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HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE *THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA*

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Minister's Report

Happy New Year,

January 2024

What wonders await us in 2024! 2023 was a year of many blessings. For many reasons, I'm glad 2023 is behind us but I also have so much to be thankful for in the past year and much to look forward to in 2024. 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 10 but his birthday is the 29th of January so he might be 11 by the time you read this. He loves grade 5 and is getting very interested in the dramatic arts. Emily is in grade 12 this year and will be an adult sooner than any of us are ready for it! Lily is now living in Peterborough and in her second year of Bio Medical Science at Trent University. She had a very good Fall term and is looking forward to the Winter term before coming back home for the Spring/Summer. 2023 also saw many significant changes in my parent's health and lives. The family home in Richmond, Ontario was sold now that my father lives in Haliburton and my mother lives in Burlington near my sister.

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. 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 Jan Heffer and all the members of the Unified Board for offering us all the leadership we need in these challenging times.

We give thanks for the continued support of Rev. John Patterson, Rev. Peter Walford-Davis, Rev. Marybeth Wilson, Rev David Moore, Rev. Anne Beattie-Stokes & Rev. Paul Reed. Also, a special thank you to Debbie Sherwin who offers us wonderful Worship Leadership. I would like to thank Melissa Stephens for her wonderful gifts of musical leadership. The worship service is blessed with her ministry of music.

I am also greatly blessed with the support, leadership, and energy of Deanna Wruth as our Church Administrator. It has been a pleasure sharing ministry together and she is doing a super job. She is pretty good at keeping me in line too!

2023 witnessed the on-going process of preparing the Maple Lake United Church building for sale. There is an accepted offer on the property of a young couple who plan to transform the building into a lovely small home for their family. Isn't it wonderful to see new life and resurrection in new ways! Highland Hills United Church made the decision to invest in an accessibility Lift. The awareness and fundraising efforts to help pay for the Lift have been fun, entertaining, and fruitful. Thanks to everyone for your generous support toward the Lift and your continued generous support for the on-going ministry of the church. We look forward to being able to use the Lift very soon! 2023 began with a new partnership with Hope United Church in Norland. It has been going so well that we now share 3 Sundays a month. We look forward to seeing what the future holds as we work together. 2024 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 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

Although the COVID virus is still mutating and moving amongst us, life is evolving into a new normal. Some people are more comfortable masking while in groups and that's fine with us. We plan to continue with our hybrid services where some join worship in person and others connect by Zoom for assorted reasons. This combination seems to work well for our community of faith.

Our relationship with Hope United in Norland is continuing. Our minister, Rev. Max Ward, is now preaching there three times each month with a shared ministry agreement.

Our major project has been the installation of a lift between the Sanctuary and the lower level. Our thanks to the Lift Committee, Neil Darby, Erskine Flook and Bruce McClennan, who have overseen this project from the idea stage, to ordering and arranging for the installation. By the end of the year the installation had started, and we are hoping that it will be operational before too long. We are all grateful for the fund-raising committee who have kept us busy with an assortment of activities... including a murder mystery dinner, a campfire, a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, local restaurant deals and a new cookbook. By the end of the year, the "Lift Us Up" campaign has raised over \$20, 000 for this project. Thank you to all who have contributed in many ways to this initiative!

We are grateful to those who keep our church operating smoothly. We appreciate the leadership and guidance provided by our minister Rev. Max Ward. His computer skills are a bonus and have been essential in starting the Zoom services during the pandemic and continuing them since. Our church administrator, Dee Wruth, keeps the office running efficiently and has been very helpful with our fund-raising efforts. Music director, Melissa Stephens, the choir and other musical guests add another dimension to our worship services.

The church would not be successful without many volunteers. The dedicated members of the Unified Board and Committee members work well together, dealing with many church matters. The UCW are another hard-working group whose tasks often involve hospitality and food. There are many people in our midst who share their gifts in the work of the church, and we appreciate all of you!

Janet Heffer

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge and United Church 2023 Annual Joint General Meeting

Annual Joint General Meeting in person and via Zoom online, Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Chris Archer, Brian Austen, Thomas Austen-Ward, Barb Ballantyne, Marion Buchanan, Penni Chalk, Rebekah & Shawn Chevalier, Neil & Donna Darby, Lois Deacon, Bruce Down, Erskine & Gail Flook, Janet Heffer, Shirley Howe, Glenna Koehler, Elly Malcomson, Bruce McClennan, David & Wendy Moore, Don Pflug, Debbie Sherwin, Paul Rutledge, Sue Sisson, Jane Symons, Pat Thornett, Mary Trepanier, Barbara Walford-Davis, Rev. Max Ward, Tanya Warne, Wilma Warne, Marybeth Wilson

HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE

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

Motion: Marybeth Wilson/Debbie Sherwin moved and seconded that Janet Heffer be chair and Rebekah Chevalier be 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 2022 and led in a time of remembrance followed by a moment of silence. Joan Barnes was added to the list in the Annual Report.

5. WELCOME

Janet Heffer thanked everyone for participating and asked for patience as we meet in this hybrid fashion.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Erskine Flook/ Jane Symons that the agenda be approved. **Carried.**

7. ADHERENTS VOTING

Motion: Penni Chalk/ Lois Deacon 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. 13, 2022 (Annual Report pp. 6-9)

Motion: Ron Clark/ Barbara Walford-Davis 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 2022 FINANCIAL ACTUALS AND BUDGET 2023 (Annual Report pp. 11-13)

Erskine Flook spoke to this. He started with the Pastoral Charge report, page 11. 76 percent of pastoral charge money spent is for the salary of the minister and the church administrator, which is fixed by the national United Church. The manse costs are 8%, running the office is 5%, and denominational assessment is about 6%. This leaves about 2%. Under actuals 2022 the biggest item is a result of the closure of Maple Lake United whose contribution of 14% of the costs did not materialize. We kept the amount that HHUC remitted by drawing down from the bank account. When we look at the budget for next year, we need to consider this. Office supplies are up due to mailings. Office equipment includes purchase of a safe for documents and a new printer. In manse costs fuel is a factor.

Regarding the 2023 budget, a 3.4% salary increase is the main increase and the rest are basically the same as last year. There was \$6,000 in the pastoral charge bank account at year end. Rev. Max's work at Hope United Church is not shown because it is still a trial but money received will build up the church bank account to \$10,000. A question was asked about how much we made or lost; the answer is there was a shortfall of \$5,000. This comes from the loss of Maple Lake United contributions and increased expenses. The projected potential income from Hope United is \$10,000. Rev. Max's expenses come out of Hope's budget. In answer to question, it was noted that the \$5,000 in miscellaneous income is from an individual's donation. A question was asked of whether we will be moving to one budget rather than currently two (one for pastoral charge and one for Highland Hills). Two budgets will continue for a year until all the things related to Maple Lake are wound up.

Motion: Erskine Flook/ Neil Darby that we accept the pastoral charge 2022 financials and the proposed budget for Highland Hills Pastoral Charge for 2023. **Carried.**

11. HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE REPORTS (Annual Report pp. 14-22)

Motion: Chris Archer/ Brian Austen that the pastoral charge reports be accepted. **Carried.**

A Question was asked as to whether the finance committee is setting aside money for the lift. The answer is no, there is building fund money and capital fund money available. This will be discussed further later in the meeting.

12. APPROVAL OF MISSION & SERVICE OBJECTIVE (Annual Report p. 15)

It was recommended that the M&S objective be \$14,000 for the congregation and that the UCW objective be \$1,000. Thus \$15,000 is the charge's objective.

Motion: Pat Thornett/ Barbara Walford-Davis 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. 16)

It was noted that this meeting is only electing the officers and the rest is shown for information. Committee chairs are fluid and can change as needed.

Motion: Ron Clark/ Neil Darby that the proposed slate of officers be approved. **Carried.**

HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH

14. HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH 2022 FINANCIAL ACTUALS AND 2023 BUDGET (Annual Report pp. 24-29)

Erskine Flook spoke to this. On p. 24, line 4010, general income (weekly givings) after the report was written, more donations were received. This addition was \$840. 79% of the budget for the church is our remittance to the pastoral charge. 12% is the cost of running the building. 8% is the cost of music and janitorial services. The weekly givings budget has been increased by \$5,000 for 2023. There is a desire for members and adherents to increase their givings by 10%. A question was asked about people from Maple Lake United transferring their membership to Highland Hills United and whether their additional givings will offset some of the shortfall from the closure of Maple Lake United, but the answer is not by much. The hope is there will be more rentals this year. But we are going to depend on accessing monies from the trustees to balance the budget. Page 29 shows our financial position. Bruce McClennan noted that we are gradually moving our investments from CIBC to Canaccord. People were requested to consider increasing their donations and also going on pre-authorized remittance (PAR) if they are not already.

There was a question about advertising and where it is being recorded. It is recorded under the pastoral charge. There was a question about the money spent on the kitchen, can it be claimed as a capital expense? The answer is no, only the HST can be claimed. The Kitchen Fund was only set up to capture money donated for the kitchen renovations. All those donations were applied to the renovations and the shortfall was covered by money from the Building Fund. Bruce McClennan noted that as we take money from the investment account to cover any shortfall, it generates less income. He noted that regarding the money for the lift, it will be closer to \$100,000. This will take a sizeable chunk out of investments if we don't do anything else. He said we should be looking at fundraising for the lift, and this is a matter the Board should address. Erskine was thanked for his hard work and dedication.

15. APPROVAL OF HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2023

Motion: Erskine Flook/ Brian Austen that the 2022 financials and the 2023 operating budget for Highland Hills United Church be approved. **Carried.**

16. APPROVAL OF SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR BANK ACCOUNTS

Motion: Erskine Flook/ Sue Sisson 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 (Janet Heffer); Chair-elect of the Unified Board (vacant); Past Chair of the Unified Board (Andy Cooper); Chair of the Board of Trustees of Highland Hills United Church (Bruce McClennan). It was agreed that Pat Thornett temporarily be added given that there is no chair-elect and the past chair has moved away.

17. HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH REPORTS (Annual Report pp. 29-32)

Concern was expressed about some issues related to the inside of the building, such as chunks of plaster and the windowsill of the big window rotting. Also on the outside ramp, non-slip material needs to be added. Can some money be set aside for this for this year? Regarding fundraising for the lift, Donna Darby said she would like suggestions. Would a dinner, in person or takeout, or a concert be effective, for example? It was noted that the UCW is planning a takeout dinner before Easter.

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

18. NEW BUSINESS

Lift Update: There is an update in the annual report (p. 30). Neil Darby said they have drawings from the architect and an application to obtain a building permit is in hand though not yet submitted because the committee would like to be clear on the timeline and the contractor. The architect has been paid for his drawings. They are working on a scope of work for a contractor. 6 months to a year is the current timeline for delivery of the large apparatus. There will need to be some reconfiguring of the basement storage area. In the interim, people who have material in the storage area will be informed as to what will happen with the material. Bruce showed where the lift will be going physically in the basement. Upstairs in the sanctuary the lift door will open toward the doors of the church and have a child-proof gate. Ductwork in the basement will need to be reconfigured. The lift will take up to 3 people. It was clarified that it is our turn to hold the UCW rally, likely on June 15, and there will be people in all parts of the building. Neil and Bruce and Erskine were thanked for their work on this.

Hope United: Shawn Chevalier spoke to this. (p. 14 in the annual report). We have entered into an agreement with Hope United Church in Norland so that Rev. Max will lead worship twice a month for a trial of the first six months of this year. Hope will pay HH pastoral charge a fee for each week he does this and will pay Rev. Max mileage. In addition, Rev. Max will be the pastoral charge supervisor. Hope will compensate him directly for any time he spends on this, in addition to weddings and funerals. It bolsters our finances and helps another United Church thrive. This arrangement will be evaluated in May.

19. CHAIR’S REMARKS and APPRECIATIONS

Janet Heffer thanked Andy Cooper, outgoing chair. COVID has challenged us all but thanks to Rev. Max we have done well. The introduction of Zoom is a challenge but is working for us. Janet thanked Max, Melissa, Dee, Paul, and Erskine. She thanked Pat for arranging lunch today and does so many things behind the scenes.

20. CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Max led in a closing prayer.

Ellie Malcomson moved adjournment.

Chair, Janet Heffer

Secretary, Rebekah Chevalier

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Financial Reports

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge Statement of

Financial Position as of 12/31/2023

Printed: January 22, 2024

ASSETS

1000	Chequing Account	6,390.20
1050	Savings Account	1,034.10
1260	Federal Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	121.72
1270	Provincial Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	319.20
TOTAL ASSETS		7,865.22

LIABILITIES and FUNDS

2000	Credit Card	186.63
3000	Unrestricted Funds	
3010	General Fund	7,560.46
3020	Benevolence Fund	118.13
	TOTAL Unrestricted Funds	7,678.59
TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUNDS		7,865.22

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge

2023 Actual, 2023 Budget, 2024 Budget

Printed: January 19, 2024

	2023 Actuals	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
REVENUE			
4000 Church Assessments			
4010 Highland Hills United Church Assessment	117,000.00	119,985.00	118,800.00
4030 Hope United Church	5,518.80	0.00	9,970.00
TOTAL Church Assessments	122,518.80	119,985.00	128,770.00
4100 Manse Heat-by Minister	800.00	800.00	800.00
4200 Misc Income	0.00	50.00	50.00
4500 Interest Income	34.10	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	123,352.90	120,835.00	129,620.00
EXPENSE			
5000 Denominational Assessment	7,090.00	7,100.00	7,125.00
5100 Office Expenses			
5110 Office Supplies	1,401.31	1,400.00	1,400.00
5120 Telephone and Internet & Toll Free Zoom	3,130.07	3,500.00	3,500.00
5130 Office Equipment	154.45	0.00	0.00
5140 Photo Copier Contract	505.76	500.00	500.00
TOTAL Office Expenses	5,191.59	5,400.00	5,400.00
5150 Manse Costs			
5155 Manse Electricity	1,752.59	2,000.00	2,000.00
5160 Manse Hot Water Heater Rental	202.61	220.00	220.00
5165 Manse Insurance	700.00	700.00	700.00
5170 Manse Repairs and Maintenance	171.50	700.00	500.00
5175 Manse Telephone & Internet	989.80	1,000.00	1,000.00
5180 Manse Water & Sewer	1,659.93	1,600.00	1,600.00
5185 Manse Fuel	1,799.81	2,000.00	2,000.00
5190 Manse Property Taxes	1,528.42	1,500.00	1,600.00
TOTAL Manse Costs	8,804.86	9,720.00	9,620.00
5230 Education and Training	1,543.00	1,545.00	1,640.00

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge

2023 Actual, 2023 Budget, 2024 Budget

Printed: January 19, 2024

	2023 Actuals	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	
EXPENSE				
5300				Payroll Expenses
5310				Salaries & Benefits
5312	50,304.00	50,300.00	53,500.00	Salary -Minister
5313	19,604.76	19,440.00	20,850.00	Salary - Administrator
5320	17,053.20	17,000.00	18,300.00	Benefits
5330	5,585.27	5,380.00	6,000.00	CPP& EI - HHPC portion
5340	366.50	350.00	375.00	Fees
	<u>92,913.73</u>	<u>92,470.00</u>	<u>99,025.00</u>	TOTAL Salaries & Benefits
	92,913.73	92,470.00	99,025.00	TOTAL Payroll Expenses
5400	1,704.70	3,000.00	2,000.00	Pulpit Supply
5500				Administration
5505	488.08	300.00	500.00	Administration Expenses
5510	0.00	200.00	0.00	Advertising
5515	74.20	0.00	0.00	Interest & Finance Charges
5520	0.00	0.00	0.00	Conference/Meeting expenses
5525	4,121.49	1,000.00	4,000.00	Minister's travel & other expenses
5530	0.00	100.00	100.00	Miscellaneous
	<u>4,683.77</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>	<u>4,600.00</u>	TOTAL Administration
5540	1,226.57	0.00	0.00	Benevolence Fund Expense
	<u>123,158.02</u>	<u>120,835.00</u>	<u>129,410.00</u>	TOTAL EXPENSE
	<u>194.88</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>210.00</u>	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC) Report

ECORC came into existence on January 1, 2019. One of sixteen Regional Councils (RC) of the United Church of Canada, it replaced the former Conferences and Presbyteries. It is a decision-making body responsible to serve and support Communities of Faith within its bounds and to provide necessary oversight. The transition has not been easy with Covid-19, and Networks and Forums are still finding their way.

Did you know that ECORC is Affirming and has an Anti-Racism policy? There is evidence that inclusive language is becoming the norm in the life and work of the church, especially inclusive language and images of God in worship. There is also an increasing use of Land Acknowledgements and more participation in learning opportunities related to Respectful Relations and Indigenous Justice.

The governing body of each pastoral charge has a right and responsibility to vote on **Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization**. Information and resources, including recorded information sessions, can be found on the ECORC website (ecorcuccan.ca) at the Indigenous Justice & Respectful Relationships Forum. Voting must occur by March 31, 2024. **Our Unified Board recently voted in favour of the remit.**

The number of church buildings in our RC that are accessible continues to increase. Highland Hills United Church is demonstrating faithful stewardship of its property and finances with its lift campaign.

Events are held every year related to outreach and social justice within our RC. They take place in a variety of geographic locations within the Region. Rev. Max Ward, Rev. Marybeth Wilson, Janet Heffer, Debbie Sherwin and Katy Cox attended the inspiring presentation, facilitated by the Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, in Kingston on November 10, 2023. We reflected on what it means to flourish in a post-Covid world, and how individuals and communities flourish and thrive, instead of simply survive. More details will be forthcoming on the **Flourishing Project: Bold Ideas Daring Connections**.

Several regional networks have been formed recently. If you are passionate about the KAIROS movement, **Guaranteed Liveable Income (GLI)**, the network is a source of information, inspiration, and support for Communities of Faith who wish to be a part of this national grassroots move of the spirit. The **Very Rev. Lois Wilson will address this network via Zoom on March 23, 2024, at 7 p.m.**

There's a National and ECORC network for **Long-Term Care**, and a **Care of Creation Network** for those who are concerned about our call to be better stewards of creation. The National Church has set climate goals about reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, and our carbon footprints, but there are currently no Communities of Faith working on these goals.

A year-long celebration of the **100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada** will begin with a worship service on **June 9, 2024**.

Debbie Sherwin, HHUC ECORC rep

Manse Report

The Manse continues to operate smoothly. The Manse meeting was held on August 3rd, 2023. Present at this meeting was Brian Austen and Rev. Max.

Max presented expenses of \$708.45 for the year. Pending approval by Barb and Brian, expenses would be paid.

Expenses were approved by Brian and Barb and were paid.

Bank Account stands at: \$1,415.16

Submitted by:

Chair, Brian Austen, on behalf of the Manse Committee

Ministry and Personnel Committee Report

Reverend Max has continued to keep the Committee up to date on his many activities and mileage through quarterly reports.

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 has been with us for over two years now as Church Administrator and has continued to serve the congregation and charge with excellence. Appreciation is warranted for the extra work Dee put into arranging for the successful cookbook fundraiser and the several “fun raiser” events she and Reverend Max organized. Dee has continued to work with Erskine Flock to assist with day-to-day financial tasks.

In July, Reverend Max’s 20 years of dedicated service to the Highland Hills Pastoral Charge was acknowledged at a Sunday service. Many thanks to Reverend Max and Melissa Stephens for their continued delivery of excellent ministry and musical services to the pastoral charge throughout the year while juggling many other activities in their busy lives.

The shared ministry agreement with Hope United Church in Norland commenced in January with Reverend Max providing twice-monthly pulpit supply and being their Pastoral Charge Supervisor. The six-month trial period was reviewed at the end of May as a success and was approved by the Unified Board for another six-month extension to December 31st, with an increase in pulpit supply frequency to three Sundays per month, as requested by Hope United Church. Reverend Max supported this arrangement and has demonstrated he was able to capably accommodate these added responsibilities. Reverend Max also participated in the Community Worship Service at the Norland Summer Festival and in the Norland Remembrance service and parade on behalf of Norland United Church and is expecting to participate in these events again in 2024.

At the request of Hope United Church, the shared ministry agreement has again been renewed for the first six-months of 2024 with Reverend Max preaching the equivalent of three Sundays per month. This arrangement will continue to bring much appreciated ministry to the Norland community and financial benefits to Highland Hills Pastoral Charge. We thank Reverend Max for his role in making the shared ministry such a success.

HHPC will receive quarterly payments from Hope United Church in the amount of \$2,500.20 comprised of \$2,223 for pulpit supply plus \$277.20 for Reverend Max’s mileage.

The joint HHUC and HUC Ministry & Personnel Committee met on three occasions through the year. The Committee will review the shared ministry agreement prior to the end of April 2024 to assess if another six-month renewal is warranted.

Shawn Chevalier participated in a half day ZOOM Ministry & Personnel Committee Workshop in November led by the pastoral relations ministers from three Regional Councils.

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

2023 Mission and Service Fund

December 31. 2023	2023 Objective	2023 Remitted
HIGHLAND HILLS		
Congregation - M & S	\$14,000.00	\$19,265.65
HH UCW –M & S	1,000.00	1,000.00
- World Dev.	_____	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,365.65</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 2024

Highland Hills United Church & Pastoral Charge

Officers of Highland Hills United Church Unified Board

Chair - Janet Heffer

Vice Chair -

Past Chair -

Secretary - Rebekah Chevalier

Treasurer - Erskine Flook

Members of Unified Board

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

Member-at-Large: Joan Chapple

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

UCW: Pat Thornett

Committees

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

Manse: Brian Austen, Barb Walford-Davis

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

Nominating: Erskine Flook, Janet Heffer

Outreach: Pat Thornett, Barb Walford-Davis, Deloris Bailey, Joan Grant, Shirley Johnston, Thea Patterson, with associate members:Carolynn Coburn, Glenna Koehler, Debbie Sherwin, Mary Trepanier

Pastoral Care: Irene Alexander, Shelley Austen, Barb Braker, Barb Ballantyne, Katy Cox, Willie Cox, Donna Darby, Margo Davidson, Elinor Hamilton, Barb Moore, Georgia Peschel, Irma Walker, Wilma Warne

East Central Council Representative: Debbie Sherwin

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

Worship & Christian Education: Marybeth Wilson, Joan Chapple, Gail Flook, Janet Heffer, Debbie Sherwin, Pat Thornett, Rev. Max Ward, Melissa Stephens

Janet Heffer

Outreach Committee

Our committee held 6 meetings during the year. In person and Zoom were available for each meeting. In January we set up our projects for the year and planned for the events at meetings as needed.

PROJECTS FOR 2023

February 8 – **Basic Income Event** – Judy Paul lead the 26 participants in learning the concept of Basic Income. There were discussions in small groups and in the whole group. Emily Stonehouse attended and wrote an article for The Times. A committee continues to meet and are planning a Power Point Presentation that will assist in educating individuals & groups.

February 19 – **Pink Shirt Day** – Rev. Paul Reed spoke about it in the service

March 5 – 26 – **YWCA/HERS** – Tammy Warburton talked about their work in a service.

April 16 – **Earth Day Sunday** -Max did the service and it went well.

June – **HAVE Walk for Water** – a group walked on June 28th and raised \$2,295.00.

June 18 – **Indigenous Peoples Celebration** -Max spoke on it and Father's Day.

July 1 – **Canada Day Outreach Display** – we had pencils and handouts, lemonade and cookies. Donations to M& S totalled \$305.15.

August 6 – **Highland Yard Race for Places for People** – Rotaract ran the event. \$20,000.00 was raised.

July – August – **Haliburton Highlands Challenge for Abbey Retreat Centre** – our team Walking 2 X 2 for ARC was walking again this year and collecting sponsors. We raised \$2,634.00.

Sep. 17 – Oct. 8 – **Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive** - the congregation was invited to donate food or money. The donations went directly to the Minden Community Food Centre so we do not have a total raised.

Sept. 30 – **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** – We were invited to wear an orange shirt to church on October 1st in support of this cause.

Oct. 15 – Nov. 12 – **Twoonies for M & S** - \$36.00 was raised and given in support of the Wasauksing Food Bank near Parry Sound.

Dec. 3 – Dec. 25 – **Gifts for Hyland Crest** – four local churches took part so we were responsible for 15 gifts. Thanks to Joan Grant for purchasing the gifts and to those who donated for them.

Holiday Hampers – envelopes for this went directly to the Food Bank so no total available.

Gifts with Vision –you were invited to look at the book or the web site and choose a project.

We receive regular reports from the following groups:

Abbey Retreat Centre has offered several in person and online courses. Lynda Shephard is their new Chair and Nancy Gosse is Program Coordinator. They have been training new facilitators. Their quilting group “A Warm Hug from the Highlands” has gifted over 75 quilts to people living with cancer. The Haliburton Highlands Challenge was very successful raising over \$80,000.00 for the Abbey Retreat Centre and our team took part.

Broadview Subscriptions – there are now 25 subscriptions for our congregation.

Knitting for Warmth continues to meet at the church under the leadership of Mary Trepanier. They made 79 blankets using 3,167 squares this year. Four new members have joined the group. There are 17 bags of squares at church members homes waiting for the storage cupboard to be finished. Since the group started they have made 2,850 blankets with 94,699 squares.

Minden Community Food Centre saw a large increase in the number of clients. They also were involved in the Holiday Hampers. 170 hampers were prepared with food for Christmas day and toys for almost 200 children. Our Food Bank Manager is Jean Munroe and the Assistant Manager is Lynette Gray. They are assisted by many volunteers in the food bank and community kitchen. They also had a very successful year for the new Community Gardens which are on the Fair Grounds.

Mission & Service - thanks to our donors we exceeded our Objective of \$15,000.00 and raised \$20,365.65.

Many more people can be helped because of your generosity.

Places for People had a challenging year with trying to build at Grass Lake. They had many good events during the year. Sleeping in Cars raised over \$10,000.00. They hosted a Housing Summit in April which was well attended and interesting. The Highland Yard Race raised over \$20,000.00. They worked with Tapestry Capital to organize a Community Bond issue and were able to sell over \$850,000.00 worth. This will allow them to pay off their existing properties and use them for collateral for future needs. Their Window Pane Campaign exceeded its goal of \$15,000.00 which will be used to replace windows in their properties.

Thanks to all who supported Outreach projects with their time or their finances as we could not do them without you.

Pat Thornett, Secretary

Statistics 2023

	Highland Hills	Maple Lake	Other	TOTAL
MARRIAGES	-	-	25	25
BAPTISMS	2	-	-	2
FUNERALS	4	-	8	12
TRANSFERS IN	2	-	-	2
TRANSFERS OUT	2	-	-	2

BAPTISMS FOR 2023

July 16th

Daisy Elizabeth Lee Dies, son of Austin Dies and Leah Schlotter
 - Highland Hills United Church - Born March 18th, 2023

July 16th

Bowen Zehr, daughter pf Colton Zehr & Abigail McRae
 - Maple Lake United Church - Born September 5th, 2021

TRANSFERS IN:

	FROM	TO	DATE
Penni Chalk	Kedron UC, Oshawa	Highland Hills United Church	February 5th
Wendy Moore	Simcoe Street UC, Oshawa	Highland Hills United Church	February 5th

TRANSFERS OUT:

	FROM	TO	DATE
Andy Cooper	Highland Hills United Church	Trinity United Church, Collingwood	April 26 th
Charlene Cooper	Highland Hills United Church	Trinity United Church, Collingwood	April 26 th

MARRIAGES 2023

February 12 th	Victor Eduardo Salazar Acosta & Gaetano Giordano Haliburton Cottage
May 4 th	Adam Anderson & Raylene Dooley Minden Cottage
May 6 th	Andrew Hewitt & Stephanie Henriques Bonnie View Inn
June 16 th	Vanessa Taylor & Mark Johnson Abbey Retreat Centre
June 17 th	Sydney Estwick & Ryan Kinzie Ingoldsby United Church
June 17 th	Heather Horton & Lucas Jensen Buttermilk Falls Resort
July 1 st	Tiffanie Emond & Luke Giguere Haliburton Residence
July 8 th	Victor Manuel Narvaez Diaz & Mikaela Linda Humes Carnarvon Residence
July 15 th	Cole Thomas Lapp & Harmony McNish Sadowa Residence
July 28 th	Tristram Lett & Elena Davydova Minden Cottage
August 9 th	Andre Fontaine & Nina Hausen Clausem Highland Grove Residence
August 10 th	Anne Woodbury & Nicholas Halligan West Guilford Residence
August 12 th	Tyler Martin & Lauren Delfgnaw Carnarvon Residence
August 19 th	Rhonda Bryant & Kenneth Kreller West Guilford Residence
August 19 th	Juan Jerico Manrique & Djionelah Ann Reyes Eganridge Bobcaygeon
September 2 nd	Christine Fish & Thomas Watson Kinmount Residence
September 9 th	Courtney Grasso & Chad Sorenson Carnarvon Residence
September 9 th	Nicole Killen & Christopher Hyde Wilberforce Residence

September 16th Wesley Parker & Mairin Keillor Begg
The Dominion Hotel, Minden

September 16th Jessica Teachman & Spencer Alexander
Sandy Lane Resort, Carnarvon

September 23rd Ainsley Dysart & Zach Neely
Carnarvon Residence

September 30th Ryley Witter & Ashley Brown
Oxtongue Lake Community Centre

October 7th Madeline Beattie & Marc Monette
Wilberforce Residence

October 31st Jason Stevens & Celina Thrasher
The Minden Whitewater Preserve

December 23rd Lisa Dobbie & Jameson Wolfe
The Mill on Main, Huntsville

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.

Nel van der Grient
Marjorie Windover
John Buchanan
Iris Freeman
Myrtle Bouthoorn
Barb Parish

Gladwyn Bailey
Sheila Smith
Ray Campbell
Mary Strange
Ev Stata
Linda Pratt

Edna Taylor
Jerry Rome
Merrie Barry
Lynda Pawluch

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge Worship and CE Report

In 2023 at Highland Hills, our Sunday Worship services continued to be offered in-person and virtually on Zoom, which works well for our community of faith. The technical skills of our minister and that of our cohosts help our hybrid services run smoothly.

We are grateful for the leadership provided by our minister, Rev. Max Ward, and music director Melissa Stephens, who work together to provide meaningful services. The choir members are very dedicated and provide musical messages weekly.

While the minister was on vacation or study leave, we were fortunate to have worship leadership provided by LLWL Debbie Sherwin, Rev. Paul Reed and Rev. David Moore.

This year's Lenten study was based on the book "Freeing Jesus" by Diana Butler Bass. There were two discussion groups - an in-person morning group and an evening one on Zoom. Some used the UC's "Good Courage - daily reflections on hope" for personal study.

We look forward to the year ahead with hope and with gratitude to our minister, music director, choir members, Zoom cohosts and readers.

Janet Heffer

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Financial Reports

Highland Hills United Church

Statement of Financial Position as of 12/31/2023

Printed: January 19, 2024

ASSETS		
1000	Chequing Account	9,844.17
1260	Federal Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	344.51
1270	Provincial Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	935.08
1500	Long Term Investments	
1510	Investments Canaccord	592,595.18
1530	Investments P4P Bond	10,000.00
	TOTAL Long Term Investments	<u>602,595.18</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>613,718.94</u>

LIABILITIES and FUNDS		
3000	Unrestricted Funds	
3010	General Fund	5,086.76
3020	Benevolence Fund	312.50
3030	Mission & Service Fund	0.00
3040	Special Responses Fund	0.00
3050	Building Funds	
3051	Building Fund	3,782.28
3054	Technology Fund	6,525.47
3055	LIFT Fund	17,917.96
	TOTAL Building Funds	<u>28,225.71</u>
3060	Music Fund	<u>2,832.76</u>
	TOTAL Unrestricted Funds	36,457.73
3100	Restricted Funds	
3110	Capital Fund	340,272.30
3120	Kirkwood Reserve Fund	226,396.36
3130	Memorial Fund	7,043.95
3150	Other Investments Fund	3,548.60
	TOTAL Restricted Funds	<u>577,261.21</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUNDS		<u>613,718.94</u>

Highland Hills United Church

Statement of Activities

For the period 1/1/2023 to 12/31

Printed: January 24,
2024

REVENUE		
4000	Tax-Receipted Gifts	142,562.35
4120	Gifts from Other Registered Charities	3,622.96
4200	Non-Receipted Gifts	5,920.90
4500	Interest Income	14,249.91
4510	Investment Income	9,075.30
4700	Income from Buildings	4,275.00
4720	Non-Receipted Fundraising Revenue	8,471.37
4800	Other Revenue	20.00
TOTAL REVENUE		188,197.79
EXPENSE		
5000	Administration	117,355.84
5010	Other Expenses	704.40
5150	Occupancy Costs	21,246.69
5300	Contract Services	12,351.00
5400	Work in the Community	664.99
5530	Building Fund Expense	47,812.57
5550	Mission & Service Fund Remittances	19,225.65
5560	Special Response Fund Remittances	169.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		219,530.14
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(31,332.35)

Highland Hills United Church

2023 Actuals, 2023 Budget, 2024 Budget

3010 General Fund

2023 Actuals

2023 Budget

2024 Budget

REVENUE

4000	Tax-Received Gifts			
4010	General Fund Income Received	108,971.50	110,000.00	115,000.00
4040	Initial	95.00	150.00	100.00
4050	Sundry Receiptable	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	TOTAL Tax-Received Gifts	109,066.50	110,250.00	115,200.00
4120	Gifts from Other Registered Charities			
4121	Gifts from Other Charities- General	<u>2,176.71</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	TOTAL Gifts from Other Registered Charities	2,176.71	2,000.00	2,000.00
4200	Non-Received Gifts	5,920.90	800.00	800.00
4500	Interest Income			
4504	Interest/Income to General Fund	<u>8,632.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
	TOTAL Interest Income	8,632.64	0.00	15,000.00
4700	Income from Buildings			
4701	Rental Income	2,225.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
4702	Donation in lieu of rent from Interest G	<u>2,050.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	TOTAL Income from Buildings	4,275.00	3,000.00	5,000.00
4720	Non-Received Fundraising Revenue			
4721	Fundraising for General Fund	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	TOTAL Non-Received Fundraising Revenue	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4800	Other Revenue			
4805	Other Income General Fund	<u>20.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL Other Revenue	20.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	130,091.75	121,050.00	143,000.00

EXPENSE

5000	Administration			
5001	Administration Supplies	89.73	100.00	100.00
5002	Offering Envelopes	266.11	300.00	200.00

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3010 General Fund

2023 Actuals

2023 Budget

2024 Budget

EXPENSE		2023 Actuals	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
5000	Administration			
5003	Other administration expenses	0.00	30.00	30.00
5004	HHPC Assessment	<u>117,000.00</u>	<u>119,985.00</u>	<u>118,800.00</u>
	TOTAL Administration	117,355.84	120,415.00	119,130.00
5010	Other Expenses			
5011	Interest and Finance Charges	522.51	400.00	400.00
5013	Worship	0.00	100.00	50.00
5014	Other Undefined Expenses	<u>181.89</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	TOTAL Other Expenses	704.40	700.00	650.00
5150	Occupancy Costs			
5155	Repairs and Maintenance	711.98	2,000.00	1,000.00
5157	Building Supplies	668.64	400.00	600.00
5160	Electricity	2,327.88	2,100.00	2,800.00
5165	Heating Fuel	9,793.10	8,000.00	9,000.00
5170	Kitchen Fuel	77.95	100.00	120.00
5175	Water & Sewer	1,322.78	1,300.00	1,500.00
5180	Insurance	4,010.26	5,010.00	6,200.00
5190	Other undefined Property Expenses	<u>2,334.10</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,860.00</u>
	TOTAL Occupancy Costs	21,246.69	18,910.00	24,080.00
5300	Contract Services			
5310	Janitorial Services	5,895.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
5320	Music Services	<u>6,456.00</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>6,900.00</u>
	TOTAL Contract Services	12,351.00	11,500.00	12,900.00
5400	Work in the Community			
5405	Advertising	245.61	200.00	200.00
5410	Outreach	419.38	700.00	700.00

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2023 Actuals, 2023 Budget, 2024 Budget

3010 General Fund

2023 Actuals

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EXPENSE

5400	Work in the Community	664.99	900.00	900.00
	TOTAL Work in the Community	<u>664.99</u>	<u>900.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSE	152,322.92	152,425.00	157,660.00
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>(22,231.17)</u>	<u>(31,375.00)</u>	<u>(14,660.00)</u>

General Fund Balance January 1 2023 (\$13,522.07)

Transfers in from Capital \$40,000

Balance Dec 31, 2023 \$5,086.76

Notes for General Fund:

Line 4200, 2023 Actuals – Includes a 1 time donation of \$5,000

Line 5190, 2023 Actuals – annual service fee for lift + dedicated emergency telephone line

3051 Building Fund

	2023 Actuals	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
REVENUE			
4020	Building Fund Income Received	1,400.00	1,400.00
4124	Gifts from Other Charities - Building Fu	148.12	0.00
4505	Interest to Building Fund	5,537.34	6,500.00
4740	Transfer to Building Fund	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	7,533.96	62,800.00	7,900.00

EXPENSE				
5531	Building Capital Expense	0.00	65,000.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		0.00	65,000.00	0.00
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		7,533.96	(2,200.00)	7,900.00

3055 Lift Fund

REVENUE				
4086	LIFT Fund Received	11,060.85	0.00	100.00
4125	Gifts from Other Charities - LIFT	1,298.13	0.00	0.00
4727	Fundraising for LIFT Fund	8,156.22	0.00	200.00
TOTAL REVENUE		20,515.20	0.00	300.00

EXPENSE				
5535	LIFT Fund Expense	47,534.68	0.00	10,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		47,534.68	0.00	17,000.00
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(27,019.48)	0.00	(16,700.00)

Transfers from Capital to Lift Fund -- \$10,000

Pastoral Care Committee Report

Again in 2023, Highland Hills Pastoral Charge was blessed to have many people kindly and generously caring for another. The Pastoral Care Committee has 13 callers, each with a list of 12 to 14 members or adherents with whom they maintain contact. Those of you who attend worship regularly probably do not need a frequent call, but others are grateful for supportive connection that a caller from the community of faith provides.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the long-term support of Barb Parish. Barb was co-chair of this committee for several years, and a caller herself for many more years. Barb's gentle manner is missed.

Others have also stepped down from their role as callers and we are grateful to them, and to the new callers who have stepped up.

Of course, Rev. Max Ward provides pastoral care to us all, both formally and informally, and we thank him for the many ways he cares for individuals and the community through his ministry.

Finally, thank you to all of you who, in a less formal way, reach out to others to offer support when friends are struggling, who celebrate when someone in our faith community is marking a special occasion, and who open your faithful hearts on a regular basis. We are blessed indeed.

As we move into 2024, may we follow the way of Jesus. Let us be more intentional as we warmly welcome all members of our diverse community into our midst.

Marybeth Wilson, chairperson

Property Report

It was a very quiet year for the Property Committee. We did purchase a dehumidifier for the lower level. We installed a vanity in one of the lower washrooms.

Looking ahead we hope to repair the windowsill under the large stained-glass window in the spring. I have already spoken with a contractor and he is on board for the repair.

Thanks to the committee for their support.

Neil Darby, Chair

LIFT UPDATE – January 2023

The lift committee signed the contract and obtained the building permit for the installation of the lift.

Construction commenced in August and as of this writing is still ongoing. The lift is installed but requires some finishing, by both the lift installer and the contractor. Once they are both finished we still need a safety inspection before the lift becomes operational. The committee wishes to thank everyone for the fund-raising endeavours. It is truly outstanding.

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, Ross and Erskine 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. Our portfolio stands at essentially the same point it did last year however over the course of the year we have transferred a total of \$40,000 to the HHUC bank account. Our portfolio now includes a \$10,000 Bond with Places for People which has been invested at 4% for 5 years. As GICs have come due this past year, we have been able to reinvest at rates equal to or above 5%.

As this year closes, the Church has entered into discussions with Max and Amanda on selling them the Manse. The United Church of Canada is aware of and encourages these discussions.

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

Bruce McClennan

Choir Report

The HHUC Choir has once again had a very busy schedule as we prepared for our weekly offerings and special events.

On Good Friday, we joined with the Haliburton United Church choir as we offered a very meaningful cantata – Rose of Calvary, at the 9:30 service in Minden and the 11:15 service in Haliburton. Many hours were spent in rehearsals. For Christmas, the choir was pleased to be joined by Rev. Marybeth Wilson as Narrator in the Cantata, There Is a Saviour.

Over the past 2 years, we have welcomed 4 new members to our family, and we are always eager to welcome you if you should wish to join with us. Are you only here for the summer and love to sing? Come join us. Rehearsal time is at 4:30 on Thursday afternoon.

Special thanks to Melissa for her untiring efforts and patience as she challenges us with beautiful music. Thursday rehearsals are always a challenge, but we always come out with a smile!

Elly Malcomson

Highland Hills United Church Women Report

Our ladies held 8 meetings with Zoom available if needed. We had an average attendance of 9 ladies. We only had one dinner out in June as December was very busy. We sure appreciated being able to meet in person and resume some of our fund raisers. The following are some of our activities for the year.

- March 10 – lunch for Celebration of Life for Marjorie Windover
- March 20 – Kawartha Highlands Presbyterial UCW Annual meeting at Cannington. Deloris Bailey, Mary Trepanier and I attended. The theme was Homelessness and two ladies from North House shared about their work. We were in charge of the In Memoriam and Mary and I used angels to represent the 36 ladies from our churches who had died during 2022.
- March 29 – Lenten Lunch at our church raised \$212.00 for the Food Bank.
- March 31 – our kitchen was inspected by the Health Unit and passed.
- April – Sue Ward donated 4 baby blankets to us as a fund raiser. We decided to have a Silent Auction for the month of April. 7 items raised \$176.00
- April 5 & 6 – Easter takeout dinner – we sold 23 ham and scalloped potato dinners with dessert and cleared \$391.12.
- May 11 – resumed hosting the Diner’s Club the second Thursday of each month. We had 26 guests for our first dinner. Maybe it was because we served meatloaf.
- June 3 – lunch for the Celebration of Life for Myrtle Bouthoorn.
- June 15 – we hosted the Kawartha Highlands UCW Rally. 45 ladies attended. Jessie Pflug played the piano and each of the UCW’s took part in the program. Our theme was “Sisterhood” and our speaker was Nycole Duncan from YWCA HERS. The Hospitality Course from the High School prepared and served lunch. The In Memoriam was done with painted rocks and we have two for Bea & Diane.
- June 19 – United Church ladies noon lunch at the Dominion in their Boathouse. We had a lovely sunny day and 34 ladies gathered for lunch and fellowship.
- Sep. 8, 9 & 10 – UCW Camp at Camp Quin Mo Lac. Mary Trepanier and I attended. A total of 84 ladies registered. The theme was “Moved by the Spirit. Two ladies from Curve Lake did drumming and sang and Rev. Rodney Smith Merkley was the speaker. We always enjoy the food and fellowship and devotions by the lake.
- Oct. 14 – Darby 50th Anniversary – we assisted by making sandwiches with their supplies and looking after the tea and coffee.
- Oct. 21 – lunch and serving at intermission for the Folk Concert.
- Oct. 25 – ECOR UCW Midweek at Greenbank. Janet Heffer, Sue Sisson and I attended. The Theme was “All Things Bright and Beautiful”. Their speaker was very knowledgeable about birds and told us a few things we didn’t know.
- Oct. 26 – Mason’s Dinner, they had a very poor turnout but really enjoyed the roast beef dinner and pie. They had guaranteed to pay for 40 and did.
- Nov. 17 – lunch for Celebration of Life for Lynda Pawluch.
- Dec. 1 – Christmas Luncheon – all soup, sandwiches and goodies were either made at the church or from a store. We had seating for 84 but it was not quite full. The food was served buffet style except for tea and coffee. The Hospital Auxiliary had a sale and did well. People enjoyed visiting after they ate.

- Dec. 6 – Christmas in the Highlands – Melissa Stephens provided music and Jessie Pflug was the MC. Only about 50 ladies attended from the 13 churches invited. I will try for better contacts at the other churches next year. We enjoyed the various items brought for the program and served tea or coffee in the teacups with goodies for lunch. Lots of visiting during teatime.
- Dec. 8 – Christmas Dinner served at the Court Apartments. There were 21 guests. Mary T., Rev. Max and Thomas helped and all went well.
- Dec. 13 – Christmas Dinner served at the Terrace Apartments. Thanks to Jan Heffer and Kathy Lake for preparing the food as I had Covid. Rev. Max and Thomas and Cathy Snell helped with serving and clean up. 33 guests for dinner.

We are grateful to the people of the congregation who supported us in our various events.

Pat Thornett

Financial Statement Summary for Highland Hills UCW

OPENING BALANCE January 1, 2023, **\$ 1,280.63**

INCOME:

UCW Offerings/Donations	\$ 1,417.65
Donation-funeral (4 funerals)	\$ 1,600.00
Projects (gross income) separate list attached	<u>\$ 7,748.55</u>
TOTAL INCOME IN 2023	<u>\$10,766.20</u>

TOTAL before expenses **\$12,046.83**

EXPENSES:

Donations To United Church:

Mission & Service (United Church of Canada/UCC)	\$ 1,000.00
Bursary Fund	\$ 50.00
Camp Quin-Mo-Lac	\$ 50.00
World Development (UCC)	\$ 100.00
National UCW	\$ 25.00
National UCW -Healing Fund	\$ 100.00
Highland Hills UC. Lift Fund	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	\$2,825.00

Other **community donations** (separate list attached with details) \$2,150.15

Operating Expenses:

Kawartha Highlands Presbyterial Allocation	\$ 50.00
Card convenors	\$ 227.53
UCW celebration cakes (for Max & Lois)	\$ 110.98
Kitchen expenses(supplies & coffee packets)	\$ 273.50
Bank fees	\$ 48.00
Project Expenses	\$ 3,216.90
Christmas Gifts	<u>\$ 200.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES IN 2023 **\$ 9,102.06**

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 **\$ 2,944.77**

HIGHLAND HILLS UCW 2023

Highland Hills UCW PROJECTS for 2023

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
Easter Dinner	\$ 510.00	\$ 118.88	\$ 391.12
Diner's Club	3,133.00	1,415.10	1,717.90
Christmas Luncheon	731.00	130.38	600.62
Mason's Dinner	800.00	293.65	506.35
Christmas Dinners -Court Apts.	428.00)		
-Terrace Apts.	650.00)	318.89	759.11
Baby Shower – donation for food	100.00	0	100.00
Silent Auction	176.00	0	176.00
Folk Concert – intermission	111.55	0	111.55
Misc. Income (cookbooks etc.)	42.75	0	42.75
Kawartha Highlands Pres. UCW Rally	<u>966.25</u>	<u>940.00</u>	<u>26.25</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$ 7,748.55</u>	<u>\$ 3,216.90</u>	<u>\$ 4,531.65</u>

OTHER COMMUNITY DONATIONS LIST:

Fire Victim (house burned)	\$ 300.00
Spirit Dinner (Christmas supper for children- Pepper Mill)	\$ 100.00
Holiday Hamper Candies	\$ 50.15
Fuel For Warmth	\$ 500.00
YWCA- HERS (Women's Shelter)	\$ 200.00
Can. Cancer Society(Haliburton County)-Wheels Of Hope	\$ 200.00
Our Daily Bread	\$ 50.00
Five Oaks Education & Retreat Centre	\$ 50.00
Minden Community Food Centre	\$ 500.00
A Place called Home	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
TOTAL COMMUNITY DONATIONS	<u>\$ 2,150.15</u>

Submitted by Joan Grant, treasurer for the Highland Hills UCW January 2024

Maple Lake United Church Reports

Maple Lake United Church 2023 Update

The Maple Lake United Church Trustees held three meetings in the latter part of 2023, following the completion of the archaeological survey on the designated area around the church. Ownership of the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery will be conveyed to the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

The sale of the Maple Lake United Church has had challenges with rezoning, road allowance, and parking issues. When the church was built in 1901, people travelled mainly by horse and wagon, or on foot, to attend the little white church on the corner at Maple Lake.

There have been two conditional offers submitted to purchase the church and property. The Trustees met on October 27, 2023, with the real estate agents, and agreed to accept one of the offers. Closing date is April 30, 2024.

Most items in the church have either been sold or donated to other United Churches. Some items were donated to the Stanhope Museum to preserve the history of the Maple Lake United Church. Some items have been returned to families who donated them and attended the Maple Lake United Church throughout the years.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8.

Respectfully submitted by

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Maple Lake United Church Financial Report 2023

INCOME

Par	316.00	
HST refund (2022)	809.39	
Inventory sale	<u>100.00</u>	1,225.39

EXPENSES

Hydro	453.91	
Insurance	3,149.60	
Propane	1,030.70	
Postage	20.80	
Arch. Survey	1,977.50	
Rezone – Twp.	1,200.00	
Bank charges	<u>28.00</u>	7,860.51

Opening balance – Jan. 1/23\$		7,330.73
Plus income	+	1,225.39
Less expenses	-	<u>(7,860.51)</u>
Closing balance – Dec. 31/23	\$	<u>695.61</u>
<u>Bank statement balance</u>		\$695.61