

CHWUC 2024

Annual Report



Cole Harbour Woodside
United Church

“Offering the care and comfort of Christ”

Remembering...



Gladys Lutes

Chris Cassell

Barb MacAlpine

Jean Lovett



*The sympathy of the congregation
is extended to all persons
who grieve the loss of loved ones
during the past year.*

*To each of you
we express God's blessing.*

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From Michael's Desk

"Let us build a house where love can dwell"

This line jumps out at me as a wonderful song to speak about the call that Cole Harbour Woodside United Church lives. We have worked diligently over the last few years to ensure that this 'house where love can dwell' would continue with the ministries that have been ours and those who have gone before us. It has not been an easy journey since the end of COVID restrictions, but we have not let the struggles keep us from relying on God and God's presence in the life of this community. We have been blessed by the spirit of the faithful who have done so much to not merely maintain our ministry together, but, in the end, have led us to thrive and grow. We have continued to support our existing ministries AND we have been so bold in the spirit to dream of new ministries such as the hosting of the Community Cupboard, Memory Café, a Youth Group and supporting 10 youth to attend the youth programming at the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional meeting in Truro. It has all been accomplished by the dedication and faith of so many volunteers and participants in our community of faith.

The pages of this Annual Report demonstrate the vitality, faith and spirit that is alive and moving in the life, work and ministry of Cole Harbour Woodside United Church. I have been so blessed to be in ministry in this place with all of you. I am blessed by your faith and trust in me and in the ministry we share together. I know God's leading in this ahead continue to demonstrate the 'Care and Comfort of Christ' in this community of faith and our outreach into the world. All we do, we do in the name of the One who calls us in, equips us and sends us out to be a witness to the truth that 'All are welcome in this place.'

Keep me in your prayers as I keep you in mine.

Michael

Annual General Meeting of Cole Harbour Woodside United Church
Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:30 a.m.
MINUTES

*Attendance lists follow the minutes.

Jane Parmiter, Chair of the Unified Board, constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ.

Voting Privileges for Adherents: Moved by John Siteman, seconded by Susanna Morash-Kent, that adherents of our congregation who are not full members be permitted voting privileges in this meeting. Carried.

Acceptance of Agenda: Moved by Roger Kent, seconded by Anne Marie Siteman, that the agenda be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes – February 2023: Moved by Margaret Crowell, seconded by Juris Svistunenko, that the minutes be adopted as circulated.

Lee Ayer asked for the following corrections:

Under Dinner Theatre – The Cast, it should read Brock McNamara

Under UCW Annual Report – Social Committee, the name should read Lee Ayer

Under CHWUC – UCW Fund, the text should read “balance as at December 31, 2023”

Motion carried, with corrections noted.

Remembering Those We Lost in 2023: Jane Parmiter read the list of names of members of the congregation who died in 2023.

Celebrating Our Life and Work Together in 2023:

- Jane expressed her gratitude to the many people who work so hard for the Unified Board.
- Roger Kent, President of the Choir, expressed the gratitude of choir members for the direction of Charles Myra. Roger also thanked Greg Myra for his help and Lee Ayer for her work as Treasurer of the Choir.
- Joann Chapman celebrated the success of dinner theatre and the tremendous work by Jill Brogan, all the cast members, members of the band, and the volunteers in the kitchen.
- Lee Ayer thanked members of the congregation for buying grocery store gift cards, which netted the church \$32,000 over sixteen years. She especially thanked Marylou Foster for her dedication in selling the cards.
- Janet Barker expressed her thanks to the technical crew who serve at every service and throughout dinner theatre.
- Jill Brogan expressed her thanks for the volunteers who help with dinner theatre and all our other many fundraising efforts.

Annual Reports and Financial Statements: Co-Treasurer Shirley Clouter moved to accept the Annual Reports and Financial statements as printed. Seconded by Lee Ayer. Motion carried.

Pastoral Charge Mission & Service Goal: Cyndy Barclay-Hill reported on Mission and Service givings to the national church over the past year. National givings in 2023 totaled \$20,831,564. This amount marks a small decrease over 2022 givings. She expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the CHWUC congregation for our givings, which totaled a little over \$15,000. Shirley Clouter moved acceptance of our pastoral charge goal for 2024 of \$14,500. Seconded by Roger Kent. Motion carried.

Pastoral Charge Budget: Shirley Clouter moved that the budget for 2024 be accepted. Seconded by Gordon Parsons. Motion carried.

Jane Parmiter expressed the congregation's gratitude to Shirley Clouter and Bob Wight for their great dedication as our Co-Treasurers.

Cole Harbour Cares: Anne Woods reported to the congregation on the recent history of our refugee sponsorship efforts and moved that Cole Harbour Cares be disbanded, effective March 2024. Seconded by Joanne Donaldson. Rev. Michael Mugford commented on the unique nature of this outreach program, pointing out that it not only succeeded in settling two Syrian families in Nova Scotia, but it also embraced other denominations and community members outside the church. He called Cole Harbour Cares a rousing success. Motion carried.

Anne Woods explained that Cole Harbour Cares had to decide what to do with its remaining funds. She told the congregation about three organizations - Open Harbour Refugee Association of Halifax, the Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia and the Hants East Assisting Refugee Team (HEART) – to which Cole Harbour Cares proposes giving its funds. Anne moved that Cole Harbour Cares funds be disbursed equally among Open Harbour Refugee Association, the Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia and HEART (Hants East Assisting Refugee Team) effective March 2024. She added that each organization will receive \$11, 800. Motion seconded by Margaret Crowell. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report and Additional Nominations:

Jane Parmiter read the following corrections to the nominating report on pp 29 – 32 of the Annual Report:

Finance Committee:

Joann Chapman – term extended to 2025

Ian Short – term extended to 2026

Unified Board:

Add the following names as Members at Large: Juris Svistunenکو, Anne Woods, and Linda Stonehouse, all with terms to 2026.

Jane pointed out that we still need some positions filled:

- The Affirming Committee needs a Chair, and it would be helpful to have an Affirming Committee member representative on Unified Board.
- CHWUC needs two representatives to Region 15.

- Stewardship Committee: Jane said that this is our biggest need to ensure our success going forward.

Jane made three calls for nominations from the floor for any of the positions named. Hearing none, Jane thanked everyone named in this report for their ongoing contributions to the work of CHWUC.

Ron Barker moved the acceptance of the Nominating Committee Report, as corrected by Jane. Seconded by Susan Grant. Motion carried.

Rev. Michael Mugford invited all members of our committees to stand and partake, with Jane Parmiter, in the dedication of all of our congregational ministers.

Dreaming for the Future: Joann Chapman, chair of the Visioning Committee, invited the congregation to express our dreams for the future of our church.

- Jane Parmiter introduced the idea of a Memory Café to be hosted in our hall to provide socialization for individuals experiencing memory problems and their caregivers. Jane explained that it is usually held a few times/year and involves offering music, snacks and social time. Jill Brogan suggested that grants might be available to help establish a Memory Cafe. Jill expressed her wholehearted support for such an endeavour and explained that other regions of the province host such a café, but that there isn't one in HRM yet.
- Joann Chapman shared her dream for CHWUC that we reach out to our Mi'kmaq neighbours in an effort to develop a relationship that honours treaty. She would like to see members of CHWUC make a pilgrimage, literally to walk, to the Caldwell Road band in an expression of peace and friendship.
- Roger Kent reminded the congregation that last year he had expressed his wish for an initiative that would help our church stay in touch with our younger members after they graduate from secondary school. He suggested that we open our hall to youth once a week for youth to gather, perhaps for dancing and non-alcoholic beverages.

Joann asked that any congregation member who didn't speak up, but who has a big dream for our church, to speak to her.

Motion to Adjourn: Randy Settle moved, seconded by Susanna Morash Kent, that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bowes, Unified Board Secretary

Annual General Meeting Attendance

In-Person:

Dolores Adams
Jazmine Allan
Lee Ayer
Cyndy Barclay-Hill
Janet Barker
Ron Barker
Nancy Bowes
Jill Brogan
Joann Chapman
Barry Clouter
Shirley Clouter
Margaret Crowell
Peg Dessureau
Joanne Donaldson
Marylou Foster
Jean Giddens
Richard Giddens
Delores Gillis
Ryan Goodale
Susan Grant
Shirley Heath
Terry Hines
Katrin Jacob
Phyllis Jordan

Roger Kent
Ellen LeBlanc
Jean Lovett
Susan Lucas
Barry Macdonald
Hildegard Mahar
Tom Mahar
Brenda Maloney
Joe Maloney
Marilyn Matheson
Christine McKenzie
Stu Micklethwaite
Bill Middleton
Diane Morash
Donald Morash
Sally Morash
Susanna Morash-Kent
Byron Mullet
Judy Nicholson
Bev Nightingale
Melissa Noel
Rodger Noel
Jane Parmiter
Jeff Parmiter

Gordon Parsons
Suzanne Parsons
Joyce Pye
Donna Rasmussen
Randy Settle
Vera Settle
Ann Marie Siteman
John Siteman
Judith Siteman
Arlyn Skinner
Susan Smith
Alison Stark
Bryan Steele
Sharon Stewart
Linda Stonehouse
Edith Svistunenko
Hazen Taylor
Adell Thomas
Marjorie Wall
Mike Wall
Doreen Weatherhead
Anne Woods

Zoom Accounts:

Judy Dickson
Arthur Dooks
Debbie Hines
Mary and Stan Hopkins
Eva MacKay
Margaret
Bob McArel
Marrison Murphy
Natalie Poirier
P. Steffin
Dave Thomas
David Tingley

YouTube:

Flo and Peter Purchase

**Statistical Summary
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Marriages	2
Baptisms	2
Confirmations	-
Received by Profession/Re-Affirmation of Faith	-
Received by Transfer of Membership	-
Removed by Transfer of Membership	2
Members Removed by Death	4
Number of Funerals/Memorial Services	4
Number of Households under Pastoral Care	194
Resident Members	353
Non-Resident Members	4
Adherents (approximately)	130
Average Weekly Attendance at Worship	95
Zoom	10
YouTube	5
In-person	80

Unified Board Chair

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It's a running joke in our family that we refer to our youngest daughter Isabelle as our "fourth and final" child. I guess I can now also use that same phrase as my time as Unified Board chair, this has been my fourth and final year as chair. It has been an amazing experience. There has definitely been lots to learn, and a lot of time committed.

It seems like I always say that we have had another busy year at CHWUC, but we surely have! It is remarkable how much work and effort it takes from many people to keep our church moving forward. We are absolutely blessed to have so many committed people to make this happen. I am so grateful to all of you.

Our fundraising has been very successful again this year. It takes all of us to make the fundraisers successful, those that organize and lead each fundraiser, and those that support and volunteer with each fundraiser. Thanks so much to everyone that participates!

We started a new outreach program in December, as a Memory Café, which is part of the provincial Memory Café NS program. It's very enjoyable for everyone and has already reached members of our surrounding communities. If anyone would like to volunteer with this program please let us know.

It is very special that we have a substantial number of us that attend Sunday morning service. It's wonderful to be able to worship together, get to know each other better, and become friends. Our coffee time after service provides a great opportunity for this fellowship. A huge thank you to Dolores and Brian Adams for facilitating this important time for us to come together and catch up.

A sincere thank you to all of the Unified Board and committee members for being so supportive. It has been such a pleasure to work with you all. I have so much respect for your commitment to Cole Harbour Woodside United Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Parmiter

Adult Faith Formation

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Church In a Pub Men's Group

The group consisted of eight men from the congregation meeting either at a local pub or one of our homes. In 2024 the group met on the last Tuesday or Wednesday of the month from January to June and September to November depending on member's availability. The summer months and Christmas were taken off from meeting.

The meetings followed a similar theme each month except September when we met at Big Leagues to kick off the new season and plan the coming meetings. When the meetings were held in a member's home, the host provided food and drinks that met the theme of the month. The meetings were led by Rev. Michael and his wonderful book: PAIRINGS: THE BIBLE AND BOOZE, by Matthew Anderson, who lives in Nova Scotia.

This book pairs stories from the Bible with both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. These have included, but not been limited to, apple cider, wines, beer, and martinis with stories from Genesis, the Book of Ruth, the Gospel of Matthew, and the Psalms. These stories are woven into how the drinks reflect the story and its meaning and how this ties into the present day. The discussions often evolve (devolve?) into discussions on current affairs, personal stories and journeys, and, depending on the home, a pool game has been known to break out with laughter and stories not related to the theme of the night.

There are still two stories and pairings left to finish the book in February and March 2025. All men in the congregation are invited to join us. The following were the regular attendees during 2024: Mike Mugford, Ron Barker, Terry Hines, Stan Hopkins, Joe Maloney, Randy Settle, Ian Short, and Bob White. If you are interested in joining us to see if the group is for you, please talk to one of us to find out the next date and place we will meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Barker

Sunday Evening Study

This group has been meeting over the last couple of years in the Meeting Room on Sunday evenings at 7pm where we explore modern theology, Christian authors, theologians and the scriptures. In 2024 we spent some time with Bart Erhman and his video course on “Lost Christianities”. We read and discussed the late Rachel Held Evans book “Inspired” and most recently we did a study on the Book of Amos using a Bible study guide produced by Walter Brueggemann. We are usually 5-8 people and so there is always an opportunity to participate in the conversation. You are always welcome to join us.

Tuesday Morning Thinkers

The Thinkers have been meeting on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Meeting Room for study, conversation and fellowship. We have studied various books published by writers and theologians over the years such as Amy-Jill Levine and Marcus Borg. We have also used video programs and other materials to learn more the Bible and our faith. Of course, being a Bible Study, we often read the scripture passages that will be used on the upcoming Sunday and try to gain insights into the Biblical stories and events. Under Rev. Michael’s guidance there is always a great opportunity for learning, sharing our ideas and deepening our faith and at the same time having great discussions and a few hardy laughs too. All are welcome regardless of experience.

Widows’ Lunch

Widows Lunch meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at noon in the church hall. It is a potluck gathering where the women can laugh, share stories and share in their common experiences of being widowed. Rev. Michael always joins us to bring us a reading and a time of faith-centred reflection.

Women, Wine and Worship

Women, Wine and Worship meet on the third Monday of the month at Pilots Pub at 6:30pm in their 'Party Room'. It is a gathering for women who want to experience a friendly gathering, good food (maybe a glass of wine) and a time of faith/spiritual conversation in a relaxed environment. All women are welcome to join us.

Affirming Team
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Our Affirming Team is responsible for helping to remind us as a Community of Faith of our covenant with Affirm United and the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in our church and in our world. We met several times in 2024 to plan and work on various projects and activities.

- PIE (Public Intentional Explicit) Day – Sunday, March 10 – with pie after service and the profits going to a 2SLGBTQIA+ project in the community
- Halifax Pride Parade 2024 – Alan & Donna Isnor represented
- screened “1946” a movie which explores how the word ‘homosexual’ found its way into the scriptures. It was well attended, and we hope to re-screen
- planned and led the Longest Night Service

There were other events we have talked about but were not able to do. In 2025 watch for our various outreach and activities. You are welcome to join us any time!

Board of Trustees
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Members of the Trustees are Joanne Donaldson, Jill Brogan, Bob Wight, Mike Wall, Gord Parsons and Rev. Michael Mugford. Bill Middleton resigned from the Trustees in June 2024. Mike Wall and Gord Parsons are the Co-Chairs.

The Board of Trustees met several times during 2024. The Trustees have agreed to amend the terms of service from lifetime to five (5) years and have passed onto the Nominating Committee for three (3) more nominees, totalling eight (8).

Items discussed were the rental agreements and property insurance. Pending items are submissions to Efficiency Nova Scotia and upgrading the existing boiler, lightening and a new roof.

The Trustees have \$3,782.85 on hand in their bank account with approximately \$20,000.00 contributed through the Building Fund donations, held by the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Gord Parsons

Mike Wall

Building and Property

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Building and Property ensures the day-to-day maintenance of the facility. The team of volunteers work with the administration to ensure that the building and property is maintained. There are a number of things that are managed behind the scenes by this group of people.

Like any building, there will always be something that comes up requiring a volunteer to step up and manage a situation. Whether it is a leaky valve in the furnace room or repairs to toilets, lawn maintenance, etc. Volunteers help keep this under control.

Coordinating yearly inspections of air exchanges, fire and emergency lighting systems, and furnace maintenance or organizing snow clearing for winters.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who help keep the facility operational and functional.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Hines, Building and Property Maintenance Co-ordinator

Children and Youth

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Sunday School

The Sunday School is growing in terms of numbers. We are now using two classrooms and dividing by ages, younger and older students. We also have young adults participating, and older teens helping with the younger students. Many students volunteer to read the Call to Worship, during the church service. Our Outreach Project was to fill Blessing Bags with personal care items and warm socks, for the homeless encampments within the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour area. We also helped support the Food Bank, operating from our church. Some of this help involved supporting local schools by providing food hampers, for some students who required them, when not in school on weekends. During the summer months the students had an opportunity to learn a variety of art techniques from Sharon Stewart, a retired elementary school teacher. Our theme for the year was "God in Our World". This theme was explored and then developed into a collage that is now proudly displayed on the main wall in the church hall. Two students, Quinn and Cecily, planted spruce seedlings on church property in order to provide clean air and decrease risks associated with climate change. Many students participated in the Christmas Eve Pageant.

The teachers who worked with me, Donna Vinning and Naomi Aquino, worked tirelessly to support students' spiritual growth, and without their assistance, the Sunday School students would not have had such a meaningful experience within God's World".

Respectively submitted,

Carolyn Steele, Sunday School Superintendent

Youth Group

The CHWUC Youth Group is now in its second year and continues to meet bi-weekly on Fridays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Members are between the ages of 12 and 16. Leaders (Carolyn Steele, Nathalie Poirier, Alison Stark, Christine McKenzie, Susan Smith, and Katrin Jacob) meet monthly in person and between meetings via Zoom if necessary to plan youth-group activities. Those have included making videos for moms for Mother's Day, going bowling and swimming, a game night, a scavenger hunt, a pizza party, a pool party, learning about the origins of the idea that Friday the 13th is a bad-luck day from Reverend Michael Mugford, decorating the Sanctuary with crafts, learning how to make paracord keychains with Stu Micklethwaite, helping Nancy Bowes with sanding wood blocks and creating parts of the felt figures for the nativities, a trip to the Burke Gaffney Observatory at Saint Mary's University, making greeting cards for Christmas, and a Christmas Movie Night. We thank Rev. Michael, Stu Micklethwaite and Nancy Bowes for visiting our group. We thank Linda Stonehouse for providing nourishing snacks.

The group also participated actively in church services on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Most members of the youth group participated in the Youth@Region event in Truro in May 2024. On June 16, 2024. The youth group reported on its activities throughout its first year in a youth-group-led Sunday service.

We are open to ideas and participation from youth who are not members of our congregation. If you know of any youth who would like to participate, please fill out the registration form: <https://forms.gle/fAbKYT6hh1JJACh8> and contact Nathalie Poirier or Carolyn Steele.

Respectfully submitted, Katrin Jacob



Youth Group Activities 2024

Jan 19 – Game Night (board games)
Feb 16 – Valentine's Day (making bird feeders)
Mar 1 – Lent (making "I owe you's and a visit from Mi-Carême)
Mar 15 – Going Bowling
Mar 29 – Easter (making Resurrection Gardens, Good Friday Service)
Apr 12 – Painting tiles for the Canada Connects Mural
Apr 26 – Mother's Day (making Mother's Day videos, writing poems, Logo Design)
May 9 – Pizza party and departure for Youth @Region in Truro
May 24 – Scavenger hunt in Bissett Lake Park
June 7 – Birthday party for Ma'Kel
June 21 – End-of-Year pool party at Nathalie's
Sept 13 – Friday the 13 th (guest talk by Rev Michael and "Name 13 things..." game)

Sept 27 – Autumn leaves for Sanctuary (water colour and prints)
Oct 11 – Narthex decoration (making waxed autumn leaves & painting stones for congregation)
Oct 25 – Making paracord keychains with Stu Micklethwaite
Nov 8 – Remembrance Day & helping Nancy with sanding wood and cutting felt Mary figures
Nov 22 – Swimming at Cole Harbour Place
Dec 2 – Burke Gaffney Observatory at Saint Mary’s University
Dec 6 – Christmas party (making Christmas cards, candy cane story)
Dec 20 – Christmas Movie Night

The Top 5, according to a vote taken on January 31, 2025:

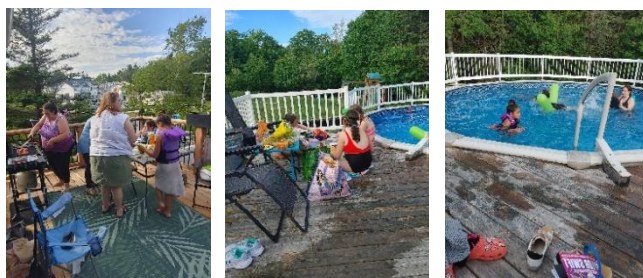
No. 1 - Pizza party and departure for Youth@Region in Truro (May 9, 2024)



No. 2 – Swimming at Cole Harbour Place (November 22, 2024)



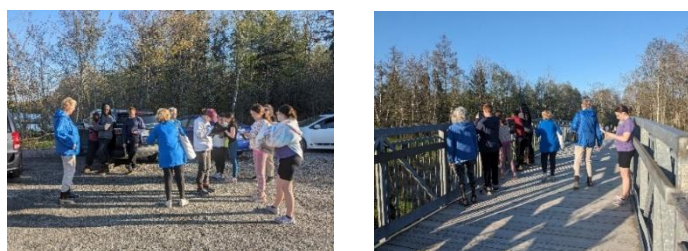
No. 3 – Pool party at Nathalie’s (June 21, 2024)



No. 4– Bowling (March 15, 2024)



No. 5 – Scavenger hunt in Bissett Lake Park (May 24, 2024)



CHWUC Choir
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The choir began 2024 with preparation of the Palm Sunday cantata, “Footprints in the Sand” by Joseph Martin, which we performed this cantata on Sunday March 29. Almost immediately after this performance, we began preparing for the Christmas cantata. We performed “The Winter Rose” by Joseph Martin on Sunday December 15. For “The Winter Rose,” Greg Myra was able to assist us by conducting the choir while I played the piano part. We thank Greg for his time and efforts.

To assist CHWUC in their fundraising efforts, Greg and myself offered a series of four piano recitals between January and June. 75% of each ticket went directly to the church. I would like to thank Lee Ayer for her assistance in this endeavour. We hope to provide more of these recitals in the future to do our part to help maintain this wonderful performance space.

I would like to point out something that many people in the congregation are maybe not aware of: The anthem on any given Sunday is generally a 3–4-minute piece and that one performance is the result of approximately 2 hours of preparation time. Those 4 minutes of music on a Sunday are only possible because of the time and efforts (and “effort” is an understatement) of the choir members. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for that effort, without which my job would be a truly Sisyphean task.

New members are always welcome. The ability to read music is not required as you will experience on the job training. Feel free to speak to me at any time regarding interest in the choir.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Myra

Choir Director

Cole Harbour Woodside United Church Choir
Financial Statement
as at December 31,2024

Opening balance as at January 1,2024		\$ 2,603.17
balance in account for gift cards	\$ 17,075.00	\$ 17,075.00
		\$ 19,678.17

Credits		
gift card sales	\$ 3,475.00	
Cantatas	\$ 1,250.75	
West Party	\$ 300.00	
	\$ 5,025.75	\$ 5,025.75
		\$ 24,703.92

Debits		
bank service charge	\$ 30.00	
flowers	\$ 31.04	
fridge for Nigerian family	\$ 344.91	
party	\$ 57.73	
frame-Michaels	\$ 34.49	
Christmas gifts	\$ 80.49	
water	\$ 13.00	
CHWUC repay Gift card balance	\$ 20,550.00	
	\$ 21,141.66	\$(21,141.66)
		\$ 3,562.26

The choir managed the sale of gift cards for approximately 16 years.
This was a very worthwhile fundraiser for the church raising
about \$32,000. All gift cards have been sold, and \$20,550 was
given back to the church in early January.

Respectfully Submitted
Lee Ayer
Treasurer

**Comfort Quilters
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The Comfort Quilters returned to regularly quilting again early in 2024 and continued throughout the year. The quilters completed quilts for the community, sold quilted items and were also able to donate items to both the Church community and the Mental Health Fundraiser in May.

Due to changing schedules, the quilters now meet on Thursday morning from 9:30am - 1:00pm, weather permitting.

Looking forward to 2025, the quilters will continue to quilt items both for inventory and for members of the community, as requested. The ladies will also be investigating other ways to sell inventory in new ways. The group will also be giving a donation to the Church early this spring, amount to be determined.

This great group of ladies, always welcome new members to join them on Thursday. Whether you are an experienced quilter, someone wanting to learn or even just someone just wanting to come for the conversation, please join us. There is always room around the quilt!

Statement January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Income

Quilting Sales - Commissions/Pre-Quilted	<u>\$ 195.00</u>
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Total Income	\$ 195.00
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Expenses

Donation - Mental Health Fundraiser	\$ 100.00
Quilting Supplies	34.45
Maintenance Fees	<u>30.00</u>

Total Expenses	<u>\$ 164.45</u>
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2024 Profit/Loss	\$ 30.55
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Cash Balance January 1, 2024	<u>3,072.91</u>
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Cash Balance December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 3,103.46</u>
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Recap:

Bank Balance December 31, 2024	\$ 2,955.95
Cash on Hand	<u>147.51</u>

Cash Balance December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 3,103.46</u>
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Respectfully submitted, Eileen Cassell on behalf of the Comfort Quilters

Dinner Theatre and Fundraising Annual Report 2024

Jail Tales!



This year, CHWUC brought the original Dinner Theatre Play, “Jail Tales” written and directed by me, Jill Brogan into production between November 7th and November 17th. We put on four, full roast beef dinner shows, one dress rehearsal, and one afternoon, dessert theatre show. We had a total audience of approximately 530 people and made a profit of over \$20,000!

Since we serve meatballs and rice for our dress rehearsal show, we once again decided to donate \$5.00 from every ticket we sold for dress rehearsal night to Hope Cottage. This equated to a total of \$315 for which they were most grateful. We intentionally limited our seating to just over 100 seats per night as not to overwhelm our kitchen crew and to allow for more room between tables. Tickets were \$45 per regular show and \$25 for dress rehearsal and dessert theatre. It was another success for CHWUC and all who participated. Each year we tweak our processes with various kitchen shifts and cleaning methods to make it a little easier for our many “willing workers”.

Cole Harbour Woodside United Church is blessed to have such a large number of people who eagerly participate in our Annual Dinner Theatre productions. This includes our cast, our home-grown band, Southern Comfort, kitchen crew, techie, prop, set team and of course our audience. To everyone who donates their time and talent to this very large endeavor, I offer you a huge thank you. We couldn't put this event on you.

The Synopsis

Welcome to the Kahootz County Jail, where the antics of its zany inmates and custodial staff will have you laughing in your seat! Join Warden Nosenot and Deputy Dinkley as they try to save their beloved jail from being closed down. Throw in a murder, a little moonshine and a missing million dollars, and you have the making of this laugh out loud show!

The Cast

Charlee Anderson	Miney (Chain Gang)
Jill Brogan	Betty-Lou Nit Wit
Lexi Bernier	Eenie (Chain Gang)
Joann Chapman	Polly
Liv Corrigan	Meenie (Chain Gang)
Janis Fisher	Warden Nora Nosenot
Roger Kent	Deputy Elmer Dinkley
Brock McNamara	Billy Nit Wit
Sally Morash	Moe (Chain Gang)
Jennifer Myers	Tex
Steve Robertson	The Mayor
Heather Scotland	Granny (Thelma Nit Wit)
Logan Stark	Bobby Nit Wit
Carolyn Steele	Ma (Eunice Nit Wit)
Trish Whitehead	Pinky Champagne and The Governor

The Band – “Southern Comfort”

Lee Ayer, Cyndy Barclay-Hill, Janet Barker, Ed Barnstead, Mary Lou Foster, Susanna Morash-Kent, Penny MacDonald, Matt Rhind

Creative Team and Crew

Writer/Producer/Director	Jill Brogan
Musical Consultant	Susanna Morash-Kent & Southern Comfort
Graphics/Programs	Tamara Mugford, Jill Brogan,
Kitchen Coordinators	Alison Stark, Michael Mugford, Susan MacAlpine-Gillis
Set Design & Build	Roger Kent, Steve Robertson, Ron Barker & many more
Lights and Sound Team	Ron Barker, Don White
Ticket Sales	Tamara Mugford
Marketing/Websites	Nathalie Poirier
Kitchen Support & Cast Meals	Gayle Crooks/Susan MacAlpine-Gillis
Willing Workers	Too many to name individually!
Wine Steward	Catherine Bradshaw

Thanks again to EVERYONE who helped to make dinner theatre in 2024 a reality once again!

Without the efforts of so many, this fund raiser would not be possible. Mark your calendars for “Spa Daze” – Dinner Theatre 2025. Production dates scheduled between April 24th and May 4th.

Fish Tales!



On January 13th and 14th CHWUC brought the original children’s play entitled, “Fish Tales” to life in front of two very large audiences. Rehearsals for the play took place in the fall with a combination of 17 participants, children and adults alike. It was written, directed and produced by me, and was successful due to the wide spread support from parents, children, grandparents, tech team, set team, and our CHWUC congregation who embrace so many ideas and events! The show also included a wonderful ukulele band led by Ryan Millar. Many thanks to all who participated and helped to bring this show to life! Thanks to councillors Trish Purdy and Becky Kent who also provided some financial assistance for this production.

The Synopsis

Welcome to the coral reef where the lives of the varied sea creatures are turned upside down when a group of developers decide to build upon their village reef. It’s a tale of friendship and kindness with an environmental backdrop that is meaningful for today and always. The play was inspired by my mum’s favourite saying, “It never hurts to be kind”.

The Cast

Joann Chapman
Mireya Aquino
Cam Mamye
Anne Woods
Liv Corrigan
Carolyn Steele
Jennifer Myers
Liam Martin
Rhys Martin
Claire Mamye
Logan Stark
Lucy Warren
Sarah Warren
Lexi Crowell
Baya Anderson
Claire Mayme
Susan MacAlpine-Gillis

Glow – The Sun Fish
Gabby – The Angel Fish
Scampi – The Clean Shrimp
Chip – Scampi Support
Bob – The Blob Fish
Gale – The Nurse Shark
Abbott – The Monk Fish
Winnie – The Sea Horse
Beau – The Rainbow Trout
Clinger – The Cling Fish
Wilkes – The Sword Fish
Finn – The White Shark
Stanley – The Hammerhead Shark
Buzz – The Saw Fish
GE – The Electric Eel
Pinch – The Hermit Crab
Narrator

The Crew

Set Design
Sound, Lights
Costumes
Backstage

Ron Barker, Joann Chapman, Jill Brogan, Susan MacAlpine-Gillis
Ron Barker, Don White
Susan MacAlpine-Gillis, Jill Brogan
Kelly Warren, Emily Ayer

The Ukulele Band

Ryan Millar (Band Leader), Lee Ayer, Debbie MacEwan-Kenney, Joe Maloney, Brenda Maloney, Greg Tingley



Between June 16th and June 23rd, the **Sweet and Savoury On-Line Food Auction** using the Platform 32 Auctions was held. We had 36 items available for auction and raised a total of \$1,316. Many thanks to all who contributed to this fund raiser with donations or by bidding on the delicious food items!

I pray that 2025 will be a great year for CHWUC and that we will all be able to do the things that we enjoy most! As always, Be Kind in ALL that you do, and Let Your Inner Muppet Shine!

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Brogan ❤️ ❤️

Writer/Producer & Fun, Fund Raiser

Finance Committee

Annual Report 2024

The Finance Committee continues to conduct regular monthly meetings and manage the congregational budget on behalf of the Unified Board, monitoring our revenue and expenses and supporting fundraising efforts.

2024 was another eventful and quite successful year. We are pleased to have contributions to the operating fund increase by about \$20,000 in 2024 mainly as a result of several very large one-time contributions from members of the congregation. Fundraising revenue was down slightly. Early in the year we discontinued the supermarket gift card program. We thank the congregation for its continued support to the church and Ministry to meet our monthly commitments through their continued support of the PAR program , envelopes and online donations We are pleased with fundraising efforts which continue to be well supported by the congregation, including the dinner theater, maple syrup, sales auctions held in person and online take out meals, cookie sales, and other events .

While we continue to address significant challenges to our finances, the SE were more than offset by the generosity of our congregation and supporters in 2024. We are looking forward with hope that the trend towards ever strengthening finances will continue in 2025 and beyond.

1. Our operating fund revenue for the year was up from \$240,000 to \$258,000 in 2024, mainly because of higher contributions. Our recent success with fundraising continued as well helping to get us closer to the conclusion of our Getting Back on Track campaign.
2. For the first time since before the pandemic, our operating revenue for the year exceeded our operating costs and the church achieved a surplus of \$ 17, 532.
3. We had another successful dinner theater fundraising event this year. This event raises about half of the amount we earn from fundraising each year. Our sincere thanks to Jill and the dinner theater team.
4. In 2024 we contributed \$ 14, 508 to the mission and service fund, which is about \$900 less than we contributed in 2023.
5. In the fall, we established an investment account at the Royal Bank so that we can now accept contributions in shares of companies traded on stock exchanges in addition to cash contributions. This is yet another way that we have made it easier to support our mission. We would not have achieved a surplus this year without this facility and we're very grateful for the support we have received through it.

6. We are aware of the burden that inflation has had on families in our community. Our food bank has grown by multiples to address this hunger, and we continue to host the community fridge, food pantry at our site as well. While we don't account for the value of all the food distributed the cash donations made on behalf of the food bank in 2024 more than doubled from the prior year which was a record in itself. We had donations of \$44, 534 and we dispersed \$19,159. We are making a real impact on our community and our food bank volunteers should be celebrated.

7. The annual operating costs declined by \$12,000 in 2024 to \$241,000. Most of the savings came from lower compensation. Our Minister donated some of his salary to help us achieve our operating surplus in 2024. This generosity saved us about \$5,000. These lower compensation costs are despite incurring about \$17,000 in payroll, taxes and penalties during the year in order to settle all our balances for the period from 2018 until 2021 with CRA. We are pleased to report that this process is now substantially complete, and we will not have this type of costs going forward.

8. We are very pleased to report that our financial reserves for the operating fund are finally at an adequate level to cover seasonal revenue and expense fluctuations. This is the first time that we've had adequate reserves in many years. Our sincere thanks for the support to achieve this goal. It is so much easier to manage our finances when we have sufficient cash on hand. However, this is not the end of our journey towards sustainable finances. It is certainly an important milestone.

9. We recently conducted a review of our mission and service remittances for the period 2018 to 2021 and found that about \$30,000 of our contributions during those years was not remitted to the National M&S Fund. This process is under the auspices of the Unified board and is ongoing.

10. During the year we did some housekeeping with respect to the memorial fund. We only account for funds received that include a direction from the contributor as to what the funds will be spent on, in the memorial fund otherwise amounts given in memory of friends and family are included as bequests in the operating fund.

11. Your ongoing support and donations are greatly appreciated. We encourage each and every member to prayerfully consider the ways in which we can financially support the ministry that happens in response to God's call in this place. We are grateful that we are able to meet in person and continue offering the care and comfort of Christ with those in our congregation and wider.

Respectfully submitted by your Finance Committee

Food Bank Annual Report 2024

During 2024, the Food Bank continued to operate from the parking lot on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In the fall months, we saw our numbers increase to over 50 orders given out each Food Bank day. We also continue to support the Cole Harbour Community Fridge, Square Roots and the school weekend grocery bag program.

I would like to make a special thank you to Audrey Law. Throughout the years, Audrey has made an overwhelming contribution to the Food Bank. This started many years ago, when she hosted luncheons twice a year. The admission to the luncheon was a donation to the Food Bank. These were well attended and notorious events. After the luncheon, we would receive a call from Audrey and it would take two vehicles to transport the food collected back to the church. Audrey also spends countless hours picking up cans and bottles during her daily walks around Cole Harbour. Audrey will cash in the cans and bottles and save the money for the Food Bank. At Easter, we always receive a number of chocolate bunnies, donated from Audrey for distribution to the children.

I would like to thank the following groups, businesses and individuals for their support over 2024. I apologize if I have missed anyone.

Palladium Restaurant	Lois & Harvey Glibbery
Trish Purdy	Cedar Court Apartments
Cole Harbour Lions Club	Harbour City Ringettes
Liv Corrigan	Anne & Tom Brayton
Auburn Drive High School	Astral Drive Junior High
Heustis Insurance	UCW Youth Group
Monday Night Mavens	CHWUC Sunday School
Regal Vista 1 Condos	Cole Harbour Chiropractic
Citizens on Patrol	Gina & Tom Wambolt
Robert Pettipas	Deb Kenney
St. Andrews Anglican Church	Robyn Vogels
Col John Stuart Elementary	Eunice Caldwell
Steiner Engeset	Don & Diane Morrison
Astral Drive Elementary	Joan & Bob McArel
Susanna Morash/Roger Kent	Mary & Stan Hopkins
Dorothy Parker	Metro Fundraising Society
Dolores & Brian Adams	Sarah & Chris Hamilton
Peter West	

Special thanks to our volunteers: Dave Thomas, Wayne Reinhardt, James Bain, Joe Maloney, Hazen Taylor, Barry Clouter, Dolina Starr, Gord Rose, Willie West, Sally Connors, Eric Green, Debbie Hines, Marie Foote, Catherine Bradshaw, Susan Grant, Arlyn Skinner and Doug Sweetapple. This is a dedicated group of volunteers who readily give their time and bring to the Food Bank a keen concern for the individuals who seek our help each month. They are consistently respectful, sensitive, and helpful to all of the individuals who utilize the Food Bank.

Respectfully submitted,
William Middleton, Food Bank Coordinator

Funeral Ministry
Annual Report 2024

The Funeral Ministry Team met three times during the year. We continue the process of rebuilding and feel like we have made some real progress. We have created a Checklist for Funeral Ministry Volunteers for Visitations and for Funeral Services so that tasks are clear, and we can ensure that families are taken care of. Helen Shedden and Carolyn Steele cleaned up the Funeral Ministry cupboard in the Chapel and we now have a much greater organized space. We are working to revitalize the furniture (chairs, lamps and such) used for funerals and visitations. Hazen Taylor took our picture frames and gave them a little TLC and they look great again. We have spoken to several people who might be willing to make urns for us. We have talked together about Funeral Planning with members of the congregation and will be offering Pre-Planning Sessions in 2025.

Hope Cottage
Annual Report 2024

Another year at Hope Cottage begins with our thanks to all of our loyal volunteers who have supported this mission and made it such a success over the years. Sweet and sour meatballs with rice is still a favourite meal and much appreciated by all patrons. They call it "The Hope Cottage Special". To those who have cooked and/or provided rice for the meal, once again thank you.

Meals will be served on Thursdays and the dates for 2025 are:

February 6; April 17; June 26; October 16; December 18

Recipe for Sweet and Soup Meatballs:

Mix 2lbs of ground beef with grated onion, salt and pepper. Make small balls and place in baking dish.
(You can also purchase premade meatballs and simply make the sauce)

Sauce - mix the following ingredients together:

1 can mushrooms (pieces and stems)

1 can drained pineapple chunks but save the juice

1 1/2 cups brown sugar

3/4 cup vinegar

1 tbsp. dry mustard

1-2 tbsp. corn starch

1 cup ketchup

3/4 cup liquid (pineapple juice and water if necessary)

Pour over the meatballs and bake at 350°F for approximately 1 hour.

A number of new members in the congregation have approached us to learn more about Hope Cottage and its beginnings. The following is a brief history from their site on how this ministry developed:

“55th Year”

Hope Cottage was started by Fr. Joe Mills on July 1, 1970. Fr. Mills, who was pastor of St. Patrick’s at the time, noticed a growing number of homeless people, mostly men, knocking on his door for food and assistance. There were no soup kitchens in Halifax at the time that catered to the needs of people during the weekdays. Fr. Mills called a number of women asking them to prepare a meal which they would serve to the men. 34 people showed up on the first day.

Since then, this organization has grown into an institution which is entrenched in the social fabric of Halifax. It is most probably that when Father Mills started Hope Cottage, he expected (or maybe hoped) that this would be a short-term solution to a temporary problem. Now here we stand, in our 50th year of operation!

Hope Cottage, along with the Board, the Friends of Hope Cottage, are proud of the relationships we have built in the community over the years. And humbled by the generosity of our community that always steps up! Hope receives no government funding, all funds to run our operations are raised through donations, fundraisers, sponsorships and our church groups who usually donate and serve the evening meal. Thank you on behalf of our clients, our staff, our volunteers and the Friends!”

Respectfully submitted by Brenda and Joe Maloney

Memory Café

Annual Report 2024

We are so excited to be a host for the Memory Café NS program!

Memory Café Nova Scotia’s mission is to improve well-being and social connection for individuals living with dementia, their care partners, and families. They promote inclusive environments where individuals with dementia continue to engage in their own communities.

Research increasingly shows that social isolation is a significant risk factor for physical and mental health of caregivers and those with dementia alike. Research also shows that a key concern for people with dementia is to feel that they continue to belong in their community.

Our Memory Café is a friendly social event for individuals, families, and care partners living with memory challenges. We enjoy conversation, entertainment, art, snacks, and warm drinks in a welcoming environment. It is heartwarming to see the positive interactions and enjoyment from everyone there. Currently there are Memory Cafés monthly from December to April.

Many thanks to our Memory Café volunteers!

Helen Moser; Margi Bain; Leanne LeBlanc; Flo Purchase; Jill Brogan

Ministry and Personnel Committee

Annual Report 2024

The Ministry and Personnel Committee for 2024 consisted of Linda Stonehouse, Rodger Noel, Janis Fisher, Lee Warren, and Margaret Crowell.

Penny agreed to take on the responsibilities of the caretaker because her office hours had been reduced, because of cost cutting measures. In February, Penny resigned as she had found full time work elsewhere. Applications were accepted for the part time church secretary as well as caretaker. Tamara Mugford was hired for both part time positions. Contracts were signed. The caretaker contract is for one (1) year only.

Thank you, Tamara, the office runs, smoothly, and the church is well cleaned. Great jobs being done.

Vacation and Con-Ed, were approved for Michael as requested as well as Tamara's vacation.

Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard during the past year. To Rev. Michael who is now live and in person in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings as well as on Zoom and Facebook for those who are unable to attend church in person that Sunday. Thank you to Ron, Stu and Logan, in the sound booth, you have kept in church and on-line services running smoothly. What would we do without you??? Thank you to Charles and the choir who made wonderful music to enhance our services.

Charles also signed a new contract, as his contract is only for one (1) year.

Tentative raise amounts were sent to Shirley and Bob to include in their budget deliberations. Keeping in mind Michael's raise is dictated to us by the General Council of the United Church of Canada.

I would like to thank the committee members for their support for the past year. Having a supportive group of people who are willing to voice their opinions, discuss options, make informed decisions, and come to a consensus is the hope of every committee chair, and I have been blessed to have such a committee. Also, because confidentiality is important for our committee, it is good to know we are all on the same page in that respect.

Thank you for your dedication, it has been a pleasure to work with all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Crowell

Chair Ministry and Personnel Committee

Nominating Committee Report

COMMITTEE	TERM	NAMES	START	END	NOTES
Affirming Committee	NA				Chair
		Janis Fisher			
		Helen Moser			
		Darlene Parker			
		Alison Stark			
		Margi Bain			
		Kathryn Burke			

Board of Trustees	5 year	Gordon Parsons		TBD	Co-Chair & Treasurer
		Mike Wall		TBD	Co-Chair
		Jill Brogan		TBD	Secretary/ Liaison with Finance
		Bob Wight		TBD	
		Joanne Donaldson		TBD	
		Ron Barker	Jan 2025	Jan 2030	
		Sarah Hamilton	Jan 2025	Jan 2030	
	NA	Rev. Michael Mugford			
					(Auditors appointed annually)

Building & Property	2 year	Terry Hines	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	Coordinator
		Hazen Taylor	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	
		Brian Adams	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	
		Don White	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	
		Calvin Archibald	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	
		Jeff Parmiter	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	
		Ron Barker	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	
		Michael Griffin	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	

Communications	NA	Lee Warren			Website Consultant
		Ian Short			Website Consultant

Social Media		Nathalie Poirier			Social Media
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Fellowship	2 year	Dolores Adams	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	
		Brian Adams	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	
		Doug Sweetapple	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	
		Margaret Bain	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	Greeter's Coordinator

Finance	3 year	Empty			Chair
		Jill Brogan			Trustees Rep
		Romy Aquino	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	
		Lee Ayer	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	Envelope Steward
		Adell Thomas	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	UCW Rep
		Joann Chapman	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	
		Ian Short	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	
		Bob Wight	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	Treasurer
		Shirley Clouter	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	Treasurer

Funeral Ministry	NA	Empty			Coordinator
		Sally Morash			
		Lee Ayer			
		Anne Woods			
		Cyndy Barclay-Hill			
		Dolores Adams			
		Hazen Taylor			
		Helen Shedden			
		Calvin Archibald			
		Suzanne Parsons			
		Marjorie Wall			

Ministry & Personnel	3 Year	Jill Brogan	Jan 2025	Jan 2028	Chair
		Lee Warren	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	
		Rodger Noel	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	
		Janis Fisher	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	
		Linda Stonehouse	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	
		Stu Micklethwaite	Jan 2025	Jan 2028	

Nominating	2 Year	Naomi Aquino	Jan 2024	Jan 2026	
		Kelly Warren	Jan 2024	Jan 2026	
		Linda Stonehouse	Jan 2024	Jan 2026	
		Jane Parmiter	Jan 2024	Jan 2026	
	NA				Office Staff

Outreach		Joe Maloney	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	Coordinator
Hope Cottage		Joe & Brenda Maloney	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	Team Lead (+ volunteers)
Food Bank		Bill Middleton			Team Lead (+ volunteers)
Memory Café		Jane Parmiter			Team Lead (+ volunteers)

Pastoral Care & Welcoming	NA	Jean Giddens			Grieving Follow-up
		Joanne Donaldson			Cards of Care & Concern
		Lee Ayer			
		Kathryn Burke			
		Nancy Bowes			
		Marylou Foster			
		Janet McCarthy			
		Cindy Millar			
		Sally Morash			
		Rev. Sarah Reaburn			
		Arlyn Skinner			

Serenity Garden & Outside Grounds	NA	Hazen Taylor			Coordinator
Plant Care (Inside)		(roster)			
		Susan Smith			
		Debbie Kenney			
		Christine McKenzie			
		Ellen LeBlanc			

Shawl Ministry	NA	Dolores Adams			
Recognition		Ellen LeBlanc			
		Susan Grant			
		Lee Ayer			
		Davilyn Williams			

Fundraising Volunteers	NA	Romi & Naomi Aquino			Maple Syrup
		Brock McNamara			Auctioneer
		Janet Barker			Auction

Technology	NA	Ron Barker			
		Don White			
		Jonathan Mugford			
		Logan Stark			
		Stu Micklethwaite			

Unified Board		Janet Barker	Jan 2025	Jan 2028	Chair
		Jane Parmiter	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	Past Chair
	NA	Michael Mugford			Clergy
		Terry Hines	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	Building & Property
		Lee Ayer	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	Finance
		Joe Maloney	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	Outreach
		Jill Brogan	Jan 2025	Jan 2028	Ministry & Personnel
		Vacant			Regional Rep
	NA	Nancy Bowes	Jan 2025	Jan 2026	Secretary
		Ron Barker	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	Technology
		Bob Wight	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	Treasurer
		Shirley Clouter	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	Treasurer
		Bob Wight		TBD	Trustees
		Joann Chapman	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	Visioning Committee & UCW
		Linda Stonehouse	Jan 2024	Jan 2026	Member-at-Large
		Juris Svistunenko	Jan 2024	Jan 2026	Member-at-Large
		Anne Woods	Jan 2024	Jan 2026	Member-at-Large
		Margaret Crowell	Jan 2025	Jan 2027	Member-at-Large
		Randy Settle	Jan 2025	Jan 2027	Member-at-Large

Regional Reps	NA	Vacant			
		Vacant			

Mission & Service	NA	Susanna Morash-Kent			
Enthusiasts		Cyndy Barclay Hill			

Worship	NA	Rev. Michael Mugford			Clergy
	NA	Charles Myra			Choir Director
	NA	Carolyn Steele	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	Sunday School
	2 year	Alison Stark	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	Member-at-Large
	2 year	Janet Barker	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	Member-at-Large
	2 year	Deb Kenney	Jan 2022	Jan 2026	Member-at-Large
	2 year	Joyce Pye	Jan 2023	Jan 2026	Member-at-Large
	2 year	Donna Isnor	Jan 2025	Jan 2027	Member-at-Large

Pastoral Care Committee Annual Report 2024

The Pastoral Care Committee continues to meet regularly and to carry out its mission of offering support, in the form of cards, visits and phone calls, to members of the congregation who are ill or lonely or healing from surgery or a fall.

Seniors' Tea: We mailed invitations to 48 members of the congregation who are 80 or older to an afternoon tea early in June. Forty people attended and enjoyed music, lemonade, cake, coffee and tea.

Parkland Services: From September through June, CHWUC offers a worship service at Parkland on Baker Drive on the second Wednesday of the month. Attendance varies from about 10 to over 30. We offer an opportunity to gather, pray, sing and reflect. Parkland residents who attend often express their heartfelt appreciation for our presence. Pastoral Care Committee members offer coffee, tea and sweets following the service and join the residents at their tables for conversation.

We have been pleased to welcome several new visitors to the team over the last year and are open to welcoming those who feel called to visit, help out with Parkland and other projects. One of our challenges is knowing when someone is unwell and would appreciate a call or visit from the church. If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit, please let the church office know.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bowes,
Member, Pastoral Care

Shawl Ministry Annual Report 2024

In 2024, Shawls of Comfort and Joy continued to be an active and vital ministry. We are so thankful for all those who support this ministry, through the work of their hands and the prayers in their hearts. In 2024 we were able to "offer the care and comfort of Christ" by giving out shawls to babies at Baptism, graduates, those who were ill or in the hospital, and to care centres in our community. We are always happy to welcome anyone who would like to knit or crochet a shawl or blanket. Patterns and yarn are available. If you have any unwanted yarn, please feel free to donate it to the shawl ministry.

Shawl Blessing

May God's grace be upon this shawl...
warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.
May this mantle be a safe haven...
a sacred place of security and well-being...
sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.
May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope,
kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.
Blessed Be!



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