

2024 Annual Report



Grace United Church

Meadow Lake Pastoral Charge

Annual Congregational Meeting

Minister: Rev. SunDo Hyun

February 16th, 2025

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE MEETING

AGENDA

Meadow Lake Pastoral Charge Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 16th, 2025

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- Statement of Revenue & Expenditure
- Statement of Financial Position
- Proposed 2024 Budget
- Motion to continue signing authority until after first meeting of newly elected Official Board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nomination and Election of Official Board Chairperson
- Nomination and Elections of New Committee Members
- Other Business

MOTION OF COURTESIES:

- Adjournment
- Closing Prayer



Grace United Church Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2024

- 32 people in attendance
- Opening prayer – SunDo, 1 pm
- Barry Gibson nominated George Wood as Chairperson, 2nd Joanne Gislason
- Barry Gibson nominated Monica Koller as Secretary, 2nd Flo Campbell
- Bob Wilson motioned adopting the agenda 2nd Annette Gratton
- Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting February 12, 2023 – George Wood declared the minutes as circulated.
- Reports:
- **The Board and Committee members** report – Bob asked for the Chairpersons to get together with the respective group to determine start and end dates.
- **The Official Board** - says Thank you to June and Orla for photo directory and working without a secretary
- Kelly Hill shared that M&P are looking for a secretary, interviews underway
- **Emergency Fund** – SunDo buys grocery gift card or 1 night in hotel. Dianne Thurlow asked, how many requests in a year? Highest in winter, approx. 1/week. Do we need to remember to donate to that fund? Yes. Have we ever not been able to meet demand? Yes, we try to be wise and reasonable, but sometimes not enough money.
- **Sessions Committee** – Gary expressed thanks to all committees for the support and understanding for him and Carol.
- **Outreach Committee** - Discussion, George Wood added completed 180 trips, 3 trips had more than 1 rider, 1 declined – no driver, 1 declined for court, 4 trips over the next ten days. Could always use more drivers. Dianne added- Catholic Church does its own transportation for their Church. There are 2 volunteer drivers from outside the church.
- **Christian Education Committee** – Julie added SunDo, Joanne and volunteers for Jan 31, 2024, VBS had 26 participate.
- **UNI-MAS** discussion, Kelly Hill – possibly remove trees that are infringement on neighbors. Should they be removed? George: insurance is not settled with UCC asked Barry if we have the correct policy yet. Has not been rectified yet, Barry will be going up higher to get this settled.
- **Stewards Committee** – Bob, correction to submitted report, the Annual Fall supper was led by Moira, Rob, Monica and Julie.
- **Regional Council Prayer** – corrections they have 1 upcoming wedding in August. Paradise Hill Credit Union donated \$8000.00 to Paradise Hill UCW. Discussion – Annual meeting in June because the Moderator will be able to be there. Meredith covers 3 charges.
- **UCW Committee** – correction in submitted report, donated \$1187.64 to Northwest Community Lodge for Furnishings.
- Moira motioned to approve all printed reports. 2nd by Rob
- Transportation report – George moved to accept 2nd by Moira
- **Financial Report** – discussion, Dianne asked why not all monies got to M&S? They will get there. George mentioned it would be nice to have the previous year and present year column to compare.
- **Questions on proposed budget** – Betty Hill concerned about <\$24,000>. Joanne challenged everyone to meet the expenses. Gary stated we should have faith we can do it! If there is no faith, we are lost.
- Rob moved to accept the 2024 budget 2nd by Gary.
- **NEW BUSINESS** – Nomination and election of official board chair – Julie nominated Joanne Gislason. Gary moved nominations cease 2nd by Gladys
- Nomination & Election of new Committee Members; Joanne nominated Rosemary Bouza to Session and Monica Koller to Christian Education.
- Regional Council: George asked Dianne to remain, she accepted. Jean moved to accept nominations 2nd by Marylynne
- Other business – Joanne and Ray Pethick interested in the maintenance of the building. Joanne offered to clean the kitchen.
- Motion of courtesies by June Menard.
- Flo motioned adjournment.
- Closing prayer George Wood.



Minister's Report

Reflecting on the past year and looking to the future, I am filled with gratitude, hope, and excitement. First, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to GUC for granting me a sabbatical leave from August to October 2024. This time was a deeply fruitful season of personal rest, spiritual renewal, and professional growth. I returned refreshed and deeply appreciative of this opportunity. I am especially grateful to our Board and Committee members, as well as many others who worked behind the scenes, for their faithful discipleship and dedication to our ministries during my absence.

As we step into 2025, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. This significant milestone invites us to embrace the new vision: “Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice.” With the upcoming General Council 45 focusing on “Visions and Dreams” for the future, we honor our centennial legacy while praying for renewal and boldness in mission and service.

Here at GUC, we are discerning God's direction in exciting ways. Initiatives such as purchasing the Northern Light Masonic Lodge space and launching the new Care and Support Team reflect our commitment to aligning our building management with our mission and to being more intentional and organized in pastoral care. These steps remind us to seek God's wisdom as we move forward.

As we embrace this new chapter, let us remain rooted in faith, hope, and prayer, trusting that God will guide us toward a future filled with promise and purpose. Below, I have summarized my work in 2024 in different aspects of ministry:

Worship service:

- Prepared and led regular Sunday worship services, along with special services for occasions such as Good Friday, Blue Christmas, and Christmas Eve. YouTube livestreaming and on-demand worship video options are available.
- Delivered weekly printed copies of the Sunday service, including prayers and the sermon, to seniors who are homebound and do not have email access (currently supports approximately 8 individuals).
- Administered the Sacrament of Communion four times (New Year, Lent, Easter, and Advent). Baptisms were conducted for Sonny Wangler on April 21 and Samarah Gardiner on May 19.
- Conducted Sunday services at the Northwest Community Lodge at 3:00 p.m. approximately once a month, including a Memorial Service on November 24 for residents who had passed away.

Pastoral Care & Administration:

- Maintained communication with church members through phone calls, emails, text messages, and cards.
- Conducted in-person visits to homes, hospitals, and long-term care facility.
- Officiated funerals for Monica Doucette (March 2), Irene Gilbert (May 7), and Grace Bowerman (June 10).
- Created and distributed a weekly email newsletter; updated the church website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.
- Prepared and submitted grant applications for the GUC Medical Transportation Ministry: 1) UCC Mission Support Grant (July 25; \$10,000 approved for 2025); 2) Federal Government New Horizons for Seniors Program (Sept 9; in process).
- Prepared and submitted grant applications for the Graceland Youth Café: 1) Regional Council Meewasin Valley United Church Outreach Fund (July 19; \$5,000 approved); 2) Credit Union Community Grant on (Dec 11; in process).
- Participated in committee meetings, including Worship & Membership, Christian Education (CE), Ministry & Personnel (M&P), Trustee, and Official Board.

Christian Education:

- Facilitated the Graceland Youth Café (Tue – Fri, 3:30-5:00 during the school season) with Christine Beckett, Part-time Coordinator, and adult volunteers who supported kitchen and activity duties.
- Organized a Mini VBS on January 31 under Joanne Gislason's leadership, with participation from 26 kids, 4 youth leaders, and 9 adult volunteers. Support was provided by the CE Committee and additional volunteers.
- Collaborated with the CE Committee to organize the Graceland Youth Café Fundraiser Night Event on May 25.

Minister's Report (continued)

Community Outreach:

- Volunteered for the Community Meal at the Door of Hope (Feb 17, May 18, Nov 9, Dec 30, and Dec 31), as well as for the GUC Medical Transportation Service ministry.
- Served as a Board member of the ML Homeplate Shelter Coalition Corp., participating in Board meetings, managing social media operations, preparing grant applications, volunteering for the Point-in-Time Count Survey on October 9, and assisting with the Fundraiser Event on October 18. Other Board members from GUC include Joanne Gislason, Nadisha Meyer, and Carol Zacharias.
- Attended the World Day of Prayer Gathering at the ML Catholic Church on March 1.
- Collaborated with a school counselor to support a young student who identifies as non-binary and faced ignorance and opposition from family, partly due to their Christian beliefs. Also participated in a circle of support for a teenager, organized by Social Services and an Indigenous child welfare support organization.
- Supported ML Pride activities by writing a letter to the editor of the Northern Pride Newspaper on May 2 in support of the ML Pride Annual Flag Raising Ceremony and speaking at the Pride event at Lions Park on June 23.
- Utilized GUC's Emergency Fund to assist individuals with grocery gift cards, food, or overnight stays at hotels.

Wider Church Involvement:

- Participated in the Prairie Candidacy Board, including an in-person meeting (March 12–14 in Saskatoon) and monthly online meetings.
- Served at the Living Skies Regional Council Justice Committee.
- Served on the Worship Planning Team for the Living Skies Regional Council Meeting (June 13–16 in Saskatoon).
- Acted as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Kerrobert United Church.
- Attended the UCC Ethnocultural Leads Network gathering (October 1–3 in Toronto).
- Participated in online meetings for General Council 44 (Oct 9 and Oct 19).
- Took part in UCC Korean Network Leadership Team online meetings, along with an in-person gathering (Oct 23).

Continuing Education:

- Participated in the Korean Network Book Club (monthly) and the Worship and Preaching discussion group (bi-weekly).
- Attended the GC Rural Ministry Town Hall online gathering series (Feb 28, Mar 27, Sept 25).
- Completed the GC Anti-Racism Workshop on April 22 (online).
- Participated in the Asian Heritage Month online presentation (May 28 titled 'Diasporic Filipino Ministers in the UCC').
- Took personal guitar lessons from Aug 24 to 31 while in Korea.
- Attended the Intercultural Adventure Seminar and Panel Discussion on Discipleship on Oct 21–22 at St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon.
- Participated in the Western Intercultural Ministries Network Conference (Nov 14, online).

Ministry & Personnel Matter:

- Completed Minister's Annual Declaration on Criminal Charge and Records via Church Hub on Jan 25, and obtained new physical Criminal Records (including Vulnerable Sector) on July 30.
- Took the annual holidays in July and Sabbatical leave from Aug to Oct.
- Submitted Sabbatical Leave Report to M&P Committee and Official Board; Shared some of my learning experiences from church visits during the sabbatical at Sunday services in Nov and Dec.

Submitted by Rev. SunDo Hyun

Grace United Church Vision Statement

We are called to share God’s love with the world.

Grace United Church Mission Statement

As a faith community of God, we are called:

- to protect and share Creation, to seek truth and justice,
- to provide a safe place where we love, explore, nurture and grow together,
- to be strengthened and challenged by the Spirit, and share this experience, as we live in God’s love.

MEADOW LAKE PASTORAL CHARGE

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024

CHAIRPERSON OF OFFICIAL BOARD

Joanne Gislason (2024)

WORSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

Gary Doll (Chair: Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Evie Danilkewich (Clerk of Session: Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Angie Henke (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Isabelle Opikokew (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Flo Campbell (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Cindy Wilson (Feb 2023-Feb 2026)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Marlynn Samson (Co-Chair: Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Julie Raw (Co-Chair: Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Carole Doll (Feb 2022-Feb 2024)
 Annette Gratton (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Christine Beckett (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Carol Zacharias (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Wilf Henke (Feb 2023-Feb 2026)
 Rosemary Bouzan (Feb 2023-Feb 2026)

STEWARDS

Bob Wilson (Chair: Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Bill Hart (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Cliff Orriss (Feb 2022-Feb 2024)
 Rob Tether (Feb 2022-Feb 2024)
 Monica Koller (Feb 2023-Feb 2026)
 Jean Wilson (U.C.W. Rep)

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Susan Paley (Chair: Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Monty Samson (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Jean Wilson (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)
 Kelly Hill (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

George Wood (Chair) (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)	June Menard (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)	Orla Verreau (Feb 2023-Feb 2025)	Nadeeka Obada (Feb 2023-Feb 2026)
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OFFICIAL BOARD

Joanne Gislason (Chair: 2023)
 1 Rep from each Committee
 1 Cluster & Regional Rep
 1 Rep from U.C.W.
 1 Trustee
 Minister

TRUSTEES

Barry Gibson
 Evie Danilkewich
 George Wood
 Hugh Blachford
 Kelly Hill

UNIMAS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Barry & Hilda Gibson
 Hugh & Marvel Blachford
 Gladys Wood
 Bill Hart
 Jean Wilson
 3 Mason Reps (George Wood, Bob Wilson, & Tom Dvorcek)

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Gladys Wood (Leader)
 Jean Wilson (Secretary)
 Diane Thurlow (Treasurer)
 Jean Wilson (Stewards Rep)
 Jean Wilson (O.B. Rep)
 Gladys Wood (UNI-MAS Rep)

YOUTH CAFÉ COORDINATOR

Christine Beckett

CLUSTER & REGIONAL REP

Diane Thurlow

Official Board

Deep Spirituality. Bold Discipleship. Daring Justice.

Grace United Church uses an annual report to update progress on the church's vision, show how donated funds are used, and give insight into what each ministry team has done over the past year. The desire of the Official Board is to use this tool to provide accountability to those who support Grace United Church's ministries.

At the heart of our mission are the people that play a role in a variety of ways to create times for **Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice**. On the following pages you will get a snapshot picture of our congregational life. **BUT** a real important part of our story is found in the countless small acts of faithfulness Grace United Church followers have done for the good of their neighbors in the everyday spaces of their lives. These ordinary acts of humble love may not make their way onto the pages of an annual report. But they are the way we live out our vision - **We are called to share God's love with the world**. Thanks to every individual that contributes, in absolutely any way, to fulfilling this vision.

We are thankful for everyone who faithfully supports what God is doing at Grace United through their financial contributions. It is through your giving back a portion of the resources that God provides, that you enable His work to be furthered through this faith community.

The Official Board of Grace United always works diligently to discuss, deliberate, discern and make decisions that align with both our mission and vision statements. The agenda item that has been on our minds considerably this year and will continue to be an agenda item in 2025 is the dissolving of the long-standing positive partnership with the Northern Light Masonic Lodge #203. The board made the decision to purchase the 25% portion of the building from the Northern Light Lodge for the sum of \$85,000. We trust that the termination of the partnership will continue to go smoothly and be finalized in a few months time. There will need to be some brainstorming and decision making around the potential use of the additional space. Let's all get our creative thinking skills working! Yes, there will be changes in the operations of the church building and some additional costs but be mindful that **the church is not a building; the church is the people**.

We look forward to 2025 as the United Church of Canada celebrates 100 years. It will be an opportunity to honour our past and look to the future.

In serving we experience a sense of belonging. We find joy in participating in what God is doing in this world. When you think the church should do something - remember – **YOU are the church!**

Submitted by
Joanne Gislason, Board Chair

Ministry & Personnel Committee

Though 2024 began as a challenging year for the M & P Committee, the year ended on a very positive note. In January, Kelsey Esterby did not return to her position as Church Secretary. Thankfully, Bob Wilson was able, with the assistance of Monica Koller and others, to handle the essential office duties. Pauline Gervais was hired in March to fill that position but found it too difficult to manage and resigned in September. Osandi Karunananda was hired in October and has proven to be a very satisfactory employee. Many thanks go out to Bob, Monica and others for their invaluable assistance.

SunDo continues to bless our congregation, the community, and beyond with his dedication to ministry. His absence while on his three-month sabbatical, August – October, reinforced how hard he works, and how much he does for all of us. We were extremely glad to welcome him back and thank him for his commitment to us.

Faithfully submitted,
Susan Paley
Chair, M & P Committee

Outreach Report

Our committee seems to grow in popularity each year. Whether this is because of design or good management, I am not sure. However, the good name of GUC is certainly becoming well known throughout the community. All because of the generosity of YOU, our members.

1. **FOOD BANK;** We delivered 1132 lbs of food items to the door this past year (335 lbs from the advent contributions) plus several cartons of milk.
2. **WHITE GIFT SUNDAY;** A total of 201 pairs of socks, mitts, toques, scarves and footwear were delivered to the schools in Meadow Lake, Flying Dust and Rapid View, 12 pairs of mittens to Kids first, as well as 5 bags of toys to the families of children whose parents are being incarcerated over the Christmas season.
3. **WASKOOSIS WOMENS SHELTER;** 5 totes of personal hygiene and children's items were delivered over the year plus 12 pairs of mittens from the White Gift contributions
4. **DOOR OF HOPE;** Outreach has covered the cost of the meat plus helped serve during the meal.
5. **BEREAVMENT CARDS;** We continue to acknowledge our church family members who have lost loved ones.
6. **STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL AWAY FROM HOME;** Care packages continue over the holiday season.
7. **HOMELESS SHELTER/2ND STAGE HOUSING;** A financial contribution is provided to the Shelter and from the generosity of one of the transported medical patients, 6 large bags of new and slightly used clothing has been given to the clients of 2nd Stage Housing.
8. **MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION;** This program continues to grow in popularity. Since the implementation in 2019, we have made 241 trips; driven 121,010 kms; donated 1,947 volunteer hours of driving; AND have received \$ 8,263 in donations for the church. (The donations only represent the last 4 yrs of being recorded since I took over the accounting in 2021) There were other donations given directly to the church. Our number of volunteer drivers now stand @ 13, of which 9 will drive to any destination, while the remaining 4 prefer to not drive to Saskatoon. There is a very good chance that we may lose another 2 drivers due to moving away from the community, therefore, it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure drivers without calling upon them to drive within a limited time basis. Our trips have been averaging 2 /per week over the last few months. We have applied for another grant from the Federal Govt in the amount of \$25,000 with a date of Feb/25 for decision. In addition, we have been approved for a new grant from the Mission and Service of the national office in the amount of \$10,000 A new vehicle is on order and should be here early in the new year.

MY QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION IS THIS:

Have we exhausted our supply of volunteer drivers from within our church, or is it time to consider having this service provided by a NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY GROUP?

Our preference is to remain as an OUTREACH PROJECT of GUC, however, at the same time we do not wish to burn out our dedicated drivers. It will take some study and further consideration. In the meantime, if your time and desire permit, please consider signing up for an enjoyable driving experience.

Respectfully submitted by George Wood, June, Orla, Nadeeka

Emergency Fund

Grace United Church has an Emergency Fund which can provide help to persons in immediate need. Donations to this Fund can be made at anytime and by writing "Emergency Fund" on your offering envelope. The Fund is administered by the minister

Christian Education Committee

Once again, I would like to thank the team consisting of Carol Zacharias, Sun Do Hyun, Wilf Henke, Annette Gratton, Christine Becket, Monica Koller who make working on this committee fun. We have met on 6 occasions with a couple of ad hoc meetings to confirm planning for specific events.

Sunday School is a 1 room multiage class of between 1-12 children. This variety of numbers make it a challenge, but using lesson plans that offer lots of options makes it possible. We have had 20 different children attending throughout the year. SS teachers have been me, Carol Z, Rob and Moira T. with support from JinSun and Isabelle O., when groups have been quite large. Annette G. has also assisted with nursery as do various family members. Thanks to you all, for providing a positive, educational and hopefully fun experience for all the kids. Presentation Sunday celebrated 20 children attending SS, 4 seniors and 4 graduates. This occurred at the Sunday in the Park service with games in the sunshine after the presentations.

Thanks to you all who support our children in this congregation. They sure bring enthusiasm, activity, noise, laughter and delight to our church family. Please continue to ask the children about what they are doing and learn in SS and their lives outside of church so we can celebrate them and their achievements.

The Christmas pageant once again was a fun activity which shared our delight in the special season. Also, this year we celebrated various musical skills with piano performances. Thanks to the children for participating and sharing their skills. Thanks to all the parents, SunDo, Joanne, Carol Z, Moira and Rob for making this a success.

SunDo challenged us this year as he enjoyed his well-deserved sabbatical. Certainly, the VBS planners, decorators, volunteers and youth met the challenge. We continued our last year's theme with 'Hero Hotline part-time 2'. We had 25 children attending and 8 youth leaders for a fun filled 3 days in August. The youth leaders have shown so much growth and rose to the occasion being great models and mentors for the children who participated. Thankyou to all who helped in whatever way big or small to make VBS a success.

We continue to support Christine B. and SunDo with Graceland youth cafe. There continue to be challenges which are to be expected with this age group of people as they figure out who they are and their place in the world. We hired a 2nd employee, Keyano Harkins to support Christine when SunDo was away (Sept and Oct). Overall attendance varies from just a few to up to 12 -14. New this year is developing the older children to be volunteers as they "age out" of the cafe. The cafe provides a great service to the community especially with Christine and SunDo's skills of friendship, support and mentorship for these children. Thank you to all who volunteer and support this safe space and make it a continued success.

In May we had a very successful fundraiser for the cafe with a concert showcasing musical skills of many community members. It was very well received by participants and audience. Thanks to all who donated and helped with this new venture. We will be planning another - stay tuned for the details....

A new activity this year was a movie afternoon with a main movie and activities for the younger children. Again, it was well supported, and I hope everyone who attended enjoyed the afternoon. 'Ted Talks' and 'Women at the Well' are ongoing activities with regular get togethers (Ted meets monthly. W@W every 2-3 weeks) If you haven't attended either of these groups, please feel welcome to attend and meet the regulars to see if it might be an activity that suits you.

Again, meals at The Door of Hope continue which although not a direct responsibility of the CE committee was spawned from one of the early days of Ted Talks in 2017. This year we provided 6 meals and supported Nadeeka and the Sri Lankan community in a further meal. Thank you to all who volunteer or support these meals with food or cash donations. The meal is always well received and the people who attend are so very thankful. I think all of us who cook or prepare these meals have all grown in awareness, empathy and friendship and find the activity a positive experience.

Once again thanks to the committee and our supporters. To the whole congregation and other community members who support our activities for youth and families as well as events for all. Without your support these events would not be so successful.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the CE committee,
Julie Raw

Stewards Committee

Members of the Stewards Committee for 2024 were: Bob Wilson, Rob Tether, Cliff Orriss, Bill Hart, Jean Wilson (UCW Rep), and Monica Koller. This committee met 9 times during the year to oversee and assist in the financial matters of Grace United Church. Major accomplishments for 2024 included:

- Prepared financial statements for each month end and for each Official Board meeting.
- Prepared the 2024 estimated Operation Budget for approval by the Official Board.
- Presented the church's annual financial statement to the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Organized and delivered a successful spring yard sale.
- Organized the 2024 Congregational Fall Canvass with assistance from Jean Wilson, Barry & Hilda Gibson and Rev. SunDo. 69 letters sent out, 27 were returned, 16 with special gifts raising \$9,480.00.
- Presented quarterly income and expense statements for inclusion in the church bulletin.
- In response to the Zoom workshop attended in 2022 we created a 2024 Action Plan for the Stewards Committee, "Creating a Culture of Gratitude". Thank you notes were sent to everyone who made a special contribution to the Fall Canvass. More follow up work will result in 2025.
- Worked to maintain financial management and improve the cost centers in Sage the accounting software.
- Trained two new secretaries in financial and office matters.

Submitted by Bob Wilson

United Church Women

December 31st, 2024

The Grace United Church Women meet 9 times a year. All are encouraged to join us for our Monday Meeting at 1:00 pm, once a month.

Activities this year were the Sundaes Sunday for the Congregational Meeting, Palm Sunday Brunch, Cookie Sale and the Advent Food Collection for the Door of Hope in December.

Many, many thanks to the congregation and community, who support and who readily provided assistance with our projects.

Thank you to Pauline Gervais and Osandi Karunananda, our United Church secretaries, for generously helping us with our paperwork and computer needs.
All the best in 2025.

Submitted by Jean Wilson

GUCW Secretary

Volunteer Coordinators to carry out the listed responsibilities for 2024 were as follows:

Leader: Gladys Wood

Secretary: Jean Wilson

Treasurer: Diane Thurlow

Kitchen Supplies: Flo Campbell

Correspondence Contact: Diane Thurlow

Contact for World Day of Prayer: Diane Thurlow Contact for Ecumenical Evening: Diane Thurlow

Representative to Official Board: Jean Wilson

Representative to Stewards: Jean Wilson

Representative to Uni-Mas: Gladys Wood

UNI-MAS Property Management Committee

This joint committee met every other month except for July and August. There are seven representatives from the Church and three from the Masonic Lodge. The members for the Church are: Gladys Wood, Marvel Blachford, Bill Hart, Jean Wilson, Joanne Pethick, Hilda Gibson, Barry Gibson. Hugh Blachford retired earlier this year. The members from the Masonic Lodge are George Wood, Bob Wilson and Cliff Orriss.

This committee is responsible for the insurance, the care, the maintenance and the repair of the joint facility building. Operational and maintenance costs are shared, the Church pays 75% and the Masonic Lodge 25%. The Church receives the hall rental fees. George Wood keeps the financial records and pays the accounts. Hall rentals are booked through the church secretary and the rental co-ordinator.

- Most maintenance and repairs were done by members during the year.
- Kitchen taps and water shut offs replaced by Ray Pethick. No charge for labour and he donated the \$289 cost of the materials.
- A new "dusk to dawn" exterior light was installed on west side of building by Keith Bohme. No labour cost for installation.
- Letter from Condo Board, next door, of their concern that our spruce trees have grown close to condo #414 and that their root systems could compromise their wooden basement walls. A motion made to remove some of the spruce trees. Volunteer work done by Bob, Kelly, Ray.
- Bob Wilson hired Jerm's Tree Service to grind out the tree stumps at front and those next to condo and then donated the \$250 cost to Church.
- Small roof leak occurred 2 times after heavy rainstorms with strong west wind. Need to check.
- Checked on an ashtray receptacle for front of church. Cost \$250, decided to use can with sand.
- In July, volunteers George, Bob and Keith stripped the wax from the tile floors and re-waxed.
- There is an electrical overload to Church office due to the new photocopier unit. Solution is to install a new separate power circuit to office photocopier. Keith, with some help will do it for us
- New eaves-troughs and down spouts installed on front canopy; total cost \$921. Oct 24 received estimate of \$1,831 from Double D Contracting to R&R eaves-troughs with new down spouts for south side of building to prevent water in spring from flooding and freezing on parking lot.
- Utility room sink taps were replaced by Ray Pethick. Volunteered the labour. Parts - \$52
- In Nov the boiler quit working. Plumber called to replace the thermocouple. Cost- \$ 149
- Insurance: Our insurer is The General Insurance Plan for The United Church of Canada brokered by Hub International. Annual premium is \$6,086 (GUC - \$4,786 Masons - \$1,300)
- Snow plowing of parking lot will again be done by Bruce Koshuba of Northwest College at no charge.
- Sidewalk snow shoveler - Jesen Porte.
- Special thanks to all our volunteers who look after the flowers, the decorating, the grass cutting, the janitorial, the maintenance and others who care for our building and property.

Submitted by: Barry Gibson (Chairperson)

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees holds all the property of the congregation of Grace United Church for the use and benefit of that congregation as the part of The United Church.

The Board of Trustees meet when decisions are required about the property of the congregation held by the Board of Trustees. •

The members of the Board of Trustees for Grace United Church are Evie Danilkewich (Chairperson), Barry Gibson (Secretary) Kelly Hill, George Wood and Hugh Blachford.

The serving minister is automatically a trustee because of their position.

No meetings in 2024, but in 2025 there will be meetings of the Board of Trustees to facilitate the proposed purchase of the Masonic Lodge's portion of the building by Grace United Church

Submitted by
Barry Gibson (Sec.)

Men's Luncheon Group

The men's luncheon is held in the church hall at noon on the third Thursday of each month, except June, July and August. It is an informal and relaxing hour to share a meal and fellowship and discuss issues, sports etc. Turns are taken to make the lunch and \$5 is donated to the church by each attendee. Come out and join us.

Submitted by: Barry Gibson

Worship & Membership

We had meetings every two months during the year.

We updated the policy for the committee and presented it to the board for approval. The board approved this as well as the name change

The June Sunday in the park was canceled because of the weather

Reverend SunDo's sabbatical for August, September and October was approved. We had several Volunteers take Sunday services, which was appreciated by the congregation.

Christmas Eve services were well attended, and the weather cooperated as well. The committee looks forward to the New Year.

Chairperson
Gary Doll

Treasurer's Report

To the Congregation of Grace United Church, Meadow Lake

The following pages represent the financial picture of Grace United Church at the end of 2024, with a comparison to our position in 2023. It has been a year of successes. While we have expended to a historical high, \$159,095, we have also raised revenue to an historic high of \$145,039. We have reserves to cover off the shortfall of \$14,056. In 2024, 55 families/individuals contributed to Grace United Church.

Through a detailed segregation of duties, Grace United Church has strength in our financial processes/procedures. The weekly envelope offering is counted by Barry and Hilda Gibson. Barry deposits the offering into the Innovation Credit Union (ICU) who recounts and verifies the deposit. At month end the ICU bank statement is transferred into the Church's "Sage Accounting" software by Monica Koeller and the church secretary. At that time there is also a reconciliation of Electronic Fund Transfers (ETF) and PAR offerings as well as the cheques that have been written on the account. On a monthly basis the expenses are paid by Bob Wilson and the church secretary. The signing authority for cheques is currently held by Joanne Gislason (Chair of the Official Board), Bob Wilson (Treasurer), and Osandi Karunananda (Secretary). Two of the three must endorse a cheque. It is this separation of duties that provides the congregation with the knowledge of financial regularity. On a final note, the presentation of the following pages is provided with the generous assistance of Isabelle Opikokew, whose knowledge of accounting cannot be overstated. My personal thanks are expressed to the above people for their assistance in the financial processes of Grace United Church.

In 2025 we have added the Medical Transportation Program into the budget as well as increased many of the line items. With the closure (amalgamation) of the Northern Light Lodge, Grace United Church will be responsible for 100% of the expenses that formerly were shared through the UNI-MAS Committee. We have prepared a budget for 2025 of \$173,508. It is only through the consistent financial support of the congregation and adherents to Grace United Church that this target may be realized.

For your information.

Bob Wilson

United Church Women
Financial Statement
January 1st, 2024 – December 31th, 2024

Cash in BANK as of January 1st, 2024 \$1946.58

Revenue

Credit Interest	January - December(8+5+5+6+7+6+6+6+6+6+8)	\$ 0.75
Fund Raisers		\$ 992.15
Donations		\$ 351.10
Tea Money		\$ 29.75

Total Revenue \$ 1373.75

Cash to Account for January 1st, 2024 – December 31st, 2024 **\$ 3320.33**

Expenses

Donation Cheque #62 St. Andrews College		\$200.00
Donation Cheque #63 Oliver Lodge		\$100.00
Donation Cheque #64 Grace United Church Mission and Service		\$800.00
Sk UCC Women Membership Cheque #66		\$ 20.00
Cheque # 78 GUC – 2 Calendars		\$ 20.00
Kitchen Supplies		\$348.78

EXPENSES TOTAL \$1488.78

** (Supplies \$348.78; Donations \$1100.00, Memberships/Calendars 40.00)

Cash in BANK as Of December 31th, 2024 **\$1831.55**

Membership Rewards		\$21.99
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MEADOW LAKE PASTORAL CHARGE (TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT)

CASH STATEMENT

PERIOD JAN.01/24 TO DEC.31/24

INCOMES

DONATIONS.....\$ 4,780.87
 INTEREST.....\$ 11.35

TOTALS.....\$ 4,792.22

EXPENSES

ABSTRACTS.....\$ 150.00
 LEASE PYMTS.....\$7,432.92
 FUEL.....\$ 530.02
 MAINTCE.....\$ 126.18
 LICNCE/INSCE.....\$1,607.12

TOTALS.....\$9,846.24

RE-CAPITULATION/BANK STATEMENT

BAL FWD JAN.01/24.....\$15,886.39

BANK BAL DEC.31/24..\$10,832.37

PLUS INC RECD.....\$ 4,792.22

SUB TOTAL.....\$20,678.61

LESS EXPENSES.....\$ 9,846.24

EQUALS CASH TO ACCT....\$10,832.37

Community Service ACCOUNT 830513244863 - ML Pastoral Transportation

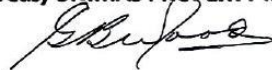
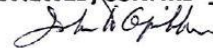
Date	Description	Debits/ Interest	Credits/ Principal	Balance
Dec01	Balance Forward			11,069.88
Dec02	External Withdrawal Automobile Rent/Leases GM FINANCIAL CANADA LEASING 0022200190781200487	-619.41		10,450.47
Dec10	Deposit dep by george wood		36.00	10,486.47
Dec24	Deposit DP BY GEORGE WOOD		345.00	10,831.47
Dec31	Credit Interest		0.90	10,832.37
	Total Debits	-619.41		
	Total Credits		381.90	

Unauthorized Overdraft Interest Paid YTD.....\$0.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND MOVED FOR ADOPTION THIS 10 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025

G.B. WOOD (treas) UNIMAS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

REVIEWED/CONFMD 25/01/24

MEADOW LAKE PASTORAL CHARGE

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Year Ended December 31st 2024

(unaudited)

REVENUES	2024	2023	EXPENDITURES	2024	2023
Local - Cong. Offering (Rec/GUC)	\$93,305.85	\$92,493.85	Minister's Salary	\$68,346.60	\$62,400.00
M&S Congregation	\$7,845.00	\$8,812.55	Minister's CPP, EI, Pension	\$16,222.49	\$14,924.58
ICU Term Deposit Interest	\$7,333.48	\$4,630.44	Minister's Continuing Education	\$1,270.88	\$1,485.22
Fall Supper sales	\$3,740.00	\$3,492.00	Minister's Phone Allowance	\$660.00	\$600.00
Community Grants (for Graceland Café)	\$7,583.10	\$2,583.10	Travel allowance	\$472.01	\$315.08
Graceland Café Donations	\$3,488.71	\$601.25	Minister Salary & Benefits	\$86,971.98	\$79,724.88
Emergency Fund Donations	\$2,690.00	\$2,312.00	Secretary's Salary	\$12,100.74	\$10,894.35
Spring Yard Sale - Income	\$1,878.10	\$2,000.00	Secretary's CPP & EI	\$689.94	\$740.62
GUC Rental Income	\$4,180.00	\$1,140.00	Staff Benefits (WCB)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Fall Canvas donations	\$9,480.00	\$1,025.00	Secretary Salary & Benefits	\$12,890.68	\$11,734.97
Donations to GUC	\$365.00	\$680.00	Office Operation (incl copier purch 2023)	\$3,305.81	\$6,602.59
Church Fees (Weddings/Funerals)	\$860.00	\$675.00	U.C. of Canada Assessment	\$5,902.00	\$5,344.00
Men's Luncheons - Income	\$390.00	\$500.00	Maint & Repairs/Janitor Supply	\$2,518.66	\$3,067.23
Open - Cong. Loose Offering	\$475.50	\$402.90	Insurance	\$4,665.43	\$2,937.25
Outreach Revenue	\$390.00	\$0.00	Heat	\$3,018.06	\$2,244.64
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$513.84	\$388.56	Electricity	\$1,958.92	\$1,768.40
Minister's Loan Interest	\$340.00	\$340.00	Equipment & Furnishings	\$0.00	\$1,508.12
Vacation Bible School Donations	\$120.00	\$240.00	Telephone & Internet	\$1,518.03	\$1,416.49
UCW - Local Church Support	\$0.00	\$150.00	Water, Sewer, Garbage	\$1,111.48	\$928.24
ICU Bank Interest	\$60.66	\$75.60	Photocopier Service Contract	\$0.00	\$851.01
			ADP (payroll) service charge	\$560.49	\$621.60
			Technology Fees	\$143.49	\$129.89
			Misc. expenses (inc bank chrgs)	\$208.98	\$75.95
			Operational & Facility costs	\$24,911.35	\$27,495.41
			Pulpit supply	\$1,885.00	\$0.00
			Worship supplies	\$107.99	\$413.25
			Gifts	\$758.41	\$0.00
			Outreach & Pastoral Care expenses	\$1,044.14	\$1,986.78
			Worship and Pastoral Care	\$3,795.54	\$2,400.03
			Graceland Café contractor pmts	\$6,680.00	\$6,400.00
			Graceland Café Supplies & groceries	\$762.87	\$4,804.52
			Vacation Bible School expenses	\$1,379.56	\$1,887.00
			Emergency Fund Payouts	\$3,454.47	\$1,868.97
			Regional Council Mtg. Exp.	\$920.91	\$1,227.78
			Fall Supper supplies	\$1,051.33	\$1,049.04
			St. Andrew's College	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
			Christian Education expenses	\$618.61	\$156.83
			Church Fees (Weddings & Funerals)	\$50.00	\$100.00
			PAR service charges	\$108.00	\$89.50
			Other Expenses	\$15,525.75	\$18,583.64
TOTAL REVENUE	\$145,039.24	\$122,542.25	GUC Donations to M&S	\$15,000.00	\$7,494.30
less: TOTAL EXPENSE	(\$159,095.30)	(\$147,433.23)	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$159,095.30	\$147,433.23
NET LOSS	(\$14,056.06)	(\$24,890.98)			

Summary of 2024 Revenues, Expenses and Net Loss by Activity:

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Gain/(Loss)</u>
Church Operations:	\$126,122.43	(\$136,652.43)	(\$10,530.00)
Mission & Service	\$7,845.00	(\$15,000.00)	(\$7,155.00)
Graceland Café	\$11,071.81	(\$7,442.87)	\$3,628.94
TOTAL	\$145,039.24	(\$159,095.30)	(\$14,056.06)

Note 1: Remits totalling \$15,000.00 (exceeding M&S revenue collected \$7,845.00) were necessary in 2024, as remits had been insufficient in prior years 2023 and 2022.

Statement of Financial Position				
December 31, 2024				
(unaudited)				
ASSETS				
		2024	2023	
Current Assets				
	Cash	\$46,460.22		\$67,796.20
	GIC - General Fund	\$146,879.95		\$86,849.69
	GIC - Sheila Hart Legacy Fund	\$20,336.71		\$19,696.57
	GIC - Relocation Fund	\$10,355.66		\$9,857.84
	GIC - Housing Trust Fund	\$1,331.80		\$1,267.78
	Minister's Housing Loan Rec.	\$34,000.00		\$34,000.00
	GST Receivable	\$339.44		\$533.10
Long-Term GIC - General fund				\$53,898.76
		\$259,703.78		\$273,899.94
Current Liabilities		\$0.00		-\$140.10
NET ASSETS		\$259,703.78		\$273,759.84
Net Assets Internally Restricted		\$72,253.11		\$67,966.12
Unrestricted Net Assets		\$187,450.67		\$205,793.72
		\$259,703.78		\$273,759.84

Statement of Changes in Net Assets							
	2023 Ending Balance	Plus/ (Minus) 2024 Transfers	Plus 2024 Revenue	Minus 2024 Expense	Explanation of expense	Equals 2024 Closing Balance	
Internally Restricted for:							
Emergency Fund	\$543.93	\$220.54	\$2,690.00	\$3,454.47		\$0.00	check calcs \$0.00
Housing Trust Fund	\$35,267.78	\$0.00	\$64.02	\$0.00		\$35,331.80	\$35,331.80
Relocation Fund	\$9,857.84	\$0.00	\$497.82	\$0.00		\$10,355.66	\$10,355.66
Embracing Spirit Grant /Graceland Café	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$11,071.81	\$7,442.87		\$6,228.94	\$6,228.94
Shelia Hart Legacy Fund	\$19,696.57	\$0.00	\$640.14	\$0.00		\$20,336.71	\$20,336.71
Subtotal	\$67,966.12	\$220.54	\$14,963.79	\$10,897.34		\$72,253.11	\$72,253.11
Unrestricted:							
General Operations	\$205,793.72	(\$220.54)	\$130,075.45	\$148,197.96		\$187,450.67	\$187,450.67
Total	\$273,759.84	\$0.00	\$145,039.24	\$159,095.30		\$259,703.78	\$259,703.78
		net loss 2024	\$14,056.06				

MEADOW LAKE PASTORAL CHARGE						
Schedule of Proposed 2025 Budget						
(unaudited)						
	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
Mission and Service	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,494	\$ 5,000
Operational Costs						
Secretary's Salary	\$ 14,811	\$ 14,811	\$ 12,100	\$ 14,811	\$ 10,894	\$ 8,297
Employee Benefits	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 689	\$ 600	\$ 840	\$ 520
ADP Payroll Charges	\$ 650	\$ 600	\$ 660	\$ 380	\$ 621	\$ 364
U.C of Canada Assessment	\$ 4,965	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,902	\$ 5,344	\$ 5,344	\$ 4,332
Office Operation/Photocopier	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 3,305	\$ 2,100	\$ 7,453	\$ 2,500
Equipment and Furnishings	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,508	\$ 1,371
Technology Fees	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 143	\$ 600	\$ 130	\$ 477
Maintenance, Repairs, and Janitor Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,568	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,067	\$ 1,923
Heat, Light and Water	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,087	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,941	\$ 4,536
Telephone and Internet	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,518	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,416	\$ 1,651
Insurance	\$ 6,086	\$ 4,595	\$ 4,665	\$ 4,843	\$ 2,937	\$ 4,395
Miscellaneous	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 196	\$ 700	\$ 76	\$ 722
	\$ 44,762	\$ 39,356	\$ 37,833	\$ 40,403	\$ 39,227	\$ 31,088
Minister						
Salary	\$ 70,397	\$ 68,346	\$ 68,346	\$ 62,400	\$ 62,400	\$ 60,348
Employee Pension and Benefits	\$ 19,000	\$ 15,500	\$ 16,222	\$ 14,840	\$ 14,924	\$ 14,625
Travel Allowance	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 472	\$ 500	\$ 315	\$ 385
Telephone Allowance	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 660	\$ 720	\$ 600	\$ 660
Continuing Education & Learning Resources	\$ 1,689	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,270	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,485	\$ 1,164
	\$ 92,306	\$ 86,706	\$ 86,970	\$ 80,060	\$ 79,724	\$ 77,182
Worship and Pastoral Care						
Pulpit Supply	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,885	\$ 550	\$ -	\$ -
Worship Supplies	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 107	\$ 1,600	\$ 413	\$ 1,121
Pastoral Care	\$ 500					
Outreach	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,802	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,986	\$ 5,000
	\$ 4,400	\$ 6,400	\$ 3,794	\$ 3,700	\$ 2,399	\$ 6,121
Other						
Christian Education	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500	\$ 618	\$ 1,700	\$ 156	\$ 1,780
Graceland Café Contractor	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,680	\$ -	\$ 6,400	\$ -
Graceland Café Supplies/Activities	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 762	\$ -	\$ 4,804	\$ -
Fall Supper Supplies	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,051			
Youth Group Activities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 933
Medical Transportation Program	\$ 8,400		\$ -			
Vacation Bible Schools	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,379	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,887	\$ 1,557
St. Andrew's College (Outreach)	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Bank Charges & PAR	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 120	\$ 110	\$ 89	\$ 110
Regional Council Meeting Expenses	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 920	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,227	\$ -
Exterior Enhancement Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,304
Emergency Fund	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 3,454	\$ 500	\$ 1,868	\$ 6,688
	\$ 27,040	\$ 17,940	\$ 15,484	\$ 8,010	\$ 17,431	\$ 25,372
Funds Required	\$ 173,508	\$ 155,402	\$ 159,081	\$ 141,173	\$ 146,275	\$ 144,763