



Council Report -- March 18, 2025

The following items were discussed and/or decisions made:

1. Rev. Karlene' s report included updating future dates and events- Sunday March 23 will be Membership Sunday with the following people admitted into full membership: Adelaide Jackson, Amelia Jackson, Margaret Betty, Jor-El, Cindie McCormack. In addition, Robert and Sylvia Holbeck have been accepted for Baptism. We welcome these 7 new people and look forward to chatting with them and sharing a coffee at our refreshment time following each Sunday Worship.

Make sure the following dates are in your calendar ---April 13 -Palm Sunday, April 17 Maundy Thursday @6:00 PM—April 18-- Good Friday 10:30 – (no coffee time we will all leave quietly, --April 20- Easter Sunday Sunrise Service@ 8 A.M. followed by a light breakfast. Regular worship service @10:30 A.M. with Communion. Rev Karlene will be off Sunday April 27th. Pulpit supply will be Marianne Ferris.

2. Property reported that the Choir Loft renovations will begin March 24 and is scheduled to be completed in one week.
3. Trustees reported they have received notification of a bequest from the Estate of Bonnie Brown. Details will be shared upon receipt of the funds.
4. Worship reported that **volunteers are needed to run the Sound Board on Sundays and at other events held in the Sanctuary. We have 2 and 2 stand-bys ---that is inadequate. No experience is necessary and youth are certainly welcome. We will train. Speak to me (Mary Anne) or call the church office and leave your name if you just want to learn more or you're interested. We have an updated sound system but need operators. Thanks to Finn who shows up weekly and does an amazing job. Many thanks Finn!**

Upcoming ---a) EASTER Sunday April 20 –all people attending worship will proceed outside after worship for a photo on the front step. Hoping for wonderful weather -- this is another **Celebrate 100 event/ project. Jeff Helsdon will be taking the photo.**

b) **In the Sun – worshipping the Son** ---July 27 with Tood's Dogs Food Truck food for lunch.

c) September 7 – Welcome back catered lunch after worship. It's Free!!

 Birthday celebration included. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

5. The MFC committee report – photo shoots are completed – the book will contain 74 photos plus a few others. Stay tuned the finished product should arrive in the early Fall --- we hope. Name tags will be provided for the new members on March 23rd. MFC is hosting coffee hour in April and will provide breakfast for the Easter Sunday Sun Rise Worship.
6. The UCW report - Fran Bell has volunteered to be the UCW leader. Their fundraisers for the year will be -- May –Selling geraniums, June – Bake sale at the Yard Sale, November – Frosty Fair Bazaar and Rheo Thompson chocolates in time for Christmas.
7. AOTS --Spaghetti Supper March 29 --tickets are available at church office or AOTS members -Dave Morris .
8. Community Kitchen was a recipient of monies from a group called One Hundred Women of Oxford. They received \$8000.00. Well done Keith /Julie.
9. The Financial Summary page is appended to this report. As you will see January and February have not been good months. Your attention to this matter would be appreciated. Also remember the **Celebrate 100 campaign** in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the United Church. We are collecting monies involving 100 --- 100 nickels, 100 dimes, loonies, etc. and we also are looking for \$100.00 bills etc. Put you donation in an envelope with your name and put the envelope on the regular collection plate or an e-transfer with the details marked. You can do this as often as you wish. All monies stay at St. Paul's to be used for whatever?
10. Are you interested in helping to plan an event for fall or Spring 2026? We have people wanting a Music Concert (Elvis or????) BUT we need helpers to work on planning etc. - - are you interested ?– speak to me. We are gathering names of people willing to assist with planning and details before we make any decisions about going forward – however concerts are good fund raisers.

Any comments, concerns or questions --- please ask.

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**St. Paul's United Church
Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2025
BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY**

28-Feb-2025

<i>2025 YTD Income</i>	36,239.40
<i>2025 YTD Expenses</i>	\$ 64,362.93
Balance of Income and Expenses YTD	(28,123.53)
Beginning balance January 1, 2025	\$ 11,707.30
HST Rebates from prior year rec.	
HST Rebate Outstanding	(1,292.71)
Transfer from SWM savings to Operating Account	10,000.00
Net transfers (to)/from Reserves	<u>1,705.16</u>
Balance in Operating Account as of February 28, 2025	\$ (6,003.78)

Total Operating and Savings **(6,003.78)**

Reserve Accounts (included within operating and/savings accounts)

Anti-Racism Grant (provincial)	7,500.00
Assessment Fees	2,295.09
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	3,567.07
Worship	<u>2,336.66</u>

Total Reserve Accounts **\$ 50,448.46**

NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) **(56,452.24)**

Reserve Fund Protection	47,800.00
Restricted Investments	296,000.00
Non-restricted Investments	200,098.00
Undisbursed Investment Savings Interest	<u>361.91</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	544,259.91