

St. John's United Church Annual Report 2022



At St. John's United Church, we strive to make our Church a Spiritual Centre that welcomes people of all ages to grow in Faith and become Alive in Christ.

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St John's United Church

Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes February 27th, 2022

Present: 26 In person, 8 via Zoom

1) The meeting was called to order by Beth Truax and Rev Meg opened the meeting by reading a poem by Howard Thurman.

2) Motion to grant voting privileges

Moved by Sandy Coe and seconded by Elaine McGee "That the adherents be granted voting privileges on Temporal (non-spiritual) matters only" Carried.

3) Approval of Agenda

Moved by Doreen Turner and seconded by Debbie Langman "That the Agenda be approved as circulated or changed". Carried

4) Approval of minutes

Moved by Bunny Trace and seconded by Susie Elliot "That the Minutes of the February 28th, 2021, Annual Meeting be approved as circulated or corrected". Carried.

5) Rev Meg remembered those who passed in 2021. Elmer McFadden, Faye Francom, Lawrence Townes and Robert Todd.

6) Team Group Reports were reviewed. Add Sandy Coe's name to the Ministry and Personnel report.

Moved by Debbie Langman and seconded by Marianne Tomlinson "That we approve the Team and Group Reports as presented or corrected in the 2021 Annual Report" Carried.

7) Ross presented the 2021 Financial statements. It was suggested that the budget for the previous year, as well as the actual be included in future.

Moved By Marlene Tinney and seconded by Doug Jackson "That we approve the Financial Statements as presented". Carried.

8) Budget for 2022 was discussed.

Motion: Moved by Ross Langman and seconded by Doreen Turner "That we approve the 2022 Budget recommendation as presented/amended by the Property and Finance Team on behalf of the Council Executive". Carried.

9) New Business:

a) M&S Objective. Moved by Sandy Coe and seconded by Jan Drinkill "That we approve the 2022 M&S objective of \$3500". Carried unanimously.

b) Team nominations from the floor. Changes to proposed Group and Team membership list. Remove Robyn Sawyer from Outreach add Aimee Dare. Remove Krista Haidner from Worship.

It was decided that Dick Marshall should be made an honorary member of the Board of Trustees.

10) Next Annual Meeting will be held on February 26th 2023

11) Rev Meg closed with prayer.

St. John's United Church Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda
Sunday, February 26th, 2023
Presiding Minister: Rev. Jane Sullivan

1) Blessing

2) Call to Order: Rosemary Johnston

3) Opening Prayer: Rev. Jane Sullivan

4) Motion to grant voting privileges

Moved by _____ Seconded _____ " That the

Adherents be granted voting privileges on Temporal (non-spiritual) matters only." Carried.

5) Approval of Agenda

a) Additions/Changes/Deletions

Moved by _____ Seconded _____ " That the Agenda be approved as circulated or changed" Carried.

6) Approval of the Sunday February 27th, 2022, Annual Meeting Minutes

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ "that the Minutes of the February 27, 2022, Annual Meeting be approved as circulated or corrected" Carried.

7) In memorial

8) Team Group Reports:

a) Accessibility Team	g) Ministry and Personnel
b) Board of Trustees	h) Mission and Service
c) Property and Finance	i) Outreach/Publicity
d) Education	j) Soul Sisters
e) Memorial	k) Worship
f) Men's Fellowship Group	

9) Consideration and Approval of the Team and Group Reports as presented in the 2022 Annual Report

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ "that we approve the Team and Group Reports as presented in the 2022 Annual Report" Carried

10) Presentation of the 2022 Financial Statements

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ "that we approve the 2022. Financial Statements as presented" Carried.

11) Presentation of the 2023 Budget Recommendation

a) Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ "that we approve the 2023 budget recommendation as presented/amended by the Property and Finance Team on behalf of the Council Executive" Carried

12) New Business

a) Approval of the 2023 M&S Objective as recommended by the Council Executive

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ "that we approve the 2023 M&S objective" Carried

b) Team nominations from the floor

13) Next Annual Meeting Date:

14) Closing Prayer Rev. Jane Sullivan

Minister's Report

It's an odd position to be in, writing an annual report even though I have just begun as your supervising minister! I can't assist you to reflect on the year that has gone by – but all the other reports do that anyway. I know it has been a year of exciting things as well as challenges, not the least of which is the departure of Rev. Meg Jordan!

But what I can reflect on is our position now. I have been asked by the Regional Council to supervise your pastoral charge until you have called a new minister. Hopefully this will not be an overly long time, but to do it well, we need to take an appropriate amount of time. The United Church Manual requires that church boards require, for quorum, the regularly settled ministry personnel or a regional council appointed alternate. It is one of the ways that Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council gets to support you in this time between ministry personnel.

Once your paperwork is completed and you have formed a search team, the regional council will appoint a liaison to help you in your search, which is another way that the regional council is blessed to support your journey. I will remain in place, assisting you with your governance while the search team gets the privilege of meeting a bunch of cool people, on your behalf!

One of those cool people will enter into a relationship with you, and I pray that it gives you strength and stability as you move forward in God's name. Now, my companionship, along with the great worship leaders you have lined up for the coming year, will help you to remain strong and stable. It may seem like you are on shaky ground, but all will be well! The in between time has been compared to the "hang time" as the trapeze artist lets go of one bar and reaches out for the approaching bar. But you've been here before, and we will muddle through together!

As we move together into this exciting year, I wish you all the richest blessings that life in God's service can bring. God is with us!

Submitted Jane Sullivan (Rev.), she, her

Co-Ordinator's Report 2022

Message from the chair:

I have been very fortunate since last February, when I began my tenure in this role, as both Beth Truax and Krista Clark have been invaluable sources of information and "how-to" do things that I have never done before! Pam Erskine, as secretary, helps keep the Council meetings running smoothly. All the Council members work together, what is foremost in our minds and discussions is our church family. We are striving to maintain a balance between the familiar, the traditional, as well as encourage greater participation by our younger members of the congregation, and incorporate other new ideas and practices. Your ideas, feed-back, and open communication are most important as we go forward.

We have gone to every other month meetings and have been able to conduct "business" by email. So far it seems to be working. In talking with other churches, several of them have adopted the every other month practice and so far it is a positive for everyone.

Karen, in the office, has been able to arrange pulpit supply for every Sunday until the end of June. I, for one, have been impressed by the ministers, whom we have had. They are all different, but have delivered the same message about hope, faith, and God's love. We are grateful to Rev. Rudy Plug who has graciously agreed to cover any of our Pastoral Care emergencies during this time of transition.

Like so many churches our volunteer pool is getting older, and we are hoping that people will pick up their phones or computers and ask how they can help, or volunteer to be on a team, in an area which interests them. We are going to do "our homework" to learn about other communities of faith and perhaps adopt best practices of others.

Like so many, I have no idea, what the future holds, but with the love and support of our church family, we will all be fine.

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

From my family to yours.

Rosemary Johnston Council Chair

Allenwood Cemetery Board Report for 2022

Receipts

Bank balance January 1, 2022,		\$ 23,761.56
Public Guardian and Trustee	\$1,136.76	
Bank interest	\$ 8.09	
Sale of Niche	\$14,400.00	
Full Burial Plots	\$11,250.00	
Monument permits & opening	\$6,453.55	
Donations	\$500.00	
Total Income	\$33,748.40	
Total		\$57,509.96

Expenditures

Public Guardian and Trustee	\$8,355.00	
Sanderson Printing	\$3,000.15	
Regular interment	\$1,100.00	
Cremation interment	\$2,085.00	
Grass cutting and trimming	\$4,170.00	
Honorarium	\$400.00	
Total	\$19,110.15	
Bank Balance December 31, 2022,		\$38,399.81
Treasurer: Ross Langman		

Memorial Report 2022

Opening Balance: \$34,166.47
Income: \$ 2,845.10
Bank Balance: \$37,011.57

Expenses

Bills: \$2,160.01 Office computer, church audio system.

Bank Balance \$34,851.56

Organ Fund, no change

Opening Balance: \$3,653.92
Balance as of Dec. 2022 \$3,653.92

In Memorial 2022

Eleanor Hancock
Marj Eccles
Victor Turner
Ann Ritchie
Don Kennedy
Thema Bertram

Submitted by Liz McKnight

Men's Club 2022

2022 was another quiet year. We did get the fall leaves done with the help of Dave Truax who bagged them and hauled them to the curb.

Ministry and Personnel Report 2022

"In happy moments, PRAISE GOD. In difficult moments, SEEK GOD. In quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD. In painful moments, TRUST GOD. Every moment, THANK GOD." –Rick Warren

Team members: Beth Truax (chair), Sheila Jackson, Allan Wright

All pastoral charges must have a Ministry and Personnel Committee. This committee is accountable to the governing board of the congregation. The work may include:

- *Being available for consultation and support for matters involving staff
- *Overseeing the relationship of staff to each other and to people in the congregation
- * Reviewing working conditions, responsibilities, and compensation
- * Revising position descriptions as needed

We are very thankful and grateful for the work of our staff. Karen (Church Administrator), Bob (Music Director), and Dave (volunteer custodian). These people provide so much to our Church family, and we look forward to offering them our support in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted. Beth Truax

Mission and Service Report for 2022

We are very grateful for all the donations from everyone in 2022 as we were not able to host any fundraisers. We are looking forward to 2023 and more fun.

From Miss Penny.

Jan, Feb, March, April and May we have collected \$ 255.30

June, we collected \$75.00.

August, we collected \$88.00.

July, we collected \$ 82.00.

September, we collected \$121.00.

Oct and November we collected \$ 92.00.

December, we collected \$ 61.00.

Our promise for the year 2022 was \$3,000.00 and we sent in \$3,000.00.

Way to go everyone.

Our promise for 2023 is once again \$3,000.00

We had a Christmas Party for the youth on December 18 2022 with the jolly ole man himself Santa.

We wish everyone a Wonderful Healthy and Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted Sandy Coe and Mission and Service team.

Music Director's Report 2022

Mulling around for a single phrase to sum up the St. John's Music Ministry in 2022, I keep coming back to something perhaps not terribly churchy: *On the road back to normal!* Once I grew comfortable with how fitting that "recovery" idea seemed for 2022, I next thought how blessed we should all feel to be this far along. Certainly back in Jan 2022 and the rapid emergence of Omicron, I personally could not see us having the rather wide-open Christmas just past! In the spirit of "how did we get back here", I have listed below, a few key moments that have stuck with me:

- Mar 24: The choir returned to live rehearsals! Albeit still with masks and highly social distanced inside the church sanctuary. While the province lifted most masks requirements on Mar 21, 2022, our choir continued using masks when rehearsing and performing up to the end of Jun 2022.
- Also on Mar 24: We cautiously welcomed our (equally cautious) fellow choristers from the Elmvale Presbyterian church to rehearse together with us for the first time in more than 2 years. I still easily recall there being great happiness expressed by many (along with much lingering fear) that evening.
- Apr 15: Good Friday Combined Service. Although having a rather low live attendance, our combined choir efforts for Good Friday contributed to a highly appreciated service. As always, the service was live streamed. As such, I later received lengthy feedback from a notable US virtual attendee, choir composer Don Besig. Near the start of his email Don wrote, *"You and your friends created a reverent, inspiring and very "personal" mood as the music and spoken Word related the events of that day"*.

- May 8 (and Jun 19): On Mothers Day, and again on Fathers Day, the choir learned and recorded one more online anthem called "A Family of Love". Actually, on Mothers Day the choir sang the anthem live while young people in the church appeared on the new monitors, having previously recorded the "children choir" portion of the anthem. By Fathers Day Jun 19, the adult choristers had recorded their parts also, providing a complete recording of the anthem for the Jun 19th service and our YouTube channel.

Regarding the dozens of other recordings that were recording and posted to YouTube by Fern during 2020-2021, in 2022 I continued to frequently hear from churches in all parts of Canada, formally asking to use a recording or two for their own worship services. I was happy to give the ok when asked... though I suspect many others did not see a need to reach out or ask, considering the continued growth of viewing on the St. John's channel. Many of our recordings have been viewed thousands of times at the time I write this. And many of the recordings have collected a good number of LIKES and positive comments.

- Jun 12: "Voices for Ukraine" fundraising concert. Our concert for Ukraine was a (if not "the") musical highlight of the year. I could write pages on the wonderful pieces done that day. Better to check out yourself if interested at the link [HERE](#). (the video is currently up to 220 views as I write this now). Also nice to recall the CTV news item about the concert, linked [HERE](#).
- Sep 18 and 25: Two very sad Sundays for us. First on Sep 18, we held a very moving memorial service for those we had lost since 2020. The service included new pieces by both the choir and Double Treble. The next Sunday Sep 25 was Rev. Meg's last service with us. In honor of her last Sunday, the choir redid "I Choose Love" an anthem Rev. Meg had asked the choir to first learn in the summer of 2021 and which later in fall of 2021, became the first choir anthem sung live in a service since the start of the pandemic.
- Dec 18: What a musical day that was! A wonderful Lessons and Carols Service at St. John's in the morning, followed in the evening by the first combined-choirs Cantata since 2019 (Christmas Presence) at the Elmvale Presbyterian Church.

As I reviewed my calendar to find the particular events listed above, there were a whole lot of other memorable moments that came to mind. That said, I don't know that I have ever started a new year at St. John's more excited about the new music I have selected for us to sing (at least in the first half of the year). It is so nice to once again be singing and rehearsing live, though we also enjoy our ability to occasionally rehearse via zoom. Much skill... many resources! We seem well prepared to continue leading music worship in 2023 at St. John's.

Bob Bruer

Outreach and Publicity Report for 2022

During Covid we started having our weekly Spirit Café meeting via Zoom. This has continued allowing those who can't make it in person to attend and stay in touch with the happenings in our church and community.

We continue to encourage people to use FundScrip. It is so easy, and we have been able to donate \$1089.68 to the coffers.

On Sunday June 12th we hosted "Voices United for Ukraine". We wanted to raise funds for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and bring together our congregation and community at large for a fun event after the last years of Covid restrictions. The Outreach team came up with the idea of a concert. After all we have an award-winning choir and a talented community and they responded to the request with great enthusiasm. It was a great success and thanks to Fern, can still be viewed on our YouTube site.

The Santa Claus parade returned and we put in a "sweet" gingerbread church. We were lucky to have Katlyn build the church and Greg drive the tractor. It was fun to decorate and represent the church, along with some very excited children, at the parade.

We are now in the process of brainstorming ideas for 2023 and would welcome your input.

Respectfully submitted by

Pam Erskine, Chair.

Praise Team 2022

Praise Team was able to provide its own brand of musical ministry during several services in 2022. It is wonderful to be together once again. We performed in the Voices United for Ukraine fundraiser in May and were so thankful to have our young ukulele players join us. We provided music for the Sunday School picnic at Heritage Park, the Service of Remembrance on September 18th, Rev. Meg's Farewell Service on September 25th, and services on October 16th, and November 13th.

We continue to be inspired and motivated by Praise Team members past and present. In 2022 we lost a long-time friend, Don Kennedy, who we miss very much. We are thankful for honorary Praise Team members who come and give us a boost on performance days, and needless to say, new crooners will always be welcomed.

Forever glorifying His name with song,

Cheryl McGinnis

Property and Finance Report 2022

For the last two years the budget has been an ongoing concern as we have maintained our church building, while the "givings" have declined. With a heavy heart, we decreased our staff, and said good-bye to Heather Tonner. A government grant enabled us to keep the office open four mornings a week.

Maintaining the church is similar to maintaining our homes. There is always something that needs to be repaired, replaced, fixed, or done on a regular basis. We rely on our volunteers, a phone call and they are there to help. It has been many months since we have had a formal meeting as we have found that our informal weekly meeting has sufficed.

We have been very fortunate as our “hidden” helpers are always working quietly in the background. The number of hours are immeasurable.

We wish to thank the Elmvale Co-op Nursery School for their assistance in acquiring a grant to share in the cost of new windows for the basement playroom area.

Thank you to each and every one of you.

Search Team

The mandate of the Search Team is to prepare all the paper work required by the United Church before we can actively begin the search for a new minister.

We began as a group in June and had several meetings in the summer. The conversation has been lively and constructive. Brainstorming ideas, helped us to determine our goals and objectives.

Rev. Jane Sullivan has been appointed, as our Pastoral supervisor.

The Search team is comprised of Jan Drinkill, Pam Erskine, Ross Langman, Beth Truax, Krista Clark, Fern Bianconi, Rosemary Johnston, Cheryl McGinnis, and Janet Spring.

The information was compiled, and Janet and Cheryl have used the data to “draw” a word picture of our church, which will be part of the packaged forwarded to WOW.

We will soon be onto next steps in our search.

Rosemary Johnston

Sunday School Report for 2022

Sunday School started again in May 2022. We enjoyed a Sunday School picnic in June at Heritage Park.

Regular Sunday School reconvened in September 2022 continuing to use the Deep Blue Large Group/Small Group Curriculum.

On December 4th the Sunday School Class presented a Christmas play entitled “The Christmas Window”. It was wonderful to have a live performance! Thanks go to Kari and her team for making it all happen.

Sunday School Financial Statement 2022

Bank Balance January 1, 2022,	\$3,014.01
Income	\$ 230.00
Expenses	\$ 76.54
Bank Balance December 31, 2022,	\$3,167.47

St. John's Youth Group

The Youth Group began in September of 2022 after a planning meeting at the cottage with St. John's youth in August. This group of young people meets bi-weekly on Friday nights from 7 - 8:15 pm in The Gathering Place. It was felt that there is a great need for the young people of our congregation to get together in a safe environment for social opportunities. Numbers range from 9 - 25 and ages 9 - 14. New children arrive every week, and some come and go. We have had many game nights, a World Vision Project, a Mask presentation by Rev. Howes, Painting Party, and a gift exchange at Christmas. There are always snacks and drinks! Money for Youth Group was made accessible at the December Council Meeting and donations are gratefully accepted. Monies from the flower fundraisers typically go to the Youth Ministry. The team is learning as we go but feel that this is an important opportunity for the youth of St. John's and our community to learn more about our building and the important work that goes on here. Many thanks to Krista B., Lois, and Susie for working with us on this ministry.

Respectfully submitted by Krista Haidner and Cheryl McGinnis

Son Light Solar Project 2022

Income for 2022

Date Hydro One Income for electricity produced.

Jan	\$318.07	
Feb	\$274.76	
Mar	\$381.42	
April	\$797.66	2013 Solar Income=\$10,977
May	\$952.45	2014 Solar Income=\$10,100
June	\$1,233.95	2015 Solar Income=\$11,248
July	\$1,290.09	2016 Solar Income=\$11,384
Aug	\$1,147.33	2017 Solar Income=\$ 9,737
Sept	\$1,224.33	2018 Solar Income=\$10,219
Oct	\$ 836.96	2019 Solar Income=\$10,221
Nov	\$ 858.61	2020 Solar Income=\$10,700
Dec	\$ 414.31	2021 Solar Income=\$10,358.62
Total	\$ 9,729.94	2022 Solar Income=\$9729.94

Trustees' Report 2022

The Church Trustees are responsible for ensuring that our insurance policy on the church is up to date. That has been done for 2022. They also look after our church investments that are in GICs at the bank.

These investments are totally guaranteed.

We will continue these responsibilities for 2023.

Soul Sisters' 2022

A quieter year with Covid still keeping us from meeting. A couple of coffee gatherings in the park. By the fall monthly meetings in the church. During the year we were able to continue (when Covid did not disrupt) our monthly visits to our church members in nursing or retirement homes, and those unable to join us. Donations were made to Camp Simpresca general funds and a donation to assist a camper for her time at camp, and to church funds for upkeep. Beverage and cookies provided for the Walk to Bethlehem. 18 Christmas baskets delivered to those we visit and also others at Sara Vista. Provide the cookies and coffee for the after-church services.

Submitted by Marianne Tomlinson

soul Sisters Financial Report 2022

Balance Forward			\$6,328.87
Income			
Donations		\$1,000.00	
Interest		2.59	
Total		\$1,002.59	
Expenses			
St. John's		\$1,500.00	
Camp Simpresca		\$600.00	
Camper		\$100.00	
Kitchen supplies		\$218.47	
Total		\$2,418.47	
Balance		\$4,912.99	
Minus funds held for accessibility		-\$ 2500.00	
Actual Balance			\$ 2,412.99

Worship Team Report 2022

The Worship Team, consisting of Krista, Jan, Bob, Rick, and Cheryl has just completed a very busy 2022. Thanks to our team members who have stayed on this team beyond the required years because we could not do this without you all. We recognize how closely we work with Outreach and the Tech Team to continue to deliver high-quality services, in person and virtually, and also make St. John's presence felt out in the community in so many wonderful ways! Of course, the best news was that Coffee Time started once again! Everyone was so happy to be able to visit after church. We miss our long time worship member, Don Kennedy, and think of him each time we see something in our church that is touched by his artistic flair.

The team met virtually through 2022 and will continue to provide that option. The Worshipping Word continued to be provided on a monthly basis and for the time being, has shifted to a Weekly ENews format in order to share information with the congregation.

Rev. Meg purchased 15 copies of the book Seeking Aliveness and some members have been reading this book independently at home. Rev. Meg often referred to sections during her sermons and with Spirit Cafe. It was hoped at the time that the Confirmation Class would also be able to refer to this book in its sessions.

The Presbyterian Church choir and congregation were invited to join us for Good Friday and Sunrise services and it was wonderful to be a part of that tradition once again. Greg, Beth, and Aimee acted in a meaningful play for Easter Sunday.

Rev. Meg took Study Leave from May 15th - May 29th. Cheryl and Rev. Meg worked together to prepare services for those 3 Sundays and after her leave, Rev. Meg informed us that she had accepted a 3-point charge in the Lake of Bays United Churches, in her home area.

Cheryl and Rick emceed the Voices United for Ukraine Concert.

We had our first post-Covid Sunday School picnic and potluck lunch at Heritage Park in June. It was a fantastic time for us all. We had Sunday School start-up for 3 Sundays prior to the picnic so that relationships could be renewed and that was well received.

We fulfilled a desire to have a Solstice event on June 21st, 2022. This informal service was held at the Parnell cottage on Allenwood Beach. It was a hot night, but there was a lovely breeze off the water and 26 people participated. It was a memorable evening that should be repeated!

The church was closed for summer services in July. Jan Drinkill prepared a fellowship coffee time each Sunday for those who were interested. It was very well attended. Formal services resumed in August in the Gathering Place where the air conditioning was appreciated.

September was an extremely busy month! Welcome Back Sunday was held on Sunday, September 11th followed by a Hot Dog Lunch, thanks to Jan. A Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday, September 18th with a luncheon afterward. There was special music and a photo table. This service allowed our congregation to acknowledge the losses of many special people over the past years and take time to remember. Meg's final service at St. John's was on Sunday, September 25th. Donations

from the congregation went towards purchasing her going away gifts including an advent stroll created by Elaine McGee.

Pulpit Supply was arranged and scheduled by Karen Bryant for the remainder of 2022 and beyond. All pulpit supply have been well received - Rev. David Howes, Robert Murdoch, and Rev. Kathleen Gredanius in 2022.

Our Walk-Through Bethlehem Open House was held on Saturday, November 26th. The church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season but the event had low attendance, blamed on the unseasonably warm weather and lack of publicity to the community. Krista, Bob, and I want to thank everyone who helped, including the Soul Sisters, Bunny, Kari, Pam, Jackson and Wesley, Naomi, Troy, Oliver, Brodie, Katlyn, Pete, Julie, Mark, Ethan, and Hayden, Sarah, and Brenton. A thought worth considering is to have this open house in the evening hours when the lights and candles would be flickering even more.

Two Christmas Eve Services were held at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. These services were in-person and live-streamed. Attendance was good despite the stormy weather. Rev. Gredanius did a service at 4:00 pm geared toward youth and 7:00 pm more for adults. There were different hymns in each service. Unfortunately, some of our soloists were unable to get to the 7 pm service but thanks to technology, there was beautiful music. There was no in-person service on Christmas Day.

The Worship Team is planning for an exciting and busy 2023. We would welcome new members! We thank our church family who support and encourage us regularly. The most important job of the Worship Team is nurturing the congregation in a spiritual sense. That may be by helping to facilitate inspiring music, a beautiful sanctuary, time to listen, talking around delicious food or a cup of coffee, caroling, or visiting...basically just building our relationships with one another. It is these things that help to make our church a unique and vital one in the community of Elmvale.

May God continue to bless St. John's,

Cheryl McGinnis

St. John's Tech Team Report 2022

Technology continues to play a key part in providing meaningful worship in the sanctuary and to viewers at home. It allows people from around the world to see what is happening at St. John's United Church in Elmvale.

We have recruited a couple of new members to our team (Beth Truax, Melanie Giffen, and Owen Knight) which will help alleviate some of the pressure placed on the core team - Doug, Allan, and Fern.

YouTube Livestream Statistics:

- 466 subscribers
- 89.4% of viewers have not subscribed to the channel.
- 47.1% identify as female while 52.9% identify as male.

- 56.8% of viewers have identified as being 65+ years, 28.8% fell under 55-64 years, 9.5% were between 45-54 years, 4% were between 35-44, and 1% identified as being 25-34 years
- In 2022 36% of views came from the United States while 13% were from Canada, and 3.1% from the United Kingdom
- Livestream viewers increased by 24% between October and December 2022

Moving Forward:

1. It has been determined that the outdoor sign will need to be replaced and/or removed as it is no longer functioning. A quote has been provided to the council.
2. We would like to revisit the size/design of the Tech Booth. It is our hope that it can be made more accessible and convenient for the team to work in.

Respectfully submitted by,

Fernanda Bianconi

St. John's United Church 2022 Finance Statement

SPECIAL FUNDS HELD WITHIN ST. JOHN'S BANK ACCOUNT				
	FUND BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE
	Jan. 1 2022			Dec. 31 2022
Accessibility Fund	578.00			578.00
Building Repair Fund	5,183.88			5,183.88
Youth Group	3,762.69	1,567.00	1,242.02	4,087.67

GENERAL FUND

General fund Balance Jan. 1, 2022		34,138.39
RECEIPTS		
Numbered Envelopes	61,640.09	
PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)	30,933.00	
Loose Offering	1,354.50	
Soul Sisters	1,500.00	
Church Use	3,796.00	
HST rebate	2,512.38	
Turkey Supper	3,588.05	
Spring Dinner	2,508.52	
Interest Income	5,321.26	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL FUND	113,153.80	
Minus total Church Expenses	113,032.92	
2022 Income over expenses		120.88
GENERAL FUND Balance Dec. 31,2022		34,259.27

St. John's United Church 2022 Expense Statement & 2023 Budget

	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
MINISTRY & PERSONNEL		
Salaries: Minister	44,190.75	20,000.00
Pension CPP EI	1,324.30	3,000.00
Auto Allowance	74.62	200.00
Continuing Ed. & Book Allowance	1,345.98	500.00
Telephone Allowance	360.00	200.00
Custodian	7,200.00	7,200.00
Church Administrator	8,400.00	8,820.00
EI CPP	483.16	550.00
Music Director	7,380.00	7,800.00
SUB TOTAL	70,758.81	48,270.00
FINANCE AND PROPERTY		
Church – Heat – Hydro – Water	11,427.50	13,000.00
Telephone & Internet	2,398.12	2,500.00
Repair & Maintenance – Church	2,895.45	3,000.00
Snow Removal	1,740.20	2,000.00
Insurance – Church	9,270.72	10,000.00
SUB TOTAL	27,731.99	30,500.00
Regional Dues	5,545.00	5,800.00
Office Post, Paper, Sundry	3,356.15	3,500.00
Miscellaneous Items	199.00	200.00
OUTREACH & PUBLICITY TEAM	50.85	200.00
WORSHIP TEAM	2,991.12	2,350.00
Pulpit Supply	2,400.00	9,600.00
TOTAL	113,032.92	100,420.00

2023 Ministry Team

Minister:	
Director of Music:	Bob Bruer
Church Administrator:	Karen Bryant
Custodians:	
Soul Sisters	Marianne Tomlinson
Representative	
Worship Team Chair	Cheryl McGinnis
Praise Team Leader	Cheryl McGinnis

2023 Council Executive

Coordinator	Rosemary Johnston
Vice Coordinator	Krista Belrose
Secretary	Pam Erskine
Board of Trustees Chair	Ken French
Sunday School Representative	
Memorial Team Chair	Liz McKnight
Men's Fellowship Group	Allan Wright
Ministry & Personnel Team Chair	Beth Truax
Mission & Service Team Chair	Sandy Coe
Outreach/Publicity Team Chair	Pam Erskine
Property & Finance Team Chair	
Soul Sisters	Marianne Tomlinson
Treasurer	Ross Langman
Worship Team Chair	Cheryl McGinnis
Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) Representative	Rosemary Johnston

Proposed 2023 Group and Team Membership

Accessibility Team

Pam Erskine
Susie Elliott
Krista Belrose - chair
Kathleen Kenney
Carrie Nesbitt
Jim Miller

Allenwood Cemetery Board

Ross Langman

Board of Trustees

Jan Drinkill - Secretary
Doreen Turner
Ross Langman
Allan Wright

Education Team

Alison Parnell
Karen Parnell

Memorial Team

Ross Langman
Liz McKnight
Jan Drinkill

Men's Fellowship Group

Allan Wright

Ministry & Personnel Team

Beth Truax - chair
Allan Wright
Sheila Jackson

Mission & Service

Sandy Coe - chair
Jan Drinkill
Marianne Tomlinson
Debbie Laycock
Liz McKnight (volunteer)
Allan Wright (co-treasurer)
Ross Langman (co-treasurer)

Outreach/Publicity Team

Pam Erskine
Fern Bianconi
Krista Belrose
Susie Elliott
Karen Turner
Aimee Dare
Kari VanLaarhoven

Praise Team

Marianne Tomlinson
Beth Truax
Greg Parnell
Will VanLaarhoven
Cheryl McGinnis
Kari VanLaarhoven

Property & Finance Team

Jan Drinkill
Ross Langman
John Parnell
Greg Parnell
Ken French
Allan Wright

Search Team

Rosemary Johnston – chair
Beth Truax
Jan Drinkill
Ross Langman
Krista Belrose
Pam Erskine
Janet Spring
Cheryl McGinnis

Soul Sisters

Marianne Tomlinson

Worship Team

Rick Muller
Krista Haidner
Cheryl McGinnis
Carrie Nesbitt
Kathleen Kenney
Jan Drinkill (chancel steward)