



## Chair's Report from Council Meeting of May 20, 2025

1. The following items were discussed and/or decisions made. There are a lot of events coming up in June. Read all the emails, see the lists and watch for all the details. There are some sign up sheets for a few of the events in the hallway. Check out EVERYTHING!!!! Sign up if your coming – there will be lots of food events during June as we celebrate the flag raising, the **Actual Day of the UCC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, and CANADA Day. We have a new Worship leader for June 22 and 29 while Rev Karlene is on Study Leave. Please welcome Leeyan Steinhorsen to St. Paul's. Leeyan's home Community of Faith is Trinity UC Ingersoll.
2. Council approved that Heather Rognvaldson, Peter Good, Robert Stevenson and Cathy Anne Stevenson become members of the St. Paul's family.
3. Council approved some upcoming events. More details will be available as the dates approach. The events are Music concert ---Back to the 50's Oct. 18, followed by an Oktoberfest Dinner, November 29 – Turkey Dinner details later, April 18, 2026 -Elvis Gospel Impersonator.
4. After the Treasurer's report, Council had a detailed discussion about our finances. Our income is declining and needs the attention of all. Council named an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the Treasurer, the Chair of Finance and 3 trustees -to compile an information letter explaining our financial situation and its seriousness. This info will be sent to all members of our St. Paul's family by email or personal delivery prior to June 30. THIS SITUATION is VERY IMPORTANT and NEEDS EVERYONES's ATTENTION. Please read the info when you receive it. We thank you for your personal attention to this matter. Stay tuned.
5. The family of St. Paul's wishes to congratulate Karen Hodges. Karen has successfully completed the educational requirements to become a Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL). This process will conclude at the ARW Regional Meeting on May 31 when she and 2 others from ARW will be "recognized" ceremonially by the Region as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader – receive her Certificate and her Tippet (a blue ceremonial scarf) to be worn when leading worship as a LLWL. Congratulations Karen. We are proud of you for achieving this recognition. We know that this has been a personal goal of yours for several years. Reaching this achievement will be very rewarding to

you. Congratulations – we are confident that your service throughout the Region will be appreciated by all as you work in the Region ministering to other Communities of Faith as a pulpit supply.

6. Marianne Ferris - Chair of M and P announced that M and P has accepted with regret the resignation of Karen Hodges from her position at St. Paul's UC as Christian Development Co-ordinator effective June 30, 2025. Karen has worked in this position for 12 years. We wish Karen well as she will be serving as pulpit supply with many Communities of Faith in Antler River Watershed Region.
7. Council has postponed their June meeting, will meet in July and not in August. Regular meetings will be again in September. In the months of no scheduled meeting-- items of business will be conducted by email and / a meeting at the call of the Chair.
8. Remember to continue your donations to Celebrate 100 and /or the flagpole project. Your support is greatly appreciated.
9. There are many scheduled events in June, July and August. Keep checking the calendar in the hallway and read all the info that you receive with the weekly Bulletin.
10. A NEW EVENT – Sunday September 7 – there will be a welcome back catered lunch combined with my birthday celebration as I enter a new decade. All are invited to lunch. Watch for the posters explaining more details – they will be arriving soon.
11. Next weekend May 30/31 will be the ARW Regional Spring meeting in Sarnia. Your reps attending will be Marianne Ferris and Mary Anne Silverthorn in person while Rev. Karlene will attend by Zoom.

Comments, concerns and /or questions – just ask.

Report compiled by Mary Anne Silverthorn  
Council Chair

**St. Paul's United Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of April 30, 2025**  
**BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY**

30-Apr-2025

<b>2025 YTD Income</b>	<b>116,843.99</b>
<b>2025 YTD Expenses</b>	<b>144,111.05</b>
<b>Balance of Income and Expenses YTD</b>	<b>(27,267.06)</b>
<b>Beginning balance January 1, 2025</b>	<b>11,707.30</b>
<b>HST Rebates from prior year rec.</b>	<b>2,127.81</b>
<b>HST Rebate Outstanding</b>	<b>(3,353.44)</b>
<b>Transfer from SWM savings to Operating Account</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Net transfers (to)/from Reserves</b>	<b><u>2,852.58</u></b>
<b>Balance in Operating Account as of April 30, 2025</b>	<b>\$ (3,932.81)</b>

**Reserve Accounts (included within operating and/savings accounts)**

<b>Anti-Racism Grant (provincial)</b>	7,500.00
<b>Assessment Fees</b>	1,147.67
<b>Community Kitchen</b>	25,824.99
<b>Cont. Education (non-clergy)</b>	129.71
<b>Family Care Fund</b>	163.95
<b>Messy Church</b>	1,965.92
<b>Oxford Presbytery Website</b>	298.33
<b>Property</b>	6,236.74
<b>Special Projects</b>	3,652.07
<b>Worship</b>	<u>2,336.66</u>

<b>Total Reserve Accounts</b>	<b><u>49,256.04</u></b>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>(53,188.85)</u></b>

<b>Reserve Fund Protection</b>	<b>53,000.00</b>
<b>Restricted Investments</b>	<b>296,000.00</b>
<b>Non-restricted Investments</b>	<b>194,898.00</b>
<b>Undisbursed Investment Savings Interest</b>	<b><u>361.91</u></b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>544,259.91</b>