
Robert McClure United Church 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

*Celebrating the Life, the Ministry & the People
of Robert McClure United Church*



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Minister's Report

The theme for this year's report is good news and bad news. Let's start with the good news.



The first good news: Rick Ryckman was baptized on May 19. He was accompanied by his brother Jay, and friends who came to show their support and love.

Second good news: we launched a new discipleship program, the G.O.D. Project. The participants were led by Heather Templeton and myself. We gathered every second Thursday in the spring, took a summer break and then gathered again throughout the Fall. The program concluded with a day retreat at the FCJ Christian Life Centre. The participants will be officially joining Robert McClure United Church after Easter. The purpose of the G.O.D. Project is to teach skills to help participants grow in their faith; to build connections with one another and to create an environment of balance of support and challenge.

Third good news: The Official Board went on retreat at Parkdale United Church in September. We prayed, sang, reflected. We did a SWOT analysis of the church and dreamed of the future. We created goals for the coming year which included:

1. connecting with the youth of the neighbourhood, particularly the LGBTQ2S+ community
2. making 2024 a year of celebrating who we are.
3. connecting with other churches that use our building

And now for the bad news.

The first bad news this year was that our friend and treasurer Karen Dingwall died suddenly on January 2. Karen was the church treasurer, the chair of the Generosity Committee, one of the founders of the Farmers' Market and a great supporter of the ministry of Robert McClure United Church. We marked Karen's passing with a large funeral and elegant high tea, hosted by the kitchen ministry of the church and The Travelling Teacups.



More bad news, our friend Darlene Kormos died on August 16. Darlene loved to take photos and was faithful to God and to the church. She always greeted you with a smile. She was involved in UCW, Wednesday Evening Learning Circle and many other groups throughout her 30 years with Robert McClure United Church.

The last bad news was the passing of Donna Bernreuther on August 11. Donna was Karen Dingwall's sister and so once again family and friends gathered at McClure Church to celebrate her life.

Lastly, I want to thank RMUC's Official Board for their faithful and work with the good and the bad news:

Chair: Lynn Robertson

Secretary: Kelly Strain

Treasurer's Team: Barbarab Humphrey, Debbie Flegg and Laura Strain

Worship and Trustee rep: Barb Humphrey

M & P: Heather Templeton

Chinook Winds Regional Reps: Darlene Montgomery and Barb Lough

Caring Committee: Barb Lough

Affirming Ministry Action Committee: Linda Bossler

UCW Rep: Jeanette McDonald

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev Kelly Osgood

Official Board

The Official Board of Robert McClure UC consists of Chairs of the various Committees, plus the Board Chair and Secretary, and the Church Treasurers. As Board Chair, my responsibilities are to prepare the agenda for each meeting, make sure we follow this agenda (to the best of our ability), and also make sure that each needed motion is passed appropriately. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except for July and December. Before the meeting, each member is asked to submit a SNAP (Summary of News And Progress) report to the secretary, who then distributes them to all members along with the Agenda for the upcoming meeting. By reading these before the meeting, we save time that can then be spent on other items, such as Check In, a Devotion and a Workshop.

In 2023, we also had 3 Emergency Board meetings due to items that came up when we couldn't wait until the regular meeting. With help from Chinook Winds Region, the Board was able to get the work done.

We finally started to have in-person Board meetings again, although, due to weather concerns, a few were still held via Zoom. Meeting face-to-face is much preferable than on a computer screen, so hopefully that will continue as much as possible.

The various committees will give you the details of what they have been doing, and I want to thank all of the Chairs and members, not only for all the work they do, but also for attending the Board meetings and running their own meetings throughout the year.

Worship Services are continuing at the church, with streaming online for those that cannot attend. As one who has done both, I think it's great to not have to miss any of the services. A big 'Thank You' goes to those involved in making it all work!

In the spring we had our first Turkey Dinner since Covid, and we had our second Roast Beef Dinner in the fall. This is the sign of a great United Church – FOOD! In a similar vein, the UCW had both a Spring Fling and a Snowflake Market in 2023. It's really wonderful to be able to get back into our normal activities again.

This was my last year as the Chair of the RMUC Board, and I want to thank the members of the Board for four years of keeping our church running in every way. Rev Kelly and many other contributors have enriched our thinking with their sermons and talks, and our Food Pantry volunteers and the Caring Committee have been working constantly to help those in need in our community. Everyone deserves a great round of applause for their service.

I hope everyone will continue praying for, and supporting in the many ways, our own Robert McClure United Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Robertson
Board Chair

Affirming Ministry Action Committee (AMAC)

Over the past year, the committee members consisted of Darlene Thompson, Ken Thompson, Barb Lough, Darlene Montgomery, Kelcie Perih and Linda Bossler. Laura Strain and Emily Osgood served on the committee for part of the year. The committee conducted its business meetings under the leadership of Linda Bossler with a rotating secretary.

The focus of this year was to continue offering a 'Moment for Inclusive Language' highlighting aspects of the Inclusive Language Guidelines. The committee decided to do this through a series of video clips.

- The first video introduced the PIE theme – The Year of Intention. At RMUC our intention is to expand the knowledge and use of inclusive language within our church community and in our daily lives.
- The second video was a dialogue highlighting they/them/their pronouns.
- The third video challenged the listener to take God 'out of the box' and explore and use other names and ways to talk about God.
- The fourth dialogue moved away from a video recording and was presented live in the worship service. The message shared ways the 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and community use pronouns in an expanded way.

Steven Archambault, a co-founder of Stonewall Recovery Center, made a presentation to AMAC on the evening of January 31. Rev. Kelly Osgood, a few Board Members and other interested people also attended. "Stonewall Recovery Centre is about having a safe place for 2SLGBTQ+ people to recover from addiction and is critical to success. That safe place is even more critical when you come from a community that has often been misunderstood, abused, thrown away and victimized." <https://www.stonewallrecovery.ca/> Those present were invited to consider ways that RMUC could be supportive of this project. Emily Osgood and guest were gifted tickets to attend the Bricks and Mortar Gala – a fundraiser to help the Center secure a physical building.

Emily Osgood set out plans to start up a social program for Trans and Queer people offered in a community setting – i.e. a restaurant or cafe. She enlisted the support of Pam Rucker for advertising and resources. The group would be called, "God is Queer."

The committee took on a shared approach to representing RMUC at the Affirming Network meetings. In March we hosted a meeting of the Network at RMUC. Emily volunteered to serve on the Evening Gathering committee for the City-wide Pride Interfaith Gathering. Linda Bossler represented our committee and congregation at the Gathering held August 7th as a kick off to Pride Week in Calgary. Each representative shared a very brief message reflecting the theme, "You are a Gift." Our message was, "You are a gift because at Robert McClure United Church you belong because you are. We believe Creator God loves diversity and this love already includes YOU!"

In collaboration with the Worship Committee, AMAC planned several worship services celebrating our Affirming Ministry.

- The P.I.E. Day (public, intentional, explicit) worship service was held on Sunday, March 12 – presenting “The Year of Intention”.
- The National Pride Sunday worship was on June 4th. This service included a touching and eye-opening video sharing the experience of a mother supporting her child’s transition to embrace their authentic identity.
- Our 6th Anniversary of becoming an Affirming Ministry was celebrated on October 15th. Many photos were gathered into a presentation that demonstrated and celebrated all the ways our congregation lives out our affirming ministry.

Additionally, Rev. Kelly Osgood, Debbie Flegg, Sam Bossler, Rob Bossler, and Brian Robertson, with his daughter and grandchildren, proudly held up the Robert McClure Banner as they walked in the Pride Parade on September, 3rd. Linda Bossler, Darlene Montgomery and Kelcie Perih cheered from the sidelines.

As the committee looks towards the future, it is hoped that new people will join in this important work, offering fresh ideas and leadership. Many of the current committee members have been serving since the committee was formed in 2017 and are stepping aside to let others take part.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Bossler



Board of Trustees

The board of trustees is a committee made up of six members of Robert McClure Church and the Minister who are responsible for the ongoing well-being of the church property, building and capital assets within.

The trustees are Rev Kelly Osgood, Barbara Humphrey, Carolyn Stuber, Jack Lough, Wayne Wonnacott, Robert Bossler and Craig Wonnacott.

All of our meetings this year were held via Zoom, which seemed to work well for all.

Business we attended to this year included:

Security – Investigated various types of security for the property but determined that the costs are too high.

Rentals – Negotiating and signing of contracts of tenants.

Parking lot – fixing and paving to happen when the weather permits.

Handicapped/special needs parking – spaces to be decided on and marked.

Grow Calgary – A proposal from Grow Calgary to rent the garden space and area behind the church. Negotiations are ongoing at this time as their requirements for using the space are fairly extensive. All costs for this to proceed will be paid by Grow Calgary.

Individuals, small groups, or committees may contact any trustee at any time if they have any items of concern regarding the property and/or assets of Robert McClure Church which they feel need to be investigated or discussed that would not normally be addressed by the Board.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees,
Carolyn Stuber

Caring Committee

The purpose of the Caring Committee is to provide care and connection with the McClure church family and friends.

There are subgroups under the Caring Committee umbrella, including Card Ministry, Food Pantry, Hospital Visiting Ministry, Prayer Chain, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 55+ Socials, and Telephone Ministry.

The focus of all groups is “hands-on” outreach from the heart into the congregation and community.

Members of the Caring Committee Team include Donna Pederson, Garth Paynter, Maureen Routley, Sharon Smith, Jeannie Trach, Isabelle Templeton, and Barb Lough (Coordinator).
Card Ministry (Donna and Sharon)

- In 2023, between 25 and 30 cards were sent/provided, including get-well, sympathy and support. Gratitude was often expressed for being remembered in this way.
- If you know of someone needing this support, please contact Donna.

Food Pantry

- In 2023, volunteers with the Food Pantry included Duaa Al-Ghurgrim, Allan Barton, Jana Bear, Crystal Day Chief, Mac Dingwall, Aimee Ert, Sandy Ert, Tony Ert, Erik Galkov, Pat Hlady, Markus Inclusus, Nicole Larson, Joan Liland, Jeremy Liland, Randy Manson, Lipika Mazumden, Ron MacRury, Clinton Marchant, Lorna McKenzie, Marcene Metcalfe, Steven Meek, Garth Paynter, Isabella Quintieri, Finnley Rak, Brian Robertson, Ryan Short, Wendy Smith, Kelly Ann Strain, Richard Zboril. Barb Lough is the Food Pantry Manager.
- (Many of the volunteers were with us for only three or four times, before moving along to other ventures.)
- One group of volunteers that bring a smile to our lips is the group from Janus Academy, a special education school focused on persons with autism. They are enthusiastic about helping unload the U-Haul truck and carrying in boxes and cases of food. They are accompanied by a couple of teachers. Here is a note from them received in December: *Thank you for allowing our students to come and support your team! By providing them this weekly opportunity we have seen their skills and confidence grow each time! You all have been so kind and patient, and you are aiding them in furthering their potential to gain employment and independence. We are so grateful and appreciative!*
- The Food Pantry is open to clients on Thursdays from Noon to 2:00 pm. Minister Kelly Osgood provides spiritual and benevolent care to clients requesting this service during food distribution time, and usually takes a station on the distribution line.
- We receive donations of food from organizations such as Spinz-A-Round, COBS Bread in Marda Loop, Good Earth Bakery, No Frills in Temple, Country Lane Chicken, and Chestermere Safeway.
- As well, many people support us with gifts of groceries, pasta, beans, canned fruits and vegetables, toilet paper, and plastic and reusable shopping bags, and much more, for which we are so grateful.
- The Caring Committee staff a couple of tables with clothes, personal items, small household goods, toys, games, etc each Thursday. No matter how heaped with items the tables are, at the end of the day the tables are empty!
- In 2023 we received a grant from The United Church of Canada, through Chinook Winds Region, in the amount of \$4,000.00. The grant helps cover such expenses as the \$1,200 per year fee to Spinz-A-Round; the weekly rental of a U-Haul van used to pick up food from Spinz; gloves, masks, sanitizers, bread bags, produce bags, etc to assist in the operation of the Food Pantry.

- Fundraising. We were blessed with incredible donors in 2023. As well as individual congregation people, John's Journey (walk) and Singing With Sylvia (concerts) gave us a percentage of their funds raised. The soap fundraiser was an amazing success. Special thanks go to Karen and Fred De Carle who have taken us on as a personal mission and donated a huge amount of soaps, soaks and bath bombs which we have been selling for \$5 apiece, as well they financially support us. We are so grateful to everyone who supported us financially!
- We are a member of Second Harvest Food Rescue, an organization which rescues food from supermarkets and restaurants that would usually go to the dump. In 2023 10.9 Million meals were rescued in Alberta with 35.65 Million pounds of greenhouse gases averted.
Our particular stats for Food Rescue are as follows: Value of food rescued \$40,572; Equivalent meals 16,565; Greenhouse gases averted 24,058 kgs; Number of rescues made 24.
- At the end of each distribution day (Thursday) any perishable food left over (lettuce, bok choy etc) is donated to the Veterans Food Bank of Calgary. The volunteer that picks it up tells us that about 15 to 20 military veteran families appreciate these donations each week.
- In February 2023 we started a new venture: The Slo-Line Hot Lunch Program, which provides a hot lunch once a month with a regular and vegetarian menu. We had a fairly slow start, probably because it was a new thing, and people couldn't quite believe they'd get a free hot meal! The numbers by month: February 11; March 9; April 29; May 18; June 33; (closed for July and August) September 31; October 27; November 39; December 45.
- NOTE: In 2023 this small Food Pantry, and its enthusiastic and hard-working volunteers, provided food to 17,747 people. Of that number 5,251 were children and 2,587 were seniors. This compares to 9,000 people served in 2021 and 12,316 in 2022. We anticipate these numbers growing as people deal with the current economic climate and increasing food insecurity.
- The 2023 White Gift donations were so appreciated. The Food Pantry Manager and Volunteers sincerely thank you. Food Pantry clients were grateful to receive many items, including hats, scarves, mitts, gloves, personal care items, treats and goodies. Your generosity helped brighten the day for people depending on us for assistance.
- We were the lucky recipient of 90 stuffed animals from the Calgary Flames organization's *Hitmen Teddy Bear Toss*. Thanks to Armand Massey who originated this idea a number of years ago, and to Ron MacRury who went to the Saddledome to pick them up. Our littlest clients loved the gift of a bear, or a unicorn, or a zebra, or other sweet stuffie.



Hospital Visitor

- Maureen Routley is now an official Spiritual Care Visitor on behalf of the United Church.
- She is currently shadowing Wilma Clark (long-time spiritual care worker) to learn the procedures required by Alberta Health Services in the various hospitals.
- Congratulations Maureen on persevering through a strenuous and long process!

Prayer Chain

- Members of this ministry include Margot Aftergood, Maeve Bard, Karen de Carle, Barb Humphrey, Barb Lough, Jeanette MacDonald, Kelly Osgood, Heather Templeton and Donna Pederson (Coordinator).
- The Prayer Chain is comprised of a dedicated group of people who pray regularly and faithfully, prayers of concern, gratitude and healing. The prayers include those shared at the in-person and online Sunday Worship Service, and requests that are made directly to Coordinator Donna Pederson, or others in the Prayer Chain Group.
- This group spends time every week, prayerfully and selflessly, sending God's love and energy to so many individuals. During the course of the past year, we have seen increasing numbers of folks needing and requesting this support.
- It is important to note that any prayers that come through the committee members, (apart from those spoken aloud at Sunday Candle Prayer Time) are kept in strictest confidence. We all recognize the importance of this ministry and the comfort and peace it brings, as is often communicated to us by those for whom we pray.

Prayer Shawl Ministry (submitted by Lynn Robertson)

- A small group of dedicated people gather on Monday evenings in the church library to produce prayer shawls through their skills of crocheting and knitting. It is a heartfelt way for many to contribute their time and talent, along with the fellowship, to a meaningful cause.
- Our Prayer Shawl Group was able to meet almost every Monday in 2023. There was a few times when weather, or people not being able to come, prevented us from attending, but many still worked on the shawls at home. These were then dropped off at the church and found their way into our bins!
- Each shawl is lovingly created, with each stitch bearing a prayer of comfort for the person who will receive it.
- In 2023 seven people received prayer shawls.
- Thank you to all those who contribute. This ministry is one of love and caring for persons who are in a difficult time in their life and who could use a warm hug in the form of a handmade shawl.
- Special thanks to Carolyn Stuber who has been the coordinator of this special Ministry for many years, but this year stepped down from that position. We are grateful for her coordination and friendly, helpful presence in that time. (Especially those of us who were just learning!) Contact Lynn Robertson if you or someone you are concerned about wishes to receive a prayer shawl.

Telephone Ministry

- Members of the Caring Committee who have been trained in the arts of listening and communicating God's loving care through telephone calling include: Garth Paynter, Donna Pederson, Jeannie Trach, Isabelle Templeton and Barb Lough.
- Many people welcomed the callers, expressing appreciation for the contact. Increasingly many prefer to be contacted by email, and regular McClure attenders often have told our callers to take them off the list as they are aware of all the goings-on and events.
- Special thanks to Shirley Skulmoski for her years of dedicated support of this ministry.
- We appreciate the service this dedicated group provides on behalf of the congregation.

55+ Socials

- We held two socials in 2023: July 9th Stampede Party, and December 1st Christmas Party. 47 people attended the Stampede Party, and 58 came to the Christmas Party.
- Special thanks to Donna Pederson and Sharon Smith for helping to organize these parties. We had lots of fun with games and trivia contests – but no matter if you won or lost, everyone went home with a prize!

Community Kitchen Spinz Around

- On Friday, August 25th, some volunteers attended the annual bar-b-q hosted at the Spinz-A-Round parking lot at 21st Street NE. Allan, Jane, Ron, Wendy, Sandy, Tony, Aimee, Serena, Erik, Mac and Barb enjoyed the bar-b-q, and learned a lot about the Community Kitchen and how the Spinz-A-Round program operates.

The focus of the Caring Committee and all groups under this caring umbrella, is nurturing people in body, mind and spirit, connecting us with God and with each other in this diverse, inclusive community.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Lough
Caring Committee Coordinator

Fellowship of Gardeners

Garden beds may be rented by anyone and we are one of only a few gardens in Calgary with no residency requirements – members simply provide their rental fee and ongoing volunteer hours working on common areas. The garden provides us with opportunities to connect with other gardeners and horticulturalists from our community and beyond. Check our Facebook page, click on story, for a brief history of the garden.

The Garden:

- The drought presented challenges, however with constant watering most gardens produced quite well.
- 50 Garden beds including 6 for Trellis,
- 2 round herb beds.
- A small metal bed.
- A bed and small space used to grow rhubarb.
- One of the large beds at the back was used to grow garlic, onions and strawberries. The other large bed was partly disassembled the rest was used to grow potatoes.
- The orchard has Saskatoons, cherries, grapes, strawberries, apples, rhubarb, red currants, and raspberries. The fruit from the orchard is available to both garden and church members.

Activities

- One work bee was held in May. It was used to prepare and replant the raspberries that were planted in the wrong spot by the contractor the previous year. Of the 20 the contractor planted 10 survived.
- We had youth attendees crew twice. They worked at weeding along the fence at the back
- We had 23 gardeners, which included 1 new gardener.
- The beds are beginning to need repair; one bed was repaired, however, many more beds will need repair in 2024.



- The 5 unrented beds and ½ of the long bed were used to grow potatoes for the Food Pantry. Over 80 pounds of potatoes were donated to the food pantry (one potato was over 1 pound!). Onions were also grown for the Food Pantry. Individual members also donated produce to the Food Pantry.
- The garlic crop was not as plentiful. However we did have good bulbs that were planted in 2 of the raised beds in September/October.

- We had a garden meeting in September that was well attended. The future of the garden was discussed. Grow Calgary has expressed interest in using part of the garden and are in discussions with the church about the garden space that is located behind the church. It was decided to continue the garden for at least one more year. For the garden to continue to be viable there will need to be more commitment from the gardeners to complete their volunteer hours.
- We had one break-in, resulting in the north doors to the shed being broken off. Lorna and Joan managed to repair it with the help of WD 40.
- Due to vandalism the beehives did not produce in 2023.
- Until we hear from last year's gardeners we are unsure how many beds will be available in 2024
- For information contact Lorna McKenzie, 403-285 7725, or Joan Liland, 403-852-1108 or email <mcluregarden@gmail.com>.



Future plans:

- Grow Calgary may use the space behind the church where the long grey beds are located.
- Repair beds.
- Continue to increase the raspberry bed. We have at least 10 canes that grew in some of the beds at the back. These canes will be moved to the space by the fence in one of our early work bees.
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Donations and Volunteers:

With thanks to the following:

- Brent Barr, for his continuing work with the irrigation system.
- Garden Members, their families and friends, who volunteer to maintain the garden's common areas.
- The people who are not gardeners but want to help.
- Devynne Wonnacott, for maintaining our Facebook page.
- Andrea for identifying our invasive weeds and removing most of them. Also for remedial planting in the potato patch beside the church.
- Brad Miller for providing the garden with a beehive until it was vandalized.
- Lorna McKenzie, Barb Lough, Lynn Machan-Gorham, and Joan Liland, who served as the Board of Directors for the garden.



Contributions:

Thanks to the many agencies that contribute to the garden's success:

- Robert McClure United Church, for the use of the land, water, power, copying and meeting facilities.
- The Community Garden Resource Network (Calgary Horticultural Society).
- City of Calgary for help finding someone to use some of our garden space.

Submitted by Joan Liland for the McClure Fellowship of Gardeners.

Generosity & Fundraising Committee

We are very thankful for the generosity of our congregation in giving of their time, talents and funding to support the ministries of our church. We are also grateful for the support that we receive from you, your families, and friends, who support our many fundraising campaigns. It is how you make a positive difference in our community through the mission of our congregation.

The Generosity Committee has had another very fulfilling year with all the stewardship and fundraising campaigns that we were involved in: We start off every year with our annual Stewardship campaign, where we prayerfully reflect on how and why you contribute to our church. We heard testimonials from Sam and Linda Bossler, and Darlene Montgomery.

- We have many ongoing mini-fundraisers
 - Tru Earth - RMUC earns 20% on every sale of eco-friendly household goods purchased through our dedicated link
 - Skip the Depot - RMUC receives 75% from their door-to-door collection service of recyclable container, as well as their new program of clothing bins, of which we have three placed in our parking lot.
 - Shopping Cards, we now have PC/Superstore, SaveOnFoods, as well as Co-op shopping cards available. RMUC receives approx. 5% of the value of the cards sold.
 - Reusable Church bags, we still have a supply of bags available for \$5 each.
 - We had two Coco Brooks fundraisers where people ordered frozen food items (meat, cookies, and pizzas) and we receive approx. 25% from the total orders.
- We all seem to love plants, as we had three plant fundraisers
 - Easter Flowers, from Garden Scents, which decorate the church for Easter Sunday and then we get to take them home to share with our families



- Growing Smiles Spring campaign for bedding plants and planters
- Growing Smiles Winter campaign in time to decorate our homes and yards for Christmas.

We had our two annual dinners. The Turkey Supper in April where we fed approximately 75 people and were entertained by Beth Ann Friesen during dinner and the Beef Dinner in October where we fed approximately 90 people.

Part of the Beef Dinner we also held a Variety Show where we were entertained by the different music groups of our church under the direction of Beth Ann Friesen. These are our two largest fundraising events of the year. Thanks to all those who volunteered food and/or their time to support them.



- Our Thank Offering this year was a campaign to build a fund for the repair or replacement of our five furnaces, which are all the originals for our building.
- We had tables at the UCW Spring Fling Market and the UCW Snowflake Market.
- On “Giving Tuesday” in November, Kelly posted a Fundraising page on Facebook.
- Some church volunteers attended the Village Square Resource



Fair which is held at the Leisure Centre annually where we share the good news of Robert McClure United Church.

- We hosted the 2nd Annual Neighbour Day, organized by the Pineridge Roundtable, a group of leaders from local non-profit agencies, schools, and the City of Calgary.





With everyone's support our fundraising profit for 2023 was approximately \$6,752.00. Our Thank Offering donations for the furnaces was \$18,505.00. The biggest change in our group this past year was the loss of our dear leader, Karen Dingwall. Her passing in January was a huge shock to all who knew her and loved her. She had kept the Generosity Committee in line for several years and we all miss her dearly. We are a very fortunate congregation because of your generosity!

Barb Humphrey, Jeanette McDonald, Jeannie Trach, Kelly Osgood
The Generosity Committee

Ministry & Personnel Report

Heather Templeton: Ministry and Personnel Chair
Darlene Montgomery: Rev. Kelly Osgood's Liaison.
Pat Bears: Devynne Wonnacott's Liaison
Maureen Routley: Beth Ann Friesen's Liaison.

Aimee Ert became our custodian, and her liaisons are Barb Lough and Barb Humphrey.

First, I would like to thank the members that stepped back from the committee for their support and guidance as we worked on becoming a new committee with new members and of course to me as the new chair.

This year our focus has been on evaluations. With the support of the United Church of Canada and Chinook Winds we have been able to use the 360 evaluation that looks at all aspects of the staff's job and performance. I would like to thank the other members of the committee for their dedication in creating an evaluation that is specific to our goals. We would like to thank the staff for their patience while we learned to be a new committee and as we worked on the new evaluation process and the evaluators who took the time to complete the evaluations.

As we move forward our goal is to continue to support the staff in their goals and growth and help foster open and honest relationships between them and the congregation.

Thank you.
Heather Templeton
Ministry and Personnel Chair

Music Ministry

This year things are going very well as we are getting back our groove after the interruption of the pandemic and such.

I have done a small reorganization of the four groups. They are: Jubilation, The Notables, Heartsong, and The Boomers. They are working out very well, both personally and musically.

I am enjoying working with the musicians very much. We are all finding joy in singing and presenting music for worship that is God-centered. And of course, trying musically to be the best we can be. I'm always looking for something new to try to bring life into the traditional hymns and songs we use.

I work on voice production, suitable to the various genres of music we present; musical blend, and interpretive detail. And of course tuning is always there to be addressed in the context of vocal blend and singing in 3, 4, 5, and sometimes 6 part harmony. It's very validating when it all comes together!

I'm thankful to work with such intelligent people who grasp these musical concepts quickly.

And of course, the dedication of the individuals is most amazing. I would like to thank all the participants for their contributions to the music program and to our church worship services.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Ann Friesen

Property & Maintenance

WE ALL CARE ABOUT OUR BUILDING AND CHURCH HOME
YOU BELONG TO THIS VERY BUSY BEHIND THE SCENES COMMITTEE

If you have emptied the garbage, wiped up water, mopped floors, swept floors, changed a light bulb, cleaned a shelf or oven, repaired a furnace, shoveled a sidewalk, weeded a flower bed, painted a wall, steam cleaned a carpet or a chair, washed a wall, installed baseboards, hung a blind, cleaned a window, shined a counter, plastered a wall, fixed emergency lighting, changed a battery, carried water, moved furniture, fixed a chair, tightened a screw, cut the grass, water the plants and trees, built new shelves, dusted a piano, organized rooms, climbed a ladder, climbed a scaffolding, hung a picture, and so much more then you a part of this very busy Property and Maintenance committee.



THANK YOU!

To Jack Lough, Sam Bossler, and Don Martel for installing the screen and projector in the sanctuary on the back wall. The musicians and our minister, Rev. Kelly Osgood, are all so thankful that they can see the same thing that the rest of us can see during worship.

At the same time, they changed all the light bulbs in the sanctuary, narthex (lobby) and the McClure Room (Library – Room 9) to LED light bulbs. We are sure that the electricity bill will soon show a cost improvement.



To Don Martel for cutting the grass all summer long. Lots of grass and lots of exercise too!

To Rob Bossler for stripping and polishing the floors.

To everyone that helped with our extensive mouse infestation. To Gord Humphrey for installing rodent proof door sweeps on all the outside doors and the furnace room door and the vestry room door.

Thank you to our renters, Church of Christ and Jireh Koinonia, for donating funds to help cover some of the costs that the mouse infestation incurred.

Respectfully submitted,
By All of Us

Rentals Report

The **Church of Christ** congregation continue to worship in our church building and call our church their church home. They worship on:

Wednesday mornings

4:00 am – 7:00 am

Sanctuary only

Wednesday evenings

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Sanctuary only

Saturdays

4:30 am – 12:30 pm

Sanctuary and the Pond Room (Room 3/4)

They also use the lobby as their welcoming space. They also have storage space behind the sanctuary stage wall and in the corner storage room in the sanctuary. The rental amount is \$2,000.00/month. Periodically they rent the church for other special occasions.

The **Jireh Koinonia Calgary** congregation still worships in our church building. They worship on:

Sunday afternoons

3:30 – 6:30 pm

Sanctuary, kitchen, and the Tadpoles & Frogs (Room 2) also known as the Nursery.

They have storage space in the room behind the Tadpoles & Frogs room. They are allowed a thirty-minute grace period at the beginning of each rental period for set-up. However, take-down and cleaning must be done by the finished rental time. If this is exceeded an additional charge will be invoiced for the time. The rental amount is \$780.00/month. Periodically they rent the church for other special occasions.

Both rentals are long-term and to be renewed annually.

Other rentals include:

St. Andrew's Society Scottish Choir of Calgary hold their choir practice under the direction of Beth Ann Friesen at Robert McClure United Church on Friday evenings in the Music Room and sometimes the McClure Room (the Library). There rental fee is \$1,100.00 annually.

Pebbles in the Sand, a program sponsored by Calgary Immigrant Women's Association teach English on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Pond Room (Room 3/4). This is a community outreach program, and no rental fee is charged.

CHANGES Addiction Support meet on Monday evenings in the Pond Room (Room 3/4). This is an outreach program, and they give a minimal percentage of their funds to help cover the costs of the building.

Big Book Study meet on Sunday afternoons in the Pond Room (Room 3/4). This is an outreach program, and they donate to the church a portion of their coffee money that is collected each week.

The wear and tear on the church building is always a concern. And we know that it can be quite frustrating. If there are any issues that need to be addressed, please contact either Devynne Wonnacott or Barb Humphrey to discuss.

Our own events and congregation have first rites to the church space. But booking the space is at the discretion of Devynne Wonnacott or Barb Humphrey.

A special thanks to our Church Administrator, Devynne Wonnacott for all her help with the rentals, booking rooms, and her continued support.

We have regular meetings with the long-term renters to ensure that everything is running smoothly and that we can discuss issues as they arise. I want to thank Rob Bossler for meeting with us for these discussions.

NEED TO BOOK A ROOM?

Don't forget that if you want to hold a meeting or a small group you need to check with Devynne in the office for what is available and to book a room? It's also a great idea for her to know if you have a regular Zoom meeting so that it can be put on the church booking calendar.

WEEKLY LISTING

There is a weekly listing of activities, rentals, and meetings in the glass cabinet outside the office door. Make sure you check this list before arranging any activities.

Submitted with thanks by
The Rental Team
Devynne Wonnacott & Barb Humphrey

United Church Women
(also known as UCW)

Whoever you are, just as you are, you are welcome. We study, pray, and encourage each other and support local and global charities through activities. We meet about once a month on Saturday mornings for a “Side Door Gathering,” called that because we enter the church by the side door so that we are not disruptive to the other church congregation that worships in our building.

One of our meetings was on April Fool’s Day. We learned what our April Fool’s names were. Here’s some of the names and can you guess what their real names are:

Lumpy Girdlepants	Loopy Waffletushie
Zippy Burgertush	Loopy Burgerbrains
Booger Diaperfanny	Booger Gerbillips
Loopy Chickenbiscuits	Loopy Burgerpants

We also wore special or silly hats and shared our stories about the hats and shared our April Fool’s memories.

We held our UnTea in May. An “UnTea” is a tea bag, a napkin, and a goodie that you bought at the bake sale.

Everyone is always so busy, so we ask you to pop this tea bag into your own teapot, find yourself a comfortable spot, read a book, listen to some music, or visit with a friend and enjoy a restful, joyful moment. This could be a spiritual practice where you sit, rest, meditate and pray for 10 minutes each day. In lieu of giving up time and volunteering at a tea, you are invited to make a donation to the Robert McClure UCW “UnTea”



We had our Spring Fling Market on May 12, 2023. We had 15 vendor tables which included our bake table and a table for the Generosity Committee. Bob’s Café was open serving yummy food. We sold our homemade fruit and meat pies too.

In June we had a potluck brunch hosted by Barb Humphrey. It’s great to gather in fellowship. Barb Lough taught everyone how to make a purse out of blue jeans. They were all unique.

In September we started a DVD discussion of “Uppity Women of the Bible” led by Barb Lough. The first story we discussed was the story of Ruth.

We held our Christmas Snowflake Market on Friday November 17. We had 19 vendor tables including our bake table and the Generosity Committee. Before the market we had our pie making days to make our fruit pies. And we also had beef or turkey meat pies made by Barb Lough and tourtiere meat pies made by Maureen Routley.

We held our UCW Candlelight Service and Christmas Party on Zoom. Everyone likes not having to drive at night or in the snow and cold, so this seems to be the best way to hold our party. The attendance is so much more on zoom, this year we had 26 people who joined in the fun, fellowship, and worship. We first had our Candlelight service with the advent candles and ending with Silent Night lighting our own candles. Thanks to everyone that took part in the readings for the service.

At the party, we revealed our Sunshine Friends, played the famous dice game, dressed Christmassy with hats, neck wreaths and reindeer ears (you can only see shoulders and heads on Zoom). Special package deliveries were made for each person that joined in the party. The packages included a candle, baked goodies, candy cane, chocolates, napkin, special Christmas ornament, Christmas tablecloth and of course a wrapped gift for the famous dice game. Thanks to Barb Lough for making the baked goodies, Kelly and Laura Strain for the handcraft wooden ornaments, Donna Perry for delivering the packages, Linda Bossler, and Lynn Robertson for the shopping and to Donna Perry, Kelly Strain, Jeanette McDonald, Marion Hollyoake for wrapping the dice game gifts and putting the special packages together.



A Sunshine Friend is someone you care for secretly all year with inexpensive or homemade gifts, baking, or cards. It’s not the gift that matters, it’s the caring that happens. Contact the church office if you would like to know more about Sunshine Friends.

The allocation of our funds for 2023 are as follows:

Robert McClure UCW Operating Funds	\$500.00
Mission & Service (M&S)	\$275.00
Reset	\$125.00
Children’s Cottage	\$125.00
Be the Change YYC	\$125.00
Canadian Foodgrains Bank	\$125.00
Woman for Woman of Afghanistan	\$125.00



Music Licensing for Robert McClure United	\$800.00
Robert McClure General Funds	\$600.00
Robert McClure Food Pantry	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total Allocated:	\$3,200.00

As part of our mandate, we donate our proceeds to charity.

We were sad to say goodbye to three of our members this year. Karen Doreen Dingwall (January 2, 2023); Donna Marie Bernreuther (August 11, 2023); and Darlene Alma Kormos (August 16, 2023) will be missed. They will be honored at the Memorial Service held at the Women of the United Church of Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit Regional Meeting.

Submitted by,
 Barb Humphrey
 On behalf of UCW

WonderKids

It was my honour and pleasure to be invited to start up the WonderKids program again in 2023. We began at the end of March, just before Easter, and the children participated in the Palm Sunday parade. We also participated in the puppet plays for Pentecost and White Gift, and collected noisy offering on both of those occasions.

As part of my outreach work I surveyed people (especially families) who attended the Fair in Village Square as well as the Neighbour Day celebration hosted on our property at RMUC. The survey started with the questions “Do you know where Robert McClure United Church is located?” and “What do you know about Robert McClure United Church?” Ultimately asking what people’s greatest concerns were about living in our community and how they felt the Church might best address those concerns and needs. There were some interesting responses and some work is moving forward on the issues raised.

While undertaking the survey I also promoted the WonderKids program. I was also on hand to promote the program at the Halloween Howl and Christmas concerts by Singing with Sylvia that were hosted at our church. There was a fairly good turnout to these concerts, but it has not led to an increase in attendance on Sunday mornings.

Typically we have one child on Sundays, sometimes two or even three. In 2024 I will be continuing my outreach efforts.

On Sunday mornings we begin our time by lighting a candle and having a brief check-in. After that we will read or act out the scripture story, and then we might sing or do a craft that makes the scripture relatable to their own lives.

I look forward to continuing this important work and finding ways to grow attendance and involvement.

Submitted by Robert Bossler

Wednesday Evening Learning Circle

We began the study, *Understanding the New Testament* with Professor David Brakke in the fall of 2022 and it continued into 2023.

In September 2022 we began a different way of meeting: the first two Wednesdays continue with *Learning Circle*, third Wednesday reserved for *Healing Circle* which is zoom-based, fourth Wednesday for *One Year to Live*, and if the month has a fifth Wednesday, we go back to *Learning Circle* content. It seems to be working well.

We wound up *Understanding the New Testament* the end of September, and in October began a study based on Janet Gear's book, *Undivided Love*. Her work on what she terms *The Theological Banquet* is fascinating, and an interesting view of different approaches to faith, interpretation of God, and connection with each other.

Learning in community is a fine way to grapple with the bigger questions we all have. It really helps to hear the perspectives of others, which we may not have considered. You are welcome to join us.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Lough, Facilitator

Worship Committee

Another year has passed as we continue to travel around God's amazing world. The story of creation is a biblical account of how God created the universe and everything in it. According to the Bible, God created the earth and all living things in six days. God created light, sky, land, plants, sun, moon, stars, birds, fish, animals, and humans. God saw that everything that was made was good and then God rested on the seventh day.

Our Sabbath is on Sundays, but I know that many of us take another day as our Sabbath because Sundays are very busy. The church has a Liturgical Calendar which is much like our monthly calendars. It is a sacred cycle that celebrates the important events in the life of Jesus Christ and just like our day-to-day lives it has seasons too.

Let's start with the ***Epiphany season***. This season starts on January 6th with a day called the Feast of Epiphany. Our worship service for the feast is celebrated on the Sunday closest to January 6th. Epiphany means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." It also is a time to remember the coming of the three magi who brought gifts to baby Jesus. The Epiphany season lasts until Lent.

We end this season with a party. It's our Mardi Gras parade with gospel music, colorful decorations, masks, and candy. And it can't be a party without CAKE! We share a delicious King Cake which is like a cinnamon roll. But the rainbow magic is found in the glaze and sprinkles, which are usually gold, green, and purple. These are the royal colors of Mardi Gras. Gold represents power, green is associated with faith, and purple illustrates justice.

Then as tradition continues, we host our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. At this supper we learn about Lent, Pancake relay races, and why we eat pancakes.

Now the ***Lent season*** has arrived. It begins with Ash Wednesday. The ritual for Ash Wednesday is where you receive ashes on your forehead or hand and receive a blessing. At RMUC we honor Ash Wednesday on the Sunday following and call it "Ash Sunday." The wearing of ashes is considered a sign of repentance, fasting, moderation, self-denial, sorrow, mourning, an appropriate way to begin Lent. Lent is also a time for spiritual practices in preparation to celebrate Easter. Did you know that Lent is 46 days long (40 weekdays plus 6 Sundays) before Easter?



The Lent theme was *Pilgrims on a Journey*. As we journey, we travel with Jesus and the disciples on the road to Jerusalem, we travel with the Israelites in the desert from captivity to freedom. Sometimes the journey is unknown, every step is new territory. Sometimes the

path is familiar, and we are reminded of what we once knew. Often the journey challenges us, stretches us and changes us. Wherever God leads us, we travel together.

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road, we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

On March 12, 2023, we had our PIE = Public. Intentional. Explicit Worship Service. These are the standards we hold ourselves and welcome everyone for being an affirming, welcoming, and inclusive church community. This is a chance to serve some pie and roll out the PIE by celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in faith communities and beyond across Canada. This service is a worship service planned by the Affirming Action Committee, Rev. Kelly Osgood, and the Worship Committee.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (the Sunday before Easter) there are palm branches waving and shouts of praise and adoration as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We ask questions like "What would it have been like to witness the Great Powers of Deed? Or to watch Mary anoint Jesus' feet with perfume? Or to be part of the Palm Parade?" To answer those questions, we had a drama and/or reader's theatre called the "Great Deeds of Power – a Palm Sunday Play."

The WonderKids love to take special "noisy offering". As the name suggests, a "noisy offering" is called this because of the loud clang the coins make as they are dropped into a tin pot. The bigger the handful, the bigger the clang. Your change makes lots of noise as you happily toss it into the tin pots. The louder the better! This offering is used to help cover the cost of supplies for the WonderKids Sunday School program.

Holy Week continues with our Good Friday worship service. Jesus surrenders and is arrested. He argues with the High Priest. Peter betrays him three times. He is crucified. The women remain with him at the Cross. And we reflect on the significance of Good Friday. The last supper was shared with our communion.

The **Easter season** is seven weeks long and is a "movable feast," meaning that it occurs on different days in different years (it is tied to the lunar cycle while the calendar is solar based) and it begins with Easter Sunday. This day marks the most significant Holy day to Christians around the world. It is the day that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!! Rise and Shine and give God the glory!





Our Sunrise Service is held at our Gazebo at Robert McClure United Church. We get out of bed and experience the early morning of a new beginning. We remember Jesus' resurrection and eat hot-cross buns and our traditional breakfast of oatmeal with ice cream (yum, yum!). Too cold you say? Nonsense! There is always a fire going.

Then we join for our Easter Sunday worship service. The Resurrection shows that God is more powerful than death and brings, again, the promise of new life. The Resurrection proves that Jesus is the Christ, the one who was celebrated on Palm Sunday. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Following worship, we continue our fellowship by sharing bread and homemade jam. We decorated the church with Easter flowers as one of our fundraisers.

The next is the Day of Pentecost which means "fiftieth day." Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days following Easter Sunday (counting Easter Sunday since it is the first day of the week). Those 50 days span seven Sundays after Easter, so Pentecost is the seventh Sunday after Easter (7 weeks times 7 days = 49 days plus Pentecost Sunday). On this day we celebrate the activity of the Holy Spirit in our midst. We open ourselves to the miracle that the Holy Spirit has been poured out on us all. And in the outpouring of the Spirit, we are made holy from the inside out. We are made siblings to Christ – we are made royalty to the Reign of God. So, let our faith rise up! This service included a puppet play based on "*The Day of Pentecost Acts 2: 1-41*" with the Narrator: Kelly Osgood; Peter: Rob Bossler; Thomas: Kelly Strain; Person 1: Sam Bossler; Person 2: Brian Robertson; Joel: Jack Lough and our Extra Puppet: Maret.

The last and largest season is called the **Ordinary Time** season. Ordinary Time is celebrated in two segments: from the Monday following the Baptism of Jesus up to Ash Wednesday; and from Pentecost Monday to the First Sunday of Advent.

Ordinary Time is not always so ordinary for RMUC. During this time, we hold our Stampede Pancake Breakfast & Western Worship Service. We ask everyone to put on their western duds and join us for a great Yahooping time. We did not live stream this worship service because everything was outside. The worship service was based on the story called "*The Legend of 10-gallon Sam and the Perilous Mine*" based on the story of Samson as found in Judges 13-16.

To celebrate Citywide Pride Sunday on September 3, 2023, we only offered worship online so that everyone could walk in the Pride parade representing RMUC.

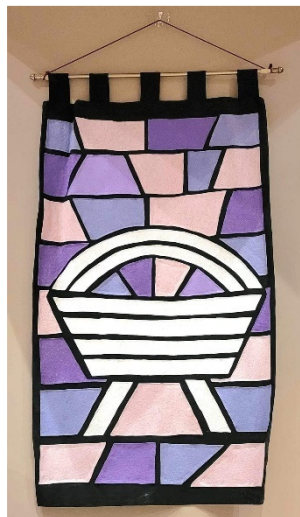




Then the **Advent season** is upon us where we are bustling around in anticipation of getting prepared for Christmas. And at church it is a time of anticipation, waiting and preparing for the coming of baby Jesus. Christmas is a time for giving. On November 26, 2023, we held our Christmas Tree Decorating party! The church is ready for Advent to begin.

Advent can be filled with worry about finding the perfect Christmas gifts. Deep down we want people in our lives to know they are special and that we love them. But sometimes we overlook the greatest gift of all... our very presence. This season, we were invited to be the gift of presence for our loved ones, for our communities, for those who need it most. Throughout Advent we deepened our understanding of the story of the birth of Christ while deepening our own spiritual journey.

The Covid Pandemic did bring some new traditions to our congregation such as our "Take Home Worship Bags." Some had said that they missed having their own worship centre in their home. Therefore, we brought back the take home bags for the Advent and Christmas season. Inside each bag there was a kit with all the supplies to make your own advent wreath and other items to create your own worship center for the season.



We celebrate each Sunday during Advent (beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Eve) by lighting an Advent Candle. The candles are usually blue or purple which represent Hope, Peace, and Love. The third Sunday of Advent is a pink candle representing Joy. Our candlelighters this year were: Hope – Laura & Kelly Strain; Peace – Debbie Flegg & Marion Hollyoake; Joy – Food Pantry Volunteers; Love – Delores Massey & Donna Friesen.

On the third Sunday of Advent, it is also our White Gift Sunday. We give by sharing "white" gifts with others. A white gift is a humble way to reflect on the love and devotion of the giver and not the value of the gift. Instead of focusing on receiving gifts, the focus is bringing gifts to Jesus that can be shared with people who do not have much. All the gifts come wrapped in plain white paper so that no one will know the monetary value of the gift. No one should feel ashamed of their gift, and everyone shares in the joy of giving to others. This year our white gifts at RMUC supported our Food Pantry.

We also always have some kind of Christmas Pageant and this year it was told by some surprise visitors! Our friendly puppets came to visit again. It was called "*Great Expectations: A Christmas Carol*" written by Robert Bossler and Kelly Osgood (adapted from "*The Christmas Mouse*" by Mark Burrows). The characters were Narrator: Kelly Osgood; Harry – Sam Bossler; Tom – Jack Lough; Dick – Gord Humphrey; and the puppets were Donkey – Brian Robertson; Cow – Finnley Rak; Mouse – Rob Bossler; Sheep - Heather Lindsay; Fluffy – Marot and Herod – Rob Bossler. Marot was a great hit and was excited to share his line "Ooga-booga-booga!!!"



Of course, the WonderKids took the special "noisy offering". Tin pots and the bigger the handful, the bigger the clang. The louder the better!

At the end of the White Gift Worship Service, we sing Happy Birthday to Jesus and how can you have a birthday party without CAKE!

The Blue Christmas Evening Worship Service was also on the third Sunday of Advent. The service was led by Barb Lough and members of the Caring Committee. The expectation is that we are merry and happy at Christmastime: but for some that isn't the case. Perhaps some have lost a job, or a loved one, or health. Perhaps there is suffering from fatigue of the body or the dark night of the soul. The Blue Christmas Service includes readings and meditation, lighting candles and quiet music.



The ***Christmas season*** begins on Christmas Eve and lasts through to January 5th. Also known as the Twelve Days of Christmas. If you are interested in the history of the song "12 Days of Christmas" and how it became a carol the internet can give you some interesting points. Our worship service on Christmas Eve is a service for all ages with storytelling, Communion, candle lighting and Christmas carols. We light the Christ Candle as we rejoice the birth of Jesus. Everyday is a reminder that Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." We end this service by sharing the light with each other as we sing "Silent Night." We served apple cider and goodies following the service.

The order of this report is based on the Liturgical Calendar, but it is in the order of the calendar year. I believe that following the calendar year is how it is in our day-to-day lives. But in church life the year actually begins with the *Advent season*.

These are only some of the highlights of our church worship. Every Sunday means a lot of planning, a lot of preparing and praying, a lot of set-up, maybe some tears but laughter too, and many, many, helping hands.

We continue to have an online worship presence with people joining us from all corners of the world. Always some kinks but for the most part it is a wonderful way to spread the good news.

Coffee time is back, and Communion is becoming more like pre-covid times. Always changes but the way possible is to trudge ahead and make the best of every situation.

The Affirming Ministry Action Committee continue to educate us with their Inclusive Language Moment videos and in-person during the worship services.

Several times throughout the year, Barb Humphrey shared News From the Board to talk about our financial situation and good news.

There just isn't enough words or paper in the world to say all the thanks that need to be said. Thank you to everyone that helps make worship happen – readers, videographer, candle lighters, production team, sound operator, camera operator, worship planners, actors and narrators, puppets, musicians, office administrator, minister, music director, coffee maker, hot dog and soup makers, offering collectors and counters, communion servers, greeters, music set-up, special display set-up, stacking chairs, moving chairs in the lobby, lay worship leaders, and most important all the support that you give to me and the Worship Committee. Thank you and thank you! Especially thank you for helping with the set-up and implementing all the wonderful, crazy, creative ideas we have for the worship themes.

My friend always says on Facebook that she can't say thank you by naming people, because as sure as anything, someone would be missed. So, because of that I won't start naming people, but please know that if you have helped in anyway, it is most appreciated. Worship couldn't happen without each and everyone of us!

Thanks to the Worship Committee – Isabelle Templeton, Laura and Kelly Strain, Garth Paytner, Debbie Flegg, Rob Bossler, Beth Ann Friesen and Kelly Osgood for your support and imaginations and learning new ways to worship. Your dedication and worship planning are so appreciated.



I appreciate the mentoring that Barb Lough and Linda Bossler continue to give to me. Their support is unconditional and I'm so very appreciative of it. And of course, we must say thank you to our sweet Marion Hollyoake for almost always being in the kitchen making the coffee. And thanks to Barb Lough for all the soup and hotdogs and other yummy lunches she provides for us. If you would like to help with the hotdogs, please let us know. We do raise a little bit of money to cover the costs which goes towards the ministry that is providing Hot Dog Sunday.

Thank you so very much to Devynne Wonnacott, our Church Administrator. What would we ever do without her? She is my rock. Thank you!

We extend our appreciation and love to the leader of all our music groups. Beth Ann Friesen is a blessing to our church. The music comes alive with her fingertips on the keys.

And, of course, we must extend our gratitude and gratefulness to our minister, Kelly Osgood. With her leadership and support we all continue to live our vision – intentionally creating space where the Holy Spirit sets our hearts ablaze and bursts out.

All I can say is THANK YOU!

If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please contact anyone on the Worship Committee.

Serving on the Worship Committee is a rewarding and wonderful experience. Please consider being part of this group.

Submitted with thankfulness and gratitude
By Barb Humphrey, Worship Chairperson

Financial Report **December 31, 2023**

Here are the financial highlights from 2023:

1. For the month of December, we incurred a net surplus of \$8,891.35 compared to our budgeted surplus of \$7,340.08 for a difference of \$1,551.27. Year to date we have a net deficit of \$(8,978.28) compared to our budget of (\$2,095.00) for a difference of (\$11,073.28).
2. Offerings are \$21,539.93 under budget; salaries are \$9,682.88 under budget.
3. At December 31, 2023 we had \$34,987.34 in the bank made up of \$47,009.76 in designated funds and (\$12,091.17) in operating funds. There were \$5,650.00 of grocery gift cards on hand.
4. By comparison at December 31, 2022 we had \$46,349.65 in the bank made up of \$32,998.06 in designated funds and \$13,351.59 in operating funds. Operating funds decreased by \$25,442.76 in 2023.
5. We also have a Prepaid Alarm Monitoring System in the amount of \$343.97.
6. Accounts Receivable of \$1,889.32 includes funds to be received from:
 - Giving Tuesday Fundraiser of \$309.32
 - Rent for December 2023 from Jireh Koinonia of \$780.00
 - John's Journey Walk Foundation of \$800.00

All funds have been received in January 2024.
7. Accounts Receivable GST Rebate in the amount of \$968.78 to be received.
8. During the pandemic we received from the United Church of Canada a Covid Bridge Loan of \$10,000.00. To take advantage of a \$500.00 reduction in the repayment amount owing the loan had to be paid back by December 31, 2023. Thanks to some of our congregation members we were able to pay back the loan on December 22, 2023. This loan helped us through the pandemic when we had no rental income, and our offerings were low
9. If there are any questions or concerns or you would like more information please let us know by emailing bghumphrey@telus.net or calling 403-852-5245.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Humphrey (Interim Treasurer), Laura Strain & Debbie Flegg (Co-Treasurers)

Robert McClure United Church
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2023

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
1000 First Calgary Savings	-12,091.17
Designated Funds	
1016 Benevolent Fund	575.00
1028 Food Pantry	9,244.10
1032 Grocery Gift Cards	4,408.02
1039 Lawn Maintenance	3,130.00
1042 Memorial Funds	93.26
1047 Parking Lot Upgrade	8,000.00
1049 Refugees	25.00
1050 Residential School Survivors	25.00
1055 Thank Offering Fund - 2023	18,505.00
1060 UCC Innovation Grant	2,352.98
1061 WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	197.90
1070 Wonder Kids	216.36
1074 Youth Group	237.14
Total Designated Funds	\$ 47,009.76
Total 1000 First Calgary Savings	\$ 34,918.59
1100 First Calgary Share Account	48.75
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$ 34,967.34
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	
1200 Accounts Receivable	1,889.32
1205 Accounts Receivable GST Rebate	968.78
Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)	\$ 2,858.10
1310 Prepaid Deposits & Expenses	0.00
1320 Coop Gift Cards	1,500.00
1335 Prepaid Alarm Monitoring System	343.97
1350 Save on Foods Gift Cards	250.00
1355 Superstore Gift Cards	3,900.00
Total 1310 Prepaid Deposits & Expenses	\$ 5,993.97
Total Current Assets	\$ 43,819.41

Non-current Assets

Property, plant and equipment

1370 Bathrooms

1372 Depreciation -11,391.23

1374 Original Cost 84,432.39

Total 1370 Bathrooms \$ 73,041.16

1376 Building

1378 Depreciation -397,027.65

1380 Original Cost 482,602.93

Total 1376 Building \$ 85,575.28

1382 Computer Equipment

1384 Depreciation -5,178.48

1386 Original Cost 6,089.36

Total 1382 Computer Equipment \$ 910.88

1388 Drum Set

1390 Depreciation -934.08

1392 Original Cost 2,334.93

Total 1388 Drum Set \$ 1,400.85

1394 Freezer

1396 Depreciation -837.60

1398 Original Cost 1,991.68

Total 1394 Freezer \$ 1,154.08

1400 Furniture & Fixtures

1402 Depreciation -51,026.48

1404 Original Cost 37,533.51

Total 1400 Furniture & Fixtures \$ 0.00

1406 Gazebo

1408 Depreciation -2,487.36

1410 Original Cost 5,511.73

Total 1406 Gazebo \$ 3,024.37

1412 Hot Water Tank

1414 Depreciation -1,942.80

1416 Original cost 1,943.34

Total 1412 Hot Water Tank \$ 0.54

1418 Land

265,400.00

1426 Paving

1428 Depreciation -28,287.00

1430 Original Cost 28,287.00

Total 1426 Paving \$ 0.00

1432 Photocopier		
1434 Depreciation		-4,500.00
1436 Original Cost		4,500.00
Total 1432 Photocopier	\$	0.00
1438 Sea Can		
1440 Depreciation		-2,165.44
1442 Original Cost		3,878.27
Total 1438 Sea Can	\$	1,712.83
1444 Sound System		
1446 Depreciation		-6,488.95
1448 Original Cost		6,488.95
Total 1444 Sound System	\$	0.00
1450 TV for Library		
1452 Depreciation		-550.02
1454 Original Cost		550.02
Total 1450 TV for Library	\$	0.00
Total Property, plant and equipment	\$	432,219.99
Total Non Current Assets	\$	432,219.99
Total Assets	\$	476,039.40
Liabilities and Equity		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
2155 Accrued Liabilities		218.02
2211 Mission & Service Payable		530.00
Deferred Revenue		
1510 Benevolent Fund		575.00
1530 Food Pantry		10,044.10
1552 Lawn Maintenance		3,130.00
1556 Memorial Funds		93.26
1572 Parking Lot Upgrade		8,000.00
1576 Refugees		25.00
1578 Residential School Survivors		25.00
1588 Thank Offering - 2023		18,505.00
1598 UCC Innovation Grant		2,352.98
1600 WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)		197.90
1606 Wonder Kids		216.36
1612 Youth Group		237.14
Total Deferred Revenue	\$	43,401.74
GST/HST Payable -- DO NOT ENTER IN THIS ACCOUNT		0.00
2205 GST/HST Payable		24.44
Total GST/HST Payable -- DO NOT ENTER IN THIS ACCOUNT	\$	24.44
Total Current Liabilities	\$	44,174.20

Non-current Liabilities	
2221 Regional Loan #2	56,350.00
2223 Regional Loan #3	52,300.00
2225 Regional Loan #4	17,300.00
2227 Regional Loan #5	31,800.00
2229 Regional Loan #6	31,800.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	\$ 189,550.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 233,724.20
Equity	
3000 Opening Bal Equity	398,145.65
Retained Earnings	-129,083.70
Profit for the year	-26,746.75
Total Equity	\$ 242,315.20
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 476,039.40

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ROBERT McCLURE UNITED CHURCH
PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET PERFORMANCE
December 2023

	Dec 23	Current Monthly Budget	Current Month \$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 23	YTD Budget	YTD \$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Affirming Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
Benevolent Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	890.00	0.00	890.00	0.00
Bible Study Buddies	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.00	0.00	23.00	0.00
Food Pantry	2,416.93	991.67	1,425.26	5,516.02	11,900.00	(6,383.98)	11,900.00
Front Door Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	157.49	0.00	157.49	0.00
Gazebo Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Envelope (budget amount compared to monthly 5 yr comparison)	22,343.00	19,502.00	2,841.00	126,498.07	148,038.00	(21,539.93)	148,038.00
Lawn Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	470.00	0.00	470.00	0.00
Loose Offering	313.70	0.00	313.70	1,656.60	0.00	1,656.60	0.00
Ministerial Emergency Fund	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	-	300.00	(300.00)	300.00
Mission & Service	265.00	270.00	(5.00)	3,170.00	3,240.00	(70.00)	3,240.00
Music Fund	0.00	197.50	(197.50)	2,370.00	2,370.00	0.00	2,370.00
Refugees	0.00	133.33	(133.33)	1,649.30	1,600.00	49.30	1,600.00
SloLine Soup Kitchen	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.34	0.00	28.34	0.00
Thank Offering -Old	5,332.48	444.33	4,888.15	5,332.48	5,332.00	0.48	5,332.00
Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00
Trustees Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
UCC Innovation Grant	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	400.00	600.00	(200.00)	600.00
WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	0.00	16.67	(16.67)	-	200.00	(200.00)	200.00
Women's Retreat	0.00	0.00	0.00	182.08	0.00	182.08	0.00
Wonder Kids	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Offerings	30,671.11	21,630.50	9,040.61	148,678.38	173,580.00	(24,901.62)	173,580.00
Total Income	30,671.11	21,630.50	9,040.61	148,678.38	173,580.00	(24,901.62)	173,580.00
Expense							
Administration							
Building Repairs	699.65	708.33	(8.68)	699.65	8,500.00	(7,800.35)	8,500.00
Building Expenses & Supplies	2,454.20	0.00	2,454.20	3,050.59	0.00	3,050.59	0.00
Electricity, water and gas	904.94	833.33	71.61	13,257.72	10,000.00	3,257.72	10,000.00
Fire Safety	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	943.50	1,000.00	(56.50)	1,000.00
Garbage Bin & Pickup	76.67	70.83	5.84	970.69	850.00	120.69	850.00
Gazebo Repairs	776.00	0.00	776.00	1,757.00	0.00	1,757.00	0.00
Insurance	544.11	495.00	49.11	6,553.08	5,940.00	613.08	5,940.00
Kitchen Supplies	0.00	8.33	(8.33)	345.99	100.00	245.99	100.00

	Dec 23	Current Monthly Budget	Current Month \$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 23	YTD Budget	YTD \$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Property Maintenance	728.95	0.00	728.95	2,544.83	0.00	2,544.83	0.00
Security System	78.75	58.33	20.42	666.25	700.00	(33.75)	700.00
Total Building Expenses	6,263.27	2,257.50	4,005.77	30,789.30	27,090.00	3,699.30	27,090.00
Caretaker	(137.14)	537.67	(674.81)	3,046.92	6,452.00	(3,405.08)	6,452.00
Children's Ministry	2,167.50	233.33	1,934.17	2,167.50	2,800.00	(632.50)	2,800.00
Music Director	1,753.00	1,658.33	94.67	21,147.00	19,900.00	1,247.00	19,900.00
Total Contracted Services	3,783.36	2,429.33	1,354.03	26,361.42	29,152.00	(2,790.58)	29,152.00
ADP Service Charges	26.08	0.00	26.08	533.56	0.00	533.56	0.00
Bank Charges	34.50	58.33	(23.83)	283.03	700.00	(416.97)	700.00
Computer Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lock Box Annual Inspection	0.00	33.33	(33.33)	205.00	400.00	(195.00)	400.00
Office Supplies	745.97	0.00	745.97	1,438.51	0.00	1,438.51	0.00
PAR Charges	16.63	0.00	16.63	207.56	0.00	207.56	0.00
Paypal charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Photocopies	294.91	0.00	294.91	2,624.01	0.00	2,624.01	0.00
Telephone	110.15	141.67	(31.52)	1,326.95	1,700.00	(373.05)	1,700.00
Website Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Expenses - Other	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	2,000.00
Total Office Expenses	1,228.24	400.00	828.24	6,618.62	4,800.00	1,818.62	4,800.00
Cell Phone Reimbursement (taxable)	480.00	41.67	438.33	480.00	500.00	(20.00)	500.00
CPP Expense (church portion)	316.02	451.50	(135.48)	3,975.88	5,418.00	(1,442.12)	5,418.00
EI Expense (church portion)	43.73	186.50	(142.77)	1,924.54	2,238.00	(313.46)	2,238.00
Employee Benefits	973.43	1,716.83	(743.40)	17,453.88	20,602.00	(3,148.12)	20,602.00
Minister Reimbursable Expenses: Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.05	0.00	39.05	0.00
Minister Reimbursable Expenses: Tuition	0.00	0.00	0.00	218.06	0.00	218.06	0.00
Taxable Benefit (life insurance & cell phone)	(754.32)	0.00	(754.32)	(754.32)	0.00	(754.32)	0.00
Wages & Salaries	8,640.90	8,329.25	311.65	98,272.35	99,951.00	(1,678.65)	99,951.00
Summer Student	(4.73)	0.00	(4.73)	207.26	0.00	207.26	0.00
Total Wages & Payroll Expense	9,695.03	10,725.75	(1,030.72)	121,816.70	128,709.00	(6,892.30)	128,709.00
Total Administration	20,969.90	15,812.58	5,157.32	185,586.04	189,751.00	(4,164.96)	189,751.00
Advertising	155.88	5.00	150.88	155.88	60.00	95.88	60.00
Broadview Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
Total Miscellaneous	155.88	5.00	150.88	180.88	60.00	120.88	60.00
Training	175.00	0.00	175.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ministry & Personnel Committee	0.00	20.83	(20.83)	-	250.00	(250.00)	250.00
Total Professional Fees	0.00	20.83	(20.83)	-	250.00	(250.00)	250.00
Affirming Action Committee	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	292.35	300.00	(7.65)	300.00
Benevolent Fund	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	890.00	500.00	390.00	500.00

	Dec 23	Current Monthly Budget	Current Month \$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 23	YTD Budget	YTD \$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Donations in kind	0.00	574.70	(574.70)	11,373.74	6,896.35	4,477.39	6,896.35
Food Pantry - Other	1,583.31	316.97	1,266.34	3,663.06	3,803.65	(140.59)	3,803.65
Spinz membership	821.22	100.00	721.22	1,846.22	1,200.00	646.22	1,200.00
Total Food Pantry	2,404.53	991.67	1,412.86	16,883.02	11,900.00	4,983.02	11,900.00
Lawn Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	469.52	0.00	469.52	0.00
Ministerial Emergency Fund	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	-	300.00	(300.00)	300.00
Mission & Service Expense	265.00	270.00	(5.00)	3,170.00	3,240.00	(70.00)	3,240.00
Music & Choir Expenses	547.96	60.00	487.96	547.96	720.00	(172.04)	720.00
Music License	0.00	16.67	(16.67)	-	200.00	(200.00)	200.00
Piano Tuning	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	410.00	300.00	110.00	300.00
Total Music/Choir Expenses	547.96	101.67	446.29	957.96	1,220.00	(262.04)	1,220.00
Refugees	389.95	133.33	256.62	2,125.41	1,600.00	525.41	1,600.00
Regional Assessment	3,488.08	550.92	2,937.16	5,183.50	6,611.00	(1,427.50)	6,611.00
Seniors Tea	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
SloLine Soup Kitchen	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.85	0.00	24.85	0.00
Stewardship	0.00	8.33	(8.33)	-	100.00	(100.00)	100.00
Thank Offering	6,763.61	444.33	6,319.28	6,763.61	5,332.00	1,431.61	5,332.00
UCC Innovation Grant	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	400.00	600.00	(200.00)	600.00
WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	0.00	16.67	(16.67)	100.00	200.00	(100.00)	200.00
Wonder Kids	(801.95)	258.33	(1,060.28)	53.05	3,100.00	(3,046.95)	3,100.00
Workshops	(175.00)	250.00	(425.00)	925.00	3,000.00	(2,075.00)	3,000.00
Books	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.79	0.00	53.79	0.00
Food for special events	0.00	0.00	0.00	131.60	0.00	131.60	0.00
Pastoral Supply Minister	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,160.00	0.00	1,160.00	0.00
Online Services	653.89	0.00	653.89	953.89	0.00	953.89	0.00
Worship Supplies	109.36	0.00	109.36	369.38	0.00	369.38	0.00
Worship - Other	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	559.16	2,400.00	(1,840.84)	2,400.00
Total Worship	763.25	200.00	563.25	3,227.82	2,400.00	827.82	2,400.00
Total Program Expense	13,645.43	3,366.92	10,278.51	41,466.09	40,403.00	1,063.09	40,403.00
Total Expense	34,946.21	19,205.33	15,740.88	227,233.01	230,464.00	(3,230.99)	230,464.00
Net Ordinary Income	(4,275.10)	2,425.17	(6,700.27)	(78,554.63)	(56,884.00)	(21,670.63)	(56,884.00)
Other Income/Expense							
Other Income							
Donations includes United Way	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	600.00	1,000.00	(400.00)	1,000.00
Fund Raising							
Fundraising	(50.00)	0.00	(50.00)	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Art Workshops	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Catering (Fundraising net)	0.00	750.00	(750.00)	-	9,000.00	(9,000.00)	9,000.00

	Dec 23	Current Monthly Budget	Current Month \$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 23	YTD Budget	YTD \$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Christmas Lights	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Supper	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,550.52	0.00	2,550.52	0.00
Digital Portraits	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Embroidery Fundraiser	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flowers	660.00	0.00	660.00	534.93	0.00	534.93	0.00
Fund Raising Expenses	(810.12)	0.00	(810.12)	1,481.71	0.00	1,481.71	0.00
Grocery Gift Cards	52.00	0.00	52.00	505.50	0.00	505.50	0.00
Neighbor Day	(122.98)	0.00	(122.98)	22.02	0.00	22.02	0.00
Pizza Fundraiser	0.00	0.00	0.00	548.85	0.00	548.85	0.00
Scripture Book fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	212.25	0.00	212.25	0.00
Skip the Depot	0.00	0.00	0.00	127.39	0.00	127.39	0.00
Soap Fundraiser	680.00	0.00	680.00	680.00	0.00	680.00	0.00
Soup Fundraiser	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Toques	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tru Earth	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising - Other includes Canada Helps & Facebook	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	-	500.00	(500.00)	500.00
Total Fund Raising	408.90	791.67	(382.77)	6,663.17	9,500.00	(2,836.83)	9,500.00
Gifts in Kind	8,818.63	791.67	8,026.96	23,415.89	9,500.00	13,915.89	9,500.00
Grants Received							
Canada Summer Jobs	0.00	389.92	(389.92)	-	4,679.00	(4,679.00)	4,679.00
Grants Received - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Grants Received	0.00	389.92	(389.92)	-	4,679.00	(4,679.00)	4,679.00
Hot Dog Sunday	58.50	0.00	58.50	88.50	0.00	88.50	0.00
Interest Income	0.42	0.00	0.42	5.23	0.00	5.23	0.00
Kitchen Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rent	3,880.00	2,833.33	1,046.67	37,136.00	34,000.00	3,136.00	34,000.00
Sale of Furniture & Fixtures	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	45.00	0.00
Weddings, Funerals & Baptisms	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	1,622.56	300.00	1,322.56	300.00
Workshops	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income	13,166.45	4,914.92	8,251.53	69,576.35	58,979.00	10,597.35	58,979.00
Net Surplus (Deficit) Before Amortization	8,891.35	7,340.08	1,551.27	(8,978.28)	2,095.00	(11,073.28)	2,095.00
Amortization Expense	1,449.32	1,642.67	(193.35)	17,768.47	(17,961.82)	35,730.29	19,712.00
Net Surplus (Deficit) After Amortization	<u>7,442.03</u>	<u>5,697.42</u>	<u>1,744.61</u>	<u>(26,746.75)</u>	<u>20,056.82</u>	<u>(46,803.57)</u>	<u>(17,617.00)</u>

Robert McClure United Church
Draft Budget for 2024

	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actuals</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Income				
Local Offerings	148,038	128,155	150,360	Required to balance the budget
Rent	34,000	37,136	37,500	
Affirming Committee	0	60	0	
Benevolent Fund	0	890	500	
Bible Study Buddies	0	23	0	
Office Computer Special Offering	0	-	1,000	
Fund raising (net)	9,000	6,663	7,000	
Weddings & Funerals (net)	300	1,623	300	
				\$11,373.74 - Country Lane Farms (donation of chicken); \$1,846.22 Spinz membership;\$3,663.06 donation of van rental, gas & misc items
Food Pantry	11,900	16,890	16,500	Giving Tuesday donations but allocated to fundraising
Canada Helps & Facebook	500	-	0	
Ministerial Emergency Fund	300	-	300	
Front Door Repairs	0	157	0	
Gazebo Repair	0	-	0	
Gifts in Kind	9,500	12,042	12,000	
Other (Hot Dog Sales, Interest Income, Sale of Furniture)	0	139	150	
				RMUC portion of \$1,078 for summer student wages & \$500 operating costs
Lawn Maintenance	0	470	1,578	
Mission & Service offerings	3,240	3,170	3,170	
United Way	1,000	600	0	
Thank Offering - Old	5,332	5,332	0	
Women's Retreat	0	182	0	
UCC Innovation Grant	600	400	400	
WELC	200	-	100	
Workshops	0	-	0	
Wonderkids	0	-	0	
Music	2,370	2,370	0	
Refugees	1,600	1,649	2,125	
SloLine Kitchen	0	28	0	
Training	0	75	0	
Trustees Account		200	0	
Canada Summer Jobs Grant	4,679	-	5,354	
Youth/Adult Matching Program	0	-	2,700	
Total Income	232,559	218,255	241,036	
Expenses				
Ministry Expense				
Affirm Action Committee	300	292	350	
Benevolent Fund	500	890	500	
Caring Committee	0	-	100	
Food Pantry	11,900	16,883	16,500	
Ministerial Emergency Fund	300	-	300	
Ministry & Personnel	250	-	250	
Mission & Service	3,240	3,170	3,170	
Music Expenses	860	958	950	
Refugees	1,600	2,125	2,125	
Regional Assessment	6,611	5,184	9,385	
Seniors Social (55+)	0	-	0	
SloLine Kitchen	0	25	0	
Stewardship	100	-	100	
Thank Offering Expenses - Old	5,332	6,764	0	
UCC Innovation Grant	600	400	400	
WELC	200	100	100	
				Operating Expenses only - WonderKids contract leadership allocated to Contracted Services -
Wonder Kids	300	53	50	Children's Ministry
				Board training - Leading Through
Workshops	3,000	925	0	Conflict Workshop
				Actual expense for 2023 includes
Worship	2,400	3,228	2,100	\$1,160 for pulpit supply

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	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actuals</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>Operations</u>				
Office	2,000	4,063	4,000	
Office Computer		-	1,000	Computer for Office Administrator
Advertising	60	156	60	
Bank Charges	700	1,024	1,000	
Building Maintenance & Repairs	8,500	6,295	7,500	
Dropbox Subscription for Official Board	0	-	160	
Fence for Seacan & Electrical Transformer	0	-	500	City of Calgary & Enmax requirement City of Calgary Permanent Development Permit for Gazebo & Seacan
Gazebo Repairs	0	1,757	0	
Insurance	5,940	6,553	6,750	
Lockbox Annual Inspection	400	205	250	
Kitchen Supplies	100	346	350	
Telephone & internet	1,700	1,327	1,400	
Electricity, gas & water	10,000	13,258	13,500	
Security system	700	666	700	
Fire Safety	1,000	944	1,000	
Lawn Maintenance	0	470	1,578	
Garbage Pickup	850	971	850	
Broadview Expenses	0	25	25	
<u>Contracted Services</u>				
Music Director	19,900	21,147	22,611	
Caretaker	6,452	3,047	3,562	
Children's Ministry	2,800	2,168	3,988	
<u>Salaries</u>				
Minister's Salary & Benefits	98,360	93,537	102,037	
Office Administrator Salary & Benefits	29,849	28,067	31,836	
				Yard worker @ \$18.00; Canada Summer Jobs grant is for \$15.00/hr & EI & CPP = \$5,354.45; RMUC responsible for the difference of \$3.00/hr + RMUC portion of EI & CPP = \$1,077.84
Summer Students - groundskeeper & artist & videographer	5,343	212	6,432	
Total Contracted Services & Wages & Salaries	157,361	148,178	164,034	
Total Expenses	<u>226,804</u>	<u>227,233</u>	<u>241,036</u>	
Net Surplus (Deficit) before Depreciation	5,755	(8,979)	0	
Depreciation (non cash)	19,712	17,768	19,712	
Net Surplus/(Deficit) after Depreciation	<u>-13,957</u>	<u>(26,747)</u>	<u>-19,712</u>	

As a spiritual practice RMUC 10% tithe based on the following:

<u>RMUC Targeted Giving - Tithe Amount</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actuals</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Budget</u>	
Mission & Service offerings	3,280	3,170.00	3,170	Based on actual income received - donations
Refugees	1,600	1,649.30	1,600	Based on actual income received - donations
Food Pantry	11,900	16,889.76	16,500	Based on actual income received - donations, chicken donations, donation for Spintz membership
Based on Total Targeted Giving	<u>16,780</u>	<u>21,709.06</u>	<u>21,270</u>	

Based on Total income RMUC 10% Tithe Amount should be

23,256 21,825.47 24,104

2024 BUDGET AMOUNTS 1.3% increase for 2022 per UCC
 3.4% increase for 2023 per UCC
 6.3% increase for 2024 per UCC

WAGES & SALARIES

1) Minister's Salary and Benefits

2024 Gross Salary Calculations

Base Salary	79,450.50
Taxable Benefits which incl Life Ins & Cell Phone	683.76
Total Gross Salary	<u>80,134.26</u>

EI (RMUC portion)	1,468.77
CPP (RMUC portion)	5,801.64
UCC Pension & Benefits (RMUC portion)	14,632.56
Total Cost to RMUC for minister's salary	<u>102,037.23</u>

2024 UCC Reimbursement Amounts for Ministers

Continuing Education Allowance	1,640.00
Mileage	.55/km

Level F, category 4
 6,677.85 per month

per UCC benefits calculator

Kelly began at McClure in July of 2010 at C-7 which was the top of category C.
 Jan 1' 2011 she would have moved to D-8, 2012 D-9, 2013 D-10
 Then 2014 E-11, 2015 E-12, 2016 E-13.
 Jan 1, 2017 she moves to F-14.
 Jan 2024 she moves to F-14 COL (Cost of Living) Group 4

2024 UCC Reimbursement Amounts for Ministers
 Continuing Education Allowance - 2024 - \$1,640.00
 Mileage is \$0.55/km
 Pulpit Supply - \$247

2) Office Administrator's Salary and Benefits

2024 Gross Salary Calculations

Base Salary inc taxable benefit life ins	23,857.60
Vacation pay - 8.5%	2,027.90
Total Gross Salary	<u>25,885.50</u>

EI (RMUC portion)	601.61
CPP (RMUC portion)	1,332.00
UCC Pension & Benefits Church's portion	4,017.30
Total Cost to RMUC for Office Administrator's salary	<u>31,836.41</u>

\$21.58/hr + 6.3% = \$22.94/hr
 20 hrs/wk x 52 wks = 1,040 hrs annually

per UCC benefits calculator

CONTRACTED SERVICES

1) Music Director

Contractor	22,361.27
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\$1,753.00/mth x 6.3% = \$1,863.44

2024 RMUC Reimbursement Amount

Continuing Education	250.00
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Total Cost to RMUC for Office Administrator's salary	<u>22,611.27</u>
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2) Caretaker

Contractor	3,561.84
Total Cost to RMUC for Caretaker contract	<u>3,561.84</u>

\$15.51/hr + 6.3% = \$16.49/hr
 18 hrs/mth x 12 months @ \$296.82 = \$3,561.84

3) Children's Ministry

Contractor	3,987.50
Total Cost to RMUC for Children's Ministry contract	<u>3,987.50</u>

\$15.00/hr + 6.3% = \$15.95/hr
 25 hrs/mth x 10 months @ \$398.75 = \$3,987.50

**Canada Summer Jobs
2024 Estimates**

		Canada Summer Jobs Portion	RMUC Portion	
Yard Maintenance	\$18.00/hr	\$15.00/hr		
8 weeks @ 40 hours/week	5,760.00	4,800.00	960.00	
Vacation Pay	230.40	192.00	38.40	
Gross Salary:	5,990.40	4,992.00	998.40	
CPP (RMUC portion)	308.02	250.90	57.12	
EI (RMUC portion)	133.87	111.55	22.32	
	<u>441.89</u>	<u>362.45</u>	<u>79.44</u>	
		5,354.45	1,077.84	6,432.29 Total Salary Paid
		Paid by Canada Summer Jobs includes Payroll deductions	RMUC Portion	

\$18/hr paid in total; \$3/hr must be paid by RMUC

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of Robert McClure United Church Board, Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Robert McClure United Church, 5510 26 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta, at the call of the Chair, Lynn Robertson via Zoom

In Attendance

Lynn Robertson-Chair
 Heather Templeton-Secretary
 Isabelle Templeton
 Jack Lough
 Barb Lough
 Barb Humphrey
 Gord Humphrey
 Kelly Ann Strain
 Marion Hollyoake
 Rod Rogalsky
 Echo Rogalsky
 Garth Paytner
 Darlene Montgomery

Brian Robertson
 Brent Barr
 Caryle Barr
 Carolyn Stuber
 Devynne Wonnacott
 Patsy Lane
 Jeannie Trach
 Kelly Osgood
 Debbie Flegg
 Lorna McKenzie
 Maeve Bard
 Connie MacRury

1. Called to Order at 7:04 pm
2. Opening Prayer: Minister Kelly Osgood
3. Enabling Motion:
Motion: Brian Robertson/Lorna Mckenzie move that all those in attendance can participate fully in the meeting and vote on upcoming motions.
 Motion carried.
4. Approval of Agenda:
Motion: Connie MacRury/Isabelle Templeton move to approve the agenda as amended.
 Motion carried.
5. Approval of 2022 AGM minutes from March 15, 2022
Motion: Heather Templeton/Devynne Wonnacott move the approval of the 2022 AGM minutes as presented.
 Motion carried.
6. 2023 proposed Budget.
Motion: Barb Humphrey/Jack Lough move to approve the 2023 proposed budget as amended.
 Motion carried.
7. 2022 Financial Report
Motion: Barb Humphrey/Garth Paytner move to approve the 2022 Financial Report as amended.
 Motion carried.

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of Robert McClure United Church Board, Tuesday, March 1, 2023, at Robert McClure United Church, 5510 26 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta, at the call of the Chair, Lynn Robertson via Zoom

8. Approval of Annual Report:

Motion: Devynne Wonnacott/Brian Robertson move to accept the 2022 Annual Reports as amended.

Motion carried.

9. Leadership Team

Lynn Robertson-Chair

Kelly Strain-Secretary

Barb Humphrey-Worship/Trustee Representative

Darlene Montgomery-Chinook Winds Representative

-Treasurer/Generosity- Debbie Flegg and Laura Strain. Barb Humphrey acting as sa mentor.

Heather Templeton-Ministry & Personnel Representative

Barb Lough-Caring Committee/Chinook Winds Representative

Jeanette McDonald-UCW Representative

Kelly Osgood-Minister

Motion: Heather Templeton/Connie MacRury move the approval of the 2023 leadership team and that pending Duty of Care clearance; the congregation approves the leadership team named in the minutes and empowers the board to appoint individuals to fill any remaining vacancies.

Motion carried.

10. Closing prayer

11. Adjournment

Motion: move the 2023 AGM to be adjourned at pm

Connie MacRury