

Columbus Community United Church



Annual Report - 2024

Columbus United Church
2024 Annual Report
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PASTOR'S REPORT 2024

*"God whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of His Son,
is my witness how I constantly remember you in my prayers at all times"*

Romans 1:9n NIV

As I write this note I am looking out at a cold winter day and remembering how warm and welcoming you were to Marcia and I as I started my ministry with you more than five years ago. We still receive that warm welcome every time we are in your presence. I looked forward to every meeting, social gathering and every service with such a Christ-like congregation.

It is time for me to move on into retirement not because of anything that has happened, but because it is time. God has let me know that I can serve Him, but just not as a minister in a congregation.

Marcia and I have been truly blessed to be part of this wonderful Spirit-filled congregation. The new members have fit in so perfectly, making us one happy family for Christ, who will all serve in their particular ways.

There is no doubt that Columbus Community United Church is a bright beacon of Christ for the Columbus community. The support we receive from the Columbus community is a reflection of the Christ-like love that this congregation shares with everyone we come in contact with.

The programs that we run and the love that we share have made a difference, not only in Columbus, but in all of Oshawa.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve you and be with you and feel the love of Christ exude from each and every one of you.

Marcia has appreciated being able to fully share her ministry of faith, love and encouragement while being with you.

The Outreach Program is a great example of how this congregation cares. The whole congregation participates in this program, be it with deliveries, putting food away or in the financial support the program receives. I know that all of your prayers surround this ministry and for all those we serve.

God has a way of putting us where we are needed and using our gifts. These gifts are being used to spread the love of Christ to all who are blessed to meet us. Thank you for your support and prayers, it has been a marvelous five plus years.

As you are aware, I must not attend the church for the year after the new minister has arrived. That is difficult for Marcia and I, but we understand why this must happen and we will miss you greatly, but you will be in our prayers always and forever.

The laughter, the joy, the conversations, and the love of Christ just overwhelms those who come to visit us. Some have said that they can feel the Spirit working in this place, and God continues to bless this ministry with new members, for which we are truly grateful.

Marcia and I cannot thank you enough for the way we were welcomed into the congregation and how we have been accepted and loved. I realize that sometimes it may be difficult because the minister has a warped sense of humour.

As the Columbus Church moves forward never lose the love of the Spirit that has made you who you are. May that love not only bless those in the church but also everyone you meet. Remember, you are soldiers in Christ's army and you are called to spread the love of Christ both in word and deed.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BECOME SO EVIDENT!!!
THANK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR PRAYERS.

May God Bless You and Keep You!

Marcia and Richard

In Memoriam

Edna Manns

March 5

Ralph Ballard

March 25

Lorne Goodman

June 3



Romans 8:37-39

*Yet in all these things
we are more than conquerors
through Him who loved us.
For I am persuaded that neither death nor life,
nor angels nor principalities nor powers,
nor things present nor things to come,
nor height nor depth,
nor any other created thing,
shall be able to separate us from the love of God
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



STATISTICS

Number of Marriages	7
Number of Baptisms Infant	0
Number of Baptisms Adult	1
Number of Funerals or Memorial Services	2

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Adherents and Members at December 31, 2023	116
Received	10
Removed by Death	3
Edna Manns	
Ralph Ballard	
Lorne Goodman	
Removed via Transfer	2
Members	86
Adherents	25
Adherents and Members at December 31, 2024	111

MEMBERSHIP AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT

Members:

Diane Rennie

The Membership Roll has seen a loss in membership of three members by death and two members by transfer and an increase in membership by ten new members.

Diane Rennie

Chairperson

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – REPORT

Members:

Paul Chapman Diane Rennie
Rick Gates Ross Wetherup

The committee would like to thank Darlene Peddle, our office Administrator and Lay Worship Leader, Anthony Alexander, our Pianist, and Mary Chapman, our custodian, for their hard work and dedication.

A big thanks to Reverend Richard Parker for his leadership and guidance, and the congregation as a whole.

Thanks to our staff for accepting a small but well deserved salary increase of 3% as of January 1, 2025.

Rick Gates
Chairperson

BUILDING REPAIRS, PROPERTY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE – REPORT

Members:

Rick Gates Dan Wilson

2024 would have us see:

- Storage sheds purged with new doors and ramps for the lawnmower.
- Repair of roof. Water damage to stairway walls and hall repaired and repainted.
- Additional shelving in the kitchen.
- Donation of chest freezers and a stove.
- New flooring and paint in the auditorium/school courtesy of the school.
- Repairs to the chairlift.
- Repairs to the furnace re hot water problems.

The church appreciates the continued support of Liz and Jamie Anderson in keeping the exterior of our building looking pristine, either through decorations, gardening or lawn care, and Mary and Paul Chapman for maintaining the cleanliness of the interior.

Thank you to all others for your support in the daily operation of our church.

Dan Wilson
Chairperson

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – REPORT

Members:

Mary Chapman
Paul Chapman
Dawn Davy-McDougall
Rick Gates
Judy Gates

Ian McDougall
Reverend Richard Parker
Mike Schofield
Mary June Smith
Marilyn Walsh

2024 has been a year of change, once again, for this little church of ours. We have welcomed so many new faces and it is such a joy to keep seeing those beautiful, familiar faces each week, eager to give of their time and talents.

Your Columbus Mission and Service and, indeed, my own life is changing. I will no longer Chair this vibrant and productive committee of dedicated and hard-working people. I pass the reigns in hopes that all who proceed me will cherish being able to touch the hearts of so many people as much as I have.

Christmas is always the busiest time of year and we are blessed to be able to help so many local agencies and offer assistance to families in need through our Outreach Program. The community knows our name! How great is that! Indeed, God is good!

During the year, we hosted a farewell party for our friend, neighbour, and member of Columbus, Steve LaForest, we provided backpacks and school supplies for those students in grades 1-8 who were in need, and we opened our church lawn for a community corn roast.

Small but mighty in all we do.

Blessings to all,

Judy Gates
Chairperson

MISSION AND SERVICE FUND – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS:

Bank balance Dec. 31/23	\$ 0
Envelope Donations	2,315.00

Total \$ 2,315.00

EXPENDITURES:

Service Charges	\$ 29.50
Total Forwarded to General	
Office minus Service Charges	2,285.50
Bank balance Dec. 31/24	<u>0</u>

Total \$ 2,315.00

COLUMBUS MISSION FUND – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS:

Bank balance Dec. 31/23	\$ 6,038.89
Envelope Donations	7,555.00
Proceeds from Strawberry Supper	1,501.00
White Gift Donations	200.00

EXPENDITURES:

Linton Farm	\$ 130.00
Strawberry Supper	2,123.21
Massage Therapy	450.00
Memorial Flowers	213.90
Christmas Families & Meal Tickets	1,375.12
Our Daily Bread	100.00
Backpacks	65.58
Feed the Need Membership Fee	740.00
Outreach Dance	218.88
Community Christmas Gift Giving	500.00
White Gift – Operation Scugog	200.00
Simcoe Street Back Door Mission	500.00
The Refuge	500.00
Luke’s Place	500.00
Bank balance Dec. 31/24	<u>\$ 7,678.20</u>

Total \$ 15,294.89

\$15,294.89

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (COMMUNION FUND) – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS:

Bank balance Dec. 31/23	\$ 1,880.81
Envelope Donations	1,494.00
Interest	<u>.68</u>

EXPENDITURES:

	\$ 1,850.00
Bank balance Dec. 31/24	<u>1,525.49</u>

Total \$ 3,375.49

\$ 3,375.49

COLUMBUS OUTREACH REPORT

The group has accomplished a lot in the last year. We have added a couple of freezers. We work thru Settlement House on Tuesday, delivering to 8 families every week. On Thursdays and Saturdays we deliver to between 15 and 25 families. We have a number of volunteers on Thursdays to help unload and put away groceries that come to us from Feed the Need. We could not do this project without the food we get from Feed the Need for a very small fee.

We thank the congregation for the financial support we get so that we can buy groceries and support some of the people in need. We have not had to use any monies from the church, as you have given enough to cover all our costs. Thank you to those who donate food and other necessities. This congregation is so caring and generous and, for me and all of us involved, it is such a blessing to feel and see the support we have to help these people survive.

Want to thank Frank and Louise Kronister for stepping up and taking over taking the calls and establishing the list of deliveries and filling the report for Feed the Need. They have made new spreadsheets and are responsible for the Outreach phone. A special thank you to Paul McVety, who has agreed to be a backup for this process. Also, we would like to thank Kevin Graham for organizing the Saturday visits. But most of all, thank you to all the people who participate in this program in so many different ways.

We are still busy trying to formalize what we do so that those who follow us will be able to look at the process and know what we do. The volunteers and committee meet every so often to discuss what is going right and what needs to be adjusted and changed.

But most of all, thank you, God, for guiding us down this path, and thank you for moving so many hearts to become involved in all that needs to be done. This program would never have worked if it wasn't God blessed.

We look forward to another years of making sure people have food to eat and know that someone cares.

Many thanks,

The Reverend Richard Parker

SUNDAY SCHOOL – REPORT

I am delighted to report that our Sunday school saw some activity throughout the calendar year and we were blessed to have the opportunity to share God's love with the children.

Laura Ann Martin
Chairperson

SUNDAY SCHOOL – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS:

Bank balance Dec. 31/23	\$ 2,839.99
Envelope Donations	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 2,839.99

EXPENDITURES:

Bank balance Dec. 31/24	\$ 0
	2,839.99
	\$ 2,839.99

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE – REPORT

It was another year of wonderful fellowship in our church.

There were 7 weddings and 1 adult baptism through the year.

Our choir continues to grow.

Mary Bellinger works harder than anyone could imagine. She not only keeps us all informed with the weekly e-blasts, she carefully chooses the anthems for the choir, keeping us all updated on the upcoming songs we will sing. Mary may have retired from teaching, but she has taken on a fulltime job, with our church and choir. A heartfelt thanks to Mary from us all.

Thanks to Anthony for sharing his wonderful talent and love for music, we greatly appreciate it!!

Thanks to Rev. Richard and Darlene for their inspirational services.

Blessings to everyone,

Donna Wilson

Chairperson

COMMUNICATIONS – REPORT

Members:

Mary Bellinger Chairperson (website updater, weekly e-blasts)

Darlene Peddle (church sign, bulletins, membership roster, and phone communications)

Reverend Richard Parker (weekly Devotional audio e-blasts)

Kevin Graham, Mike Schofield, and John Chapman (video and PowerPoint technologists)

JoAnn Stuart and John Wally Nesbitt (back-up for e-blasts)

JoAnn Stuart Media contact and advertising of events

Liz Anderson, Mary Chapman, Judy Gates, John Nesbitt, JoAnn Stuart, Donna Wilson and many others (poster designing/distribution, and community phoning)

- Our Sunday YouTube videos have had as many as 51 views but generally have just over 20 views per week. Currently, we record the Sunday services, transfer them to the external drive, upload them to our YouTube channel as “unlisted”, and send the link out to our membership in an e-blast. We also posted the link on our church website. Shut-ins are benefitting by staying connected and we all appreciate being able to catch-up with church if we cannot attend on a given Sunday. We could change our YouTube site to “public” if we felt comfortable with the links being universally available to all who search from their homes.

- Reverend Richard Parker prepared weekly audio “Devotions” which were e-blasted out to email subscribers and also posted onto our church website. www.columbusunitedchurch.ca
- Media were contacted by JoAnn Stuart to advertise our big community events. We have continued to use less paper and more online advertising this year; although our own congregation is still largely paper-oriented. We believe that our online efforts and church website are reaching our larger community. For instance, JoAnn now knows “Who is coming to sell at our markets AND they have usually prepaid for their spot.” This is a huge revenue advantage if the weather is sketchy!
- Posters were created for a “Music Through the Ages” dance/fundraiser (April 6), a small community “Steve Laforest send-off/Strawberry Social” (June 21), a community Corn Roast (August 9), the Annual Yard Sale (Sept. 7), the Christmas Outdoor Market (Nov. 9), and the Naomi Bristow Christmas Concert (Nov. 26). These posters were handed out amongst the Columbus community by many church members including: Liz Anderson, Mary Chapman, Judy Gates, John Nesbitt, and JoAnn Stuart. Posters were also available from the website homepage, www.columbusunitedchurch.ca, and our weekly e-blasts.
- Thank you to Darlene Peddle for keeping our front lawn sign updated with current information and for answering the many phone calls that come into the office regarding our church activities and outreach work!
- Our website has been updated weekly throughout the year. Please use it and encourage others to do so as well. www.columbusunitedchurch.ca.
- We have been informally updating membership information; names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, and birth dates, but we should probably take the time to do this more formally in the new year. We have had a number of guests and new members this year that may wish to receive church emails, mailings, and birthday announcements.

Mary Bellinger

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Members:

Paul Chapman (Chairperson)
 Judy & Rick Gates
 Frank Kronister
 Laura Ann Martin

Kathy MacKinnon
 Elspeth McCulloch
 JoAnn Stuart

The Search committee has met 3 – 4 times over this past year (2024), and have put together a church profile for the person we wish to have become the new minister for our church. After review and modifications with the assistance of our Liaison Sharon Golding, we presented this to the congregation for approval, and once it was approved, we were able to enter it on the United Church Hub so that a candidate was then aware of our vacancy. Now that this has been completed, we are accepting applications from potential candidates. Once we receive applications the committee we meet and review, and follow up as is appropriate. God Bless and pray that we find the person who this congregation needs going forward.

Paul Chapman
Chairperson

PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

When we come in on Thursdays we are greeted by the school. It is so good to see these young people and how kind and gracious they are. They are a blessing, and we so enjoy being with them.

The school has done a lot of renovations this year. They painted the Raglan Room, for which we supplied the paint. They replaced the flooring in the lower hall and it looks so much better.

We have a good working relationship with the school and they are certainly a blessing to any who happen to come by the church and see all these active young people and how polite and happy they are.

I would highly recommend coming to their concerts. They are so well done and the children are so wonderful to watch. We will announce the upcoming events when we have the information.

The Reverend Richard Parker

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2024

Minister	Rev. Richard Parker
Secretary	Darlene Peddle
Treasurer	Paul Martin
Finance	Paul Chapman
Chairperson	Rev. Richard Parker
Past Chairperson	Ian McDougall
Chairperson Ministry & Personnel	Rick Gates
Chairperson Christian Education	Laura Ann Martin
Chairperson Mission & Service	Judy Gates
Chairperson Memorial, Building & Property	Dan Wilson
Chairperson Communications	Mary Bellinger
Chairperson Membership & Archives	Diane Rennie
Chairperson Outreach Program	Ian McDougall
School Representative	Reverend Richard Parker
Treasurer – Trustees	JoAnn Stuart

Elected Members of Council

Mike Schofield	Mary Bellinger
Judy Gates	JoAnn Stuart
Rick Gates	Ross Weatherup
Laura Ann Martin	Donna Wilson
Paul Chapman	Dan Wilson
Member added this year	Joan Buchanan

REPORT

Council met eight times in 2024 and a lot of business was discussed and voted on and normally passed. We covered a number of issues some of them were the water damage in the entrance to the church, church profile, invited the town to use our sanctuary for community meetings, passed the remit along to the congregation for voting and vote failed, authorized painting of Raglan Room and changes to the lower hall, and many other issues. We are looking for some new members if you would like to become part of council please let Rev. Parker know.

TRUSTEES

Chairperson – The Reverend Richard Parker
Secretary – Mary Bellinger
Treasurer – JoAnn Stuart

Members:

Mary Bellinger, Lorne Goodman (now deceased), Ian McDougall, The Reverend Richard Parker, JoAnn Stuart, and Ross Wetherup.

Trustee Donation to our Local Church Fund:

In April 2024, the Trustees moved \$10,000 cash from the RBC trustee account to the Columbus Community United Church "General Account" to provide a buffer for church income. This was the only transfer required to the church's "General Account" in the 2024 year.

Investments:

We have been fortunate to have our BMO Financial Advisor, Susan Taptelis, helping us to make sound financial decisions. In May, we sold some Dividend growth and Purpose preferred shares and reinvested them in other Preferred shares to potentially increase our Trustee income. In December, we moved \$30,000 from our RBC cash account to preferred shares with Power Financial in order to further increase our potential income.

At present, we have a market value of \$216,204.04 invested in our "Living Allowance Account" and a market value of \$158,664.00 invested in our "Memorial and Building Account" for a total of \$374,868.04.

Cash Balance:

The cash bank balance of readily available funds, as of December 31st, 2024, was \$46,427.12.

Other Trustee Business (UCC Hub International ...Insurance)

In October, UCC Hub International sent Columbus Community United Church 3 insurance renewal options. There was minimal difference between the 50%, 75% and 100% replacement costs, and so the trustees voted to take the "full replacement" option package. While there was little difference between the 3 options, please note that insurance rates are increasing annually.

Mary Bellinger
Secretary - Trustees

**COLUMBUS COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH
TRUSTEE'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT: DECEMBER 31, 2024**

						<u>AMOUNT</u>
Bank Account Balance						
January 1, 2024						\$ 59,773.28
Royal Bank of Canada - RBC						
INCOME						
Income (deposits to RBC from BMO Investments)						\$19,384.32
Interest & Dividend Income						
Total						\$ 19,384.32
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE IN 2024						\$ 79,157.60
EXPENSES						
Less Expenses						
Bank Charges RBC						\$25.97
BMO Nesbitt Burns Acct.#1 Living Allowance						Commission \$3,200.00
BMO Nesbitt Burns Acct.#2 Building & Memorial						Commission \$1,800.00
Total Expenses In 2024						\$5,025.97
						\$ (5,025.97)
ACCOUNT BALANCES DEC.31-2024						
Royal Bank of Canada - RBC						\$41,631.63
BMO Nesbitt Burns Acct.#1 Living Allowance						\$ 1,089.65
BMO Nesbitt Burns Acct.#2 Building & Memorial						\$ 3,705.84
Total Cash Balance Dec.31-2024						\$ 46,427.12
2024 INVESTMENTS WITH BMO NESBITT BURNS						as at 12/31/24
Account #1 Holdings		Living Allowance Account		Acct #060-23		
Quantity	Security	Coupon %	Bought and/or Maturity Dates	Original Cost	Market Value	
27,000	Citigroup Inc	4.09%	Mature 6/9/2025	\$28,944.00	\$27,038.77	
29,000	RBC NVCC FF	2.94%	Mature 5/03/32	\$26,874.00	\$28,500.27	
1,500	Brookfield Renewable Srs 13	6.05%	bought 12/9/21	\$39,050.00	\$35,205.00	
1,600	BCE Inc 1st PFD Ser T	4.99%	bought 12/9/21	\$39,200.00	\$26,032.00	
1,400	Brookfield Infra Ser S	6.642%		\$31,260.00	\$33,670.00	
1,400	Enbridge Inc S19	6.21%		\$31,148.00	\$32,172.00	
1,400	Power Fin Corp	5.80%	bought 12/2/24	\$34,178.00	\$33,586.00	
				\$230,654.00	\$216,204.04	
Account #2 Holdings		Memorial and Building Account		Acct #608-17		
Quantity	Security	Coupon %	Bought and/or Maturity Dates	*Original Cost	Market Value	
1,300	Brookfield Infra Ser 11	6.45%		\$28,198.00	\$30,446.00	
2,700	Enbridge Inc SR7	4.45%	bought 05/2018	\$56,276.10	\$55,512.00	
1,200	Brookfield Infra Ser S	5.90%	bought 02/2021	\$29,956.00	\$28,860.00	
1,000	BCE Inc 1st PFD Ser T	4.99%	bought 12/9/21	\$24,500.00	\$16,270.00	
1,200	Enbridge Inc S19	6.212%		\$26,772.00	\$27,576.00	
				\$165,702.10	\$158,664.00	
Total Cost & Market Value of Investments: As at December 31, 2024				\$396,356.10	\$374,868.04	
<i>Prepared and submitted by</i>						
JoAnn Stuart, Treasurer Board of Trustees						

Columbus Community United Church

Profit & Loss

January through December 2024

	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
C.2 Communion Income	1,494.00
Church Operations	
Canada Helps Donations	259.20
Interest on Bank Account	17.97
Offerings	
Local	52,613.45
Loose Offering	734.25
Outreach Program	10,965.28
PAR Donations	15,360.00
Visitor Offering	1,910.85
Total Offerings	81,583.83
Rent	21,450.00
Special Events	6,515.85
Trustees' Contribution	10,000.00
Weddings	1,225.00
Total Church Operations	121,051.85
M.2 Mission & Service Income	2,315.00
Memorial	
Property Insurance Credit	641.48
Memorial - Other	2,370.00
Total Memorial	3,011.48
Mission and Outreach	
Columbus Mission	9,031.00
Total Mission and Outreach	9,031.00
Total Income	136,903.33
Expense	
C.4 Communion Expense	1,850.00
Church Operating Expenses	
Administrative	
2.0 ADP Service Charge	
2.1 HST on ADP Service Charge	48.06
2.0 ADP Service Charge - Other	369.42
Total 2.0 ADP Service Charge	417.48
2.01 Bank Service Charge	21.50
2.1 Osh. Pres. Assessment	4,221.00
2.10 Bell Canada	
2.101 Bell Mobiliy	626.78
2.10 Bell Canada - Other	1,566.78
Total 2.10 Bell Canada	2,193.56
2.13 Yrd Sale/Strawsup/Beefsup	1,417.91
2.15 Advertising	200.00
2.3 Photocopy Service	
2.31 Annual Report	136.49
2.3 Photocopy Service - Other	1,053.34
Total 2.3 Photocopy Service	1,189.83
2.4 Office Supplies	141.50
2.5 Offering Envelopes	489.19
2.8 Computer/Programs/Internet	2,228.60
2.9 Chairlift - Savaria	997.00
Total Administrative	13,517.57

Columbus Community United Church

Profit & Loss

January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
Ministry and Personnel	
5.1 Minister's Salary, net	12,633.48
5.2 Secretarial Contract	
5.21 Secretarial Study Allowanc	568.33
5.2 Secretarial Contract - Other	27,286.06
Total 5.2 Secretarial Contract	27,854.39
5.3 Organist Contract	10,944.10
5.4 Custodian Contract	5,133.84
5.5 UCC pension and benefits	9,898.78
5.6 E.I./C.P./ Federal Tax	13,752.71
Total Ministry and Personnel	80,217.30
Property	
4.1 Hydro and Gas	7,237.57
4.2 Property Insurance	4,133.89
4.3 Repairs & Maintenance	5,416.41
4.5 Lease Agreement	5.00
4.6 Church security	588.52
4.7 Custodial Supplies	332.93
4.8 Kitchen Supplies	486.50
Total Property	18,200.82
Worship and Music	
3.1 Choir Music	255.00
3.2 Guest Speaker/Artists	400.00
3.3 Organ/Piano Maintenance	45.14
3.4 Pulpit Supply	1,750.00
3.5 Worship Supplies/Expenses	807.33
Total Worship and Music	3,257.47
Total Church Operating Expenses	115,193.16
M.4 Interest & Bank Charges	29.50
Mission and Outreach Remittance	
6.2 Columbus Mission	8,470.84
6.3 Outreach Families	5,196.52
Total Mission and Outreach Remittance	13,667.36
Special Event	861.26
Total Expense	131,601.28
Net Ordinary Income	5,302.05
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
C.3 Interest Earned	0.68
Total Other Income	0.68
Net Other Income	0.68
Net Income	5,302.73

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH

OPERATING INCOME	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024		
	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2024	BUDGET 2025
operating income	129679.85	138000	140000
outreach program	10965.28	7620	11000
Total income	140645.13		151000
FINANCE			
ADP Service Charge	419	421	445
Regional Council charges	4221	4400	4400
Bell Canada	2194	1559	2200
Photo Copier	1190	1740	1300
Office Supplies	142	200	200
Advertising	200	80	200
Offering Envelopes	499	540	500
Communion	1300		1500
Postage	0	200	100
Internet computer	2229	2400	2400
Miscellaneous	0	400	500
Expenses fund raising	1417	0	1400
Chairlift	997	500	800
Net salaries	61538	56000	75000
Pension & Benefits	23676	25000	35000
Hydro and Gas	7238	8200	8200
Property Insurance	5416	4300	5000
Repairs and Maintenance	579	5000	5000
Church security	589	800	600
custodial supplies	334	500	500
Church Music License	218		225
Guests and pulpit supply	1750	1800	1800
Choir Music and worshi supplies	1463	5000	3000
Columbus Mission	8470	8000	10000
Outreach	5200	15000	10000
M&S Donation	2315	2500	2500
Special event	2500		
Miscellaneous	1379	0	1500
Total Expenses	137473	144540	174270
total income	140645		151000
gain/loss	3172		-23270

**Columbus Community United Church
Congregational Meeting regarding Annual Report 2023
Sunday, March 3, 2024, after Sunday service**

In Attendance:

34 members and adherents were in attendance in the sanctuary.

Reverend Richard Parker opened the meeting in prayer with gratefulness for a successful 2023 church year.

Jo Ann Stuart motioned to accept the Annual Report 2022 Congregational Meeting minutes as printed on the last page of the 2023 Annual Report. Dan Wilson seconded the motion and all were in favour.

Bev O'Connor motioned to allow both members and adherents to vote on any motions at today's meeting. Darlene Peddle seconded the motion and all were in favour.

Annual Report 2023:

- Rev. Richard briefly summarized each page of the report. He began with a "memorial prayer" for Evelyn Knowlton, Glenn Smith, and David Wilson; 3 congregants who passed away in the year 2023 and who will be missed. He then continued with a quick overview of each section's highlight.
- It was noted that the Trustees did not have to gift money to the General Fund in 2023 for the first time in a few years. This is a positive sign that our expenditures are not exceeding our donations.
- Paul Martin noted that the Trustee Report stated "as of December 31st 2024" instead of "2023". This should be corrected.
There were no other corrections noted.

Ian McDougall motioned to accept all of the Annual Reports as written for 2023. Marilyn Walsh seconded the motion and all were in favour.

2024 thoughts:

- Marcia would like a "cross" to look at each Sunday from the choir seats.
- We need new Council members. They meet once a month. We are looking for volunteers.

Darlene Peddle motioned to adjourn the meeting. All were in favour and we went downstairs for coffee.

Minutes were taken by Mary Bellinger with the assistance of Donna Wilson.