



MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, March 16, 2025

AGENDA

1. Call To Order and Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Secretary
3. Record Attendance
4. Approve Agenda
5. Receive and Consider Reports
6. Approve Presbyterian Sharing Allocation For 2025
7. Set and Approve Budget for 2025
8. Appointment Of Trustees
9. Appointment Of Reviewers
10. Appointment Of Managers
11. New Business
12. Appreciations
13. Adjournment And Benediction

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE: A TOP 10 LIST TO CONSIDER

Whenever we come to the end of a year, we will often see top 10 lists revealing the top 10 most influential people from that year, or the 10 highest grossing movies, or the top 10 plays or moments from sports. When these lists come out, they are always interesting to examine and may result in us disagreeing with some of the choices. With the start of a new year, we may also see top 10 lists concerning changes we might expect to see in the next 12 months, or resolutions we would like to see happen in our lives.

As I thought about the top 10 lists we see at the end of each year and the start of a new one, it reminded me of the story we find in Luke's Gospel where only 1 out of 10 people made the list of what Jesus expected from them. I am referring to the story when Jesus healed the 10 lepers as they were making their way to show themselves to the priests. Only 1 out of the 10 came back to thank Jesus and give glory to the Father as a result. I feel this story provides us with an interesting perspective from which to reflect upon our annual report for 2024 and move ahead into this new year of 2025. For instance:

- do we see 10 things included in these reports that make us pause and give thanks to God and give Him the glory?
- upon seeing His faithfulness in 2024, are there 10 things we are excited and hopeful for in 2025 both personally as a believer and collectively as a congregation that we believe will happen with His help?

As Jesus expressed in His reaction to the one leper who returned, He wants us to be thankful for what He has done and to acknowledge glory to the Father. With this understanding in mind, let us make sure reading through these reports we come away with 10 or more things to be thankful for. May we carry this same attitude forward into this new year as well because by so doing we will be filled with an expectant hope of all the glorious things He will do for us both individually and collectively as a congregation.

God Bless,
Pastor Dean

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING – Sun., Mar. 3, 2024

The Annual Meeting of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church was held Sunday, March 3, 2024. The meeting was held after the morning service and was opened with prayer.

Joan Franklin moved that Debbie Opersko act as secretary, seconded by Jeff Allen. Carried. Debbie accepted the position.

Attendance at the meeting was Members-24 Adherents - 7

Janet Franklin moved that we adopt the agenda, seconded by Jeff Allen. Carried.

The congregation received the minutes prior to the meeting to review. No items were brought forward from the 2023 minutes. Murray Macpherson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2023 Annual Meeting, seconded by Neil Macpherson. Carried

Velma Hughes made a motion to receive and consider the reports as printed, seconded by Dayna Opersko. Carried.

The following discussions were brought up from the reports that were printed.

- Music Director's report: It was noted that Roger Bailey was supply pianist while Amy was on sick leave.
- Chancel Committee: Welcomed Lisa and Mark for joining the committee.
- Accessibility Report: A few people were disappointed with the decision that was made regarding the chair lift/elevator by the survey. A few people said they were confused by the survey and wished there was more discussion when it was presented to them. Reverend Dean said he would take it back to the Session to discuss further and if there are any changes to their previous decision, they will take it back to the Accessibility Committee.
- There was discussion on the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA) within our Church. Reverend Dean made the congregation aware that the Presbyterian Church of Canada does have guidelines for AODA. He also said that he has reviewed these guidelines with the Session, and we are following what is expected of our Church. Reverend Dean said he would meet with Janet Franklin and the two of them could go over the guidelines that were presented by the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Business arising

- It was noted a revised Treasurer's Report is required but not available at this time. Joan Franklin moved that we approve the reports as printed, seconded by Jeff Allen. Carried
- The Session voted on the allocation of \$5,500 for Presbyterian Sharing for the year 2024. Jeff Allen moved we accept the allocation of \$5,500.00 for Presbyterian Sharing, seconded by Neil Macpherson. Carried.
- There was no discussion on the Proposed Budget for 2024. Jeff Allen motioned to approve the Board of Managers Budget for 2024, seconded by Neil Macpherson. Carried

New Business

- Jeff Allen announced he will be stepping down as a trustee. Velma Hughes graciously accepted taking Jeff's position as trustee. Don Brown moved that Harvey Walsh and Alex Fairlie be reappointed with Velma Hughes taking the vacant position as church trustees for the year 2024, seconded by Janet Franklin. Carried.
- Jeff Allen is stepping down as reviewer for 2024. It was decided that the Board of Managers and Session will find someone to review the books for 2024.
- Jeff Allen has also stepped down from the Board of Managers. It was moved by Don Brown that Dent McIntyre be reappointed for another 3-year term and Debbie Bridges and Mark Van Dyke be appointed to the Board of Managers to serve a 3-year term, seconded by Janet Neal. Carried.

A vote of thanks was extended to the following people:

- Amy Groleau for her work as Music Director and for the arrangement of special music,
- The Music Committee of Janet Franklin, Nadine Adlam and Karen Young for leading the singing

during the Church Service and for the special music,

- Nancy Brown for teaching Sunday School,
- June Adlam as the Church Historian,
- Kevin Weir as Envelope Secretary,
- Kevin Weir, Jeff Allen and other volunteers for counting of the money Sunday morning,
- The Chancel Committee for the decorating of the sanctuary for special occasions. Thanks also to Janet Neal, Neil and Murray Macpherson for looking after and watering the flower beds,
- Helen for watering and weeding of the long flower bed along the church,
- Janet Franklin for organizing, printing and sending out the annual reports,
- The Board of Managers and the Session,
- All the people who have arranged and worked on the fundraisers,
- Nadine Adlam for all the work she puts into the PowerPoints for every Sunday service and for the cleaning of the Church every week,
- Rev. Dean for all the work he does for preparing the online and in-person morning services and for the children's stories.

Jeff Allen motioned for adjournment. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Opersko

REPORTS

KIRK SESSION

Rev. Dean Adlam has led us through another year with his Ministry of the Word to this congregation. We thank him for his pastoral care and leadership. We pray for him and his family as we look forward to another year.

The Kirk Session had five meetings during the year, and we celebrated four Communion services. The number of members attending ranged between 30 and 40.

Sadly, one member died during 2024:

- Pearl Foubert

She will be greatly missed.

We need to thank the many people who work in the background to keep our church a loving, caring community of faith.

Respectfully submitted,
Velma Hughes, Clerk of Session

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Corporate worship is the coming together in one place to glorify, praise, adore and honour our Almighty God. There are approximately 31,102 Bible verses. Of those verses:

- there are more than 50 direct commands to sing,
- singing is mentioned over 400 times,
- there are 750 references to music in over 399 passages of scripture.

So, music is very important to organized service gatherings in the life of the Christian church. We at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church have continued this tradition. We sing hymns, Psalms and spiritual songs each week, which carry us through the week. Songs like *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* or *Shine, Jesus, Shine* speak to us as we face victories or trials throughout our week.

We have been blessed to have Nadine Adlam produce our PowerPoint presentation each service. There are hours involved in gathering information and producing these videos. Nadine, Janet Franklin, Karen Young and Chloe S. have led us in our worship singing. We have also been blessed to have Sadie, Joan Franklin, Velma Hughes, Janet Neal, and Jane Pritchard supply us with special music. Our Anniversary Service began with a traditional recording of the late Donald Pritchard singing *The Tartans* and this year Joan Elliott ministered in music. For our Remembrance Day and Christmas Eve services, flutist Sue-Anne Schroeder lead us with *Abide With Me, O Holy Night* and *Still, Still, Still*. We added the digital keyboard as additional voicing for some songs, particularly in the prelude, and my thanks to Session and other volunteers for making this happen.

We will face many things in this New Year, but we are grateful that we have a Saviour Who never sleeps, slumbers or changes. For those reasons alone, may we lift our voices to sing His praise in worship and truth.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Groleau, Music Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday there is a prepared Sunday School lesson. However, we only average about two Sundays per month when we have children. (1 to 5 children)

Again, this year, the children participated in the Christmas Eve service. Sadie sang, Gregory did a reading and Murdoch and Teddie recited a poem which were all very well received.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Brown

BOARD OF MANAGERS

We start the year with the preparation of the budget. Kevin Weir prepares a draft, and we review every category and try to prepare for any surprises.

We reinvested an expired GIC for an excellent interest rate.

Arrangements were made so that people can now make donations using Interact E-transfer. The church website was upgraded so that it is secure. Donations can be made electronically to donate@mppchurch.ca. Our bank sends notifications of such donations to Kevin Weir, the envelope secretary.

We held a plant sale in May and several bottle drives throughout the year.

A dedication for the Mount Pleasant Memorial Forest was held on Sunday, June 9th. A framed display listing the people for whom trees are dedicated now hangs in St. Andrew's Hall.

Our parking lot needs repair. We received 2 quotes for redoing the whole lot and we are waiting for approval from the congregation.

We replaced the faulty loudspeaker on the north side of the church after a community member let us know they could not hear the carillon.

Jeff Allen donated a leaf shredder and a large composter.

An FM transmitter has been installed on the sanctuary sound system. It allows people to listen to the Sunday service in Heritage Hall if they find the stairs too difficult. The system can also be used to help people hear better while sitting in the sanctuary.

Jeff Allen installed a beautiful handrail on the steps into Heritage Hall, making the lower levels of the church more accessible.

Amy requested that we reconfigure the front of the church so she could setup her keyboard and turn the piano so she can face the congregation and see the monitor at the back of the church. A new cart was donated for the projector and computer. This created more floor space and made it possible to project over top of the piano without obstruction. The original cart, which was built by Mr. Kivell, is now used for storage.

A step with a handgrip was donated to help people access the front of the church.

The sign at the front of the church needed new lightbulbs which it turned out would cost more than the sign was worth. Two new electronic signs were donated and installed. The signs are programmed using a computer that connects with a local wireless connection making them much easier to use in the winter.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Franklin, BOM Secretary

BIBLE STUDY

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline” (Proverbs 1:7). The Book of Proverbs contains a large number of sayings that were spoken primarily by Solomon, but also by a few other people. Proverbs are sayings that are expressed in figurative language. They are reflections on life and living. Carrying a few of them around in your head can help you in the situations of life.

In the fall of 2024, I led a Bible Study group for 8 weeks that examined a large number of the proverbs in the Book of Proverbs. We discussed the life of Solomon and the other authors. At one week's session, we examined the nature of a parable and had some contemporary examples. We made reference to other parts of the Bible which have proverbs and to how Jesus used the proverb mode in some of his teaching. We also discussed the relevance of particular proverbs to help us to grow in our relationship with Jesus.

We had good discussions and willing participants. In 2025, the Book of Mark will be the focus of another study group.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Young

CHANCEL COMMITTEE

Our Chancel Committee is comprised of Mark and Lisa Van Dyck, Janet Neal, Murray and Neil Macpherson and me. Our mandate is to decorate the sanctuary for religious celebrations and special events such as Church Anniversary, Remembrance Day and Thanksgiving. In addition, we like to recognize significant events in our members' lives and special occasions as they occur.

In February, Valentine cards were sent to our members in retirement/nursing homes and the elderly in their homes who are unable to attend church services.

Easter was early in 2024 and in March, palm branches were placed on both communion tables for Palm Sunday. The large wooden cross was draped in purple with purple cloths on both communion tables, changing to black for the Good Friday Service and then white for Easter Sunday. The crown of thorns was placed on the brass cross, and the Knox communion table held artifacts relating to the crucifixion. Easter lilies were added for the Sunday service. After the service the lilies were given to the youngest and oldest people in attendance at church. Ted and Louise Sanders designed an Easter arrangement for our outdoor planters at the front door. They consisted of a cross draped in purple with a crown of thorns and daffodils representing new life. After Easter, Ted and Louise changed the planters to hold pussy willows and pansies.

For our Mother's Day Service on May 12th, a carnation was given to each woman in the congregation. A basket of her favourite home-made jams was delivered to Pearl Foubert in recognition of being the oldest mother in the congregation at 104 years of age. On June 16th, Father's Day Sunday, a gift of cookies was given to the men of the congregation. Thank you to Mark and Lisa Van Dyck for donating the gifts for both these special services.

This Committee is also responsible for flowers at the front door and the flower bed around the church sign. Again, Ted and Louise filled our planters for summer with annuals and ivy. Hosta plants surround the sign. We are grateful to Murray and Neil Macpherson who faithfully water all the flower beds at the church and in our Memorial Garden.

On Sunday, September 8th, the village of Mount Pleasant recognized Decoration Day. We continue our custom of placing a container of zinnias and ferns on the graves of former members of our church buried in our village Pioneer Cemetery. We also recognize two other important former citizens of the village, Brant Atkins who was named Honorary Mayor of Mount Pleasant and Chester Wetmore, founder of the Mount Pleasant War Service Club. A bouquet is placed on the grave of our first Minister, Rev. John Bryning (1830-1843). In total, 30 graves received flowers. Our thanks to Joan Franklin, who each year, grows and donates the flowers for this occasion.

In October, Ted and Louise Sanders designed fall arrangements for our outdoor planters made up of pots of mums, pumpkins, gourds and spiritual messages.

For October 13, Thanksgiving Sunday, our two communion tables were decorated with vegetables and fruits of the season and jars of preserves. Bouquets of corn cobs decorated the windows. Thank you to those members who donated vegetables for our display and to Maryann Verbey for providing autumn floral arrangements for the sanctuary.

Church Anniversary is celebrated each year on the third Sunday in October, honouring our Scottish heritage. This year, 2024, marked 146 years in our present building and 194 years of Presbyterianism in our village. The Royal Stuart Tartan draped the gallery and tartans representing the Scottish heritage of many of our former and present families in our church hang on the windows, walls and nave of the sanctuary. The communion table was draped with the Hanna Tartan honouring our first Minister Rev. John Bryning (1830-1843) and was flanked by the St. Andrew's and Scottish flags. On the table were the pewter communion set used by the Burford Presbyterian Church when we were amalgamated with them from 1877-1884 and our heritage candle holders. The Knox communion table was draped with the Cleric Tartan honouring all other ministers and student ministers that followed Rev. Bryning. Replicas of the collection boxes used in the early Scottish churches were displayed on this table. Vintage enamel water pitchers used in our church in the 1930's and 1940's were filled with decorative plants and flowers used in the early Scottish churches and graced each communion table. A special floral arrangement designed for this occasion was on the memorial stand. It was an early Scottish custom that when clans went into battle, they placed a piece of their clan's symbol on their tam. It could be cotton, ivy, thistle, rowanberries or Scotch pine. The arrangement depicts these as well as a horseshoe for strength and feathers for courage. Adding to this service was our guest soloist, Joan Elliott. Jeff Allen always comes to help with hanging of the tartans. Following the service members enjoyed our traditional Anniversary reception with scones, home-made jams, Irish bread, cheese, and shortbread cookies.

Our Remembrance Day Service featured wreaths of poppies on both the Knox and Mount Pleasant communion tables. Plant stands held arrangements of poppies and the Canadian flag. Our Honour Roll contains the names of members of both Knox and Mount Pleasant Churches who served in the World Wars. It was draped with both the Canadian and Union Jack flags. A large wooden poppy was placed outside the church. A small Canadian flag with a poppy decorates the graves of those named on the Honour Roll who are buried in our village Pioneer Cemetery. A wreath is also placed on the Mount Pleasant War Service Club Memorial.

Our thanks to Ted and Louise Sanders who decorated our planters with a winter arrangement.

Sunday, December 1st commenced Advent. A crown with Advent candles was lit each Sunday and Christmas Eve Service. In the sanctuary, swags adorned the windows, and lighted garlands were on the gallery and sanctuary rails. Communion tables were decorated, one with a nativity scene and the other with carolers. Our large, decorated Christmas tree centered the stage. Our thanks to the church members who donated poinsettias for our sanctuary, some in memory of family members. The outside of the church was also decorated with swags and wreaths at doors and windows. The large nativity scene was again placed in our Memorial Garden and lit at night for the enjoyment of the community. Thanks to Jeff Allen, Mark Van Dyke, Janet Neal, Neil Macpherson and Murray Macpherson for their work in its assembly.

Our church receives favorable comments on our electric carillon that plays 15 minutes before our Sunday worship service, at noon and at 7:00 p.m. during the week and on special occasions. Our thanks to Janet Franklin for its programming.

My sincere thanks go not only to the dedicated members of the Chancel Committee but also to Ted and Louise Sanders for their talents and generosity in decorating the outdoor planters and others who come forward to help when we need flowers and vegetables in our decorations. As a committee, we strive to carry on the traditions set by former clergy and congregations as well as initiating new customs appropriate to present times.

Respectfully submitted,
June Adlam

CHURCH HISTORIAN

It has been an honour for me to have served our Church as its historian. My duties are as follows:

- Identify, record and maintain an inventory of all historic artifacts in our building.
- Collect and file in binders written or published material regarding our church.
- Prepare an inventory listing all our historic artifacts, books, binders and other objects or materials stored in our archives and update it each year.
- Record the names of church members/adherents who pass away in the current year in our Memorial Book. In 2024 we lost our dear 104-year-old member, Pearl Foubert.

When Central Presbyterian Church sold their downtown building and moved to a new store front church property, they donated the following items to our Archives: a Commemorative Church Plate, Packet of Haste Notes depicting the original church on its 50th Anniversary, History Book commemorating 50th Anniversary titled Historical Update 1975-1985, Booklet of pictures and descriptions titled Symbols of the Sanctuary and Pamphlet of Special Communion Service, June 11, 1972.

An official Canadian portrait of King Charles III was purchased and hangs in Heritage Hall.

As books on World War I and II are scarce as well as those on the history of Brantford and Brant County, I am also collecting duplicate copies of those we already have for the purpose of preservation. My source this year for these books has been from the book sale sponsored by the Brant Heritage Railway

Society and personal donations from people who are aware of our archives. Books added this year are the following:

- *They Labour Not in Vain, A History of Alexandra Presbyterian Church 1994,*
- *A Glimpse of the Past, A Centennial History of Brantford and Brant County,*
- *Significant Lives, A Profile of Brant County Women,*
- *Paris Junction 1960-1980, Vol. 5, The People Who Lived in the Junction:* by Robert Hasler,
- *The Way We Were, Glimpses of Brantford Past,*
- *The Hanging of Angelique: The story of Canadian Slavery and the Burning of Montreal,*
- *The Cinderella Campaign, First Canadian Army and the Battles for the Channel Ports,*
- *On to Victory, The Canadian Liberation of the Netherlands, March 23-May 5, 1945,*
- *We Are Freedom, Stories of the Second World War,*
- *Valor Remembered, Canada and the First World War,*
- *Underground Canada, A Story of Slavery,*
- *To Win a War, 1918 a Year of Victory,*
- *Canada, The Making of a Nation,*
- *The Great Escape, A Canadian Story of POW Camps,*
- *The British Civil War, Roundheads, Cavaliers and the Execution of a King.*

I continue to fill the large binders that will fit a full page from newspapers. In these I preserve historical printed material relating to our church, Mount Pleasant, Brantford and Brant County. Janet Franklin faithfully photographs events at our church and maintains albums of these occasions. In past years, our senior members have given me their newspaper clippings, photos, etc., of our church. Now, I urge their surviving family members to assist me in preserving our church history by contacting me prior to disposing of any such material.

Respectfully submitted,
June Adlam, Church Historian

CHURCH OUTREACH

Coffee Hour is held on the second Sunday of every month. Many people combine to make this time of fellowship possible by helping to set up, clean tables and chairs, prepare treats, serve or clean up. Donations are collected on alternate months for Vivian, our sponsored child in Uganda, and for the Alzheimer's Society. Other outreach activities throughout the year include our contributions to the food bank on the first Sunday of every month, designated donations at every Communion service and the preparation of shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child which is run by Samaritan's Purse. The carillon plays on request for special occasions such as the Optimists' Christmas event and the church's digital sign provides information to the community. On Remembrance Day, the flag in the Memorial Garden is a meeting place for people who want to participate in a quiet act of remembrance which includes the carillon tolling at 11:00 a.m. and playing O Canada.

The Mt. Pleasant Community Garden is located on our grounds behind the storage shed. The raised beds are a part of the Equal Ground Community Gardens initiative that promotes the importance of allowing all people to grow their own food. The garden is maintained by residents of the

community as well as volunteers from our church. New volunteers are always welcome. Produce from the gardens is available for use by members of the community. The Memorial Garden beside the church, the flower bed at the side of the church and the area around the composters are maintained by Helen Szabad. The flowers from the bed around the stump along the south fence were removed in the spring and sold at the plant sale. Then the area was seeded. The bed around the church sign is maintained by members of the Chancel Committee who also water the flower gardens. The Mount Pleasant Memorial Forest is located behind the church and is maintained by the Managers. The lawns are maintained by Neil Macpherson.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Franklin

FUNDRAISERS

Bazaar

We saw the return of this very popular fundraiser that has been in hiatus since COVID back in 2020. Velma Hughes and Nadine Adlam took a leadership role in bringing the fundraiser back. A meeting was held after the service in the spring to see if there was enough support amongst the congregation to get the fundraiser up and going again. It was decided to do a slightly smaller version because the time commitment needed to do the number of preserves made in the past would be difficult. Small groups started gathering over the summer and made a good number of jams, pickles, relishes and chili sauces which all sold well both the day of the bazaar and afterwards. We were grateful that various people helped at different times. So much fun, fellowship, and laughter were had by all working together.

Another planning meeting took place in September to finalize the convenors and helpers for each area. A few things that were new this year were the sale of meat pies made by Nancy & Don Brown, prepackaged soups, hot chocolate and other gifts in a jar as well as gifts made from antique teacups. We were also grateful for the donation of the beautiful quilt made by Susie Walsh that was donated for a silent Auction.

Heritage Hall was setup with our Christmas items, crafts, knitting, sewing and the Tickets on Treasure table, while the baking, preserves, meat pies and other items were sold in St. Andrew's Hall. As well we offered coffee & tea and a few tables where people could sit. The Treasure table had 20 donated items to win with a value of \$355.00. Tickets sold for \$3.00 each or \$5.00 for two. A total of 76 envelopes were sold, many customers purchasing the second one. This was a popular table for both men and women.

The attendance on the day of the bazaar seemed down from other years but this was to be expected after 4 years and there were other Christmas Bazaars and craft shows happening in other areas. Items that were unsold on the day of the bazaar were left out for purchase for a few weeks, and we saw a steady sale of them in the weeks that followed, which helped increase our sales. As outlined in the fundraiser report, a total of \$4, 516.99 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the bazaar in many ways to help make this a successful fundraiser once again.

Respectfully submitted,
Nadine Adlam & Velma Hughes

Roast Beef Supper

We had another successful Roast Beef Supper as a fundraiser in 2024. The ticket sales went very well for the supper. The number of tickets sold between eat-in and takeout was 172 in total. The supper would not have been successful without all the generous donations and hard work done by so many in the church. We also had volunteers help from outside our church community, especially our students. Thanks to some very generous monetary donations we were able to keep our expenses to a minimum. Again, thanks to all who donated and worked at the supper to make it another successful fundraiser.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Opersko

Garage Sale

After lots of work by a small but dedicated team, the Yard Sale was held on Saturday, June 29, 2024. Since there was a chance of rain, it was largely held inside. A total of \$2,330.75 was raised. There were a lot of quality items left over and since they were still set up, it was decided to have the yard sale continue the following Saturday, July 6, 2024. The second sale was also held indoors. Afterwards, many of the leftovers were donated to Safe Families Canada, a Christian agency that helps families in crisis. Electronic items were given to the Resource Thrift Store, a volunteer organization that raises money for Christian education and other charities. Clothing was donated to Hope's Closet, a social enterprise store that sells donated clothing to raise funds for charity. Leftover books were donated to the book sale in support of the restoration of the L.E.&N. rail station. Christmas items were kept to sell at the bazaar. In total, the sales raised \$3,119.75.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Brown

Plant Sale

This year the Board of Managers had their second Plant Sale in May. We were quite successful. Thanks to the congregation for the donations of plants, garden tools and lawn ornaments. We would like to thank everyone who donated plants from their gardens and who worked to make the plant sale a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Dayna Opersko

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Donations for the church:	\$78,167.50
Loose collection:	<u>\$ 2,130.80</u>
Donations for missions:	<u>\$ 3,544.00</u>
Total Donations:	\$83,842.30

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Weir, Envelope Secretary

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

<u>Fundraiser</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Bottle drives	\$ 559.20	nil	\$ 559.20
Plant sale	\$ 722.25	nil	\$ 722.25
Garage sale	\$3,119.75	nil	\$3,119.75
Roast Beef Dinner	\$4,605.00	\$2,323.09	\$2,281.91
Bazaar	\$4,910.75	\$ 393.76	\$4,516.99
Coffee hours	<u>\$ 210.00</u>	nil	<u>\$ 210.00</u>
	\$14,126.95	\$2,716.85	\$11,410.10

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Adlam

MISSION ACCOUNT

Presbyterian Sharing

Total givings to Presbyterian Sharing in 2024	\$3,544.00
Accepted allocation for 2024	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
Amount under allocation	\$ 1,956.00

Designated Donations

World Vision (Sponsored Child)	\$ 480.00
Alzheimer's Society	\$ 126.00
Stedman Hospice	\$ 135.80
Special Olympics	\$ 193.00
Central Pres. Church - Blessing Center	<u>\$ 173.10</u>
	\$1,107.90

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Adlam

MEMORIAL FUND

Bank balance as of December 31, 2023		\$30,575.81
<u>Deposits</u>		
December 18, 2024	\$ 50.00	
		\$30,625.81
<u>Expenses</u>		
NIL	\$ 00.00	
		<u>\$30,625.81</u>
Bank balance as of December 31, 2024		\$30,625.81

BREAKDOWN OF MEMORIAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT

Memorial fund	\$23,622.10
Restoration fund	\$ 1,464.19
Bill Walsh Bequeath	<u>\$ 5,539.52</u>
TOTAL	\$30,625.81

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Opersko

TREASURER'S REPORT 2024

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2024 **\$254,286.85**

Summary of Bank Balances as of December 31, 2024

TD Trust Account	\$ 19,989.25
Manulife Account	-----
T.D. Investment	\$ 66,000.00
Trustee Board Pres. Church	\$168,297.60

E. & O. E. **\$254,286.85**

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Amount Budgeted</u>	<u>Balance</u>
REVENUE			
Envelopes	\$78,167.50	\$80,000.00	\$1,832.50
Incidental Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Loose Collection	\$2,109.90	\$2,500.00	\$390.10
Coffee Hours	\$210.00	\$250.00	\$40.00
Hall Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$587.90	\$4,500.00	\$3,912.10
G.S.T. Rebate	\$1,320.65	\$800.00	(\$520.65)
Investment Income	\$15,467.84	\$10,000.00	(\$5,467.84)
Presbyterians Sharing	\$3,544.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,956.00

Fund Raising	\$14,126.95	\$8,000.00	(\$6,126.95)
Required to balance budget	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$15,341.89</u>	<u>\$15,341.89</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$115,534.74	\$126,891.89	\$11,357.15
EXPENSES			
Minister's Stipend/Supply	\$49,083.60	\$50,083.60	\$1,000.00
Revenue Canada	\$11,499.12	\$11,499.13	\$0.01
Pres. Church – Dean's Ded.	\$7,622.04	\$7,622.04	\$0.00
Health Insurance	\$5,577.12	\$5,577.12	\$0.00
Pension Fund	\$3,713.52	\$4,600.00	\$886.48
Music Director	\$6,090.00	\$6,200.00	\$110.00
Caretaker	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Heat, Hydro, Water, Phone	\$4,557.42	\$5,000.00	\$442.58
Repairs, Maintenance	\$2,784.44	\$5,000.00	\$2,215.56
Furnace	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Presbytery Dues	\$1,312.61	\$1,700.00	\$387.39
Insurance	\$4,452.25	\$4,300.00	(\$152.25)
Snow Plowing/Landscaping	\$1,359.79	\$4,000.00	\$2,640.21
Office Expenses	\$339.86	\$500.00	\$160.14
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Designated Donations	\$1,107.90		
Chair Lift	\$814.66	\$1,500.00	\$685.34
Sundries Expenses	\$639.24	\$500.00	(\$139.24)
Presbyterians Sharing	\$3,544.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,956.00
Website	\$304.56	\$360.00	\$55.44
Fund Raiser Costs	\$2,716.85	\$2,500.00	(\$216.85)
Chancel Committee	\$80.50	\$250.00	\$169.50
Accessibility & Green Comm.		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Christmas Gifts	\$196.63	\$500.00	\$303.37
Specified Donations		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Secretary/Treasurer	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$108,796.11	\$126,891.89	\$18,095.78
Increase (Decrease)	\$6,738.63		

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Adlam

FINANCIAL STATEMENT COMPARISON 2024-2023

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Budget</u>
REVENUE			
Envelopes	\$78,167.50	\$90,280.49	\$80,000.00
Required to Balance Budget			\$15,341.89
Loose Collection	\$2,109.90	\$2,550.85	\$2,500.00
Coffee Hours	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Hall Rental	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00

Interest / Inv. Income	\$16,055.74	\$4,787.89	\$14,500.00
G.S.T. Rebate	\$1,320.65	\$1,001.85	\$800.00
Presbyterians Sharing	\$3,544.00	\$5,646.40	\$5,500.00
Fund Raising	\$14,126.95	\$10,655.20	\$8,000.00
Transfer from C & C	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$546.00	
Total Revenue	\$115,534.74	\$115,518.68	\$126,891.89

EXPENSES

Minister's Stipend/Supply	\$49,083.60	\$49,747.88	\$50,083.60
Revenue Canada	\$11,499.12	\$11,500.90	\$11,499.13
Pres. Church – Dean's Ded.	\$7,622.04	\$7,622.04	\$7,622.04
Health Insurance	\$5,577.12	\$5,311.44	\$5,577.12
Pension Fund	\$3,713.52	\$4,561.20	\$4,600.00
Musical Director	\$6,090.00	\$6,195.00	\$6,200.00
Caretaker	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Heat, Hydro, Water, Phone	\$4,557.42	\$4,951.15	\$5,000.00
Repairs, Maintenance	\$2,784.44	\$3,017.94	\$5,000.00
Furnace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
Presbytery Dues	\$1,312.61	\$1,637.72	\$1,700.00
Insurance	\$4,452.25	\$4,271.10	\$4,300.00
Snow Plowing/Landscaping	\$1,359.79	\$4,113.75	\$4,000.00
Office Expense	\$339.86	\$336.79	\$500.00
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Designated Donations	\$1,107.90	\$1,555.80	
Chair Lift	\$814.66	\$794.00	\$1,500.00
Sundries Expenses	\$639.24	\$432.18	\$500.00
Presbyterians Sharing	\$3,544.00	\$5,646.40	\$5,500.00
Website	\$304.56		\$360.00
Fund Raiser Costs	\$2,716.85	\$2,216.59	\$2,500.00
Chancel Committee	\$80.50	\$104.55	\$250.00
Accessibility/Green Comm.			\$1,500.00
Christmas Gifts	\$196.63	\$215.43	\$500.00
Specified Donations			\$1,000.00
Secretary/Treasurer	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
Total Expense	\$108,796.11	\$115,231.86	\$126,891.89
Increase(Decrease)	\$6,738.63	\$286.82	

Summary of Bank Balances

TD Canada Trust		<u>Dec. 31/24</u>
Manulife Account		\$19,989.25
T.D. GIC Investment		0.00
Trustee Board Pres. Church		66,000.00
		168,297.60
E, & O. E.		<u>254,286.85</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Adlam

PROPOSED BUDGET 2025

	2024 BUDGET	Actuals	% CHANGE	2025 BUDGET	% CHANGE
REVENUES			vs. Budget		vs. Actuals
Envelopes	\$80,000.00	\$78,167.50	-2%	\$75,000.00	-4%
Loose Collection	\$2,500.00	\$2,109.90	-16%	\$2,000.00	-4%
Hall Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Interest Earned	\$4,500.00	\$587.90	-87%	\$600.00	0%
Investment Income	\$10,000.00	\$15,467.84	55%	\$10,000.00	-55%
GST Rebate	\$800.00	\$1,320.65	65%	\$1,000.00	-40%
Presbyterians Sharing	\$5,500.00	\$3,544.00	-36%	\$4,200.00	12%
Fund Raising	\$8,000.00	\$14,126.95	77%	\$10,000.00	-52%
Coffee Hours	\$250.00	\$210.00	-16%	\$200.00	-4%
Required to Balance Budget	\$15,341.89		-100%	\$28,400.25	185%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$128,042.46	\$115,534.74	-10%	\$131,400.25	12%
EXPENSES					
Minister's Stipend	\$50,083.60	\$49,083.60	-2%	\$53,244.36	8.3%
Revenue Canada	\$11,499.13	\$11,499.12	0%	\$12,000.35	4%
Pres. Church - Dean's Ded.	\$7,622.04	\$7,622.04	0%	\$8,216.16	8%
Health and Dental	\$5,577.12	\$5,577.12	0%	\$6,134.40	10%
Pension Fund	\$4,600.00	\$3,713.52	-19%	\$4,334.40	13%
Musical Director	\$6,200.00	\$6,090.00	-2%	\$6,380.00	5%
Caretaker	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	509%	\$1,250.00	25%
Heat/Hydro/Water/ Phone	\$5,000.00	\$4,557.42	-80%	\$5,000.00	9%
Repairs/Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$2,784.44	-9%	\$10,000.00	144%
Parking lot grading	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$5,000.00	
Presbytery Dues	\$1,700.00	\$1,312.61	-23%	\$1,380.58	4%
Insurance	\$4,300.00	\$4,452.25	4%	\$4,300.00	-4%
Snow Plowing/Landscaping	\$4,000.00	\$1,359.79	-66%	\$4,000.00	66%
Office Expense	\$500.00	\$339.86	-32%	\$500.00	32%
Sunday School	\$100.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$100.00	100%
Designated Donations	\$1,000.00	\$1,107.90	11%	\$0.00	-111%
Sundries Expense	\$500.00	\$639.24	28%	\$500.00	-28%
Chair Lift	\$1,500.00	\$814.66	-46%	\$1,500.00	46%
Green Committee / Accessibility	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00	0%
Presbyterians Sharing	\$5,500.00	\$3,544.00	-36%	\$4,200.00	12%
Chancel Committee	\$250.00	\$80.50	-68%	\$250.00	68%
Fund Raising Costs	\$2,500.00	\$2,716.85	9%	\$2,800.00	3%
Website	\$360.00	\$304.56	-15%	\$400.00	27%
Christmas Gifts	\$500.00	\$196.63	-61%	\$200.00	1%
Treasurer/Secretary Honorarium	\$600.00	\$0.00	-100%	\$0.00	0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$128,042.46	\$108,796.11	-15.0%	\$131,690.25	17.9%

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Weir, BOM Chair

CHURCH OFFICERS IN 2024

THE KIRK SESSION

Church Elders are elected by the congregation with no term limit. The current members of Session are:

- Velma Hughes, Clerk of Session
- Jeff Allen
- Debbie Opersko
- Harvey Walsh

TRUSTEES

Trustees represent the congregation in legal matters. Trustees are appointed yearly by the congregation at the annual meeting. The trustees for 2024 are:

- Alex Fairlie
- Velma Hughes
- Harvey Walsh

ACCOUNT REVIEWERS

The Account Reviewers review the financial reports at the end of the financial year. Reviewers are appointed yearly by the congregation at the annual meeting. Jeff Allen chose not to accept reappointment. It was decided that Session and Board of Managers would appoint a new reviewer for 2024, however since nobody was appointed, Jeff Allen agreed to work with Barbara Franklin to do it for 2024.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Managers are appointed by the congregation to a three-year term. The current board members are:

<u>End of Term</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
	Don Brown	Barb Franklin	Jeff Allen (resigned)
	Joan Franklin	Dean Opersko (resigned)	Debbie Bridges (resigned)
	Dayna Opersko	Kevin Weir (Chair)	Dent McIntyre
			Mark Van Dyke