



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE *THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA*

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Maple Lake United Church

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Minister's Report

Happy New Year,

Another pandemic year under our belts and yet another year of blessings. For many reasons, I'm glad 2022 is behind us but I also have so much to be thankful for in the past year and much to look forward to in 2023. Our family all seem very comfortable and also consider ourselves very fortunate to be living here in the Haliburton Highlands. Amanda continues to supply teach in our local schools. Thomas is currently 9 but his birthday is the 29th of January so he might be 10 by the time you read this. We are planning a birthday party with friends for the first time in a long time. He loves grade 4 and is glad to go to school In-Person. Emily is in grade 11 this year. She is doing very well in her subjects despite not being well and missing a lot of school in the Fall. Lily is now living in Peterborough at Lady Eaton College and in her first year of Bio Medical Science at Trent University. She had a very good first term in the Fall and is looking forward to the Winter term before coming back home for the Spring/Summer. 2022 also marked a significant change in my parent's health and lives. Big changes happened but we are now glad to have my father closer in Haliburton and my mother comfortably living in Burlington with my sister.

COVID-19 continues to have a huge impact on our lives and the life of the church. Thanks go to our Pastoral Care team for keeping me up-to-date and keeping everyone in touch with our church. Your mindfulness gives tangible meaning to the love of the Spirit in our church and has been vital during this pandemic. Please give me a call if you know of someone in the hospital, someone who is sick, or someone who simply may need a visit. The pastoral care committee and I appreciate your input in order to be able to try to meet the needs of others.

A big thank you to Andy Cooper and all the members of the Unified Board for offering us all the leadership we need in these uncertain times.

We give thanks for the continued support of Rev. John Patterson, Rev. Peter Walford-Davis, Rev. Marybeth Wilson & Rev. Paul Reed. We also welcomed the support of Rev. David Moore in preaching and singing in the choir! Also, a special thank you to Debbie Sherwin who offers us wonderful Worship Leadership. Also, I would like to thank Melissa Stephens for her wonderful gift of musical leadership. The worship service is blessed with here ministry of music.

It has now been over a year since we welcomed Deanna Wruth as our new Church Administrator. It has been a pleasure to get to know her and she is doing a super job. She is pretty good at keeping me in line!

2022 saw the unfortunate Disbanding and Closing service for Maple Lake United Church. It was a tearful goodbye but many of the active members continue to be active and feel welcome as part of the Highland Hills UC family. Our new Photo Directory which will be distributed a little later in 2023 looks great in draft form. 2023 began with a new partnership with Hope United Church in Norland. We look forward to seeing what the future holds as we work together. 2023 holds much promise for us all as we work and worship with the Holy Spirit, In-Person, on Zoom or Hybrid together as we continue to change and adapt. May we see the face of Christ in whoever we meet and interact with in this new year; both in the life of the church and the life of the community!

Sincerely,

Rev. Max Ward.

Unified Board Chair Report

2022 has been a positive year for Highland Hills United Church, and we look forward to a bright 2023.

Your Official Board is a group of hard-working, dedicated individuals, and their talents and efforts have played a huge role in keeping our church stable and viable. They are hardworking, thoughtful, and take the job of running our church very seriously. There is never a shortage of opinions or ideas, and our meetings are usually full of discussion. We usually come away from our meetings in agreement, and have time for a few laughs along the way.

The efforts of all our volunteers and contributors are a critical ingredient of our success. Volunteers and contributors are the core of the church, and we say, "Thank You!" to you. We have not been able to have the level of activity in the church that we would like, but we have seen more activity recently, and we are looking forward to increasing activity in 2023 as we gradually loosen the bonds of the pandemic.

Our thanks go out to Reverend Max for his continued leadership and guidance this year. This has been a difficult year for him personally as he dealt with the illness of his parents, and we do appreciate his kindness and dedication. Thanks to our Office Administrator, Deanna Wruth, who has kept our office running smoothly. A huge Thank You to our Music Director, Melissa Stephens, who has brightened our services with her gift of music.

Covid closed down our church completely in 2020, and even though things have eased somewhat, it, and other viruses, have continued to be a serious concern in 2022. In the later part of 2022, we are starting to see a change and easing of concerns due to the efforts of our medical community and the effectiveness of vaccines. Public events are taking place now, and there is even a cautious increase in the number of 'in person' attendees at church. Many of our activities at church have been 'on hold' and we now have to ease our caution of the last couple of years and start rekindling our collective spirit.

We were all sad to see the end of Maple Lake Church during 2022. Maple Lake was one of many small churches in the United Church of Canada who have been unable to keep their doors open due to declining attendance. The East Central Ontario Region Council of the United Church (ECORC) has been quietly working to establish cooperative ministries where opportunities exist, as a way of helping small churches to meet the future. Many public services such as grocery stores and schools have been forced to move to centrally located facilities to provide levels of service we have come to expect, and we often find ourselves driving greater distances routinely to access them. Similarly, churches are having to gather worshipers from larger areas in order to support our ministers, congregations, and churches. Our current Highland Hills United Church Pastoral Charge can trace its own roots back through at least three former congregations, and this centralizing trend will continue. ECORC has been working for several years to bring about some form of cooperative ministry at Hope United Church in Norland and it was suggested that an opportunity exists that could aid both the Highland Hills and Hope congregations.

The Boards of the two churches, and the Region have examined and approved a trial cooperative sharing of ministry to start in January 2023. The arrangement will help Highland Hills with financial concerns, while assisting Hope with pulpit supply.

Every New Year brings with it some surprises and challenges, and I am sure 2023 will continue that tradition. We have made good progress in 2022, and with God as our guide, we will forge ahead in 2023.

Andy Cooper

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge and United Church 2022 Annual Joint General Meeting

Annual Joint General Meeting via Zoom online, Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Rev. Max Ward

Maple Lake United Church: Deloris Bailey, Larry Giles

Highland Hills United Church: Chris Archer, Barbara Braker, Joan Chapple, Rebekah & Shawn Chevalier, Ron Clark, Andy & Charlene Cooper, Katy Cox, Neil Darby, Joy Davey, Lois Deacon, Bruce & Joan Down, Jude Fisher, Erskine & Gail Flook, Janet Heffer, Glenna Koehler, Heather Lindsay, Bruce & Carol McClennan, Barb & Tom Parish, Don & Jesse Pflug, Debbie Sherwin, Sue Sisson, Laurie Stibbards, Jane Symons, Pat Thornett, Mary Trepanier, Max & Sue Ward, Tanya Warne, Wilma Warne

HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE

1. NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND SECRETARY: Rev. Max Ward asked for nominations for chair and secretary.

Motion: Erskine Flook/Joan Chapple that Lois Deacon be nominated as chair and Rebekah Chevalier be nominated as secretary. **Carried.**

2. Rev. Max opened the meeting in prayer.

3. REVIEW OF ZOOM PROTOCOLS

Rev. Max Ward highlighted the online procedures to be used for speaking and voting, etc.

4. IN MEMORIAM (Annual Report p. 21)

Rev. Max reviewed the list of names of those who passed away in 2021 and led in a time of remembrance followed by a moment of silence. Four names were added to the list in the annual report: Derek Little, Jim Harrison, Clara Tomkinson and Donna Johnson

5. WELCOME

Lois Deacon thanked everyone for participating and asked for patience as we go through the meeting online via Zoom.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Ron Clark/Neil Darby that the agenda be approved with corrections. **Carried.**

7. ADHERENTS VOTING

Motion: Ron Clark/Joy Davey that adherents be allowed to vote on all matters as stated in *The Manual*. **Carried.**

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of Highland Hills Pastoral Charge and Highland Hills United Church (HHUC) Annual General Meeting Feb. 21, 2021 (Annual Report pp. 6-9)

Motion: Rebekah Chevalier/Andy Cooper that the pastoral charge and HHUC AGM minutes be approved. **Carried.**

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

All items either appear in the agenda already or in the annual report.

10. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE 2021 FINANCIAL ACTUALS AND BUDGET 2022 (Annual Report pp. 11-12)

Erskine Flook spoke to this. We included a summary this year because on Zoom it is hard to discuss details. But a more detailed report will be posted on the website. There are two corrections because two bills came in later-- Items 5100 and 5150. Because of this, there is a change in net assets deficit, which now becomes \$1,177.92. Actuals are close to budget. For 2022 we increased our budget. The cost of United Church of Canada benefits has gone up considerably, which is reflected in salaries and benefits costs. Erskine noted corrections to the year end balances for the General Fund, which is \$1,000 less, and the Benevolence Fund, which is \$1,000 more.

Motion: Ron Clark/Erskine Flook that we accept the pastoral charge 2021 financials and the proposed budget for Highland Hills Pastoral Charge for 2022. **Carried.**

Lois expressed gratitude to Erskine for stepping in when the previous treasurer, Jude Fisher, moved away. He was thanked for all the work he has done, including providing reports. A vote of thanks to Erskine was expressed.

11. HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE REPORTS (Annual Report pp. 13-22)

Motion: Joan Chapple/Jane Symons that the pastoral charge reports be accepted. **Carried.**

There was a question as to the relationship between the food bank and the pastoral charge and why the food bank report appears in the annual report. It is a cause we have supported for many years and a report is included for interest. There is no formal connection, although initially the church was involved in its creation. This should be looked at for next year as to whether a food bank report should be included in the annual report and if so, adding a note to say it is included for information only.

In the Ministry & Personnel report, attention was drawn to two things. Firstly, the note thanking Rev. Max and Melissa Stephens for helping us to keep going during these challenging times and offering worship via Zoom. Secondly, our new administrator, Dee Wruth, joined us in September and is a wonderful addition to the pastoral charge.

12. APPROVAL OF MISSION & SERVICE OBJECTIVE (Annual Report p. 16)

UCW is setting an M&S objective of \$1,000 and it was recommended that the congregational objective remain at \$14,000, the same as last year. Thus \$15,000 is the charge's objective.

Motion: Pat Thornett/Ron Clark that the total objective for the pastoral charge be \$15,000, with \$14,000 from the congregation and \$1,000 from UCW. **Carried.**

13. ELECTION OF HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE AND CHURCH OFFICERS (Annual Report, p. 17)

It was noted that this meeting is only electing the officers and the rest is for information. There is one correction under Outreach. Barbara Walford-Davis should be listed as chair.

Motion: Erskine Flook/Barbara Braker that the proposed slate of officers be approved. **Carried.**

HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH

14. HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH 2021 FINANCIAL ACTUALS AND 2022 BUDGET (Annual Report pp. 24-26)

Erskine Flook spoke to this. The information is a summary, and a more detailed breakdown will be posted on the website. In line 4800 Other Revenue, \$600 is a double entry. It was moved under insurance expenses and should show as 0. Therefore, \$600 should be deducted from the chequing account balance. Givings were better than budgeted for. In the 2022 budget, the last line, Sales Tax Recovered, is \$0, as it is a recoverable expense shown on the balance sheet. It was noted that the kitchen fund and other funds such as technology are under line 3050, Building Funds. We have not had a financial review done of the financial statements and this is being looked into.

15. APPROVAL OF HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2022

Motion: Erskine Flook/Ron Clark that the 2021 financials and the 2022 operating budget for Highland Hills United Church be approved. **Carried.**

16. APPROVAL OF SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR BANK ACCOUNTS

Motion: Erskine Flook/Neil Darby that the signing authority for Highland Hills Pastoral Charge bank account at TD Canada Trust and for Highland Hills United Church's bank account at CIBC shall be as follows. **Carried.**

Treasurer of the Unified Board (or delegate): Erskine Flook

And any one of the following: Chair of the Unified Board (Andy Cooper); Chair-elect of the Unified Board (Janet Heffer); Past Chair of the Unified Board (Lois Deacon); Chair of the Board of Trustees of Highland Hills United Church (Bruce McClennan)

17. HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH REPORTS (Annual Report pp. 27-31)

Motion: Rebekah Chevalier/Andy Cooper that the Highland Hills United Church reports be approved. **Carried.**

18. NEW BUSINESS

Maple Lake United Church: Maple Lake has made the very difficult decision to disband. We are all asked to keep the congregation in prayer and reach out to them. There will be a new members service on Feb. 27.

Lift Update: There is an update in the annual report (p. 28). Neil Darby and the committee were thanked. The Board has made a commitment to bring information to the congregation and keep the congregation updated. No decision will be made without input from the congregation. There is a potential location mapped out in the sanctuary and lower level.

19. CHAIR’S REMARKS and APPRECIATIONS

Lois Deacon thanked Rev. Max, Melissa, Dee, and Board members, with a special mention of Erskine Flook. She thanked volunteers, members, adherents and friends for all for their donations. She thanked to Andy Cooper for taking on the role of chair. She offered the charge’s support to Maple Lake United members.

Lois was thanked for the capable way she has steered us through the difficult time of the pandemic.

A question was asked regarding the closing of Maple Lake United Church, as to who will pay the portion of Rev. Max’s salary currently covered by MLUC. Lois responded that this is premature. Some MLUC members may join HHUC, and our donations would increase. She noted that there is no intention of reducing Rev. Max’s time to anything less than full time. The proportion MLUC has paid in the past has been quite small, but it does leave a gap. Erskine Flook noted that financially, we are in a position to deal with this gap, so it is not an urgent matter.

20. CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Max added his thanks to those expressed by Lois and led in a closing prayer.

Laurie Stibbards moved adjournment.

Chair, Lois Deacon

Secretary, Rebekah Chevalier

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Highland Hills Pastoral Charge

Financial Activity & Budgets

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3010 General Fund

		2022 Actuals	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
REVENUE				
4000	Church Assessments			
4010	Highland Hills United Church Assessment	104,100	104,100	119,985
4020	Maple Lake United Church Assessment	2,360	14,160	0
	TOTAL Church Assessments	<u>106,460</u>	<u>118,260</u>	<u>119,985</u>
4100	Manse Heat-by Minister	800	800	800
4200	Misc Income	5,000	50	50
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>112,260</u>	<u>119,110</u>	<u>120,835</u>
EXPENSE				
5000	Denominational Assessment	6,548	6,548	7,100
5100	Office Expenses			
5110	Office Supplies	1,767	1,200	1,400
5120	Telephone and Internet & Toll Free Zoom	3,481	3,200	3,500
5130	Office Equipment	423	0	0
5140	Photo Copier Contract	238	800	500
	TOTAL Office Expenses	<u>5,909</u>	<u>5,200</u>	<u>5,400</u>
5150	Manse Costs			
5155	Manse Electricity	1,728	2,000	2,000
5160	Manse Hot Water Heater Rental	195	210	220
5165	Manse Insurance	700	700	700
5170	Manse Repairs and Maintenance	0	1,000	700
5175	Manse Telephone & Internet	915	1,400	1,000
5180	Manse Water & Sewer	1,598	1,600	1,600
5185	Manse Fuel	2,555	1,500	2,000
5190	Manse Property Taxes	1,480	1,500	1,500
	TOTAL Manse Costs	<u>9,171</u>	<u>9,910</u>	<u>9,720</u>

5230	Education and Training	1,493	1,500	1,545
5300	Payroll Expenses			
5310	Salaries & Benefits	89,345	89,440	92,470
	TOTAL Payroll Expenses	<u>89,345</u>	<u>89,440</u>	<u>92,470</u>
5400	Pulpit Supply	3,539	3,800	3,000
5500	Administration			
5505	Administration Expenses	478	900	300
5510	Advertising	0	200	200
5515	Interest & Finance Charges	-19	35	0
5525	Minister's travel & other expenses	648	1,000	1,000
5530	Miscellaneous	0	100	100
	TOTAL Administration	<u>1,107</u>	<u>2,235</u>	<u>1,600</u>
5600	Outreach Committee Expenses	25	600	0
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>117,138</u>	<u>119,233</u>	<u>120,835</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		-4,878	-123	0

Notes: Pastoral Charge expenses are made up of payroll(Minister & Adminnistrator) 76%, Manse 8%, and Office 5%
 Financial benefits from Rev Ward's work at Hope United not included at this time

- 5000 Budget- as per UCC Assessment
- 5110 Actual & Budget-additional costs of mailing order of service and sermons
- 5130 Actual-Fire safe & printer in 2022
- 5170 Budget-currently sufficient funds in Manse account, no major expense anticipated
- 5230 Budget -as per UCC guidelines
- 5310 Budget -3.4% as per UCC guidelines
- 5515 Actual 7 Budget- Visa cashback seems to be covering Bank charges
- 5600 Budget -will come out of Church account in 2023

3020 Benevolent Fund

4300	Benevolence Fund Income	0
5540	Benevolence Fund Expense	<u>250</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		-250

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge**Statement of Financial Position as of 12/31/2022**

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ASSETS

1000	Chequing Account	5,903.48
1050	Savings Account	1,000.00
1260	Federal Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	133.29
1270	Provincial Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	348.25
TOTAL ASSETS		7,385.02

LIABILITIES and FUNDS

2000	Credit Card	413.97
3000	Unrestricted Funds	
3010	General Fund	5,626.35
3020	Benevolence Fund	1,344.70
	TOTAL Unrestricted Funds	6,971.05
TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUNDS		7,385.02

Manse Report

The Manse continues to operate smoothly thanks to Max and Amanda. Here are two Highlights for 2022.

- The dishwasher was replaced in March. **\$541.27**
- The Manse Committee had their meeting in July and Max's expenses were paid. **\$427.50**

Bank Balance Year End is **\$2,123.71**

Brian Austen, Chair on behalf of the Committee

Ministry and Personnel Committee Report

With the relaxing of Covid-19 restrictions, the Ministry and Personnel Committee was able to resume business in-person in 2022, in addition to by email, ZOOM and phone. Reverend Max has continued to keep us up to date on his activities and mileage through quarterly reports.

Thanks to Larry Giles for his service to the Committee, who stepped away after serving as representative for Maple Lake United Church. Thanks also to Shirley Johnston for continuing to serve on the Committee after the closure of Maple Lake United Church. It surely has been a bittersweet year for the both of them.

Reverend Max was finally able to complete the remainder of his delayed Sabbatical in August and into September and he provided the Committee with a full review of his learning and revitalization. Thanks to Reverend John Patterson for stepping in for Reverend Max during his sabbatical as Charge Supervisor and to those who stepped in to provide Pulpit Supply. Thanks also to Reverend Marybeth Wilson who provided Pastoral Care during that time.

Recommendations were made to the Official Board regarding Vacation and Study Leave and Salaries for the minister, music director and the church administrator.

Dee Wruth completed one year as the new Church Administrator in September and has continued to serve the congregation and charge with excellence. Dee has in particular taken on some day-to-day financial tasks to reduce the burden on the Treasurer. Thanks to Dee for also arranging and coordinating the new photo directory. The church office re-opened to visitors this year.

Many thanks to Reverend Max and Melissa Stephens for again stepping up to adapt to continued Covid-19 related changes and providing excellent services to the pastoral charge. In May, we acknowledged and celebrated Melissa for 40 years of dedicated service as music director and choir leader.

In December, in response to a shared ministry request from Hope United Church in Norland, an agreement was approved by the Unified Board and East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC) for Reverend Max to provide twice-monthly pulpit supply and be Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Hope United Church commencing in January 2023. This fee for service contract is for a six-month trial period and may be extended subject to review next May. There will be no impact on the regular weekly worship services that Reverend Max leads at Highland Hills United Church. This arrangement would bring in an additional \$5,568 to Highland Hills Pastoral Charge in 2023, if the agreement is extended for the entire year. Reverend Max supports this arrangement and feels he is able to comfortably accommodate these added responsibilities.

We welcome Bill Barber and Tom Allen as representatives of Hope United Church on the M&P Committee for the duration of this agreement.

The M&P Committee continues to be available to address any personnel-related concerns of the congregation. They must be submitted in writing. We are here to also address any concerns of the employees of the Pastoral Charge.

Members: Shawn Chevalier, (Chair), Bruce McClennan, Wilma Warne, Shirley Johnston

Shawn Chevalier

2022 Mission and Service Fund

December 31, 2022

	2022 Objective	2022 Year
HIGHLAND HILLS		
Congregation - M & S	\$14,000.00	\$14,974.25
HH UCW -M & S	1,000.00	1,000.00
		-
TOTAL	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$16,074.25</u>

Mission & Service Fund Treasurer,
Pat Thornett

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS

Nominating Committee's Proposed Slate of Officers, the List of Trustees, and Committee Members for 2023

Highland Hills United Church & Pastoral Charge

Officers of Unified Board

Chair: Janet Heffer
Vice Chair:
Past Chair:
Secretary: Rebekah Chevalier
Treasurer: Erskine Flook

Members of Unified Board:

(the *Chair* or a representative from each Committee is a member of the Board)

Member-at-Large: Joan Chapple

Trustees: Bruce McClennan, Brian Austen, Joan Chapple, Tom Davidson, Wes Lytle, Ross McMullen, Rev. Max Ward

UCW: Pat Thornett

COMMITTEES:

Finance: Erskine Flook, Don Pflug (Envelope Steward and PAR)

Fund Raising: as required.

Manse: Brian Austen, Barb Walford-Davis

Ministry and Personnel: Shawn Chevalier, Shirley Johnston, Bruce McClennan, Wilma Warne (plus Tom Allen, Bill Barber from Hope United in Norland)

Nominating: Janet Heffer, Erskine Flook

Outreach: Pat Thornett, Barb Walford-Davis, Deloris Bailey, Margo Davidson, Joan Grant, Shirley Johnston, Thea Patterson, Rev. Max Ward **Associate members:** Carolynn Coburn, Glenna Koehler, Carol McClennan, Debbie Sherwin, Mary Trepanier

Pastoral Care: Marybeth Wilson, Irene Alexander, Nancy Ballantyne, Willie Cox, Gail Flook, Elinor Hamilton, Kathy Harrison, Barb Parish, Sue Sisson, Irma Walker, Wilma Warne

East Central Council Representative: Debbie Sherwin

Property: Neil Darby, Brian Austen, Bruce Down, Jim Fahl, Paul Rutledge

Worship: Janet Heffer, Deloris Bailey, Eric Casper, Joan Chapple, Gail Flook, Debbie Sherwin, Pat Thornett, Rev. Max Ward, Melissa Stephens, Music Director

Janet Heffer

Outreach Committee

Our Committee met 7 times during 2022. Three were in person but always with Zoom available. Committee members are: Barb Walford-Davis, Chair; Deloris Bailey, Margo Davidson, Joan Grant, Shirley, Johnston, Thea Patterson, Rev. Max Ward and Pat Thornett, Secretary. Associate Members are: Carolynn Coburn, Glena Koehler, Carol McClennan, Debbie Sherwin, and Mary Trepanier. They each have a connection to Outreach Concerns.

February 20 – Pink Shirt Day

March YWCA HERS month- speaker at church, Tammy Warburton- good talk

March Broadview subscriptions – Glena reported 27 subscriptions

April 24 Earth Day – Rev. Marybeth Wilson related the topic well

May 24 Basic Income information online event. Judy Paul lead the 22 people present in learning and discussion.

June 19 Rev. Max tied together the Indigenous Peoples Celebration and Fathers' Day

July 1 Canada Day Outreach Display our handout included Joan Grant's sale for the Ukraine and other information about the United Church Ukraine Appeal. We raised \$302.35 from the sale of cookies and lemonade to go to the Ukraine Appeal.

July VIBE not available

July 31 Places for People – Highland Yard was promoted in our bulletin to sponsor.

July & Aug. Abbey Retreat Centre – Haliburton Highlands Challenge. Our team "Walking 2 X 2 for ARC" Went walking several times and raised almost \$2,000.00 for ARC.

Sept. 12 HAVE Walk for Water 8 walkers managed to raise \$1,375.00

Sept.-Oct Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive response was low but went well at Christmas

Oct. -Nov. Toonie for M & S - \$38.00 was donated to Food for the North

Nov. – Dec. Christmas Outreach

Hyland Crest Gifts – Joan Grant enlisted the help of 3 other churches and did a great job of buying what suited the residents. Thanks to those who donated for this.

Christmas Baskets there was a good response in donations.

Gifts with Vision we do not have a record but hope it went well.

We receive regular reports from the following groups:

Abbey Retreat Centre – offered several online courses until they were able to meet in person in June and thereafter. There are still support group meetings online. The Haliburton Highlands Challenge met their goal of raising \$80,000.00 for ARC and they also got a grant from OTF for \$105,000.00 for capital improvements for their kitchen.

Basic Income Joan Grant keeps us informed and has Judy Paul booked for an event on February 8th from 2 -4 at the church or on Zoom. Please plan to join us.

Knitting for Warmth Mary Trepanier continued to meet people in the parking lot to receive yarn, squares or completed blankets and hand out yarn or blankets to knit or sew. They made 91 blankets this year with 3,420 squares, less than usual but mostly made in homes.

Minden Community Food Centre has had changes in staff as Joanne and Kim retired and Jean Munroe is Manager and Victoria Lawson Assistant Manager of the Food Bank. They received a grant from Feed Ontario for \$36,194.00 which allowed them to replace their fridges and freezers with new upright models with glass doors.

The Food Bank has been busy all year, so we are very grateful for the support from the community. Christmas Baskets cost a little more this year with the change in food prices, but all went well due to many donations.

Mission & Service our church set an objective of \$14,000. and we raised \$14,974.25. The UCW also gave \$1,100.00 for a total of \$16,074.25. Thanks for making this happen.

Places for People currently manages 5 homes with 12 units in Haliburton County. They have had a frustrating year trying to get approval for the Walling's Road property in Haliburton without success. In October they purchased a 5 plex on Hwy 118 and rented the one available unit. They are currently waiting for County Council approval of a proposed amendment to the Official Plan. It has been approved by Dysart Council. This will allow for a build on the Harburn Holding property on Grass Lake which will be donated to them. Their plan is to build a building that will have 15 units.

THANKS to all who supported these projects in anyway as it represents Highland Hills United Church in the community and in the world.

Pat Thornett, Secretary

Statistics 2022

	Highland Hills (Minden)	Maple Lake	Other	TOTAL
MARRIAGES	-	-	23	23
BAPTISMS	-	3	-	3
FUNERALS	1	-	11	12
TRANSFERS IN	2	-	-	2
TRANSFERS OUT	-	-	-	-

Baptisms for 2022

March 6th

Benjamin Briggs Peter Sawyer, son of James Ross Sawyer and Alyssa Caitlin Sawyer
- Maple Lake United Church - Born October 27th, 2021

July 3rd

Ace Edward Doulas Dies, son of Austin Dies and Leah Schlotter
- Maple Lake United Church - Born September 5th, 2021

July 3rd

Sutton Zehr, daughter of Colton Zehr & Abigail McRae
- Maple Lake United Church - Born January 22nd, 2022

Due to the Disbanding of Maple Lake United Church, all the Members and Adherents were Transferred to Highland Hills United Church on February 27th, 2022.

TRANSFERS IN:

	FROM	TO	DATE
Katy Cox	Oasis United Church, B.C.	Highland Hills United Church	February 27 th
Fraser Rogers	Profession of Faith	Highland Hills United Church	February 27 th

TRANSFERS OUT:

FROM	TO	DATE
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None - other than by way of death

MARRIAGES 2022

February 22 nd	Samantha Warren & Kyle Draper Minden Residence
June 11 th	Dwayne Salsman & MacKenzie Thatcher Bracebridge Residence
June 25 th	Matthew Wilkins & Ryan Sisson Haliburton Cottage
July 19 th	Marion Stirrett & Donald Lange Carnarvon Residence
July 14 th	Christopher Ramsay & Denise Vallee Harcourt Residence
July 19 th	Gabrielle Pinsonneault & Matthew Seton ECO Lodge, Harcourt
July 30 th	Robert Bois & Rebecca Thompson Carnarvon Residence
August 6 th	Thomas Willis & Tasha Ferguson West Guilford Residence
August 6 th	Susan Elliot & Michael McGill Harcourt Residence
August 20 th	Jaelyn Agg & Richard Smith Haliburton Cottage
August 27 th	Meghan Avery & Jesse Stanek Haliburton Cottage
September 2 nd	Gabriela Avalos & William Castaneda Minden Residence
September 3 rd	Cindy Larente & James Doak Minden Residence
September 10 th	Zillah Struthers & Aaron Brunning Baysville Residence
September 13 th	Danyelle Lappin & Stuart Webb Harcourt Residence
September 17 th	Lena Burke & Brent Vale Carnarvon Residence
September 17 th	Tyson Dover & Katelyn Stevenson Sandy Lane Resort, Carnarvon
September 24 th	Alexander Chojno & Riane Marrs Pinestone Resort, Haliburton
October 1 st	Nicole Mathews & William Fox Apsley Residence
October 7 th	Michael Lawrence & Alka Kaim Hidden Valley Resort, Huntsville
October 15 th	Shawn Holland & Adrianna Warnica Sandy Lane Resort, Carnarvon
October 22 nd	Ashlynn Norris & David Scott William MacKenzie Inn, Kirkfield
November 18 th	Emily Stonehouse & Andrew Mansfield Minden Residence

IN MEMORIAM

...In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.
-A New Creed

We place our hope in God.
We sing of a life beyond life and a future good beyond imagining:
a new heaven and a new earth, the end of sorrow, pain, and tears,
Christ's return and life with God, the making new of all things.
We yearn for the coming of that future, even while participating in eternal life now.
-A Song of Faith

Due to COVID-19, fewer funeral services have taken place compared to a typical year. The people listed below have been compiled as best as possible, but we apologize for any omissions.

Ross Ballantyne
Pearl Kernohan
Diane Pratt
Gail Barnhart-Anderson

David Wells
Wayne Chalk
Derek Rolfe
Robert McKay

Bea Berry
Jack Lawr
Myrtle Bouthoorn
Wayne Toye

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge Worship and CE Report

The COVID virus continued to interfere with our usual church activities in 2022. In mid-March, hybrid services were started once again with masking and other safety measures recommended for those present. Our minister, Rev. Max Ward, was able to use the technology available to provide worship services both in-person and virtually, which has worked well for our congregation. In-person attendance is gradually increasing while significant numbers continue to join via Zoom. Technical assistance from our co-hosts, Emily Austin-Ward, Deloris Bailey, Rebekah Chevalier, Pat Thornett and Mary Trepanier, helps the service run smoothly.

We appreciate the leadership provided by the minister, Rev. Max Ward and Music Director, Melissa Stephens, who have worked together to provide meaningful worship in these unusual times. Participation by the Choir and other musical guests adds another dimension to our services.

During the minister's study leave, vacation and sabbatical time, we were grateful for the worship leadership provided by Marybeth Wilson, Barb Smith-Morrison, Debbie Sherwin, Mary Margaret Boone, John Patterson, Tim Wessell, and David Moore.

For many years, Barbara Braker has taught Sunday School and led other children's programmes at Zion and more recently at Highland Hills UC. The children and all the congregation love Barb. We really appreciated her generous and caring ways and her long-term dedication to this task.

During Lent, approximately a dozen people gathered weekly on Zoom to share thoughts and insights while reading through the study "Lesser Evils - Daily reflections on seeking wisdom".

We look forward to the year ahead with gratitude to our minister and music director who have kept us together in-person and virtually despite the ongoing challenges.

Janet Heffer

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Financial Activity & Budgets

3010 General Fund

		2022 Actuals	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
REVENUE				
4000	Tax-Received Gifts			
4010	General Fund Income Received	100,004.25	105,000	110,000
4040	Initial	108.00	150	150
4050	Sundry Receiptable	0.00	500	100
	TOTAL Tax-Received Gifts	<u>100,112.25</u>	<u>105,650</u>	<u>110,250</u>
4120	Gifts from Other Registered Charities			
4121	Gifts from Other Charities-	3,843.08	5,000	2,000
	TOTAL Gifts from Other Registered	<u>3,843.08</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
4200	Non-Received Gifts	955.00	0	800
4500	Interest Income			
4504	Interest/Income to General Fund	0.00	14,000	14,000
	TOTAL Interest Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>14,000</u>
4700	Income from Buildings			
4701	Rental Income	875.00	1,000	1,000
4702	Donation in lieu of rent from	2,125.00	500	2,000
	TOTAL Income from Buildings	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>3,000</u>
4720	Non-Received Fundraising Revenue			
4721	Fundraising for General Fund	0.00	5,000	5,000
	TOTAL Non-Received Fundraising	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
4730	Grants			
4733	Grant to General Fund	2,336.86	0	0
	TOTAL Grants	<u>2,336.86</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4750	Transfers to General Fund	0.00	0	17,400
4800	Other Revenue			

4805	Other Income General Fund	20.00	0	0
	TOTAL Other Revenue	<u>20.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>110,267.19</u>	<u>131,150</u>	<u>152,450</u>
EXPENSE				
5000	Administration			
5001	Administration Supplies	52.46	100	100
5002	Offering Envelopes	411.81	200	300
5003	Other administration expenses	247.12	30	30
5004	HHPC Assessment	104,100.00	104,100	119,985
	TOTAL Administration	<u>104,811.39</u>	<u>104,430</u>	<u>120,415</u>
5010	Other Expenses			
5011	Interest and Finance Charges	428.85	200	400
5012	Region Representative Expenses	0.00	0	0
5013	Worship	109.95	100	100
5014	Other Undefined Expenses	(10.00)	200	200
	TOTAL Other Expenses	<u>528.80</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>700</u>
5150	Occupancy Costs			
5155	Repairs and Maintenance	1,813.95	2,000	2,000
5157	Building Supplies	188.45	500	400
5160	Electricity	1,937.41	2,000	2,100
5165	Heating Fuel	10,369.66	5,500	8,000
5170	Kitchen Fuel	77.95	100	100
5175	Water & Sewer	1,280.29	1,300	1,300
5180	Insurance	9,412.06	7,000	5,010
	TOTAL Occupancy Costs	<u>25,079.77</u>	<u>18,400</u>	<u>18,910</u>
5300	Contract Services			
5310	Janitorial Services	5,584.51	4,000	5,000
5320	Music Services	6,220.00	6,750	6,500
	TOTAL Contract Services	<u>11,804.51</u>	<u>10,750</u>	<u>11,500</u>
5400	Work in the Community			
5405	Advertising	0.00	200	200
5410	Outreach	(58.56)	600	700

5415	Pastoral Care	0.00	0	0
5420	Other Community & Youth	0.00	0	0
5425	Charitable Contributions	0.00	0	0
	TOTAL Work in the Community	<u>(58.56)</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>900</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>142,165.91</u>	<u>134,880</u>	<u>152,425</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(31,898.72)	(3,730)	25

Notes: For the Church expenses, 79% are remittance to the Pastoral Charge, 12% cost of the building, 8%cost of Janitorial & Music services

- 4010 Budget- optimistic that there will be an increase in donors as well as donations
- 4121 Actual & Budget- donations thru Canada Helps dropping off as people return to in person attendance
- 4702 Actual & Budget- increase usage and payments by interest groups
- 4750 Budget- we will need some capital from our investments as well as interest to meet our obligations
- 5004 Budget- 11% more without ML contribution as well as 3.4% increase in payroll
- 5011 Actual & Budget- more Bank charges as bank balance is lower
- 5165 Actual - large \$2,600 bill late in Dec, Budget - based on 2022 experience and forecast that we are at the peak of energy prices
- 5180 Actual- double hit with some 2021 costs remiited in 2022 plus extra cost to extend renewal from Sept to Dec.
Budget- significant savings as UCC switches to self insurance
- 5300 Budget - 5310 increased activity in church, 5320 3.4% as per UCC guidelines
- 5410 Actual- negative expense is positive \$ to be sent to Food Bank, Budget - as requested

3020 Benevolent Fund

4030	Benevolence Fund Income	372.50
5540	Benevolence Fund Expense	500.00
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		<u>(127.50)</u>

3030 Mission & Service Fund

4060	M&S Received	14,730.50	14,000	14,000
4123	Gifts from Other Registered Charities	243.75	0	0
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>14,974.25</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>14,000</u>
5550	Mision & Service Fund Remittances	14,974.25	0	0
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>14,000</u></u>	<u><u>14,000</u></u>

3040 Special Response Fund

(these are special donation requests for specific purposes {ex.Ukraine})

4070	Special Response Received	5,263.00		
4726	Fund Raising for Special	302.35		
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>5,565.35</u>		
5560	Special Response Fund Remittances	5,472.35		
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>93.00</u>		

3050 Building Related Funds

REVENUE				
4020	Building Fund Income Received	1,451.50	1,000	1,400
4505	Interest to Building Fund	1,395.65	1,100	1,400
4740	Transfer to Building Fund	0.00	20,000	60,000
4810	Other Income Building Fund	741.00	0	0
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>3,588.15</u>	<u>22,100</u>	<u>62,800</u>
EXPENSE				
5531	Building Capital Expense	1,243.62	20,000	65,000
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (Building Fund)	<u><u>2,344.53</u></u>	<u><u>2,100</u></u>	<u><u>(2,200)</u></u>
EXPENSE				
5534	Kitchen Fund Expense	1,409.87	1,300	0
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (Kitchen Fund)	<u><u>(1,409.87)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,300)</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

EXPENSE					
5532	Storage Fund Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (Storage Fund)		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0

EXPENSE					
5533	Technology Fund Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (Technology Fund)		<u>0.00</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	0

		3650 MusicFund			
4075	Music/Choir Receipted	<u>150.00</u>			
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		<u>150.00</u>			

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Statement of Financial Position as of 12/31/2022

Printed: January 18, 2023

ASSETS

1000	Chequing Account	13,339.59
1260	Federal Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	140.56
1270	Provincial Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	458.14
1500	Long Term Investments	
1510	Investments Canaccord	604,013.00
1520	Investments CIBC GICs	26,000.00
	TOTAL Long Term Investments	<u>630,013.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>643,951.29</u>

LIABILITIES and FUNDS

3000	Unrestricted Funds	
3010	General Fund	(13,522.07)
3020	Benevolence Fund	192.50
3030	Mission & Service Fund	0.00
3040	Special Responses Fund	93.00
3050	Building Funds	
3051	Building Fund	11,243.32
3053	Storage Fund	845.94
3054	Technology Fund	6,803.36
	TOTAL Building Funds	<u>18,892.62</u>
3060	Music Fund	2,807.76
	TOTAL Unrestricted Funds	<u>8,463.81</u>
3100	Restricted Funds	
3110	Capital Fund	370,272.30
3120	Kirkwood Reserve Fund	226,316.43
3130	Memorial Fund	5,333.95
3140	Planned Giving Fund	9,091.50
3150	Other Investments Fund	24,473.30
	TOTAL Restricted Funds	<u>635,487.48</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUNDS		<u>643,951.29</u>

Pastoral Care Committee Report

Highland Hills United Church is blessed to have a very caring congregation. Not only the members of the Pastoral Care Committee, who each have a list of congregation members and adherents with whom they maintain contact, but so many others are very intentional about staying in touch. Especially during these Covid times, friendly phone calls, or the promise of prayer, have been so important. Each of us needs to know there are others who care for us.

Thank you to all of you who provide that care for one another, but particularly our minister, the Rev. Max Ward, our church administrator, Dee Wruth, and the pastoral care callers. Special thanks go to Bea Berry who offered her own blessings of pastoral care for decades. She is missed by many.

2022 brought a specific task to our pastoral care callers: inviting everyone to have their photo taken for our new photo directory. When it becomes available, sometime in 2023, it will be a marvelous tool to keep us connected to one another. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated.

We welcome new members to our committee. Please consider formalizing the care you already provide by becoming a Pastoral Care caller. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Marybeth Wilson, 705-754-1901.

Marybeth Wilson, Chair

Property Report

This past year we assisted the UCW with new countertop installation on the new cabinetry. We also installed new dusk to dawn lights at the front door of the church.

We have been asked to purchase a dehumidifier for the lower level. Some details about how it will be emptied are still under study.

Thanks to Jim Fahl and Bruce Down for their assistance in the church photo directory set up and tear down.

Thanks to Tom Prentice and his crew for plowing the snow in the church parking areas when it is needed.

Thanks also to Paul Rutledge for his ongoing efforts as custodian.

Neil Darby, Chair

LIFT UPDATE – January 2023

It has been a trying year with all that has happened due to Covid and world events. We had some difficulty gaining traction on this project; however we now have the architect ready with drawings that will allow us to proceed for a building permit application.

Approval of the drawings by the committee and a signature are needed prior to the permit application. We are currently reviewing the drawings and formulating any questions for the architect. No costs have been put forward at this time.

I would like to thank the committee for their patience and diligence in this project.

Neil Darby, Acting Chair

Trustees Report

The Trustees continued to manage the long-term financial assets of the Church. The bulk of these assets are with Canaccord Genuity, and Bruce and Ross meet by phone at least twice per year with the portfolio manager to review the investments. The portfolio consists of GICs, balanced Exchange Traded Funds and preferred shares all with a conservative outlook. While the bond and equity elements of the portfolio showed a modest decline in 2022, the interest and dividends generated compensated for the decline. The result is that the overall value of the portfolio remains essentially unchanged from January 2022. The good news is that we were able to reinvest some GICs which matured late in the year at rates above 5%.

As noted in last year's report, our insurer, HUB International, had requested an updated replacement cost valuation of both the Church and the Manse. The Trustees arranged for this to be conducted by Duff Phelps who provided us with a report stating the costs to be \$1,780,000 and \$395,000 respectively. This was provided to HUB.

Late in 2022, HUB and the United Church of Canada made arrangements which resulted in streamlined administration reducing our overall cost of insurance. The overall savings are in the range of 15%.

Presented by the Trustees of HHUC – Bruce McClennan (Chair), Ross McMullen, Joan Chapple, Brian Austen, Wes Lytle, Max Ward, Tom Davidson

Bruce McClennan

Highland Hills United Church Women Report

Our ladies held 9 meetings with 4 in person and all available on Zoom. We had a social gathering on December 9th at Mark's Restaurant where we enjoyed lunch and many conversations.

- On Friday March 4th our church Zoomed the World Day of Prayer service composed by England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their theme was "I know the Plans I have for You".
- March 9th was the Kawartha Highlands Presbyterial UCW Annual General Meeting on Zoom. Their speaker was Betty Turcott who has written 3 devotional books which we use as well as 30 hymns and 2 books "And She Said" and "A Circle of Stones". It was an interesting meeting, and we did our part which was the worship.
- Maple Lake offered our UCW anything they could use out of their kitchen. Mary and Pat picked a trolley, 2 chaffing dishes, an electric warming tray, 6 glass bowls, 6 gravy pitchers, 6 cream & sugars, silverware and several utensils. We are very grateful for this large donation.
- The new countertop arrived in March, so Mary and Pat washed and placed items in the new cupboards. Thanks to Neil and helpers for hooking up the sinks and plumbing. We did a kitchen cleaning on April 11.
- The Bay of Quinte UCW ECOR Annual meeting was May 12th on Zoom. Their theme was "One in the Spirit Continues." Their speaker was Melody Crowe who lives at Alderville

Reserve. She told of many sad things that happened in residential schools and in regular schools as recent as the year 2000. Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common celebrate it every day.

- The Summer Rally was held on June 23 at Cambridge Street in Lindsay. They had a raffle of gift baskets, so our group put one together for it. The theme was “Written in Thread”. The speaker was Pam Hart from the Kawartha Truth & Reconciliation Support Group. She displayed the quilt that group had made and talked about some of the blocks.
- UCW Camp at Camp Quin Mo Lac was September 9 – 11. The speaker on Saturday was Carol O’Neil. Her topic was “Restorative Justice – The Ripple Effect”. Many reforms still needed in our justice system. On Sunday we viewed some of the 60th Anniversary Celebrations from the National UCW meeting in Sidney, Nova Scotia and Trevor White talked of the history of Quin Mo Lac on its 70th Anniversary.
- Sadly Barb Braker moved away. She did such a good job of mailing cards to Zion & Maple Lake. Sue Sisson is carrying on and we are happy to report that Gail Flook will take on Barb’s area.
- Our devotions in November included parts of the 60 Anniversary of UCW worship service. We reviewed our regular donations and tried to keep most of the organizations supported with a little less until we have more funds.
- The \$473 we invested with KIVA (micro credit) has now grown to \$2,525.00 that has been loaned to 97 groups or individuals in 43 countries.
- Our fundraising this year consisted of a Take Out Turkey Dinner on November 12th (thanks to the cancellation of the Masonic dinner), Bea Berry’s funeral November 25th and a Christmas Dinner for the Terrace Apartments on December 7th. We hope that 2023 will provide more opportunities to raise funds.
- We are very grateful for the financial help of members and supporters and the workers who helped with meetings and fundraisers.

Executive: Pat Thornett & Barb Braker Co Chairs, Mary Trepanier, Secretary; Joan Grant, Treasurer: Sue Sisson, Barb Braker, & Gail Flook – Card Convenors.

Pat Thornett

Financial Statement Summary for Highland Hills UCW

OPENING BALANCE January 1, 2022, **\$ 1,265.04**

INCOME:

UCW Offerings	\$ 1,425.00	
Donation-funeral (X1)	\$ 300.00	
Projects (gross income) separate list attached	\$ 1,676.50	
Scotia Bank-GIC interest	<u>\$ 25.07</u>	
TOTAL INCOME IN 2022=		<u>\$ 3,426.57</u>
TOTAL before expenses		<u>\$ 4,691.61</u>

EXPENSES:

Donations To United Church:

Mission & Service (United Church of Canada/UCC)	\$ 1,000.00
Bursary Fund (ECOR UCW)	\$ 50.00
Camp Quin-Mo-Lac	\$ 50.00
World Development (UCC)	\$ 100.00
Other community donations (*list attached with details)	\$1,003.44

Operating Expenses:

National UCW	\$ 25.00
Card convenors	\$ 210.00
UCW celebration cake (for the Coopers)	\$ 30.00
Kitchen expenses (dishwasher rinse; new electric kettles x2)	\$ 141.57
Bank fees	\$ 48.00
Project Expenses	\$ 552.97
Christmas Gifts	<u>\$ 200.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES IN 2022 **\$ 3,410.98**

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2022 **\$ 1,280.63**

Highland Hills UCW PROJECTS for 2022

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
Turkey Take-Out Supper	\$ 976.50	\$ 395.80	\$ 580.70
Parkside Social Club-Terrace Dinner	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	<u>\$ 157.17</u>	<u>\$ 542.83</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,676.50	\$ 552.97	\$ 1,123.53

***OTHER COMMUNITY DONATIONS LIST:**

Spirit Dinner (Christmas supper for children- Pepper Mill)	\$ 100.00
Christmas Basket Candies	\$ 53.44
Fuel For Warmth	\$ 200.00
YWCA- HERS (Women's Shelter)	\$ 400.00
Can. Cancer Society (Haliburton County)-Wheels Of Hope	\$ 200.00
Our Daily Bread	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

TOTAL: **\$ 1,003.44**

Joan Grant, Treasurer Highland Hills UCW

Maple Lake United Church Reports

Maple Lake United Church 2022 Annual Meeting

At Maple Lake United Church, Sunday January 30th, 2022

Following the Sunday Joint Worship on Zoom with Highland Hills United Church, Rev. Max Ward called the Annual General Meeting of Maple Lake United Church to order at 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Max shared the story of one of his friends and her husband building a snowman in March 2020. They named him Divoc. The following year, they built another snowman, Divoc 2 (Covid spelled backwards). This year they have built Divoc 3, hoping each year Covid will end. Rev. Max shared this story to show how Covid is hanging on and is a challenge to everyone.

Rev. Max opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev. Max reminded everyone that only members of Maple Lake United Church were eligible to vote, but everyone could join in on the discussions.

Pat Marshall made the motion for Deloris Bailey to be secretary for the meeting, and Rev. Max Ward and Larry Giles co-chair the meeting. Beverly Upton seconded the motion.

Carried.

Before approving the agenda, Rev. Max added under "Looking Forward", a survey and title search be done. Beverly Upton moved to approve the agenda and the addition. Seconded by Albert Carpenter.

Carried.

Rev. Max added the following names to the Memoriam list: Donna Johnson, Clara Tomkinson, and Jim Harrison.

Deloris Bailey made the motion that the minutes of the last AGM for Maple Lake United Church be approved. Pat Marshall seconded the motion. Carried.

Business Arising from The Minutes: Beverly Upton asked if carbon monoxide detectors had been installed at the Church. Albert Carpenter replied that they had not been installed.

Deloris Bailey reported no correspondence.

Albert Carpenter moved to accept Maple Lake United Church reports published in the Annual Report 2021. Shirley Johnston seconded the motion. Carried.

Church Treasurer, Beverly Upton, gave a detailed report on the Maple Lake United Church finances. 2021 has been another difficult year for our church with total revenue at 67% and expenses at 94%. Beverly Upton made the motion that the financial report be accepted.

Myrtle

Bouthoorn seconded the motion.

Carried.

Beverly Upton moved that the new budget for 2022 be accepted. Myrtle Bouthoorn seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Beverly Upton moved that the funds of \$8,603.64 in Memorial Account be redesignated and transferred to the Maple Lake General Account. Pat Marshall seconded the motion. Carried.

Shirley Johnston made the motion that everyone continue serving in the same church offices at Maple Lake U.C. for 2022. Beverly Upton seconded the motion. Carried.

Shirley Johnston made the motion that Deloris Bailey and Beverly Upton serve as Church Trustees (to replace Kathleen Owens and Allan Upton). Pat Marshall seconded the motion. Carried.

Rev. Max said there was little response to a letter sent out to the public, November 25, 2021, following a Congregational meeting on November 21, 2021. Attendance at Maple Lake United Church remains low.

Rev. Max explained options to us:

#1 – Continue with much needed support.

#2 – Permanently close the building and amalgamate with another United Church congregation. #3 – Permanently close the building and disband. Members and adherents can attend a church of their choice.

A lengthy discussion followed. Members and adherents will be welcomed at other churches. If we amalgamate, the expenses will go to the church we amalgamate with. If we disband, the Region will help rather than another congregation taking on the Maple Lake United Church expenses. Lois Deacon stated that with the logistics and the legalities, expenses can be considerable with surveys and land title searches. Rev. Max stated that it is good to make this decision before there is no money in our bank account. When Zion closed, it took two years and total expenses were almost \$30,000.

On Friday, January 21, 2022, Rev. Max, Beverly Upton, and Deloris Bailey attended a Zoom meeting with Mayor Carol Moffat, Angie Bird, and Sean O’Callaghan. Things discussed were property lines, road allowance, rezoning, septic system, and a well. There were more negatives than positives for the future of the church building. Carol Moffat said the cemetery would still be maintained by the township and is interested in a columbarium for the cemetery.

Moved by Beverly Upton and seconded by Albert Carpenter that the congregation of Maple Lake United Church Disband as of February 28, 2022, and that all matters after that date be administered by the Trustees with the support of the East Central Ontario Regional Council. Members in favour: Beverly Upton, Deloris Bailey, Shirley Johnston, Pat Marshall, Albert Carpenter, Judy Carpenter.

Larry Giles is in favour of #2. Permanently close the building and amalgamate with another United Church congregation.

Betty Berry had her phone muted.

Carried.

Barb Braker and Joan Chapple both shared words of kindness with the Maple Lake congregation, knowing what we are experiencing with the closing of our Church. Joan offered her support as we go through this process.

Albert Carpenter moved to have a Survey and Title Search done on the church property.

Beverly

Upton seconded the motion.

Carried.

Beverly asked Rev. Max what expenses takes priority.

#1 – Payroll for staff – (included in the Pastoral Charge Assessment).

#2 – Denominational Assessments – (included in the Pastoral Charge Assessment).

#3 – Mission & Service – donations transfers to the United Church of Canada.

#4 – Maple Lake United Church operating costs.

The effective date of Disbanding is the date of acceptance by the Regional Council of the Maple Lake United Church Disbanding.

Beverly and Albert will make an appointment with the bank to make changes.

There was no other business.

Rev Max thanked the Council at Maple Lake United Church continuing to carry on through difficult times. To Lois Deacon and Andy Cooper, and others, for their love and support. To volunteers and donors who have supported Maple Lake United Church for over one hundred years.

Rev. Max closed the meeting at 12:15 p.m. with the Benediction.

Attendees via Zoom:

Rev. Max, Larry Giles, Beverly Upton, Deloris Bailey, Albert Carpenter, Judy Carpenter, Pat Marshall, Shirley Johnston, Betty Berry, John Patterson, Thea Patterson, Andy Cooper, Lois Deacon, Bill Hopkins, Sandra Hopkins, Joan Chapple, Barb Braker, Bas Bouthoorn, Myrtle Bouthoorn, Glena Koehler, Elly Malcomson, Brian Austen, Irma Walker.

Maple Lake United Church Financial Reports

MAPLE LAKE UNITED CHURCH YEAR TO DATE and BUDGET –2023

	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2022	BUDGET 2023
<u>INCOME</u>			
Offerings	1,274.00	14,160.00	
M & S	0	800.00	
Donations	100.00	2,000.00	
Fundraising	1,487.40	2,685.00	500.00
Other	9,067.78	1,000.00	712.00
TOTAL	\$11,929.18	\$20,645.00	\$1,212.00

EXPENSES

Pastoral Charge	\$ 2,360.00	14,160.00	
M & S	0.00	800.00	
Insurance	2,881.07	2,700.00	2,800.00
Hydro	557.24	500.00	550.00
Fuel	1,104.64	2,000.00	1,000.00
Water Testing	00.00	70.00	
Hot Water Tank	40.93	200.00	
Mtn./ Hskp.	0	100.00	
Administration	51.99	65.00	30.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	
Misc. expenses	6,381.90	50.00	2,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,377.77	\$ 20,645.00	\$ 6,880.00

Bank balance – Dec. 31, 2022 - \$7,330.73

Memorial fund - 0

Book balance – Dec. 31, 2022 - \$7,330.71

Funds transferred to Operating

Income based on HST rebate and sale of remaining inventory.

Expenses – misc. -estimated survey costs. In consultation with the Trustees of Maple Lake Church, East Central Ontario Regional Council will cover expenses over our revenue.