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ANNUAL
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Our Gifts, God's Mission



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A Year In Review



MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we gather soon for our Annual Congregational Meeting and reflect on the year behind us, I want to begin with gratitude. I am deeply thankful for this congregation - for your faithfulness, generosity, prayer, service, and quiet perseverance through changing seasons. This church is filled with people who care deeply about God, about one another, and about the wider community we are called to serve.

Over the past year, our Session and staff have spent intentional time asking an important question - perhaps the most important question a church can ask: **Why?**

Why do we gather for worship week after week?

Why do we open our doors to community groups, share meals, study Scripture, serve our neighbours, and care for one another?

Why does this church exist at all?

The answer to that question shapes everything we do.

Out of prayer, conversation, and discernment, a simple and memorable way of naming our shared purpose has emerged - words that I believe capture both the heart of the gospel and the calling of this congregation:

Look Up. Lean In. Reach Out.

These three movements are not a program or a slogan. They are a way of living faithfully and joyfully as followers of Jesus Christ.

First, we are invited to **Look Up**.

At the centre of our life together is worship — our shared turning toward God in praise, prayer, scripture, and trust. Worship reminds us who God is and who we are. It lifts our eyes beyond ourselves and grounds us in a relationship with the living God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Everything else we do as a church flows from this foundation. When we forget the “why,” we risk becoming busy but hollow. When we remember it, our life together is renewed.

Second, we are invited to **Lean In**.

Faith was never meant to be lived alone. God draws us into community - into relationships marked by care, honesty, hospitality, and mutual support. When we lean in, we listen deeply, serve generously, and walk alongside one another through joy and struggle. This congregation already embodies this in countless ways, often unseen and uncelebrated, yet deeply faithful.

Finally, we are invited to **Reach Out**.

God's love is never meant to stop with us. We are sent - to our neighbours, our neighbourhoods, our wider community, and beyond - to be the hands and feet of Christ. This means paying attention to real needs, offering compassion, seeking justice, and sharing hope in tangible ways. It means asking where God may be calling us next, and having the courage to respond.

My prayer is that we never become simply a "nice place to visit," but always remain a community where people encounter the living God, experience genuine belonging, and discover a faith that makes a difference in the world.

In light of this hope I must take a minute to express my deep gratitude for those who lead and serve this congregation so faithfully. I thank God for the elders of this church (our Session) for their prayerful leadership and steady commitment. I am grateful as well for our gifted staff, whose dedication and care sustain the daily life and ministry of this congregation. And to our ministry team leaders and volunteers, thank you for the countless ways you serve, often quietly and without recognition.

Together, you help ensure that this church remains far more than a place to visit - but a caring community where people encounter the living God, experience genuine belonging, and are sent into the world in love.

With gratitude and hope,



Rev. Alton J. Ruff
Lead Minister



INTRODUCTION

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Alton Ruff
Director of Pastoral Care: Catherine Brown
Office Administrator: Marlene Weatherall
Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Julia Sheffield
Director of Music Ministry: Deb Fitzsimmons
Music Ministry Assistant: Cindy Lewis
Treasurer: Denman Lawrenson
Custodian: Michelle Santa

THE SESSION

Co-Clerks of Session: Jonathan Brown and Denman Lawrenson

Jonathan Brown	Bev Kennedy	Len Logozar	Ron Monette
Mark Doble	Denman Lawrenson	Brian McMillan	Ed Prichard
Angela Girdwood	Jansje Lawrenson	Kari Mirrlees	George Rutherford Brad White

PROPERTY & BUILDING

Mark Doble	Denman Lawrenson	Steve Lewis
Gord McCallum	Ron Monette	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Denman Lawrenson (Treasurer to December 2025)	Len Logozar
Lindsay Rowe	Derek Thompson (Chair)
Jack Vanderkooy	

TRUSTEES

Ernest Montgomery (the late) Murray Morrison Carl Wagner

ANNUAL REPORT FROM SESSION



The past year was the first full year of leadership for our new minister Rev. Alton Ruff. We are so grateful to God for Rev. Alton, his wife Nikki, and their sons, Sam and Paxton. This family has brought new ideas and inspiration to our Church family. Your Session has benefited from the leadership, guidance, direction and training provided by our Moderator, Rev. Alton Ruff. We have experienced

the presence of our Lord as we made and confirmed actions and decisions.

In June, the membership of Session changed. The following elders completed their 6-year term: Heather Cavill, Frank Tilley and Melissa Tisdale. We thank these elders for their wise and faithful leadership on Session. Also, the following new elders were elected: Len Logozar, Kari Mirrlees, George Rutherford and Brad White. We are blessed to have these new elders share in the leadership of our church.

During the year, we had a few staff changes. Catherine Brown retired from her staff position as Director of Pastoral Care, and Patti Mills was hired as our new interim Director of Pastoral Care. Michelle Santa continued as our part-time head custodian, joined by two part-time custodians Chantal Gauvreau and Emma Tollefsen. On behalf of Session, we would like to thank the staff mentioned above, as well as Marlene Weatherall, Deb Fitzsimmons, Cindy Lewis and Julia Sheffield for their dedicated and inspired efforts to lead our various ministries.

In the fall of 2025, the Session and Staff had a Visioning Workshop to discern God's will for our congregation as we move into the future. This visioning work continues in 2026, and details will be shared with the congregation at a later date.

Last, but very much not least, we would like to thank all volunteers for the countless hours they have worked to support our ministries. We also would like to thank our Congregation for your support, encouragement and patience during the year.

Jonathan Brown and Denman Lawrenson
Co-Clerks of Session.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

IN MEMORIAM

*denotes a member of First Presbyterian Church

Vera Bonwick	Marjorie Heggart *	Bob Moenck
Barb Bristol *	Isobel Jardine *	Ernest Montgomery *
Pat Caron *	Bob Leal	Michael Moran *
Marie Douglas *	Edith McNabb *	Diane Powell *
Helen Gibson	Ken Milley *	Helen Taylor *
Jack Gieg		

NEW MEMBERS

*Indicates transfer from another church

Barry Butwell	Connie Hayward	Kevin McInnis *
Dee Butwell	Faith Hughes *	Lindsay Rowe
Jack Davis *	Karen Kaden *	Helen van der Meulen
	Ron Kaden *	

Additions to roll:

New Members	5
By transfer	6
Adherents	<u>14</u>
Total additions	25

Deletions from Roll:

By Death	16
Moved	6
By Request	3
By Session	<u>29</u>
Total Deletions	54

Total membership as of December 31, 2025	457
Adherents	<u>143</u>
Total On Roll	600

Submitted by Catherine Brown, Roll Clerk

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Members: Julia Sheffield (Director of Children and Youth Ministries), Carolyn Campbell–Sheen, Leisa Christie, Kari Mirrlees (represents the library), Brad White (Session Representative), Heather Cavill, Joan Vanderkooy (represents the non-fiction book club starting in October), Bobbie M. Brown (lead), Amy DeCicco (until June 2025), Bob Lima (until June 2025)

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months. Each month Julia Sheffield provides the Committee with a report of her work.

What we did:

- Support Julia Sheffield in her role as Director of Children & Youth Ministries.
- Planned and provided a hot dog Sunday to raise money for Camp Cairn.
- Gave Bibles on a special Sunday to our youth in Grade 6
- Planned a volunteer recognition Sunday to recognize all the volunteers in the children and youth programs.
- Helped plan Vacation Bible Camp
- Planned a Blessing of the Backpacks event for early in September
- In our effort to be more transparent, we now post our monthly minutes on the bulletin board by the church entrance.

Thank you to all committee members for their time and work.

Respectfully submitted: Bobbie M. Brown (Chair)

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES



Sunday Mornings: We give thanks for the continued growth of our Sunday School program and

for the joy children bring to our worshipping community. Throughout 2025, our two Sunday School small groups, Sprites (Kindergarten to Grade 3) and Crush Crew (Grade 4 to Grade 6 and older),

welcomed new families and saw increased participation. Our volunteers faithfully shared their time and gifts, offering engaging lessons through stories, games, and activities that helped children grow in their understanding of Scripture while building meaningful relationships. During the year, the Orange Curriculum was rebranded as Alive Ministries and continues to provide helpful resources for teachers and families.

The 7up Club remains an important space for faith formation for youth in Grade 7 and above. In the beginning of 2025, Teen Bible Study began meeting monthly, shaped by teen-led questions and open conversation. With videos from The Bible Project, youth are encouraged to explore Scripture together, selecting the topics each week as ownership of their learning. The Teen Book Club concluded in the spring. It was a meaningful program for participants that offered a relaxed setting to build friendships through conversations that started by reading a random page from a Chicken Soup for the Soul.

Our Nursery continues to be supported by caring and committed volunteers. While attendance was limited for much of the year, we were encouraged toward the end of 2025 as two families with young children began attending regularly. We look forward to continuing to offer a safe, welcoming, and nurturing space for our youngest members whenever they are present.

As part of Sunday worship, we experienced two Bible presentations in 2025. We were pleased to formally recognize thirteen Grade 8 graduates from our church family in June, presenting each with a Teen Study Bible. In the fall, we celebrated our Grade 4 students and gifted 13 Bibles to these Sunday School children, presenting several during worship and connecting with others in the months that followed. Throughout the year, we also hand out Bibles to new families who begin regularly attending First Presbyterian church with children in Grades 4 or 5 and in high school, to ensure that all youth have a Bible and feel included in the life of the church.



Youth Group: Our two youth groups, 5:8 and 3:6Teen, had a lively and meaningful year in 2025. We refreshed and redesigned the Youth Group space upstairs and, with the help of generous donations, created three renewed youth rooms. The games room now offers air hockey, basketball, foosball, ping pong, board games and puzzles. The 5:8 and 3:6Teen rooms include comfortable seating, televisions with internet access, and youthful lighting. Together, these spaces have become welcoming places for fun, conversation, and relationship-building. The youth continue to take pride in shaping the space so that it feels inviting to newcomers and reflects both the joy and faith shared there.

Throughout the year, regular youth nights were complemented by special events that brought lots of laughter and connection, including karaoke, a sleepover, spring and fall barbecues, and a campfire evening. The youth also responded generously to opportunities for service, baking apple crisp and cookies to host Fellowship Time and organizing and leading the Dessert Auction for the Chili Cookoff in the fall. Starting after the Christmas Break, both youth groups worked together, reflecting on their faith, church and scriptures to build a church service from start to finish for the Presbyterian Community Church in Wasaga Beach. While the preparation involved many, nine youth were able to participate in leading the service in March to share their message and music with the congregation.

Last winter, eight members of the 3:6Teen group travelled with three leaders to the Blizzard retreat at Camp Muskoka. Surrounded by snow, the weekend was filled with worship, games, rock climbing, skateboarding, shared meals, and plenty of enthusiasm. It was a deeply encouraging experience of faith and community, and the youth continue to share stories and memories from the weekend. We look forward with hope and excitement to the spring youth retreat, Behold, currently being planned.

Vacation Bible Camp: Once again, Vacation Bible Camp was a joyful and faith-filled highlight of the summer, filling the church with children, volunteers, music, and praise for 5 mornings in July. With over 100 registered campers and nearly 80 volunteers, the building came alive each morning as we gathered in the sanctuary to worship, sing, and celebrate God's love together. Aurora Ang and the Shimmering Lights faithfully led the musical worship, joyfully encouraging children to sing boldly, move freely, and participate fully as an expression of the trust we place in Jesus.

Throughout the morning each of the different stations - games, interactive Bible stories, dance, drums, crafts, costumes, videos - reminded campers again and again that God is with them and that they can trust Jesus in all circumstances of life. Each site was a unique experience, thoughtfully prepared with the children's ages and interests in mind by talented volunteers. Embracing the True North theme, the Imagination Station helped children explore the wonder and diversity of God's creation through artifacts, science experiments, and images of Canada's Arctic. Delicious snacks reflected the theme and provided an enjoyable break each morning. The care and compassion from group leaders to campers of all ages and backgrounds reinforced God's acceptance and love for others.



Vacation Bible Camp is a powerful ministry of outreach and would not be possible without the deep commitment of the many volunteers who generously share their time, gifts, and faith to prepare for and implement the week. Also important are those who sit on the VBC Planning Committee. The planning committee begins their work each March, prayerfully considering the organization, structure, and

administration of the week, including decorations, snacks, music and volunteer recruitment. Volunteers for VBC range from youth to seniors who faithfully serve as the hands and feet of Jesus, showing a community of kids from a variety of backgrounds and religious experiences, that First Presbyterian Church embodies the love of God and that church can be an absolute blast!

We look forward to this coming Summer's Vacation Bible Camp: July 20 – 24, 2026.

Children and Youth Volunteers: There is an amazing group of dedicated volunteers at First Presbyterian Church who show up continuously for youth of all ages within our church. From nursery and Sunday school to youth group and special activities for kids and youth, these volunteers answer the prayers of our church for rejuvenation and vibrancy. “Let the children come to Me” gets kids into the building but Proverbs reminds us that how we “train them up” determines whether they will return. The faithful and dedicated volunteers with Children and Youth Ministry understand that getting to know these young people and embracing their faith journey reinforces that their faith formation is worthy and they are valuable to our church. After all, kids are not the church of the future, they are the church, today. There are not enough words to say how thankful I am to every volunteer who helps keep children and youth coming back to our church, learning to love and praise the Lord with all that they are so that they, too, can be out in the world as fishers of people.

Respectfully submitted by Julia Sheffield, Director for Children & Youth Ministry

CHURCH LIBRARY

Romans 12:2 tells us “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind.**” NIV This “**renewing of the mind**” is exactly what the Church Library patrons have been doing. Our patrons are from First Pres., other area churches, and the community.



The purpose of the Church Library is to provide a rich and diverse collection of books and resource materials for use by you to help in nurturing your personal journey of faith and understanding of Christian life; to relate to the Presbyterian church at large, as well as the whole Christian church; and, to enrich the programs and committee work at First Pres. Your Sunday School teachers, Sunday School, Vacation Bible Camp, C. S. Lewis book study (The Great Divorce), and the monthly Ladies' Gatherings are examples of the latter. Your Church Library is open whenever the church is open, "self-serve".

The Library resources reflect solid theology, and/or Christian, moral or ethical values. After ongoing weeding out outdated and dilapidated materials, which are delivered then to Christian Salvage Mission, plus our new books, we have a complement of **6356** resources, primarily books. (Compare to 2001 – 753 books!)

Our goals are, on an ongoing basis, to make the Church Library more accessible and user-friendly, to young and old, to congregation members and visitors; to provide a variety of materials for individual faith development; and to reach people who often do not immediately think of reading as an aid when they are facing a crisis. The Church Library is a relaxing, spiritual oasis that provides a deepening faith experience for all who participate, from the youngest to the oldest. The 2025 trends for adults continue to be fiction, specifically **Biblical fiction**, with Tessa Afsar continuing to be the most popular author. Thus, more of her books have been purchased.



The Kidzone, with its collection of books and puzzles, continues to be a hive of activity, especially throughout the week. Thus, many of these resources are not actually signed out, but read and used there within the church. As well, almost 40% of the kids' books are borrowed by children that do not attend our church...what a great community outreach!

Over-dues are concerning. The recommended **time frame for borrowing is three weeks**. If longer is needed, we ask that you either tell the librarian or

leave a note on the circulation desk. Other patrons are often awaiting these books. We prefer to use our volunteers' time in purchasing and getting new resources processed and onto the shelves

rather than tracking down these errant books. Contact booksfirstpres@gmail.com to renew or to query.

Our **Book-of-the Month club** meets the first Wednesday evening of each month, excluding summer, always with a spirited, in-depth discussion, fellowship, laughter and food. The membership is flexible, open to all, member or not of First Pres., and even if one hasn't read the current book. We are always asked, "Where is God in all of this?"



We are so indebted and appreciative of our volunteers: **Joan Bentley, Darlene Elliotson, Maizie Jirgis, Marilyn Hutchinson, and Kari Mirrlees**. They enabled new resources to be processed for you, "weeded" many, organized and kept track of those currently being circulated, attractively displayed and promoted books, always shelving, and always tracking down those over-dues.

Your Church Library is not an "archive" but a vital **resource centre** of pertinent and contemporary books and resources, with an aim to take the church out of this physical building, and take it into people's homes and the community. Do drop by your Church Library to see what may be of interest to you.

*"A truly good book teaches me better than to read it. I must soon lay it down, and commence living on its hint. **What I***

***began by reading, I must finish by acting."** Henry David Thoreau*

What goes into the mind comes out in a life! Check us out.

Respectively submitted, Judy Milley

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Building Community Across Generations at First Presbyterian Church

At First Presbyterian Church, we believe in the power of coming together as a church family to foster connection, joy, and faith across all ages. Through Community Connections, our intergenerational ministry creates opportunities for everyone—from toddlers to seniors—to share in fellowship, fun, and meaningful experiences.



Skating Fun: One of our favorite winter events brought families and friends together for an afternoon of skating. Whether gliding gracefully or wobbling along for the first time, participants enjoyed laughter, warm conversation, and delicious cookies afterward. Over the Christmas holidays and Family Day, it was a perfect way to embrace the season and connect with one another.



Chili Cookoff: Things heated up at our recent Chili Cookoff, where members of all ages showed off their culinary skills. The lower hall was filled with the aroma of spices and simmering pots as attendees sampled and voted for their favorite recipes. It was a deliciously fun way to celebrate community and friendly competition!

And don't get us started on the desserts!



Strawberry Social & Tea: Our Strawberry Social Tea was a beautiful afternoon of connection and charm. Tables were set with teacups, finger sandwiches, and sweet strawberry treats, alongside refreshing flavored waters. It was a lovely, relaxed setting where generations gathered to visit, laugh, and enjoy a touch of elegance together.

Baseball: This past summer, we cheered on our church baseball team, the PresBATERians and their spirited rivals! Whether you were on the field or in the stands, it was a wonderful time to bond, root for one another, and enjoy the simple joys of the game. Come out this summer and cheer us on! Or better yet, play!!



Christmas Float: The holiday season brought extra sparkle with our Christmas Float in the community parade. Volunteers of all ages came together to decorate and participate, sharing the message of hope and joy with the wider community. It was a beautiful expression of the love and light of Christ during the Christmas season. We handed out invitations and candy canes to the crowd under the beautiful twinkling lights of Christmas.



Easter Egg Hunt: Springtime brought joy to children and families with our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The church was alive with excitement as little ones searched for eggs while parents and grandparents cheered them on. It was a fun-filled way to celebrate the hope and new life of Easter.

Looking Ahead: These are just a few of the many intergenerational events we've enjoyed through the newly renamed Community Connections group. As we move into the new year, we're excited to keep building relationships with even more activities.



At First Presbyterian Church, there's always something happening to bring people together. Whether you're a longtime member or joining us for the first time, we warmly invite you to be part of it.

Blessings,

The Community Connections Crew!

MUSIC MINISTRY



2025 was another vibrant and rewarding year for the music program at First Presbyterian. Our choirs, bands, and soloists once again devoted countless hours to enhancing weekly worship and special events throughout the year, offering music that uplifted, inspired, and brought our congregation together in meaningful ways.

A special thank you goes to Cindy Lewis for her faithful and exceptional accompaniment during choir rehearsals and services, and to Catherine Brown for graciously stepping in at the piano throughout the summer months and whenever needed. Their

musicianship and dedication continue to be an invaluable support to our program.

Our children remained joyfully immersed in music through choir and Burning Bush Theatre, under the direction of Alison McLeod, Angela Girdwood, and their dedicated team of helpers. Their enthusiasm and commitment were evident in every rehearsal and presentation, and their contributions to services and special events continue to be a delight to our congregation. We are incredibly fortunate to have such talented young people and leaders guiding them.

Last year's A Little Night Music—A Little Night of Canadian Music—celebrated the rich musical heritage of our home and native land. With enthusiasm, creativity, and more than a little maple-

leaf pride, performers of all ages delivered a memorable evening filled with familiar favourites and heartfelt performances. These events remain a highlight of our musical calendar and a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, laughter, and shared music-making.



After a restful summer, choir rehearsals resumed with renewed energy, supported faithfully by our librarian, Joanne Beacock. The fall season quickly filled with preparations for our annual Christmas production, *The First Christmas Story: Who Cares?* Through a thoughtful blend of familiar music, meaningful narration, and heartfelt performances, the production encouraged our community to reflect on the true message of Christmas and the profound love at the heart of the story. As always, it was warmly received and, in the tradition of First Pres Christmas productions, affectionately hailed as “the best one yet.”

We are deeply grateful for the many volunteers, musicians, and leaders who give so generously of their time and talents. Their dedication ensures that music continues to flourish at First Presbyterian, enriching worship and strengthening the sense of community that defines our church.

As we look ahead to another year of music and ministry, we do so with gratitude for all that has been shared and with excitement for the many musical moments still to come.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Fitzsimmons, Director of Music Ministries

BURNING BUSH THEATRE

Burning Bush Theatre (BBT) continues to offer meaningful and joyful experiences for children and youth within the church and wider community. In the spring, approximately 30 young people from Kindergarten to Grade 12 rehearsed with laughter, singing, and dance as they prepared a condensed performance of *Seussical the Musical* for *A Little Night Music*. Led by Alison McLeod, with support from Sandra Mundy and Angela Girdwood, the bright and colourful presentation was a highlight of the evening, showcasing the remarkable musical and theatrical talents of our youth.

The fall season marked a time of transition as Alison McLeod moved away to be closer to her daughter. A new leadership team emerged, including Angela Girdwood, Sandra Mundy, Julia



Sheffield, with support from Deb Fitzsimmons. With a refreshed structure, and a cast of 47 participants, BBT created a Children's Christmas Choir and a joyful Christmas Pageant, sharing the good news of the Christmas story through song in the many presentations of The First Christmas Story, and through song and drama during the church service on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Hand-knit scarves from congregation members added a colourful and meaningful touch and were gifted to each child as a keepsake. Parent volunteers continue to be an important part of BBT's structure - and two wonderfully dedicated parent volunteers, Tabettha Rousom and Jennifer Kennedy, returned this year

to provide care and support during practices as well as during the presentations.

Through prayer, worship, and rehearsal, children are reminded that church is one place we can experience God's presence and carry it into our everyday lives. Building community through creativity, we hope that the experiences of BBT become fun memories with lasting friendships. We look forward to the spring session as BBT builds on this momentum, continuing to share the joy of music and drama while helping children discover God's love in all things.

Respectfully submitted by Julia Sheffield on behalf of Angela Girdwood and Sandra Mundy

PASTORAL CARE



It has been my honour and privilege to have served as Director of Pastoral Care from February 1st, 2017 until August 31st, 2025. Together, with over 70 volunteers on the Pastoral Care Team, we have made many connections with services in nursing and retirement homes, crafts, meal support and outings. I am pleased that Patti Mills is now the Interim Director of Pastoral Care and am confident that with her strong leadership the Team will continue their dedication to this important ministry.

Blessings, Catherine Brown

PASTORAL CARE PART 2



During her years as Director of Pastoral Care, Catherine Brown created and led a team of over 70 volunteers dedicated to keeping our seniors connected to our congregation. Thank you, Catherine!

I had the privilege of taking over the leadership of this team as Interim Director of Pastoral Care in September 2025. Their selflessness, dedication and love for others never ceases to amaze me. Pastoral Care Team members connect with our seniors on a regular basis. Driving Team members provide rides to medical appointments. “Team Leads” Connie Lailey, Joanne Beacock and Marnie Hillier arrange rides, meals and special crafts, respectively. Church services are held monthly at several local retirement and long-term care homes with the help of “Praise Team” members Bev Kennedy, Marnie Hillier, Kate Fleming, Mary Anne Denney and Connie Hayward.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who are part of this vibrant ministry!

Patti Mills, Interim Director, Pastoral Care

WOMEN'S GATHERINGS

With Session's approval, a new women's event was initiated in January.

The purpose of this start-up was to create an opportunity and space where women could gather to get-to-know each other, sing, pray and listen to a speaker on many different topics.

In 2025, there were seven meetings, with interesting speakers: Nancy Loveless, Alison McLeod, Danielle York, Theressa Hanley, Cindy Lewis, Rev. Karen Horst and Jansje Lawrenson. The attendance ranged from 54 to 93.

Women met in the Lower Hall at 2 pm on the third Tuesday of the month, with adjournment not later than 3:15 pm. People were encouraged to bring a friend and their own beverage.

The simple formula of the gatherings made them quite enjoyable and well-received. We had FUN!

In 2026, I look forward to hosting another seven speakers from January - April and September-November.

Thanks to all those who helped set up, greet and register guests and lead in the singing. A special thanks to Judy Milley for her book displays.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Women's Gatherings, please do not hesitate to contact me at cjbrown1@rogers.com or 705-445-6941

Catherine Brown, Initiator and organizer of First Pres Women's Gatherings

MEN'S WEEKLY COFFEE TIME



Every Wednesday morning in the Conference Room, from 9 to about 10 am, there is an open invitation for men to simply sit together, socialize, discuss anything past, present or future, personal, worldly, sports, politics or whatever the day recalls. Coffee is "free" and several cookies or similar treats seem to appear. Usually, about eight to twelve men show up but any male is welcome. As Matthew said, "Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with

them". The past year has been a good one!

Submitted by Doug Brown

170TH ANNIVERSARY



I have come to respect greatly the contributions from each church group in the Annual Reports. I realize it is somewhat of an onerous task to summarize activities, challenges, achievements and goals year after year, but the benefit to the current - and especially future - congregations is invaluable. Thank you to each contributor!

Over a year ago, I began reading and researching the history of the organ, and this blossomed into a weekly submission called "historical snippets" which Marlene dutifully mails out. For the church's 170th anniversary this past year, these were compiled into a booklet - Historical Snippets

Rooted in the Love of God: volume 1 - of which some copies are still available from the church office. This booklet took me to the turn of the 20th century, and from there I have continued writing and have currently made it to the early years of WW1. I find the humanness, resilience, commitment and servitude of the past congregants of First Presbyterian Church an inspiration I often find myself reaching out to others within the church or the town to clarify my findings or elaborate on a tangent I feel I need to share!

I have met many roadblocks and have missing years, leading to frustration in my desire to write chronologically. The Presbyterian Church Archives in Toronto assure me the originals of any

copied articles they have are stored on site at the church. Session has approved a thorough cleaning out of the archive closet, so hopefully the lost will once again be found.

I will continue to contribute these writings as long as there is interest because I sincerely believe understanding our history is essential to fully appreciate how we arrived where we are today and inspires us to continue to persevere when times are tough. To quote Marcus Garvey Jr., “A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots”.

May our roots continue to grow deeply.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Lewis

COMMUNITY MEN’S BREAKFAST

The Community Men’s breakfast is a community outreach designed to gather men in fellowship 8 times per year. While the breakfast is held at First Presbyterian in Collingwood, it is intended as a community outreach. On average, there are 26-30 men who attend regularly. In speaking with Carl Wagner, co-chair recently, we were reminded of more than 36 faithful attendees that have died and are no longer with us, just in the past few years.

Fellowship is at the heart and spirit of the breakfast. Men come together to eat a great breakfast and hear speakers from all walks of life. In February each year, the women are invited to join us as we celebrate them.

I first attended a breakfast in 1992 that was organized and facilitated by Gordon Jones. Gordon and a small crew of men cooked a good breakfast and gave us a reason to have fellowship. Gordon passed away in May of 2001. In September of 2001 I picked up the torch and have been running with it ever since.

We are always looking for good speakers. If you know of a good speaker and topic, please reach out to me. Bmcmillan001@gmail.com 705-606-0724

Respectfully, Brian Mcmillan

MISSION & OUTREACH

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR (LYN) COMMUNITY GROCERY PROGRAM



We are entering our 6th year of providing groceries, clothing and household items to families struggling to meet the demands of everyday living. The incredible hike in rental properties has made housing unaffordable for many. It is either pay the rent or eat.

Initially we had 6 families requesting help. This past year that number grew to 30 families.

Financial assistance through the Love Your Neighbour program, as well as food, clothing and furniture donations have enabled us to continue, despite the increase.

Our latest endeavour, in conjunction with the Mobile Soup Kitchen, has been to provide a weekly breakfast program. Many unhoused patrons have enjoyed a nutritious breakfast in a warm and inviting environment.

Warm coats, mitts, socks, boots and blankets are available. This has been a saving grace for those living in tents and on the streets, during this extremely cold winter. There must be a solution that our community can provide to assist in this very serious problem.

We have so many dedicated volunteers who have made our grocery hamper program, community dinners as well as our breakfast launch an undeniable success.

A huge thank you to each and every one of you!

With Gratitude, Paulina & Ron Monette

The Mobile Soup Kitchen submitted by Rhonda Day

The Breakfast Program has been off to an incredible start. In our very first week we welcomed 15 guests, and after a few weeks that number grew to more than 30—a clear reminder of how deeply needed this program is within our community. Not only are we serving an amazing hot breakfast, but we are also providing takeaway sandwiches, so our guests have lunch as well. The support of the amazing volunteers from both the community and First Presbyterian has been such an uplifting part of my week. Seeing the joy and pride they feel in being part of this mission is truly rewarding. A special thank you to Jonathan, who so happily helps get the church ready each week and ensures the space feels welcoming for everyone who walks through the doors. 🍷

“The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR, PART 2

Our Love Your Neighbour (LYN) initiative began in January 2021 by giving out grocery cards to those who needed support through COVID. The recipients of the cards have been extremely grateful for the help they have received over these four years. Because our LYN program used Sobey's grocery cards and Sobey's closed in August 2025, the grocery card program was suspended. All LYN financial donations will now be used to support our church and community families with the weekly food box distribution. Mark your donations LYN. THANK YOU in advance.

I wish to thank Denman Lawrenson for ordering the grocery cards each month and Judy Milley for auditing the books. It has been my honour to be the delivery girl for this important outreach.

Catherine Brown, LYN Team member

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Our church's reputation as a compassionate, caring, community church continues to grow, but no more so than at Christmas time. Friends make suggestions to friends in need to call us, professional partners reach out identifying families with needs; all knowing that we will attempt to make a difference in everyone's life, even if it is in a small way. As always, our congregation and friends of our church stepped forward again to meet these needs and provide for these families.

This year it seemed that we had more families in need than ever before, but it turned out that was not the case. The number of people we met the needs of totaled 177 +/-, which is pretty much the same as last year. I believe my misconception was because the calls started coming in so much earlier to be put on our list. We had 38 donors that provided 57 families for a total of 178 people. Although most of our donors are annual supporters, individual families that provide for one or more families in need, there were new people step forward this year as well, wanting to provide something special. Again, our church members, Karen and Denise engaged their friends and met the needs of 5 families! Thank you to everyone.

Our church members that could not provide for a whole family, donated very generously to the Christmas fund. This generosity allowed gifts to be bought and gift cards and grocery cards to be purchased right up until a couple of days before Christmas.

Doug Brown worked his magic again this year and had 15 drivers (some with friends/family to help) able to take the parcels to the family's homes. Without Doug, this project would not be the success it is.

To our congregation and friends of the church within our community, thank you. Without you stepping up, many children would not experience the joy of Christmas morning; and many single seniors would not have a special something to open on Christmas day. With times the way they

are and how difficult day to day living is, it is wonderful that our church comes together every year to provide such joy to many during this special time.

Respectfully, Donna Mansfield

PROPERTY & BUILDING, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

PROPERTY & BUILDING

Membership: Mark Doble Chair, Denman Lawrenson Secretary, Steve Lewis, Gord McCallum

We are always seeking out new volunteer members. If you feel this is your calling, please contact Mark Doble.

I would like to give a huge thank you to the team members and Marlene for the ongoing support they provide as they continually stand behind me. Without them, I would be lost!

This year saw the hire of a new Head Caretaker, Michelle Santa. A big thank you to Michelle for heading up our new Custodial Staff consisting of Emma Tollefsen and Chantal Gauvreau. Job well done ladies! I know you are all appreciated by everyone!

The number of building rentals have significantly risen this year. Moving ahead will prove to be a very busy year. More new rentals are being accepted monthly making our facility well known in the community as a well sought after beautiful space, as well as making a Loving Christ Known...

Our building, although aging, is aging gracefully. Each year brings its own challenges. Our team of experts are up to the task.

OFS (Ontario Fire Services) did our yearly inspection as well as any repairs on October 6, 2025. We are fully up to code. Property has asked to go over and above with some small but important upgrades. These are planned to be completed this year. As well, we may all look forward to an early Spring fire drill. Not to worry, TBA well in advance.

This year as in the past few years we plan to continue with repairing the outside brick work and finishing the 3rd street steps. Thanks to Connor Girdwood for sharing his expert Drone flying skills to check out our way high up needs.

What we will see in 2026 regarding our projects is the completion of the Welcome/Giving center.

Upgraded network wiring to CAT6,

Main Sanctuary upgrades,

Relocation of the Tech area.

Replacing our worn-out carpeting in the Sanctuary, Welcome center and Long south Hallway.

Increased building Security measures.

In summary, 2025 was a very busy year and much was achieved.

Thanks, must also be given to Jonathan Brown for his never-ending commitment to helping us all in so many ways. Jonathan is always just a call away.

Respectfully submitted, Mark W. Doble
Chair of Property Committee

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Four members of our congregation – Carolyn Campbell-Sheen, Angela Girdwood, Mark Doble and George Rutherford – were commissioned by Session last Spring to reconstitute the Staff Relations Committee also known as the Staff Support Committee or HR Committee.



It soon became clear that the past Terms of Reference for the committee did not reflect the reality of the work of the staff nor of their support or oversight. In essence, practices and policies did not seem to align. This warranted further study and exploration.

An initial step was undertaken in the summer by the committee members to personally interview each employee. This was helpful to the committee members and affirming for the staff as their opinions and views were considered. A high-level overview of the findings was reported to the Session in September. 'The staff are happy to work here in their respective capacities and enjoy serving others. Yet they expressed a desire for clear and timely communication and greater clarity of procedures and processes that govern their work. Generally speaking, the staff want to be heard and listened to and see an HR committee as safe space in which to speak confidentially. They would like to have an organization chart and updated job descriptions created and remain current.'

The Committee's development of its Terms of Reference resulted in renaming the committee as the Personnel Committee to align with the Presbyterian Church's Book of Forms. The new name and updated terms of Reference were approved by Session.

Work has been undertaken to formulate an organization chart to reflect staff member autonomy, the interplay of church committees and volunteers as well Alton's central role.

Work is underway to review and update as required staff contracts, job descriptions and the church's employment policies.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Personnel Committee, George Rutherford

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Membership and Mandate: The finance committee is responsible for oversight of the finances of the church. Income and expenditures are accounted for using Fund Accounting for the major funds of the church: General Fund, Mission and Outreach, Projects, Contingencies (including the roof) and Refugee. The finances are monitored regularly; and monthly reports are created showing surpluses or deficits on a per fund basis. These are submitted to the Session for approval and periodic summaries are sent out to members via MailChimp. The finance committee also approves unusual expenditures to be made on an as required basis. The ledger accounting and bank reconciliations are also managed by the committee. The committee also sets the budget for the year and communicates with Session to confirm the budgets set and approved.

The committee is staffed by volunteers and usually consists of up to 4 to 5 people. We have been fortunate that 3 new members were added in 2025 so we are now up to 5 volunteers.

Support: The Committee could not function without support from staff and volunteers. A big thank-you to Marlene Weatherall who continued to provide an always high level of support, performing most of the accounting functions - accounts payable, payroll, contributions recording, collections counting and banking. In addition, she manages the billing of rental agreements.

2025 Highlights: Financial results for the 2025 year showed that the total income in the general fund was only \$2,000 less than budget.

At the same time, expenses were lower than the budget by \$5,000.

The net result is that our General Fund Budgeted short-fall was reduced from \$48,600 to \$39,000. We also received significant contributions for our Outreach funds, Music Ministries, Youth and Family, and Property.

In addition, we were fortunate to be the beneficiaries of bequests, special donations and grants of approximately \$47,000 for the year.

When considering these comments, please also remember that you also contributed \$80,000 to our local outreach activities – mainly the LYN and Presbyterians Sharing. The result is that after taking all sources from each ministry of income and expense into account that the overall deficit for 2025 was \$19,725. Thank you so much for your continuing support in providing for the numerous ministries that we are pleased to share with our community.

2026 Expectations: As reflected in the proposed budget which will be approved at the Annual Meeting and which is contained elsewhere in this report, we are anticipating that we may need time to catch up on the revenue side. We unfortunately lost a few contributors in the past year as they aged that we will need to make up for. Taking that into account we increased our budget for general fund contributions by 5%. As a result, we have budgeted a small deficit in 2026 - \$13,000. We realize this may be conservative and you may prove us to be so by exceeding the planned contributions. If you do so that would indeed be good news.

Thank you for your ongoing and loyal support of our church.

Sincerely,
Derek Thompson, Chair, Finance Committee

CEMETERY BOARD



Once again, the Board is pleased to advise the members of our church of the ongoing successful operation of the church's cemetery.

The role of the Board is of course to oversee, advise and direct as necessary two very important people, without

whom our cemetery would cease to function effectively. They are Theresa Hanley, our Administrative Caretaker and Shawn den Bok our Caretaker. Theresa is very much the face and voice of the cemetery and sees her work as part of her personal faith. She is also one who provides the Board with many ideas for improvements and through her attendance at conferences keeps the Board educated and current about trends in this business. Shawn is chiefly responsible for making our cemetery look like a well-groomed park. Thanks to the two of them, our cemetery is very well maintained and a refuge for those who visit their loved ones.

As a Board, we are continuously mindful of the fact that we are the stewards of the cemetery's resources. Kim McCallum as Treasurer, works with Theresa and Shawn to manage expenses while at the same time, keeping a watchful eye on all of our accounts and assets. We know that we have to spend money to maintain the cemetery and to enact plans, but we only do so when our sales provide us with sufficient funds. We rely on Kim for this.

We also want to acknowledge and thank members of our extended community, our Friends of our Cemetery who through their kind generosity contribute to our success.

Art Culham
Bill & Joyce denBok
Alan Eagleson
Don Green
Rick Lloyd

Ernest Montgomery (the late)
Bill Redick
Shelburne Memorials Ltd.
White Willow Farms Ltd.

Two major additions to the Cemetery this year have been the establishment of the Redick Family Pet Garden and the installation of another columbarium to meet those two respective demands. More plans are scheduled for realization next year.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Cemetery Board - Joanne Beacock, Janice Currie, Shawn denBok, Alan Ewing, Brian Denney, Theresa Hanley, Jim Kuhn, Fraser Main, Mac McAlpine, Kim McCallum, and Nancy Ruddick.

George Rutherford, Chair

FIRST AND FOREVER ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund was established in 2002 to provide an opportunity for members and friends of the church to make bequests or gifts with the knowledge that these be retained as capital in a trust fund. The income (interest, dividends) and realized capital gains are distributed annually to support the ministries of the church. Most of our fund is invested with The Presbyterian Church of Canada Consolidated Fund with a small cash balance held at CIBC. In 2025, it was agreed to wind up the trust and transfer the assets in the fund to First Presbyterian Church in a Restricted Fund which mirrors the conditions of the trust. Further, it was agreed that the Endowment Fund Committee be merged into the Finance Committee. This was approved at Session and subsequently at a specially called congregational meeting held on November 16, 2025.

The committee receives quarterly reports from the PCC Consolidated Fund. The fund has performed very well in 2025 with an aggregate return of 10.76%. Since the Trust is being dissolved as noted above, all gains less expenses will be realized. \$87,103.60 will be distributed to the church early in 2026 . The balance of the realized and unrealized income and capital gains are retained as Distributable Income Retained for use in future years at the discretion of Session.

At December 31, 2025, the Endowment Fund balance after the proposed distribution comprised:

	Restricted Fund	2025	2024
Endowed capital	\$643,979	\$643,979	\$643,469
Distributable income retained	144,128	84,133	75,975
Unrealized capital gains	<u> </u>	<u>58,995</u>	<u>67,663</u>
Total	<u>\$787,107</u>	<u>\$787,107</u>	<u>\$787,107</u>

If anyone in the congregation wishes a copy of the policy which governs this fund or wishes to inquire about contributing to the fund, please contact the committee chair.

Thank you to all those who have contributed their time and expertise in past years and to our current committee members.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Vanderkooy, Co-Treasurer and Committee Chair

CHURCH OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT



It is my privilege to provide this report on the work of the church office over the past year. The church office serves as the central point of communication and organization for our congregation, ensuring smooth operations both internally and externally.

The office responded to inquiries, greeted visitors, and scheduled meetings and events for both our internal church activities and external groups renting space in the church building. All events and activities were organized through the church calendar.

In addition to the daily routine, maintaining clear and effective communication within the congregation is a priority. Over the past year, the office has:

Distributed Weekly Announcements & Notices: Ensuring that the congregation is kept informed about upcoming events, ministry opportunities, and prayer requests.

Prepared and Circulated Regular Email Communications: Delivered consistent updates and important news to keep everyone connected.

Assisted Ministry Committees: Coordinated event bookings, promotional efforts, and logistics for various ministry activities.

Maintained Church Website & Social Media: Ensured regular updates to the church website, Facebook page, and public notices to keep our online presence current and engaging.

Generated Worship Service Livestream Links: These are posted on the church website and YouTube for members to access and participate in worship remotely.

Coordinated Volunteer Recruitment: Assisted in recruiting scripture readers and worship service volunteers, providing scripts and guidance for their participation.

Seasonal Communications: Managed and distributed key communications for major holidays like Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving to nurture spiritual connection during these seasons.

Rental & Financial Responsibilities: Received rental inquiries, forwarded them for approval, and once approved, processed rental contracts and confirmed insurance coverage.

Financial Administration: Managed treasury functions, including accounts payable, payroll, recording of contributions, counting, and banking collections, and billing of rental agreements. These financial processes were carried out with attention to detail and transparency.

Ongoing Functions:

Criminal Record Checks & Annual Offence Declarations: Ensured compliance with necessary safety protocols by tracking background checks and declarations for volunteers and staff.

These efforts have helped maintain a well-organized and informed congregation, ensuring that everyone stays connected to the worship and work of the church.

Collaboration & Teamwork: It is a pleasure working alongside Rev. Alton, the Session, the Property Committee, and all staff and volunteers. We are a dedicated team, united in our shared mission to show the love of God to our community.

Looking Ahead: As we move into the next year, I look forward to continuing to support the congregation's needs while exploring new ways to streamline operations and enhance communication.

Respectfully submitted, Marlene Weatherall, Office Administrator

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2025

- 1. Opening Prayer:** 11am. Rev Alton opened with prayer and read the motion.
- 2. Appointment of the Secretary of the Special Meeting :**

Motion: *To nominate Rev. Alton Ruff as Secretary*
Made by Deb Fitzsimmons, Seconded by Judy Milley.

Rev. Ruff agreed to allow his name to stand.

- 3. Motion:** That the First and Forever Endowment Fund be converted from a Trust to a Restricted Fund for First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, where the new restricted fund is to be governed in the same manner as the current Trust Fund.

Jack Vanderkooy spoke to the reasoning on behalf of the Trust team. Questions were entertained.

Carried.

- 4. Motion to adjourn** made by Mark Doble.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

1. Opening Prayer

Rev. Alton Ruff opened the meeting in the sanctuary with prayer following the regular Sunday service with members and adherents in attendance.

2. Appointment of the Chair of the Annual General Meeting

Motion: *Rev. Alton Ruff. be appointed chair of the Annual Meeting.*
Made by Denman Lawrenson, seconded by Jonathan Brown

Carried.

3. Appointment of the Secretary of the Annual General Meeting

Rev. Alton Ruff asked for a nomination for secretary of the Annual Meeting.

Motion: *To nominate Jansje Lawrenson as Secretary*
Made by Brian McMillan, Seconded by Ed Prichard.

Jansje Lawrenson agreed to allow her name to stand.

Carried.

4. Introduction

Rev. Alton Ruff thanked all those who are attending the meeting. He pointed to the 2025 Annual Meeting Agenda and the Annual Report of 2024. He explained that motions would be made and seconded to cover all matters under section 5, with discussion and approval to follow on each individual subsection.

5. Approval of Matters in the Annual Report

Motion: *The following reports contained in the 2024 Annual Report be approved:*

5.1	<i>Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting</i>
5.2	<i>Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting on July 28, 2024</i>
5.3	<i>Annual Report from Session</i>
5.4	<i>The Report from the Finance Committee, including its membership for 2025</i>
5.5	<i>The Report from the Property and Building Committee and its membership for 2025</i>
5.6	<i>The Report from the Roof Replacement Team</i>
5.7	<i>The Report from the Endowment Fund, and its membership for 2025</i>
5.8	<i>The Financial Statements for the Endowment Fund for 2024</i>
5.9	<i>The Trustees for 2024</i>
5.10	<i>All other committee reports</i>

made by George Rutherford seconded by Bev Blais

Carried.

6. Approval of 2024 Financial Statements

To approve subsections 6.2 and 6.3 of section 6 - Approval of 2024 Appropriation of funds and Financial Statements in the 2024 Annual Report.

6.1	<i>Results for the Year:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Givings exceeded 4%</i>- <i>Revenues better than budget by \$14,000</i>- <i>Givings not matching expenses resulting in a budget deficit.</i>
6.2	Motion: <i>To approve the appropriation of funds as of December 31, 2024 including the allocation of \$120,000 from Endowment Fund as follows: \$40,000 to the General Fund; \$80,000 to the Projects Fund Made by Denman Lawrenson, Seconded by Ron Monette Carried.</i>
6.3	<i>Financial Statements approval: Made by Denman Lawrenson, seconded by Frank Tilley Carried.</i>

7. Approval of 2025 Financial Matters

Details of the 2025 projects were distributed at the meeting

To approve subsections 7.1 to 7.4 of section 7 - Approval of 2025 Financial Matters

7.1	Motion: <i>That \$24,000 be committed to Presbyterians Sharing for 2025 and augmented from General Fund if needed Made by Denman Lawrenson, seconded by Ernest Montgomery Carried.</i>
7.2	<i>The 2025 Projects be approved for implementation. These included projects approved in 2024, but not yet undertaken and additional recommended for 2025 totaling \$141,000. Motion to approve Additional Projects for 2025 as provided in the attachment: Made by Denman Lawrenson, seconded by Michelle Coady Carried.</i>
7.3	Motion: <i>The Budget for 2025 be approved as presented Made by Denman Lawrenson, seconded by Ernest Montgomery Carried.</i>
7.4	Motion: <i>To appoint MNP (previously BDO) as reporting accountants for 2025 Made by Denman Lawrenson, seconded by Martha Lawrence Carried.</i>

8. Appointment of Treasurer

Denman Lawrenson announced his retirement as Treasurer as of June 2025.

Motion: To confirm the appointment of Denman Lawrenson by Session to the end of June 2025.

Made by Frank Tilley, seconded by Bev Kennedy.

Carried.

The congregation were informed of the need for a new Treasurer to come forward.

9. New Business

9.1	<p>Pastoral Care Director:</p> <p>Rev. Alton announced that Catherine Brown will be retiring as Pastoral Care Director as of August 2025. He expressed his personal gratitude for her invaluable support, wisdom and guidance.</p> <p>Motion: To express deep gratitude for Catherine’s work as Pastoral Care Director Made by JoAnne Fleming, seconded by Carolyn Campbell-Sheen</p> <p>Carried</p>
9.2	<p>Motion for Appointment of Trustees for 2025:</p> <p>Ernest Montgomery and Murray Morrison (current Trustees) Carl Wagner, Catherine Brown</p> <p>Made by Brian McMillan, seconded by Jean Cooke</p> <p>Carried.</p>
9.3	<p>Endowment Fund</p> <p>Motion to approve the Recommendations from the Endowment Fund Committee as set out in the handout as follows:</p> <p><i>“That the recommendations of the Endowment Fund Committee be accepted in principle. The Committee is requested to make a complete and thorough investigation into the most suitable structure of a segregated fund, including taking accounting and legal advice, to report back to Session and the Congregation on their findings and present a proposed Segregated Fund Agreement that will mirror the terms and conditions of the current trust agreement. As this is a proposed new structure, no implementation will take place without the express approval of the Congregation.”</i></p> <p>Made by Denman Lawrenson, seconded by Ed Prichard</p> <p>Carried.</p>
9.4	<p>Beech Street Property Task Force:</p> <p>Motion: <i>“That approval be granted to Session to appoint a task force to investigate the appropriate use of the Beech Street Property and to report back to Session and the Congregation on the options available for its use with a ranking of these options on the basis that no actions will be taken with regard to the use of the property without the approval of the Congregation.”</i></p> <p>Made by Denman Lawrenson, seconded by Kitty Wagner</p> <p>Carried.</p>

10. Comments and Observations - Words of Appreciation

- To Catherine Brown for her major work as Pastoral Care Director.
- To Steve Lewis for the work spent towards a successful new roof implementation.
- To Jonathan Brown for all his dedicated work in the church.
- To the staff in general and to Rev Alton for his remarkable leadership and spiritual guidance.
- To the kitchen staff specifically for their work for the Community Suppers.
- Julia Sheffield expressed thanks to the congregation for their support in her youth work
- Frank Tilley gave thanks to our Lord and Holy Spirit for the many blessings we have received as a congregation.
- Rev. Alton concluded by expressing gratitude to all the staff, for how they demonstrate their love of God in all the work they do both inside and outside of the church.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Loretta McMillan

12. Closing Prayer: Rev. Alton Ruff

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CEMETERY BOARD



First Presbyterian Church Cemetery Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2025

	2025	2024	Change
Assets			
Current Assets			
Royal Bank- Chequing	14,562	16,094	-1,533
Royal Bank Operating GIC's	100,144	73,820	26,324
Prepaid (Deposit Columbarium)	0	7,522	-7,522
Total Current Assets	\$ 114,706	\$ 97,436	\$ 17,269
Non-Current Assets			
Property and equipment			
Chapel (Building)	215,373	215,373	0
Columbariums (7)	71,939	47,463	24,476
Shed	8,500	8,500	0
Tractor	17,900	17,900	0
Accumulated Depreciation	-30,923	-18,649	-12,274
Total Property and equipment	\$ 282,789	\$ 270,587	\$ 12,202
Scotia Bank Restricted C&M Fund	15,520	18,108	-2,588
ComTech Restricted C&M Fund	478,137	404,881	73,257
Total Non Current Assets	\$ 776,446	\$ 693,575	\$ 82,871
Total Assets	\$ 891,151	\$ 791,011	\$ 100,140
Liabilities and Equity			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable (A/P)	1,770	51	1,719
Accrued Expenses	1,180	200	980
GST/HST Payable	1,732	1,543	189
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,682	\$ 1,794	\$ 2,888
Equity			
Assets	789,217	695,771	93,447
Profit for the year	97,252	93,447	3,805
Total Equity	\$ 886,469	\$ 789,217	\$ 97,252
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 891,151	\$ 791,011	\$ 100,140

Prepared by Kim McCallum- 2025 Treasurer

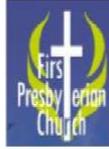
Revised by Alan Ewing- Board Member



First Presbyterian Church Cemetery
Statement of Activities - Cemetery Operations
 January - December 2025

	2025	2024	Change
Operations Revenue			
Interment Rights	53,995	56,398	-2,403
Interment Fee	49,670	39,133	10,537
Income Distribution C&M	15,406	15,279	127
Donations	10,550	11,875	-1,325
Storage	4,758	2,466	2,292
Misc Revenue (Hydro, Interest)	3,284	2,944	340
Rights Transfer	2,160	1,360	800
Pet Burial Fee		1,200	-1,200
Total Operations Revenue	\$ 139,823	\$ 130,655	\$ 9,168
Revenue for Items Sold			
Foundation Revenue	9,867	6,790	3,077
Niche Engraving Revenue	8,890	9,842	-952
Corner Post Revenue	7,020	2,244	4,776
Marker, Granite Base, Benches	795	315	480
Total Revenue for Items Sold	\$ 26,572	\$ 19,191	\$ 7,381
Total Revenue	\$ 166,395	\$ 149,846	\$ 16,549
Cost of Goods Sold			
Foundation Cost	7,334	4,358	2,976
Niche Engraving Cost	5,300	6,015	-715
Corner Post Cost	3,136	475	2,661
Marker, Granite Base, Benches Cost	425	2,943	-2,518
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 16,195	\$ 13,791	\$ 2,404
Gross Profit	\$ 150,200	\$ 136,054	\$ 14,145
Operating Expenses			
Caretakers	49,132	47,000	2,132
Burial & Opening	32,530	22,486	10,044
Tree Maintenance	4,215		4,215
Misc (Fees BAO OACFP Poppy)	2,060	1,766	294
Repair and maintenance	1,759	2,968	-1,208
Utilities (Hydro, Portable Toilet)	1,662	1,639	23
Training	1,542	1,628	-86
Office & Admin	1,483	1,100	383
Gas/Diesel/Oil	1,185	1,030	156
Landscape, fertilizer, shrubs, flowers	1,122	126	996
Monument Repairs	567		567
Burial pets		600	-600
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 97,257	\$ 80,341	\$ 16,916
Total Projects (Expensed)	\$ 14,478	\$ 22,810	-\$ 8,331
Total Depreciation	\$ 12,274	\$ 7,743	\$ 4,531
Total Expenses	\$ 124,010	\$ 110,893	\$ 13,116
PROFIT	\$ 26,191	\$ 25,161	\$ 1,030

Prepared by Kim McCallum- 2025 Treasurer
 Revised by Alan Ewing- Board Member



First Presbyterian Church Cemetery
Statement of Activities Care & Maintenance Fund
January - December 2025

	2025	2024	Change
C&M RESTRICTED REVENUE			
Care and Maintenance Revenue	20,747	13,862	6,885
Investment Income for Distribution	15,406	15,279	127
Monument Care	3,000	2,800	200
Unrealized Gain Investments	51,074	54,821	-3,747
Total C&M RESTRICTED REVENUE	\$ 90,227	\$ 86,762	\$ 3,465
C&M RESTRICTED EXPENSES			
Transfer to operations-Investment Income	15,406	15,279	127
Investment Management Fees	3,760	3,198	563
Total C&M RESTRICTED EXPENSES	\$ 19,166	\$ 18,477	\$ 689
PROFIT/LOSS	\$ 71,061	\$ 68,286	\$ 2,775

Prepared by Kim McCallum- 2025 Treasurer

Revised by Alan Ewing- Board Member

ENDOWMENT FUND

**First Presbyterian Church
First and Forever Endowment Fund**

<i>Unaudited</i>

**Statement of Financial Position
as at December 31, 2025**

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank balances and GIC's	-	6,858.73
Accounts Receivable	-	-
Total Current Assets	-	6,858.73
Investments (Notes 2 and 3)	-	902,238.42
Total Assets	-	909,097.15
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	-	2,500.00
Due to First Presbyterian Church	-	119,490.00
Total Current Liabilities	-	121,990.00
Fund Balance (Notes 2 and 4)	-	787,107.15
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	-	909,097.15

Treasurer

**First Presbyterian Church
First and Forever Endowment Fund**

<i>Unaudited</i>

**Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	\$	\$
Revenues		
Investment Income and realized gains net of advisor fees	89,093.60	158,661.65
Investment Income - Unrealized Gains (Losses) (Note 2)	-	(20,996.15)
Total Revenue	89,093.60	137,665.50
Expenses		
Investment fees and other expenses	2,500.00	2,500.43
Total Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.43
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	86,593.60	135,165.07
Contributions	510.00	510.00
Fund Balance, beginning of year	787,107.15	771,432.08
	874,210.75	907,107.15
Funds distributed	874,210.75	120,000.00
Fund Balance, end of year	-	787,107.15

**First Presbyterian Church
First and Forever Endowment Fund**

Unaudited

**Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	\$	\$
Net Inflow (Outflow) of Cash Related to the Following Activities		
Operating		
Excess of revenue over expenses (Expenses over Revenue)	86,593.60	135,165.07
Contributions	510.00	510.00
Distributions	(874,210.75)	(120,000.00)
Cash provided by (used by) Operations	- 787,107.15	15,675.07
Increase in Accounts Payable	- 2,500.00	300.00
Decrease (Increase) in Accounts Receivable	-	10,988.94
Increase (Decrease) in amounts owing to First Presbyterian Church	- 119,490.00	100,976.29
Decrease (Increase) in Investments	\$ 902,238.42	\$ (127,616.06)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and short-term investments	(6,858.73)	324.24
Cash and short-term investments, beginning of year	6,858.73	6,534.49
Cash and short-term investments, end of year	0.00	6,858.73

First Presbyterian Church

First and Forever Endowment Fund

Notes to Financial Statements - December 31, 2025

1. Fund Purpose

The purpose of the First and Forever Endowment Fund is to provide an opportunity for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Collingwood to make bequests or gifts to the church with knowledge that these gifts will be retained as capital in secure investments with its income applied to encourage the mission, support the ministries and ensure the future of First Presbyterian Church of Collingwood.

The proceeds from the sale of the Pine Street Property (the Manse) were used as the initial contribution to this fund.

By resolution of Session the income from this fund is transferred to the Project Funds and the General Fund to support the ministries of the Church. The capital of the fund must be maintained. In the event of a church emergency, undesignated funds may be used, but only with the approval of the Church Congregational Meeting.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Fund Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on a restricted fund accounting basis.

Basis of Accounting

These statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, except that contributions are not recorded or recognized as revenue until they are received.

Investments and Investment Income

Endowment Fund investments are valued at fair value based on the year-end quoted market prices. Unrealized gains or losses on investments, being the difference between book value and fair value, are included in investment income – unrealized gains - in the statement of operations.

3. Investments and Income Distribution

The investments are restricted in terms of the Articles of the Endowment Fund Trust in that the invested capital must be maintained before distributions can be made. Net income - interest, dividends and realized capital gains net of expenses - is distributed annually and is allocated based on a decision of the Session. For the 2019 financial year, the requirement to distribute all net income annually was changed and the annual distribution is now determined based on recommendations of the Endowment Fund Committee and the Session and is subject to approval at the Annual Meeting. Income not distributed in any year is available for distribution in subsequent years.

4. Dissolution of the Trust

On November 16, 2025, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood (the Church) unanimously agreed to dissolve the trust and distribute the assets and liabilities of the trust to the Church with effect from December 31, 2025

5. Income Tax Status

The Fund is a Registered Trust within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and is liable for income taxes.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

First Presbyterian Church
Statement of Financial Position
as at December 31, 2025

Unaudited

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	Finance Committee					Endowment Fund Committee	Total
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total Restricted	
General Fund	Mission	Projects	Roof and Contingency Funds	Refugee Fund	Endowment Fund Trust	2025 Total	
Assets							
Current Assets							
Bank balances and GIC's	56,848.62	103,406.19	211,683.59	69,696.58	5,379.93	6,858.73	453,873.64
Receivables and prepaids	22,103.61						22,103.61
Grocery Carts on hand							
Due from Other Funds	1,480.00	87,103.60					88,583.60
Total Current Assets	80,432.23	103,406.19	298,787.19	69,696.58	5,379.93	6,858.73	564,560.85
Investments (Note 2)					871,332.02		871,332.02
Expenditure on Land, Buildings, Furniture and Equipment, less amounts written off (Note 2)							
Total Assets	80,432.23	103,406.19	298,787.19	69,696.58	5,379.93	878,190.75	1,435,892.87
Liabilities							
Current Liabilities							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	30,835.22					2,500.00	33,335.22
Deferred Grant Revenue (Note 3)		27,500.00					27,500.00
Due to Other Funds					88,583.60		88,583.60
Total liabilities	30,835.22	27,500.00				91,083.60	149,418.82
Fund Surplus (Deficit)	49,597.01	75,906.19	298,787.19	69,696.58	5,379.93	787,107.15	1,286,474.05
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	80,432.23	103,406.19	298,787.19	69,696.58	5,379.93	878,190.75	1,435,892.87

Treasurer

First Presbyterian Church
Statement of Operations and
Changes in Fund Balances Year
Ended December 31, 2025

Unaudited

	Finance Committee							Total
	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total Restricted	
	General Fund	Mission	Projects	Roof and Contingency Funds	Refugee Fund	Endowment Fund		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues								
Contributions								
General	372,873.11		11,903.80	2,781.00			510.00	388,067.91
Music Ministry	7,571.05							7,571.05
Youth and Family Ministries	7,178.40							7,178.40
Contributions - Presbyterian Sharing and PWS&D		21,030.00						21,030.00
Contributions - Refugee Fund				150.00				150.00
Contributions - Estate Funds	14,250.00							14,250.00
Contributions - Missions and Outreach - Local	59,046.44							59,046.44
Grant Income	41,600.00							41,600.00
Investment Income and realized gains	3,306.79						89,093.60	92,400.39
Investment Income - Unrealized Gains (Losses)								-
Rentals and Other Income	46,176.48							46,176.48
Total Revenue	451,355.83	121,676.44	11,903.80	2,781.00	150.00	-	89,603.60	677,470.67
Expenses								
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	327,606.01							327,606.01
Property Expenses	50,297.30			4,237.85				54,535.15
Music Ministry	5,110.77							5,110.77
Youth and Family Ministries	24,021.96							24,021.96
Pastoral Care and Community Dinner	4,882.42							4,882.42
Missions and Outreach - Local	3,340.80							3,340.80
Administration and Office Expenses	55,127.89	67,140.59						122,268.48
Presbytery Expenses	6,398.30							6,398.30
Project Costs and Other Expenses	13,516.20		94,901.67					108,417.87
Contributions - Presbyterian Sharing and PWS&D		25,705.00						25,705.00
Total Expenses	490,301.65	92,845.59	94,901.67	4,237.85	12,409.36	-	2,500.00	697,196.12
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	(38,945.82)	28,830.85	(82,997.87)	(1,456.85)	(12,259.36)	-	87,103.60	(19,725.45)
Transfers from General Fund (Note 4)	(4,675.00)	4,675.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Endowment Fund			87,103.60		787,107.15			874,210.75
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses after transfers	(43,620.82)	33,505.85	4,105.73	(1,456.85)	(12,259.36)	787,107.15	(787,107.15)	(19,725.45)
Fund Surplus, beginning of year	93,217.83	42,400.34	294,681.46	71,153.43	17,639.29	-	787,107.15	1,306,199.50
Fund Surplus, end of year	49,597.01	75,906.19	298,787.19	69,696.58	5,379.93	787,107.15	-	1,286,474.05

First Presbyterian Church
Statement of Cash Flows

Unaudited

Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Finance Committee				Endowment Fund Committee		Total
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Restricted	Restricted and Unrestricted	
	General Fund	Mission	Projects	Roof and Contingency Funds	Refugee Fund	Endowment Fund Trust	2025 Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net Inflow (Outflow) of Cash Related to the Following Activities							
Operating							
Excess of revenue over expenses (Expenses over Revenue)	(38,945.82)	28,830.85	(82,997.87)	(1,456.85)	(12,259.36)	87,103.60	19,220.37
Change in Deferred Grant Revenues		(9,600.00)					(9,600.00)
Changes in non-cash operating items:							
Receivables	26,230.56				8,362.00		8,362.00
Grocery Cards	3,050.00					(2,500.00)	3,050.00
Accounts Payable	22,054.48		(7,103.60)			(119,490.00)	22,054.48
Interfund Balances	38,010.00						
Cash provided by (used by) Operations	50,399.22	19,230.85	(90,101.47)	(1,456.85)	(3,897.36)	91,083.60	(20,027.63)
Interfund Transfers	(4,675.00)	4,675.00	87,103.60			787,107.15	4,675.00
Decrease (Increase) in Investments					(871,332.02)	902,238.42	30,906.40
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and short-term investments	45,724.22	23,905.85	(2,997.87)	(1,456.85)	(3,897.36)	6,858.73	15,563.77
Cash and short-term investments, beginning of year	11,124.40	79,500.34	214,681.46	71,153.43	9,277.29	-	381,471.25
Cash and short-term investments, end of year	56,848.62	103,406.19	211,683.59	69,696.58	5,379.93	6,858.73	397,025.02
						(0.00)	453,873.64

1. **Funds included in Financial Statements**

First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Canada serving the community from its premises on Maple Street, Collingwood.

These financial statements include the General Fund, the Mission Funds, the Project Fund, the Roof and Contingency Fund and the Refugee Fund which are the responsibility of the Finance Committee, operating under the direction of Session and the First and Forever Endowment Fund which is the responsibility of the Endowment Fund Committee operating under the guidance of Session; they do not include funds which are not the direct responsibility of the Finance Committee or Session.

2. **Significant Accounting Policies**

Fund Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on a restricted fund accounting basis.

The **General Fund** accounts for the organization's normal operational activities, including funds collected for and expensed on buildings. This fund reports unrestricted resources.

The **Mission Fund** accounts for resources that are restricted by members through contributions to Presbyterian Sharing and P W S & D of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and for the specific purpose of providing aid to local outreach projects. These included Love Your Neighbour, Christmas Baskets, and Food Bank. The contribution to Presbyterian Sharing is approved annually by Session and the Church Congregational Meeting. In the event of a shortfall in contributions below the approved amount, the shortfall is contributed from the General Fund.

The **Projects Funds** comprise those funds set aside from the general fund by resolution of Session for special purposes.

The **Roof and Contingency Fund** accounts for the proceeds of the roof settlement and the subsequent repairs that were made to restore the roof. By resolution of Session in 2018, the remaining balance on the Roof Fund was transferred to the Roof and Contingency Fund. This fund was increased by transfers from the General Fund as a reserve for future large and unexpected maintenance items and to cater for the moving expenses that would be incurred by the Minister if he decided to relocate his family.

The **Endowment Fund** comprises the First and Forever Endowment Fund, the purpose of which is to provide an opportunity for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Collingwood to make bequests or gifts to the church with knowledge that these gifts will be retained as capital in secure investments with its income applied to encourage the mission, support the ministries and ensure the future of First Presbyterian Church of Collingwood.

On November 16, 2025, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood (the Church) unanimously agreed to dissolve the trust and distribute the assets and liabilities of the trust to the Church with effect from December 31, 2025. These will be retained in a Restricted Fund in the Church.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Accounting

These statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, except that contributions are not recorded or recognized as revenue until they are received.

Investments and Investment Income

Endowment Fund investments are valued at fair value based on the year-end quoted market prices. Unrealized gains or losses on investments, being the difference between book value and fair value, are included in investment income – unrealized gains(losses) in the statement of operations.

Expenditure on Land, Buildings, Furniture and Equipment

Land and Buildings are held by the Trustees of First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood in trust for the use and benefit of the First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood Congregation, as part of The Presbyterian Church of Canada and are administered by the Trustees.

Acquisitions of land and buildings, furniture and equipment are expensed when purchased or donated. Accordingly, they are not recorded as assets, nor are they depreciated.

Grants

Small grants are recognized as income at the time they are received. Large grants are deferred and recognized as income over the period of the grant.

3. Inter-fund Transfers

Inter-fund transfers comprise:	2025
Transfer from the General Fund to the Mission Fund	\$4,675.00
Transfer from Endowment Fund to the Project Fund	\$87,103.60
Transfer from Endowment Fund (Trust) to new Endowment Fund	\$787,107.15

4. Income Tax Status

The Church is a registered charity within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and is exempt from income taxes.

BUDGET 2026

GENERAL FUND	Total 2025	Budget 2026
Income		
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$ 372,873	\$ 381,000
MUSIC MINISTRY INCOME	\$ 7,571	\$ 12,000
OTHER PROGRAMS INCOME	\$ 701	\$ 700
YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES INCOME	\$ 7,178	\$ 12,500
Total CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$ 388,324	\$ 406,200
ESTATES & FOUNDATIONS	\$ 14,250	\$ 10,000
RENTALS & OTHER INCOME	\$ 48,262	\$ 47,200
Total Income General Fund	\$ 450,836	\$ 463,400
EXPENSES		
ADMINISTRATION & OFFICE	\$ 55,128	\$ 62,300
WORSHIP EXPENSES	\$ 13,516	\$ 14,500
PRESBYTERY EXPENSES	\$ 6,398	\$ 9,500
MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ 5,111	\$ 4,500
OTHER PROGRAMS EXPENSE	\$ 6,430	\$ 2,500
YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES EXPENSES	\$ 24,022	\$ 19,600
PROPERTY EXPENSES	\$ 50,297	\$ 61,000
SALARIES, WAGES & BENEFITS	\$ 327,606	\$ 324,300
Total Expenses	\$ 488,509	\$ 498,200
Net Income (loss)	\$ (37,673)	\$ (34,800)
OUTREACH FUND		
OUTREACH INCOME	\$ 122,346	\$ 104,300
OUTREACH EXPENSES	\$ 107,048	\$ 92,800
Net income (loss)	\$ 15,298	\$ 11,500
PROJECT, ROOF & CONTINGENCY FUND		
DONOR RESTRICTED PROJECTS INCOME	\$ 11,904	\$ 10,000
ROOF FUND INCOME	\$ 2,781	\$ 2,000
Total Income	\$ 14,685	\$ 12,000
EXPENSES		
PROJECT EXPENSES	\$ 94,902	\$ -
ROOF FUND EXPENSES	\$ 4,238	\$ 2,000
Total Expenses	\$ 99,140	\$ 2,000
Transfer from Endowment Fund	\$ (87,104)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,649	\$ 10,000
CONSOLIDATED		
INCOME		
General	\$ 450,836	\$ 463,400
Outreach	\$ 122,346	\$ 104,300
Projects, Roof & Contingency	\$ 14,685	\$ 12,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 587,867	\$ 579,700
EXPENSES		
General	\$ 488,509	\$ 498,200
Outreach	\$ 107,048	\$ 92,800
Projects, Roof & Contingency (net of fund transfer)	\$ 12,036	\$ 2,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 607,592	\$ 593,000
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (19,726)	\$ (13,300)

CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTION RANGE REPORT

First Presbyterian Church
Contributions Statistics
 For Period: 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025

Contribution Range	# of Contributors	Total Given	Average per Contributor
0 - 500	407	46,457.24	114.15
500 - 1,000	54	40,565.00	751.20
1,000 - 1,500	38	47,937.00	1,261.50
1,500 - 2,500	40	79,624.51	1,990.61
2,500 - 5,000	19	63,470.00	3,340.53
5,000 -	20	188,514.74	9,425.74
Total	578	466,568.49	807.21
Cash		29,242.06	
Foundations		39,523.10	
Estates		10,456.80	
Total		545,790.45	

A Year In Review



For we are God's servants, working together.

I Corinthians 3:9a



At Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, we sincerely appreciate the unwavering support from Presbyterians Sharing. Your commitment enables us to provide meaningful programs that support the growth and development of children and families in our neighborhood. With your partnership, we are shaping a brighter, more hopeful tomorrow for those we serve.

– *Shauna Joyce, Executive Director of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre*



Receiving a Sustaining Ministry grant means we can pay our pulpit costs, allowing us to more easily meet our financial commitments to the PCC and to make a difference in our community through our community outreach program.

– *Lynne Allan, St. Matthew's PC, Grand Falls-Windsor, NL*



Sharing the Gospel message of the good news of Jesus Christ is a matter of life and death in the community of the Cree Nations of Mistawasis Saskatchewan. We need the support of The Presbyterian Church in Canada through Presbyterians Sharing more than ever.

– *The Rev. Stewart and Terry Folster, Mistawasis Memorial PC, Mistawasis First Nation, SK*



We are very grateful to The Presbyterian Church in Canada who has been helping fund this important program (Electronics/Computer Program for Palestinian Refugees) for several years. This vocational training initiative teaches skills in electronics and computer maintenance and repair to refugees, helping them gain employment and improve their livelihoods within the camp communities.

– *Sylvia HADDAD, Director, Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon (JCC)*