

Chair's Report from the Council Meeting of January 21, 2025



The following were topics discussed and/or decisions approved.

1. Dianne Parnell was appointed Acting Chair of the Membership, Fellowship and Care Committee (MFC) for an undetermined length of time effective immediately. This decision was made in consultation with Jed who will continue to serve as a member of the committee.
2. Council received and accepted with regret the resignation of Rev. Bonnie Pilkey as a Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM) at St Paul's United Church. This resignation also has to be approved by Antler River Watershed Regional Pastoral Relations Commission.
3. MFC committee are proceeding with the process of updating our Church Photo Directory. Photos will be taken early in March. Watch for further details and a sign- up sheet asap.
4. The work to update the sound system is completed. Those who operate the sound system will be trained by the installer to ensure everyone understands the changes and how everything works. The cost of the upgrades was \$4440.78 taken from the Worship budget.
5. Council received the usual monthly reports from Rev. Karlene and committees outlining activities of 2024 in summary and plans for this upcoming year –the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. The financial review page for December is attached to this report.
6. Council reviewed in detail the proposed budget for 2025 and approved forwarding it to the AGM for final approval by the Congregation.
7. Rev. Karlene will be on study leave January 28-February 4, 2025. Pulpit supply for February 2, will be Karen Hodges.
8. The report booklet for the Annual General Meeting will be emailed or distributed prior to February 2. Please familiarize yourself with the reports etc. Questions for clarification will be welcomed at the AGM.
9. The Annual General Meeting will be Sunday February 9 immediately following worship. A light lunch will be available for pick up in the rotunda. The meeting will begin approximately 20-30 minutes after worship concludes.
10. Sunday February 16, the installation of Council will take place during the worship service followed by a hot dog lunch for all.

11. IMPORTANT INFORMATION --- This being a celebratory year as the United Church celebrates 100 years there will be lots of programmes, activities and special events as we celebrate being 100 years of age. To keep current and up to date frequently check out the calendar on the wall in the hallway by the washrooms. If you or your group are scheduling an event check with Helen in the office re availability of the room you wish to use. Book the date and space with Helen and then put it on the hall calendar. The sooner you book the room you want to use the better or you may find as the date approaches the room is already booked. There is a lot of planning taking place and it is shaping up to be a busy year. Let's have fun while we at St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg celebrate and remember our long rich history as a Community of Faith belonging to the United Church of Canada.

If you have comments, concerns or questions, please contact me. I welcome your input and /or suggestions.

In summary this past week has brought record breaking, freezing temperatures. IT IS COLD!!!! Stay inside if possible or dress extremely warmly as you go out. Stay safe and stay healthy – take care of yourself and those around you.

Blessings to all!!!

Mary Anne Silverthorn

Council Chair

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

31-Dec-2024

2024 YTD Income	435,660.02
2024 YTD Expenses	381,324.27
	54,335.75
Balance of Income and Expenses YTD	54,335.75
Beginning balance January 1, 2024	(2,213.79)
HST Rebates from prior year rec.	2,721.41
HST Rebate Outstanding	(2,127.81)
Net Transfer to Investments	(92,000.00)
Redemption - Handicap washroom 4/10/24	10,000.00
Interest transferred from Undisbursed Investment savings	6,000.00
Transfer from SWM savings to Operating Account	28,000.00
Transfer from SWM savings to Operating Account	20,000.00
Net transfers (to)/from Reserves	<u>(13,008.26)</u>
Balance in Operating Account as of December 31, 2024	\$ 11,707.30

Reserve Accounts (included within operating and/savings accounts)

Anti-Racism Grant (provincial)	7,500.00	
Assessment Fees	0.25	
Community Kitchen	25,824.99	
Cont. Education (non-clergy)	159.71	
Family Care Fund	263.95	
Messy Church	1,965.92	
Oxford Presbytery Website	298.33	
Property	6,236.74	
Special Projects	5,482.07	
Worship	4,336.66	
		<u>\$52,068.62</u>
Total Reserve Accounts		<u>\$52,068.62</u>
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>(40,361.32)</u>

Investments

Reserve Fund Protection	51,800.00
Restricted Investments	296,000.00
Non-restricted Investments	205,098.00
Undisbursed Investment Savings Interest	<u>1,311.00</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$554,209.00