



Robert McClure United Church
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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Minister's Report

This was the year where we finally came out of the Covid-19 lockdown. Slowly, we tiptoed out of our homes and rediscovered the world of people. I finally got to leave my home office and we worshipped God together, in-person. Oh, how I missed simple things, like, “going to church” like, I really missed the ‘going’ part. But of course, I missed you. Many of you have returned to in-person worship, which I am so thankful. Some continue to worship on-line because of geographical distances or ill-health. I thank God regularly for the team that makes worship in-person and on-line possible. This team has usually consisted of Barb Humphrey and Garth Paynter on production, Gord Humphrey on sound, Laura Strain on camera, Kelly Strain on candles and fire, Amanda Shaw on scripture video art and Beth Ann Friesen and the musicians on music.

And so, celebrations started happening. We were happy to receive vaccines, for the pandemic to shift and declared an endemic and to learn a new way of being in public. One of the first post-lock-down outings RMUC attended was *Spring Time Celebration at Pineridge Community Centre*. Karen Dingwall attended with me and we promoted the services of the church to the community.



I was invited to be a part of YESTV's the Mix, a panel show where we discuss the topics of the day from a religious perspective. During our first season we filmed 10 episodes and the cast included a Roman Catholic priest, an evangelical pastor, a Hindu priest, myself and an atheist.



In September I hit the road for my pilgrimage themed sabbatical. I drove my van across the country, camping along the way.



I drove by myself and had lots of time to think, observe life in this large country, pray, sing, listen to podcasts, sit at a campfire, and look at stars.

After crossing the Manitoba/Ontario boarder, my journey started to change as I reconnected with many family members and old friends in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.



After the journey across the country landed me in my hometown of New Glasgow Nova Scotia, I started another journey with my bike in Prince Edward Island. I traveled the



Confederation Trail, a former railroad, from Charlottetown to Elmire, a 100 km journey. I was recovering from Covid at the same time. The journey took three days was often hot, muggy, lonely and difficult. It was the hardest thing I did on my sabbatical. Sometimes, the road is monotonous.

I went back home to rest for a bit



Sometimes the road is familiar.



Then a hurricane hit. Sometimes the road is blocked.

A new journey began when I joined Camino Nova Scotia: the Gaels' Trail hosted by the Atlantic School of Theology (AST). This part of the pilgrimage was the highlight of my sabbatical. Together with 10 other pilgrims, we walked the length of the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia, 110 km path, but I walked 135 kms total in 7 days. I slept in churches, in a sanctuary, a closet, a tent, a cloakroom; it was an adventure. We ate great food including a lobster feast. I reconnected with an old friend I went to theology school with and hadn't seen in 23 years.



Sometimes the road has true companions.

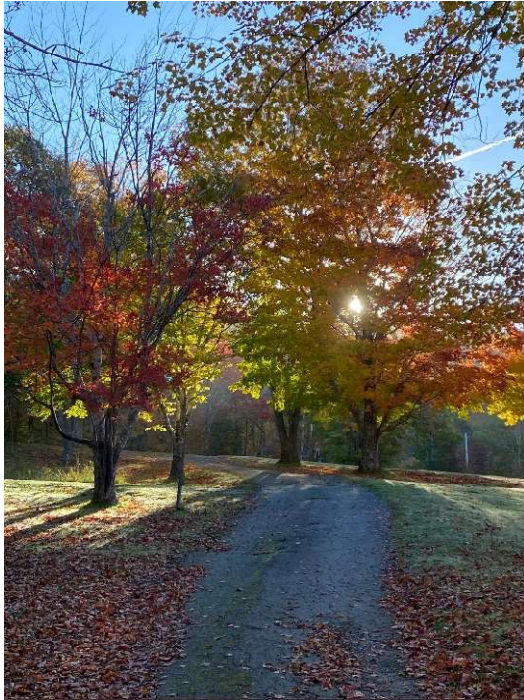
The last few steps of Camino Nova Scotia.

Sometimes the road ends and new paths open up.



The next part of the journey took me to Cape Breton and the road was the famous Cabot Trail. For some reason, in all my years of living so close, I hadn't been to Cape Breton, at least not as an adult. It was so beautiful it made me sad. I wished I had a traveling companion, someone to share the beautiful experience with. I volunteered with the Celtic Colours festival.

I met locals, I ate Acadian food that I had never experienced before. I heard a lot of Acadian French.



Sometimes, the road is overwhelmingly beautiful.

After Cape Breton, the road took me to Halifax to visit old friends and then I headed west. As I returned, again I visited old friends, family and familiar stomping grounds. After passing Algonquin Park, I had to start staying in truck stops as campgrounds were closed. They were noisy but safe. I had a flat tire in Northern Ontario but got that fixed with the help of a stranger and a garage in a very small town.

As I crossed the Prairies again, I noticed the way that humans have cut through this land. Mining, forestry, roads, buildings; we have made our mark on the land. It's always nice to come home after a long journey; my journey from home to home and back home.

I came back thankful for all the faithful work that volunteers (lay ministers) did while I was away. Read all the other reports to get the details on what has been happening.

A special thank you to the Official Board for their faithful work during year:

Chair: Lynn Robertson

Secretary: Heather Templeton

Worship and Trustee rep: Barb Humphrey

M & P: Karen DeCarle

Chinook Winds Regional Reps: Darlene Montgomery and Barb Lough

Caring Committee: Barb Lough

Affirming Ministry Action Committee and Re-Opening Adhoc Committee: Linda Bossler

UCW Rep: Jeanette McDonald

Respectfully submitted by
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 Treasurer. 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 meeting. By reading these before the meeting, we save time that can then be spent on other things, such as Check In, a Devotion and a Workshop.

We continued to have our Board meetings through Zoom in 2022, partly because the Polar Vortex in the Fall made staying at home somewhat preferable.

The Ad Hoc Re-opening Committee was able to disband as their work was completed when we reached the end of their mandate. I want to thank them all, and especially the Chair, Linda Bossler, for their hard work throughout the pandemic.

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 their work, but also for moving forward when they were able, once the church was re-opened.

Not only did we start attending Worship Services at the RMUC building in the spring, but our great Worship Committee was able to arrange to carry the live services online as well. There may have been the occasional glitch, but I think they've done a wonderful job, and we all need to thank them for their hard work and perseverance.

By the fall, we were able to have meals at the church as well, and the Roast Beef dinner followed by a Kyley Styles Concert was enjoyed by many people!

Our minister, Rev Kelly, took a well-deserved sabbatical in 2022. Members of the congregation, along with the Worship Committee, did a wonderful job of looking after the services, and the Board gives them a big 'Thank You'!

On a very sad note, we lost our fantastic Treasurer in early January of this year (2023). Karen Dingwall had been looking after the finances of Robert McClure UC for 15 years, always with a smile and positive attitude, even through the years of the pandemic. She will be missed very much, not only as Treasurer, but as a friend.

I wish to thank the members of the Board for another year of keeping our church running in every way. Rev Kelly and 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 on the Board kept up their great work throughout the year.

I hope everyone will continue praying for. and supporting, 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, Laura Strain, Emily Osgood, Zephyra Perih and Linda Bossler. The committee conducted its business meetings with a rotating chair and rotating secretary.

The focus of this year was to introduce the congregation to the Inclusive Language Guidelines. With in-person worship drawing small numbers, it was difficult to do a Second Hour approach to education and discussion. The committee decided to try a series of video clips used in worship to give people a sample of what is included within the guidelines. The hope was to spark interest to attend a Second Hour on November 13th. Although the attendance at the Second Hour was not all that we hoped for, there were some very good recommendations that arose from the discussion.

- Two hard copies of the Inclusive Language Guidelines will be made available in the library for sign out. An announcement will be made as to where to find the copies and how one can be signed out.
- Rev. Kelly Osgood has indicated that she is being intentional around using the guidelines when preparing worship services.
- A request has been sent to Worship Committee to develop some suggestions and examples for how guest and lay preachers can incorporate inclusive language in the worship services they offer to lead. AMAC is willing to work collaboratively with Worship Committee.
- AMAC will prepare and record 4 videos in order to continue with a 'Moment for Inclusive Language' from March through to June.

With the support of the committee, Linda Bossler worked with representatives from St. Thomas United Church and Woodcliff United Church to provide an online/in-person workshop entitled *Church and the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community: Telling a Different Story*. The Workshop was held on October 1, 2022 and was hosted at Robert McClure United Church. Members of RMUC attended in person; and a few people from the other congregations attended online. The presenters joined us from Toronto by Zoom. The presentation validated many of the ways we already engage our congregation (and beyond) as an Affirming Ministry. We were challenged to become familiar and more comfortable with alternate ways of using pronouns.

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 13. Pride Sunday worship was on June 5th. Darlene Montgomery represented our committee and congregation for the planning of the City-Wide Pride Service held August 28th. This service was live-streamed and made available for congregations to share as an online worship service which we did on September 4th. Our 5th Anniversary of becoming an Affirming Ministry was celebrated on October 2nd.

Additionally, Laura and Kelly Strain, along with Zephyra Perih, volunteered to promote RMUC and our Affirming Ministry at Neighbor Day held on June 18th. Linda Bossler, Rob Bossler and Darlene Montgomery held our church banner high at the Pride Parade September 4th.

Throughout the year there were new learnings and inspirations brought to the committee from Linda Bossler who attended two online sessions - 'A Slice for Everyone' and "Allyship". Both sessions were offered by Affirming Connections. AMAC regularly sends a representative to meetings of the Affirming Network of Faith Communities.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Bossler

Board of Trustees

The Trustees held one meeting in 2022 where it was decided to reduce our insurance from \$5 million liability to \$2 million. As we are currently not holding the Farmers Market the additional \$3 million liability is not required. We also received word that the interest free payment deadline for the United Church of Canada Pandemic Bridging Loan (\$10,000) had been extended until December 31, 2023. If we do not repay the loan by that time, we will begin to be charged interest at a rate of 2% on the balance.

Also in 2022 the Trustees were involved in the process of securing rentals for the building. More details on these rentals will be found in the rental report, but we are happy to welcome the Church of Christ and the Jireh Koinonia Calgary congregations in sharing our space. The Scottish Choir also continues to rent space to hold their practices.

Submitted by your Trustees:

Barb Humphrey

Carolyn Stuber

Jack Lough

Wayne Wonnacott

Robert Bossler

Craig Wonnacott

Rev. Kelly Osgood

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 Bridges of Love, Card Ministry, Food Pantry, Healing Heart, Healing Prayer Chair, Hospital Visiting Ministry, Prayer Chain, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Senior's Socials, and Telephone Ministry.

Some of the groups have been inactive during the pandemic, and their future will be discussed at an upcoming Caring Committee meeting. Nonetheless, the focus of all groups is outreach from the heart into the congregation and community.

Members of the Caring Committee Team include Shirley Skulmosky, Donna Pederson, Garth Paynter, Sharon Smith, Jeannie Trach, Isabel Templeton, and Barb Lough (Coordinator).

We said a sad farewell to Shirley Dufour whose celebration of life was held on December 30th, 2022. Her presence and wisdom will be missed always.

We wished Maureen Routley well as she left our committee to pursue other volunteer activities.

Card Ministry

- In 2022, several 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 the Coordinator.

Food Pantry

- In 2022, volunteers with the Food Pantry included Alan Barton, Mac Dingwall, Aimee Ert, Sandy Ert, Krystal Klein, Randy Manson, Norm McDowell, Sue Parr-Tomes, Garth Paynter, Otto Sanchez, Sonam Singh, Wendy Smith, KellyAnn Strain, Laura Strain, Verne Stuber, and Barb Lough (Coordinator).
- We wished Krystal, Norm, Verne, Otto and Laura well as they left our group for various reasons – moving, health, employment, etc.
- Ron MacRury, Lorna McKenzie, Joan Liland, and Pat Hlady also support the Food Pantry in various ways, but are not on-site on distribution day.
- 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 often takes a station on the distribution line if we're short-staffed.
- We receive donations of food from organizations such as SpinZ Around, Cobs Bread in Marda Loop, 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, 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 2022 we received a grant from The United Church of Canada, through Chinook Winds Region, in the amount of \$3,000.00. The grant helps cover such expenses as the \$1,200 per year fee to Spinz Around; the weekly rental of a U-Haul van used to pick up food from Spinz; latex gloves, masks, sanitizers, bread bags, produce bags, etc to assist in the operation of the Food Pantry.



- NOTE: In 2022 this small Food Pantry, and its enthusiastic and hard-working volunteers, provided food to 12, 316 people. One third (3,671) were children and 1,587 were seniors. This compares to 9,000 people served in 2021. We anticipate these numbers growing as people deal with the current economic climate and increasing food insecurity.

- The 2022 White Gift donations were so appreciated. The Food Pantry Coordinator 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 80 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 and Garth Paynter 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.





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 a dedicated group of 'pray-ers', 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 we pray for.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
(Look for this report from Carolyn Stuber on page 18.)

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, Shirley Skulmoski, Jeannie Trach, Isabel Templeton and Barb Lough
- Many people welcomed the callers, expressing appreciation for the contact. However, some people asked to be removed from the call-out lists, and some people have never responded to voicemail or text messages sent to them. We will be talking about this at an upcoming Caring Committee meeting.

55+ Socials

- Formerly Seniors Socials, but renamed to encourage more people to attend.
- We held two socials in 2022: June 24th and December 9th, with great turn-outs.
- 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! The December party had a Christmas theme, and we even ventured to sing some seasonal songs.
- Watch for more socials in 2023.

These are the subcommittees that became inactive during the pandemic and have not restarted to date:

Bridges of Love, Healing Heart, Healing Prayer Chair during Communion, Hospital Visitors.

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

Generosity Committee

This year we had lots of little fundraisers including:

- Skip the Depot - a door-to-door bottle collection service that makes recycling refundable bottles easy.
- TruEarth - purchase eco-friendly household goods (RMUC earns at least 20% profit on every sale).
- Coco Brooks – one click shopping – pizza, dessert pizzas, chicken wings, beef and bison, seafood, cookies to bake and more.

- Easter Flowers to Remember and Celebrate – purchase flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and then take them home to enjoy.
- RMUC reusable Bags – purchase and show off that you are an environmentally savvy church supporter!
- Winter Plant Fundraiser – poinsettias and Christmas arrangements.
- “Souper Fundraiser” – homemade soup by Barb Lough for easy, delicious, and nutritious meals.
- “It's Pampering into the Endemic” – handmade soaps, bath bombs and soaks made by Karen and Fred DeCarle.
- Handcrafted Toques and Scarves – assorted colors handmade by Laura Strain.
- Art workshops with our Artist in Residence – painting the parables with Emily Osgood.
- John’s Journey - peaceful and inspiring walk with friends and loved ones in support of mental health, addictions, and recovery organized by Laura & Kelly Strain.
- Embroidered Personalized Initials – designed and handcrafted by our Artist in Residence, Emily Osgood.
- Paintings and Scriptures Through the Pandemic – a 24-page Hard Cover Book (8” x 6”) featuring the paintings by the talented Amanda Shaw aka the person behind the church service videos during the pandemic! This book highlights some of the paintings that Amanda created to artistically represent the meaning of the scriptures. The book includes the paintings and the scriptures from the New Living Translation (NLT) Bible.
- Shopping Cards – Calgary Co-op, Superstore and No Frills for groceries and gas.

We even got to do a big fundraiser... dinner, silent auction, and concert. “Pumpkin, Spice & Everything Nice” Roast Beef Dinner and Concert featuring Kyley Styles who is a skilled songwriter and performer. The dinner menu was tender roast beef, peas & carrots, yams, mashed potatoes and gravy and a variety of homemade pies.

The total amount of funds raised through this years’ fundraisers was almost \$5,000.00. Thanks for your support.

We held our Stewardship Campaign in February. Rev. Kelly Osgood preached about money and generosity. As part of our worship services, Emily Osgood and Lynn and Brian Robertson shared why they give to Robert McClure. And we prayerfully requested that you consider increasing your donation to support the ministries of our church. We thank you for your financial support and giving of your time and talents.

We are grateful for the grant that we received from Canada Summer Jobs so that we could hire Riley Cote as our gardener/groundskeeper and Emily Osgood as our Artist in Residence for the summer of 2022.

In June, we worked with the Pineridge Community Round Table and hosted a Neighbour Day celebration. We had games, vendors, neighbourhood service organizations, businesses and lunch was generously donated by Silvera for Seniors. Over 400 people from the neighbourhood came out and the mayor visited too.



We held a Silent Auction with items donated from neighbourhood businesses and congregation members to support RMUC ministries.



Darlene Montgomery, Kelly Strain and Lynn Robertson greet visitors and promote the church at Neighbour Day.



As part of celebrating Thanksgiving, we invite people to give to our church a special offering for a special project. It could be called a "Thank Offering", "Love Gift", "Gift of Gratitude" or "A Gift in Thankfulness". This year the special project was for all of us but especially for the musicians, minister, and worship leaders. We want to install a new projector and screen on the back wall of the sanctuary so that they can see the words and videos. And hopefully get some of the electronic cords off the floor and wired into the ceiling at the same time. Because of your generosity we far exceeded our goal of \$3,000.00. Our Thank Offering total was \$5,015.00.

With United Way funding, The City of Calgary Community Social Work program implemented a Youth Saving Matching Program to provide youth participants the opportunity to increase their saving habits, build their capacity and create connections with other residents. Upon completion of the financial empowerment sessions the United Way will provide funding to match program participants' savings at a ration of 3 to 1. The amount given by United Way is determined by the amount saved by participants throughout the program to a maximum of \$750 per participant. Robert McClure United Church was involved in this program as a fiscal agent and received \$1,350.00 administration fee for holding the United Way funds in trust and disbursing the funds to the participants upon completion of the program.

Thanks for all your support and generosity. We are a congregation with big hearts.

Submitted by

Barb Humphrey on behalf of the Generosity Committee

Healing Circle/Right Relations

During the past year the focus of Right Relations / Healing Circle was on our beloved Shirley Dufour, the inspiration for this group. Through her journey of pain and healing Shirley shared her experiences wherever and whenever she could. Her vision of this group was, “to help one another experience Divine Healing & Love in a safe space; to come together in a spirit of reconciliation, combining both indigenous and non-indigenous tools to guide us, to learn, to grow & to heal, in God’s Love & Grace.”

Due to Shirley’s illness & passing in December, we met less frequently during 2022. Her legacy of courage, love, and faith encouraged us to move forward in 2023 and we now meet on zoom the third Wed. of each month. We use the Indigenous Medicine Wheel as a guide to our discussions: *“the medicine wheel represents the alignment and continuous interaction of physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual realities.” Bob Joseph*

Sessions include: sharing our own experiences of pain and healing (as per our comfort level); reflections on books we read together and/or specific topics to research; supporting one another’s prayer concerns and celebrations. We have looked at the following books: As Long as the Rivers Flow, Turtle Island, Metis Camp, Metis Transport Boxes, and 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act. Currently we are studying the Seven Sacred Teachings of the Grandfathers. Our zoom meetings usually last between 1 and 1 ½ hrs. - 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and open and close with a prayer or meditation. We follow a set of guidelines agreed upon by the members. Confidentiality is absolutely essential to building the trust necessary to provide the safe space our members cherish. Information on who to get in touch with and how to join the zoom meetings is available at the church office.

The following thoughts shared by the participants of Healing Circle may help others to get a sense of what this group is about:

“Healing Circle has become a place where I can care for others by listening and being present and others can care for me. We have learned some of the horrors of Residential Schools and their effects on generations of Indigenous Peoples. We have realized how much knowledge we have destroyed due to the loss of people’s traditions, culture, wisdom, and understandings, that they could not share. Healing Circle is a place to faithfully change our path forward.”

“Healing Circle is a support system to give me the opportunity for connecting with empathetic friends. Sometimes, there are concerns which trouble me and Healing Circle gives me the opportunity to speak with others who can give me helpful thoughts on my situation.”

“To me Healing Circle is a safe community where we can get together and talk about our inner most feelings and know that what we say will go no farther. We are learning about different aspects of the Indigenous Culture. We have discussed Residential Schools and Truth and Reconciliation.”

“Healing Circle at Robert McClure United Church is a peer-to-peer support group with the purpose of healing as individuals and learning the truth about Indigenous history as we strive to work on reconciliation.”

“All are welcome to join us on a journey of understanding ourselves as we work through past traumas and current day-to-day stresses, plus develop ways and means of restoring relations between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in our society.”

Submitted by Donna Pederson
(on behalf of the group)

McClure 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 2022 season had its ups and downs:

- On the up side Covid restrictions decreased allowing for more community gatherings to happen.
- The apples and Evans cherries produced well.
- On the down side, the hot weather and lack of rain meant gardens needed a lot of attention. Thankfully we had access to water through the church.
- The contractor did not plant the Raspberries until late in the fall so there will be no berries in the 2023 season. As well they only provided and planted 20 canes. One row of canes will need to be moved in the spring as they were planted too close to the beds. The transplanted gogi berries did not appear to survive. There will still be work to repair the beds that were damaged by the contractor.

The Garden:

- 60 garden beds including 6 for Trellis
- 2 round herb beds.
- 2 large beds that are used to grow potatoes, garlic, strawberries and onions.
- The orchard which has Saskatoons, cherries, grapes, strawberries, apples, rhubarb, red currants, Goji berries and raspberries. The fruit from the orchard is available to both garden and church members.

Activities

- In person AGM was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. The AGM report and the financial report were shared on line.
- We had 23 gardeners, which included 1 new gardener.
- We tried to have 2 work Bees but they were poorly attended.
- The perennial bed, 3 unrented beds and ½ of the long the long bed were used to grow potatoes for the Food Pantry. 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 September/October. Attendees from the youth program helped occasionally.
- Some beds were repaired.
- Until we hear from last years gardeners we are unsure how many beds will be available in2023. For information contact Lorna McKenzie , 403-285 7725, or Joan Liland, 403-852-1108 or email mcccluregarden@gmail.com

Future plans:

- Remove the 2 low beds that are shaded by the trees.

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.
- Georgette who helped with the work bees although she does not have a garden.
- Devynne Wonnacott, for maintaining our Face book 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.
- Lorna McKenzie, Barb Lough, Maeve Bard, 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).

Submitted by Joan Liland

Ministry and Personnel Committee

The M & P committee is comprised of Heather Templeton, Donna Pederson, Pat Bears and Karen DeCarle.

Our purpose is to provide support to our staff and small group leaders. This support can take on various forms including facilitating communications within and across various ministries, developing plans, policies, and procedures, which are approved by the RMUC board. They also work with our staff and volunteers to ensure everyone is aligned with the Mission and Vision of our local church and our mother church, United Church of Canada.

2022 was a year of optimism. As Covid 19 transitioned from pandemic to endemic stage, it was possible to return to in person worship. Increased activity in the building and resumption of small group ministries were positive signs that the life and work of the church was moving ahead to a 'new normal'. While there continues to be a certain level of anxiety especially to those who either have underlying health concerns or care for those who do, ministry leaders have thoughtfully and respectfully managed the concerns through listening and genuine care. While there is still work to do in bringing more members and adherents back to in person worship, and other activities within the church, I am confident that their effort will continue to bring ease to those who continue to have reservations. We all look forward to the time when the RMUC family as we knew it pre-pandemic, can be together again along with our new family.

Reverend Kelly Osgood was on sabbatical for 3 months and many small group leaders stepped up to lead worship services with the support of the Worship team and Music Ministries. RMUC is truly blessed to have such amazing and talented leaders within the church who were able to provide meaningful worship experiences in Reverend Kelly's absence. For those who may not be aware, Jeanette McDonald, Simpson (Sim) Gilbert, and Barb Lough are qualified licensed Lay Worship leaders and are recognized by the UCC.

Over the last several months and continuing into 2023, ministries have been working on development of behavioural covenants. The purpose of these documents is to establish expectations on how small groups will interact, respect, and support each other. By putting these in place, it will ensure that all those who participate will feel safe and included, and it will further support our mission as an Affirming church where everyone can feel welcome, learn, and grow in their faith journey.

Finally, as we returned to the building and were able to place renters, reinstating caretaking services was a top priority. Greg Massey had been our caretaker for many years but was unable to return due to other commitments. I would like to thank Greg for his efforts, and he will be missed! It is with great excitement that we were able to welcome Aimee Ert as our new caretaker in early 2023. For the last years when we did not have a caretaker, it was necessary for staff and volunteers to take care of essential cleaning tasks on top of their regular duties. It is recognized and appreciated! Although Aimee is on limited hours at the current time, we are hopeful that her duties will be expanded to make God's house even shinier! A giant THANK YOU to everyone who pitched in over the last 3 years.

I am incredibly proud of my team who continues to support our staff and volunteers. It is truly a privilege to lead them. Because of their efforts, those they serve can feel encouraged and supported to do their best work!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen DeCarle,
Chair, Ministry and Personnel

Music Ministry

We have been very busy preparing music for Sunday services and Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Now we are readying a special presentation of Gospel stylizations and anthems for the Mardi Gras Service. After that will be Lenten music followed by a jubilant celebration of Easter selections.

After the break due to the pandemic, we have had a reorganization of our music groups mostly based on people's availability for Sunday worship services.

The band has not been practicing this year. My time has been limited due to budgetary constraints, but nonetheless we have accomplished many of our musical goals on a weekly basis.

I feel fortunate to work with so many wonderful musicians who are always interested in trying new ideas and thought based on the knowledge of vocal development through lining up the vocal registers, articulation of consonants, placement and focus of vowels, and the art of breathing intake and the skill of exhalation of the breath.

I thank everyone in the music ministry for their dedication and commitment !

Respectfully submitted by
Beth Ann Friesen

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our prayer shawl group did not meet very often due to various personal issues, however we did give out 8 shawls to very deserving persons.

We were able to keep up to these requests due to the generous donations of a few persons who carried on knitting and turning in their shawls. A huge thank you to these ladies. This ministry is one of love and caring for persons who are in a difficult time in their lives and need a warm hug in the form of a handmade shawl. It also provides a meaningful way for those who wish to donate their time and talent.

Hopefully we will be able to return to gathering on Monday evenings to knit together and enjoy a time of fellowship as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Stuber
Chairperson

Refugee Report

The Aslam family (Naeem, Fozia, Anika, Micayal and Anayil) have completed their interviews and were approved to come to Canada. However, they have not been allowed to come because of some issues that have come up with some of the paperwork (many refugee applicants are having similar issues). I have been working with the United Church of Canada to find help in Pakistan and Thailand that will look into some of the issues they are experiencing.

The family would like to thank us all for the support and prayers and send their blessings. Please continue praying for the family as they wait to come to Calgary.

Heather Templeton
Refugee Committee Chair

Rental Report



*Our church is beginning to feel normal again!
We are thankful that the doors are opened wide.*

After the pandemic we had to look for new renters. We were sad to say goodbye to Inglesia Pentecostal Monte Sinai Church (Spanish church) who worshipped in our church building for a number of years.

We had many inquiries about rentals. Even one for an indoor playground. They wanted to know how high our ceilings were, but I guess if you are going to have climbing apparatus and slides you need to know those kinds of details.

We did have some short-term rentals while we were pursuing other possibilities:

- Capivate Gymnastics – several Saturdays
- Hinya Wa Mahoya Calgary Church – a few Sunday afternoons
- Columbia College

On September 1, 2022, we welcomed the **Church of Christ** congregation to worship in our church building and call our church their church home. They worship on Wednesday mornings

from 4:00 am – 7:00 am, Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm and Saturdays 4:30 am – 12:30 pm. They worship in both English and their native language. They tell us that the reason they worship early is so that they can be praying collectively with their partner congregations in the Philippines. They rent the sanctuary only on Wednesdays and on Saturdays they rent the sanctuary and the Pond Room (Room 3/4). They also use the lobby as their welcoming space. Storage space behind the sanctuary stage wall and in the corner storage room in the sanctuary is included. The rental amount is \$2,000.00/month. Periodically they rent the church for other special occasions.

On October 1, 2022, we welcomed **Jireh Koinonia Calgary** congregation to worship in our church building and to make RMUC their home. They worship on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 – 6:30 pm. They rent the sanctuary, kitchen, and the Tadpoles & Frogs (Room 2) also known as the Nursery. Storage space in the room behind the Tadpoles & Frogs room is included. 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.

Both rentals are long-term and to be renewed annually. A security deposit equaling one month rent was payable upon signing the rental agreements.

Thanks so much to Rob Bossler and Heather Templeton for meeting with the new renters and myself to work out all the details of the long-term rentals.

Thanks to Garth Paytner and Gord Humphrey for measuring the whole church so that we could work out a rental price per square foot.

And thanks to everyone else that helped with all the nitty gritty details that it took to get the agreements completed and signed.

Other rentals include:

St. Andrew's Society Scottish Choir of Calgary hold their choir practice at Robert McClure United Church on Friday evenings. Several people from our own congregation are part of this choir and BethAnn Friesen is the choir director. If you would like to hear them perform sometime, please talk to BethAnn for dates and locations.

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

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.

Of course, we must say thanks to our Church Administrator, Devynne Wonnacott for all her help with the rentals, booking rooms, and listening to complaints.

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.

Submitted with patience and 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. After the pandemic we finally were able to meet for our Side Door Gatherings in the library. Our first gathering was in October 2022.

Our fruit pies are famous at J's Wok & Grill at the Road King Truck Stop. They ordered 60 pies so pie making happened in November. No matter if you are young or old, experienced or novice or always wanted to try pie making you were invited to join us in the kitchen. Everyone is welcome to work the pastry to roll, to pinch, to assemble, to bag, to laugh, to visit and share in this worthwhile project. All that we ask is that you have some fun and make some pies too! We also took special orders from our congregation and friends and made those at the same time.

Here's a breakdown of our income for 2022:

Income for 2022

Pie Sales	\$920.00
Donation	8.00
Fellowship of Least Coin	69.00
UCW Party Donations	65.95
Calendar Sales	<u>120.00</u>
Total Income:	\$1,182.95

As part of our mandate, we donate our proceeds to charity. These funds will be dispersed in January 2023.

Because last year UCW Candlelight Service and Christmas Party on Zoom was such a great success it was decided to hold it on zoom again. This year 29 people 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 dice game (with a new Christmas spin), dressed Christmassy with hats, neck wreaths and reindeer ears (you can only see shoulders and heads on Zoom). Special package deliveries were made to each person that joined in the party. The packages included a candle, baked goodies, candy cane, chocolates, napkin, special

Christmas ornament and suncatcher glass angel and of course a wrapped gift for the famous dice game. Thanks to Barb Lough for making the baked goodies, Donna Perry for delivering the packages, Shirley Skulmoski for the angels, Linda Bossler and Lynn Robertson for the shopping and wrapping the dice game gifts and to Donna Perry and Marion Hollyoake for helping to put the special packages all 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.

Submitted by,
Barb Humphrey on behalf of UCW

Wednesday Evening Learning Circle

After what felt like years of meeting via zoom, hosted by Sam and Linda Bossler which was so appreciated, we were very happy to be meeting in person again.

We had a great time with an interesting dvd-based study titled *Uppity Women of the Bible*. It challenged us to read the stories we think we know in a deeper and more profound way. With the legend of Ruth and Naomi, we took on the characters and had two sessions of acting out the story. We have some real hams among us!

We began a new study, *Understanding the New Testament* with Professor David Brakke. It will continue into 2023.

In September 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.

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

WonderKids

In 2022, WonderKids met on alternating Sundays on Zoom. We prayed, heard bible stories, and did crafts. For Ash Wednesday, we wrote our mistakes on a Buddha Board that we made, to let our mistakes evaporate to God. Then, we gave ourselves ash cross temporary tattoos. During lent, we got our hands messy making seed bombs (pictured). We had a great time learning, growing, and getting to know each other.

Submitted by
Emily Osgood



Worship Committee

When we look back on 2022, we ask ourselves where all the time went, how could we possibly be in a new year already. But each moment, each hour, each day, each week, each Sunday, each event, each worship service moves us closer to the end of the year.

And that time also moved us closer to worshipping in-person again. So almost two years to the day when Covid-19 hit the world with a pandemic that we hope we will never have to live through again we opened our church doors and started worshipping together again.



Here's some highlights of our year:

- January 2 was our Epiphany Worship where warmth and light are treasured elements of our lives. During Epiphany we think about the light of the star that led the Magi to the Christ Child, and we see their visit as a symbol of the showing forth of Jesus as the light of the whole world. We also unpacked and packed the creche to remember the reason we celebrate Christmas. Barb Lough definitely learned how difficult it can be to do this and make sure that the camera can see everything all the time.
- We recognized RMUC 46th church anniversary. The first worship was held on January 4, 1976.
- We continued to gather through cable, wires, and Wi-Fi and to give thanks to a Generous God as we began our Stewardship campaign on February 6. During this worship series Emily Osgood, Brian & Lynn Robertson and Barb Humphrey shared why they give to RMUC.

- February 27 was our Mardi Gras worship service. With Amanda Shaw’s video talent, she was able to make parading online (in our own homes) fun.
- Ash Wednesday, but at RMUC we uniquely hold this ritual on “Ash Sunday” kicks off the season of Lent and Easter. It is a time of reflection and reliving Jesus’ journey toward his death. It is also a cycle of expectation. We anticipate Easter, we anticipate Pentecost. Our ashes were cross tattoos that we put on our forehead or hand. Our theme for Lent was Journey/Pilgrimage.
- We celebrated P.I.E (public, intentional, explicit) Sunday on March 13. Linda Bossler introduced RMUC Inclusive Language Guidelines.

We had take-home worship bags for people to pick up at church for Mardi Gras, Ash Sunday and P.I.E. Sunday.

The last worship service that we held in our building before the pandemic was P.I.E. Sunday on March 14, 2020. It was an exciting moment on Sunday March 13, 2022 (two years later) when Rev. Kelly Osgood announced, “*Good morning – “I am with you live from the church sanctuary!”* That Sunday morning when Kelly walked into the sanctuary with tears in her eyes she said, “*We are home!*”



Coming “back home” was not an easy task. There was a very steep learning curve on how to worship in-person and online. Thanks for everyone’s patience and understanding throughout this new era. Special thanks to everyone that makes it happen on Sunday mornings too.



We continued to worship online with only the people in the sanctuary that were necessary to make worship happen for two Sundays. Then on March 27 we opened our doors with Covid protocols in place for in-person worship.

There were changes that had to happen to make worship safe for everyone.

When we first returned masks were mandatory. This was a decision made by the Official Board even though the Province of Alberta had lifted this protocol. We also asked people to sit in their own cohorts and social distance. We encouraged people to not linger in the church building after the worship service but were welcomed to converse outside in the open air. All high touch areas needed to be sanitized after each worship service.



Communion is now served using a prefilled communion cup which contains grape juice and an unleavened wafer. We also don’t have anyone light their own prayer candle anymore because we don’t want people sharing the microphone or standing that close to each other. We rarely serve coffee for the same reason. But by the end of the year, we had relaxed some of our protocols.

People were just happy to be together. We continue to worship online because our church has grown beyond our church walls and we touch many people all over the world.



- April 10 was the beginning of Holy week with Palm Sunday and a play based on the Gospel of Mark. Our characters were Tourist – Kelly Osgood, Disciple 1 – Heather Templeton, Disciple 2 – Jack Lough; Jesus – Garth Paytner; Owner of Colt – Gord Humphrey, Narrator – Gord Humphrey and the High Priest – Isabelle Templeton.

- An invitation was issued to continue the journey where the darkness is coming and will deepen as the week continues to unfold. It's tempting to want to

avoid the darkness. The raw honesty of Holy Week can be difficult but its worth entering into so that when Easter comes, we can truly embrace the light. What has begun in Jesus will triumph despite the resistance in this world to God's reign. We continued the journey on Good Friday, April 15 with our worship service.



- Hallelujah - April 17 was Easter Sunday and we celebrated new beginnings, new life, and spring with our Sunrise worship service on our own property at the gazebo. We shared the Easter story, a Rock Meditation and Building the Tomb. We also worshipped together at our usual 10:30 am time on Easter morning with communion. Kelly Osgood preached about "Alive in Christ." We decorated the church with Easter flowers as one of our fundraisers.
- May 8 was our worship for Mother's Day and Christian Family Sunday. Linda Bossler delivered an inspiring message "Kin to One Another."
- May 22 worship service was planned and led by Barb Lough, Donna Pederson and Sharon Smith. It was based on the United Church of Canada resource called Song of Faith.



- May 29 worship was planned by the Worship Planning Committee. The theme was "Sacred Seeds, Sacred Food" and during the message Barb Lough planted a seed mandala that was put into the garden.
- June 5/22 was Pentecost with Communion; Kelly Osgood shared her message "Wondering What It All Means." We all dressed in bright colors and made an Affirming Ministry video called "Stronger Together" where the Affirming

congregations shared their love. The first Sunday of June is the United Church of Canada Pride Sunday where we celebrate the lives and ministry of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in all their diversity.

- June 19 we celebrated Father's Day and held an outdoor social Tailgate gathering.



Once a month, throughout the year the Affirming Ministry Action Committee shared Inclusive Language Minute videos during the worship services.

The Worship Committee hosted a workshop called “The Four Pages of the Sermon” where Kelly Osgood taught how to write a sermon in four pages. This was in preparation of Kelly Osgood’s vacation and sabbatical.



- Our pets are part of our family. On Saturday June 25, Kelly Osgood offered blessings of your animal friends outside at our gazebo. Kelly Osgood blessed them with the presence of God and strengthen your relationship with your animal friend.
- On July 10 we were ecstatic when we were able to hold our Stampede Pancake Breakfast and Western Worship Service. We had 162 join us for pancakes. We had to hold the worship service inside the building because of live streaming

the service on Facebook. The theme of the service was “Who Is My Neighbour?” Lynn Robertson shared why she attends in-person worship. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and of course the yummy pancakes, sausages, and baked beans. Thanks to the Worship Committee and the Musicians for planning the service. And thanks to all the volunteers that made our breakfast a big success.



- July 17 we shared a Leaving on a Sabbatical Litany with Kelly Osgood and she embarked on her vacation first and then her three month sabbatical. Kelly Osgood’s last worship service was on July 24. We presented her with the following gifts:
 - a candle for Kelly to light while she was on her journey and seeking a place of resurrection and new hope. It was to be a reminder that we are an affirming congregation, and that Creator God loves diversity and that this love already includes YOU! The light will shine brightly for everyone knowing that “You Belong Because You Are.” We also gave her travel candles in tin cans because they would be easier to pack in backpack.
 - A journal so that she could reflect on her journey and upon her return she could share her insights, gratitude, and renewed spiritual growth.

- The destination of Kelly’s journey was to return where she started. Coming home is the reason for leaving. As these footsteps (footstep shaped steppingstones made from cast iron) welcome her home may they be a reminder to her and to all of us that our lives will be enriched by her sabbatical and her journey and that we see each day more clearly and differently.

We are so very lucky to have dedicated lay leaders within our own congregation. While Kelly was away for four months all the services were led by lay leaders. We are so very thankful for each of you. Thanks for your wisdom and inspirational worship services.

- July 31 was planned by Linda and Sam Bossler and the message was “I Doubt It”
- August 7 was planned by Barb Humphrey and the message was “Are You Ready?”
- August 14 was planned by Amanda Shaw and the message was “Mirror to Mirror, Face to Face”
- August 21 was planned by Emily Osgood and the message was “The Wisdom of Solomon.” We also had a video created by Amanda Shaw in tribute of her work at RMUC. She was leaving to go to Ontario for university. Kelly Strain wrote a poem for Amanda too.
- August 28 was planned by Beth Ann Friesen and Margot Aftergood and the message was “Healing and Happiness.” We welcomed Jonathan Aftergood who joined in the singing.
- September 4 was the Pride Sunday worship and the Pride Parade which we live streamed on Facebook. We did not hold in-person worship on this day.

While Kelly Osgood was on sabbatical, we lite the Sabbatical Candle each Sunday for her while she was on her spiritual journey that would touch her heart and soul. We wanted Kelly’s footsteps to follow her heart to find a place of resurrection and hope. We prayed to our Caring God, to bless Kelly and guide, rejuvenate, and renew her spirit during her sabbatical. Also, during the sabbatical, our congregation journeyed together to be enriched with love, learning, and leadership. Each week we learned new spiritual practices about pilgrimage.

- September 11 was planned by Barb Lough. We shared an Agape Meal. The message was “Sabbath Time” - Spiritual Practice 1 “The Practice of Hearing the Call and Responding”
- September 18 was planned by Rob Bossler. The message was "Sabbath Time" - Spiritual Practice 2 “The Practice of Packing Lightly” We held our Welcome Back Potluck Lunch following the worship service where we celebrated the start-up of church activities after



our summer break and the pandemic. There was lots of conversation, fun, laughter, and lunch. Hamburgers were barbecued by Don Martel – thanks.

- September 25 was planned by Jeanette McDonald and the message was "Sabbath Time" - Spiritual Practice 3 “The Practice of Crossing the Threshold”
- October 2 was our 5th Anniversary as an Affirming Congregation. Service was planned by the Affirming Ministry Action Committee (AMAC). The message was



“Becoming Whole” by Laura Strain; There were testimonies by Laura Strain and Zee Perih

- On October 8 we held our Thanksgiving Journey of Spiritual Practices. Questions that were asked are: Do you need to reconnect with yourself and your spirituality? Do you find the Divine in art, meditation, or music? Do you want to explore different ways to connect? Activities included sensory meditation, movement to music, arts and crafts, unique forms of prayer, theological discussion, tile smash, and affirmations. Giving is a spiritual practice, therefore we invited you to give generously to the Food Pantry at Robert McClure United Church. Bring non-perishable food items and add them to our Thanksgiving display. This event was organized by Emily Osgood and Laura and Kelly Strain.

- October 9 was our Thanksgiving Worship Service and was planned by the Worship Planning Committee who is Laura & Kelly Strain, Karen Dingwall, Garth Paynter, BethAnn Friesen, Heather Templeton, Isabelle Templeton and Barb Humphrey. We shared an Agape Meal together led by Barb Lough. The message “A Home with God” was written and recorded by Kelly Strain. The Thanksgiving display was put up by Barb Lough, Barb Humphrey and Isabelle Templeton.
- October 16 was planned by Jeanette McDonald and the message was "Sabbath Time" - Spiritual Practice 4 “Making the Way by Walking”
- October 23 was planned by Karen DeCarle and the message was "Sabbath Time” - Spiritual Practice 5 “Embracing the Unknown”
- October 30 was planned by Rob Bossler and the message was “Sabbath Time” - Spiritual Practice 6 “Rebeginning: Beginning Again, and Again (and again)”
- November 6 was our Remembrance Day Service planned by the Worship Planning Committee. The message was “A Poppy is to Remember”.



Sam Bossler read “In Flanders Fields” and Barb Lough read names to remember including the Act to Remembrance and the Commitment to Remember; Karen Dingwall and Kelly Strain did the laying of the wreaths; Laura Strain provided a reflection on her service in the military.

- November 13 was planned by Linda and Sam Bossler. The Scripture introduction was recorded quotes read by Linda Bossler from The Soul of the Pilgrim with Amanda’s artwork accompanying the readings. The Scripture: John 4: 1-42 was done Lectio Divina style in three parts. The message was Sabbath Time” - Spiritual Practice 7 “The Value of Being Uncomfortable.” Then it was followed by Second Hour on our Inclusive Language Guidelines

- November 20 was planned by Barb Lough and the message was "Sabbath Time" - Spiritual Practice 8 “The Practice of Coming Home.” Thanks to Barb Lough we had our first Hot Dog lunch with pie since the pandemic. And then we all had fun getting the church decorated for the Christmas season.

It was good to have the book called “The Soul of a Pilgrim: Eight Practices for the Journey Within” by Christine Valters Paintner that we used as a resource for worship with the spiritual practices during Kelly Osgood’s sabbatical. It was a great guideline for everyone that was planning worship.



- November 27 we welcomed Kelly Osgood back from her sabbatical. We shared a Litany for Returning from Sabbatical. Kelly’s footsteps took her on a spiritual journey that we hope brought clarity and enrichment to her but we are so happy that her footsteps brought her back to where her heart is. It brought her home. This Sunday is also the first Sunday of Advent. The theme for Advent is Angels Among Us (resource from Marcia Mcfee Worship Design Studio); The Hope candle was lit by Heather & Isabelle Templeton; Kelly Osgood’s message

was "The Messengers"

- December 4 was the Second Sunday of Advent. Donna Pederson and Sharon Smith lit the candle of Peace. The message was “Nothing is Impossible with God” and we shared the communion elements.
- December 11 was the White Gift worship service. The Food Pantry was the recipient of the white gifts and to light the candle of Joy. The RMUC puppets debuted in the Christmas Pageant this year. The puppets were TV Announcer Bobbie (human) -



Heather Templeton; Roving Reporter Claudia Angelus (human) – Kelly Osgood Shepherd 1 (puppet) – Brian Robertson; Shepherd 2 (puppet) – Rob Bossler; Reporter (human) - Gord Humphrey; Guardian Angel (puppet) – Isabelle Templeton; Mary (puppet) – Kelly Strain; Joseph (puppet) – Rob Bossler; Donkey, sheep (animal sounds) (puppets) – Kasey Thompson and “The Star” was Merrick Thompson. The puppets and their handlers were

awesome. Watch for more puppets in the future. We ended our service with the tradition of singing Happy Birthday Jesus and celebrating with birthday cake.

- December 18 was the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Barb and Gord Humphrey lit the candle of Love. The message was “God Is With Us.”
- Blue Christmas Service was held on Sunday December 18 and planned by Barb Lough and the Caring Committee. Blue Christmas is when Christmas isn’t merry there is an expectation that we



will be merry and happy at Christmastime: the celebration of the Messiah's birth, family and friends gathering to feast and visit, fun times shopping for those special presents. But for some of us that isn't the case. Perhaps we've lost a job, or a loved one, or our health. Maybe the long years of pandemic have brought despair to our spirits. Perhaps we're suffering from fatigue of the body or the dark night of the soul. Whatever your case or situation, you are not alone.



- Christmas Eve worship service was held at 7:30 pm. We only had one service this year. The Christ Candle was lit by Emily Osgood and Amanda Shaw. This service was a candlelight service with communion. A candle lit pathway guided you into the sanctuary. The message was “The Surprise of Christmas.” We served apple cider and goodies following the service.

We did not have a worship service on Christmas Day. We did invite you to spend some quiet time that day in prayer. In the announcements we sent a resource on

praying through the hours. As you prayed, you remembered that you are together in Spirit with others who joined you in praying the Hours of Christmas Day.

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

We were very privileged to have Emily Osgood return as our Artist in Residence for the summer through the Canada Summer Jobs grant program. She is very artistic and had many great ideas for her residence. Some of her projects were:

- painted Lent and Easter images on acrylic to hang in the sanctuary windows.
- painted the last side of the seacan with a scene of a church surrounded by trees
- stained glass scenery
- personalized embroidery letters
- workshops for Painting through the Parables
- Christmas and Birthday greeting cards



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 maker, offering collectors and counters, communion servers, greeters, 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!

Thanks to the Worship Committee – Heather and Isabelle Templeton, Laura and Kelly Strain, Karen Dingwall, Garth Paytner, BethAnn Friesen and Kelly Osgood for your support and

imagination and learning new ways to worship. Your dedication and worship planning are so appreciated.

Thank you so very much to Devynne Wonnacott, our Church Administrator. She makes my life so much easier and I'm so very grateful for her.

And, of course, we must extend our gratitude and gratefulness to our minister, Kelly Osgood. With her help 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

**Annual Financial Report
December 31, 2022**

Here are the financial highlights from 2022:

1. For the month of December, we incurred a net surplus of \$29,533.38 compared to our budgeted surplus of \$(311.33) for a difference of \$29,844.71. Year to date we have a balance of \$23,721.36 compared to our budget of \$0.32 for a difference of \$23,721.04.

Offerings are \$4,134.96 under budget; salaries are \$13,074.52 under budget.

2. On 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. There were \$4,650 of grocery gift cards on hand.
3. By comparison at December 31, 2021 we had \$17,333.92 in the bank made up of \$27,341.32 in designated funds and \$(10,007.40) in operating funds 'overdraft'. Operating funds increased by \$23,358.99 in 2022.
4. During Covid-19 we received a loan from a congregation member in the amount of \$25,000.00. This amount was transferred from being a loan to donations in December 2022.

If there are any questions or concerns or you would like more information please let me know by emailing bghumphrey@telus.net or calling 403-852-5245.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Humphrey
Interim Treasurer

Robert McClure United Church

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
First Calgary Savings	13,351.59
Designated Funds	
Bible Study Buddies	23.00
Emergency Fund	1,065.00
Food Pantry	6,276.06
Front Door Repairs	157.49
Grocery Gift Cards	4,963.52
Memorial Funds	93.26
Music Band & PA System	2,370.00
Parking Lot Upgrade	8,000.00
Refugees	1,168.14
Thank Offering Fund - New	5,332.48
Training	75.00
Trustees Account	200.00
UCC Innovation Grant	2,752.98
WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	36.50
Women's Retreat	182.08
Wonder Kids	65.41
Youth Group	237.14
Total Designated Funds	32,998.06
Total First Calgary Savings	46,349.65
First Calgary Share Account	48.75
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$46,398.40
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	
Accounts Receivable	384.49
Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)	\$384.49
Accrued Accounts Receivable	1,484.38
Prepaid Deposits & Expenses	0.00
Alarm System	302.04
Coop Gift Cards	350.00
Superstore Gift Cards	4,300.00
Total Prepaid Deposits & Expenses	4,952.04
Total Current Assets	\$53,219.31
Non-current Assets	
Property, plant and equipment	
Bathrooms	
Depreciation	-8,013.95
Original Cost	84,432.39

Robert McClure United Church

Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
Total Bathrooms	76,418.44
Building	
Depreciation	-384,962.61
Original Cost	482,602.93
Total Building	97,640.32
Computer Equipment	
Depreciation	-4,703.16
Original Cost	6,089.36
Total Computer Equipment	1,386.20
Drum Set	
Depreciation	-700.56
Original Cost	2,334.93
Total Drum Set	1,634.37
Freezer	
Depreciation	-638.40
Original Cost	1,991.68
Total Freezer	1,353.28
Furniture & Fixtures	13,492.97
Depreciation	-50,686.32
Original Cost	37,533.51
Total Furniture & Fixtures	340.16
Gazebo	
Depreciation	-2,028.00
Original Cost	5,511.73
Total Gazebo	3,483.73
Hot Water Tank	
Depreciation	-1,748.52
Original cost	1,943.34
Total Hot Water Tank	194.82
Land	265,400.00
Paving	
Depreciation	-28,287.00
Original Cost	28,287.00
Total Paving	0.00
Photocopier	
Depreciation	-4,500.00
Original Cost	4,500.00
Total Photocopier	0.00
Sea Can	
Depreciation	-1,777.60
Original Cost	3,878.27

Robert McClure United Church

Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
Total Sea Can	2,100.67
Sound System	
Depreciation	-6,452.48
Original Cost	6,488.95
Total Sound System	36.47
TV for Library	
Depreciation	-550.02
Original Cost	550.02
Total TV for Library	0.00
Total Property, plant and equipment	\$449,988.46
Total Non Current Assets	\$449,988.46
Total Assets	\$503,207.77
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	
Accounts Payable	255.00
Total Accounts Payable (A/P)	\$255.00
Accrued Assessment	1,427.50
Accrued Liabilities	163.52
Deferred Revenue	
Bible Study Buddies	23.00
Emergency Fund	1,065.00
Food Pantry	6,281.32
Front Door Repairs	157.49
Grocery Gift Cards	9,450.00
Memorial Funds	93.26
Music Band & PA System	2,370.00
Parking Lot Upgrade	8,000.00
Refugees	1,168.14
Thank Offering - New	5,332.48
Training	75.00
Trustees Account	200.00
UCC Innovation Grant	2,752.98
WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	36.50
Women's Retreat	182.08
Wonder Kids	65.41
Youth Group	237.14
Total Deferred Revenue	37,489.80
Mission & Service Payable	260.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$39,595.82

Robert McClure United Church

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
Non-current Liabilities	
Presbytery Loan #2	56,350.00
Presbytery Loan #3	52,300.00
Presbytery Loan #4	17,300.00
Presbytery Loan #5	31,800.00
Presbytery Loan #6	31,800.00
UCC Emergency Loan	10,000.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	\$199,550.00
Total Liabilities	\$239,145.82
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	398,145.65
Retained Earnings	-138,053.05
Profit for the year	3,969.35
Total Equity	\$264,061.95
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$503,207.77

Robert McClure United Church
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
December 2022

	Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 22	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Offerings							
Affirming Committee	0.00			100.00			
Emergency Fund	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	300.00
Food Pantry	1,433.45	333.33	1,100.12	5,003.26	4,000.00	1,003.26	4,000.00
Gazebo Repair	955.00			3,080.00			
General Envelope	43,086.67	12,667.00	30,419.67	151,877.04	156,012.00	(4,134.96)	156,012.00
Loose Offering	241.35			698.75			
Mission & Service	260.00	270.00	(10.00)	3,280.00	3,240.00	40.00	3,240.00
Music	630.00			630.00			
Refugees	600.00	150.00	450.00	1,662.97	1,800.00	(137.03)	1,800.00
UCC Innovation Grant	118.05			518.05			
WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	0.00			0.00	200.00	(200.00)	200.00
Wonder Kids	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	300.00
Total Offerings	47,324.52	13,470.33	33,854.19	166,851.07	165,852.00	999.07	165,852.00
Total Income	47,324.52	13,470.33	33,854.19	166,851.07	165,852.00	999.07	165,852.00
Expense							
Administration							
Building Expenses							
Building Repairs	288.91	250.00	38.91	688.91	3,000.00	(2,311.09)	3,000.00
Building Supplies	689.96			2,303.89			
Electricity, water and gas	580.27	833.33	(253.06)	9,217.93	10,000.00	(782.07)	10,000.00
Fire Safety	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,162.49	1,000.00	162.49	1,000.00
Garbage Bin & Pickup	71.65	68.00	3.65	821.41	816.00	5.41	816.00
Gazebo Repairs	0.00			2,977.87			
Insurance	544.67	495.00	49.67	5,927.66	5,940.00	(12.34)	5,940.00
Kitchen Supplies	0.00	8.33	(8.33)	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	100.00
Property Maintenance	377.57			2,571.36			
Security System	78.75	58.33	20.42	725.00	700.00	25.00	700.00
Total Building Expenses	2,641.78	1,712.89	928.79	26,396.52	21,556.00	4,840.52	21,556.00
Office Expenses							
ADP Service Charges	26.24			362.47			
Bank Charges	0.00	66.67	(66.67)	97.75	800.00	(702.25)	800.00
Computer Software	0.00			117.87			
Lock Box Annual Inspection	0.00	0.00	0.00	395.90	200.00	195.90	200.00
Office Supplies	141.08			452.13			
PAR Charges	16.50			205.00			
Paypal charges	0.00			-0.37			
Photocopies	225.64			1,420.36			
Telephone	110.15	191.67	(81.52)	1,291.61	2,300.00	(1,008.39)	2,300.00
Website Maintenance	0.00			293.97			
Office Expenses - Other	92.61	108.33	(15.72)	92.61	1,300.00	(1,207.39)	1,300.00
Total Office Expenses	612.22	366.67	245.55	4,729.30	4,600.00	129.30	4,600.00
Wages & Payroll Expense							
Caretaker	0.00	750.00	(750.00)	0.00	7,500.00	(7,500.00)	7,500.00
CPP Expense	298.24	354.10	(55.86)	3,689.90	4,249.16	(559.26)	4,249.16

Robert McClure United Church
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
December 2022

	Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 22	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
El Expense	36.06	154.21	(118.15)	1,809.71	1,850.52	(40.81)	1,850.52
Employee Benefits	1,427.60	1,526.42	(98.82)	17,456.29	18,317.00	(860.71)	18,317.00
Music Director	1,651.00	1,021.00	630.00	12,883.00	12,502.00	381.00	12,502.00
Summer Students	162.96	0.00	162.96	13,634.47	8,670.00	4,964.47	8,670.00
Tuition	42.32	124.41	(82.09)	106.01	1,493.00	(1,386.99)	1,493.00
Wages & Salaries	7,738.28	8,573.25	(834.97)	94,806.78	102,879.00	(8,072.22)	102,879.00
Total Wages & Payroll Expense	11,356.46	12,503.39	(1,146.93)	144,386.16	157,460.88	(13,074.52)	157,460.88
Total Administration	14,610.46	14,583.05	27.41	175,511.98	183,616.68	(8,104.70)	183,616.68
Miscellaneous							
Advertising	125.98	6.67	119.31	125.98	60.00	65.98	60.00
Observer Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	100.00	(75.00)	100.00
Total Miscellaneous	125.98	6.67	119.31	150.98	160.00	(9.02)	160.00
Professional Fees							
Human Resources	0.00	20.83	(20.83)	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	250.00
Total Professional Fees	0.00	20.83	(20.83)	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	250.00
Program Expense							
Affirming Committee	0.00	18.75	(18.75)	250.00	300.00	(50.00)	300.00
Emergency Fund	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	300.00
Food Pantry							
Donations in kind	1,123.50	965.16	158.34	6,896.35	11,582.00	(4,685.65)	11,582.00
Food Pantry - Other	0.00	233.33	(233.33)	1,589.66	2,800.00	(1,210.34)	2,800.00
Spinz membership	200.00	100.00	100.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	(200.00)	1,200.00
Food Pantry - Other	1,209.93			2,346.92			
Total Food Pantry	2,533.43	1,298.49	1,234.94	11,832.93	15,582.00	(3,749.07)	15,582.00
Mission & Service Expense	280.00	270.00	(10.00)	3,260.00	3,240.00	20.00	3,240.00
Music/Choir Expenses							
Choir Music	73.91	16.67	57.24	73.91	200.00	(126.09)	200.00
Music License	0.00			359.00			
Piano Tuning	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	300.00
Total Music/Choir Expenses	73.91	166.67	(92.76)	432.91	500.00	(67.09)	500.00
Outreach & Benevolent	0.00			499.20			
Presbytery Assessment	1,839.83	471.25	1,368.58	7,023.56	5,655.00	1,368.58	5,655.00
Refugees	600.00	150.00	450.00	1,662.97	1,800.00	(137.03)	1,800.00
Seniors Tea	(68.00)			-120.00			
Stewardship	0.00	16.67	(16.67)	27.26	200.00	(172.74)	200.00
UCC Innovation Grant	118.05	0.00	118.05	518.05	200.00	(318.05)	200.00
WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.25	200.00	(148.75)	200.00
Wonder Kids	128.00	25.00	103.00	128.00	300.00	(172.00)	300.00
Workshops	0.00			295.00			
Worship							
Food for special events	0.00			(102.30)			
Pastoral Supply Minister	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	500.00
Online Services	1,056.10			1,056.10			
Worship Supplies	978.72			1,609.55			
Worship - Other	0.00	233.33	(233.33)	0.00	2,800.00	(2,800.00)	2,800.00
Total Worship	2,034.82	333.33	1,701.49	2,563.35	3,300.00	(736.65)	3,300.00
Total Program Expense	7,520.04	2,775.16	4,744.88	28,424.50	31,377.00	(2,952.50)	31,377.00

Robert McClure United Church
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
December 2022

	Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 22	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Total Expense	22,256.48	17,365.71	4,870.77	204,087.46	215,403.68	(11,316.22)	215,403.68
Net Ordinary Income	25,068.04	(3,915.38)	28,983.42	(37,236.39)	(49,551.68)	12,315.29	(49,551.68)
Other Income/Expense							
Other Income							
Donations	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	1,064.00	1,800.00	(736.00)	1,800.00
Fund Raising							
Fundraising	529.38			781.83			
Art Workshops	(41.98)			319.39			
Catering	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)	0.00	15,000.00	(15,000.00)	15,000.00
Christmas Lights	0.00			25.00			
Church Supper	(65.00)			3,191.00			
Digital Portraits	0.00			70.00			
Embroidery Fundraiser	250.00			550.00			
Flowers	0.00			948.79			
Fund Raising Expenses	(5,782.32)			(6,260.34)			
Grocery Gift Cards	61.00			919.75			
Neighbor Day	0.00			770.70			
Pizza Fundraiser	0.00			681.35			
Scripture Book fundraising	0.00			890.00			
Skip the Depot	0.00			219.72			
Soap Fundraiser	440.00			485.00			
Soup Fundraiser	0.00			325.10			
Toques	185.00			515.00			
Tru Earth	0.00			74.28			
Fund Raising - Other	0.00			0.00			
Total Fund Raising	(4,423.92)	1,250.00	(5,673.92)	4,506.57	15,000.00	(10,493.43)	15,000.00
Gifts in Kind	7,056.96	1,231.83	5,825.13	16,431.27	14,782.00	1,649.27	14,782.00
Grants Received							
Canada Summer Jobs	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,358.00	8,670.00	688.00	8,670.00
Grants Received - Other	0.00			13,200.00			
Total Grants Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,558.00	8,670.00	13,888.00	8,670.00
Interest Income	0.45			3.56			
Kitchen Rental	0.00			465.00			
Rent	1,320.00	972.22	347.78	14,677.50	9,000.00	5,677.50	9,000.00
Weddings, Funerals & Baptisms	511.85	0.00	511.85	911.85	300.00	611.85	300.00
Workshops	0.00			340.00			
Total Other Income	4,465.34	3,604.05	861.29	60,957.75	49,552.00	11,405.75	49,552.00
Net Surplus (Deficit) Before Amortization	29,533.38	(311.33)	29,844.71	23,721.36	0.32	23,721.04	0.32
Amortization Expense	1,682.31	1,642.67	39.64	19,752.01	19,712.00	40.01	19,712.00
Net Surplus (Deficit) After Amortization	27,851.07	(1,954.00)	29,805.07	3,969.35	(19,711.68)	23,681.03	(19,711.68)

**Robert McClure United Church
Draft Budget for 2023**

	<u>2022</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Actuals</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Local Offerings	156,012	152,577	149,658	Required to balance the budget
Rent	9,000	15,143	34,000	
Affirming Committee	0	100	0	
Fund raising (net)	15,000	3,725	6,000	
Weddings & Funerals (net)	300	912	300	
				\$6,896.35 - Country Lane Farms (donation of chicken); \$1,200 Splintz membership; \$3,737 donation of van
Food Pantry	4,000	11,900	11,900	rental, gas & misc items
Canada Helps & Facebook	500	782	500	
Emergency Fund	300	-	300	
Gazebo Repair	0	3,080	0	
Gifts in Kind	3,200	9,535	9,500	
Other	0	4	0	
Mission & Service offerings	3,240	3,280	3,240	
United Way	1,300	1,064	1,000	
Thank Offering	0	-	5,532	
Women's Retreat	0	-	0	
IUCC Innovation Grant	0	518	600	
WELC	200	-	200	
Workshops	0	340	0	
Wonderkids	300	-	0	
Music	0	630	2,370	
Refugees	1,800	1,663	1,600	
Canada Summer Jobs	8,670	9,358	4,679	
UCC Service Grant	0	13,200	0	
Canada Wage Subsidy	0	-	0	
Total Income	203,822	227,809	231,379	
<u>Expenses</u>				
<u>Ministry Expense</u>				
Seniors Tea	0	(120)	0	net of income and expenses
Affirm Action Committee	300	250	300	
Stewardship	200	27	100	
Food Pantry	4,000	11,833	11,900	
Emergency Fund	300	-	300	
Refugees	1,800	1,663	1,600	
				4 months Children Ministry @
Wonder Kids	300	128	1,900	\$400/month + operating expenses
Worship	2,800	2,563	2,400	
Mission & service	3,240	3,260	3,260	
UCC Innovation Grant	0	518	600	
Outreach & Benevolent	0	499	500	
				2 piano tunings @ \$150, \$200 sheet
Choir/Music	500	433	860	music; \$360 CCLI Music licensing
Lay Minister	500	-	0	
Ministry & Personnel	250	-	250	
Thank Offering	0	-	5,332	
Regional Assessment	5,655	7,024	6,611	
Workshops	0	295	3,000	Board training
WELC	200	51	200	
Caring Committee	0	-	0	
<u>Operations</u>				
Office	1,300	1,965	2,000	
Advertising	60	126	60	
Bank	800	665	700	
Building Maintenance & Repairs	3,000	5,564	8,500	includes \$3,000 for snow removal
Gazebo Repairs	0	2,978	0	
Insurance	5,940	5,928	5,940	
Lockbox Annual Inspection	200	396	400	
Kitchen Supplies	100	-	100	
Telephone & internet	2,300	1,703	1,700	
Electricity, gas & water	10,000	9,218	10,000	
Security system	700	725	700	
Fire Safety	1,000	1,162	1,000	
Garbage Pickup	816	821	850	
Broadview	100	25	0	

**Robert McClure United Church
Draft Budget for 2023**

	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Actuals</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>Contractors</u>				
Music Director	12,502	12,883	19,900	Includes music donation for extra practices of \$2,370
Caretaker	7,500	-	6,452	
<u>Salaries</u>				
Minister's Salary & Benefits	93,126	91,112	98,360	
Office Administrator Salary & Benefits	28,950	26,651	29,849	
Tuition		106		
Videographer	6,713	4,278	412	\$212 actual pay & \$200 contract if needed
Summer Students - groundskeeper & artist	8,670	9,357	5,343	Groundskeeper only for 2023
Total Expenses	203,822	204,087	231,379	
Net Surplus (Deficit) before Depreciation	0	23,721	0	
Depreciation (non cash)	19,712	19,752	19,712	
Net Surplus/(Deficit) after Depreciation	-19,712	3,969	-19,712	

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

<u>RMUC Targeted Giving - Tithe Amount</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Actuals</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>	
Mission & Service offerings	3,240	3,280.00	3,280	Based on actual income received - donations
Refugees	1,800	1,662.97	1,600	Based on actual income received - donations
Food Pantry	14,500	11,899.61	11,900	Based on actual income received - donations, chicken donations, donation for Spintz membership
Based on Total Targeted Giving	19,540	16,842.58	16,780	
Based on Total income RMUC 10% Tithe Amount should be	20,382	22,780.88	23,138	

Notes:

3.4% increases in salary budget

1.3% increase for 2022 per UCC
3.4% increase for 2023 per UCC

Level F, category 5
6315.583 per month

Kelly began at McClure in July of 2010 at C-7 which was the top of category C.
Jan 1st of 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 1st, 2017 she moves to F-14.

Con Ed for 2022 is \$1543; Mileage is \$0.55/km
Pulpit Supply is \$232

1) Minister's Salary and Benefits	2023	75,787	
Salary		1,543	
Education		0	
Sabbatical		500	
Telephone		660	.55/km
Mileage		6,031	1,200 km @ \$0.55/km
Ei & CPP Church's portion		13,839	EI 1333.84, CPP 2619.96
UCC Pension & Benefits Church's portion		98,360	per UCC benefits calculator
Total			
2) Office Administrator's Salary and Benefits	2023	22,271	\$21.58 per hour
Salary		1,893	
Vacation pay		1,625	EI 516.72.CPP 1132.20
Ei & CPP Church's portion		4,061	per UCC benefits calculator
UCC Pension & Benefits Church's portion		29,849	
Total			
3) Music Coordinator	2023	19,900	1658.333 per month
Contractor		250	\$1,658.33/month; \$19,900/12 mos = \$1,658.33/mo
Continuing Education			\$19,900 includes the music designated fund donation of \$2,370
Total		20,150	2022 Actual Covid Pay = \$1021/month = \$12,552 + designated fund \$630 = \$12,883
4) Caretaker	2023	6,452	contractor
Contractor		6,452	\$537.67 per month (reduced hours for 2023)
Total		6,452	Increase to \$15.51/hr (3.4% increase as per UCC)
5) Videographer			Currently paying \$15.00/hr approx 8 hrs/week
Jan & Feb 2023	208		Last day Feb 5/23
Contractor	4		
	200		\$16.06/hr
		412	

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of Robert McClure United Church Board, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 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	Sharon Armstrong
Heather Templeton-Secretary	Verne Stuber
Isabelle Templeton	Carolyn Stuber
Jack Lough	Kelly Osgood
Barb Lough	Karen Dingwall
Barb Humphrey	Devynne Wonnacott
Gord Humphrey	Craig Wonnacott
Linda Bossler	Maureen Routley
Sam Bossler	Karen DeCarle
Brian Robertson	Patsy Lane
Brent Barr	Jeannie Trach
Caryle Barr	Jeanette McDonald
Andy Armstrong	Delores Massey

1. Called to Order at 7:05 pm
2. Opening Prayer: Minister Kelly Osgood
3. Enabling Motion:

Motion: Brian Robertson/Jack Lough move that all those in attendance can participate fully in the meeting and vote on upcoming motions

Motion carried
4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Heather Templeton/Andy Armstrong move to approve the agenda as submitted

Motion carried
5. Approval of 2021 AGM minutes from March 16, 2021

Motion: Heather Templeton/Brian Robertson move the approval of the 2021 AGM minutes as presented

Motion carried
6. 2022 proposed Budget

Motion: Karen Dingwall/Karen DeCarle move to approve the 2022 proposed budget as submitted.

Motion carried
7. 2021 Financial Report

Motion: Karen Dingwall/Craig Wonnacott move to approve the 2021 Financial Report as submitted

Motion carried

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of Robert McClure United Church Board, Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 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 2021 Annual Reports as amended
 Motion carried
9. **Motion:** Linda Bossler/Barb Lough move to add family configuration to the Affirming Ministry Faith Statement.
 Motion carried
Motion: Linda Bossler/Barb Lough move to include ‘in all aspects of’ the life, work, and ministry of the church community to the Affirming Ministry Faith Statement.
 Motion carried
10. Leadership Team
 Lynn Robertson-Chair
 Heather Templeton-Secretary
 Barb Humphrey-Worship/Trustee Representative
 Darlene Montgomery-Chinook Winds Representative
 Karen Dingwall-Treasurer/Generosity
 Karen DeCarle-Ministry & Personnel Representative
 Barb Lough-Caring Committee/Chinook Winds Representative
 Linda Bossler-Adhoc Reopening Committee Representative
 Jeanette McDonald-UCW Representative
 Kelly Osgood-Minister
- At the time of the 2022 AGM, there was no one to fill the Chair position for the Affirming Ministry. If anyone is interested in the position please talk to Kelly Osgood, Lynn Robertson, or Heather Templeton. Linda Bossler was shown appreciation for all of her hard work, encouragement of other members, and stellar performance as the Affirming Ministry Action Committee Chair over the last 5 years.
Motion: Heather Templeton/Isabelle Templeton move the approval of the 2022 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
11. Closing prayer
12. Adjournment
 Motion: Sharon Armstrong move the 2022 AGM to be adjourned at 8:45pm