

2022 Annual Report

Cambridge Street United Church

Lindsay, Ont.

Our Mission Statement

We, as members of Cambridge Street United Church, seek to follow Jesus Christ through word, music, and social action; thereby nurturing our personal faith and supporting the faith journey of others. We promise to be stewards of our living earth, to share with those in need, and to be welcoming to all.



Our Affirming Covenant

Cambridge Street United Church's Affirming Covenant is a call to action to create a just and caring Community of Faith and safe space with a continuing commitment to publicly, intentionally and explicitly welcome and celebrate people of all diversities, including but not limited to, age, colour, race, culture, ethnicity, economic circumstances, gender identity, sexual orientation, Indigenous heritage, physical and mental health and ability, spiritual affiliation, and marital or family status. We aspire to include and support the full participation of people of all diversities in all aspects of the life and work of our ministry.

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General Fund Balance Sheet, Operating Statement - Revenue and Expenses, Trust Funds Report

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Sanctuary and via Live-streaming

Members present: Wanda Agnew, Jo Anne Alberti-Olan, Maxine Anderson, John Bennett, Maria Bennett, Diane Bernard, Larry Bowen, Lisa Bowen, Pam Burt, Alvira Copping, Fred Copping, Eleanor Davis, Mert Davis, Brenda De Koker, Rev. Craig Donnelly, Dennis Eaton, Dianne Elson, Richard Elson, Dianne Gallagher, Bruce Glass, Carole Glass, John Harris, Ellen Huether, Alex Istchenko, Marg Istchenko, Joanne Johnson, Carl Kimmet, Michael Locke, Garth Mackay, Marian Mackay, Ann MacLeish, Wayne MacLeish, Karen Martin, Joan Mashinter, Alex McLeod, Paul McPherson, Freda McWilliams, Keith Olan, Dennis Peterson, Wanda Peterson, Jim Phelps, Mike Puffer, Pam Putman-Kimmet, Walt Radda, Doreen Roadhouse, Carol Russell, Ralph Russell, Martin Scott, Doreen Sinclair, Larry Stevens, Patricia Teskey, Bill Walden, Dave Warren, Derek Warren, Janet Warren, Judy Warren, Christine Willock, Joanne Winter

Welcome (Rev. Craig Donnelly)

- welcomed all those attending in the sanctuary as well via live-streaming today.
- please feel free to ask questions as we proceed through the agenda.
- attendance sheet is being circulated; please ensure your presence is recorded.
- we are required to wear masks through the meeting, as well when you are speaking.
- just a reminder that there are flyers available highlighting the upcoming Noon Hour Concert series starting this coming Wednesday (March 9/2022).

In Memoriam & Prayer: Rev. Craig Donnelly

- reading of the names of those that have passed away during the last year.
- prayer offered by Rev. Craig.

APPOINTMENTS:**Chairperson for this meeting:** (Rev. Craig Donnelly)

Motion: that Alex McLeod, be appointed as chair for the Cambridge St. United Church Annual Meeting. Moved by Bill Walden, seconded by Fred Copping. Carried.

Secretary for this meeting:

Motion: that Paul McPherson be appointed as Recording Secretary for the Annual Meeting. Moved by Jan Warren, seconded by Diane Bernard. Carried.

WELCOME (Alex McLeod)

- Alex welcomed all those attending in person as well as watching via live streaming.
- thank you to Pam Burt for all the organizing that went behind today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Moved by Brenda De Koker, seconded by Wanda Agnew. Carried.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

-Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, March 7, 2021. (Pages 2-5 in 2021 Annual Report)

Motion: that the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting for Cambridge St. United Church, held on March 7, 2021 be approved as printed and circulated. Moved by Pam Burt, seconded by Patricia Teskey. Carried.

REPORTS:**Alex McLeod, Chair of the Board**

- the reports are all printed on pages 11-26 in the annual report.
- not going to go through each one unless the Team Leader wishes to speak.
- please direct any questions by using the microphone.

Music Committee (Jan Warren)

- was pleased to announce the Music Committee made a donation of \$750.00 to the church

Questions/Comments:

- Carl Kimmett suggested that we have a fire drill and ensure everyone knows what to do in case of evacuation.
- Patricia Teskey suggested someone should take the lead on this as it is a requirement in our fire drill plan.

Treasurer's Report (Wanda Agnew/John Bennett)

- attached to today's agenda is the Statement of Operations and Balance Sheet as of Dec.31, 2021. Pleased to see the year ended with a surplus. The higher return on investments contributed to this. Any excess was reinvested in trusts.

Motion: That the 2021 Financial Statements of Cambridge Street United Church be accepted and approved as presented.

Moved by Ralph Russell, seconded by Larry Stevens. Carried.

Motion: The reports contained in the 2021 Annual Report be received.

Moved by Fred Copping, seconded by Martin Scott. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS**Any Other Business:****a) Refugee Fund** (Rev.Craig Donnelly)

- Jan Warren provided an update on the Alzuhbi Family. We thank the Warrens for continuing to keep in touch with the Alzuhbi family.

Motion: That the amount of \$2,663.61 in the Refugee Fund be dispersed as follows: \$335.42 designated to the Alzuhbi Family be given direct to them, and \$2,328.19 for broader refugee efforts be donated to the Red Cross for the Ukrainian Refugee program that will be matched in dollars by the Government of Canada. Moved by Derek Warren, seconded by Patricia Teskey. Carried.

b) Constitution and Church Governance Task Group (Brenda De Koker)

- starting from a Council Meeting on May 11, 2021, a suggestion was to form a task group to prepare a draft copy of the updated Constitution. After many meetings and discussions, a final copy has been presented to the congregation for approval.

Motion: To approve the Constitution and Church Governance Policy presented today to Cambridge St. United Church Congregation, which was approved by Church Council on October 12, 2021.

Moved by Brenda De Koker, seconded by Patricia Teskey. Carried.

Election of the Council (Alex McLeod)

Motion: The slate of names be approved by the Cambridge St. United Church congregation, effective March 6, 2022.

Moved by Joanne Winter, seconded by John Bennett. Carried.

Appointment to the Board of Trustees

Motion: That Stephanie Harwood-Jones be appointed to the Board of Trustees for Cambridge St. United Church.

Motion by: Joanne Winter, seconded by Brenda De Koker. Carried.

Appointment for Review of Financial Statements 2022

Motion: That BDO Dunwoody be appointed Financial Reviewer for the financial year ending December 31, 2022.

Moved by Wanda Agnew, seconded by John Bennett. Carried.

Presentation and Approval of the Budget for 2022

Motion: To approve the 2022 Budget as presented.

Moved by Wanda Agnew, seconded by Fred Copping. Carried.

Chair of the Board Remarks (Alex McLeod)

-congratulations on how well we have come through the pandemic and continued to operate the church so well. Special thanks to all the staff for ensuring all goes smoothly. To Angelique and Erwin, for keeping the music through these challenging times.

-Brenda De Koker was thanked for all the tremendous support provided as past Chair

-acknowledged the Council, and Leaders for everything they do, as well members of the congregation.

-the past 2 years have sure been a challenge; lets all hope moving forward is time to get back to normal and again filling our pews including programs back on a regular basis.

-lets make sure we take advantage of the church newsletters and website for keeping in touch.

-still looking for someone to come forward and offer to take on the church's Vice Chair role for this year.

Benediction (Rev. Craig Donnelly)

-special thanks to all those whose term is now ending, as well as welcome to those people that are coming on to the Council at this time.

Motion: That the Annual General Meeting of Cambridge St. United Church be adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Moved by Martin Scott, seconded by Jan Warren. Carried.



Alex McLeod, Council Chair



Paul McPherson, Recording Secretary

2022 IN REVIEW

January 5	Provincial government lifts restrictions of indoor meetings to max of five people
January 11-March 29....	Tuesday Morning Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom
January 23	Baptism Sunday
February 7-11	Gym ceiling is painted
February 17	Provincial government restrictions: In-person meetings and gatherings are permitted with no capacity limits following COVID-19 protocols including proof of vaccination, physical distancing and wearing of face masks at all times.
February 21	Family Day (office closed)
March 2-April 17.....	A Faith Journey Through Lent using the daily devotional guide <i>Parables, Prayers & Promises</i>
March 3	Youth Group Games Night
March 4	World Day of Prayer service at Cambridge Street United
March 6	Sunday School and Nursery resume
.....	Annual General Meeting in the sanctuary and live-streamed
March 9	Noon Hour Concert with Martin Neuland (trumpet) and Erwin Stroobach
March 16	Noon Hour Concert with Sunset 4 (barbershop quartet)
March 21	Provincial government restrictions: in-person meetings and gatherings are permitted with no capacity limits. Wearing of face masks is no longer mandated.
March 23	Noon Hour Concert with the Cambridge Street United Bellchoir Quartet
March 30	Noon Hour Concert with A Pint of Blarney
April 6	Noon Hour Concert with Winds of Change: Gregory Ward and Ann Olscher
April 9	Workshop "Strategies to Deal with Depression"
April 10	Palm Sunday – Communion
April 12	UCW Easter Unit Meeting
April 15	Good Friday joint service with Queen Street United (office closed)
April 17	Easter Sunday
April 18	Easter Monday (office closed)
April 24	Pulpit: Nancy Payne LLWL
May 1	Pulpit: Mark Sturman LLWL
May.....	Spring Rummage Sale
May 15.....	VOV Afternoon Concert in Victoria Park Gazebo
May 23.....	Victoria Day (office closed)
May 29.....	Pulpit: Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley
June 12	New Members Sunday
June 17-18	Healing Pathway Phase 1 training
June 23	UCW Presbyterial Meeting
July 3	Pulpit: Karen Cartmell LLWL
July 10.....	Pride Sunday - Pulpit: Rev. Paul Reed - Music: David Litt - Baptism Sunday
July 17.....	Pulpit: Karin DesChamp - Music: David Litt
July 24.....	Pulpit: Evelyn Chambers LLWL - Music: Bob May and Nicole Corley
July 31.....	Pulpit: John Blyth
August 21.....	Baptism Sunday - Music: David Litt - Ministry of Music: Hunter Peeters
August 28.....	Music: David Litt - Ministry of Music: Ruth Fallding
August 31.....	Ontario Mobile Community COVID Vaccination Clinic
Sept 1-Dec 31	Rev. Craig Donnelly on Restorative Care - services led by Rev. Paul Reed
September 11	Sunday School classes begin - Blessing Backpacks - Welcome Back BBQ
September 15	Ontario Mobile Community COVID Vaccination Clinic
September 25	Worship Service 10:40am with Queen Street United led by Nancy Payne, LLWL

October 1.....	Fall Rummage Sale
October 2.....	Worldwide Communion Rev. Darren Liepold – observe Orange Shirt and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 9.....	Thanksgiving Sunday
October 14.....	LGBTQ+ Inclusion Talent Show
October 21.....	Roast Beef Dinner
October 29.....	Phantom of the Organ
October 30.....	Speaker: Henry Reinders, Canadian Foodgrains Bank
November 6.....	Remembrance Sunday – Fire Drill
November 11 & 12	Mental Health First Aid Course
November 19.....	The Joys of Christmas
November 20.....	Children’s Sunday
November 21.....	We welcome Brian Nicholson as Pastoral Care Associate
November 27.....	Advent I – Hope – White Gifts
December 2 & 3.....	A Christmas Carol
December 4	Advent II – Peace - Communion
December 6	Walter Auld Fellowship Luncheon
December 11	Advent III – Joy
December 18	Advent IV – Love - Christmas Cantata <i>Night of the Father's Love</i>
December 24	Living Christmas Pageant Service 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service 10:00 pm

OUR CHURCH FAMILY 2022 MEMORIAL LIST

Janet Breen.....	January 8, 2022
Mary Pitt.....	January 11, 2022
Reginald Learn	February 21, 2022
Beverley McEwen.....	April 10, 2022
Paul Allan.....	May 21, 2022
Frances Graham.....	June 5, 2022
Ted Hill	August 4, 2022
Doreen Roadhouse.....	August 17, 2022
Aili Brown	August 23, 2022
Dorothy DeNure	September 19, 2022
Rev. Lorne Dorsch.....	September 24, 2022
Patricia Richards	October 14, 2022

CHURCH COUNCIL March 2022 - February 2023

The Church Council consists of the Minister, Chair, Treasurer, Recording, Secretary, Team Leaders, and a representative of the U.C.W., the Board of Trustees, Regional Council and Youth.

Minister: ----- Rev. Craig Donnelly
 Council Chair: ----- Alex McLeod
 Past Council Chair: ----- Brenda De Koker
 Recording Secretary ----- Patricia Teskey
 Church Treasurer ----- Wanda Agnew

AFFIRMING, DIVERSITY AND JUSTICE TEAM

Leader: Patricia Teskey

Elizabeth Alton Jim Phelps
 Meryka Currie Nicholas Shea
 Nancy Payne Joan Smiley

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair: Joanne Winter

Wanda Agnew (Treasurer) Stephanie Harwood-Jones
 Linda Cook Eric Waddilove
 Craig Donnelly (Ex-Officio) Alex McLeod (Ex-Officio)
 Keith Olan

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

Leaders: Kim Perdue

Elizabeth Alton Myrah Marquis
 Patty Carlson Nicholas Shea
 Dawn Donnelly

Librarian

Joan Smiley

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Leaders: Diane Bernard & Doreen Sinclair

Maria Bennett Jean Robinson
 Dianne Gallagher Ralph Russell (resigned Nov)
 Norma Martin Judy Warren

FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Leader: Jim Phelps

Elizabeth Alton Paul McPherson
 Carl Kimmett Patricia Teskey
 Craig Donnelly (Ex-Officio)

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Leader: John Bennett

Wanda Agnew (treasurer) Doug Plaunt
 Alex Istchenko Alex Richardson
 Wayne MacLeish Larry Stevens
 Bernie Nickerson Joanne Winter
 Wanda Percival

REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Carl Kimmett Patricia Teskey Lisa Morasse

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Elaine Kell

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL TEAM

Leader: Alex Istchenko

Bruce Glass Cheryl Nagel
 John Harris Floyd Walden
 Alex McLeod (Ex-Officio) Elaine Walling

OUTREACH TEAM

Leader: Maria Bennett & Pam Putman-Kimmett

Heather Brown Kathleen Holbrook
 Irwin Brown Lori Moore (resigned Nov)
 Linda Cook Doreen Sinclair

PROPERTY TEAM

Leader: Martin Scott

Erich Dawson Andrew Rafton
 Keith Olan Kirk Winter
 Mike Puffer

WORSHIP TEAM

Leader: John Harris

Lisa Bowen Scott McLeod
 Jim Lindsay Jon Roberts
 Laurie McLeod Christine Willock
 Craig Donnelly (Ex-Officio)

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Leader: Erwin Stroobach

Jo-Ellen Abercrombie Jim Lindsay
 Carol Bradford (resigned Nov) Bob May
 John Harris Derek Warren
 Margaret Hughes Jan Warren

CAMBRIDGE ST. UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL

Team Leaders and Members Retirement Dates

Team leaders can hold office for a maximum of six consecutive years, but council may approve a longer term of one additional year for the Team leader if required. (*Team leader)

A team member's term begins on the date of the AGM at which their name was first approved by the congregation.

A team member is initially elected for a two-year term, which may be renewed twice for a maximum of six years. A team member may choose to retire after two years, or after four years, but must retire after six years. It is recommended that a one-year break be taken before entering into a new position and renewed terms of office. After their one-year break, former members of a team are encouraged to join a different team than the one they previously served on. Any team member may resign at any time. The process for submitting a resignation is outlined in the CSUC Constitution, page 7.

Retiring 2023	Retiring 2024	Retiring 2025	Retiring 2026	Retiring 2027	Retiring 2028	Retiring 2029
AFFIRMING, DIVERSITY & JUSTICE TEAM						
			Nicholas Shea	Elizabeth Alton	Nancy Payne	
				Meryka Currie	Joan Smiley	
				Jim Phelps	Patricia Teskey *	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES (serve a three-year-term, with the right to be elected for a second consecutive term)						
Linda Cook	Joanne Winter *	Keith Olan		Eric Waddilove		
				S. Harwood-Jones		
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM						
	Elizabeth Alton			Patty Carlson	Joan Smiley (library)	
	Dawn Donnelly (resigned Jan 2023)			Kim Perdue *		
CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM						
	Dianne Gallagher	Jean Robinson	Norma Martin	Maria Bennett	Ralph Russell (resigned 2022)	
		Diane Bernard *	Doreen Sinclair *			
FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM						
		Jim Phelps *	Carl Kimmitt	Patricia Teskey		
		Paul McPherson	Elizabeth Alton			

Retiring 2023	Retiring 2024	Retiring 2025	Retiring 2026	Retiring 2027	Retiring 2028	Retiring 2029
FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP TEAM						
Bernie Nickerson	Wayne MacLeish	Alex Istchenko	John Bennett*	Wanda Percival		
				Alex Richardson		
				Doug Plaunt		
OUTREACH TEAM						
Kathleen Holbrook	Pam Putman-Kimmitt*	Doreen Sinclair	Linda Cook			
		Maria Bennett*	Lori Moore (resigned 2022)			
PROPERTY TEAM						
	Keith Olan	Andrew Rafton	Mike Puffer	Martin Scott*		
		Erich Dawson	Kirk Winter			
WORSHIP TEAM						
Jim Lindsay	Scott McLeod	Christine Willock	Lisa Bowen	Jon Roberts		
	Laurie McLeod	John Harris*				
MINISTRY & PERSONNEL TEAM						
Term of office • Elected at annual meeting • Term set by governing body • A balance of consistency and new energy is desirable						
Members: Alex Istchenko, Bruce Glass, John Harris, Cheryl Nagel, Floyd Walden, Elaine Walling, Alex McLeod (Ex-officio)						



FROM THE MINISTER

I was talking to a member of the church this morning and she conveyed to me how compassionate the people of Cambridge Street United have been towards her during and after her recent hospitalization. My head and heart were nodding along with her, "Amen". I, too, felt the loving embrace of our Family of Faith during the Fall while on Restorative Care. The outpouring of authentic care and concern is church at its best. We can never over-estimate expressions of kindness and their influence upon our lives.

On the pages of this Annual Report, let us always remember the people behind the programs. God's work is accomplished through people, often ordinary people, who are willing to roll up their sleeves and help, provide time and leadership, or lend a listening ear and a shoulder to cry on.

Theodore Roosevelt first said, "Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." Doesn't this expression sound like it could be lifted off the pages of scripture from the Proverbs of Solomon? The church has the capability to influence and inspire its people and onlookers, less on its dogma, and more on how much we care for each other and the world. Jesus expressed it this way, "By this will all people know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another." (John 13:35)

What does authentic care and compassion look like in the church?

- Genuine interest in people, not only as volunteer workers, but also as fellow human beings, and even friends.
- Empathy for one another's concerns and struggles in tough times.
- Capability to interpret non-verbal language and sense unspoken signals, to identify positive feelings (accomplishment, happiness) or negative feelings (stress, fear, suffering), and to respond accordingly and in a timely fashion.
- Prophetic boldness to confront systemic injustices and discrepancies, and work together towards collective healing and wholeness.

We have faced many challenges together in 2022 and are stronger for the presence of caring people all around us. This is the Spirit of Jesus at work in the church and in the world.

Submitted with sincere gratitude - *Reverend Craig Donnelly*

CHAIRPERSON OF CHURCH COUNCIL

The themes for 2022 have been recovery and rejuvenation. As a congregation and community, we continued our recovery from the COVID pandemic which included a resumption of in-person Sunday services.

The walls of Cambridge Street United once again bear the echo and rumbling of the organ and we continue to be blessed by the wonderful music that Erwin and Angelique provide.

Children have been welcomed back to the Sunday school programs with open arms with a renewed focus on ensuring the congregational commitment for future generations.

A HUGE "Thank You!" should be given to the exceptional Cambridge Street United staff for a seamless transition back to "normal." There is truly no way to fully express how important they are to our continued success.

Council's passion continues to allow Cambridge Street United to undertake and complete tasks that years ago could only have been dreamed of. This past year focused on a complete overhaul of our bi-laws and most recently a united effort to take and complete all necessary steps required to amalgamate with our wonderful Queen Street United Church neighbours.

As with all important institutions, we know that our work is not complete. Every new year will bring unexpected challenges and obstacles that will require the same level of support the Cambridge Street United family has become accustomed to. I am supremely confident that our new and expanded community is up for the job and 2023 will be a historical benchmark as to what we at Cambridge Street United can accomplish.

- Alex McLeod

PASTORAL CARE ASSOCIATE

Well, hello! First and foremost, I want to say thank you for your most generous welcome when I came to Cambridge Street United Community of Faith in November 2022. I was welcomed with open hearts and minds, and I am truly happy to be working with you in serving the congregation, and the community in which Cambridge Street United stands.

I guess by now you know that I like donuts. One of my hobbies is searching for the best donut shop. I haven't found it yet, but I have had a lot of fun trying to find it.

If you like donuts, cookies, coffee/tea along with light conversation and laughter, come along to the "TMDC" on Tuesday mornings 10 – 11am. If you prefer not to eat donuts, I am sure we can help out in that regard!! Whether you like donuts, or not, you are most welcome.

See ya there...

- Brian Nicholson

EAST CENTRAL ONTARIO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Representatives: Carl Kimmitt, Lisa Morasse (resigned January 2023) and Patricia Teskey

From Carl Kimmitt: The East Central Ontario Regional Council has experienced significant staff changes during 2022. It is generally accepted that staffing is short at the best of times to meet the needs of the many communities of faith having both attendance and financial problems. In early fall 2022, Rev. David Timpson, then Pastoral Relations Minister, had to leave his position due to a sudden and debilitating health issue. At the October 29, 2022 fall meeting, Rev. Darren Liepold was confirmed and inducted into that position of Pastoral Relations Minister. (You may recall that Rev. Darren covered the Oct. 2 Sunday service here during Rev. Craig's restorative leave time.) At the same October 29 meeting, Rev. Rosemary Lambie officially retired as Executive Director and Rev. Liepold was asked to assume that position as well, on an interim basis.

ECORC values Rev. Paul Reed as Speaker of the Assembly of Elders as he provides strong leadership to that Assembly and at the spring and autumn general meetings. One of the questions asked of Rev. Paul was, "Who is my neighbour?". His reply was, "Everyone I can rely on and everyone who can rely on me." A big responsibility within any neighborhood!

From Patricia Teskey: My personal choice this year was to support ECORC's goal of raising up youth for leadership in the life and work of our church. I supported the application of Ellia Perdue, a member of

our youth group at Cambridge Street United, to represent ECORC as a youth intern at the national level of our church, the General Council. I was very pleased that Ellia enjoyed a happy, positive learning experience. For more details, you can read Ellia's interesting article in the Cambridge Chronicle, "My Summer as a Youth Intern for the United Church of Canada." (September 2022, p. 7)

Each of the youth interns was asked to organize a "Passion Project" to help their community back home. Ellia chose to organize a "2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusion and Talent Night" in the gym at Cambridge Street United on October 14, 2022. I was delighted to see 23 people attending, including nine adults and fourteen youth. Thinking big, Ellia had plastered posters around her high school, I.E. Weldon, resulting in several youth attending who had never been inside Cambridge Street United before. It was wonderful to see how comfortable these young people were in our church (well, singing karaoke in the gym, anyway). Congratulations Ellia on your fantastically successful "Passion Project"!

I also supported an event for youth at Curve Lake United Church, organized by Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley and Sharon Hull, leaders of ECORC's Youth and Justice forum, by driving one of our young people from Cambridge Street United. Youth from other United churches in our region joined Indigenous youth for ping-pong, circle activities, Indigenous food and a spiritual teaching by an Indigenous teacher. The young person from Cambridge Street United participated enthusiastically!

My hope for 2023 is to continue supporting the inclusion of youth in the life and work of the church, possibly by joining ECORC's Youth and Justice forum.

- Submitted by Carl Kimmet and Patricia Teskey

THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Purpose: *To unite all women of the community of faith for the total mission of the church and to provide a means through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.*

We did not hold an Annual Meeting in 2022 as the existing U.C.W. Executive agreed to continue in their positions, for which we were very grateful. Due to successful fundraising at the May and October Rummage Sales, the meat and fruit pie sales and the Joys of Christmas event, we are able to strike a satisfactory budget for 2023. Our U.C.W. hosted the World Day of Prayer on March 4 featuring England, Wales and Northern Ireland. A U.C.W. Easter meeting was held on April 12 giving our members a much needed chance to move forward. Our U.C.W. hosted a Kawartha Highlands Presbyterial Rally on June 23. We enjoyed speaker Pam Hart and her presentation on the Reconciliation Quilt. Fortunately, our kitchen had passed the Health Unit inspection in May. In July, United Church Women from across Canada celebrated our 60th Anniversary in Sydney, Nova Scotia. In September, the combined Rebekah and Hannah Units met for their first monthly meeting. Members voted to be known as the "U.C.W. Unit". On November 19, the U.C.W. were happy to hold the first Joys of Christmas event since 2019.



We are very pleased that the U.C.W. organization at Cambridge Street United has survived the past closures and is moving forward in fellowship and service.

- Elaine Kell, President

U.C.W. Financial Statement 2022

General Account Balance - December 31, 2021.....	\$6,819.82
Income: Donations.....	\$ 1,020.94
Funerals.....	1,980.00
HST Rebate.....	4.93
Joys of Christmas.....	5,324.20
Other Catering Events.....	949.00
Pies.....	3,759.50
Rummage Sales.....	8,462.19
Unit Givings.....	1,369.10
Total Income:	<u>\$22,869.86</u>
Expenses: Community, Friendship and Flowers	48.92
Funeral Expenses.....	235.36
General Kitchen Expenses.....	145.31
General Expenses.....	348.26
Joys of Christmas.....	530.28
Literature and Communications	15.00
Other Catering Events.....	315.42
Pies	1,883.04
Rummage Sales	53.54
Commitments: National U.C.W. Resource Fund.....	100.00
Presbyterial Expense.....	100.00
Camp Quin-Mo-Lac	200.00
Golden Lake Camp	200.00
Home Church Commitment.....	2,000.00
Mission and Service	2,000.00
Donations: A Place Called Home	200.00
Five Counties Children's Centre	200.00
Women's Resources.....	200.00
Other Donations.....	200.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 8,975.13</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 13,894.73</u>
General Account Balance December 31, 2022.....	<u>\$ 20,714.55</u>

Project Account Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022	\$ 4,730.09
Income: Donations	1,000.00
Nickerson Trust	184.80
Total Income:	<u>\$ 1,184.80</u>
Project Account Balance December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 5,914.89</u>

- Submitted by Dianne Gallagher, U.C.W. Treasurer

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Do the last few years seem like a blur? Just going over my records and I realized it was just last year we had the Omicron virus take hold and rehearsals were again cancelled in January. I think 2022 was the year we learned to live with COVID. Having started the year with the choirs rehearsing in the gym, physically distancing and wearing masks, we certainly did what we could to stay safe, although it was not a great way to sing together. And our bellchoir was rehearsing in the Lower Hall, to provide a bigger space to rehearse in. Fast forward, we are back in the choir room (we do have an air purifier now) and

many are no longer masked. I am very thankful for how careful everyone has been to allow for having safe environments to rehearse in.

Maybe being a little too over-enthusiastic after the summer and wanting to get back to some of the events we have done in the past, the fall proved to be somewhat overwhelming, and another blur (I think for both Walt and myself). We went from Phantom of the Organ on Oct. 28 to *A Christmas Carol* on Dec. 2 & 3, our Christmas cantata on Dec. 18 and finally bringing back The Living Christmas, where I think one of the goats stole the show.

But none of these events would be possible without the incredible support of so many people. A special thanks to the Music Team and all the performers who made the Phantom of the Organ concert a great success. *A Christmas Carol* was only possible with the dedication of Szabina Kitchen, director, Josh Wood for his video work, the actors who played multiple roles, those behind the scenes and the Fundraising Team. And while having to cancel our last, probably most important choir rehearsal due to a snowstorm, the Christmas cantata came off splendidly. With the windy wintery weather on Christmas Eve, the animals still all arrived safe and sound, although I think many people decided it was best to stay home. The biggest struggle for 2022 was getting the children and youth back. Voices of Victory is a small, dedicated group of singers, but we need more children in both VOV and the Cherub Choir.

An article I read recently talked about us no longer going from crisis to crisis, but we are now in constant crisis. From the pandemic to the war, inflation, climate change... we have this overlapping of multiple concerns. Doesn't that make Cambridge Street United all the more essential, having a family of faith to support and encourage each other? We have so much to be thankful for; an amazing group of people who give of their time and talents to our music ministry, Craig's return to health and being back in the pulpit, and a loving God who doesn't change. May we find much peace, joy, love and hope in 2023.

Yours in Christ's service - *Erwin Stroobach*

AFFIRMING, DIVERSITY & JUSTICE TEAM

Team Members: Elizabeth Alton, Meryka Currie, Nancy Payne, Jim Phelps, Nicholas Shea, Joan Smiley, Patricia Teskey (leader)

We began the year by considering suggestions from Nancy Payne and Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley, Minister for Respectful Relationship and Indigenous Justice at the East Central Ontario Regional Council, about how we might engage our team and our congregation in Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous People. We then organized and hosted the following events:

Themed Sunday worship services

- **May 29, 2022** - Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley led a Sunday worship service as a pulpit exchange with Rev. Craig, who led the worship service at Rodney's two churches, Curve Lake United and Wesley United on Buckhorn Road. Rodney described some of his experiences as a white United Church minister learning to walk with Indigenous Peoples. He delighted us with his drumming skill and led us in singing the Indigenous words to an Indigenous song. He also encouraged us by pointing out ways in which Cambridge Street United has supported Indigenous Peoples in the past and could continue doing so.
- **July 10, 2022** – Sunday worship service focused on celebrating Pride Week in Kawartha Lakes and the third anniversary of becoming Affirming, as well as four baptisms. Patricia wrote a summary of the message for the September issue of the *Cambridge Chronicle*, which also featured photos of the baptisms and other events during the service.

- **October 2, 2022** – Sunday worship service observed Orange Shirt Day and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. Rev. Darren Liepold, pinch hitting for Rev. Craig Donnelly while he was on restorative care leave, talked to the children about the significance of the Orange Shirt story. We provided Orange Shirt Day resources for the Sunday school, which was taught by Elizabeth Alton. Scripture was read by Meryka Currie and her two daughters, Tilly and Poppy Wyman.

Books by Indigenous authors and review in Cambridge Chronicle

Team member Jim Phelps wrote an inviting review for the May issue of the *Cambridge Chronicle* of Five Little Indians, one of three books by Indigenous authors that we purchased for the church library.

Encouraging Inclusive and “Person-First” Language at Cambridge Street United

We discussed an insightful paper, “Inclusive Language Guidelines: You Belong Because You Are...A Person First” (2021) by the Affirming committee at Robert McClure United Church in Calgary. We agreed that this paper is exceptionally well researched and easy to read. We invited Congregational Care Team leader Doreen Sinclair to join us in brainstorming ways to encourage person-first and inclusive language as the norm at Cambridge Street United Church. Anyone who would like to see this amazing paper for themselves may do so by contacting Patricia Teskey at patriciateskey@gmail.com

- Patricia Teskey, Team Leader

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

Team Members: Elizabeth Alton, Myrah Marquis, Patty Carlson, Dawn Donnelly, Kim Perdue (leader)

Celebrations/Accomplishments/Challenges in 2022: I am happy to say that Sunday School started up again in February 2022 and finished in May 2022. We started up again in September 2022, and we will continue until the start of May 2023. We have open sessions for children aged 3 to 12 years old.

One of our big accomplishments is to have Sunday School. I say that this is an accomplishment because we don't have a lot of support. This has been our greatest accomplishment and greatest challenge. There aren't enough Sunday School teachers, and some weeks we do not have a program for the children. It would be wonderful to make young families and children a priority in our church, and to have more volunteers support Sunday School. Lessons are provided, and two adults are required for each Sunday. Please consider teaching or supporting this program, even if you can help once every two months. If everyone did that, we would have so many volunteers and we would always have a program for Sunday School. I remember when my children were very young, and without a Children's Church Program, I wouldn't have been able to attend every week. My children also enjoyed the Cherub Choir and are still in Voices of Victory today.

Another challenge has been the nursery. Dawn Donnelly graciously supported the nursery every Sunday. She was always available to have it open for babies, toddlers, and parents. We need more support and volunteers to be in the nursery. If no one can volunteer, the nursery will have to be closed on Sundays.

It's unfortunate that I spent most of my report writing about challenges instead of celebrations or accomplishments. The reality is that until the children, youth and young families are made a priority in the church and within the congregation, the amazing programs that we try to run within our Christian Education Team will continue to dwindle. We would love for you to be part of our team; however, you don't have to be part of the team to volunteer to teach, support/assist teachers, or be in the nursery. When Brenda De Koker called me and asked me to be the team leader for Christian Education, her timing couldn't have been more perfect. Just days before I was thinking about how I wanted to be more

involved with Cambridge Street United, and I wanted to volunteer in some way. If you have been feeling the same way, but are unsure about what you can do, this is your personal invitation to be a role model and spend some time with the incredible young people in this church!

- Kim Perdue

Church Library

Perhaps due to COVID restrictions, our church library was not accessed regularly. However, we did receive over this past year many donated books, for which we are truly grateful. We strive to offer to all ages and stages, some of the best non-fiction and fiction resources in the field of religious culture and faith. If you have any suggestions or needs for new resource materials, please do not hesitate to let me know, for this is your library.

The library is open for your convenience during church hours as well as Sunday mornings. I would encourage you to drop in and browse our holdings. You may be glad you did.

A Housekeeping Moment: When signing out books: Please sign the index card located, generally, at the back of the resource. Place it in the card box located beside the **Returned Books** box. Also, we ask that you would, please return book(s) in a timely manner, so that others might have access to that particular resource material.

- Joan Smiley

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Team members: Diane Bernard (co-leader), Norma Martin, Maria Bennett, Jean Robinson, Dianne Gallagher, Doreen Sinclair (co-leader)

Celebrations/Accomplishments/Challenges in 2022:

- Mental Health First Aid Workshop was successful with 19 graduates and with very useful skills we can apply daily.
- Qi-gong Balance in Motion has grown in 2022 and is well attended twice per week. Happy participants and positive feedback.
- Healing Pathway Ministry with its dedicated group of practitioners is slowly gaining momentum. Trained and gifted practitioners include Pam Burt, Brenda Burns, Jo-Ellen Abercrombie, Debbie Cook, Joan Smiley, Pat Castonguay and Doreen Sinclair. Thirty-minute sessions can be booked by calling the church office. People tell us they feel safe and cared for, and they leave feeling less stressed, more balanced and with more energy.
- Student response to Christmas cards sent on behalf of the church was positive and uplifting.
- Pastoral Care visits from our team help congregants stay connected and informed of church activities. The addition of Brian Nicholson in the capacity of Pastoral Care Associate is already showing great promise in connecting the broad spectrum of our church family.
- Heidi has successfully relaunched Walter Auld Fellowship Luncheons.
- Much thanks to our drivers on Sunday mornings making sure rides are provided to church. If you can help, or can be a spare, we would love to have you join our team.

Goals for 2023 and beyond:

- Continue actively visiting members in retirement homes, nursing homes and hospital.
- Expand Pastoral Care ministry to include youth and young families.
- Encourage active participation and expand the Tuesday Morning Donut Club.

- Support members who seek fellowship in coffee groups.
- Find creative ways to stay connected with college and university students.
- Support Walter Auld leadership.
- Expand our Healing Pathways Ministry into the community.
- Encourage and support the integration of new members and transfers from Queen Street United into active participation and involvement in all areas of church life.

- Diane Bernard, Team Leader

2022 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ROLL

MEMBERSHIP ROLL, January 1, 2022	399
<u>Added During the Year:</u>	
By Certificate of Transfer	3
By Profession of Faith.....	2
From Inactive.....	0
.....	5
.....	+ 5
.....	404
<u>Removed During the Year:</u>	
By Certificate of Transfer	0
Deceased	10
Removed by Inactivity	0
Removal by Request.....	0
.....	10
.....	- 10
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, December 31, 2022	394

Members: 394 (including 9 Non-Residents) Adherents: 62

- **Members** of the church are those who, on a profession of their faith in Jesus Christ or by transfer of membership, have been received into full membership and whose names are on the roll of the church. Members are entitled to vote at all meetings.
- **Non-Resident Member** means an official member in good standing who has moved such a distance from the congregation that they cannot attend regularly but still contribute to the life and work of the church.
- **Adherent** means a person who is attached to a congregation and who contributes regularly to its life and work while not being an official member.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Number of Members.....	394	399	425	432	426
Total Number of Services	55	55	49	51	54
Total in-person attendance	4,872	2,537	2,327	8,726	9,208
Average in-person attendance	89	77	106	171	170
Live-streaming *unique viewers	4,449	6,504	8,273	40	
Average live-streaming unique viewers	81	118	169		
Total live-streaming views.....	48,111	49,764	48,510	1,403	
During church closure only		21,937	33,651		
Average live-streaming views.....	875	905	990	28	

*A unique viewer is defined as a unique public internet address for the event or time period specified. That is, each device that logs in to watch the live-streamed service is considered a unique viewer, even if it reconnects more than once during that time.)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This ministry began in 2007 and up to the end of 2022 we have been blessed to have given away a total of 404 prayer shawls/blankets/baptism blankets. We meet on the second Sunday of each month, excluding July, August and October, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. for a relaxing time of fellowship and conversation. We receive shawls/blankets from congregation members that can't attend the meetings, and from knitters in the area. We are very thankful to congregation members for donations of yarn.

Typically, knitters do a lot of multitasking. We knit while we watch TV, travelling as a passenger in a car, chatting with others, and many more activities. Most importantly we are praying for whoever will receive the shawls/blankets we are working on. Nothing warms our hearts as much as the gift that we can give to comfort and nurture the soul. As we create shawls for others, our handiwork becomes an expression of our caring and the love of God.

- Pam Burt

Walter Auld Fellowship Group

Kitchen staff: Maxine Anderson, Dianne Gallagher, Elaine Murray, Norma Martin., Anneke Auger

Servers: Cathy Alldred, Joan Mashinter, Yvonne Noble, Diane Bernard

Others: Carole Tully, Brenda De Koker, Jim Hall, Heidi Kaphengst (coordinator) and eight callers

Celebrations/Accomplishments/Challenges in 2022:

We did it! Together we reorganized, and accomplished, which seemed to be an unsurmountable task. Although Heidi was going to step away from her leadership role and advertised for a replacement, she could not do it when there was barely a response to her request. These luncheons are such a worthwhile cause! However, when she attended the roast beef dinner and saw so many busy volunteers, she felt inspired, approached people and suddenly others approached her. Before long, the team was growing. The first date, after a forced two-year hiatus, was set for December 6, 2022.

New lists were prepared by several team members for: Walter Auld members, volunteers, to do lists for kitchen and servers as well as calling lists. Heidi got in touch with the caterer, who agreed to raise her fee only marginally and she agreed to prepare a turkey dinner for our December meeting.

At our sing-along December meeting Mary Pearson accompanied us on the keyboard, (which has become a tradition by now), while Carole Tully was leading us with her beautiful strong voice. As a surprise, Brian Nicholson, our Pastoral Care Associate, enchanted us with a historical hymn. It was a treat. Seeing the grateful happy smiles of the attendees afterwards, was a true reward for our effort.

In Memoriam: We honour Donna Sidey, who passed away and who, along with Eleanor Plewes and Mary Jones, had performed a herculean task in the kitchen. As well as Lillian Nickerson, who with Donna is looking down at us and smiling, along with Doreen Roadhouse and Lois Barnes, our predecessors. Thank you, we will never forget you. You have left us as your disciples to carry on creating fun-loving events at our Walter Auld Luncheons.

Goals for 2023 and beyond: to carry on and recruit as well as having a back-up list of volunteers so that nobody ever feels burned out.

- Heidi Kaphengst

FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Team Members: Elizabeth Alton, Carl Kimmett, Paul McPherson, Patricia Teskey (secretary), Jim Phelps (leader), Craig Donnelly (ex-officio)

Expressed succinctly, the Faith Development Team's purpose is to offer adults opportunities to learn and grow in their Christian faith. This may be enriched by such things as gaining an appreciation of other faith traditions or becoming informed about timely issues of public concern.

Worthwhile as it may be, sometimes a group simply "runs its course" as interests, people and circumstances change. This seems to have happened with the Seekers Group. Even so, former members still appreciate the years of dedicated leadership Dave and Judy Warren gave to the Seekers, who regularly met for study and reflection during the hour before Sunday worship. Also, in 2022, the Bible study group (more recently lead by the Rev. Craig) felt that, after the passing of Doreen Roadhouse, and without new participants appearing, the time had come to discontinue.

In 2022 the Team invited Cambridge members and friends to join in a Lenten "journey of faith" by following the daily readings and prayers in the resource *Parables, Prayers & Promises*, written by the Rev. Martha Martin and with prayers by Alydia Smith. Those who participated met from time to time after Sunday worship to share their experience and reflections. One participant expressed that, although in sharing thoughts on spiritual matters, he was "well out of his comfort zone," the devotional journey was a good experience. Besides spiritual experience and growth, we also learned some new computer skills as the resource book was available only as an Internet "download" enabling one to buy not only books but just about anything else online!

When COVID-19 came along, it quashed the Team's plan to take a group over to the Plug 'N Drive education centre for electric vehicles, near Markham. However, in the summer of 2022 we had the opportunity to advertise at church that a local community group of electric car owners was displaying their vehicles on Kent Street in front of the library and had invited staff from Plug 'N Drive to bring a few of their EVs. Those who took advantage of this weekend event had many questions answered; some also took the opportunity to test drive one of the pollution-free and almost-silent cars.

In the fall, with the telephone contacting help of the Congregational Care Team, we organized a "Colour Tour" particularly, but not exclusively, for the benefit of congregational members who (as the old song says) may not "get around much anymore." With Carl Kimmett as our guide, we meandered through the rural geography south of Lindsay and along the north shore of Lake Scugog. I think it would be accurate to say that all who participated felt uplifted by the autumn forest colours, conversation and stories enroute, and even an inspiring poem read at one or two scenic stops. No carload got lost, at least permanently. Most concluded the tour at a coffee shop but we just could not find a place serving butter tarts after 2:00 PM in the fall of the year.

Our Team is very pleased to have welcomed Paul McPherson as a new member. Still, we are short-handed and do need to increase our membership and capacity for fulfilling our ministry mandate. Should you feel a gentle "tugging" toward faith development, please speak with one of us.

- Jim Phelps, Team Leader

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (Inclusive Bible) – *So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you're already doing. Hebrews 6:10 (Inclusive Bible)* – *God is not unjust and will not forget your work and the love you have demonstrated by your past and present service to God's holy people.*

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Team members: John Bennett (leader), Wanda Agnew (treasurer), Wanda Percival (secretary), Alex Istchenko, Wayne MacLeish, Bernie Nickerson, Doug Plaunt, Larry Stevens

Celebrations/Accomplishments/Challenges in 2022:

Throughout the past year, the Finance/Stewardship Team has continued to conduct our monthly committee meeting via Zoom as we find this method more convenient, and, for the time being, will continue to do so.

A big thank you to the 2022 team members: John Bennett, Wanda Agnew, Alex Istchenko, Wayne MacLeish, Bernie Nickerson, Doug Plaunt, Alex Richardson, Larry Stevens and Wanda Percival for their participation, providing valuable feedback and suggestions throughout the year. In June, the team welcomed new member Larry Stevens, formerly of Princeton, B.C., where he was a member of St. Paul's United Church.

In fiscal 2022 we saw an encouraging increase in envelope, PAR, loose givings and, even, e-transfers. In spite of this, we faced the usual shortfall in revenues insufficient to cover operating expenses, thus, again, relying on Trust Fund income to compensate. An ongoing challenge.

We now have more than half of our regular contributors using PAR (pre-authorized remittances) which assist us in reducing administration with the handling of weekly cash and cheque donations via envelopes.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication exhibited by our Treasurer, Wanda Agnew, as 2022 was a learning curve for her in understanding and managing our accounting system(s). Thanks also to Alex Richardson for assistance and guidance.

Finally, a big thank-you to members of the congregation for your continued financial support. In 2023 we look forward to welcoming and including new members from Queen Street United.

Goals for 2023 and beyond: Achievement of a balanced budget.

- John Bennett

OUTREACH TEAM

Team members: Maria Bennett and Pam Putman-Kimmett (co-leaders), Kathleen Holbrook, Doreen Sinclair, Linda Cook

In collaboration with St. Paul's Anglican Church, the lunch program at King Albert Public School (KAPS) was once again well organized and appreciated by staff and students, thanks to the many volunteers at Cambridge Street United.

We thanked Irwin and Heather Brown for their time and talent on our Outreach Team and welcomed Linda Cook and Lori Moore (who resigned due to health issues).

Cookie Sunday was re-introduced in September after a long hiatus. The social time after church on the last Sunday of the month provided congregants an opportunity to mingle while enjoying donated home made cookies and contributing to our Outreach projects. Thank you one and all.

The soup kitchen at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church appreciates the involvement of Cambridge Street United every Friday. We appreciate the organizational skills of Yvonne Noble and her ability to recruit our church volunteers.

In the fall, we welcomed back Henry Reinders, the Ontario rep for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, to update the congregation on the continued plight of world hunger and the efforts of Canadian Foodgrains to address these needs and provide education and teaching of sustainable farming methods to maximize production in third world countries. Following the service, ice cream and cookies were served at coffee hour and Henry welcomed discussions and questions about his work. Donations received at the social time were forwarded to Canadian Foodgrains Bank where funds are matched by the Federal Government 4 to 1 for targeted programs. Be sure to check our church website for regular newsletters from CFGB.

On behalf of Cambridge Street United, the Outreach Team sponsored a mom and two children through the Christmas gift baskets for victims of violence at Women's Resources. An anonymous donor from our congregation provided the funds which also allowed us to support a church family with a food hamper for the Christmas season.

Donations were forwarded to: Five Counties Children's Centre, Kawartha Lakes Hospice, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church soup kitchen and Salvation Army Warming Room.

- Maria Bennett and Pam Putman-Kimmitt

Hebrews 10:24-25 (Inclusive Bible) -- *Let us always think how we can stimulate each other to love and good works. Don't stay away from the meetings of the community, as some do, but encourage one another; and do this all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL TEAM

We at Cambridge Street United are blessed to have such a wonderful skilled and dedicated staff. News of Craig's health challenges was a shock not only to Craig and his family, but also to all of us. His prompt treatment and rapid recovery has truly been wonderful news.

With support from Rev. Darren Liepold at ECORC and the willingness of Rev. Paul Reed to set aside some previous commitments, Craig's absence was successfully covered. Meanwhile, all of our staff as well as church teams cooperated to cover some of the ministry roles as well. The Congregational Care Team shared concerns regarding pastoral care during Craig's absence. With Council's approval, a search team composed of representatives from Worship, Congregational Care, and M&P retained the services of Brian Nicholson as Pastoral Care Associate, on a three-month contract. This has proven to be very successful and the hope is that we will be able to extend his contract through the 2023 calendar year. Staff reviews were carried out in November, and again, all were very positive. Kudos to our great staff! The M&P team of Bruce Glass, John Harris, Cheryl Nagel, Floyd Walden, Elaine Walling and myself are very proud of all Cambridge St. United staff and thankful for their tireless efforts on behalf of our church.

I thank the congregation for your support of our church family. We look forward to the combined efforts of both Cambridge Street United and Queen Street United as a result of the anticipated amalgamation of the two congregations. Together we are stronger!

- Alex Istchenko

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Our Music Team was again able to host the Noon Hour Concerts, and this year we were able to invite back audiences! Although we felt it best not to have the lunch fellowship afterwards, the concerts were a great success.

March 9 – Martin Neuland, trumpet, Erwin Stroobach, accompanist

March 16 – Sunset 4 barbershop quartet (unable to perform, replaced by Erwin Stroobach, organ)

March 23 – Handbell Quartet – Janis Neuland, Cathy Puffer, Angelique Stroobach and Vivian Warren

March 30 – A Pint of Blarney

April 6 – Winds of Change – Anne Olscher: bassoon, Gregory Ward: EWI, guitar, vocals.

The team also helped organize The Phantom of the Organ concert on Sat. Oct. 29. The freewill offering and donations brought in over \$1500.00, and we were pleased to present the Kawartha Lakes Food Source with a cheque of \$690.00.

Our amazing Music Team members include Jo-Ellen Abercrombie, John Harris, Margaret Hughes, Jim Lindsay, Bob May, Erwin Stroobach, Derek and Jan Warren. A big thanks to Don Hughes for doing posters for our Noon Hour Concerts and Angelique Stroobach for the posters and programmes for our Phantom of the Organ concert. Also, a huge thank-you needs to be passed on to Derek and Jan Warren, who are retiring from the Team after 19 years! We are looking for one or two people to join, but we promise it doesn't need to be for that long.

- Erwin Stroobach, on behalf of the Music Committee

PROPERTY TEAM

Team Members: Martin Scott (leader), Erich Dawson, Keith Olan, Mike Puffer, Andrew Rafton, Kirk Winter

Celebrations/Accomplishments/Challenges in 2022:

- **February:** The steam leak in lower kitchen was fixed. Walt Radda and Martin Scott insulated the lower kitchen water pipes to avoid future freezing.
- **March:** The gym ceiling was primed and painted with two topcoats, as well as the basketball hoops. The gender inclusive washroom locking doorknob was installed.
- **April:** Low-flow toilets were installed throughout the church. The boiler kept shutting down and we were trying to get to the bottom of this. A tag system was developed for the student supervisors to follow when opening and closing the church so nothing is missed.
- **May:** The last low-flow toilet was installed. A sign for the gender inclusive washroom was installed. Outstanding building permits with the City of Kawartha Lakes were dealt with and the building inspector signed off and closed them.
- **June:** Boiler shutting down was still an issue. We tried several solutions. Looked to hire students to start in September. The tag system was reviewed and walked through to make sure there were no issues.
- **September:** Walt Radda opened the floor up in the lower kitchen and Martin Scott insulated all the joists against the foundation. An open vent was discovered that we felt had been the culprit with the pipes freezing and so it too was insulated. The automatic door opener for the second floor wheelchair washroom was installed. The tag system was implemented and the two student supervisors were trained on how to use the system. Walt installed two LED lights in the front

entrance washrooms. More lighting was installed in the furnace room.

- October: The boiler issue was fixed and seemed to be working. The boiler had been disassembled. LCD Mechanical found another leak in the pipes. Walt Radda stripped the front entrance steps and put two coats of urethane on them. Walt was very concerned with the wiring for the overhead lights in the sanctuary and called Electric Electric Limited to have a look. We received a quote for air conditioning units for the sanctuary. We received a quote for carpeting for the front of the church.
- November: The steam leak in the rad at the Bond Street entrance was fixed. The steam leak in the lower hall kitchen was fixed. Martin Scott spent two hours at the front doors to try to secure them but more work is needed. The Team cut, primed and painted three shelves for the juice glass cups in the kitchen. The sanctuary LED overhead lights were rewired and operate with the new LED honeycomb light bulbs. The Team attended Craig Donnelly's address to do yard work and then went over to the church and raked and bagged the leaves. The boiler was reassessed and seemed to be working fine.
- December: The Team fixed all locks on the church's front doors. Received two dehumidifiers from the congregation for the basement.

Goals for 2023 and beyond: to water-proof the basement, add A/C in the sanctuary, repair the eaves troughing, and look into replacing the carpet in the sanctuary.

WORSHIP TEAM

That's a wrap on 2022. This year was a year of transition as we made our way out of COVID (which we're not totally out of). This fall, things began to take on a more familiar look as the relaxing of COVID restrictions allowed us to get back to some of our regular events.

For the Worship Team, that meant hymn books going back out in the pews, back to communion as we used to have it, decorating the sanctuary for Christmas and being able to hold the Living Christmas Eve Service for the first time in three years. The bad weather on Christmas Eve proved to be a bit of a challenge, cutting our attendance down to about half at both services. However, both services were well received by those who braved the elements. It did prove to be an impossible task to light the candles that we put out on our streets that night because of the wind.

The most unusual thing to deal with this year was the unexpected health issue Rev. Craig was faced with this fall. Rev. Craig was forced to take some time off on restorative care and we were very fortunate to have Rev. Paul Reed jump in and take care of pulpit coverage until January 2023 when Rev. Craig was cleared by his doctor to return. The Worship Team only had to find coverage for two other Sundays during that period due to Rev. Paul's prior commitments. We were truly fortunate and blessed to have such excellent coverage and support from Rev. Paul.

We are very happy to have Rev. Craig back at the helm in 2023 and everyone is enjoying his return. We are looking forward to a new experience this year as Queen Street United takes steps to join us. We are looking forward to our first joint Worship Team meeting with the Worship Team from Queen Street United.

Our Worship Team consisted of Jim Lindsay, Scott and Laurie McLeod, Lisa Bowen, Christine Willock, Jon Roberts and myself. An awesome group to work with and I certainly appreciate their support.

- John Harris

SPIRIT FUNDRAISING TEAM

Team members: Brenda Burns, Richard Elson, John Harris, Laura Hargrave, Alex Istchenko, Joanne Johnson, Lisa Morasse, Wanda Percival, Mike Puffer, and Marian Sweetnam

Celebrations/Accomplishments/Challenges in 2022:

We were pleased to resume some activities, commencing with the Welcome Back BBQ on Sunday, September 11.

The 25th Annual Roast Beef Dinner was held on October 21, offering both dining-in and take-out options. The event was well attended and a big thank-you is extended to Murray and Eleanor Walden for again donating the roasted beef as they have done for each of the 25 years; to Marian Sweetnam for overseeing the preparation and cooking of the delicious meal and to Brenda Burns for organizing the many volunteers. Appreciation for the success of the event is also extended to the volunteers and those who purchased tickets for the dinner—thank you!

Members of the Spirit Fundraising Team helped with ticket sales and ushering during the two evenings that *A Christmas Carol* was presented on December 2 and 3.

Each of these events contributed to the Spirit Fundraising Team raising \$6,967.92, surpassing its budget goal of \$6,000.

Event	Net Earnings
Donation – Anniversary Event	200.00
Welcome Back BBQ	70.09
Roast Beef Dinner	5,640.62
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	1,057.21
Total	\$ 6,967.92

The team looks forward to organizing more fundraising events during 2023.

Goals for 2023 and beyond: A tentative fundraising goal of \$6,000 has been set for 2023

- Wanda Percival

Shopping Card Program - 2022 Summary

This program pays a percentage back to the church for every card sold, ranging from 2% to 12%. 2022 was a very disappointing year and we didn't make much of a profit. Thanks to those who have been purchasing the cards over the last year, your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

Balance Jan. 1, 2022:	\$ 7,266.86
Revenue: Sales of cards	43,155.00
Expenses: Purchase of cards from vendors.....	(42,922.50)
Bank charges	(8.50)
Balance at Dec. 31, 2022	\$ 7,490.86
Profit Gained in 2022	\$ 224.00

This is the easiest way to raise money for the church. We all buy groceries, gas and other gift cards throughout the year. Why not buy them through this program? This will put money into the church budget and it doesn't cost you anymore than you were going to spend. Start out small with \$25.00 for your coffees at Tim Horton's and keep building on the habit.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members: Linda Cook, Stephanie Harwood-Jones, Keith Olan, Eric Waddilove, Wanda Agnew (treasurer), Joanne Winter (Chair), Craig Donnelly (Minister), Alex McLeod (ex-officio)

Celebrations/Accomplishments/Challenges in 2022:

2022 has certainly been a challenging year for anyone with investments or savings. In fact, it was the worst year in 60 years for investors with a balanced portfolio such as Cambridge Street United's. We need to be sure to keep a "glass half full" view of things. Our investments did suffer from a negative rate of return compared to a year ago. However, it is still a positive rate of return compared to three years ago. Consider if you bought a house several years ago for, say, \$300,000. A year ago, that house might have been worth \$800,000. Wow! Now, that same house is "only" worth \$650,000. You can mourn the loss in value of \$150,000 from last year or celebrate that your house is still worth \$350,000 more than you paid for it. In addition, if you aren't selling your house this year (as you apparently didn't last year when it was worth so much more), you haven't lost any actual money. In banking terms, you didn't suffer any realized losses. We did have to use some of our trust monies to help pay our bills this year, so we did take a realized loss of \$6,500. Our trusts do generate some income for us, though, as will show on the church's financial statements. If that's a little confusing, we can go back to the house example. Maybe you needed a new furnace this year and had to pay for it out of your savings. Maybe you also rent out a room in your house. The house is now worth less than it was last year, and you had to pay for the new furnace, but the house is still generating some income from the rent you collect from your boarder. That's about where we are right now.

It is very important that we be in a position where we don't have to use much (preferably none) of our trust monies at times when the market is weak. Just as our homeowner needs to be prepared to cash in savings for emergency repairs like a furnace or a roof but should delay some jobs until the rental income will pay for them, we might need to consider putting some jobs on hold until our trusts recover. They are still generating income for us, but not as much as in recent years.

I would very much like to thank all the members of the Board of Trustees for their commitment to the health of the trusts of Cambridge Street United. This is a very good group to have keeping an eye on our investments. This year we say good-bye to Linda Cook with regret. We will miss her very much.

I would be very remiss if I didn't thank Pam Burt for her fabulous minute-taking, for always taking time to chat, and for gently reminding me when I forget things.

- Joanne Winter, Chair



ELECTRICITY GENERATED FROM OUR SOLAR PANELS IN 2022

Dec23/2021-Jan25/2022	640 kWh	\$ 508.14
Jan26-Feb23	670 kWh	\$ 532.20
Feb24-Mar24	940 kWh	\$ 748.74
Mar25-Apr25	1,220 kWh	\$ 973.30
Apr26-May25	1,460 kWh	\$1,165.78
May26-Jun23	1,420 kWh	\$1,133.70
Jun24-Jul24	1,550 kWh	\$1,237.96
Jul25-Aug24	1,470kWh	\$1,173.80
Aug25-Sep22	1,190 kWh	\$ 949.24
Sep23-Oct25	1,200 kWh	\$ 957.26
Oct26-Nov23	810 kWh	\$ 644.48
Nov24-Dec21	390 kWh	\$ 307.64
Total		\$10,332.24

MINISTRY STAFF OF CAMBRIDGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

1832	Rev. Conrad Vandusen	1969-1986	Rev. Lorne A. Dorsch
1833	Rev. John Law	1987-1990	Rev. David Iverson
1834	Rev. John Black	1991-1997	Rev. Ruggles C. Constant
1835	Rev. William Young	1998-2003	Rev. Michael C.H. Locke
1836-1838	Rev. Cornelius Flummerfelt	2003-2007	Rev. Dr. Janet Brigham-Turowski
1839-1840	Rev. Horace Dean	2008-2017	Rev. Paul N. Reed
1841-1842	Rev. John Sanderson	2017-	Rev. Craig Donnelly
1843	Rev. Herman Davis		
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1846	Rev. William Young		
1847	Rev. David Hardy		
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1849	Rev. John Sanderson		
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1852-1953	Rev. Thomas Hannah		
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1861-1863	Rev. S.C. Philip		
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1872-1874	Rev. James Brock		
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1883-1884	Rev. W.H. Elmsley		
1885-1888	Rev. M.L. Pearson		
1888-1891	Rev. W. Williams		
1891-1894	Rev. T.M. Campbell		
1894-1897	Rev. S.J. Shorey		
1897-1902	Rev. Thomas Manning		
1902-1905	Rev. G.W. Henderson		
1905-1908	Rev. George J. Bishop		
1908-1911	Rev. J.P. Wilson		
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1915-1918	Rev. A.H. Going		
1918-1921	Rev. E. Val Tilton		
1921-1925	Rev. W.H. Barraclough		
1925-1928	Rev. F.H. McIntosh		
1925-1933	Rev. T.E. Holling		
1933-1946	Rev. J.J. Black		
1946-1957	Rev. Harold B. Neal		
1958-1965	Rev. R.K.N. McLean		
1965-1969	Rev. H.G. Pritchard		
		ASSOCIATES	
		1960-1962	Rev. Walter R. Auld
		1962-1965	Rev. K.G. Purdon
		1966-1969	Rev. J.F. Gertridge
		1972-1975	Rev. Wm. H. John
		1976-1980	Rev. Bessie Lane
		1981-1983	Rev. Basil Long
		1984-1990	Rev. Vic H. Sanguine
		1992-1996	Rev. Ross W. Carson
		1996-1999	Rev. Marvin McDermott
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		1990-1991	Rev. Gordon Postill
		1991-1991	Rev. Floyd G. Howlett
		1991-1991	Rev. Bruce White
		1991-1991	Rev. Walter Murray
		1997-1998	Rev. David Reeve
		2003-2004	Rev. Paul Boughton
		2008-2008	Rev. Bobby W. Fillier
		PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY	
		2000-2005	Rev. David Reeve
		2005-2011	Rev. Walter Murray
		2007-2011	Joan Smiley
		2011-2012	Rev. Bobby W. Fillier
		2012-2012	Rev. Janet Stobie
		2013-2018	Nancy Payne
		2018-2021	Rev. M. Robin Thomson
		2022-	Brian Nicholson
		CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY	
		Ordained 1962	Rev. Donald Raffan
		Ordained 1971	Rev. John Matheson
		Ordained 1975	Rev. Robert Arril
		Ordained 1981	Rev. Susan Sorensen
		Ordained 2006	Rev. Ceri Rees
		Ordained 2019	Rev. Daniel Reed

Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the congregation on
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