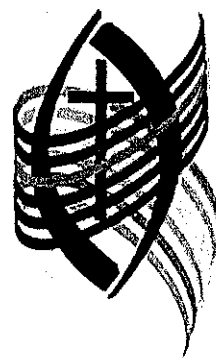


Two Rivers Pastoral Charge



*An Affirming Ministry of
The United Church of Canada
Bayswater-Summerville
Long Reach
Westfield
United Churches*

Annual Report
In Celebration of God's Presence
in 2022

Our Mission

We believe our congregational purpose is:

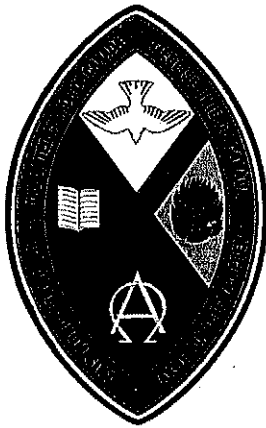
To live, share and celebrate the Gospel;

To be a caring community who offer hope and love,
who welcome, support and encourage all people
through worship, education, service and pastoral
care;

To stimulate personal growth and spiritual
development for all;

To provide a Christian response to needs
in the wider community;

and to share in the mission of the
United Church of Canada and the
Church of Christ throughout the world.



Inclusivity Statement

We the people of Two Rivers Pastoral Charge publicly declare our commitment to create a community that will celebrate the blessings of and the support of one another in our diverse life experiences; a community where all people are welcome regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, differing abilities, ethnic background, life experiences, generational culture, economic circumstances and others we have yet to discern.

As such we will continually seek to identify and dismantle barriers that hinder the participation and inclusion of marginalized groups and individuals.

All persons are welcome to take part in every aspect of church life including membership, leadership, celebrating life passages and marriage.

We celebrate the richness that diversity brings to our church, even as it challenges us. We pray for God's spirit to guide us as we work for reconciliation and justice for all persons in both church and society.

"We are called to be the church"

2022 has been a year of re-grouping, re-building, and recommitting ourselves to the mission that God has given us. Many groups and gatherings from before the pandemic resumed this year, and we have continued to find new ways to BE the church.

In the pages of this report, you will find the work of individuals, groups and committees – together we form the Body of Christ – the hands and feet and heart of Christ, empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit to live God's love in the world.

We thank God for all of the blessings of 2022, and we pray for God's continued presence with us in 2023.

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Two Rivers Pastoral Charge Rites of Passage 2022

IN MEMORIAM

Bayswater-Summerville

Georgia Alice Buckley
Donald Stanley Rushton
Ida Mae MacPherson
William "Bill" Ernest Ring

Long Reach

Carl Joseph Arthurs
Frances Collins
Edward William Moore
James Albert Whalen

Westfield

Phillip Clarence Jones
Andrew Elroy "Roy" Neil
Paul Arden Smith
Foster Venree Wallace
Daniel Patrick Rice
Carol Joyce Swan
Philip Flemming
Elizabeth Charlene Kay
Jean Irene Perrin

BAPTISMS

Long Reach

Vanna Louise Campbell
Caroline Jane Lynch

Westfield

Elliott Rose Marie Harris-Fallon

NEW MEMBERS BY CONFIRMATION/PROFESSION OF FAITH

Bayswater-Summerville

Gary Gamble
Judy Gamble

Long Reach

Shirley Cochran
Natalie Worth

Westfield

Norma Siddall
Tom Simms
Daniel Wheaton
Griffin Crossman
Kenneth Fury
Joan McDonnell

MEMBERS REMOVED BY DEATH

Bayswater-Summerville

Georgia Alice Buckley
Donald Stanley Rushton
Ida Mae MacPherson
William "Bill" Ernest Ring

Westfield

Phillip Clarence Jones
Paul Arden Smith
Carol Joyce Swan
Jean Irene Perrin

MARRIAGES

Steven Graves & Jenna Storey
David Corkett & Olga Scibior
Adrien Mann & Kendra Johnston
Ian McKay Manson & Kelly Lynn Galbraith
Rex Allan Hurley & Amanda Maria Lynn Wallace
Shane Ervin & Phillippa Lynne Mugglestone
Madeline Rose Harris & Dianna Marie Fallon

TWO RIVERS PASTORAL CHARGE - STATISTICS 2022

NOTE: (Bracketed figures are 2021 Stats)

	<u>Bayswater-Summerville</u>	<u>Long Reach</u>	<u>Westfield</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Number of Families</u>	(32) 33	(63) 64	(175) 178	(270) 275
Active Families	(30) 23	(38) 38	(122) 129	(190) 190
Non-Active Families	(02) 10	(25) 26	(53) 49	(80) 85
<u>Number of Individuals</u> under pastoral care	(63) 69	(161) 150	(381) 391	(605) 610

MEMBERSHIP

	<u>Bayswater-Summerville</u>	<u>Long Reach</u>	<u>Westfield</u>	
Membership January 1, 2022	(32) 29	(50) 46	(173) 168	(255) 243
<u>Members Received</u>				
Confirmation	(0) 2	(0) 2	(0) 6	(0) 10
Confirmation & Adult Baptism	(0) 0	(0) 0	(0) 0	(0) 0
Transfer In	(0) 0	(0) 0	(0) 0	(0) 0
Book-Keeping Update	(0) 0	(0) 0	(0) 0	(0) 0
<u>Members Removed</u>				
Deaths	(3) 4	(1) 0	(2) 4	(6) 8
Transfer Out	(0) 0	(0) 0	(0) 0	(0) 0
Book-Keeping Update	(0) 0	(0) 0	(1) 0	(1) 0
Act of Session**	(0) 0	(0) 0	(0) 0	(0) 0
Membership December 31, 2022	(29) 27	(46) 48	(168) 170	(243) 245
Non-Resident Members	(5) 6	(4) 8	(13) 12	(22) 26
Adherents	(22) 24	(51) 45	(121) 115	(194) 184
Baptisms	(0)	(1) 2	(0) 1	(1) 3
Funerals	(6) 3	(3) 1	(7) 9	(16) 13
Burials (Only)	(0) 1	(1) 3	(0) 0	(1) 4
Marriages	(0)	(0) 2	(4) 4	(4) 6

	<u>Long Reach</u>	<u>Westfield</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Sunday School Average Attendance	(4) 4	(0) 7	(4) 11
Pastoral Charge Youth Group Leaders 5	(0)	(7) 8	(7) 8
Sunday School Registered	(0)	(0)	(0)
Officers & Teachers	(2) 2	(0) 2	(2) 4
Vacation Bible School	(0)	(0)	(0)
Peninsula Messy Church	(0)		(0)
VBS Program Leaders	(0)	(0)	(0)

Study Groups: Bible Study (10-12) 10-12 Broadview Discussion Group (6) 5 Book Club (10) 8

Average Attendance at Worship	<u>Peninsula</u>	<u>Westfield</u>	<u>On-Line</u>
October	(17) 19	(22) 40	(25) 18
November	(16) 18	(25) 52	(23) 18
December	(24) 24	(30) 71	(24) 27

Two Rivers Pastoral Charge Directory & Nominations 2023

Clergy: Rev. Kate Jones

Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator:

Kenneth Fury

Office Administrator: Elaine Elkin

Music Directors:

Bayswater-Summerville Peter Boyce

Long Reach Joan Small

Westfield Bertis Sutton

Privacy Officer: Tatum Clendenning (2021-24)

M & S Enthusiast: Ross Sherwood (2023-2025)

UCC Broadview Rep: Joanne Yorke (2023)

TRPC OFFICIAL BOARD EXECUTIVE:

Chair: Ross Sherwood (2023-2024)

Deputy Chair: Bette Ashley (2023)

Secretary: Stacey Lacey (2023)

Treasurer: Beth Quigley (2023)

SESSION:

W Shirley James (Life)

W Chris Patstone (2020-2023) (Chair)

W Marilyn Parish (2020-2023)

W Josie Pike (2020-2023)

W Linda McCullough (2021-2023) Clerk

W Amber Graham (2021-2023)

W **Eldon Smith (2023-2024)**

W **Elaine Elkin (2023-2024)**

W **Cathy Thorne (2023-2024)**

W

B-S **Sue Gamble (2023-2024)**

B-S Bette Ashley (2018-2023) Deputy Clerk

B-S Karol Waters (2023-2024)

LR Catherine Cole (2021-2023)

LR Anne Titus (2022-2023)

LR

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL:

W Bev Mosher (2020-2023) Chair

W Mariann (Ticket) Gillan (2022-2023)

W **PJ Prowse (2023-2024)**

LR Joan Small (2020-2023)

B-S Jennifer Wilson (2022-2023)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

W Mariann (Ticket) Gillan (2021-2024)

W Elaine Elkin (2021-2024)

B-S Bette Ashley (2020-2023)

LR Kathy Fullerton (2020-2023)

PENINSULA FOOD BANK:

B-S Bette Ashley (2021-2024)

CHURCH IN THE WORLD:

W **Maggie Coffin-Prowse (2023)**

W **Verna Livingston (2023-2024)**

W **Cathy Thorne (2023-2024)**

W **Josie Pike (2023-2024)**

B-S **David MacPherson (2023-2024)**

LR Anne Titus (2020-2023)

LR Ruthie Fullerton (2022-2023)

AFFIRMING TEAM:

W Chris Patstone – Chair

W Amanda Evans

W Eldon Smith

W Joanne Yorke

W Josie Pike

W Maggie Coffin-Prowse

B-S Bette Ashley

LR Gwen Quigley

PASTORAL CARE TEAM:

W Pat Howe

W Wilma Biggins

W Margaret Graham

W Judy Sheaves

W Josie Pike

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

W Elaine Elkin (2021-2024)

B-S Bette Ashley (2021-2024)

LR Kathleen Fullerton (2021-2024)

BOARD OF STEWARDS:

W Mike Likely (2023-2024) Chair
W Secretary
W Margaret Stackhouse (2023) Treasurer
 W Shirley Myles (Env. Stwd-2023-2024)
 W Margaret Stackhouse
 (Env. Stwd-2023-2024)
W Lindsay Crossman (Env. Stwd-2023-25)
 W Jack Evans (2021-2024)
 W Doug Thorne (2021-2024)
W Daniel Wheaton (2023-2025)
W Claude Smith (2023-2025)
W
 B-S Sandra Lattimore (2021-24) Treasurer
 B-S Sue Gamble (2021-2024)
 B-S **David Lomas (2023-2024)**
 B-S Kelly Newstead (2021-24) Ways/Means
 LR Shelley Black (2021-2024)
 LR Beth Quigley (2020-2023) Treasurer
 LR Anne Titus (2022-2023)

TRUSTEES:

W Rob Elkin - Chair
 W Robert Titus
 W Marilyn Patstone
 W Kathy McLaughlin
 B-S Gordon Gamble (2021-2024) Chair
 B-S Sandra Lattimore (2021-24) Treasurer
 B-S David MacPherson (2021-2024)
 LR Ross Titus (2021-2024) Chair
 LR Treva Fudge (2021-2024)
 LR Bill Carvell (2020-2023)
 LR Richard Fullerton (2021-2024)

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

B-S Gordon Gamble (2021-2024) Chair
 B-S Bette Ashley (2021-2024)
 B-S Sandra Lattimore (2021-2024)
 LR Treva Fudge (2020-2023) Chair
 LR John Quigley (2020-2023) Treasurer
 LR **Richard Fullerton (2023-2024)**

HOME MISSION COUNCIL:

TRPC Richard Fullerton (2021-2023)

CONGREGATIONS:

W Brenda Craig-Brooks (2023-2024) Chair
W Amber Graham (2023-2024) Secretary
B-S David Lomas (2023-2024) – Chair
 B-S Kelly Newstead (2021-2023) Secretary
LR Catherine Cole (2023-2024) – Chair
LR Beth Quigley (2023-2024) Secretary

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TRPC – Minister's Report

"Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here... While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'" (Matthew 17:4-5)

This year, our annual meetings fall around the week when we celebrate the Transfiguration – the time when Jesus took three of his disciples up the mountain, and they witnessed Jesus be transformed so that "his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling" (Matthew 17:2). They were overcome by awe and fear of what they were witnessing, until Jesus reassured them, saying, "do not be afraid."

2022 was a very full year in the life of Two Rivers Pastoral Charge, with many highs and many lows. Our challenge, no matter what life throws our way, is to recognize, as the disciples did, that we are in the presence of God. And once we recognize God's presence, we can exclaim, along with Peter, "it is good to be here."

Here is a summary of some of the highs and lows in my life as the minister of Two Rivers Pastoral Charge:

Worship

Worship is at the heart of who we are as a community of faith. When we gather together to worship, we are pouring out the best of who we are to honour God, and our faith is strengthened for the days ahead.

Our worshipping life got off to a bit of a rocky start in 2023, as the Omicron Covid outbreak pushed us back on online-only worship from the second week of January through to the end of February. Since then, we have returned to hybrid worship with a significant congregation joining us virtually each week, along with the in-person congregations at each church. I want to say a huge thank you to the volunteers who make the Facebook Livestreams happen – our camera people (Ross Sherwood and Joe Brooks and friends), as well as the people who copy and paste the prayers and the hymns into the comments section each week for people worshipping at home (Irene Michaelson, Josie Pike, and Cindy Patstone).

Some worship highlights from 2022 include the return of the Westfield choir in September after a 2+ year break, 12 communion celebrations (including Ash Wednesday, Easter Sunrise, and Christmas Eve), 3 baptisms, confirmation at Bayswater-Summerville and Westfield (Long Reach was postponed to January 2023), in-person Christmas pageants, a special service in October where we celebrated our Affirming journey to date, a summer sermon series where we explored the theology of our favourite hymns, and worshipping outside at both Summerville and Long Reach through the summer.

Stretching worship beyond Sunday morning, I also presided at 6 weddings this year (more than any other year since I've been here – some people were playing catch-up this year due to Covid!); and I along with Joan Small and various Long Reach singers offered 4 services at the Snow Centre in Hampton.

The sadder side of worship comes with funerals, and this year I presided at 16 funerals and/or interments. Our churches lost several of our beloved members this year – I direct you to the Rites of Passage at the beginning of this report to read their names. Their presence in our community will be deeply missed.

Outreach

I love witnessing how all of the people of Two Rivers Pastoral Charge love not only the other members of the church, but also all of the people outside the walls of our church buildings. I direct you to the reports of Mission & Service as well as Church in the World for details of these endeavours, but a couple of my personal highlights from 2022 have included the construction of Ida's Cupboards (little free food pantries in front of each of our church buildings) and our ongoing Mission and Service mural that has continued to take shape as we raised over \$21,000 to love and support neighbours that we will never meet.

The Arts

I don't know how else to name this, but one highlight of 2022, for me, was the return of the arts to our community, and especially music. We were able to take a congregational field trip (filling 2 rows of the Imperial Theatre) to cheer on our very own Bertis Sutton in the Saint John Theatre Company's production of *Annie* in May (a plan 2 years in the making, as we had originally planned to do this in 2020 for *Mary Poppins!*). A handful of musicians in Summerville hosted an outdoor concert in August as a fundraiser for the church. Westfield hosted the *Cool Chicks and Ugly Doclings* for a concert in December, which was followed shortly by the church choir Christmas Concert. Youth Connection had a Paint Night in November. It is good to be able to do things like this again, as a community.

Christian Education

I often say that one of the highlights of each week, for me, is our Wednesday morning bible study. I get so much out of our conversations together, where I am a learner alongside everyone else. In the same vein, our monthly gatherings to discuss *Broadview* Magazine always see lively conversations as we dive into and discuss the articles that we find there. And in the fall, we gathered together a Confirmation Class that was multi-generational from across all three points of the charge, and encompassing a diversity of spiritual and life experiences.

Sabbath Time

We have an excellent Ministry & Personnel committee at Two Rivers Pastoral Charge, who always encourage me to make sure that I take the vacation and study leave that I am entitled to. For Study Leave in 2022, I attended the virtual gathering of the Network of Biblical Storytellers (Canada), including telling part of the Good Friday story "live" that I had learned by heart; and I attended (virtually) the Festival of Homiletics, a large preaching festival. Some of my vacation highlights in 2022 included a trip to PEI, a visit from my father and stepmother (who helped me rebuild my back deck), getting on an airplane for the first time since January 2020 to visit friends in Thunder Bay, and going to see my family in Ontario after Christmas after cancelling my trip the previous year due to the Omicron Covid outbreak.

It is Good for Us to Be Here

Through all of the highs and all of the lows of 2022, I have been confident in God's presence. God has been guiding us as a community to new ways of living God's love in the world. God has been present with families that are mourning, offering comfort and peace. God has made Godself known in the breaking of bread and pouring of wine, and in the hug or the peace-sign from a neighbour. God is with us in the laughter, in the tears, in the conversations, in the listening – God is with us in all of the ways that we are the church together.

And so, I join my voice to Peter's in proclaiming that truly, it is good for us to be here, in the presence of the Triune God, with all of you, my siblings in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Kate Jones

TRPC – Joint Board of Stewards - 2022

The passing of Phil Jones, former treasurer for the Two Rivers Pastoral Charge and Westfield United Church, has left a great void on our Board of Stewards and in our church family. He has been greatly missed and hard to replace. Beth Quigley volunteered to take over the Pastoral Charge Books during his illness and met with Phil shortly before his death. By motion at TRPC Annual Board meeting Beth Quigley, Margaret Stackhouse, Doug Evans and Catherine Cole were elected as signing officers. Margaret Stackhouse also assumed the role of Westfield United Church Treasurer. It has been a challenging year and certainly a time of great transition. We all should have asked Phil many, many more questions.

Margaret, Beth, Sandra Lattimore (Bayswater/Summerville Treasurer), and Rev. Jones met on Zoom in January 2023 to finalize and approve figures for the 2023 budget. Some final figures were still not available at this time. It was determined that the "housing allowance" contribution to the minister's salary from the sale of the manse in 2017 is a percentage and not a set amount, so we may increase that income.

Thanks to all for your understanding, support and patience over the past year.

Beth Quigley for TRPC Board of Stewards

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TRPC – Session Report

The Session of Two Rivers Pastoral Charge works to help fulfil the mission of God, in the name of Jesus, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Alongside Rev. Kate, we serve our church communities, providing leadership, with responsibilities in worship, pastoral care and Christian education. 2022 has been another year of holy and tender times, challenge, and spiritual richness; all-the-while navigating challenges that come with a global pandemic and its aftermath.

Here at Two Rivers, the past year was marked by many holy and tender times experienced in worship and especially during occasions with our holy sacraments of Communion & baptism. Session gave its blessings for several baptisms and marriages; and celebrated the lives of many from our community at their funerals.

After two and a half years of pandemic restrictions, 2022 saw the intermittent resumption of many of our in-person social gatherings, times of learning and events. Such things as: Bible study, Sunday School, Youth Connection, Flower Services, Advent Socials, after worship coffee, dinners, Christmas pageants, church picnic with full potluck lunch, and many others. 😊

The re-opening and resumption of these beloved “together times” has been, for many, a most welcomed development indeed. However, for some, it’s welcomed but it has been socially challenging to emerge from the cocoons of isolation; like trying to get your sea-legs under you after a long voyage. This is something Session has been sensitive to, when planning a lot of our worships and events this past year, and will continue, in the months to come.

For highlights and further details of Session’s ‘good deeds’, ‘misgivings’ and humble work; a copy of the past years minutes will be available for viewing at each of our Charge’s churches. In 2022 we had the privilege and honour to welcome three new Session members; Cathy Thorne, Karol Waters and Elaine Elkin. We all have, and will, benefit from their grace and spirit-filled leadership. Thank you all Session members. Your dedication to God and this Pastoral Charge is second to none! 😊

At the beginning of our regular meetings pastoral care concerns, in strict confidence, are always shared. These are mostly folks in our communities who are in need of care & prayer; later at the conclusion of our meetings, they are lifted up into prayer. This is all part of our attempt to honour God’s greatest commandment, “Jesus said, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.” Matthew 22:37-40

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Patstone, Chair of Session

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TRPC - Youth and Young Family Ministry

In many ways, 2021 was as tumultuous as 2020 in its own unique way. The starting and stopping provided a difficulty uniquely and formed 2022 as a result. 2022 saw me take the role and begin to develop my relationship with the United Church and its community. There were numerous major successes that should be cherished which will be identified in the following report.

Both Youth Connection and Sunday School saw different peaks. Sunday School became modernized through virtual Sunday School videos, using material from the Go! Project and Illustrated Ministry. These received consistent numbers and seem to have served the purpose of being there for those who could not attend. It is clear that the pageants (who owe so much to Tatum) were absolutely heartwarming and unforgettable and on both sides, our youth ministry has become more experienced.

Long Reach consistently brings the most children to Sunday School. I have not seen less than five to six children at any Service. Westfield can also hit high peaks, but is often more quiet. Some Sunday School sessions were simply two youths and other times, such as following the pageant, that the number was closer to eleven. Summerville has not had an active or potential share of the group and thus has not had Sunday School in the past year. However, if this is to change, Summerville would begin to have regular Sunday School in the manner the two other worship sites do.

On the other hand, Youth Connection was truly the star of the show. Though there were some more quiet periods, Youth Connection made some excellent memories and has continued to allow for a focused group to come together and grow. From the bonfire in which I accidentally ruined fireworks to the great Kahoot (trivia) competitions, many memories were etched into Two Rivers Pastoral Charge's history. This is a special thanks to the excellent volunteers and surrounding community, which enable every flourish of happiness. We have been lucky enough to consistently get six youth, with a few more visiting our meetings here and there. While my first months were a learning experiment, this past season has been a time of refinement. We can consider it a huge success to have 100% the same group consistently, which is a diverse and memorable group, including guests who are not part of the church community.

2023 will be a year of pursuing the successes of the last year, and striving to reach new heights and has already begun to be so.

Kenneth Fury
Youth & Young Families Ministry Coordinator

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TRPC – Ministry & Personnel

On January 30th, 2022, the new Committee Members were announced as follows:

Jennifer Wilson – Bayswater-Summerville
PJ Prowse – Westfield
Ticket Gillan – Westfield
Joan Small – Long Reach
Bev Mosher (Chair) – Westfield

On May 10 th	The Committee met and Kenneth Fury joined us
September 14 th	We met with Kate, Ken and Elaine for check-ins
November	An email went out to the congregation regarding M&P
December	In person reviews completed for Kate, Elaine and Ken
December	Review completed by email for Bertis

Recommendations were passed along to Margaret Stackhouse and Beth Quigley for budget consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Mosher - Chair

TRPC – Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team met once in 2022. There are 5 members: Judy Sheaves, Wilma Biggins, Pat Howe, Margaret Graham & Josie Pike.

There are 19 people on our lists that are home bound or reside in a nursing home.

Guidelines from National Office are being followed, example: before Covid we usually visited several people on the same day. Now we need to space out the time between visits.

Small gifts were distributed for Christmas.

We look forward to seeing our friends in person again in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Josie Pike

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TRPC – Benevolent Fund

“Contribute to the needs of God’s people, and welcome strangers into your home.” (Rom 12:13)

I want to begin this report with a thank you – thank you to everyone who donated to the Benevolent Fund this year.

Our Benevolent Fund Policy specifies the types of assistance that can be given out. We do not give out cash – assistance is given in the form of gift cards (e.g. groceries, gas) or is paid directly to the service provider (e.g. utility bill payments, bus tickets, prescription medications). If any requests for assistance are received that don’t fall under these categories, the request must be discussed in confidence with the Pastoral Charge Treasurer, the Chair of the Board of Stewards, or the Chair of the Church in the World Committee. This year, there were two extraordinary requests, but the majority of the requests for assistance fell within the ordinary guidelines of the fund. Help with groceries, gas, and utilities continue to be the most frequent requests.

202 Opening Balance: \$2728.08

Donations Received: \$4188.00

Interest Received: \$0.23

Funds Given Away: \$3527.42

Bank Service Charges: \$32.50

2021 Closing Balance: \$3356.39

In addition to funds in the bank account, on occasion gift cards are given directly to the Benevolent Fund. Approximately \$220 in loose gift cards were given away this year (not all gift cards indicated their value), and there is currently one \$50 gift card in the folder.

I want to note that even though we ended the year with a slightly higher bank balance than we started the year with, we gave away almost 7 times more money this year than we did last year. The needs in our communities were great this year. The only reason why we ended the year with more money is because of your generosity. This fall, I mentioned that there had been an increase in the requests to the Benevolent Fund, and you all came through. The Benevolent Fund is one example of your deep love for your neighbours.

It is easy to make a donation to the Benevolent Fund – just include it with your regular offering (or if you are on PAR, put it in an envelope in the plate with your name on it) and specify on the envelope that you want this to go to the Benevolent Fund. Any money donated to the benevolent fund will be included in your tax receipt at the end of the year. (This is preferable to donating gift cards because it allows us to direct your donation to meet the needs of the people asking.)

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, to all of you. When our neighbours come to the church looking for help, this fund allows us to offer practical assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Kate Jones

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TRPC - Church in the World

At the beginning of this report, I need to mention the most significant event in the life of this committee in 2022 which was the loss of our chair, Ida MacPherson, who died suddenly on July 11, 2022. Ida gave leadership to this committee and all of Two Rivers Pastoral Charge, and she is and will be deeply missed.

Because of this blow to the committee, we have struggled to get our feet under us again in the second half of 2022. This committee is currently without a chair, and did not meet in 2022 (though we had much communication by e-mail and phone to coordinate our work).

Here are the highlights of the committee's work in 2022:

- We made sandwiches for Romero House twice this year – in February, members of our Pastoral Charge made 580 sandwiches, then in November we made 875 sandwiches. These are much appreciated by Romero House, as they are continuing to serve meals through the window rather than inviting guests into their space; and on the weekends they serve sandwiches to up to (and often over) 500 people a day, including many children. Every sandwich that we make for them is one less sandwich that the staff and volunteers have to make.
- We had one book study this year – we discussed *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* (Barbara Kingsolver) on June 5, a discussion on food sustainability as well as the challenges to the global food system.
- A group continues to gather once a month to discuss Broadview Magazine – the direction of these discussions is determined by the group (ie which articles caught our attention that month), and the discussions are always very engaging.
- At our May gathering to discuss Broadview Magazine, one article that caught our attention was about Little Free Food Pantries (boxes of food that operate on the principle of “take what you need; leave what you can”) and we wondered if there was a need for these in our communities. We have food banks in both Grand Bay-Westfield and Kingston, but they operate with very limited hours, and we are aware of other factors that prevent people from being able to access food banks. This idea was realized and at the end of October, “Ida’s Cupboard” was in place at Westfield United Church, and by early December, two more “Ida’s Cupboards” were in place at Summerville United Church and Long Reach United Church. Thank you to everyone in our congregations and in the wider community who are keeping these cupboards stocked – we know that they are being used by community members and hungry people are being fed because of the work of the church. And a huge thank you to **Doug Thorne** (Westfield) and **Ian Lynburner** (Summerville and Long Reach) who donated their time and supplies to build these cupboards at no cost to the church, and to the Stewards/Trustees at the three churches for coordinating the practical logistics of this project.

- Our churches continue to collect donations for the Peninsula Food and Clothing Bank, MacDonald Consolidated School (breakfast program and school supplies), and the River Valley Food Bank. Thank you to Bette Ashley, Anne Titus, and Eldon Smith for ensuring that our donations are delivered!
- As in previous years, our White Gift Sundays were stretched over 6 weeks, with donations collected for Hestia House, Avenue B Harm Reduction, and Coverdale Centre for Women. Each of these organizations was approached in November and asked for their “wish list” and donations were collected at all three of our churches. Unlike 2020 and 2021, their wish lists included items rather than gift cards only, and so it isn’t possible to put a monetary value on our donations this year. I will say that Bette Ashley, Anne Titus, and Lois Sherwood had overflowing cars each week as they delivered our donations, and they were gratefully received by all three organizations.
- In December, all three of our congregations supported Christmas Families, with Long Reach and Bayswater-Summerville each supporting a family in the community, and Westfield, working through Christmas Exchange, supporting 10 families (31 people total) to help them to have a good Christmas.
- Truth and Reconciliation continues to be in the background of everything that we do as a Community of Faith. Several members of this committee attended the Welamukotuk Powwow on July 2 on Oromocto First Nation, and we encourage all of Two Rivers Pastoral Charge to attend a powwow if the opportunity arises. We continue to write letters to hold our government to account for the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (with a particular focus on recommendation #82).

2023 is going to be a year of re-grouping and re-focusing for this committee. We are hoping to have a meeting early in the year to select a new chair and determine our direction and focus moving forwards.

Thank you to all of the members of this committee who worked so hard in 2022: Bette Ashley, Dave and Ida MacPherson, Anne Titus, Ruthie Fullerton, Lois Sherwood, Verna Livingstone, and Maggie Coffin-Prowse.

This is a committee that doesn’t have a set number of members (though we like to have representation from all 3 churches) – membership is determined by interest in the sort of work that we do as the church in the world outside the walls of our building. If this work interests you, I invite you to talk to me or any member of the committee – we would love to have you join us!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Kate Jones

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Mission & Service Report 2022

Proverbs 11:24-25 "Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water."

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We did it again...we hit our goal...3rd year in a row!!!

As I sit to write this report, my heart is so full of gratitude. I say it every time I talk about our church and the amazing family we have here. "I'm so blessed". God continues to amaze me as to how Two Rivers continues to give so freely...reminds me of the saying "ask and you will receive" and in Two Rivers case, we always answer graciously! The amounts below are in addition to what we give to Romero House, Hestia House, Coverdale, Avenue B, Ida's Cupboard, Peninsula Food Bank, MacDonald Consolidated School, our 3 churches Christmas families and the Benevolent Fund...reaching far beyond the four walls of our churches.

Christopher J.H. Wright shares "It is not so much the case that God has a mission for the church in the world, as that God has a church for the mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God's mission."

Phase two of our Tree of Life mural is now complete, with thanks from Cathy Thorne (our final phase coming in 2023). Also thank you to Martha Crabbe, Marilyn Parish, Pat Howe and Josie Pike for your help with our hugely successful Telethon. And to Rev Kate...**YOU ARE AMAZING**, we are all so blessed!

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u># Contributors</u>	<u>2022 Goal</u>
Long Reach	\$4000	\$4521.00	18	\$4000
Bayswater-Summerville	\$3000	\$3674.00	25	\$3000
Westfield	\$14,200	\$13,225.30	103	\$14,200
Westfield UCW	\$300	\$300.00		\$300
Totals:	\$21,500	\$21,720.30	146	\$21,500

It is my hope that the members of TRPC remember Mission & Service when making their weekly donations to our church. I am so very thankful for each of you. On behalf of M&S, I THANK YOU!!!

Every time you make a donation to Mission & Service, you are helping to bring hope to one more person

Yours in Christ,
Ross Sherwood
Mission & Service Enthusiast

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TRPC – Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Council

The Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Council will be meeting in person this year! After a very long hiatus, we will be in P.E.I. in May 2023. N.S. will meet separately.

Of note: The United Church of Canada has a new, ambitious policy to address the climate emergency! The whole church is committed to the goal of an 80% decrease in carbon emissions by 2030! The United Church's Faithful Footprints Program currently working with 260 congregations to make their buildings more energy efficient. This is more than half way towards the goal of reaching 500 communities by 2025. For the 56 completed projects, carbon equivalency savings are equal to the annual energy of 147 homes (i.e., 628 metric tonnes of CO₂e saved). The United Church is also committed to **stronger advocacy** at both the provincial and the national government levels **for bold climate action**. The church is continuing its disinvestment from fossil fuels. We want to strengthen our work with Indigenous communities, global partners, ecumenical organizations, and relationships with young people who have shown great moral climate leadership.

The Regional Council meeting held last June 3-4, 2022 (zoom format), included the Region's Affirming Worship Celebration with invited guest preacher Ross Sherwood. Also speaking on Aging in the Church was guest speaker Ralph Milton. The Theme was "Reimagine Joy".

And, last but not least, our President Elect for the region, Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Stevenson (2023-24).

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Elkin
Bette Ashley
Kathleen Fullerton, Regional Representatives

TRPC - Home Mission Council

The following is a list of the Home Mission Council activities in 2022:

A. Funding for mission work of eight (8) Communities of Faith	\$10,000.00
B. Financial support to a candidate to ministry	\$7,000.00
C. Education Bursaries of \$500.00 to ten (10) applicants	\$5,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Fullerton
Chairman of the Funding Committee of the Home Mission Council

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TRPC – Broadview Subscriptions Report

The Subscription year does not end until January 31, 2023, therefore the report from the Annual Report 2021 stands as:

The Westfield United Church submitted 18 subscriptions to the Broadview Magazine.

Membership Renewals	15
New Subscriptions	<u>3</u>
Total	18
Cash (Bank Draft #847357)	\$320.00
Cheques	<u>\$130.00</u>
Total	\$450.00

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Yorke

TRPC - Affirming Team Report

There is no report from the Affirming Team as there is no Chair at this time. In 2022, we celebrated PIE Day by encouraging people to share their Affirming story on social media. We participated in the Saint John Pride Parade for the first time, on August 6th, 2022. We led an Affirming focused worship service on October 2nd, with guest Preacher Ross Sherwood.

Two Rivers Pastoral Charge					
Financial Report 2021, 2022 & Budget 2023					
Code	Receipts	Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
4100	Allotment - Bayswater/Summerville	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,360.00
4110	Allotment - Long Reach	\$ 24,996.00	\$ 24,996.00	\$ 24,996.00	\$ 25,496.00
4120	Allotment - Westfield	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 58,140.00
4130	Insurance - Bayswater/Summerville	\$ 696.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 747.00	\$ 1,100.00
4140	Insurance - Long Reach	\$ 1,464.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 1,464.00	\$ 2,200.00
4150	Insurance - Westfield	\$ 5,904.00	\$ 7,525.00	\$ 5,904.00	\$ 7,700.00
4200	Sundry Donations Received	\$ 714.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00
	Benevolent Fund			\$ 962.00	
4410	Youth Group Sponsors	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00
4420	Bulletin Sponsors	\$ 140.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
4432	Donations Hestia & Romero House	\$ 1,348.10	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -
4440	HST Received for Points	\$ 1,026.04	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00
4455	Home Mission Council Grant			\$ 1,000.00	\$0.00
4470	Interest Earned	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,400.00		
4480	Manse Fund draw- Housing Allowance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
	Total Receipts	\$ 119,988.14	\$ 127,201.00	\$ 117,698.00	\$ 123,946.00
Code	Expenditures	Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
5010	Ministers Salary & Living Allowance	\$ 55,290.00	\$ 56,490.00	\$ 56,490.00	\$ 59,624.00
5020	Secretary's Salary	\$ 13,278.72	\$ 13,279.00	\$ 13,278.72	\$ 13,978.00
5025	Youth/Young Family Ministry Salary	\$ 4,124.12	\$ 11,669.00	\$ 9,800.96	\$ 10,923.00
5030	Youth Ministry Expenses/Cellphone	\$ 252.42	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
5040	Mileage/Travel (Minister & Youth Lead)	\$ 3,410.08	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,948.50	\$ 3,400.00
5045	ADP Payroll Remittances	\$ 13,253.28	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 15,705.88	\$ 15,500.00
5050	Other Staff Payroll Remittances	\$ 530.15	\$ 877.00	\$ 869.65	\$ 900.00
5070	Pulpit Supply & Guests	\$ 2,296.50	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,149.00	\$ 2,300.00
5080	Denomination Assessment	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 6,916.00	\$ 6,422.00
5090	Life Long Learning (50% course fee)		\$ 50.00	\$ 44.99	\$ 50.00
5100	Continuing Education & Book Allowance	\$ 1,059.14	\$ 1,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 1,543.00
5110	ADP Payroll Fees	\$ 309.36	\$ 300.00	\$ 299.28	\$ 300.00
5130	Office Supplies	\$ 533.26	\$ 400.00	\$ 461.99	\$ 400.00
5135	Covid Expenses	\$ 2,061.38	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 33.83	\$ 50.00
5140	Copier Expenses & Annual Report	\$ 2,123.30	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 2,117.66	\$ 2,100.00
5160	Office Equipment/Minister's Study	\$ 268.75	\$ 200.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00
5170	Office Equip Repairs - Snow Removal	\$ 188.12	\$ 100.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
5180	Church/Office Telephone	\$ 1,384.54	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,508.05	\$ 1,500.00
5190	Minister's Cell Phone per Contract	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5200	Books/Bulletins/Resources	\$ 1,294.18	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 969.74	\$ 1,300.00
5210	Postage	\$ 938.97	\$ 700.00	\$ 442.68	\$ 500.00
5220	Music & DVD Copy Licences	\$ 490.87	\$ 600.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 500.00
5225	Affirm United	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
5230	New Regional Council 14 AGM	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$0.00	\$ 300.00

Code	Expenditures	Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
5240	Bank Fees & Cheques	\$ 162.47	\$ 200.00	\$ 51.15	\$ 150.00
5250	Outreach-Hestia Hse/Food Banks	\$ 1,348.10	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5252	Donations Healing Fund / One Sight	\$ 215.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5256	Donations AST	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
	Benevolent Fund			\$ 962.00	\$ 0.00
5260	Youth Events, VBS, Fall Fair	\$ 416.87	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 156.13	\$ 400.00
5310	Insurance-Bayswater/Summerville	\$ 696.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 767.00	\$ 1,100.00
5320	Insurance-Long Reach	\$ 1,464.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 1,464.00	\$ 2,200.00
5330	Insurance-Westfield	\$ 5,904.00	\$ 7,260.00	\$ 5,904.00	\$ 7,700.00
5340	Insurance-TRPC	\$ 6.00	\$ 1,119.00	\$ 2,724.00	\$ -
	HST Two Rivers Pastoral Charge			\$ 380.38	\$ 400.00
5400	HST Rebate-Sum/Bays & LRUC	\$ 1,026.04	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 121,875.62	\$ 135,204.00	\$ 129,680.59	\$ 137,340.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 121,875.62	\$ 135,204.00	\$ 129,680.59	\$ 137,340.00
	Total Receipts	\$ 119,988.14	\$ 127,201.00	\$ 117,698.00	\$ 123,946.00
	Surplus (Deficit)	(-1,887.48)	(-8,003.00)	(-11,982.59)	(-13,394.00)
	Opening Balance January 1	\$ 14,381.22	\$ 12,493.80	\$ 12,493.80	\$ 511.21
	Book Balance December 31	\$ 12,493.80	\$ 4,490.80	\$ 511.21	(-12,882.79)
	* GIC Housing Allowance Account	\$ 16,424.81	\$ 11,424.81	\$ 8,924.81	\$ 1,424.81
	Bank Book Balance	\$ 28,918.61	\$ 15,915.61	\$ 9,436.02	(-10,033.17)
	*June 30/17 Manse sold	\$120,000.00			
	Lawyers Fee	-\$ 3,335.58			
	Paid to Two Rivers Pastoral Charge	\$116,664.42			
	August 14,2017 - Manse Sale Investment - IAG Savings & Retirement Plan-Non Registered				
	Guaranteed Investment (2019-08-02)	\$50,000.00			
	Guaranteed Investment (2020-08-02)	\$25,000.00			
	Guaranteed Investment (2021-08-02)	\$25,000.00			
	Total Invested from Manse Sale	\$100,000.00			
	Balance from sale	\$16,664.42			
	2018 Applied to Moving Allowance	\$ 4,164.42			
	2018 Interview Costs \$5868.84	\$ 5,000.00			
	50% of Housing Allowance to Minister's annual salary				
	2018 - 1/2 year	\$ 2,500.00			
	2019 - Full year	\$ 5,000.00			
	Total Costs	\$16,664.42			
	March 27, 2020 - GIC Cashed out to Bank	\$ 26,225.41			
	2020	-\$ 5,000.00			
	2021 -	-\$ 5,000.00			
	2022	-\$ 7,500.00			
	Budgeted 2023	-\$ 7,500.00			
	Leaves \$1,225.41 balance in account at close 2023, opposed to \$1,424.81 as shown - Interest??				

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Bayswater-Summerville - Trustees Report

There isn't much of anything to report this year. Ida's Cupboard was installed at the front of the church yard. It looks very good and seems to be getting usage. Thank you to all who worked to get this installed. And, thanks to those who helped clean up around the Church this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gord Gamble

Bayswater-Summerville – Ways and Means Committee

We would like to extend our condolences to the family of Ida MacPherson on her passing last summer. Ida was an active member of the Fundraising/Ways and Means Committee. Ida and Dave were key people that would spend all day at a fundraising activity and often the day before getting things set up. Ida will be missed for her dedication.

While we are getting back to resuming regular activities post Covid 19 restrictions our church membership demographic being an aging congregation has started to play a significant part in our ability to hold fundraising activities of the past.

Several of our key members that have been greatly involved in organizing and working all day and sometimes multiple days in some of our past fundraising activities had expressed that they were no longer able to what they could in the past. This was mainly due to health issues for themselves or family members.

As a result, we have again had to try and think outside the box about what could be done to still raise funds and raise the church profile.

We had the hard conversation about revenue and expenses. Out of 29 households that the church supports approximately 13 households on the congregation list are financially supporting the work of the church through their monthly commitment or givings during regular attendance.

We thought about asking people that attend regularly to increase their givings but due to the increased cost in food, gas, home heating etc. this may cause some members difficulty. Instead, we left it up to members to determine if they were able to increase their financial commitment to the church. We don't want to give the impression that if people can't give they can't attend.

We also thought about reach out, delicately, to those that do not attend regularly, but want to remain part of the congregation, and see if they would be willing to make a monthly financial commitment to support the church.

The financial conversation resulted in some thinking outside the box and change the way we do things. We are going to start quarterly financial reporting to the congregation to keep them up to date on our current financial situation rather than just a yearly report at the AGM. Currently most months we are not receiving enough offerings or donations to cover our basic monthly expenses.

A very successful outdoor musical event was help by Randy and Jen Wilson at their residence. Randy and his musical gang raised \$875.00** as well as highlighting some history on the Summerville United Church in the community.

We partnered on with St. Bridget's and Long Reach United Church to hold a Roast Beef Dinner. The three churches equally contributed to donating supplies and person power for meal prep, serving and cleanup. Our portion of the profits was \$520.00.**

To commemorate our 155th anniversary of the Summerville United Church Karol Waters painted Christmas Ornaments featuring our church in a winter scene. This was another successful fundraising event raising \$630.00. Thanks to Karol for her artistic abilities.

Cindy Scott contacted me to advise that she is planning to hold another Summerville Art Festival on Saturday August 19th. We will have to have a discussion on what our involvement will look like for this event. These have been very successful activities for us in the past.

The total 2022 funds raised through community related activities which is eligible for our 10% donated back to the community was \$1395.00** . \$139.50 to be donated as approved at the AGM.

Kelly Newstead, Chairperson
Fundraising/Ways and Means Committee of BWS

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Bayswater-Summerville United Church Annual Financial Report 2022 & Budget 2023

Income \$29,692.70

Opening Balance: \$6,379.25

Envelopes \$21,124.70

M&S 3,674.00

Loose 339.00

Memorials 1,000.00

Oil (UCW) 500.00

Quilt Sale 750.00

Donations 110.00

Ornaments 800.00

Musical Evening 875.00

Church Supper 520.00

Total \$29,692.70

Contributions

Par 6

Envelopes 12

M&S 25

Expenses

Oil 3,083.77

Hydro 543.55

Pastoral Charge 18,000.00

Insurance Building 747.00

Insurance Furnace 247.83

Bank 140.62

Supplies & Misc. 325.20

M&S 3,674.00

Organist 420.00

Gifts 250.00

Community Outreach 355.00

Total \$27,786.97

Closing Balance: \$8,284.98

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lattimore

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Bayswater-Summerville United Church - Budget 2023

Income:

Enveloped	\$20,000.00
M&S	3,000.00
Loose	400.00
Fund Raisers	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$25,400.00

Expenses:

Oil	\$3,000.00
Hydro	550.00
Pastoral Charge	18,360.00
Insurance Building	
And Furnace	1,350.00
Organist	500.00
M&S	3,000.00
Supplies & Misc.	300.00
Snow Removal	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$27,160.00

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lattimore

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Bayswater-Summerville United Church – Memorial Account

No Activity: Balance \$2462.35

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Bawswater-Summerville United Church Cemetery Account

Opening Balance		\$25,310.37
Bank	\$3,616.97	
Income:		
Grave purchase	\$310.00	
Donations	\$50.00	
Expenses:		
Maintenance	\$300.00	
Bank	\$3,676.97	
G.I.C.	\$10,868.72	
	<u>\$11,359.54</u>	
	\$22,228.26	
Closing Balance, December 31, 2022		\$25,905.23

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lattimore

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Bayswater-Summerville United Church Women

Balance Sheet, December 31, 2022:

Bank Account	\$876.23
GIC	<u>\$3,373.61</u>
Total	\$4,249.84

Income Statement:

Opening Balance	\$1,051.23
Receipts, GIC	\$3,373.61
Quilting (2)	<u>325.00</u>
	\$4,749.84

Expenses:

Oil	\$500.00
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Closing Balance	\$4,249.84
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After a long break due to Covid, the quilters met again this Spring. We quilted three (3) quilts in total, one of which was donated to the church and sold as a fundraiser. We also decided to meet and knit for charities whenever we do not have a quilt available.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Crabbe

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Bayswater-Summerville Food Bank

The Food Bank has been busy. They are receiving good donations. The Food Bank provided 22 Christmas baskets. The clothes section has been steady. The depot is open the 3rd Saturday of the month for food orders. There are times when emergency orders are packed for the folks.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Ashley – United Church Rep.

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Long Reach – Trustees Report

French doors were installed between the River Room and Narthex to help control the draft in winter coming from the sanctuary when there is no heat as the old sanctuary doors have air gaps around them and the Narthex is not insulated in the tower. Hopefully, this will control some of the cold in the winter in the river room and heat can be left on low in the river room. The doors were painted white.

A floor strip was installed in the kitchen where the floor covering butts. Movement with the building keeps opening the floor seal and this should alleviate the problem.

Ross Titus
Trustee Chair

Long Reach – Sunday School Report

Long Reach United Church consistently brings the most children to Sunday School. On average, we have five to six children at any Service. Also, Sunday School became modernized through virtual Sunday School videos, using material from the Go Project and Illustrated Ministry. These received consistent numbers and seem to have served the purpose of being there for those who could not attend.

Kenneth Fury
Youth & Young Families Ministry Coordinator

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Long Reach – Cemetery Report

Committee Members: John Quigley, Richard Fullerton, Rev. Kate Jones,
Treva Fudge - Chairperson

Our annual Cemetery Clean-Up was completed in May. A good reliable Crew of workers were all there to help out, Thank you. Lawns completely raked, rocks removed off lawn from winter plowing, trees cut, garbage collected and landscaping done.

Thank you also to Kevin Roberts for repair work on our driveway after a heavy rainfall.

There were five (5) burials in Long Reach this year.

God is with us. We are not alone.

Respectfully submitted,
Treva Fudge, Chairperson

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Long Reach – Cemetery Financial Report

Balance Dec.31,2021		\$13,155.42
Expenses		
Plowing & Sanding (\$760.00+\$114.00 - 15%HST)	\$874.00	
Mowing (\$1652.18+\$247.82 - 15% HST)	\$1900.00	
Monument Resets (\$1192.80+\$178.92 - 15% HST)	\$1371.72	
Bank Charges	\$30.75	
Total Expenses	\$4176.47	<u>- \$4176.47</u>
 Subtotal		 \$8978.95
 Income		
Bank Interest	\$1.36	
Burial Plot (See Below)	\$2800.00	
Trust Fund Interest (\$10000 @ 4.5%)	\$450.00	
Trust Fund Interest (\$5000& \$8000 @ 4%)	\$520.00	
Double Dividend Fund (\$9700 @ 4.5%)	\$436.50	
Total Income	\$4207.86	<u>+\$4207.86</u>
 Subtotal		 \$13186.81
 Balance December 31,2022		 \$13186.81
 Burial Plots		
Barbara Gibson	\$1200.00	
Hyla Davenport	\$500.00	
Kevin Fullerton	\$500.00	
William Moore - cremation	\$300.00	
James Whalen - cremation	\$300.00	
 Investments		
Trust Fund - \$10000 in perpetuity on November 2013		
Double Dividend Fund - \$9700 in perpetuity on May 1982		
Trust Fund - \$8000 initially on June 1988 for a 2 year term maturing on June 2024		
Trust Fund - \$5000 initially on August 1992 for a 2 year term maturing on August 2024		

Note: 2022 Donations - \$1548.66 Deposited Jan. 5, 2023

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Westfield United - Church Choir

Our members as of December 2022 are Brenda Brooks, Kathy Cameron, Gina Coffin, Ticket Gillan, Amber Graham, Pat Howe, Rev. Kate Jones, Mary Kennedy-Fulton, Kathy McLaughlin, Heather Moreau, Anne Mosher, Marilyn Parish, Cindy Patstone, and Bertis Sutton.

The year started with yet another church lockdown. Online service was our mode of worship starting January 9 with musical contributions from me and Rev. Kate until in-person worship resumed on February 20. Some choir members joined in the singing intermittently through the spring and summer of 2022.

Finally, after 121 weeks of providing the musical selection by myself, the choir joined me in the choir loft on September 25 for full choir, unmasked anthems! Hallelujah! This was our first return to "normal" since March 15, 2020, except for one service in September, 2021 and four weeks of Advent in 2021.

At that time, we welcomed our first new choir member in several years, none other than Rev. Kate! Welcome, Kate! (At the time of writing this, we've also been joined by Charlotte Likely, although that's technically next year's report. Welcome, Charlotte!)

We dusted off some old favourites last fall as well as expanded our Advent repertoire with three new selections (as well as the candle lighting liturgy) which we sang during Advent and performed at our Christmas Concert on December 11. Proceeds of the concert were donated to the Benevolent Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Bertis Sutton,
Director

Westfield United – Sunday School

The Westfield Sunday School was not consistent with its numbers, however we hit some high peaks, but more often quiet. Some sessions were simply two youths and other times, the number was closer to eleven!

Kenneth Fury
Youth & Young Families Ministry Coordinator

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1st Westfield Scouts

Beaver Scouts meet from 6.30 -7.30 pm on Wednesdays with 7 youth & 3 leaders

Cub Scouts meet from 6.30 – 8.00 pm on Tuesdays with 12 youth & 5 leaders

Scouts meet from 6.45 – 8.00pm on Thursdays with 8 youth & 4 leaders

This year there are no Venturers

Rovers meet as needed with 4 young adults & 2 advisers

Group Committee meets via zoom or Teams each month

Due to Covid restrictions all sections met virtually until the end of January then all meetings were held outdoors.

Beavers reached level 1 in first aid. Watched hug a tree video and had a talk with search and rescue, had a water gun fight in the rain and a drive-in movie in the parking lot. They helped with the Strawberry nonsocial and helped with the Grand Bay Fall-fest race. They took part in Dragon Quest and picked the challenges, learned about maps and compasses, released hot air balloons and added to Iva's cupboard.

Cubs went hiking, family hikes, went camping, both overnight, winter and weekend camps. They also took part in Dragon Quest, built an obstacle course at the back of the church. They learned to compost. They looked after the snowshoeing event at Winterfest.

Scouts had hikes, overnight camps and went rock climbing. They also took part in Dragon Quest and learned about bridge building and tarp flip. At the Westfield Invitational patrols placed first and third.

Rovers had hikes at the Nature Park and did clean up at Holderville

All sections took part in the Remembrance Day parade.

Fund raising included Apple Day, YETI draws, road cleaning for the town and help with the Canada Race.

Awards – Medal of Maple was awarded to Zach Butts and Chief Scout Venturer Award to David Fox.

Ukrainian crests were purchased showing Westfield's help to Ukrainian Scouting.

All sections are working towards Outdoor Adventure Skills and Scouts and Rovers are working towards the Top Section Award.

Thanks again to excellent leadership Westfield Scouting had a great year.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor McClune, Sponsor Representative.

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Westfield United – UCW

The Westfield UCW held four meetings this year – April, May, September and November. We held a Bake & Yard Sale on May 28th. A donation was gifted to Ross Sherwood for his Canadian One Sight Clinic in Cornwall, in the amount of \$500. Our successful Strawberry Non Social was held on July 4th. Another successful Christmas Bake Sale was held on November 26th. We were able to purchase four sleeping bags for the Romero Van. We hosted Cool Chicks & Ugly Doclings on December 3rd. Our annual Christmas Communion Service was held on December 14th. The UCW provided food for one baby shower and one birthday party, as well as catering to five funerals. Money was donated to Hestia House, Avenue B, Coverdale, Romero House, the Food Bank, Westfield United Church and Mission & Service.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McCullough
Paula Smith
Co-Presidents

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Westfield United Church UCW Financial Report

Balance: December 31st, 2022 **\$1,809.18**

Income:

Catering	1,345.00	
Meetings	940.00	
Donations	220.00	
Yard & Bake Sale	1,317.35	
Strawberry Social	1,468.30	
Cool Chicks Concert	405.00	
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	5,695.65	\$7,504.83

Expenses:

Catering	519.19	
Westfield Church	600.00	
M&S	300.00	
WUC	850.00	
R. V. Food Bank	150.00	
Romero House	300.00	
Hestia House	300.00	
Coverdale Center	300.00	
Avenue B	300.00	
Bank Charges	29.21	
Donations include		
M&S, 4 sleeping bags		
for Romero, dues, masks,		
flowers	1,308.95	\$4,957.35

Balance: **\$2,547.48**

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Pattison

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Westfield United – Board of Stewards

Members of the Westfield Board of Stewards are: Rev. Kate Jones, Doug Thorne, Jim Yorke, Shirley Myles, Mike Likely, Claude Smith, Margaret Stackhouse, Christine Pattison, Jack Evans, Amanda Evans (Secretary) and Doug Evans (Chair).

Thank you Rev. Kate Jones for your continued spiritual energy and leadership over 2022. Both the Board of Stewards and all of Westfield continue to be truly blessed with your presence, leadership, ideas and action!

We began 2022 with the loss of long-time friend and Treasurer, Phil Jones. Phil's presence, sense of humor and steadfast dedication for his church is deeply missed and he will live forever in our hearts. We are deeply great-full to Margaret Stackhouse, who not only stepped up as Interim Treasurer until a permanent treasurer or solution could be found, she has guided us through the year by overseeing ALL financial matters of WUC. The search for a permanent treasurer or other bookkeeping solution continues – a heart felt THANK YOU, Margaret, for your patience, dedication and continuous work in keeping WUC in the black!

General and required maintenance of the church building and grounds continued throughout the entire year. Once again, thank you Doug Thorne, Jim Yorke, and Claude Smith for your never-ending handiwork on the church building and grounds.

The past WUC organ stopped functioning in early 2022. Rev. Kate located a "new to us" Allan Organ from another United Church in St. Andrew's. The sale was skillfully negotiated, and the move of the organ to its new home overseen, by Mike Likely – thank you Mike!

2022 brought skyrocketing inflation and increased costs on all levels. In memory of Ida MacPherson, the Board of Stewards supported the Church in the World initiative for community food pantries, and the building of "Ida's Pantry". From WUC, a huge thank you to Doug Thorne for his time and skill in building Id's Pantry located in the WUC parking lot. "Take what you need and leave what you can" has benefited many people in an around Grand Bay-Westfield.

In an effort to reduce rapidly increasing heating costs, and to live with love for God's creation by reducing WUC's reliance on oil heat, the Board of Steward's has started down the road for eventual decommissioning of the oil tanks, and making the change to heat pumps. Thank you to Shirley Myles for taking on the initial steps and oversight of this worthy process, including communication with various representatives about a necessary energy audit, addition of required insulation in the sanctuary walls, and the required electrical entrance to support the future heat pumps. Shirley and the Board of Stewards would welcome any assistance, research, or any ideas of potential grants or funding towards acquiring the heat pumps. If you can assist, please reach out to Shirley Myles or any member of the Board of Stewards.

Throughout the ongoing challenges of 2022, the response from you, the church family, to the financial needs of both the church and the community has continued to be very positive. We continue to search for a volunteer to oversee or "direct" the Remembrance Day turkey dinner, a worthy and much missed fundraiser. There are plenty of workers and willing hands to make the dinner happen – we just need an

organizer! A huge thank you to Judy and Dave Sheaves for your dedication in overseeing the Remembrance Day dinner in past years, and for your offer to guide another to oversee the Remembrance Day turkey dinner.

As we head into the increased costs/expenses of 2023, any increase in contribution made as able, whether its financial or a contribution of time such as organizing even a modest fundraiser, would be very welcomed and appreciated! A special thank you to each and every one of you for responding to the Board of Stewards end of year fundraiser - you are the reason the church continues to thrive financially and in every way! If you are not on PAR, please consider PAR and if interested, let any member of the Board of Stewards know.

I wish to make special note of one person who has given much of his time and talents to WUC over the years, Jim Yorke. Jim has retired from the regular meetings of the Board of Stewards and we will miss his monthly participation and insight, but we look forward to seeing you regularly. Thank you for all you have done for WUC, and we appreciate your willingness to continue to give your time on projects and when called upon!

Welcome aboard Daniel Wheaton – we are happy you have joined the Board of Stewards!

Once again, the generosity, creativity and dedication of this church community has continued to shine throughout another year of world changes and challenges. We look forward to 2023 and the hope that the year will bring. A special thank you to each and every member of the congregation for your contributions, both financial and otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Evans

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Westfield United - St. Giles Fund Report

The St. Giles Fund was created using funds received from St. Giles United Church after it closed. It is designed to offer non-repayable grants up to \$100 for **new and creative initiatives** that are in keeping with the mission statement of Two Rivers Pastoral Charge.

Applications can be made by any member or adherent of any of the three churches that make up Two Rivers Pastoral Charge.

In 2022, there were no applications received – an application was started by the Church in the World Committee to build the three Little Free Food Pantries (“Ida’s Cupboards”) however the funds were not required as the carpenters donated their time and resources instead.

Do you have a new idea for how we, as the church, can love and serve our neighbours? Do you need a little bit of money to get this project going? The application process to the St. Giles Fund is easy, and we would love to see this money put to use in our communities!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Kate Jones

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January 14, 2023

Westfield United Church
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Dear Congregation of Westfield United:

The Westside Food Bank would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your support during the past year with monetary and any food donations.

As of December 31, 2022, the Westside Food Bank has assisted 3,066 families, which includes 4,991 adults and 2,934 children for a total of 7,925 people. There were 180 new families and 1,120 single (men/women) families. In order to continue our work, the Westside Food Bank relies on donations from caring individuals, churches, organizations, etc., that help the Food Bank fulfill the mission of assisting the needy in our community. We would like to extend our thanks to the members of your church for allowing us to continue this very worthy cause and would you please let them know the number of people (families) that are being helped.

The Westside Food Bank will be holding their Annual Meeting in the spring and you will be notified regarding the date, time and place.

Again, many thanks for your support and generosity.

Sincerely,



Shelley Scott,
President
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Westfield United Church				
Financial Report 2022 and 2023 budget				
Actual Dec 31/21 & 2022, & Budget 2023				
	2021	2022	2022	2023
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Church Operating Funds				
Receipts				
Local Offering	\$77,851	\$83,000	\$92,824	\$85,500
UCW Allotment	600	600	600	600
UCW additional	300		\$300	300
Donations from Canada Helps			200	0
Interest earned	69	150	\$200	200
UCW Calendars	20		40	50
Advent Candles proceeds	530	630	\$337	600
Hall Rent	1,542	600	\$105	600
Transfer from Choir Fund	500		\$0	0
Easter Sunrise Breakfast free will donations	0		\$0	0
Fund Raising proceeds (Remembrance Day – church supper)	4,972	2,900	0	0
Marriage Fees	450		\$0	0
Special Appeal 2021 Stewards	5,755		\$3,245	2,500
Christmas Ornaments	1,143		\$0	0
white gift appeals	325		\$0	0
fundraising	35		\$0	0
Donation for Bulletin costs (TRPC)	40		\$0	0
Donation toward Covid 19 costs (TRPC)	2,000	2,000	\$0	0
Cash donations to Christmas Baskets	535		\$0	0
Transfer from Christmas Baske Fund	700	700	\$0	0
Donation to Food Bank	446	0	\$0	0
GIC cashed			13,402.00	0
Operating receipts	\$97,312	\$90,580	\$111,253	\$90,350
Expenses				
Pastoral Charge	\$97,312	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$58,140
Transfer to Pastoral Chg (Bulletin etc)	57,000		0	-150
Sunday Service	63	150	0	150
Choir and music etc.	0	90	162	90
Organ & piano maintenance	215	150	230	150
Organist Services	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,792
Postage	293	200	210	200
Sunday School	0	0	0	0
Acknowledgements & out reach assistance	38	30	0	30
Regional Meeting	0	300	0	500
Stewardship envelopes and expenses	325	325	0	325
Christmas Baskets	1,235	0	0	0
Transfer to Christmas Baskets fund	0	0	0	0
Advent Candles project costs	0	240	0	240
White Gifts	305	0	0	0
Fund Raising expenses (Church Supper)	730	500	0	0
Banking fees and cheque & deposit slips printing	804	600	440	600
Office supplies	25	144	542	200
Food Banks donation remitted	466	0	0	0
Building Occupancy Costs:				
Maintenance	2,083	1,896	2,578	2,000
Heating	6,602	6,500	11,400	12,000
Insurance	5,904	5,904	5,904	7,600
Power	1,832	1,900	2,003	2,400
Snow Removal and sanding	1,520	2,700	3,200	3,200
Special cleaning	0	0	0	0
Cleaning	4,800	4,000	4,800	4,964
Total Building Occupancy Costs	22,741	22,900	29,885	32,164
Operating expenses	\$93,878	\$92,229	\$94,347	\$102,530
Operating Gain or (loss)	\$3,434	-\$1,649	\$16,906	-\$12,180
Balance beginning of period	\$5,957	\$5,957	\$9,391	\$26,297
Balance end of period	\$9,391	\$4,308	\$26,297	\$14,117
Friday, January 14, 2022				
Phil Jones, Treasurer				