparation of their arrival	Outreach	monthly		\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL SPENDING 2021					\$ 6,599.72
ADDITION TO THE FUND BY OBUC					\$ -
ADDITIONS THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS - FOR WEST BROADWAY					\$ 1,405.00
FUND BALANCE PER DECEMBER 31 2021					\$ 8,726.90
2020 SPENDING:					
1 SCI Exam Breakfast	Food expenses	Outreach/Youth	Feb-20		\$ 158.78
2 Lenten study	Subsidy for the books	Education	Nov-20		\$ 229.58
3 SAFARI Grow Project	Springfield Farmers - Can Foodgrains Bank	Outreach	Dec-20		\$ 1,000.00
4 Springfield Christmas Hamper	Donation	Outreach	Dec-20		\$ 1,000.00
5 Flu Clinic	Cleaning	Outreach	Dec-20		\$ 80.00
6 Refugee Fund	Donations in preparation of their arrival	Outreach	monthly		\$ 3,000.00
					-\$ 449.73
TOTAL SPENDING 2020					\$ 5,018.63
ADDITION TO THE FUND BY OBUC					\$ 4,000.00
ADDITIONS THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS					\$ 120.00
FUND BALANCE PER DECEMBER 31 2020					\$ 13,921.62
2019 SPENDING:					
1 SCI Exam Breakfast	Food expenses	Outreach/Youth	Jan-19		\$ 306.94
2 Conner Augusto	Honorarium	Oureach	Apr-19		\$ 200.00
3 SCI Exam Breakfast	Food expenses	Outreach/Youth	Jun-19		\$ 293.14
4 Refugee Fund	Donations in preparation of their arrival	Outreach	monthly		\$ 1,750.00
5 SAFARI Grow Project	Springfield Farmers - Can. Foodgrains Bank	Outreach	Nov-19		\$ 1,000.00
6 Women's retreat sponsorship	Return of excess sponsor funds for 2019	Education	Dec-19		-\$ 62.10
TOTAL SPENDING 2019					\$ 3,487.98
ADDITION TO THE FUND BY OBUC					\$ 4,000.00
ADDITIONS THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS					\$ 175.00
FUND BALANCE PER DECEMBER 31 2019					\$ 14,820.25

2018 SPENDING:					
1	SCI Exam Breakfast	Food expenses	Outreach/Youth	Jan-18	\$ 320.78
2	St Theresa Point school supplies	Support for the Panchuk family who are heading this up	Outreach	Mar-18	\$ 591.09
3	Youth Parliament	Hall at no/charge, costs for cleaning minus donation of YP	Outreach	Apr-18	-\$ 40.00
4	Messy Church		Youth	May-18	\$ 991.87
5	SCI Exam Breakfast	Food expenses	Outreach/Youth	Jun-18	\$ 353.92
6	OakBank Share-a-Thon	Participation in the cost of setting up this event in Oakbank	Outreach	Sep-18	\$ 267.60
7	SAFARI Grow Project	Springfield Farmers - Can. Foodgrains Bank	Outreach	Nov-18	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL SPENDING 2018					\$ 3,485.26
ADDITION TO THE FUND BY OBUC				Dec-17	\$ 4,000.00
ADDITIONS THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS					\$ 300.00
FUND BALANCE PER DECEMBER 31 2018					\$ 14,133.23
2017 SPENDING:					
1	SCI Exam Breakfast	Donation towards food	Outreach	Jan-17	\$ 73.60
2	SCI Staff Planning Day	Rental donation of one day for using the hall	Outreach	Feb-17	\$ 400.00
3	Womens Retreat in St Benedict	Support towards the food during the two days	CE	Apr-17	\$ 100.00
4	Youth Parliament	Support for 2 days hall rental and 1x cleaning	Outreach	May-17	\$ 440.00
5	Art Beat Program	Mental Health support for artists	Outreach	Jun-17	\$ 500.00
6	SCI Exam Breakfast	Donation towards food	Outreach	Jun-17	\$ 128.21
7	West Broadway Picnic	Support for the Bleue family in organizing this BHP picnic	Outreach	Jul-17	\$ 500.00
8	Days for Girls Springfield Program	General Financial support	Outreach	Sep-17	\$ 500.00
9	Days for Girls Springfield Program	Hall rental support for fundraising event	Outreach	Oct-17	\$ 200.00
10	St Theresa Point school supplies	Support for the Panchuk family who are heading this up	Outreach	Oct-17 Allocated; under review for p	\$ 250.00
11	Blanket Ceremony	Support for expenses	CE	Oct-17	\$ 541.25
12	SAFARI Grow Project	Springfield Farmers - Can. Foodgrains Bank	Outreach	Nov-17	\$ 1,000.00
13	OBUC Youth Band leader	Donation for appreciation	Youth	Dec-17	\$ 100.00
14	Mindfulness Course	Donation of space for 8 evenings and 2 days	Outreach	Dec-17	\$ 1,400.00
TOTAL SPENDING 2017					\$ 5,883.06
ADDITION TO THE FUND BY OBUC				Dec-17	\$ 6,500.00
ADDITIONS THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS					\$ 733.00
FUND BALANCE PER DECEMBER 31 2017					\$ 13,318.49
2016 SPENDING:					
1	Speaker series	Invite Speakers to come and talk on Sunday evenings to provide info on different religions, and other faith-related topics that will be of interest to all, especially young adults	Christian Ed.	Sep-16	Program is being developed and two speakers have been invited in fall 2016 \$ 811.95
2	West Broadway Cook Program	Provide one month's salary for WBCM Cook as financial support	Outreach	May-16	provided \$ 685.00
3	Days for Girls Springfield Program	Financial support for this very successful program	Outreach	May-16	provided \$ 500.00
4	SCI Exam Breakfast	Provide breakfast to students and staff during exam week (this time costs covered by donations)	Outreach	Jun-16	Done in June 2016 & Jan 2017; was a success; will do again \$ -
5	OakBank Schools support	Potential to support them with facilities and volunteers; eg drama programs, after school programs, home work support, in-service days	Outreach	May-16	Meeting with principals in May 2016. Provided space in Fall at no cost \$ 520.00
TOTAL SPENDING 2016					\$ 2,516.95
ADDITION TO THE FUND BY OBUC				Dec-16	\$ 4,000.00
ADDITIONS THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS					\$ 485.00
FUND BALANCE PER DECEMBER 31 2016					\$ 11,968.55
STARTED DECEMBER 2015					\$ 10,000

Worship Committee – 2022

Committee Members:

Jane Burpee, Karen Hunt, Barb Kyle, Lindsay Kyle, Heather St. George,
Kristin Woodburke (Acting Chair)

Some highlights of the year:

January:

- Out of concern of the Omicron variant, we asked people who could attend online to do so, therefore making attendance very low in January and into February.
- The choir was suspended at this time, and music leadership was provided by Linda, Stephen, Lindsay and Kristin
- We left the Christmas tree up, with just lights and no decorations through January and February, and decorated the walls with shiny gold stars to keep the space looking bright during Epiphany
- Lynda Trono and Mark Olfert from West Broadway Community Ministry joined us via Zoom on Jan. 30 to speak about Universal Basic Income

February:

- We celebrated Black History Month with music, and by sharing some stories and reflection by young Black Canadians which were provided by the United Church of Canada
- Feb. 20 was a snow day, with Kori Van Ryssel hosting the webinar from her home, and adding Kristin as a panelist, and Stephen pre-taping music to play

March:

- Choir started back in March
- We started Lent off with an outdoor bonfire service in the parking lot on Friday, March 4, with 22 people in attendance.
- We bought some new pillar candles to use for Lent and Advent in place of the taper candles.
- Laurie and Kristin led a Lenten Study Group using the book “Lesser Evils”, starting on March 8

April:

- Kristin was sick with Covid and had to attend the Palm Sunday service over Zoom. For Palm Sunday this year we picked up a variety of greens from Stems and Roses to wave instead of the palm branches we have ordered in the past.
- We once again had a Maundy Thursday service over Zoom, but our Good Friday service was in person, despite a big storm that threatened to keep everyone home.
- Easter Sunday we had our Easter Sunrise service that was held in our church yard because the parking lot in Bird's Hill Park was full of snow from the storm. We then had hot cross buns in the hall once again after the service, and enjoyed a wonderful service on Easter Sunday with Jane Burpee reading monologues as Mary Magdalene

May:

- Adrian Jacobs from Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre joined us in worship on May 1
- May 15 we celebrated both PIE Day, with participation from our Affirm Task Group, and Marvellous May Morning of Music, with music requests
- May 29 was our church picnic service which had to be held in the hall due to the rain

June:

- June 5 was Pentecost and we decorated the cross (which we have had up through Lent and Easter) with bright red, orange and yellow flowers
- On June 12, we participated in the Worship Together Springfield (Chicken Daze) service, but also had our own short service at noon before we celebrated Maureen McCartney and Donna McLeod's retirements

July/August:

- Kristin prepared services for worship at home through the summer months.
- We did an evening service on July 24 which had about 15 people in attendance, and another one, set around the campfire in the parking lot on August 28 which had about 30 people in attendance
- The worship committee decided we would continue to offer communion monthly, rather than every second month, and that we would continue to have people bring their own elements throughout the cold and flu season and re-evaluate this after Easter 2023. We continue to provide elements for those who may forget.

September:

- Our Creation time theme was the elements of water, air, fire, land
- People were slow to return to worship in person, including children for Sunday School, who join with the youth group when they do attend

October:

- Oct. 16 we celebrated World Food Day and Brent Reid from the SAFARI growing project spoke with us about the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- Oct. 30 we celebrated All Saints Sunday and people wrote down the names of people who were part of their "cloud of witnesses" and stuck them on the walls. We kept these clouds up until the beginning of Advent

November:

- Barb Kyle outfitted one of our old banners, with a crocheted cross, with a new wreath of poppies for Remembrance Sunday. This was the first Remembrance day since before Covid that we had people come forward to place their poppies on the wreaths
- Nov. 13 we did an interactive service with prayer stations. This was a repeat of the evening service on July 24, so that more people could experience it.
- Nov. 20 we had Moe Feakes from House of Hesed as a guest speaker
- Nov. 27 was the first Sunday of Advent. We blessed our new candle holders for our new pillar candles, which were made by Dave Rayner using wood repurposed from our old front doors.
- This was also White Gift Sunday, as the Christmas Hampers were only accepting financial donations again this year and needed to receive them earlier
- Throughout Advent our choir members were our Advent candle lighters
- Advent Study led by Kristin and Laurie began on November 29, using the book "Honest Advent"

December:

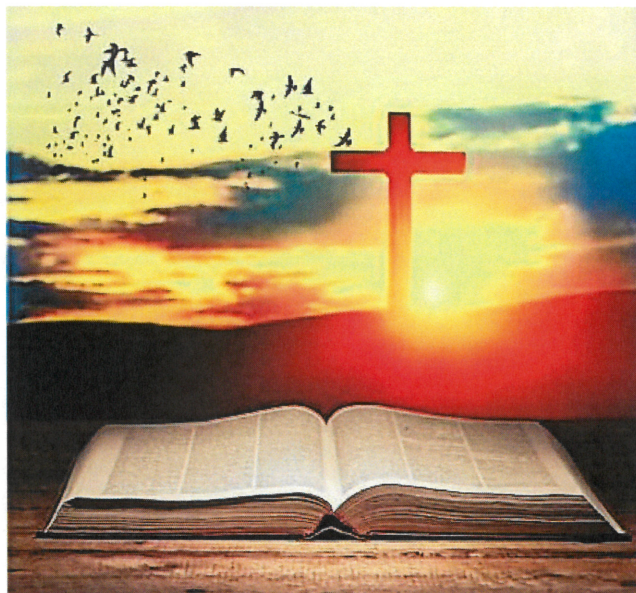
- We noticed attendance picked up in church through the season of Advent
- Blue Christmas service at Season's Funeral Chapel, December 13. There were about 35 in attendance, and the service was once again held at Seasons Funeral Chapel, with us providing the food for the fellowship time afterward

- On Dec. 18 we had a fun “pick-up Christmas pageant” with four youth/children and about twenty enthusiastic adults taking part. We also blessed our old Advent side banners which had been given new life by Karen Hunt and her daughter
- We once again had two services on Christmas Eve. Battery operated tea lights were used for the services this year due to Covid and also allowed “the light” to be taken home by the congregants.
- The 4:00 Family service had about 60 people in attendance, and Stephen, Lindsay, and Shirley Gibb were wonderful storytellers
- The 10:00 pm Candlelight service had about 80 (including choir)
- No services were held December 25th or January 1st. Services resumed January 8th.

I’d like to offer my deep thanks to the Worship Committee who have all taken on various tasks to make it easier for me to be the acting chair of the committee, and to keep things organized and running smoothly: taking minutes, attending Board meetings, decorating, setting up communion supplies, and finding readers and ushers. Throughout this year they have also done a lot of work at examining the decorations and banners we have, and doing plenty of research and using their imaginations and skills to figure out how best to repurpose or replace them.

Also a big thanks to the tech folks, who help our worship reach out beyond our walls, and to everyone who is involved in our music. After not being able to sing together for so long, we are very grateful that this year has been full of wonderful music!

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Woodburke



CONGREGATIONAL GROUPS/COMMITTEES AND CHURCH EVENTS:

Affirm Committee – 2022



In 2022, the pandemic still hampered our desire to move forward. However, we were able to host a PIE Day service and lunch afterwards in May, assisted by the fellowship team. It was the first in-person 'eating together\inside' event since the pandemic started and it was heart-warming and soul-nourishing to get together again, eating both savory and sweet pies.

PIE stands for Public, Intentional, and Explicit inclusion of LGBTQ+ and 2S people. During the worship service, we watched two videos. One was on the history of the rainbow flag. The other, *Not a Mistake*, was created by Korean Rainbow Church, a network of The United Church of Canada for Korean queer people and allies. We also introduced the Question Box which is in the Narthex. Questions can be answered during subsequent services, in the weekly newsletter, or in person or by email.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rodgers (she/her)
Chair of the Affirm Committee

Elders – 2022

Elders: Joan Nurse, Lawrie Kyle, Dennis McLeod, Ian Reid, Barb Kyle, Ken Fanstone,
Ardith Cook and Vicky Elliott

This has been another incredible year in the life and work of Oak Bank United Church.

Kristin continues to show how resilient, resourceful and spontaneous a spiritual leader can be as she ministers to our church family. In another year of constant change, Kristin and the Board have adapted to every situation and have provided the guidance required to keep OBUC vital. It has been wonderful to return to worship in the church again and we look forward to continued growth in attendance. Kristin and the choir continue to share the word via livestreaming. We are thankful for her efforts and prayerfully ask that she be blessed as she guides us in our spiritual journeys.

Once again, there have been no formal meetings, but the Elders have been pleased to offer our support when called upon.

Respectfully submitted for the Elders,

Ian Reid

Mistletoe Market - 2022

Mistletoe Market 2022 Children's Christmas Shopping event was held Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3, 2022. There is a real LOVE in the community for this event. My experience is that it is so well received and so beloved. Many parents who shopped as kids are now bringing their kids to shop. We are grateful for the original "Flakes" and the legacy they have built. Three hundred pre-book shopping admissions were sold out in advance of the event. Walk up shoppers were also accommodated. It is estimated that we hosted up to 400 shoppers. The event was financially successful: a \$2 per gift price structure produced over \$4000 in revenue.

Opportunities to build on for 2023:

- Parent exit survey produced names and contact information from 10 different parents willing to help with next year's sale. We will be sure to reach out and engage with these families.
- Parent exit survey also produced some feedback on what is going well and what we could consider doing differently for upcoming years – there was interest in a separate time parent/child shopping experience (for shy/anxious/sensory-sensitive children) as well as some future Dad-gift ideas.

Challenges to surmount for 2023:

- We need STUFF! We depleted ALL our gift items – an exciting and terrifying position to find ourselves in. Regular donation solicitation will begin immediately.
- Increasing our community presence via social media. Instagram page currently under construction. Promoting Mistletoe Market future sales and church outreach activity.

Respectfully submitted by Stacey Walterson

Prairie to Pine Regional Council Representatives - 2022

Once again, Heather St. George and I attended the Regional Council meeting. A shortened meeting was held May 6th and 7th by Zoom.

As was the case last year, much of the work of the P2P Regional Council still focuses on sorting out how we function in this new structure. An informative weekly newsletter is sent out to each church's minister and Regional Council representatives.

I have a year left as a member of the P2P Equity and Diversity Committee. We continue to encourage communities of faith to become Affirming and to provide support.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rodgers

P2P Regional Council Rep

Refugee Family Update – 2022

The Syrian refugee family we are sponsoring fled to Saudi Arabia approximately ten years ago. As a congregation we agreed to sponsor this family at the February, 2018 Annual Meeting. Our sponsorship (Private Sponsorship of Refugees) was approved by ROC-O (Resettlement Operations Centre in Ottawa) in August 2019. Just when we thought their file must be at the top of the pile, COVID hit. All movement on any unprocessed files came to a complete halt until recently. In November of 2022, they were finally contacted by the Canadian Embassy in Abu Dhabi, UAE. They went for their biometrics and interview in December at the Canadian Consulate in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. They are now awaiting their medical checks.

In December after their biometrics and interview, the family received an email from the IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) informing them that their application for permanent residency is being processed and that they now qualify to receive pre-arrival services to help prepare them for their new life in Canada. Things are looking good, so we are starting to prepare for the possibility of their arrival. Layali was told that they could be coming to Canada anytime between January and December, 2023. Yay!!

We are hoping to settle the family in the Fort Rouge or St. Vital area of Winnipeg where Ahmad's two sisters, Nahed and Kaffa live. The sisters plan to be the interpreters and Kaffa is planning to take her brother's family to their many different appointments and help them set up their life here. We will also play a supportive role in this wherever we can help out. Kristin has contacted Trinity United in Fort Rouge and Meadowood United in St. Vital to see if they would like to partner with us or help in any way they can. They have both agreed to participate in fundraising and Trinity United will introduce the family to the large Syrian community in their area as well as to any help groups and will be offering the family a garden plot in their community garden. It is wonderful to have them on board!

We are now putting together a task group to prepare ourselves for the very possible and exciting arrival of the family! Laurie and Hans Peper will act as co-chairs of this group. Laurie will also act as family liaison and Hans will look into housing at this time, but anyone is welcome to join in these two roles. Stan Penner from the Stewardship committee is currently reviewing our financial obligations. We will be needing one or two people to head up fundraising, one or two people to head up in-kind donations and we could use a few members at large. Contact Laurie or Hans if you are interested in one of these positions. As soon as we get an arrival date, we can begin fundraising outside of our congregation and at that time we will need many hands. The more the merrier!

This outreach project is an exciting opportunity for all of us to come together as a church community and welcome these newcomers to Canada. I hope it will be a very rewarding and bonding experience for us all!

The Family: Ahmad – Father
Layali – Mother
Mariam – 13 (14 in June)
Taher – 12 (13 in October)
Umran – 6
Zain – 3 (4 in August)

Submitted by: Laurie Peper

Senior Choir - 2022

For the choir, 2022 was a year of starts and stops, re-beginnings, and continued flexibility. The fall of 2021 was joyful with the choir singing in person. In January of 2022, Omicron put an end to that, and we were back to showing videos and having the music livestream-dream-team (Kristin, Stephen, Lindsay, and Linda) singing.

By February, however, we gathered again and presented a month of Negro spirituals for Black History Month. (Although the term 'negro' is considered offensive in general use, it is the preferred term for the music created by the enslaved people.)

For the PIE Day service in May we sang *Everything Possible*, a favourite song of the LGBTQ+ and 2S community. In June, we were finally able to sing *Flying Free* during the service celebrating Maureen's retirement. On National Aboriginal Day in June, we listened to Lisa Waites, a Metis woman from Alberta, sing a song she composed, *We must learn to walk together*; then in September we sang her song for Orange Shirt Day.

The fall and Advent season continued in an uneventful manner. It was lovely to complete the year singing in person.

For various reasons, several members of the choir have 'retired' or 'are on leave'. We understand, we miss you, and we sincerely thank you for your years of dedication. With illness and travel as contributing factors, it has often been difficult to maintain balanced sections in the choir. We would warmly welcome any new or returning singers.

I work and worship with many talented, generous people. It is always a pleasure to plan music with Kristin, who is as passionate as I am about making musical connections in worship. Lindsay Kyle contributes so much to worship when he adds the organ to our hymns. I am extremely grateful for Barb Zawada's invaluable assistance with organizing the copies of music. Our collaborative pianist, Stephen Cocks, generously shares his time, his myriad talents, and his creative ideas. What a gift to me and to the church.

My sincere gratitude goes to all 'my' singers who make my job not work, but a pleasure. And to those of you in the pews who share your encouragement and appreciation, the entire choir thanks you.

Sincerely, Linda Rodgers (Choir Director)



Sonbeam Choir – 2022

Unfortunately there has not been a Sonbeam Choir (ages 4 and up) since the onset of Covid, however we plan to resume this children's choir in February 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Burpee

Trustees (Board of) – 2022

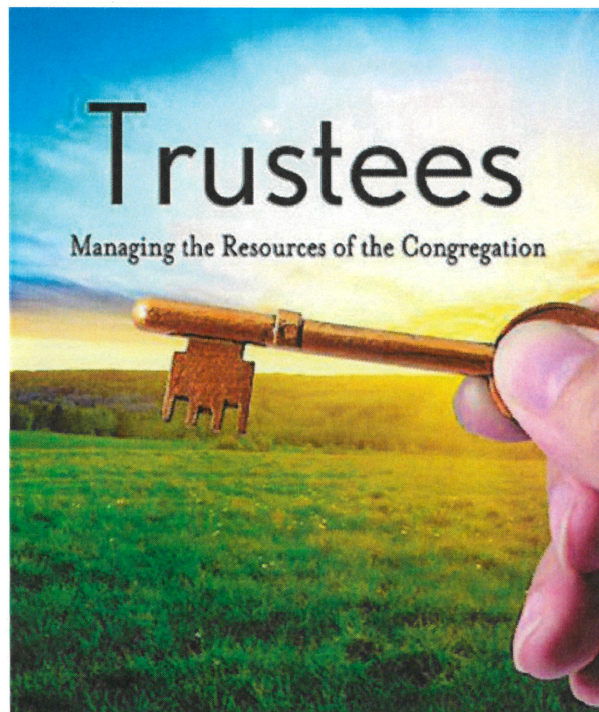
Trustees: Ken Fanstone, Ian Reid, Dennis McLeod, Lawrie Kyle, Hans Peper

2022 was another year full of challenges for our congregation, but once again the strong church leadership and faithful congregation members worked together and enabled OBUC to weather the ongoing effects of the pandemic. The Stewardship Committee and especially our Treasurer, Lawrie Kyle, provided careful monitoring and guidance through this challenging financial period. Thanks to this combined congregational effort, OBUC has continued to show solid fiscal responsibility and incredible resourcefulness.

The Trustees are proud to be a part of this church family. We look forward to another healthy and faithful year in the life of Oak Bank United Church.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

Ian Reid



United Company (OBUC Dinner Theatre):

Producers' Report for the 2022 Production (Yr 29): "How I Met Your Mummy"

Well . . . We did it! After a long two year wait (notwithstanding the virtual production of 2021) and some bumps along the way, the 29th production of the United Company took to the stage in October 2022 to present the very entertaining melodrama "How I Met Your Mummy" in front of live and "lively" audiences.

In August 2021, the Producers, Jaime Kyle, Al Doern and I, met with Director Irene Peters to brainstorm and discuss ideas for the 2022 production. Reflecting on the uncertainty in the months ahead presented by the fourth wave of the pandemic, the problems/concerns associated with winter performances and the success of our high-quality spring 2021 virtual production, we felt there was an opportunity to make changes to the timing and format of our dinner theatre. In September, the Production Committee unanimously endorsed the new time and hybrid format. We would return to live performances on April 21-14, April 28-May 1, and May 5-7 but offer virtual performances, with take-out meals, on May 13-14. In addition, we confirmed that all video recording and editing would now be done in-house.

In October, our planning began. The call for casting went out, auditions were held mid-November, a cast read-through was held in December with rehearsals to start in January.

In December, the main order of business was to review our method of selling tickets. Following the very successful on-line sales campaign of 2021, we decided to shift to on-line ticket sales, with phone contact for our patrons without Internet. It was also decided to offer sales of priority seating tickets to those patrons with special seating requirements. We were on our way!

And then came January 2022 and . . . COVID reared its ugly head resulting in the first 10 rehearsals being cancelled! It soon became evident that a high-quality spring production in front of a live audience was no longer feasible so the decision was made to shift all performances to the Fall of 2022—the live performances now on October 13-16, 20-23 and 27-29 and the virtual performances on Nov 4-5. Plans shifted, schedules were adjusted, and the ever-creative Director found a way to adapt rehearsals to the new Covid reality allowing rehearsals to resume in February.

In March, the order of business was to discuss the impact of the drastic increase in food prices on our expenses. After much thoughtful discussion, the decision was made to raise ticket prices from \$50.00 to \$55.00. An eblast and mailings went out informing our patrons of the return of live performances of the United Company Dinner Theatre in October 2022.

Throughout May and June, the committee leads continued to plan so that they could "hit the ground running" when we reconvened in August. Our website manager, Jaime Kyle, started to develop the Dinner Theatre's website new look and our sales team, Dorian Dzikowski and Pam Buhr, worked to adapt an existing on-line sales platform to our needs, one which would be capable of taking ticket orders, issuing tickets and receiving payment.

Thanks to their hard work over the summer, the Website launched mid-August and the Ticket Sales campaign began shortly thereafter. Priority Seating sales began August 22nd, by email and/or phone calls, and General Sales went live through the Website on August 29th. Stage and props crews took advantage of the extended break to beautifully prepare the stage and backdrops for our "Mummy". Rehearsals resumed and, by September, we were off and running again.

September saw a flurry of activity and by October, we were in the final phases of preparation. The Volunteer Recruitment event had taken place on September 18th and the Dress Rehearsal, well attended

by family, friends, and volunteers alike, was on October 2nd. Thank you to the Youth Group who, as a fundraiser for their programming, sold popcorn, drinks and snacks at the dress rehearsal.

While ticket sales for the live shows were going well, interest in streaming was quite low so, at the October 3rd meeting, the Production Committee decided to remove the live stream option from the run and offer DVD/USB's in its place. This allowed the Volunteer Dinner to be moved to October 30th. Just a few more "I's to dot and T's to cross" and we were ready to go.

And then the Boil Water Advisory bomb dropped! Our astute kitchen leads, Barb Kyle and Kim Reid and their crew, quickly put a plan in place to provide safe water for our guests and for the kitchen. It would mean some "heavy lifting" by a few dedicated folks but it was manageable. Thankfully through the efforts of the members on the Building and Property committee and a few prayers, a negative test came in just before Opening night!

Opening night, October 13, saw an exuberant audience enjoy the delicious and famous roast beef dinner and a highly entertaining show. The rave reviews we received that opening weekend were just a hint of the huge hit that this show was to become. To quote portions of one email received, "Just a note to say how very much we enjoyed every aspect of the Dinner Theatre! The organization of EVERY detail was awesome. . . .The meal was delicious. . . .the performance was outstanding! Came away with many laughs!"

Thanks to the collective commitment, hard work, creativity, patience, and most of all resilience of the cast and crew who make up the United Company, we closed "How I Met Your Mummy" on October 30, 2022 after a highly successful run.

With much appreciation and gratitude, we say "Thank You" to the amazing cast and to the members of the United Company Production Committee—the Administrative team of Jaime Kyle – website, marketing and communications, Dorian Dzikowski and Pam Buhr – ticket sales; Jan Fanstone – treasurer; the Event team of Barb Kyle, and Kim Reid – kitchen, Lawrie Kyle – spud prep, Hans Peper – dishwashing, Loretta Steinbart – greeters, Kelly Dueck and Kristy Peterson – servers, Lindsay Kyle – refreshments, Laurie Peper and Ashleigh Gusberti – hall decoration, Jane Wells Farrell – hospitality room, Heather St. George – security, Barb Zawada - set-up/clean-up; and the Artistic team of: Irene Peters – director, Doug Zawada – cast rep, Barb Kyle – script assistant; Ardith Cook and Sue Hammerback– music directors, Al Doern – staging and sets, Shirley Gibb and Irene Peters – props, costumes and wigs, Sandra Robinson – make-up, Noah and Wyatt Jonker – lighting and audio, Ian Reid – video production. Thanks also to our emcees, Kori Reid, Mike Bertram, Ken Fanstone and Maureen McCarthy; to video editor Josh Farrell, and technical advisor Tom Borsa; to set designers, Don Carruthers, Christine Robinson and Louise Laing; and to the countless others who volunteered their time and talents alongside and behind the scenes.

It was quite a ride for the Producers but such fun! The collective creativity, resourcefulness, and support made it a real pleasure, honour and privilege to work with one another. What a team! My to thanks you, Jaime and Al.

I began this report with "Well . . . We did it!" with good reason as the road to the final night was fraught with many challenges along the way, a few of which I've mentioned. With Director Irene's blessing, I have included her brilliantly written piece "Fortunately, Unfortunately" to give everyone a better picture of why we are all so very grateful and pleased to have been able to present all 11 shows in front of real-live audiences.

Respectfully submitted,

Producer(s) Heather St. George (for Jaime Kyle and Allan Doern)

How I Met Your Mummy 2022 - Fortunately, Unfortunately

by Irene Peters, Director

Fortunately, there was good interest in auditioning for our 2022 production and we were able to hold auditions for HIMYM in mid-November.

Unfortunately, a new strain of COVID-19 forced us to cancel our first 10 rehearsals in January.

Fortunately, a decision was made to move HIMYM to the fall, so we gained time to catch up on missed rehearsals.

Unfortunately, Allan decided that taking on the role of Ralph and being one of the Producers might be a bit too much, so decided to bow out.

Fortunately, Dave Matity was willing and able to take on the role of Ralph.

Unfortunately, inclement weather played havoc with our schedule, so we lost a few rehearsals early on.

Fortunately, with small groups wearing masks, we managed to get through the script in isolated sections and then begin longer run-throughs.

Unfortunately, COVID appeared and by April 5 I was sending out an email to cancel rehearsals again.

Fortunately, it wasn't long before we were back to rehearsing and off-book for Act 1.

Unfortunately, we had to schedule make-up rehearsals so that we could get back on track.

Fortunately, everyone agreed to continuing beyond May 17th by adding in Tuesday rehearsals until June 7.

Unfortunately, Allan suffered a heart attack in mid-September.

Fortunately, he recovered after having surgery.

Unfortunately, he decided to surrender his role as Remote Spot Operator and Yo-Wat-Sup.

Fortunately, Terry Gibb was able to step in and take over for AI in both roles.

Unfortunately, Fairlie missed the Tech Rehearsal as she had a potential exposure to COVID.

Fortunately, Fairlie tested negative and was able to be with us on Opening Night.

Unfortunately, Maureen had a car accident and was unable to serve as our MC opening weekend.

Fortunately, Kori Kelly was able to step in Opening Night and Mike Bertram was able to do the remainder of the weekend.

Unfortunately, there were no sound effects Opening Night.

Fortunately, after much investigation, it was discovered that the sound board was the issue and thanks to Take Five lending us their sound board we were back in business!

Unfortunately, Gerry was unable to play his role on Friday evening. He had been to Selkirk Hospital to be fitted with a heart monitor to wear for 48 hours, but it turned out they wouldn't allow him to leave and he ended up going to St. Boniface that evening, awaiting installation of a pacemaker.

Fortunately, Al had recovered well enough that he could go onstage with a script and play Gerry's role.

Unfortunately, the next morning (Saturday), Tim called to report that he had tested positive for COVID.

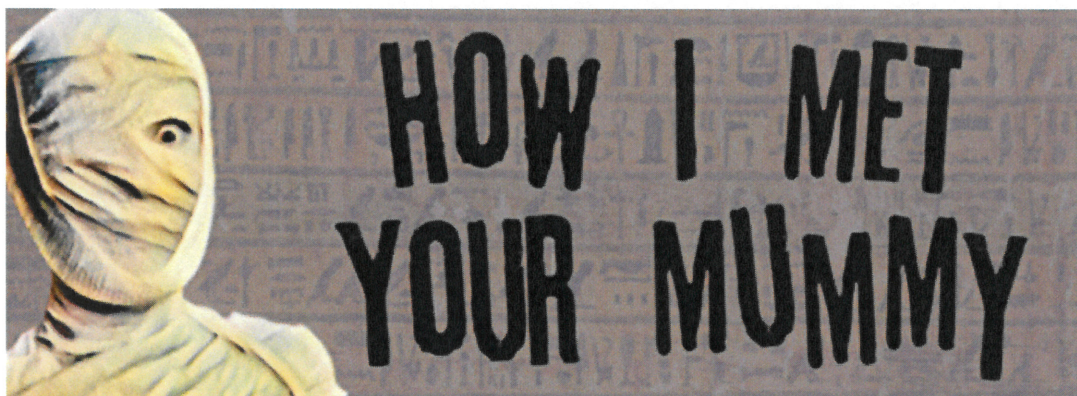
Fortunately, Ardith was willing and able to take his place onstage as Elvira.

Unfortunately, Sandra reported that she had COVID and was unable to apply cast makeup.

Fortunately, she trained the young ladies well and they, along with Laurie Peper's help, ensured that everyone looked great!

Unfortunately, we discovered that the videos taken of several performances had sound issues relating to the piano. When it was played, the singing couldn't be heard and the sound was quite distorted.

Fortunately, we were able to get the cast together and along with Lindsay's ability to play along with the "screechy" version and Tom and Jaime's technical expertise, we re-recorded the songs. They will be edited into the select video and will sound much better!



The United Company
Statement of Revenue over Expenses
2022 Production
How I Met Your Mummy

	2022	2021
	Actual	Actual
Ticket sales	\$71,060.00	\$27,250.00
Service fee - tickets	0.00	0.00
Refreshment sales	6,456.95	0.00
Other	3,335.00	120.00
Interest	326.87	39.72
Donation	10.00	
	81,188.82	27,409.72
Food & supplies	15,071.46	4,982.70
DVD/USB	181.90	2,306.84
Postage	276.00	185.74
Refreshments	4,107.36	0.00
Hospitality	559.01	0.00
Sets & costumes	2,276.34	113.67
Script & royalties	1,177.42	550.05
Programs & tickets	472.75	0.00
Marketing	43.05	34.27
GST	444.64	160.55
Credit card fees	2,175.85	806.28
Equipment	1,545.94	
Miscellaneous	404.16	68.58
	28,735.88	9,208.68
Revenue over expenses	\$52,452.94	\$18,201.04
Distributed:		
Oakbank United Church	52,452.94	18,201.04
	\$52,452.94	\$18,201.04

OAK BANK UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Held with members both in person and via Zoom
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 - 7:00 pm

Present: List available from Board Clerk.

1. **Opening Prayer** – Kristin Woodburke
Kristin opened the meeting with prayer.

2. **Election of Chairperson**

Kori Van Ryssel, Chair of the Unified Board called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the polling process. Viewers at home are able to vote through the online system using the polling process

Sarah Mueller took over the election of the Chair of the meeting. She called for nominations three times. Kori explained the polling process so that everyone could vote on the motions.

Motion #9,2022: To elect Kori Van Ryssel as Chair for this meeting.

Moved by: Jan Fanstone **Seconded by:** Kim Reid **CARRIED 21**

Kori then took over chairing the meeting. She shared the results of the vote with the virtual audience as she did with every vote. Vote was carried.

3. **Election of Secretary**

Kori Van Ryssel asked for nominations for the Secretary of the AGM. She asked three times.

Motion #10,2022: To elect Sarah Mueller as Secretary for this meeting.

Moved by: Barb Kyle **Seconded by:** Margaret Henry **CARRIED 21**

Kori read the following:

Our Mission

Rooted in community, grounded in compassion, growing in faith, reaching out in generosity.

Our Vision

A vibrant church reaching out to love and serve our community in faith.

Acknowledgement of Treaty Land

Let us pause to remember that this region we live and work and worship on, is Treaty One land, in the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Métis Nation. We acknowledge, with respect, the history, spirituality and culture of these peoples. We acknowledge their stories and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants and animals, through the many generations. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its peoples.

4. Eligibility to Vote

Motion #11,2022: That all members and adherents present be eligible to vote at this meeting except on matters pertaining to Ministry and property when only members can vote.

Moved by: Jan Fanstone Seconded by: Doug Zawada CARRIED 21

5. Approval of the Agenda for this Annual General Meeting.

Motion #12,2022: To accept the agenda for this annual meeting.

Moved by: Ardith Cook Seconded by: Lindsay Kyle CARRIED 20

6. Acceptance of the February 28,2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion #13,2022: To approve the AGM Minutes of February 28, 2021.

Moved by: Barb Zawada Seconded by: Ian Reid CARRIED 20

7. Business arising from last year's minutes

There was no business arising from last year's minutes that was not addressed in the Year end reports.

8. Acceptance of 2021 Year-end Committee/Individual and Group Reports

Linda Rogers joined us by video to add to her report. She acknowledged 8 years working with Maureen. Thanked her for her wisdom, grace and humour. 20 people had joined in sending singing to join in the presentation for Maureen's last service.

Kori spoke to how even though Covid restricted our time together, many great event happened through the year with all of our committees and groups within the church. If we can accomplish all of this in a restricted year think what we can do!

Motion #14,2022: To accept 2021 Year-end Committee, Individual, and Group reports.

Moved by: Barb Kyle Seconded by: Kim Reid CARRIED 20

9. Financial Report for 2021

Highlights from Lawrie Kyle's Reports

Lawrie shared his financial report highlighting the deficit of 17688.00 which is much lower than expected as giving's were stable, less expenditures, Maureen's position ending, gov of MB grants, rentals as predicted, golf tournament showed an increase. None of the pool of money from Covid Fund used in general operating fund.

250 each month to refugee fund, support given to SAFARI Grow Project, West Broadway CM, 47096.00 from govt Covid fund. 61651.00

Xmas eve service to Refugee Fund.

Youth fund

Endowment fund

218,128.00 total assents

Questions from the audience: Pastoral Care total \$400

Quorum: 20 full members

Message online thanking Lawrie for all of his hard work.

Motion #15,2022: To accept the 2021 Financial Reports as presented.

Moved by: Lawrie Kyle

Seconded by: Ken Fanstone

CARRIED

10. Auditor's Report for 2021

The auditor's report was read by the Kori Van Ryssel. (attached)

Motion #16,2022: To accept the Auditor's report as presented.

Moved by: Jaime Kyle

Seconded by: Dave Henry

CARRIED 23

11. Nomination of Auditor for 2022

Motion #17,2022: To nominate Jan Fanstone as Auditor for 2022.

Moved by: Ardith Cook

Seconded by: Lindsay Kyle

CARRIED 22

12. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposed 2022 Budget

- see budget as submitted for predicted income and expenditure.

Items of note:

- \$ to be directed from Covid fund to general operating budget to support OBUC through the coming years and a hopeful return to "normal".
- Offerings budgeted \$137,700.
- No money set aside for Vision or LRP funds.
- Pulpit supply increase to support Kristin and give her opportunity to sometimes work with youth etc.
- Postage added as line due to increase need for mailing as people not in building.
- Question online regarding Regional assessment amount. The regional assessment is increasing greatly however we are being allowed to reach targeted increase in stages, this year's amount is \$ 7,740.00.
- Kori spoke to the line item "Support Growth Position". There has been conversation at the Board level regarding the need for support for our Sunday School Program. Pam Buhr has been providing material while we were on line only. Now that we are back to some in person attendance we recognize the need to re invent our Sunday school program while providing value and a safe, welcoming environment. As the volunteers on our CE committee have children aging out of Sunday School, we find ourselves in need of a coordinator for our Christian education program. Reinvent what success looks like for our program. First half of the year - discovery, latter part of the year - implementation
- Question online - can we publicize the use of the hall for various events more? Stewardship to review options.

Motion #18,2022: To accept the 2022 budget as presented.

Moved by: Lawrie Kyle

Seconded by: Ian Reid

CARRIED 23

b. Call to Action Plan

- Hans presented the Call to Action update. Goal to re-energize our congregation. Previous Call to Action initiatives were put on hold due to Covid and it is time to begin again with the Actions that are possible and make sense at this time. 9 items have been identified: identify church demographics, pulse check on members/potential families, alternatives to fundraising Post Covid, Rentals and other use of our facilities, Website, Communications plan - highlighting activities/involvement etc. Youth/Sunday School, Messaging to spiritual people in the community.

- Work to begin early March with a 3-6month plan for completion.
- If you are interested in helping with any of the 9 areas, please submit your name to Barb Zawada.

c. Other

- Covid - Kori congratulated everyone on our approach to Covid in the past year. More Covid updates to come after the next Board meeting March 9th however until that time we will continue to livestream our Sunday services and welcome those who are fully vaccinated into the building as regulations allow. Please continue to watch the weekly email for updates.

13. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

As Vice-Chair of the Unified Board, Ken chaired the Nominations Committee during January and February 2022. This Committee is tasked with identifying individuals willing to serve on the Unified Board and its Committees, as well as confirm several annual appointments.

Ken shared that the following members will be retiring from the unified board and offered our thanks to them for their significant contributions to both the large picture planning and daily operations of our church.

The following members will be retiring from the Unified Board:

Ardith Cook
Doug Zawada
Brenda Tjaden
Ashleigh Gusberti
Laurie Peper

The following compliment of individuals are being presented at the Annual Meeting as Unified Board candidates:

Jane Burpee
Margaret Henry
Ian Reid
Kim Reid
Nancy McLean

Each Committee chairperson was asked to survey their members to identify any individuals retiring from their role on the board or committee. Board openings were identified on the Worship, Building and Property, M&P and Fellowship committees. Our search occurred during the January/February 2022 time frame, and resulted in the above list of Unified Board candidates.

Congregation members may join committees at any time in the year and are always welcome. Should anyone wish to share their gifts with a particular committee, please speak with any board member.

Further, the annual appointment of Lawrie Kyle as Treasurer/Envelope Secretary and Linda Rogers and Heath Saint George as Prairie to Pine representatives. of Oak Bank United Church for the year 2022 is being brought before the Annual Meeting for approval.

We would like to thank all those who graciously allowed their names to be presented to fulfill the responsibilities of the above positions.

Motion #19,2022: To accept the list of OBUC Unified Board Member Nominees to the Unified Board. To also accept Kori Van Ryssel as Chair, Ken Fanstone as Vice-Chair, Sarah Mueller as Secretary and Lawrie Kyle as Treasurer.

Moved by: Ken Fanstone

Seconded by: Hans Peper

CARRIED 23

14. MOTION OF GRATITUDE AND THANKS

Ken encouraged everyone to read the Annual Report as a broad overview of all of the activities undertaken this past year.

Ken made a motion of gratitude and thanks for all of those who work in the life of our church. Transition, creativity and growth.

Thanks to Kristin for guiding us currently and to Maureen for her past service. To the Board members as we return to our work and to our members who find way to gather and support each other.

Motion #20,2022: A motion of gratitude and thanks to our Ministers, our Board, Our Members and all who work in the life of OBUC.

Moved by: Ken Fanstone

Seconded by: Margaret Henry

Carried 24

Lawrie Kyle thanked Kori for her leadership, energy and positivity as she worked to lead us all through the Covid times. Kristin reiterated the job well done by Kori and the team and thanked all for the support shown to her as she navigated Ministry in these strange times.

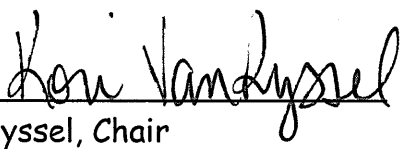
15. Closing Prayer - Kristin Woodburke

Kristin closed the meeting with prayer.


16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

The next AGM will be held in February 2023.



Kori Van Ryssel, Chair



Sarah Mueller, Secretary

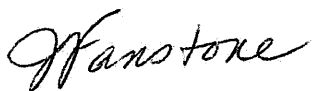
February 21, 2022

To the Chairperson of the
Unified Board,
Oakbank United Church

I have completed my review of the books and records of the Oakbank United Church for the year ending December 31, 2021. My review included verifying the receipts to the bank statements, tracing disbursements to supporting documentation, and the balances to the financial statements. In addition, I have conducted a review of board minutes and other pertinent information. All results were satisfactory.

Once again, I have found the books and records of the Church to be in good order. A great deal of time and effort is needed to maintain these financial records and I would like to commend Lawrie Kyle for the care and attention he expends in fulfilling his duties as Treasurer – a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Fanstone".

Jan Fanstone
Oakbank, Manitoba

c.c. Lawrie Kyle
Treasurer

Call to Action 2022 – Topics to start NOW

- Started in the Fall of 2019 to bolster our church financially for the long term
- Consisted of 3 teams:
 - 1. Congregational Growth 2. Older Youth/Young Adults 3. Communication Plan
- In September of 2020 the final Action Plans were published and put on hold until after COVID
- Stewardship and the Board considered a few times during 2021 to start with certain actions but it remained ON HOLD as the timing was not good
- In January of 2022, Stewardship identified certain topics that could be started slowly in preparation of the COVID pandemic ending.
- We feel that it is time to start working some plans in preparation of rolling them out to our congregation and community later this year when the time is right.



We need the Board's assistance to confirm these and/or other items and we need volunteers to participate



Call to Action 2022 – 9 Topics to start NOW



1. OBUC Congregation Demographics analysis (Hans, Ian, Lawrie, Darren)

- To be able to focus on certain demographic groups as chosen

2. Pulse check of existing members (Sarah, Darren)

- Research recent changes in our congregation

3. Sunday School attendance research and program development (Overlap with #1 & #2)

- Dedicated resource added to the 2022 budget

4. Find alternatives for fundraising during and after Covid (Stan, Ken)

5. Find more renters and use for our facilities (Stan, Barb)

- Rental revenues opportunity, besides being a community hub

6. OBUC Website content development (Lawrie, Barb, Jaime)

- Reviewing the current content and help to collect new content

7. ‘Did you know’ and ‘Minute for OBUC Mission’ (Donalda, Hans, Ken)

- Enhance the awareness, to be used in various media and for our own congregation

8. Support existing Youth programs (Ian)

9. Prepare a message to reach out to ‘spiritual’ community members (Sarah, Kristin, Laurie P.)

- To be used for our longer term congregational development

Call to Action 2022 – HOW TO PARTICIPATE



- Stewardship Committee members will all participate individually in their personally chosen topics
- Other volunteers for these topics are being requested from the Board and from the congregation; please send your name+choice to Stewardship
- One leader per topic
- Start is March 1 2022
- Periodical reporting updates to the Board
- Implementation of programs within 3-6 months
- Other topics can be added along the way

➤ ***Oak Bank United Church needs your input and energy!***
➤ ***Lets do this together!***



Oak Bank United Church
2022 Nominations Committee Report
To the February 23rd, 2022 Annual Meeting

The following members will be retiring, with our sincere gratitude, from the Unified Board:

Ardith Cook
Doug Zawada

Ashleigh Gusberti

Laurie Peper

Brenda Tjaden

The following compliment of individuals are being presented at the Annual Meeting as Unified Board candidates:

- Margaret Henry (new member; Fellowship Committee)
- Jane Burpee (new member; Worship Committee)
- Nancy MacLean (new member; Pastoral Care Committee)
- Kim Reid (new member; M&P Committee)
- Ian Reid (new member; B&P Committee)

Each Committee chairperson was asked to survey their members to identify any individuals retiring from their role on the board or committee. Board openings were identified on several committees, including three that would require new chairpersons. Our search occurred during the January/February 2022 timeframe, with a broad invitation extended to the entire congregation, and resulted in the above list of Unified Board candidates.

Congregation members may join committees at any time in the year and are always welcome. Should anyone wish to share their gifts with a particular committee, please speak with any board member.

Further, the annual appointment of Lawrie Kyle as Treasurer/Envelope Secretary of Oak Bank United Church for the year 2022 is being brought before the Annual Meeting for approval.

Further, the annual appointment of both Linda Rodgers and Heather St. George as Prairie to Pine representatives of Oak Bank United Church for the year 2022 is being brought before the Annual Meeting for approval.

We would like to thank all those who graciously allowed their names to be presented to fulfill the responsibilities of the above positions.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Fanstone
Vice-Chair, Unified Board

February 17, 2023

To the Chairperson of the
Unified Board,
Oakbank United Church

I have completed my review of the books and records of the Oakbank United Church for the year ending December 31, 2022. My review included verifying the receipts to the bank statements, tracing disbursements to supporting documentation, and the balances to the financial statements. In addition, I have conducted a review of board minutes and other pertinent information. All results were satisfactory.

I have, once again, found the books and records of the Church to be in good order. To properly maintain the financial records of an organization, a great deal of time and effort is required. I would like to commend Lawrie Kyle for the diligence and care he demonstrates in fulfilling his duties as Treasurer - a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janstone".

Jan Fanstone
Oakbank, Manitoba

c.c. Lawrie Kyle
Treasurer

YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT 2022

	Actual 2022	Budget 2022
Income		
<i>Fundraising</i>		
Dinner Theatre	49,393.65	30,000.00
Golf Tournament	11,602.31	8,000.00
Mistletoe Market	4,274.32	1,000.00
<i>Total Fundraising</i>	65,270.28	39,000.00
<i>Misc. Income</i>		
Bank Interest	3,164.21	2,000.00
Donations	3,427.79	4,000.00
GST Rebate	0.00	500.00
Rental	6,476.25	3,200.00
Sanctuary Rental	1,955.00	2,500.00
Covid 19 Fund	0.00	30,000.00
<i>Total Misc. Income</i>	15,023.25	42,200.00
<i>Offerings</i>		
Local Church Envelopes	35,862.00	38,000.00
Local Church PAR	84,269.00	86,000.00
Loose Collection	92.00	500.00
Mission & Service Envelope	1,572.00	2,400.00
Mission & Service PAR	8,970.00	10,800.00
<i>Total Offerings</i>	130,765.00	137,700.00
<i>Total Income</i>	211,058.53	218,900.00
Expenses		
<i>Afirm Committee</i>	0.00	400.00
<i>Building & Property</i>		
Contracts	3,591.45	5,000.00
Insurance	19,613.00	20,000.00
Maintenance & Repair	3,292.68	4,900.00
Piano Tuning	150.08	200.00
Snow Grass	880.00	900.00
Telephone/Internet	3,096.49	4,665.00
Utilities	10,034.17	8,100.00
<i>Total Building & Property</i>	40,657.87	43,765.00
<i>Christian Education</i>		
Advent Study Group	106.61	0.00
Curriculum	0.00	800.00
Lenten Book Study	20.79	0.00
Broadview	25.00	50.00
Resources	0.00	50.00
Supplies	22.49	1,500.00

	Actual 2022	Budget 2022
Youth Events	663.30	3,500.00
Total Christian Education	838.19	5,900.00
Fellowship		
Supplies	295.82	300.00
Total Fellowship	295.82	300.00
Ministry		
Full Book Allowance/Education	1,344.86	1,493.00
Full CPP	3,499.80	3,325.00
Full EI	1,116.73	1,090.00
Full Grp. Health /Spending Acc.	6,206.32	6,142.00
Full Mileage	607.44	750.00
Full Minister Discretion	32.18	500.00
Full Pension	6,001.56	6,001.00
Full Salary	66,684.00	66,680.00
Full Telephone	600.00	600.00
Ministry Services	-17,100.14	-16,500.00
Pulpit Supply	888.66	2,250.00
Miscellaneous	2,603.03	4,000.00
Regional Conference	0.00	500.00
Total Ministry	72,484.44	76,831.00
Mission & Service	10,542.00	13,200.00
Office		
Advertising	17.06	100.00
Computer Software/Hardware	2,096.10	1,000.00
Copier/Printer	2,334.36	2,400.00
IT Support	0.00	500.00
Postage	518.24	900.00
Supplies	519.85	1,000.00
Website Management	247.67	300.00
Total Office	5,733.28	6,200.00
Outreach		
Graduate Award	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Projects	2,250.00	2,250.00
Chicken Days Collection	-230.50	0.00
Orange Shirts	47.24	0.00
Red Cross Ukrainian Relief	115.35	0.00
Springfield Food Bank	115.25	0.00
Total Outreach	2,797.34	2,750.00
Pastoral Care/Visitation		
Cheer Fund	282.06	250.00

	Actual 2022	Budget 2022
Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00
Name Tags	0.00	50.00
Total Pastoral Care	282.06	400.00
Region Assessment	7,740.00	7,739.00
Stewardship		
Bank Charges	474.72	500.00
Payroll Expenses	1051.14	1000.00
Supplies	629.52	600.00
Transfer to LRP re Golf Tourn.	3432.31	0.00
Transfer to Vision Fund	4000.00	0.00
Total Stewardship	9,587.69	2,100.00
Support Personnel		
Office Manager Salary	24,685.83	25,981.00
Office Manager CPP	1,211.75	1,412.00
Office Manager EI	456.23	500.00
Office Manager Health	2,274.42	2,225.00
Office Manager Pension	2,221.74	2,415.00
Choir Leader	8,223.75	7,924.00
Choir Leader EI	192.78	223.00
Choir Leader Mileage	2,135.28	1,400.00
Choir Leader Vacation Pay	493.45	570.00
Choir Music	506.12	500.00
Choir Accompanist	6,800.00	7,650.00
Choir Accompanist CPP	220.16	252.00
Choir Accompanist EI	163.46	188.00
Choir Accompanist Mileage	1,629.84	1,400.00
Choir Accompanist Vac Pay	408.00	480.00
Accompanist -Occasional	180.20	400.00
Custodian Salary	9,015.00	9,890.00
Custodian CPP	282.86	564.00
Custodian EI	180.68	225.00
Custodian Vacation Pay	430.00	600.00
Live Stream Technician	5,000.00	5,000.00
LST Mileage	781.20	1,200.00
Support Growth Position	0.00	5,000.00
SGP Mileage	0.00	1,200.00
Total Support Personnel	67,492.75	77,199.00
Worship		
Copyrights	589.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	987.31	1,000.00
Total Worship	1,576.31	1,000.00
Total Expense	220,027.75	237,784.00
Net Income	-8,969.22	-18,884.00

General Operating Fund	84,166.54	75,372.32	-8,794.22
LRP Fund	15,003.14	8,376.68	-6,626.46
Memorial Fund	15,537.86	15,281.63	-256.23
Youth Fund	1,966.25	2,300.25	334.00
Youth Fund #2	4,265.69	4,613.69	348.00
Visions Fund	8,726.90	7,366.18	-1,360.72
Refugee Fund	11,501.82	16,318.82	4,817.00
Endowment Fund	15,309.14	15,606.34	297.20
Covid 19 Grants	61,651.30	61,651.30	0.00
Totals	218,128.64	206,887.21	-11,241.43

General Operating Fund

December 31/2021	84,166.54
2021 deposit	175.00
2022 Deficit	-8,969.22
Balance December 31/2022	75,372.32

Endowment Fund

December 31/2021	15,309.14
Interest	297.20
Balance December 31/2022	15,606.34

Visions Fund

December 31/2021	8,726.90
Transfer to Refugee Fund	-3,000.00
Donations Westbroadway Fruit	1,459.00
Westbroadway Fruit	-1,749.74
Safari Project	-750.00
Food Ethos Farm	-735.00
One Just City	-225.00
S.C.I. Breakfast	-444.98
Donation	85.00
Transfer from General Operating	4,000.00
Balance December 31/2022	7,366.18

Refugee Fund

December 31/2021	11,501.82
Transfer from Visions Fund	3,000.00
Book Sales	856.00
Donation	350.00
Christmas Eve Services	611.00
Balance December 31/2022	16,318.82

Memorial Fund

December 31/2021	15,537.86
Donations	90.00
Banners	-247.91
Candle Holders	-98.32
Balance December 31/2022	15,281.63

Youth Fund #2

December 31/2021	4,265.69
Donations	348.00
Balance December 31/2022	4,613.69

Youth Fund #1

December 31/2021	1,966.25
Donations	334.00
Balance December 31/2022	2,300.25

LRP Fund

December 31/2021	15,003.14
Donations	2,000.00
Snow Removal	-682.50
Window Wells	-837.79
Well/Water related expenses	-14,798.00
Transfer re Golf Tournament	3,432.31
Water Bottles	3,259.52
Foot Print Grant	1,000.00
Balance December 31/2022	8,376.68

Credit Union Accounts

Outstanding checks	-8,728.64
Outstanding deposits	978.75
Credit Union Savings	182,124.79
Share Equity	1,802.18
Share	5.00
Endowment Savings Fund	15,606.34
Total December 31/2022	206,887.21