

# Okotoks United Church

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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# Introduction

Okotoks United Church uses an annual report to update progress on the church's vision, show how donated funds are used, and give insight into how each ministry area specifically uses the funds designated for its purposes.

The desire of the staff and officers of the church is to use this tool to provide accountability to those who support our ministries.

For past annual reports, please check our website.

## Land Acknowledgement

Okotoks United Church meets on the lands of the people of Treaty 7. These are the lands of the Siksika (Blackfoot), Kainai (Blood), Piikani (Peigan), Stoney-Nakoda, and Tsuut'ina (Sarcee) First Nations. We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality and culture of the Indigenous Peoples on whose land we worship. This site is of great spiritual significance to the Blackfoot people. We will live with respect on the land and in peace and friendship with its people.

## Diverse and Inclusive

Everyone is welcome to our services including people of all colour, race, ability, sexual orientation, religion, education, socio-economic status, or gender.



*With God's help we are:  
Following Jesus,  
Reaching Others,  
Changing Lives.*

# Message from the Minister

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Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down,  
shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap,  
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**Luke 6:36**

If I could choose one word for the Okotoks Community of Faith this year, it would be  
**generosity!**

You have stepped up this year to accomplish many things, big and small: starting an Emergency Fund for Westwinds Communities to help keep people housed; donations for the Food Bank; sponsoring next year's Okotoks' Pride Event; contributing time and money to the School Lunch Program; paying off the RBC mortgage; giving time to Jacket Racket, the Christmas Market and multiple projects throughout the year; baking cookies, helping people through the Benevolent Fund; tending to each other through prayer and service; singing in the choir; serving on the Board and various committees; delivering Christmas bags; crocheting or knitting prayer shawls; making coffee on Sundays; visiting a senior or shut-in; contributing finances to the life and work of the church; providing leadership to various groups...and the list goes on.

The scripture I quoted at the beginning of this report was my Dad's favourite. He had it circled in his Bible. He was a firm believer that you could not outgive God. That whatever we give from the heart will be returned in greater measure. I believe this is true. You have proven that time and again. The church only exists because generous people like you keep giving with no expectation of gain or glory. I am in awe of your faithfulness.

The church is not a club. We do not give expecting anything in return. Yet, God is good and generous and we continue to care and pray for each other because that is our calling.

In some ways, 2023 has felt like a recovery year as we tried to make sense of who and what we would be and do after the challenges of the previous few years. We are still and always will be a work in progress, trying to figure out the future of the church in changing times. Yet, you give me hope that Christ and the church is still relevant and that more than ever people are looking for safe places to share their gifts and find community and purpose.

As I came back to working solely in Okotoks-De Winton at .8 time this year I delighted once again in being with you every Sunday and connecting with the new people who joined our community while still connecting with United Church in the Valley through combined services. The consistency has been good for me and hopefully for you. There is always more to do but I have more faith than ever that God is working through this community and that good things are ahead. For the good measure you give will be returned in ways yet to be revealed.

So many people have done so much good work this year, I could not possibly say individual 'thank yous' or the list would take up too much space and I would be sure to miss some. However, a big **Thank you** to all who participated in all that took place in 2023. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

With Love and Gratitude.

*Julia*

# Message from Board Chair

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2023 was a year of recovery and change. Our attendance has risen slowly over the year but with our attendance still below pre-COVID numbers, the Board has been focussing on keeping our church financially healthy and sustainable while continuing with our ministries to our community of faith and our community of Okotoks.

We successfully applied for two grants, one from the United Church Foundation fund for debt relief and the other the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Grant. We are currently developing a marketing plan with a consultant from Foothills Community Futures to promote our space. The Stewardship Team of Stewart Thomas, Carol Price and I are working on letting you know about opportunities for Legacy and Memorial giving. Information will be available early in 2024 – offering a way for people to remember the church in their will or give in memory of a loved one.

The Board works as a team but it is made up of many individual efforts. In 2023 Richard Puttee investigated opportunities for savings through solar energy. We are still considering that as the cost of fuel rises and solar power becomes less expensive and more reliable. Richard retired this Fall and we thank him for his years of service and good humour on the Board. Curtis Carlson worked diligently on an application for a water-saving grant from the Town of Okotoks - he named it Toilets and Taps. He is also looking into the possibility of xeriscaping our gardens. Ian McNeill is the man to thank for the way our building looks and operates. He oversees ongoing maintenance and does much of the work himself. Karen Jones is our Secretary, ensuring continuity as we meet from month to month. Karen is also a bundle of fund-raising energy with many good ideas and the will to implement them. Janet Page is the soft heart of our Board, caring for social justice issues. She has served on several committees and keeps us focused on the marginalized. Janet also retired this Fall. We thank her for her many years of leadership and cheerful presence. Carol Price, our Treasurer, in concert with our diligent Bookkeeper, Audra Brown, is the woman with her finger on the pulse of our finances. Carol was a key driver of the RBC mortgage paydown which we accomplished in July and celebrated in November. Carol always has an ear out for opportunities for community partnerships and outside funding opportunities. Sally Salter is our Ministry and Personnel representative and also keeps us on track regarding our policies and our record-keeping. We would like to thank Sally for the gift of her time and dedication in recruiting, hiring, and training our new Facilities and Administration Coordinator – Traci Fontana-Wegelin. Rev. Julia Kimmet's job is to remind us that we are not just keeping the doors open and the lights on – we are a church with a mission to our community of faith and our world. It is a great privilege to have her spiritual leadership and wise counsel on the Board and in the church.

It has been a joy to serve you this year - and not just because we sometimes have pizza and cookies at our meetings!

*Submitted by Karen Pryznyk*

# 2023 Year in Review

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## **Bible Study** - *Submitted by Reverend Julia*

There are few things I enjoy more in my work than preparing for and participating in Bible Study with a group of keen seekers. Not only do we laugh a lot and get to know each other, we also discuss some very deep subjects and learn a lot from each other.

Everyone is welcome at Bible Study. Whether you know the Bible well or not at all, there is always something to share and to learn.

2023 was a very eclectic year when it came to what we studied.



We started the year with a study by Donald Schmidt called **New Testament Women for Progressive Christians**. This was followed by another Donald Schmidt Study through Lent entitled **Easter for Progressive Christians**. Both were challenging and enlightening as we worked our way through these engaging subjects.

Come Fall we spent some time looking at various passages seeking to discern the meaning of **love** – what it is and how we express it. Following that, through Advent, we explored the theme **Expecting Jesus**. What is it that early Jesus followers expected of Jesus and what do we expect today.

All in all, we had a good year of study and fellowship.

## **Book Club** - *Submitted by Janet Page*

If you can imagine 8 to 10 people sitting around the second floor Boardroom table at the church critiquing (both positively and negatively) our “book of the month”, sometimes with accompanying laughter, you have a picture of the Okotoks United Church Fireside Book Club.

Every spring we submit suggestions for books to read for the following year then vote for our top 10 favorites.

The leader of each discussion is the person whose book was chosen for that month. There are almost always diverse reactions to the question “What did you think of this book?” and a lively discussion results. Often we manage to stay on topic for the entire meeting but when we don’t, we just enjoy where the discussion takes us. I always learn something new or come away with a different perspective about the book from others’ opinions and comments. It speaks to the wisdom, experience and knowledge of the people in our book club.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month from September to June at 1:00 p.m. and welcome anyone who would like to join us either on a regular basis or just if a particular book appeals. Our books for each year can be found on the church website.



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## **Harmony Group** - *Submitted by Judy Niven/Jean Jewer ( Co-coordinators)*

Once again this group of ladies have had a busy year.

We served luncheons for Celebration of Life gatherings for Rodney James, Donna Enns, Don Lamb and Betty McKay. We also supplied a Christmas Volunteer Lunch for the School Lunch Program hosted by Brian & Shannon Olson at which time we had our pictures taken with Santa. We were pleased to also do the lunch for the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of member Margaret Garbutt.

We keep busy in the kitchen. We gathered in September to make Antipasto for the Christmas Market and in April & October to make Turkey Pot Pies ( we sold out at 791).

We hosted a Christmas Market in November with vendors tables as well as Gisela's Treasures Table, a Café and a Bake Table with items from the Group as well as the congregation.

As a result of our fundraising we donated \$8,000.00 to the mortgage fund which was matched by an anonymous donor.

We have gathered in June for a year-end windup and in December for a Christmas lunch with both times providing a chance for camaraderie.

We are a group of 18 ladies who meet at 1:00 pm at the church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We would welcome others to become part of our group and join us in friendship.

## **Healing Pathway** - *Submitted by Gisela Dyck*

The Healing Pathway is reflecting on a busy year! We met with new recipients outside of our Church Community; we also welcomed a new member to our team, Margaret (Peg) Parkins.

The Healing Pathway Team feels very blessed to offer this Ministry throughout the year and we hope to meet new and old familiar faces again this year.

## **Jacket Racket** - *Submitted by Karen Pryznyk*

Starting in late September, we contacted our faithful community partners and arranged to drop off the donation bins in seven Okotoks locations, plus our church and St. Andrews. As well, Saint Vincent de Paul brought in bags and bags of clothing from the Catholic School System. Eagle FM helped us get the word out and by Oct 17 we were ready to open Jacket Racket 2023.

We opened on three mornings and three evenings ending Nov 4, 2023. We served over 386 clients as they found warm, clean, suitable winter clothing for themselves and their families. Twenty-three dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers collected, sorted, laundered, and displayed all the coats, mittens, hats, scarves, and boots as the racks needed to be restocked several times to keep up with demand.

Thanks to our overwhelming response this year we had many fewer items to distribute at the end. Some are stored at our church for Traci and Julia to distribute as needed. If you know of anyone who still needs winter clothing, send them to the church office. The rest was sent to the Eden Valley School and the Calgary Drop-In Centre.

I want to thank our church for sponsoring Jacket Racket each year. People know it is coming, friends tell friends, social agencies alert their clients of the opportunity and both donations and clients flow in. It is a much-loved event.

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## **Mission Possible** - Submitted by Gary Dzurka

The Mission Possible Team travelled twice to the Dominican Republic in 2023. In February, Curtis Carlson and Gary Dzurka joined the Calgary Varsity Bible Church family trip. Curtis and Gary arrived 3 days early to host a baseball tournament for the children of Maria Auxiliadora. Over 100 children participated in the two-day event that included 6 games, a luncheon and awards.

This year the TEARS School baseball program was expanded to 65 children to include a boys team. During the February visit, games were held for both the boys' and girls' teams. Curtis and Gary attended the school assembly the following day and presented the winning teams with their medals. It was a great way to showcase the baseball program for the entire school community.

The second annual baseball camp for the DR was held in July. Curtis Carlson, Gary Dzurka, Olivia Herbst, John Dzurka and Laurel Krbavac hosted this year's camp. The number of children registered for this year's camp increased from 78 to 116. Our team of 5 quickly grew to 13 once we included our Dominican coaches and translators. It was a great opportunity to see the youth of the community using their English translation skills and participating in the baseball program. The camp spanned over 6 days and culminated in a tournament showcase where both the girls and boys were able to demonstrate their passion and skills to the entire community.

We wrapped up the camp with the GOL Church service, camp awards and a lunch for over 120 children, coaches and support staff.



## **Mid-week Worship** - Submitted by Karen Pryznyk

***Come and find the quiet centre.***

That's the invitation to the mid-week service held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. It is a short, contemplative service modeled on the Taizé style of worship from a monastery in France. Short simple worship songs are repeated many times allowing worshippers to learn and internalize the words, even carrying the songs with them into the week to be drawn on as needed for comfort and encouragement. There is a short meditation, a time of silence to consider the teaching and a closing prayer. Come. You will be blessed.



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## Moderator and Youth Council Visit

On the weekend of February 17-19, the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne and the Youth Councils of Chinook Winds and Pacific Mountain met at Okotoks United Church for the purpose of developing programs and promoting advocacy for youth in their respective Regions.

On Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, the Moderator spoke at a combined service of **United Church in the Valley** (Diamond Valley), **St. Andrew's United Church** (De Winton) and **Okotoks**. She spoke about the value of having youth at decision-making councils of the church as they bring a valuable perspective and creative solutions to the complex problems we face today. As the Moderator and Youth led the service, people were inspired and encouraged by their presence and a spirit of hope emerged as people saw the possibility of a future where we could work together to encourage and support youth.



Moderator and Youth Councils of  
Chinook Winds and Pacific Mountain Region



Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne  
Moderator



## School Lunch Program - Submitted by: Brian and Shannon Olson

The School Lunch Program has become a 365 days-per-year ministry as we provide gifts certificates at Christmas, Easter and summer breaks. This is made possible by the tremendous financial support we have received from our community. 100% of the funds donated to the School Lunch Program go to purchasing food.

Our volunteers are the backbone of this ministry. They are committed to serving kids healthy meals and they show up, rain or shine, with a smile on their faces. We are so grateful for them!

We are also grateful to our church for providing the kitchen and ongoing support ! We feel truly blessed.



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## Rentals

The following groups rented space in our church building in 2023:

**Al Madinah Calgary Islamic Assembly**  
**Blue Rock Karate**  
**Big Rock Singers**  
**Christ Commission Fellowship Calgary**  
**Foothills Philharmonic Orchestra**  
**Girl Guides**  
**Hampton Learning Cottage**  
**Memorials - 3**  
**Music Central**  
**Okotoks Food Bank**  
**Piano/Voice Recitals - 3**  
**Qi Gong**  
**Shintani Wado Kaido Karate**  
**Warrior Arts & Wellness Yoga**  
**Wildrose Community Connections**



# Ministry and Personnel

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The role of the Ministry and Personnel Committee (M&P) is to provide support and assessment for all staff and contractors of Okotoks De Winton PC, aiming to maintain positive working conditions and relationships for the team in their various capacities within the church congregational life. Committee members for 2023 were Sally Salter, Jack Parsons, Stewart Thomas and Wayne Stordahl.

Every year I am struck by how fortunate we are in this Pastoral Charge to have such an amazing team of dedicated staff, contractors and volunteers. Each person brings different gifts to their role but combined these people are what make our congregations such caring and supportive communities. I am constantly in awe of the energy and dedication each of them bring. M&P would like to recognize and celebrate the outstanding work of our church staff this past year.

We experienced two significant changes in 2023.

Our minister, Julia Kimmett, worked full time from January through August. During that period her time was split 70% to Okotoks De Winton PC and 30% to Diamond Valley PC. This arrangement provided support to Diamond Valley while they undertook their search for a new minister and allowed us to continue some of the partnership characteristics we had developed under the Three Church Partnership. In September Julia returned permanently to Okotoks De Winton Pastoral Charge, but at 0.8 time.

In June, Lorna Schiefner our Office and Facilities Administrator (OFA) tendered her resignation effective July 4. With insufficient time to complete a search for a new OFA we chose to close the church office for the month of July. This was accomplished with the support of a small group of volunteers who handled any critical requests. In late July and early August, we conducted a search for a new OFA. Traci Fontana-Wegelin was hired and started August 14.

At yearend, we had 2 permanent staff members and 7 contracts for the two churches combined. Each of our contractors makes a significant impact on the life and work of our churches, much of it behind the scenes. Without them we would find it difficult to carry out our work.

Other notes from 2023:

February – Julia submitted a request to take her Sabbatical Leave March 1 – May 31, 2024.

August - Julia's Annual Performance Review was completed.

September – began discussions for coverage for Julia's 2024 Sabbatical Leave.

October - Wayne Stordahl announced he will be stepping down as the M&P representative from St Andrew's United Church. We will miss Wayne's calm and reasoned voice.

Throughout the year, we continue to support staff and contractors via face-to-face meetings, phone calls and emails.

In closing, I cannot thank our staff, contractors and volunteers enough. You make our two congregations into communities, places from which we can live out our mission.

Blessings and heartfelt thanks to each of you for your generosity of time and talents.

*Submitted by Sally Salter, Ministry & Personnel Chair*



# Outreach and Justice

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Our Outreach and Social Justice Group focussed primarily on affordable housing in 2023. Westwinds Communities is the major provider of affordable housing through a large swath of southern Alberta. Individuals and families from many different communities, large and small, have a home because of this outstanding non-profit charitable organization.

When our Outreach and Social Justice Group from St. Andrew's United Church (DeWinton), United Church in the Valley (Diamond Valley), and Okotoks United Church met with Westwinds' CAO Lauren Ingalls to talk about affordable housing, we heard that one area where we could help was to provide funding for an Emergency Assistance Fund at Westwinds. This was something that simply didn't exist in the organization at that time but was much needed.

Working with Westwinds, our three churches established the Fund with an initial investment of \$5,000. The Fund, owned and administered by Westwinds, provides a one-time only grant to help families in crisis pay for rent and utilities and stay in their homes as life settles down for them. The Fund also offers a financial management program as part of the grant.

This Fund has already been used several times to help families in crisis stay in their homes. Towards year-end, Okotoks United added another \$2,000 to the Fund from monies set aside for affordable housing and a further \$2,000 was generously donated by a member family who believe in the project.

Our Group engaged in two fundraisers in the Spring of 2023. We did a hot dog sale at the Okotoks Parade Day with proceeds going to the Emergency Assistance Fund. Also, in Spring we sold "Every Child Matters" orange t-shirts in honour of National Indigenous History Month. The net proceeds will be used to fund/support future social justice initiatives.

At year-end our Group discussed new initiatives we'd like to explore. We remain committed to affordable housing in general and particularly to building and broadening the donor base for the Emergency Assistance Fund. In 2024, we'd also like to further explore what being "inclusive" really means for our churches. Our gatherings are dedicated to learning and we believe that education can lead to positive action in our world.

*Submitted by Dean Salter*

# Youth Group

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Over the past year, the youth group has continued to be a very positive space. Until June, Rev. Julia and myself continued to get to know the kids in the youth group through a variety of programs, including games, movie nights, and shared meals. We always tried to include aspects which would allow the youth to have fun in a church space, while also including some space for reflection.

Following the school calendar, the youth group took a break over July and August, restarting in September, this time with myself and Curtis leading. Curtis has provided a very good description of the current school-year's youth group below.

The other thing to note, is for the second year now, myself and some youth from our group have participated in YouthTrek - this year in Drumheller. This event is a weekend long retreat for youth from BC and Alberta United Churches. Here, youth connect with kids from other churches, play games, and learn about important issues or concepts that effect our communities. This year, the focus was on Truth and Reconciliation. Along with more casual games and activities, we attended the Drumheller Truth and Reconciliation event, took part in reflection and learning about some indigenous traditions from a local elder, and put together the Sunday Morning Service, with a focus on Truth and Reconciliation. Overall it was a wonderful event, and we had four youth attend this year. I believe we are all looking forward to returning next year.

*Submitted by Olivia Herbst*

This year Olivia and I started Youth Group up again in September after the summer break, hoping to have one on the third Friday of each month. We have already started out with tons of fun, with our numbers ranging anywhere from four to nine energized teens. I was the new kid on the block this year as it was my first year helping lead, after spending my own youth running around the Church in the same group. I wasn't sure what to expect but let me say, I am very happy with how this year has started and look very forward to the rest of the year.

We started out in September playing some get-to-know-you games and then some capture the flag in Ethel Tucker Park. In October, we dressed up with our best Halloween costumes and played lots of hide & seek and Jenga. November's youth group fell on the same night as Light Up Okotoks. The kids took to the streets to play a form of Bingo, looking for kindness in everyday things happening around town. We finished it off with some VERY sweet hot chocolate while watching the wonderful fireworks at the end of the evening. Come December, it was time to get our Christmas on so we had a pizza party and watched a classic, Home Alone, on the big screen in the Sanctuary. KEVIN!!!

We will be continuing our Youth group throughout the year, feel free to contact Olivia or me if you would like for your kid to join or if you have any questions!

*Submitted by Curtis Carlson*



# Staff and Contractors

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## Staff



Reverend Julia Kimmett  
**Minister**



Lorna Schiefner  
**Former Office and Facilities  
Administrator**



Traci Fontana-Wegelin  
**Office and Facilities  
Administrator**

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## Contractors



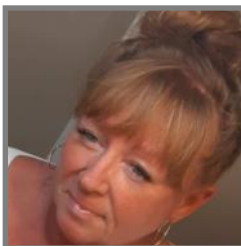
Pat Reader-Downey  
**Choir Director**



Sophia Su  
**Accompanist**



Audra Brown  
**Bookkeeper**



Toni Ferris  
**Custodian**



Keith Bayley  
**AV Technician**



Betty-Lou Bayley  
**AV Technician**

# Chinook Winds Regional Council

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In The United Church of Canada a regional council is a grouping of communities of faith within a defined area. Laypeople and ministers meet to oversee the work of the church within each region. There are [16 regional councils](#) in The United Church of Canada.

Okotoks De Winton Pastoral Charge is a member of Chinook Winds Regional Council. The role of the Chinook Winds Regional Council is to encourage and connect communities of faith of The United Church of Canada in Central and Southern Alberta. Chinook Winds Region extends from south of Highway 13 in Alberta to the Canada-United States border. Chinook Winds Region has their offices on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our church building.

The Regional Council staff work diligently to keep our communities of faith in touch in many ways, including:

- monthly virtual ‘town-hall’ meetings with inspiring speakers and opportunities to gather together to share our stories.
- other events and webinars. Some to inspire, some to provide emotional support, some to teach and some to share ideas.
- a weekly newsletter to keep us up to date on happenings in the Region and the wider church.

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Regional Council General Meeting was held in Medicine Hat May 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. The theme was “At the Crossroads”. Rev. Cameron Trimble, the theme speaker, spoke about how we are experiencing financial, spiritual, physical, psychological, and social trauma. These traumas create fatigue but our old strategies for coping no longer work. The option of ‘going back to the good old days’ is no longer realistic. We need to innovatively prepare for contingencies and explore opportunities for emerging into the future. We suffer from a poverty of imagination. We cannot plan our way out. We need to exercise our imagination muscle. If we don’t take a leadership role we will be colonized by those groups who do. Rev. Trimble talked about Change Management as providing the tools for moving forward.

We also conducted the business of the Region, including discussing Remit 1 which is a proposal to establish an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization. This remit proposes that the already-existing National Indigenous Organization would become autonomous, within The United Church of Canada. This Remit requires a vote by every regional council and each pastoral charge’s governing body. We participated in a moving Red Dress Day Observance, honouring the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The weekend ended with the ordination ceremony of JJ Soriano and the retirement of Rev. Ruth McArthur. Rev. McArthur served Okotoks De Winton Pastoral Charge in 2014-2015.

Our United Church creed states ‘We are not alone, we live in God’s world.’ Being part of the Chinook Winds Region is one place we can practice this.

*Submitted by Sally Salter*

# AGM Agenda - 2024

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**Agenda**  
**Okotoks United Church**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**February 25, 2024**  
**After morning worship service**  
**Okotoks United Church**

Opening Prayer – Rev. Julia Kimmett  
Opening Remarks – Welcome – Karen Pryznyk

Election of Secretary  
Election of Chairperson  
Motion to permit adherents to vote on all matters pertaining to the work of  
Okotoks United Church.  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes from AGM of Feb 19, 2023  
Approval of Minutes from Congregational Meeting of May 28, 2023  
Approval of 2023 Annual Report  
Presentation of 2023 Financials  
    Motion to Approve 2023 Financials  
    Update on RBC Mortgage paydown  
Presentation of the 2024 Budget  
    Motion to approve the 2024 Budget  
Board Report  
Election of Board members  
Election of Board Chair  
Election of Trustees  
Election of Chinook Winds Regional Representatives  
Election of Committee Members  
    Ministry and Personnel  
    Nominating Committee  
New Business  
Benediction – Rev. Julia Kimmett  
Motion to Adjourn

*Submitted by: Karen Pryznyk*



# Minutes - 2023 AGM

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## Okotoks United Church Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Date: February 19, 2023**

**Location: OUC Sanctuary**

**Present:** Attendance list on file. There were 35 persons in attendance consisting of 29 members, 5 adherents, and 1 staff.

**Opening:** Rev. Julia Kimmett opened the meeting at 12:20 pm. Rev. Kimmett commented on the impact, good and bad, of COVID over the last three years. The world needs the church as much today as it ever has. People need community. We, at Okotoks United Church, need to figure out how and what we can do to meet the needs of our broader community. She thanked the congregation for their support. Rev. Kimmett concluded with a prayer.

### Election of a Secretary

**It was moved by Janet Page, seconded by Stewart Thomas, that Sally Salter be elected as Secretary for all Congregational meetings until the 2024 AGM. Carried.**

### Election of a Chairperson

**It was moved by Ian McNeill, seconded by Carol Powley, that Karen Pryznyk be elected as Chairperson for all Congregational meetings until the 2024 AGM. Carried.**

### Motion by Members for Adherents to vote

**It was moved by Jack Parsons, seconded by Richard Puttee, that adherents be permitted to vote on all matters pertaining to the work of Okotoks United Church. Carried.**

### Approval of the Agenda

**It was moved by Marg Garbutt, seconded by Diane McNeill, that the Agenda be approved with the following amendment:**

**Add: Election of Board Chair after Item 11, Election of Board Members. Carried.**

### Approval of Minutes from AGM March 6, 2022

**It was moved by Ellie Shaver, seconded by Martha Webster, that the Minutes of the Okotoks United Church Annual General Meeting of March 6, 2022 be approved as circulated. Carried.**

### Three Church Partnership Update and Future Plans

Sally Salter presented the following summary:

Since Matthew left, we have continued to work in partnership with De Winton and United Church in the Valley. Julia has been working full time (or more) supporting all three congregations through worship, pastoral care, Bible study, youth group, social justice meetings, attending board meetings as well as handling the general administrative work for all three congregations. In general, Julia's time has been split 30% to United Church in the Valley and 70% to Okotoks and De Winton. Worship services have been augmented through the use of pulpit supply in all three churches plus a few joint services.

Each board has been meeting to discuss the needs of their respective congregations. The Short-Term Executive has been meeting to manage the worship schedule and other aspects of the partnership.

# Minutes - 2023 AGM (cont'd)

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## Three Church Partnership Update and Future Plans (cont'd)

United Church in the Valley is in the final stages of preparing to start the search for a new minister. They hope to Call a halftime minister in 2023.

In 2023, Julia will be returning to part time ministry, 0.8 time, working solely for Okotoks De Winton Pastoral Charge. The Board is working on defining what are our needs and what are the gaps that need to be filled. We will hold a congregational meeting before the summer to share a plan.

What does all of this mean for the partnership? While we will not be sharing ministry staff, the last 17 months have shown that there are areas in which the collaboration has been positive and we hope this can continue. These areas could include but are not limited to Bible study, youth group, social Justice group, combined services, pulpit exchanges, emergency pastoral care and vacation coverage

## Approval of 2022 Annual Report

Karen thanked everyone who submitted pictures and data for making this Report possible. Karen also thanked Lorna Schiefner for her design and hard work preparing it.

**It was moved by Dean Salter, seconded by Judy Niven, that the 2022 Annual Report minus the financials and the budget be approved with the following amendments:**

**Correct the spelling of Street (from Steet) on page 13**

**Correct the dates on the Benevolent Fund Financials from 2021 to 2022 on page 23.**

**Carried.**

## Presentation of 2022 Financials

Carol Price, Treasurer, presented the 2022 Financial Statement.

a. Motion to approve the 2022 Financials

**It was moved by Carol Price, seconded by Jack Parsons, that the 2022 Financial Statements be approved as presented. Carried.**

## Update of RBC Mortgage paydown

Carol thanked everyone for their participation in the Under Our Roof Campaign to pay off our RBC mortgage in July 2023. The Under Our Roof Campaign was designed by the Stewardship Committee (Carol Price, Stewart Thomas, Karen Pryznyk and Julia Kimmett) with the premise that so many programs happen 'under our roof' and by paying off the RBC mortgage we will be in a stronger position to support these and new programs. The current balance in the fund is approximately \$27,000.

## Presentation of the 2022 Budget

Carol Price, Treasurer, presented the 2023 Budget. She thanked our Bookkeeper, Audra Brown, and the Board members for their budget submissions.

Motion to approve the 2023 Budget.

**It was moved by Carol Price, seconded by Carol Powley, that the 2022 Budget be approved as presented. Carried.**

## Board Report

Karen Pryznyk, Board Chair, thanked the Board members for being the leaders they are. They each bring their own set of skills and wisdom and it is a pleasure to serve with them. Karen encouraged other congregants to consider joining our church leadership through leading a ministry or serving on a committee or the Board.

# Minutes - 2023 AGM (cont'd)

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## Election of Board members

The following candidates were presented to the assembly for election to the Board for a three year term:

Ian McNeill

Karen Jones

They join Karen Pryznyk, Janet Page, Carol Price, Richard Puttee, Curtis Carlson and Sally Salter.

**It was moved by Diane McNeill, seconded by Richard Puttee, that Ian McNeill and Karen Jones be elected to the Board of Okotoks United Church. Carried.**

## Election of Board Chair

Karen Pryznyk should have been re-elected as Board Chair for a three year term at the 2022 AGM as she had already served a three-year term.

**It was moved by Audra Brown, seconded by Dean Salter, that Karen Pryznyk be elected as Board Chair for the remaining two years of the three-year term. Carried.**

## Election of Trustees

Currently serving are Bill Calder, Dave Wedderburn, Pat Reader-Downey, Marilyn Carlson, Gary Dzurka, Desiree Hart and Michael Scappaticci. Marilyn Carlson and David Wedderburn are stepping down from the Board of Trustees.

## Election of Regional Representatives

**It was moved by Ian McNeill, seconded by Ev Paterson, that Sally Salter serve as the Chinook Winds Regional Representative for the year 2023-24. Carried.**

## Election of Committee Members

### Ministry and Personnel

Current members are Sally Salter, Jack Parsons and Stewart Thomas. Sally Salter and Jack Parsons' terms are completed.

**It was moved by Betty Lou Bayley, seconded by Audra Brown, that Sally Salter and Jack Parsons be elected to the Ministry and Personnel Committee for a three-year term. Carried.**

### Nominating Committee

There are currently no members on the Nominating Committee. This leaves the job to the Board at this time. Attendees were asked to consider who would make a good leader in our church and speak to any Board member with their ideas.

## New Business

There was a request for an explanation of the RBC mortgage balance and plan to pay it off. Carol Price explained that the balance of the mortgage at December 31, 2022 was \$176,577. From January through June, regular payments will further pay down the balance. Funds from the Under Our Roof Campaign plus \$102,500 currently held for the mortgage fund in GICs plus funds in the mortgage account will be used to pay off the mortgage balance. If there is a shortfall in funds raised, that amount will be rolled into The United Church of Canada mortgage.

Patty Hamid thanked the church for offering space to the Youth Strings Orchestra when they were displaced from the Alliance Church after they experienced a fire in part of their building.

Patty Hamid suggested that we consider holding a day of children's activities to run parallel to the town's Kids Fest in June. This could encourage families and young people to come through our doors.

Stewart Thomas acknowledged the excellent worship service that preceded the AGM, led by our Moderator Rev. Dr. Carmen Landsdowne and Chinook Winds Youth leaders.

# Minutes - 2023 AGM (cont'd)

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## New Business (con'td)

Betty Lou Bayley thanked all those who have taken on the role of pulpit supply during this past year and encouraged others to consider this role.

Gail Lafond expressed concern for our congregational care. We need more individuals to become engaged in this important ministry, it is not just the minister's responsibility. This is about people helping people.

## Benediction

Rev. Julia Kimmett offered the Benediction.

## Motion to Adjourn

**It was moved by Carol Price, seconded by Gerhard Dyck, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:35 pm.**

Recorded by: Sally Salter

Chair: Karen Pryznyk

# Minutes - Congregational Meeting - May 28, 2023

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**Present:** Attendance list on file. There were 41 persons in attendance consisting of 28 members, 12 adherents, and 1 staff.

**Opening:** Karen Pryznyk opened the meeting with a prayer at 11:35 am.

Motion by Members for Adherents to vote

**It was moved by Karen Jones, seconded by Ellie Shaver, that adherents be permitted to vote on all matters pertaining to the work of Okotoks United Church. Carried.**

Approval of the Agenda

**It was moved by Richard Puttee, seconded by Desiree Hart, that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.**

Motion to approve the Change in Call of Rev. Julia Kimmett

**It was moved by Audra Brown, seconded by Karen Jones, that Rev. Julia Kimmett's Terms of Call be amended as follows:**

**Effective date September 1, 2023**

**Hours per week (%) 32 hours/week (80%)**

**Minimum annual salary plus 15% for a total annual salary of \$65,243.64 (no manse)**

**Telephone/communication allowance of \$105.00/month**

**Support for continuing education at \$1,600.00 each pastoral year**

**6 weeks of vacation in each pastoral year**

**Three weeks' study leave (including Sundays) in each pastoral year**

**Administrative assistance defined as 25 hours/week provided by the Office and Facilities Administrator**

**Travel expense reimbursement of \$125.00/month**

**Additional Terms:**

**The Sunday after Christmas and the Sunday after Easter off**

**Carried.**

Update on the Three Church Partnership

Sally Salter presented a brief update on the Three Church Partnership. United Church in the Valley is actively searching for a new half-time minister. Until August 31, 2023 Julia is continuing to support United Church in the Valley at 0.3 time and Okotoks De Winton Pastoral Charge at 0.7 time. Beginning September 1, Julia will be working solely for Okotoks De Winton Pastoral Charge at 0.8 time. United Church in the Valley will hire its own interim support until they hire a new minister. We hope to continue the relationships we have built over the last two years. For now, this will be more informal through events like Bible study, social justice, youth group, joint services, etc. Once a new minister is hired at United Church in the Valley, we will look more formally at ways to maintain the partnership and share resources.



# Minutes - Congregational Meeting - May 28, 2023 cont'd

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## Update on RBC Mortgage paydown

Carol Price thanked everyone for their participation in the Under Our Roof Campaign to pay off our RBC mortgage in July 2023. We have raised the \$40,000 that we set as our goal. We are short \$7,800 of the actual mortgage payout balance, however we have a variety of options for covering that difference. The Board will be deciding on how we will make up the difference and will also be considering any changes that we would like to make to The United Church of Canada mortgage payments going forward. July 20, 2023 is the official RBC payment date.

## Update on two recent grant applications

Karen Pryzynk provided an update on two grant applications that we submitted this year.

### Community Services Recovery Fund

This Government of Canada fund was created to support charities and non-profits as they focus on how to adapt their organizations for pandemic recovery. We applied for and received a \$12,000 grant to hire a Community Development Planner to analyze our church resources and the social needs in our wider community, then matching those two streams of data offer us a number of potential scenarios for moving forward to provide us with an additional revenue stream and allow us to meet a need within our community. One possible scenario would be to create a social enterprise.

### Relief Fund for Thriving Congregations

This United Church of Canada fund provides the opportunity for congregations that have plans to continue to be of service to their communities and that have vibrant programs and outreach to receive a grant to help alleviate the pressure of debt. We have received notice that we have been approved for a grant under this fund, but as of the date of this meeting we do not know the actual amount of our grant. When received, the funds will be used to pay down some of our existing debt which consists of the RBC mortgage, the UCC mortgage and our CEBA loan (Covid-related loan).

## New Business

Stewart Thomas expressed gratitude to those people who worked so hard on the mortgage campaign and at obtaining these grants. Their work is very much appreciated.

## Benediction

Rev. Julia Kimmett offered the benediction.

## Motion to Adjourn

**It was moved by Ian McNeill, seconded by Carol Powley, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 am.**

Recorded by: Sally Salter

Chair: Karen Pryzynk

# Benevolent Fund

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The Benevolent Fund exists to support the emergency needs of the wider Okotoks community on a one-time basis. It is a confidential service managed and dispersed by the minister of both Okotoks and St. Andrew's Communities of Faith.

The Benevolent Fund is funded solely by contributions from both Communities of Faith. No operating funds are designated to the Benevolent Fund.

People are very grateful for the assistance as it often buys them some time to access other resources if needed and to get on their feet. Please see below for this year's Benevolent Fund Income and Dispersals. This year we dispersed more resources than came in, so our Benevolent Fund dipped a little lower than in the past although still healthy. However, needs are increasing and we can anticipate greater need this year as people continue to struggle.

## **Income 2023**

Financial – 11,075.99 (2022 - \$15,305)

Gift Cards – Approx. \$250

## **Dispersals 2023**

Financial - \$13,069.08\* (2022 - \$7,269.75)

\* Shelter (Includes temporary [hotels]) - \$8,197.96

\*Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Water) - \$1,739.91

\*Transportation (Includes a wheelchair accessory) - \$2,511.13

\*Other - \$620.08 (Phone and Medications)

Gift Cards - \$795.00

☒Groceries or Gas (plus a few fast food cards)

This year we also received through your generous White Gift offerings \$3,680.00 for the Food Bank. This was matched with \$2000.00 from the Benevolent Fund for a total of \$5,680.00 which was hand delivered to the Food Bank.

Thank you for your contributions. I am humbled by your generosity and always tell those who come for assistance that it is only possible through your giving.

*Submitted by Reverend Julia Kimmett*



# Harmony Group Financials

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## Harmony Group - Okotoks United Church Financial Year 2023

Opening balance as of January 1, 2023 \$ 5,059.74

**Income:**

Turkey Pot Pie Sales	\$ 4,973.97	
Catering & Fundraising	\$ 4,256.66	
Bazaar	<u>\$ 3,462.45</u>	\$ 12,693.08

Income balance \$ 17,752.82

**Expenses:**

Donation to OUC Mortgage	\$ 8,000.00
Outreach & Fellowship	<u>\$ 277.14</u>

Expenses balance \$ 8,277.14

Closing balance as of December 31, 2023 \$ 9,475.68

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Kneiss  
Treasurer

# OUC 2023 Balance Sheet

## Okotoks United Church

### Balance Sheet Consolidated - December 2023

	Fund 01 - GENERAL FUND	Fund 02 - DESIG. FUND	Fund 03 - CAPITAL FUND	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>BANK ACCOUNTS</b>				
<b>CHEQUING ACCOUNTS</b>				
RBC General Account	\$30,709.44			\$30,709.44
Temp Rest. in Cqg		\$87,159.19		\$87,159.19
Bank in Bldg - 03			\$16,167.30	\$16,167.30
Subtotal Chequing Accounts	\$30,709.44	\$87,159.19	\$16,167.30	\$134,035.93
<b>OTHER ACCOUNTS</b>				
Benevolent Ministers Acct		\$32,752.36		\$32,752.36
GIC Investments	\$47,500.00	\$45,000.00		\$92,500.00
Subtotal Other Accounts	\$47,500.00	\$77,752.36	\$0.00	\$125,252.36
Subtotal Bank Accounts	\$78,209.44	\$164,911.55	\$16,167.30	\$259,288.29
<b>CASH ON HAND</b>				
Petty Cash	\$100.00			\$100.00
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>				
<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>				
GST Receivable 2023	\$718.23	\$191.05		\$909.28
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>				
<b>BUILDINGS</b>				
Buildings, Improvements			\$3,580,715.93	\$3,580,715.93
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>				
Furniture and equipment			\$144,295.82	\$144,295.82
Subtotal Capital Assets			\$3,725,011.75	\$3,725,011.75
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$79,027.67</b>	<b>\$165,102.60</b>	<b>\$3,741,179.05</b>	<b>\$3,985,309.32</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Building Use Deposits	\$350.00			\$350.00
Unearned Rental Income	\$2,065.00			\$2,065.00
Subtotal Current Liabilities	\$2,415.00			\$2,415.00
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>MORTGAGES &amp; LOANS</b>				
United Church Loan			\$463,170.00	\$463,170.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$2,415.00</b>		<b>\$463,170.00</b>	<b>\$465,585.00</b>

# OUC 2023 Balance Sheet (cont'd)

## EQUITY

### UNRESTRICTED

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$76,612.67		\$76,612.67
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### RESTRICTED

Equity in Cap. Assets		\$3,207,510.04	\$3,207,510.04
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### TEMP.RESTR.IN CHEQUING FB

#### DONOR RESTRICTED

Mission Possible Fb	\$3,723.61		\$3,723.61
Benevolent Fb	\$38,587.64		\$38,587.64
School lunch program FB	\$63,077.38		\$63,077.38
Outreach Fund FB	\$19,743.17		\$19,743.17
Community Services Grant	\$15,956.00		\$15,956.00
Second Minister Fund	\$1,740.25		\$1,740.25
Healing Touch Fb	\$3,831.90		\$3,831.90
Affordable Housing	\$2,220.00		\$2,220.00
Affirming Ministry	\$518.88		\$518.88
Empowering the Promise		\$70,499.01	\$70,499.01
Kids Ministry Fb	\$2,140.96		\$2,140.96
Contingency Reserve	\$9,323.21		\$9,323.21

Subtotal Donor Restricted	\$160,863.00	\$70,499.01	\$231,362.01
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#### PASS THRU FUNDS

Mission & Service Fund	\$944.60		\$944.60
Memorials / Legacies	\$3,295.00		\$3,295.00

Subtotal Pass Thru Funds	\$4,239.60		\$4,239.60
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Subtotal Temp.restr.in Chequing Fb	\$165,102.60	\$70,499.01	\$235,601.61
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TOTAL EQUITY	\$76,612.67	\$165,102.60	\$3,278,009.05	\$3,519,724.32
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$79,027.67	\$165,102.60	\$3,741,179.05	\$3,985,309.32
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# OUC 2024 Financial Budget

## OKOTOKS UNITED CHURCH FINANCIAL BUDGET 2024

FUND ONE	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
GENERAL FUND INCOME	192,838.79	206,000.00	195,700.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	0.00	0.00	1,900.00
PROGRAM INCOME	1,952.00	250.00	500.00
RENTAL INCOME			
Rental Income & Magazines	29,922.87	11,300.00	27,650.00
Chinook Winds Region	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Wedding & Funeral Rent	5,410.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
OTHER INCOME	5,590.39	6,220.00	13,500.00 *
FUNDRAISING INCOME			
Turkey Supper Income	0.00	7,500.00	0.00
Other Fundraising Income	3,031.05	3,500.00	3,870.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>256,745.10</b>	<b>254,570.00</b>	<b>262,920.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
SALARIED STAFF	109,109.55	137,129.08	131,456.20
CONTRACT STAFF	31,606.80	32,183.40	31,784.40
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	8,395.95	8,800.00	8,408.00
UCC EXPENSES / COSTS	12,294.71	12,394.00	14,487.00
CHURCH PHONES	3,908.42	3,650.00	2,940.00
WEBSITE	684.70	700.00	700.00
COMPUTER EXPENSES	1,267.31	2,100.00	1,650.00
BUILDING INSURANCE	8,091.44	7,900.00	8,950.00
UTILITIES	28,447.75	28,404.00	22,940.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	32,708.25	23,834.00	33,453.12
GROUPS MAINTENANCE	839.25	1,920.00	2,745.00
AUDIO VISUAL EXPENSES & FURNITURE	149.99	2,500.00	700.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	1,952.49	2,450.00	1,000.00
CHOIR / MUSIC	1,293.09	1,800.00	2,200.00
OUTREACH	0.00	250.00	250.00
FELLOWSHIP	0.00	1,300.00	1,200.00
MINISTRY EXPENSE	7,511.82	5,700.00	6,245.00
OTHER EXPENSES	404.10	800.00	700.00
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES			
Stewardship & Other Fundraising Expense	772.31	500.00	350.00
Turkey supper expense	0.00	1,700.00	0.00
WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & RENTAL EXP	3,410.20	2,150.00	2,250.00
Transfer to Contingency Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,400.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (Not including Mortgage)</b>	<b>254,848.13</b>	<b>280,164.48</b>	<b>276,808.72</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>1,896.97</b>	<b>-25,594.48</b>	<b>-13,888.72</b>

\* Other Income for 2024 shows an \$8000 donation from the Harmony Group. 2023 the Harmony Group gave directly to Fund 3 (Mortgage Fund)

# OUC 2024 Financial Budget

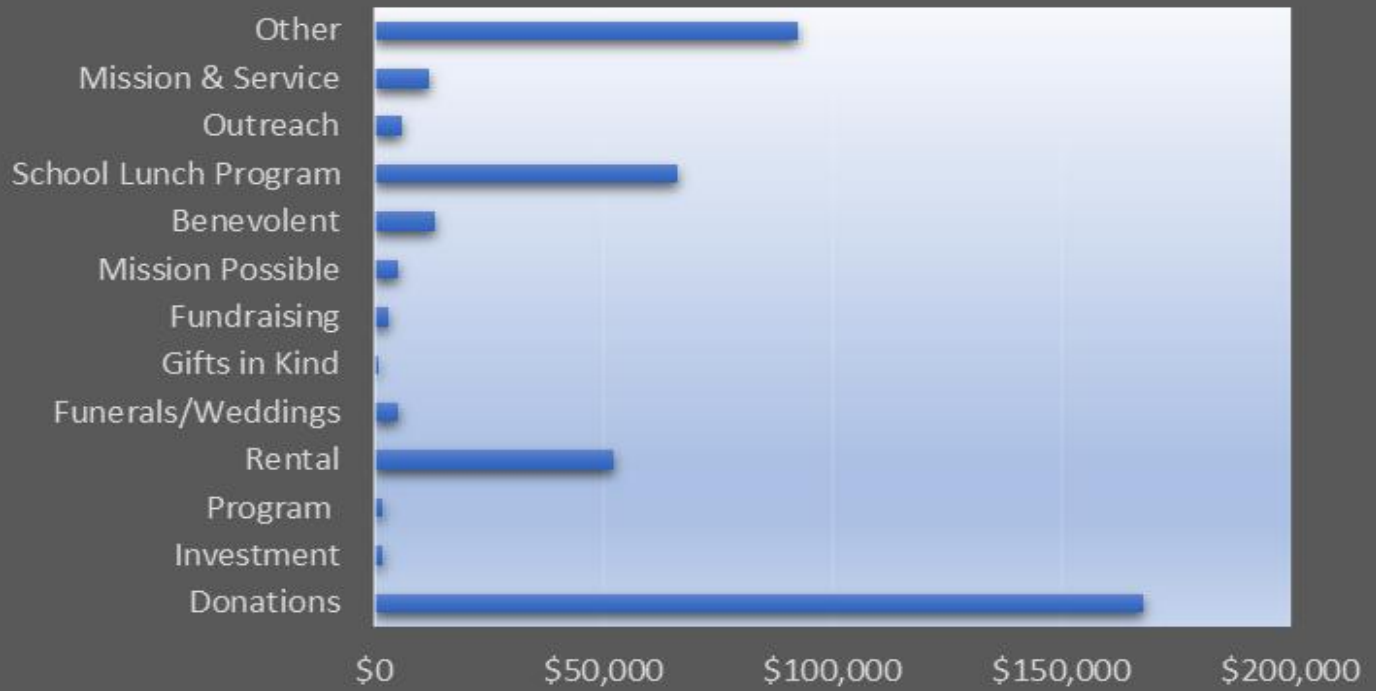
FUND TWO INCOME		2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
Banking Interest		0.29	0.24	0.24
Mission Possible		5,416.73	7,000.00	1,000.00
Benevolence (Min)		13,089.95	14,000.00	12,000.00
School lunch program inc		66,319.75	36,000.00	35,000.00
Outreach (Third Floor)		6,140.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Community Services Income		15,956.00	0.00	0.00
Healing Touch		745.00	250.00	0.00
Affordable Housing		6,370.00	0.00	2,000.00
Affirming Ministry		0.00	250.00	250.00
Special Appeals		120.00	0.00	0.00
Kids Ministry		280.00	0.00	200.00
Contingency Reserve		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,400.00
Mission & Service		12,056.00	12,000.00	10,000.00
Memorials / Legacies		0.00	0.00	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED INCOME</b>		<b>128,493.72</b>	<b>76,500.24</b>	<b>69,850.24</b>
TEMP.REST. EXPENSES				
Mission Possible Exp		12,198.71	7,000.00	4,500.00
Benevolence (Min)		15,512.19	12,000.00	12,000.00
School lunch prog expense		30,748.11	36,000.00	40,000.00
Outreach Fund Exp		1,171.69	2,500.00	2,000.00
Community Services Expense		0.00	0.00	15,956.00
Second Minister Exp		0.00	0.00	1,740.25
Healing Touch Exp		1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Affordable Housing Exp		7,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Affirming Ministry expens		1,950.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Kids Ministry Exp		204.29	0.00	1,000.00
Contingency Reserve Exp		0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Appeals Exp		120.00	0.00	0.00
Mission & Service Exp		12,031.00	12,000.00	10,000.00
Memorials / Legacies Exp		0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED EXPENSES</b>		<b>81,935.99</b>	<b>70,700.00</b>	<b>91,196.25</b>
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES		<b>46,557.73</b>	<b>5,800.24</b>	<b>-21,346.01</b>
FUND THREE		2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
CAPITAL FUND (Building)				
Mortgage Fund (EP)		67,170.02	35,000.00	25,000.00
Interest		1,797.83	625.00	0.00
Total Income		68,967.85	35,625.00	25,000.00
UCC	UCC Principle Paid	1,703.04	139.78	6,494.83
	UCC Interest Paid	11,616.96	11,620.21	11,505.17
RBC	RBC Principle Paid	178,133.30	176,577.81	0.00
	RBC Interest Paid	3,680.89	3,513.18	0.00
<b>TOTAL PAYOUTS</b>		<b>195,134.19</b>	<b>191,850.98</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>
Surplus / (Deficit)		<b>-126,166.34</b>	<b>-156,225.98</b>	<b>7,000.00 *</b>

MORTGAGE SUMMARY		Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2023
2023 UCC Mortgage Balance		500,000.00	463,170.00
2023 RBC Mortgage Balance		650,000.00	0.00
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>1,150,000.00</b>	<b>463,170.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PAID DOWN FROM 2011</b>			<b>686,830.00</b>

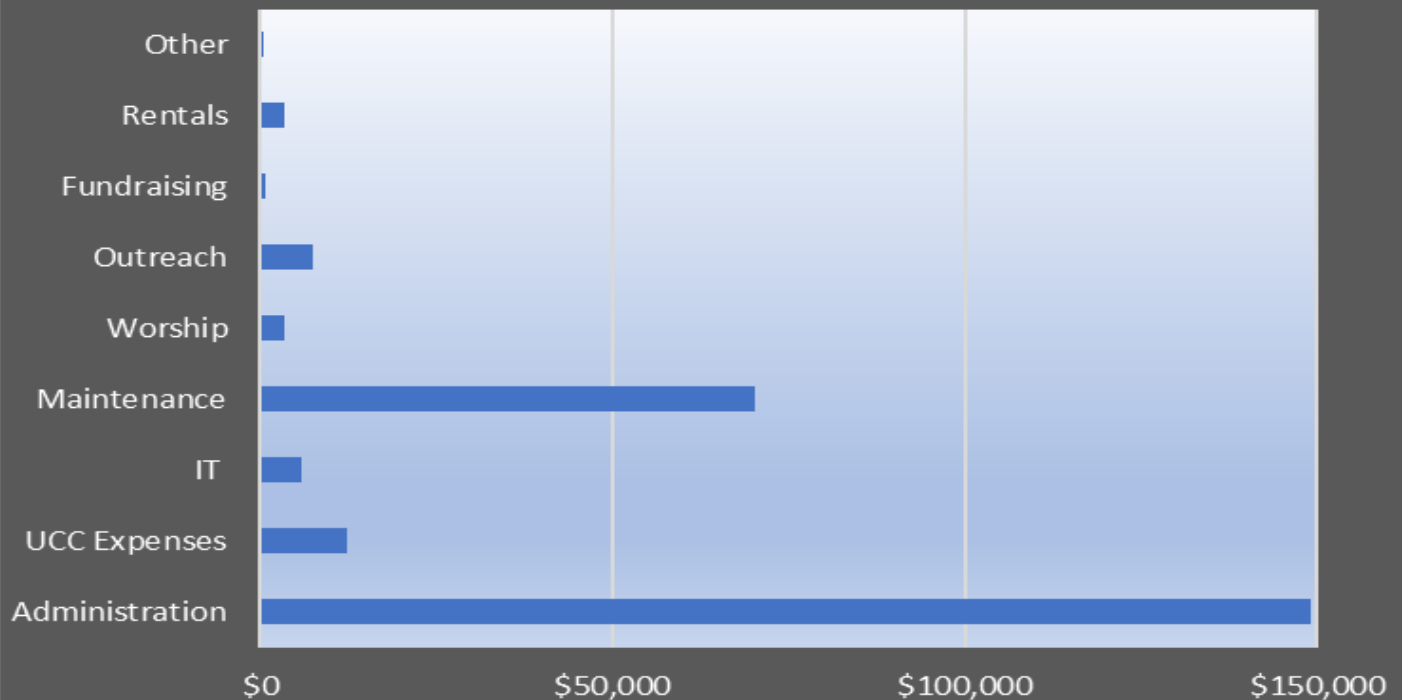
\* Fund 3 shows a significant deficit for 2023 due to Okotoks United Church paying off the Royal Bank mortgage in July of 2023. The deficit was covered by money in the mortgage fund as well as \$102,500.00 Fund 3 GICs that were cashed in.

# OUC 2023 Financial Charts

## Okotoks United Church 2023 Income



## Okotoks United Church 2023 Expenses



# Leadership 2023

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## Board



Reverend Julia Kimmett  
**Minister**



Karen Pryznyk  
**Board Chair**



Karen Jones  
**Secretary**



Sally Salter  
**Ministry and Personnel**



Ian McNeill  
**Property & Maintenance**



Carol Price  
**Treasurer**



Curtis Carlson  
**Board Member**

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## Trustees



Reverend Julia Kimmett  
**Minister**



Gary Dzurka  
**Chairperson**



Pat Reader-Downey



Dave Wedderburn



Michael Scappattici



Bill Calder



Marilyn Carlson



Desiree Hart



# Leadership 2023

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## Chinook Winds Regional



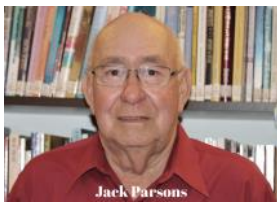
Sally Salter



Vacant

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## Ministry & Personnel



Jack Parsons



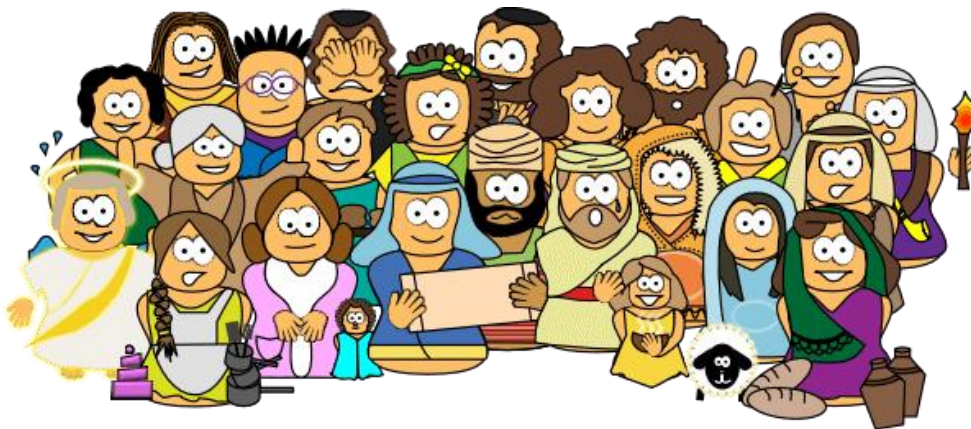
Sally Salter



Stewart Thomas

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## Social Justice Committee



John Carmichael  
Sandra Farr-Jones  
Steve Hayward  
Francine Raab  
Dean Salter

Dianne Emerson  
Betty Funk  
Lois Irvine  
Sally Salter  
Marie Wedderburn

# OUC Volunteer 2023 Hours

Groups/People	Hours
Board	168
Chair	32
Secretary	32
Treasurer	40
Maintenance (Ian)	480
M&P	200
Chinook Winds Region	35
Choir	280
Christmas calendars/Bags	20
Christmas carol sing	6
Community Development	54
David	260
Harmony Group	250
Healing Pathways	146
Jacket Racket	64
Lunch Bunch	715
Membership/PowerChurch	60
Mission Possible	150
Office Support	114
Outreach & Justice	158
Parking Lot clearing	15
Partnership	30
Pie Sale	18
Sanctuary decorating	36
Stewardship Team	30
Sunday coffee	40
Sunday counters	65
Sunday greets/ushers	208
Trustees	10
Visitation	50
Yard sale & treasure table	104
Yard Work	46
Miscellaneous	529
<b>Total</b>	<b>4890</b>





# Acknowledgements

This annual report was prepared for Okotoks United Church. Thank you to all of the people who submitted reports and photos.

- Prepared by: Traci Fontana-Wegelin
- Proofread by: Gerhard Dyck

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