

Annual Report 2025 St. David's
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February 8, 2026**

Draft Annual Congregational Meeting minutes

Sunday, February 9, 2025

1. Called to Order: Erin Ahlberg 11:58 AM.
2. Devotional: Reverend Leigh Sinclair
3. Approval of Agenda: Ryan Pollard moves to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Ron McMillan. Carried.

4) Enabling Motions re: voting privileges, Chair and Secretary:

Motion: Anne Purves moves to extend voting privileges to all present. Seconded by Janet Ramcharan. Carried.

Motion: David Marriott moves that Erin Ahlberg be chair of the annual meeting and Stacie Gant is the secretary of the annual meeting. Seconded by Ron McMillan. Carried.

5. Review of 2024 Annual Congregational Meetings' Minutes

Motion: Arlene Anderson moves to approve the minutes from February 11, 2024. Seconded by Colin Bonneau. Carried.

Motion: Ryan Pollard moves to accept the April 14, 2024 minutes as presented. Seconded by Betty Stockman. Carried.

Motion: Ron Thompson Moves to approve the October 6, 2024 minutes as presented. Seconded by Lynne Babiak. Carried.

6. Reviewing 2024

A. Annual Report (questions, conversation, amendment and approval)

Motion: Beverly Beckett moves to adopt the 2024 annual reports as presented Seconded by Lynne Chalmers. Carried.

B. New policy recommendations from Council:

I. Policy 4.1 User Groups

Motion: Ron McMillan moves to approve changes to Policy 4.1 User groups. Seconded by Mary Riseborough. Carried.

II. Policy 3.5, Weddings Host

Motion: Beverly Beckett moves to approve Policy 3.5, Weddings Host as presented. Seconded by Anne Purves. Carried.

III. Policy 3.6 Ticketed church events

Motion: Dwane Beagle moves to approve policy 3.6 Ticketed church events as presented. Seconded by Colin Bonneau. Carried.

IV. Policy the mandate for the Inreach – Outreach Committee

Motion: David Marriott moves to amend the Inreach – Outreach Committee to include Affirming budgetary and activity concerns. Seconded by Bram Tilroe. Carried.

7. Preparing for 2025

I. Proposed Budget for 2025

Motion: Anne Purves moves to approve the proposed Budget for 2025. Seconded by Bram Tilroe. Carried

li. Presentation re: M&S and Assessment

lii. M&S goal setting 2025 (recommendation that it be equal to our Assessment.

Motion: Beverly Beckett moves to set our M&S goal to be \$12959.00. Seconded by David Marriott. Carried.

iv. Nomination report for leaders 2025

Motion: Colin Bonneau moves that we elect Tim Ritter as new council secretary. Seconded by Anne Purves. Carried

8. Other Business Arising

Can we turn the furnace on an hour before church starts?

Ron McMillan explains our current furnace situation and agreed to raise it, noting it is always on in the sanctuary.

9. Blessing and Adjourn

Motion: Kathryn Tower moves to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 PM. Carried.

Attendance:

Lynne Chalmers	Jim Junod	Julie Junod
Maxine Howard	Mary Riseborough	Betty Stockman
Glennie Stuart	Keaton Mingo	Ron McMillan
Robin Stuart	Arelene Anderson	Dwane Beagle
Kathleen Reeves	Edna McHarg	Ailie Bagnell
Anne Purves	Colin Bonneau	Lynne Babiak
Bram Tilroe	Brenda Gross	Judy Bittner
Raelee Gant	Stacie Gant	Jim Montney
Ryan Pollard	Ian MacDonald	Marlene Montney
Lois McMillan	Gladys Burdeyney	Lynne Fecho
Danielle	Bev Neufeld	Larry Fecho
Manchak-Conroy	Shauna Dittrick	Beverly Beckett
Norman Kruk	Mary Bigelow	Jax Gant
Janet Ramcharan	Murray Fierheller	Sylas Ahlberg
Kathryn Tower	Sue Fierheller	David Marriott
Erin Ahlberg	Ron Thompson	Al Burdeyney
Linda Bourassa	Linda Thompsom	
Robert Brown	Tim Ritter	

Draft Minutes: Congregational Meeting minutes

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Call to order 11:30 AM.

MOTION: David Marriott moves, and Ron Thompson seconds,
That Erin Ahlberg chair the meeting while Tim Ritter records the
minutes as secretary.

Carried.

MOTION: Mary-Ann McDonald moves, and Lynne Chalmers
seconds,

That adherents (people who contribute regularly to the life and
work of the congregation, though not formal members) be
enabled to vote at this meeting.

Carried.

MOTION: Anne Purves moves, and Mary-Ann McDonald
seconds,

That the following change is made Policy Handbook (*italicized is
new*). For Funerals:

The church office will help you to arrange other appropriate clergy
(*or trained lay person*) to conduct the ceremony in the Church.

Normally, if the Minister is going to be away for more than a few
days, a list of other potential ministers will be left in the church
office.

Carried.

MOTION: Mary-Ann McDonald moves, and Judy Bittner seconds,
That up to \$1000.00 of St. David's Ministry Fund be used to
provide pulpit, pastoral and programming supply needs that will
arise during Rev. Leigh Sinclair's sabbatical in 2026 and that any
monies left over from the \$1000 set aside, would remain in
Ministry Fund with no restrictions.

background information:

April and May 2026 will be St. David's and Rev. Leigh's Sabbatical Time.

The Worship Committee, Ministry and Personnel Committee and Council will be collaborating to ensure St. David's receives Communion, Pastoral Care and Northern Spirit Regional Council supervision during that time. Monies have been saved in the Ministry Fund (from Rev. Leigh's Continuing Education monies 2024-2025) for this purpose.

Carried.

MOTION: Ron Thompson moves, and David Marriott seconds, That St. David's Ministry Fund be used to pay 2024 and 2025 expenses to complete our Technological Renewal, to the amount of \$3913.05.

Carried.

MOTION: Janice Storeshaw moves, and Stacie Gant seconds, That St. David's Mission Statement be: The mission of St. David's is to welcome all, inclusive of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity and sexual orientation to participate in its nurturing Christian community to inspire its people to serve others as Christ taught" and that St. David's apply to become an Affirming congregation of The United Church of Canada.

Carried with over 75% approving.

MOTION: Mary-Ann McDonald moves, and Stacie Gant seconds, That St. David's elects to serve as Chair Elect, Ryan Pollard, until February 2026, at which time he will become Chair of Council.

Carried.

Attendance: 50

Janice Storeshaw

Shauna Dittrick

Lynne Babiak

Don Neufeld

David Marriott

Kyle Gant

Judy Bittner

Mary-Ann McDonald

Donna Ritter

Stacie Gant

Bev Neufeld

Ian McDonald

Donna Ritter	Tim Ritter	Erin Ahlberg
Ray Jeffrey	Beverly Beckett	Gladys
Burdeyney		
Al Burdeyney	Maxine Howard	Kirby
Dublanko		
Lynne Chalmers	Anne Purves	Doreen Fiveland
Shirley Steinley	Bob Brown	Dwane Beagle
Carol Magnuson	Betty Stockman	Collin Bonneau
Julie Junod	Jessica Junod	Arlene Anderson
Murray Fierheller	Susan Fierheller	Ron McMillan
Ron Thompson	Linda Thompson	Bram Tilroe
Mary Bigelow	Norman Kruk	Donna Kruk
Latoya Colas	Kathleen Reeves	Robin Stuart
Judy Greenwood	Megan Devries	Scott Devries
Rev. Leigh Sinclair		

Adjournment: 11:45 AM

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

Jace Racine	Beckett Devries	Jude Lam
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Confirmation of Membership

Ryder Sharratt

Transfer Into our Membership

Joan Bates, Marlene Montney

Weddings

Luke Dargatz and Erin Murphy

Joshua Amenu-Tekaa and Shelley Rattray

Leigh Sinclair and Rennie Dueck

Folks Who Moved This Year

Joan McCaw moved to Pennsylvania, USA.

In Remembrance

Calvin Cyrel Barker

Loal Coral Cater

Violet Lillian Greier

Alvin Kholsmith

George Osmak

Verna Pongar

Betty Ann Roy

Illona Baskier

Darrell Jimmy Caruk

Alvin Roy Hale

Brenda Murphy

See-To Pooi-Ying (Petsee)

George Riseborough

Glenn Trimble

LEADERS 2025

STAFF

Minister: Rev. Leigh Sinclair, minister@stdavidsleduc.com

Connection Coordinator: Donna Kruk, care@stdavidsleduc.com

Office Administrator: Alouise Dittrick, office@stdavidsleduc.com

Bookkeeper: Leona McNeil, finance@stdavidsleduc.com

Organist: Colin Bonneau, musicguy@mcsnet.ca

Caretaker: Helen Bahia, bahia01@live.com

2025 Church Council (council@stdavidsleduc.com)

Chair: Erin Ahlberg

Chair Elect: Ryan Pollard (as of October 2025)

Secretary: Tim Ritter

Minister: Leigh Sinclair

Representatives In 2025 (for some or all of the year)

Crystal Young (Member at Large)

Rotating (Finance)

Vacant (Christian Development)

Linda Thompson (Inreach – Outreach)

David Marriot (Men's Club)

Dwane Beagle (Memorial)

Ashley Roberie (Ministry & Personnel)
Norm Kruk (Property)
Mary Riseborough (Pastoral Care)
Janet Ramachan (UCW)
Lynne Fecho (Worship)
Erin Ahlberg (Northern Spirit Regional Council Representative)
Donna Kruk (Northern Spirit Regional Council Representative)

Groups And Committees 2025

Board of Trustees

David Marriott (Chair)	Ian McDonald
Lynne Chalmers (Secretary, Council Rep)	Bob Brown
Larry Fecho	Brian Charanduk
	Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

Christian Development Committee

David Marriot (Chair)	Janice Storeshaw (Librarian)
Jessica Junod	Leigh Sinclair (Minister)
Erin Ahlberg	

Finance Committee

Beverly Beckett (Chair)	Valerie Jeffery
Lynne Chalmers (Secretary)	Leona McNeil (Bookkeeper)
Mary-Ann McDonald	Leigh Sinclair (Minister)
Larry Fecho	

Inreach – Outreach Committee

Linda Thompson (Chair, Council Rep)	Shauna Dittrick
Ron Thompson (Secretary)	Stacie Gant
Kirby Dublanko	Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

Memorial Committee

Dwane Beagle (Chair)	Carolyn Cournoyea
Carol Magnuson	Ron Thompson

Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

Men's Club

David Marriott (President, Council Rep) Robin Stuart (Treasurer)
Brian Charanduk (Secretary)

Ministry And Personnel Committee

Mary Riseborough (Chair)	Janice Storeshaw
Carol Magnuson	Ashley Roberie
Gladys Burdeyney	Shane Roberie

Music

Adult Choir Executive: Ron Thompson, Julie Junod, Linda Thompson

Children's Choir Director: Helen Stuart

Committee Members: Ron Thompson (Chair), Julie Junod, Colin Bonneau, Robin Stuart, Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

Pastoral Care Committee (care@stdavidsleduc.com)

Mary Riseborough (Chair, Prayer Circle)	Donna Kruk (Connections Coordinator)
Janice Storeshaw (Newsletter)	Stacie Gant
Marlene Montney (Secretary)	Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

Property Committee

Norm Kruk (Chair)	Murray Fierheller
Ron McMillan	Vacant (secretary)
Al Burdeyney	Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

United Church Women (UCW)

Judy Bitner (President/Chair, Funeral Coordinator)	Janet Ramcharan (Council Rep)
Norma Denys (Secretary)	Joan Bates (Treasurer)

Worship Committee

Shauna Dittrick (Chair)
Mary-Ann McDonald (Altar
Guild)
Lynne Fecho (Altar Guild,
Council Rep)

Janice Storeshaw
Erin Ahlberg
Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

LEADERS 2026 NOMINATIONS REPORT

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Past Chair: Erin Ahlberg
Chair Elect: TBA
Secretary: Tim Ritter
Minister: Leigh Sinclair

Representatives In 2025 (for some or all of the year)

TBA (Member at Large)
Rotating (Finance)
Rotating (Trustees)
Erin Ahlberg (Christian Development)
Linda Thompson (Inreach – Outreach)
Jim Junod (Men's Club)
Dwane Beagle (Memorial)
Mary Riseborough (Pastoral Care and Ministry & Personnel)
Norm Kruk (Property)

Norma Denys (UCW)
Lynne Fecho (Worship)
TBA (Northern Spirit Regional Council Representative)
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Larry Fecho	Leigh Sinclair (Minister)
Ian McDonald	

Christian Development Committee

Erin Ahlberg (Chair)	Jessica Junod
Janice Storeshaw (Librarian)	Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

Finance Committee

Beverly Beckett (Chair)	Valerie Jeffery
Lynne Chalmers (Secretary)	Leona McNeil (Bookkeeper)
Mary-Ann McDonald	Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

Inreach – Outreach Committee

Linda Thompson (Chair)	Shauna Dittrick
Ron Thompson (Secretary)	Stacie Gant (Council Rep)
Kirby Dublanko	Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

Memorial Committee

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Carol Magnuson	Ron Thompson
Leigh Sinclair (Minister)	

Men's Club

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Carol Magnuson

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Committee Members: Ron Thompson (Chair), Linda Thompson (secretary), Julie Junod, Colin Bonneau, Robin Stuart, Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

Pastoral Care Committee (care@stdavidsleduc.com)

Mary Riseborough (Chair,

Donna Kruk (Connections

Prayer Circle)

Coordinator)

Janice Storeshaw

Stacie Gant

(Newsletter)

Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

Marlene Montney (Secretary)

Property Committee

Norm Kruk (Chair)

Murray Fierheller

Ron McMillan

Vacant (secretary)

Al Burdeyney

Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

United Church Women (UCW)

Judy Bitner (President/Chair,

TBA: (UCW Council Rep)

Funeral Coordinator)

Joan Bates (Treasurer)

Secretary: Norma Denys

Worship Committee

Shauna Dittrick (Chair)

Mary-Ann McDonald (Altar

Guild)

Lynne Fecho (Altar Guild, Council Rep)

Janice Storeshaw

Erin Ahlberg

Leigh Sinclair (Minister)

Nominations Report

The Church Council

Council consists of Rev. Leigh Sinclair and six congregationally elected positions.

1. **Chair:** Ryan Pollard
3. **Chair-elect:**
4. **Secretary:** Tim Ritter
4. **Member-at-large:** to be elected by Congregation to bring in a voice not yet represented.
5. (2) **Northern Spirit Regional Council** representatives: VACANT

Other members of Council are chosen committees and groups to represent them on Council (see above list)

Committees of St. David's

- A. Finance Committee oversees the day-to-day financial operations of the congregation and supports the bookkeeper and the envelope secretary.
- B. Board of Trustees acts on behalf of the United Church of Canada, and the congregation to manage the Church's Trust Property: namely the *real property* (land, buildings), and the *personal property* (financial, furniture, equipment, etc.) of the congregation. They also look after investments and insurance.
- C. Worship Committee works with the minister providing public worship services to coordinate sacraments, parament, and special seasons.

And its sub-committee Music works with staff to provide musical support to the choirs and programming as well as coordinating care of our instruments. They are represented on the Church Council by the Worship Committee.

- D. Property Committee maintains the physical property of the Church and advises the congregation through Church Council of new capital projects or major repair recommendations.

And its sub-committee: Technology Committee: maintains the audio, visual, and livestreaming equipment along with making suggestions as to upgrades and other needs of the Church. They are represented on Church Council by the Property Committee.

- E. Memorial Committee manages the use of funds given to the Church for specific memorial projects, such as windows and to maintain the memorial garden and flower beds. The funds themselves are kept for these purposes with the Building and Ministry Funds.
- F. Ministry and Personnel Committee serves as a liaison between the paid staff and the congregation. Oversees the effectiveness of the staff, evaluates job descriptions, and performances annually. Hires lay staff people in consultation with the Council.
- G. Pastoral Care Committee reaches out to the congregation to show care compassion and produces the newsletter. Works with Care Coordinator and minister.
- H. Christian Development Committee: provides opportunities for learning and spiritual nourishment for children (ages 5 to 13) on Sundays, and weekday programming for youth (ages 14 to 18). They also work with the minister to provide Confirmation classes for youth and adults, opportunities for learning and spiritual nourishment for adult, as well as coordinating the library and nursery resources.
- I. Inreach – Outreach Committee helps the congregation become aware of how we can make a difference in the world. This includes hosting outreach events, coordinating our Affirming Ministries activities and creating education events on social justice issues. They also organize

several opportunities for people to share each other's company in the Church.

Groups of St. David's

- a. **Men's Club:** a fellowship, learning and service group for men in the Church. They send a representative to Church Council.
- b. **United Church Women:** St. David's UCW work as two units to bring together women for fellowship, learning and service. They send one person to Council to represent both groups.
- c. **Youth Group:** a group for junior and senior high youth encompassing service, spirituality, social and support. They meet monthly and can send a representative to Church Council.

Council Chair Report

In the bolded print below is our mandate followed by highlights in each category.

Council leads the congregation in important conversations.

Council called and led two congregational meetings this year. In November, Council helped host our first Congregational retreat to learn more about the workings of the church and what areas might interest people to help out. We had 30 in attendance as well as 7 youth who enjoyed activities and a sleepover at the church.

Council participates in wider denominational events.

In May, four members of council attended The Flourishing Project with Moderator Carmen Lansdowne at Steinhauer United Church. Two St. David's folks represented us at the in-person meeting of our Regional Council. Leigh, Colin and Betty attended the Regional Council event hearing the *Report on Unmarked Graves*.

Council speaks for the congregation in areas we are empowered to.

We discussed new building users and any needed fee changes. We again, will have a full summer rental for Adaptabilities and their *Hearts in Action Summer Camp*, as well as Church of Christ, Al-Anon, Toastmasters, and others.

We have important conversations and make recommendations around topics brought to us by committees, individuals and staff

Soup and Bun Sundays are hosted by committees, and the schedule is set by Council. St. David's Policy and Practices handbook needs regular updating. We bring changes to the Annual Meeting but have no updates for this year. We hear from committees and groups each month as to their ongoing ministries. Much of this is also reported in the Annual Report's reports.

Looking forward to 2026

Council will be adding Hybrid meetings to help all to be able to attend when not able to meet at the church. We have approved another summer rental for Hearts in Action Summer camp and look forward to having them return for a third year.

Submitted by Chair 2024 and 2025 Erin Ahlberg, Secretary Tim Ritter and Minister Leigh Sinclair.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

My call with you focuses on creating and leading worship and learning experiences along with pastoral visiting and administration.

In 2025, I lead 17 funerals and 2 weddings and was part of 62 meetings and 40 visits. I was honoured to be with so many during sacred moments of their lives. In 2025, we completed a year of reviewing our faith's ABC-s, became an Affirming congregation and commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. In 2025, we began learning about spiritual practices of disciples of Jesus. Watch for that to continue until August and then get

ready for a whole year celebrating the Fruits of the Spirit starting in the Fall of 2026.

As part of a United Church Ministry Personnel's call, we are to put up to 10% of our time into wider role.

I continue to Chair the Northern Spirit Regional Council Executive which is mostly online (but included a great in-person Fall meeting here at St. David's). We meet monthly and every three months I get to meet with the Chairs of 2 other regional councils to check in and get support. I attended General Council this past summer which is always a very intensive experience of hard conversations, deep worship and meeting new/old friends.

As part of a United Church Ministry Personnel's call, we are to include 21 days studying to deepen our knowledge and spiritual lives.

In 2025, I complete two online courses. One means I can supervise candidates for ministry during their internships and the other about new models for leadership (intentional and transformational). In September, I began a year of intentional community, reading and prayer. It is called *Living from the Heart* and includes three retreats (two of which are during my Sabbatical) and monthly evening gatherings in small groups. I will use our Lenten study to share with you what I am learning so far. I also will share more once I have completed the course.

This paraphrase of Psalm 131 into a prayer is one I am currently using weekly:

*O Lord, may my heart not tighten up,
my eyes not be raised too far to unknown horizon.
Help me not occupy myself with things too great for me or out of my control.*

*Come Godde and calm and quiet my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast; like a child that is quieted ...make my soul serene.
Help me hope in you, sovereign from this time forth and for evermore.*

In Christ with gratitude for each of you, *Rev. Leigh Sinclair*

ST. DAVID'S SABBATICAL 2026

Rev. Leigh will be away on sabbatical for 2 months. The sabbatical will begin on April 6 after our Easter Worship service and will end on June 1. The Ministry and Personnel Committee is overseeing the sabbatical.

Financials

During the sabbatical, Rev. Leigh continues to receive her usual salary/benefits. We pay a small honorarium to the NSRC Supervisor. There is \$1000 in the Ministry Fund to cover things during the Sabbatical (transferred from Leigh's Con Ed the last 2 years). This will cover the small honorarium to the NSRC Supervisor, an honorarium for additional hours needed by staff and one week of paid pulpit supply, so we can have Communion in May.

What will happen at St. David's during the sabbatical?

A) Worship

The Worship Committee will coordinate the talented St. David's congregation to lead worship on Sundays except on May 3, 2026. That Sunday an ordered minister will lead in the Sacrament of Communion.

B) Pastoral Care and Funerals

Donna Kruk, along with many volunteers, will be available to continue the visiting, caring and connecting in and around St. David's United. Donna will be working a few more hours than her usual.

C) Church Council

Northern Spirit Regional Council (NSRC) will name a supervisor for St. David's United Church as "Pastoral Charge Supervisor" for the duration of the sabbatical leave. That person will be present for all Council meetings (online or in-person) and any duly called congregational meetings.

What will Rev. Leigh do during the sabbatical?

Pray: She will participate in the program Living from the Heart (that started in September). April/May she will spend time at retreats learning more

about and experiencing deeper contemplative prayer. She will do so on Bowen Island, BC, Mount St. Francis retreat center (Cochrane, AB), and Providence Center (Edmonton).

Write: She will explore how writing can be included in her life working through a prayerful “writers process” (Anne Janzer).

Move/Rest: She will continue to learn to listen to and care for her body through turning off her alarms and resting with friends and family as well as exploring fitness through dance, hiking and travelling. She will spend much of this time with her phone on silent.

What if you have more questions?

Please speak to a member of the Ministry and Personnel Committee: Mary R, Gladys B, and Carole M.

Connections coordinator report

To our congregation, your support has been a steady source of strength and encouragement. Every prayer, every kind word, every act of service and every moment of unity has reminded me what it truly means to be a community rooted in faith and love.

The focus remains the same, stayed connected with the regular member no longer able to attend in-person, welcome-in the new member and those curious about St. David's United. With the help of our minister, elders, committee leaders, staff and the congregation St. David's is a vibrant and welcoming congregation. This includes offering technical assistance to shut-ins, making personal care calls, hospital visits, home visits or visits to the community.

One of the highlights of 2025 was to encourage conversations with each other. This includes tea parties, spiritual walks and sharing our reflections on the 100 Anniversary in June 2025. I welcome any suggestions for opportunities to meet in small groups to share our faith stories, hopes for the future and ways we can achieve our spiritual goals as Disciples of Jesus.

My goals in 2026 are to continue to promote the on-line presence to those in need, encourage pop-up worship moments in parks and community spaces. I also hope to take in learning opportunities to strength my skills. To reinforce the mindset, that if you are unable to Come to us, we shall come to You.... accomplishing that with God being our Helper.

Submitted respectfully by Donna Kruk - Connections Coordinator St. David's United Church.

Church office Report

Groups using our building range from outreach to learning to sew to worship. Currently all users are non-profit organizations. There are one-time users, those who use our spaces for annual events, regular monthly and regular weekly gatherings and there are our own committees, learning groups and social events as well as choirs. Our building is used 7 days a week and we are grateful for each group's donations that help with costs for our building and its ministries.

Finance Committee sets the prices each year after reviewing community averages, utility and insurance costs as well as caretakers' supplies' costs. This includes the donation suggestions we request for each three-hour unit, damage deposits and fees for cleaning (or key replacement) if necessary.

Property Committee and staff handle any physical space concerns including suggestions that a group needs to lose damage, cleaning or key deposit(s).

United Church Women's group teaches users about our kitchen and the proper care for its equipment if it is being used.

The Office Administrator is responsible for communication, touring prospective users and booking with groups (this includes booking forms and agreements, key allotment and keeping track of deposits and donations). They work with Bookkeeper to ensure funds are

deposited (and when appropriate refunded). We now have lots of payments options including e-transfer.

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Christian Development Committee is responsible for overseeing the learning experiences for ages 0 to 110. This past year, the members of the CD Committee this past year were Erin Ahlberg (Kids' Church coordinator), David Marriott (past Chair), Janice Storeshaw (Librarian), Rev. Leigh Sinclair (Minister), Jessica Junod (Church School Parent) and Stacie Gant (Youth coordinator). The people and programs in 2025:

Godly Play and Kids' Church Almost every week!

We will continue to share and create connections, and delve into scriptures of our faith, making meaning through story, wonder and play rotating leadership. Please read their report in this package.

Youth Group Once a month!

Youth have begun leading themselves in curriculum developed with Rev. Leigh and this year have been accompanied by Stacie Gant, Norm Kruk, and Kat Watkins. A sleepover retreat was held in the Fall.

Library Once a month!

Each month, Janice Storeshaw and Rev. Leigh pick some books from our library to highlight at the back of the sanctuary. WE have had lots of books borrowed and read. We purchase 5-10 new books a year.

Adult Programming 2-4 times a year!

We have had two series this year learning more about spiritual practices and the power of words. We also had a congregational retreat where each committee helped teach us about their work from greeting to hosting to worship creation to hymn singing!

GODLY PLAY/KIDS CHURCH

We appreciate all the congregation's support in making the children of St. David's feel welcomed and included. In 2025 we had 4 amazing leaders Stacie G, Megan D, Donna R and Erin A. who helped make the learning experience fun and engaging in their own way. Each week we had anywhere from 3-12 kids attend and I know they truly look forward to coming to Godly Play/Kids Church.

I think one of the favourite activities this year is when Pastoral Care introduced "let it fly" for Lent. The kids enjoyed making paper airplanes so much we continued to do so in Kids Church weekly for the month after. It was enjoyable to see all the creations and watching them soar around the room.

Godly Play is a visual/hands on learning resource in retelling of the Bible Stories in a way that keeps the children engaged and full of wonder. Even if a story has been heard many times the children can take something different from it each time it is told. We also have other things we do each week to keep us connected, such as our Circle of the Church Year (clock) that we move every week to keep track of where we are in the Church year. This year we made a smaller version, so kids who are following online or not able to attend can still follow along where we are at in the Church year and stay connected. We have a Christ Candle in the room that we light at the beginning of each Sunday.

- **January** - We Explored Epiphany, Holy Baptism, Parables of the Good Shepard and Good Samaritan.
- **February** - We had a tour of our room and some special guests, A lesson of Sharing Love which included baking cookies together and the Parable of the Great Pearl.
- **March** - Parable of the Sower. Then moved into the Faces of Easter.
- **April** - Continued the Faces of Easter and finished with the Eggs of Easter Enrichment Lesson.

- **May** - The Good Shepherd and the Holy Communion, The Synagogue and the Upper Room.
- **June** - The Flood and the Ark, Pentecost, Paul's Experience, Celebration Sunday. The Start of Summer Break.
- **July/August** - Although there was no formal Kids Church we still took the kids for some fun activities and outdoor time on weeks there were more than 3 kids.
- **September** - The Circle of the Church Year, Creation Story, The Holy Family.
- **October** - The Flood and the Ark, Jonah the Backwards Prophet, The Great Family, Silly Sunday.
- **November** - The Exodus, The Ten Best Ways, The Books of the Bible, The Exile and Return, a day of Free play and Games.
- **December** - Christmas wreath making, Lessons and Carol service, PEEF The Christmas Bear, Clopper the Christmas Donkey.

Again, a big Thank you to all the leaders that helped make this year great. Also Thank you to Donna K for making the board outside of the room and coloring pages throughout the year. Thank you to Alouise for keeping Godly play visible in the E-news and all the behind the scenes. Last, but not least Thank you to Rev. Leigh for all your help and support.

The Annual meeting is important to Godly play to keep the congregation connected to Kids Church and involved with helping support us as a whole.

In 2025 we did some special crafts of bookmarks, Origami, Painting, Christmas cards for the shut in's, Christmas wreaths. But the most exciting thing was having baby chicks/turkey's visit the Godly Playroom (thanks Stacie).

INREACH – OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Inreach – Outreach Committee had a great year! We had a number of events take place at St. David's. The Inreach – Outreach Committee acted as

the facilitator and co-ordinator for ensuring the events which follow, took place during the year.

Some of our first events were a Games Night in January and a special Valentine cookie sharing event after church near February 14. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day on the Sunday closest to March 17 by having a potluck lunch featuring green foods. On March 14, the Affirming Committee, an ad hoc committee, under the oversight of the Inreach - Outreach Committee, hosted a Pie Day.

We celebrated Easter with help from the Easter Bunny. He visited with everyone, distributing chocolate eggs for all! The Pie Auction was held on May 4. Proceeds went to the Mission & Service Fund. Once again, we offered slices of pie for a nominal price as well taking part in the auction. The slices were very popular.

In conjunction with the Men's Club, the committee contributed to the annual volunteer BBQ honouring the volunteers and graduating students from St. David's. As our contribution, we provided the cake honouring the volunteers

On the second Sunday in September, the committee hosted the Welcome Back Lunch. On Thanksgiving Monday in October, the committee hosted the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. More than 85 persons took part in this event. Gert Reiner helped greatly with her continuing support from the Leduc and District Food Bank.

On Saturday, November 29, the Inreach - Outreach Committee and the Music Committee will co-sponsor a Christmas Carol Sing. This event will start at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary and last for about an hour. Come and enjoy singing your favourite Christmas Carols and winter songs.

On Sunday, December 7 the Inreach – Outreach Committee will sponsor the annual Write for Rights Event. Three letters addressed to Premier Danielle

Smith and CC'd to Naheed Nenshi will be available for church members to sign. Pens and postage will be provided!

Thank you for your continued support of these events to this point. Please stay tuned to learn what is in store for the next calendar year. Our committee members are Kirby Dublanko, Janet Ramcharan, Shauna Dittrick, Robin Stuart, Rev. Leigh Sinclair, Stacie Gant, and Linda & Ron Thompson. Thanks to all for your dedication to this committee.

With the new year approaching, please consider joining our committee. We meet after church, usually the second Sunday of each month in the Choir/Nursery Room. For more information contact Linda Thompson at (780) 986-8349 or at rnthompson.harta@gmail.com. The Affirming Committee Report follows below.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Thompson, Chair, Inreach – Outreach Committee

AFFIRMING REPORT

With our congregation now officially affirming, we held three affirm events in 2025. Our annual PIE Day celebration, where we debuted the winning songs from the national competition. For six weeks in May, June, we held viewings of the “Culture Shift Tour” graciously shared with us freely by Sharon “Rocky” Reggio. We also held a viewing of the United Church of Canada’s official apology to those in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. This particular viewing was impactful, not only because of the message, but we learned firsthand the insidiousness of those trying to stop the good work of connecting with our siblings in Christ. As we began the affirming journey at St. David’s making our church, a truly welcoming space, we look ahead to 2026 with joy, and we hold gratefulness for the year that passed. To all those who brought desserts or pies, we thank you deeply and to anyone who attended our events or helped with them our gratitude is overflowing.

Respectfully Submitted by Stacie Gant – Chair, Affirming Committee

MEN'S CLUB

St. David's Men's Club continues to meet monthly on the second Saturday of the month. Currently the Men's Club meeting place is the dining room at the Denham Inn on 50 Avenue. Their Breakfast Special is a great price and quite popular. The time is 8:00 in the morning. The speaker series has been reintroduced for each meeting in addition to the regular business, discussion, and maybe, "dad jokes."

For 2025 the Club was able to reinstate some annual traditions. The Men's Club were able to host:

- Shrove Tuesday in February
- The Sunday School BBQ
- The Harvest Dinner
- Assistance for selected Church Services
- And a Pancake breakfast for the St. David's Youth Event

The Men's Club continued a few other activities for the Church. Under the direction of member Bob Brown, spring and fall church grounds clean ups were done. Bob was also key in performing regular grounds maintenance (grass cutting, weed spraying, pruning etc.) throughout the growing season. Bob has been assisted by member Tim Ritter and his son this season as well.

For 2026 the Men's Club plans to continue with our annual suite of culinary based programs. We also sincerely hope that any men in the congregation that haven't tried a Saturday Breakfast consider this as a great way to start off your weekend.

Submitted by Brian Charanduk, Secretary.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

It was a relatively quiet year for the Memorial Committee. Other than attending to burials in our memorial garden and updating the Sanctuary with Memorial plaques our big news was the donation for

the large screen TV up by the choir loft. The TV was purchased by a donation from the Memorial Committee's funds and installed by the Property Committee with funding from the Men's group.

Thank you as well to all those who chose to donate to the Memorial Fund and to Jeff Forth for preparing the Memorial Garden before and after each internment of ashes.

Our year-end balance was \$5437.00 (general) and \$3241.37 (organ funds). If you have any questions, please connect with a committee member.

Submitted by Dwane Beagle (Chair) on behalf of the Memorial Committee: Carol Magnuson, Carolyn Cournoyea, and Ron Thompson.

MINISTRY AND PERSONAL COMMITTEE

The ministry and Personnel Committee acts as a liaison between the paid staff of the church, the church council and the congregation. There are 6 staff who are paid and one who receives an honorarium.

The committee presently has only 4 members, having lost 2 during the last year due to other commitments. Our members are Carol Magnuson, Gladys Burdeyney, Janice Storeshaw and Mary Riseborough. We do not have regular meetings but try to meet with all members of staff at least once yearly and more often as needed. We also try to stay in touch with staff members through email. Someone from the committee attends the monthly council meeting.

Anyone who is interested in joining our committee would be welcomed with open arms. Many of us have been on the committee for some time and would welcome a new perspective. Please speak to any members for more information.

The central office of the United Church of Canada decides the salaries for ministry personnel each year. They also suggest any increases for other staff according to cost-of-living increases. We as a committee can make that decision. Then it all becomes part of the annual church budget which is voted on by the congregation at our annual meeting.

During the next few months, we will be focusing on our minister's sabbatical which is planned for the spring. Many members of the congregation have stepped forward to lead a service during that time and thanks to Rev. Leigh we have been given the themes, scriptures etc. for each Sunday. The regional council will appoint a minister to oversee how things are going during that time. Someone, probably that person, will come one Sunday to lead us in Communion. Otherwise, thanks to our volunteers, all the other Sundays are covered.

Our committee's input is important to our annual meeting as salaries provide one of the largest parts of the overall church budget. As a committee we appreciate each staff member for the part they play in the overall picture of what our church is.

Our minister, Rev. Leigh continues to give us food for thought each Sunday. Due to her organizational skills her upcoming sabbatical should go smoothly. We wish her well in that learning journey and hope she returns refreshed.

Our Connections Coordinator, Donna, continues in doing a great job in keeping folks connected to the church who may not be able to attend services. She provides a monthly worship service at Extendicare. During the sabbatical she will be taking on more pastoral care duties. The Pastoral Care Committee will also help with that as needed.

Alouise in the office continues to keep things organized, taking care of bookings, and informing us of upcoming events, as well as making all the preparations necessary for each Sunday Service.

Our pianist Colin continues to inspire us with his preludes, postludes, and teaching new hymns along with the choir. All of these greatly add to our worship experience.

Our custodian Helen along with her family keeps our space neat and tidy in spite of many users of the building all hours of the day and evening. I'm always amazed when it gets done with so many groups using the building.

We are grateful to Leona, who along with our Finance Committee, keeps our financial boat afloat, doing weekly recording of individual giving, making tax receipts etc.

We appreciate all the work and patience of Helen Stuart in working with our children and youth choirs. They add so much to our church's music and future.

Thanks partly to the efforts of these people, our church continues to thrive and represents God's presence in our community.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Riseborough for the Ministry and Personnel Committee

NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL

This Spring, Donna and Norm Kruk attended the *Northern Spirit Regional Council* (NSRC) in-person meeting in Edmonton, along with Rev. Leigh. We learned about the renewing of pastoral charge visiting (where a small group representing the region visits each charge to check in with how everything is doing). Norm, Donna and Leigh will be given their visiting place early in 2026. St. David's will be visited as well so keep an eye out for that date.

We also learned about the need to be strategic as a denomination as we live into a time that will have less communities of faith but just as crucial a message for the world as always. We acknowledged with gratitude the following communities that are or have disbanded or amalgamated in 2024-2026. We are considering how to support church life each geographical area of our NSRC.

Disbanded

Chinese United (Edmonton)

Pickardville United Church

Moose Hill Pastoral Charge

Rosalind United Church

Grace United Church, Hay River

Ottewell United Church (Edmonton)

Rochester United Church

South Cooking Lake

Sangudo Pastoral Charge

Telfordville Pastoral Charge

Onoway United Church

Amalgamations:

High Prairie and McLennan United Churches

McDougall and Garneau United Churches (Edmonton)

St. David's has had the honour of hosting many wider church meetings the last year as both the staff and Executive have been here for their in-person meetings. Rev. Leigh is chairing the Executive of the NSRC until the end of 2026.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Care Committee exists to nurture the spiritual and emotional health of the congregation and our faith community. We are grateful to all who donate their time and talents to craft prayer shawls, provide meals and extend loving prayer in times of grief, illness and other challenges. Every card written, every meal shared, every prayer whispered, every moment of listening has helped build a community where people feel known and cared for.

As we step into 2026, I am deeply grateful for each of you. May God continue to guide us, strengthen us, and use us to bring hope, comfort, and joy to one another.

We responded with care and compassion to the needs of our church with providing these supports.

- Maintaining a list of members needing care or support.
- Sending cards or notes for celebrations, grief, or illness.
- Organizing volunteers for support activities such as meal support.
- Make in-person visits to homes, care facilities, hospitals and in the community.
- Made Care calls where a visit was not possible.
- Collected and delivered prayer shawls.
- Stayed connected to the Prayer Circle group for prayer requests.
- Organized delivery of devotionals, newsletters, cards, calendars and newsletters to shut-ins.

- Took part in a fund raiser for Lent. Let it Fly for Lent. Funds collected were allocated to the general church fund.
- Held a “Conversation” with congregation members to honour the 100th church anniversary.
- Organized Spiritual Walk at Telford Lake in the fall.
- To work closely with our minister and congregation to identify pastoral care needs.

One of our goals in 2026 is to share the work of the committee in an intentional way. We hope to host a “Celebrate Stories of God’s Faithfulness” hour. By sharing testimonies (with permissions) of how care, prayer and presence can make a difference. To encourage a culture where folks notice and name God’s work in everyday life.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Kruk (Care Coordinator) on behalf of the Pastoral Care Committee: Stacie Gant, Mary Riseborough, Marlene Montney

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The St. Davids Property Committee is a dedicated group responsible for overseeing the maintenance, management, and strategic planning of all property assets associated with St. Davids. This committee plays a vital role in ensuring that the facilities serve the needs of the community, remain safe and welcoming, and support the long-term mission of St. Davids.

Committee Structure

The Property Committee typically consists of volunteers, and occasionally external contractors with expertise in property management, building maintenance, or related fields.

- Chair: Leads meetings and coordinates committee activities.
- Secretary: Records meeting minutes and communicates updates.
- Members: Assist with inspections and repairs.

Responsibilities

1. **Maintenance Oversight:** Regularly inspect buildings, grounds, and equipment to ensure safety and functionality. Schedule repairs and preventive maintenance as required.
2. **Budget Planning:** Develop and monitor budgets for property-related expenses, including maintenance, repairs, upgrades, and utilities.
3. **Contractor Coordination:** Hire and supervise contractors for specialized jobs such as plumbing, electrical work, landscaping, or construction projects.
4. **Compliance:** Ensure all property activities comply with local regulations, building codes, and safety standards.
5. **Sustainability Initiatives:** Explore opportunities to improve energy efficiency, reduce waste, and implement environmentally friendly practices.

Meeting Schedule

The Property Committee meets on a regular basis, often monthly or quarterly, depending on the scale of projects and ongoing needs. Special meetings may be called in response to urgent repairs or emergencies.

Reporting and Communication

The committee provides updates and recommendations to the governing body of St. Davids, such as the board or council. Reports typically include maintenance logs, budget updates, project status, and proposals for future work.

2025 Annual Report of activities.

1. Projector removal and T.V. install.
2. L.E.D replacement in Sanctuary.
3. Hall Kitchen floor tiled.
4. Hiring of Sam Ritter to clear sidewalks.
5. Construction and install of Pergola.

6. Mailbox installation.
7. Replacement of Fluorescent bulbs in Hallway and C.E. wings.
8. Having Sanctuary roof repaired.
9. Graffiti cleanup.
10. Hiring Sam, Tim, and Donna Ritter to clean eaves.

Respectfully submitted by Norman Kruk (Chair) on behalf of the Property Committee: Ron McMillan, Murray Fierheller, Al Burdeyney.

Subcommittee: TECHNOLOGY

Technology Committee is responsible for maintaining all of the high- tech equipment in the church. Specifically, the Technology Committee is responsible for the equipment used in the sanctuary to livestream the service on Sunday mornings. The Technology Committee is technically a subcommittee of the Property Committee. As such, it does not send its own representative to Council.

The major challenge for the Technology Committee this year was replacing the projector at the front of the sanctuary. The projector we have been using for over a decade has become obsolete, and finding replacement bulbs for it had become a challenge. When the bulb died this summer, the Technology Committee felt it was time to look into replacing the projector with a large TV screen. After shopping around, we found an 85-inch screen that was compatible with our system for \$3000. The screen was installed in September. Thanks to all those who worked on the installation.

The Technology Committee had not budgeted for replacing the projector this year. Fortunately, the Memorial Committee stepped forward with a gift of \$3000 to cover the cost of the screen, and the Men's Cub made a gift of \$1050 to cover the costs of installation. The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to both

groups for making the new screen possible, without having to ask the congregation for funds.

The Technology Committee also trained some new volunteers to help out in the sound booth on Sunday mornings. We now have a roster of thirteen technicians to run the equipment in the sound booth. A “Thank You” to all of those who have volunteered.

Looking ahead, the Technology Committee is hoping to explore new possibilities with the sound board that we purchased last year. At present, we are using only three of the sixteen inputs. We feel that there are opportunities to make more and better use of the sound system, both for worship and for concerts. That will be our project for 2026.

Submitted by David C. Marriott (Chair) on behalf of The Technology Committee: Paul Baerends, Brian Charanduk, Larry Fecho, and Katrina Watkins

Submitted by David C. Marriott

TRUSTEES OF ST. DAVID'S

Trustees are the group that holds legal title to the church property, in trust for the congregation. As such, the Trustees are also responsible for seeing to the insurance for the church property. The Trustees generally meet twice a year, in June and December, unless business requires more meetings.

Last year, the Trustees changed our insurance to the UCC Protect Plan. This year, the Plan has kept the premium the same as last year, so we have decided to stay with team.

At its December meeting, the Trustees decided to rotate the responsibility of representing the Trustees on Council, so you will see each and all of us at Council meetings in 2026.

Your Trustees are David Marriott (Chair) Lynne Chalmers (Secretary), Bob Brown, Brian Charanduk, Larry Fecho, and Ian MacDonald

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We meet at the annual general meeting to review the year and recognise the effort involved in church work. Each committee has its successes and its struggles throughout the year. Sitting in church on a Sunday you may not even realize what each committee does. This is our opportunity to share with you some of the highlights from 2025.

Our committee meets monthly and it includes the minister, as well as Erin Ahlberg, Lynne Fecho, Mary-Ann McDonald, Janice Storeshaw, and me Shauna Dittrick. We assist the minister in planning worship services and make sure that banners are hung, the church colours change with the season, candles are ready to be lit and communion is served. We help with special services throughout the year such as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Silly Sunday. This year we had a photo booth so we could have a virtual Palm parade on Palm Sunday. We hosted a soup and bun lunch in February, organized a food drive for the Food Bank in October, and planned the White Gift toy drive in December. When Leigh was away for rest or study leave our committee found people to lead the services. This year we had visiting licensed lay ministers to lead, as well as congregation members and committees. The worship committee appreciates all the help we receive from you, the congregation. Thank you for leading worship, greeting, taking offering, reading scripture, lighting candles, and serving communion. Whenever we ask for your help, you, our church family is always ready and willing to assist.

We anticipate a busy year ahead as our minister takes a two-month Sabbatical. During this time, our committee and congregation will step up to lead services and meet the church's needs. We look forward to worshipping together in 2026, supporting one another and feeling the spirit of God move through St. David's.

Submitted by Shauna Dittrick (Chair) on behalf of The Worship Committee.

Subcommittee: Music **ADULT CHOIR**

Music at St. David's was an important part of the life of the church. This is the Adult Choir's third complete year of anthems and musical support to the congregation since the COVID years. From February to April and from October to December the Adult Choir has provided two and sometimes three anthems per month for the services. Soloists have also been available from time to time when an anthem was not available. For Easter music, the Adult Choir provided two anthems for Good Friday, as well as two anthems for Easter Sunday. For the Advent season the choir provided anthems for the first and second Advent services as well as support during the Christmas Eve. The use a soloist from the Adult Choir for the Christmas Eve Service was continued from last year. We found, in the past, that most choir members were not available for the Christmas Eve Service. Also, because there was only one Christmas Eve Service, we had more anthems featuring members of the children's and youth choirs as well, making for a service filled with Christmas music. The choir looks forward to another year of providing anthems and service music for our congregation in 2026.

Please find the Music Committee Budget for 2026 following this report.

Adult Choir expenses: music and maintenance of choir robes:	\$200
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Quote from Lois McMillan for 20 sashes which are purple on one side and orange on the reverse side.	\$200
An additional ten new hymnals for members of the congregation who would like to use a hymnal.	\$400
Maintenance of the organ and the three pianos.	\$1000
Total	\$1800

Respectfully submitted by Ron Thompson Adult Choir Director and Music Committee Chair

POTLUCK MUSICIAN'S REPORT

During 2025, the Potluck Musicians performed for the Adult Day Care Program at Peace Lutheran Church approximately 10 times during the year. We also performed at the UCW Christmas Party & Service, with the Junior Choir at Plainview Lodge, and the Heartland Retired Teachers' (HARTA) Luncheon. The Potluck Musicians' Group consists of around eight performers with guitar, piano, and vocal talents. They enjoy and look forward to their music outreach programs.

The year 2026 will see similar engagements, with consideration for doing performances for St. David's Church, and some local Adult Care facilities. Thanks to St. David's United Church for their support. Respectfully submitted by Ron Thompson for Robin Stuart Potluck Co-ordinator.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

For Christmas Eve we were missing Emilie, Helen, Colin, and Ohla. Helen and Colin were unable to make it due to the exceptionally terrible road conditions. We were fortunate that Robin was able to fill in with all the piano music and accompaniments for the service. And we

were fortunate that most of the singers were able to make it to the service. Thank you to Erin Ahlberg, Syllas Ahlberg, Mark Baerends, Koen Baerends, Regine Baerends, Shaina Paradero, Ron Thompson and Robin Stuart for presenting such beautiful music for the Christmas Eve service. For the fall term we also sang at service on November 30 (Light of Hope) for the first Sunday of Advent.

To end, I would like to thank ALL the singers who participated in the Children's/Pippin Primary/Synergy Youth choir programs for the 2025 calendar year. That includes Syllas Ahlberg, Mandi Chalifoux, Alba Mora Clavier, Celeste Mora Clavier, Olha Onyshchenko, Shaina Paradero, Kira Reeds, and Maddi Reeds.

As well I would like to acknowledge the support of the church in providing rehearsal space, and St. David's members and staff for support and positive assistance which is demonstrated to this program.

For the first half of 2026 you will see the choirs at selected Sunday services, and we will be preparing at least one Spring Concert. We hope to see many church members in attendance.

Report submitted respectfully by Helen Stuart.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)

The UCW has a membership of approximately 22 members, 13 active and a lot of other helping hands when needed. Our executives are Judy Bittner (Chair), Norma Denys (Secretary), Joan Bates (Treasurer).

We meet. On the first Thursday of every month at 1:00 PM (excluding July and August), and on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM (this is for the working ladies, about four attend).

UCW is a group of dedicated women, helping the church anyway we can. We help by catering for funerals, workshops, and making coffee for fellowship after church, the second Sunday of every month. UCW looks after selling of church calendars, pulpit supply, and recognizing Grads by presenting them with an engraved pen and a journal.

Our large events during this past year were;

- Getting involved with the World Day of Prayer in March
- Hosting the Fall Rally 2025 in September
- The Christmas Craft & Bake Sale and Silent Auction in November
- The ladies Christmas Potluck and Worship Service in December.

Thanks to all the women of the church that help when we need extra hands.

Submitted by Judy Bitter (Chair) on behalf of the UCW.

Northern Spirit Region UCW Fall Rally – Sept 13 – hosted by Leduc UCW

The Leduc UCW hosted the Northern Spirit Region UCW Fall Rally this year. We had 36 people attend from the various urban and rural areas across our region. The theme for the rally was “Women of the Church.” We started the day with muffins and coffee – reconnecting with friends old and new – then we moved into the sanctuary for a sing song and worship. We completed the morning with our business meeting which saw the group approving a Motion to have all monies raised from the rally to be donated to the Mission and Service Fund in support of the Children of Gaza. In the afternoon, Rev Leigh (our guest speaker) led us thru an activity to help us identify the gifts of the spirit that

we, as women of the church, have received. She ended by telling us that we are like a basket that is full of these gifts (faithfulness, patience, self-control, gentleness and kindness) and that all of our gifts are vital to the work of the church. The remainder of the day was spent doing crafts (wreath making and rock painting) and/or taking a walk through the memorial gardens.

ucw treasurer report

St. David UCW Treasurer Report 2025

Balance Forward Jan 1, 2025		2,203.98
Income:		
Broadview Magazine	420.00	
Church Calendars	139.00	
Craft & Bake Sale	2,657.20	
Memorial Services	5,025.00	
UCW Christmas Offering	288.00	
Member Monthly Donations	248.70	
Catering	200.00	
Kitchen	136.11	
Fall Rally	894.10	
Total Income:		9,998.11
Expenses:		
Broadview Magazine	480.00	
Memorial/Kitchen	2,923.89	
Gifts	225.00	
Total Expenses:		(3,628.89)
Donations:		
Mission & Service	982.00	
St. David's General Fund	4,000.00	
Total Donations:		(4,982.00)
Balance Dec 31, 2025		3,591.20

Report Submitted by: Joan Bates - UCW Treasurer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Finance Team, thank you for your contributions and commitment to balance the 2025 budget. WE'VE DONE IT!!

The focus of the Finance Committee is to manage, direct, and support the financial affairs of the Church within a spiritual focus.

We are a small group that meets on the second Tuesday at 9:00 AM every month (12 times per year) to ensure we stay on top of all finances. We are grateful for the support of The Trustees and the great work they did to hold the annual premium without an increase for 2026.

The annual meeting is of significance to the committee. At this time the proposed budget is adopted, and we have distinct guidelines to follow.

Respectfully submitted by Beverly Beckett (Chair) on behalf of the Finance Committee: Lynne Chalmers (Secretary), Valerie Jeffery, Mary-Ann McDonald & Leona McNeil (Bookkeeper).

Addition: in 2025 due to ongoing costs the Finance Committee with input from the Church Office elected to increase user fees in 2026. These go into effect January 1, 2026, for new users. For current users these fees will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

Nonprofit or Community Groups: Previous rate \$35 per 3-hours for each room booked, with a minimum 3-hour charge applying. New rate is \$50 per 3-hours for 3-hours for each room booked, with a minimum 3-hour charge applying. Additional hours above 3-hours are charged at \$15 per hour.

For-Profit Organizations: Previous rate \$100 per 3-hours for each room booked, with a minimum 3-hour charge applying. New rate

is \$200 per 3-hours for 3-hours for each room booked, with a minimum 3-hour charge applying. Additional hours above 3-hours are charged at \$65 per hour.

2024 UNAUDITED Financial Statement

Please see the following six pages (47-52)

Compilation Engagement Report



To the Management of St. David's United Church

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information and, if applicable, other explanatory information ("financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Leduc, Alberta

May 3, 2025

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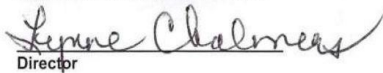
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St. David's United Church
Compiled Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current		
Cash (Note 3)	132,149	111,229
Accounts receivable	1,519	2,848
Prepaid expenses	508	19,116
	134,176	133,193
Capital assets (Note 4)	1,550,419	1,533,529
Investments (Note 5)	17,792	16,598
	1,702,387	1,683,320
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accruals	13,965	15,211
Deferred contributions (Note 6)	1,320	7,239
	15,285	22,450
Net Assets		
Invested in capital assets	1,550,419	1,533,529
Memorial fund	14,929	13,190
Special bequest fund	9,309	9,309
Building renovation fund	(8,431)	(9,626)
Ministry fund	99,960	92,714
General fund	20,916	21,754
	1,687,102	1,660,870
	1,702,387	1,683,320

Approved on behalf of the Board


Director

St. David's United Church
Compiled Statement of Operations
For the year ended December 31, 2024

	General Fund	Memorial Fund	Special Bequest Fund	Building Renovation Fund	Ministry Fund	2024	2023
Receipts							
Offerings	214,112	-	-	-	8,676	222,788	245,801
Mission and service	18,717	-	-	-	-	18,717	17,016
Rental	17,260	-	-	-	-	17,260	10,550
Grant revenue	15,831	-	-	-	-	15,831	22,210
Fundraising	7,685	-	-	-	-	7,685	8,216
Interest	1,506	-	-	1,195	-	2,701	1,388
Donations	-	1,765	-	-	-	1,765	2,349
Total receipts	275,111	1,765	-	1,195	8,676	286,747	307,530
Disbursements							
Minister and staff associates	166,881	-	-	-	-	166,881	163,190
Building maintenance and utilities	68,771	-	-	-	-	68,771	122,336
Mission and service	18,717	-	-	-	-	18,717	17,016
Administrative	15,761	26	-	-	1,430	17,217	17,261
Professional fees	4,606	-	-	-	-	4,606	3,498
Programs	1,213	-	-	-	-	1,213	4,379
Total disbursements	275,949	26	-	-	1,430	277,405	327,680
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	(838)	1,739	-	1,195	7,246	9,342	(20,150)

St. David's United Church
Compiled Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended December 31, 2024

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Memorial Fund</i>	<i>Special Bequest Fund</i>	<i>Building Renovation Fund</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>
Net assets, beginning of the year	21,754	13,190	9,309	(9,626)	34,627
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	(838)	1,739	-	1,195	2,096
Capital asset additions	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets, end of year	20,916	14,929	9,309	(8,431)	36,723

St. David's United Church
Compiled Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended December 31, 2024

	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>Ministry Fund</i>	<i>Invested in Capital Assets</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
Net assets, beginning of the year	34,627	92,714	1,533,529	1,660,870	1,639,677
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	2,096	7,246	-	9,342	(20,150)
Capital asset additions	-	-	16,890	16,890	41,343
Net assets, end of year	36,723	99,960	1,550,419	1,687,102	1,660,870

St. David's United Church
Notes to the Compiled Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2024

1. Basis of accounting

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the financial information of St. David's United Church is on the historical cost basis, reflecting cash transactions with the addition of:

- Accounts receivable which includes Good and Services Tax receivable
- Prepaid expenses
- Capital assets are recorded as an expenditure of the corresponding fund and are recorded as additions to capital assets with the corresponding amount being added to the investment in capital assets
- Investments, recorded at cost
- Accounts payable and accruals
- Deferred contributions include restricted donations and grants that were not spent during the year

2. Incorporation and nature of the organization

St. David's United Church (the "Church") is a registered charity and is exempt from income tax under the *Income Tax Act*. The purpose of the Church is to support the spiritual needs of its members.

These financial statements include only the revenue, disbursements, assets, liabilities, and net assets of St. David's United Church. They do not include information for groups that operate within the Church but are not considered part of the Church entity, for example the Men's Group.

3. Cash

Cash is comprised of the following:

	2024	2023
Current account	67,126	56,685
Building / Ministry fund accounts	50,663	42,248
Memorial account	10,306	8,343
Youth group account	4,054	3,953
	132,149	111,229

4. Capital assets

	Cost	2024 Net book value	2023 Net book value
Buildings	1,354,643	1,354,643	1,354,643
Furniture and fixtures	120,312	120,312	103,422
Office equipment	75,464	75,464	75,464
	1,550,419	1,550,419	1,533,529

St. David's United Church
Notes to the Compiled Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2024

5. Investments

Long-term investments are comprised of the following:

	2024	2023
Measured at cost:		
GIC, building fund	11,694	10,909
GIC, memorial fund	6,098	5,689
	17,792	16,598

6. Deferred contributions

Deferred contributions are comprised of the following:

	2024	2023
David Jones fund	1,150	1,150
Ministry student fund	170	170
Community services recovery grant	-	5,919
	1,320	7,239

ST. DAVID'S 2025 Financial statements

Please see the Balance Sheet and Profit Loss Sheet on the next four pages (53-56)

St. David's United Church

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2025

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
1000 Bank Accounts	0.00
1002 RBC Main Chequing Account	65,648.95
1004 RBC Ministry Bank Account	29,885.13
1004b Sabbatical Savings	1,000.00
Total 1004 RBC Ministry Bank Account	30,885.13
1005 RBC Building Bank Account	19,590.74
1006 Petty Cash	20.00
1007 Youth Group Bank Account	4,130.07
1008 Memorial Fund Bank Account	6,045.33
1009 Memorial Fund-Organ Fund	3,452.62
Total 1008 Memorial Fund Bank Account	9,497.95
1265 RBC GIC	11,694.19
1280 Memorial GIC	6,098.26
Total 1000 Bank Accounts	147,565.29
1001 Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$147,565.29
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	179.50
Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)	\$179.50
1020 Current Assets	
1150 Prepaid Expenses	529.42
Total 1020 Current Assets	529.42
Total Current Assets	\$148,274.21
Non-current Assets	
Property, plant and equipment	
1600 Fixed Assets	
1610 Church Land & Buildings	1,354,643.49
1615 Church Furniture & Fixtures	103,421.99
1620 Office Equipment	63,108.09
1625 Kitchen Equipment	12,356.19
Total 1600 Fixed Assets	1,533,529.76
Total Property, plant and equipment	\$1,533,529.76
Total Non Current Assets	\$1,533,529.76
Total Assets	\$1,681,803.97

St. David's United Church

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2025

	TOTAL
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	
2100 Accounts Payable (A/P)	902.95
Total Accounts Payable (A/P)	\$902.95
Credit Card	
2234 RBC Visa ending in 5313	55.08
2235 RBC Visa ... 9972	0.64
Total Credit Card	\$55.72
2315 GST/HST Payable	-19.56
2320 GST/HST Suspense	-1,171.93
2340 Current Liabilities	
2342 Youth Group To Be Transferred	0.00
2343 Mission / Service Fund To Be Remitted	0.00
2345 David Jones Fund	670.23
2347 World Development / Relief Fund To Be Remitted	0.00
2348 Memorial Donations To Be Transferred	0.00
2356 Organ Fund	0.00
Total 2348 Memorial Donations To Be Transferred	0.00
2349 Building Donations To Be Transferred	0.00
2351 Ministry Student Fund To Be Transferred	170.00
2352 Mainly Music	0.00
2354 Kitchen Fund	0.00
2355 Rights Relations For The Seasons	0.00
2360 Community Services Recovery Grant	0.00
Total 2340 Current Liabilities	840.23
Total Current Liabilities	\$607.41
Total Liabilities	\$607.41
Equity	
3000 Equity Accounts	
3525 Set Up Youth Account	138.50
3530 Building Roof Fund, Opening	92,139.67
3540 Building Fund, Opening	-3,933.84
3571 Transfer to Memorial Fund	14,743.83
3580 Special Bequests, beginning	9,308.87
3590 Investments in Capital Assets	1,492,186.45
3591 Additions to Capital Assets	41,343.08
3599 Member's Equity	0.00
Total 3000 Equity Accounts	1,645,926.56
3595 Capital Assets Disposed	0.00
Retained Earnings	28,196.52
Profit for the year	7,073.48
Total Equity	\$1,681,196.56
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,681,803.97

St. David's United Church

Profit and Loss

January - December 2025

	TOTAL
INCOME	
4000 Donations / Income Accounts	
4005 Envelopes (Receipts)	220,793.24
4020 Special Events	2,874.45
4030 Building Rental	16,010.00
4035 Wedding Rentals	300.00
4120 Interest Earned	1,242.50
Total 4000 Donations / Income Accounts	241,220.19
4500 In/Out	0.00
Total Income	\$241,220.19
COST OF GOODS SOLD	
Cost of Goods Sold	50.00
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$50.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$241,170.19
EXPENSES	
5000 Administration Expenses	
5001 Office Supplies and Expenses	3,164.23
5002 Office Equipment Replace / Install	1,175.30
5004 Bank charges & Interest Paid	205.37
5005 Photocopying Expenses	503.01
5010 General Council Assessment	12,959.00
5012 Legal & Audit Fees	4,035.94
5025 PAR Expenses	336.00
Total 5000 Administration Expenses	22,378.85
5050 Payroll Expenses	
5051 Staff Salaries & Benefits (ADP)	155,192.30
5056 ADP Fees	359.58
5057 Staff Contract Fees (SDUC)	7,380.00
5060 WCB Expense	1,122.07
5061 Minister's Travel	156.79
5062 Minister's Continuing Education	1,689.00
5065 Pulpit Supply	522.75
Total 5050 Payroll Expenses	166,422.49
5070 Program Expenses	
5071 Christian Development	611.51
5073 Council Admin - Retreat Expenses	400.00
5075 Music Supplies & Servicing	557.81
5078 Pastoral Care	551.26
5080 Worship Committee	902.69
5082 Youth Group	610.18
5084 Inreach/Outreach	147.99
5091 Benevolent Expenses	726.48
Total 5070 Program Expenses	4,507.92

St. David's United Church

Profit and Loss

January - December 2025

	TOTAL
5100 Building Repair & Maintenance	
5105 Utilities	21,516.45
5106 Cleaning Supplies Caretaker	726.85
5108 Insurance	13,205.00
5109 Audio Video System	1,025.00
5110 Property Committee	4,131.36
5119 Snow Removal	2,552.84
5120 Technology Committee	2,384.84
Total 5100 Building Repair & Maintenance	45,542.34
Total Expenses	\$238,851.60
OTHER EXPENSES	
5300 Non-Operating Revenue & Expense	
5316 Building/Ministry Fund Revenue	-2,750.95
5330 Memorial Funds Revenue	-2,146.24
5332 Memorial Fund Expense	142.30
Total 5330 Memorial Funds Revenue	-2,003.94
5350 M&S, WDR, Etc Donations	-16,794.00
5351 M&S, WDR, etc to UCC	16,794.00
Total 5350 M&S, WDR, Etc Donations	0.00
Total 5300 Non-Operating Revenue & Expense	-4,754.89
Total Other Expenses	\$ -4,754.89
PROFIT	\$7,073.48

2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH Proposed Budget

Budget with Comparisons

	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
REVENUE		YTD Oct 31/25	
Total Collections	\$220,701.00	\$163,652.89	\$220,958.00
Other: Rentals, Special Events, Interest Earned	\$20,500.00	\$17,522.84	\$20,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$241,201.00	\$181,175.73	\$241,458.00
EXPENSE			
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Office Supplies & Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,772.36	\$2,500.00
Office Equipment Replace & Install	\$1,200.00	\$1,175.30	\$1,200.00
Bank Charges and Interest Paid	\$100.00	\$114.31	\$125.00
Photocopying Expense	\$300.00	\$354.67	\$350.00
Advertising, promotion	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wider Church Fees	\$12,959.00	9,759.25	\$13,050.00
Legal & Audit Fees	\$4,610.00	\$4,035.94	\$4,100.00
PAR expenses	\$375.00	\$282.00	\$350.00
TOTAL ADMIN EXPENSES	\$21,604.00	\$18,493.83	\$21,675.00
PAYROLL EXPENSES			
Staff Salaries and Benefits (ADP)	\$148,268.00	\$129,418.98	\$152,155.00
Payroll Service Cost	\$375.00	\$305.40	\$325.00
Staff Contract Fees (SDUC)	\$9,700.00	\$6,150.00	\$9,880.00
Workers Compensation Expense	\$1,100.00	\$1,122.07	\$1,125.00
Minister's Phone line	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Travel Costs for minister etc	\$600.00	\$156.79	\$300.00
Minister's Life-long Learning	\$1,689.00	\$1,689.00	\$1,733.00
Pulpit Supply	\$900.00	\$522.75	\$1,000.00
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$163,532.00	\$140,264.99	\$167,418.00
PROGRAM EXPENSES			
Christian Development	\$2,210.00	\$482.48	\$1,000.00
Council Admin-Retreat Expenses	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Music Supplies & Servicing	\$1,200.00	\$557.81	\$1,800.00
Pastoral Care	\$600.00	\$477.98	\$600.00
Worship Committee	\$1,200.00	\$902.69	\$1,210.00
Youth Group	\$500.00	\$395.42	\$800.00
Inreach-Outreach	\$400.00	\$147.99	\$400.00
M & P Committee		\$0.00	\$0.00
Benevolent Expenses	\$750.00	\$163.66	\$750.00
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$7,360.00	\$3,528.03	\$7,060.00
BUILDING REPAIR & MAINT.			
Utilities	\$22,000.00	\$18,491.84	\$22,100.00
Cleaning Supplies Caretaker	\$1,500.00	\$726.85	\$1,000.00
Insurance	\$13,205.00	\$10,966.20	\$13,205.00
Property Committee	\$6,000.00	\$4,131.36	\$6,000.00
Snow Removal	\$5,000.00	\$1,361.08	\$2,000.00
Technology Committee	\$1,000.00	\$2,384.84	\$1,000.00
Audio Vlcso System			
Special Projects-Non Budgeted			
TOTAL BLDG REPAIR & MAINT.	\$48,705.00	\$38,062.17	\$45,305.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$241,201.00	\$200,349.02	\$241,458.00

DRAFT AGENDA: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2026

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Devotional: Reverend Leigh**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Enabling Motions** re: voting privileges, Chair and Secretary
- 5. Review and approval of 2025 Congregational Meeting minutes.**
February 9, 2025
October 19, 2025
- 6. Reviewing 2025**
 - A. Annual Report (questions, conversation, amendment and approval)
- 7. Preparing for 2026**
 - i. Proposed Budget for 2026
 - ii. Presentation re M&S and Assessment 2026 proposal \$13,050.00
 - iii. M and S goal setting 2026
 - iv. Nomination report for leaders 2026
- 8. Elections** for Member at Large, Northern Spirit Regional Council Rep (2) and Chair Elect
- 9. Committee of the Whole conversation**
- 10. Business Arising**
- 11. Blessing and Adjourn**