

Melfort -
Ethelton
Pastoral Charge

2025



ANNUAL
REPORT

Melfort-Ethelton Pastoral Charge Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 8, 2026

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Agenda

1. Meeting after service, lunch to follow.
2. Call to order.
3. Opening Prayer and Approval of Agenda.
4. Election of Chairperson and Secretary for the congregation.
5. Enabling motions.
6. Minutes of the Congregational Meeting- March 9, 2025.
7. Business Arising from the Minutes.
8. Go through report by report for questions/clarifications.
9. Acceptance of the Annual Reports.
10. Report of Nominating Committee and Election
– Trustees, Presbytery Representative
11. Appoint an Auditor for 2026.
12. Adjournment.

Melfort-Ethelton Pastoral Charge Board - 2025

CHAIRPERSON: Chris Corbett 921-4131
VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Don Neher 921-4130
RECORDING SECRETARY: Wendy Eskowich
MINISTER: Jon Worrall : Office: 752-2286 Cell: 306-241-8279

Finance

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| Peggy George (chair) | 921-1912 |
| Kim Eskowich | 752-1912 |
| Don Meier | 863-4379 |

Property

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| Ryan Heavin | 752-7259 |
| Rick Peters | 752-3027 |

Mission and Service/Outreach and Reception/Membership

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| Gail Forsyth | 752-2605 |
| Sharon Heavin | 752-4020 |

Worship

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| Robin Miazga (Chair) | 752-4078 |
| Wendy Eskowich | 752-1912 |

Ministry and Personnel

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| Cheryl Sproule (Chair) | 752-4240 |
| Gary Clarke | 921-9642 |
| Grace Wilton | 752-3211 |

Presbytery Delegates

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|--------------------|----------|
| Jeanette Stevenson | 752-3698 |
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Christian Education

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| Rachelle Heavin | 752-7259 |
| Karen Hadwen | 921-8284 |

Trustees

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Dorothy Busby (chair) | 752-3116 |
| Ron Nielsen | 752-4119 |
| Marion Heavin (secretary) | 752-4171 |
| Doug Lyon | 752-2910 |
| Cheryl Sproule | 752-4240 |

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MELFORT-ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Melfort United Church

Opening prayer Rev Worrall

Meeting called to order Rev Jon Worrall at 11:20 am

Motion: Don Meier/Gina McAvoy nominated Chris Corbett to serve as chair of this meeting. Carried

Motion: Chris Corbett/Gina McAvoy nominate Don Neher to serve as recording secretary of this meeting. Carried

Motion: Rick Peters, Ron Nielsen that all those present be given voting privileges except where limited by the manual. Carried.

Motion: Glenn George/Grace Wilton approve the adoption of the minutes of the ACM, March 3, 2024. Carried. No amendments.

Business Arising from the minutes

- None

New Business

- will be addressed later in the meeting

Committee Reports

- Reviewed as printed in the Annual report

Finance Report – Peggy George presented

Ninety-four tax receipts were printed for financial donations in 2024. We have thirty-six people on Pre-Authorized Remittance. We need over \$11,000/month just to cover payroll (minister, office admin, janitor, music) and utilities. That doesn't allow for any extra issues or problems that can occur in a 100-year-old building.

Our biggest problem continues to be the size of our congregation. Gone are the days when the average Sunday service was for 100-200 people. In the past ten years alone, our receipted donors have dropped by 44 people. This winter of 2023/24, In the winter months we probably averaged 35-50, depending on if the choir had an anthem and if there are young folks in Sunday School.

Fundraising – totaled nearly \$20,000, with fall supper & garage sale the two biggest events. UCW donation of \$8,000 was \$6,000 more than we budgeted for and there were \$2,425 in memorial donations. So in saying that our weakness is in the number of regular attendees, our strength continues to be the mighty small force that we do have.

- Secretary notes - Pleased that we were able to end the year in a stronger financial position than budgeted. Thanked everyone for fundraising efforts. Stressing the fellowship and bonding these projects provide while still raising money. Ninety four tax receipts printed, thirty six of them were from Par donations.

Motion: Rick Peter/Mike Hadwen moved the acceptance of the committee reports.

Carried

Motion: Dorothy Busby/Gina McAvoy- Cheryl Sproule be appointed to be a Trustee.

Carried

Motion: Marion Heavin/Sue Amunrud – Sharon Heavin and Gail Forsyth be appointed to the board and Judy Mier stepping down off Property Committee. Carried.

Motion: Marion Heavin/Judy Mier – That current board members be allowed to continue on the board even though they are done their terms are complete. Carried

Motion: Don Mier/Doug Lyon – Accept the 2025 Budget as presented with the addition of expense items - snow removal \$2000, United Church Assessment \$6800 and Building repairs \$5000. Carried.

New Business – Judy Mier Property Committee Presentation: Establishing a committee to speak to other Churches regarding looking to share building.

Motion: Gary Clark/Jeanette Stevenson – Setup Committee to meet with other congregations/churches to share building space. Carried. Members to be Chris Corbett, Judy Mier, Gina MacAvoy and Jon Worrall.

Adjournment: Gina MacAvoy – meeting be adjourned. Carried. 11:50am



Minister's Report

Another year officially in the books.

We continue to *be* the church.

WORSHIP

We continue to gather as a community of faith for weekly worship services. The services are still streamed online, and our online community has grown substantially; the number of views ranging on average in the two to three hundred range.

In addition to the weekly services, I officiated five funerals and performed one rite of baptism. In the spirit of solidarity and inclusion, the church held a pride flag raising ceremony. It was heart-warming to see so many members of the broader community attend.

SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH & REGIONAL SERVICE

I remain a member of Reconciliation Melfort, a wonderful organization which is active in the local community, committed to healing the division between the colonizer and colonized. I participated in the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Additionally, I am still a member of the Living Skies Regional Justice Team and the Israel-Palestine Just Peace Committee. Thanks to Karen Hadwin's passion and organizational skills, the church hosted a free soup kitchen. The food was donated to Mental Health, which provides food to those in need. Lastly, I became the Pastoral Charge Supervisor for St. Paul's in Tisdale, SK.

PASTORAL CARE

One of the most rewarding components of ministry is pastoral care, particularly hospital visitations. In the last few months of the year, I visited numerous congregants in the hospital daily. I officiated two end of life services.

Rev. Jon



Chairperson's Report 2025

Another year has come and gone - time does seem to move faster these days. Our church has had its share of challenges, particularly in the last few months as our roof became somewhat porous. I have to thank so many people for their work trying to "stem the tide", particularly Caleb and Cindy. Property and the Trustees are also to be thanked and commended for their quick decision making, allowing us to move forward with speed on some challenging decisions.

However, we have had our share of joys and triumphs this past year, not the least of which was our financial picture. We started at our AGM passing a significant deficit budget, and ended the year in the black! While there were some things that happened both in terms of expenses and income we could not have foreseen, the biggest contributor to our success was all of you. From the fundraising initiatives and hard work by so many, to the increase in offerings and bequests, we were able to make it work!! Thank you so much.

The picture will be similar going into this next year, as I'm sure most of you are aware. We will be dipping deeply into our reserves to fix our building, and ensure it continues to be a place of peace, joy, hope and love for years to come. We will once again be relying on the generosity of time, spirit, and financial donations from all of you as this year moves forward.

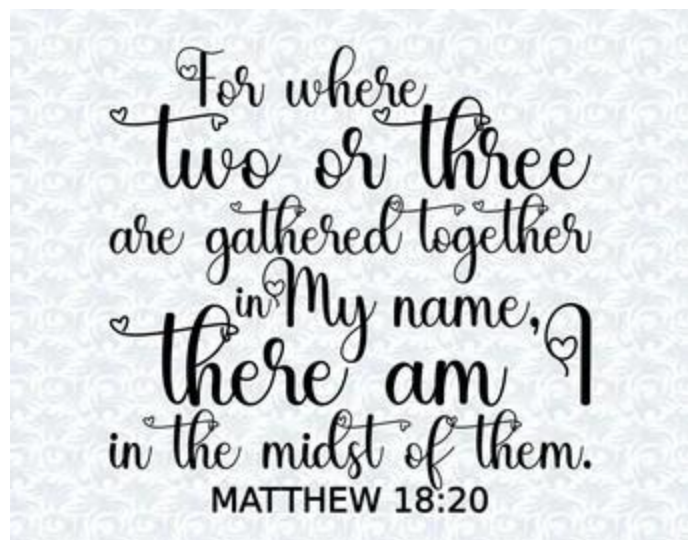
I want to thank the board for all their work. We meet once a month, but a lot of work happens between those meetings. M&P, Property, Finance, Outreach, Worship and Christian Education just to name a few. Their work is truly appreciated and continues to be a big part of this church.

I'd like to thank Jon for his work as well, and the messages he shares, challenging us to walk in Christ's footsteps, in a very uncertain time.

I certainly don't have any idea about what our future holds, nor what God's plan is for this church. I do know we can't do this on our own - we will only succeed as one family. God Bless.

Blessings,

Chris Corbett



In memory of. . .

We are grateful for people's gifts in life and for those who honour them through MEMORIAL GIVINGS. During 2025, the following people were remembered through donations:

*Eva Woolsey
Brian Gilbertson
Walter Kiverago
Earl Bjerland*

*Mel Annand
Paul Schick
Elaine Schick
Rowland LeBarre*

STATISTICS

Transfers In: One
Confirmations: None

WEDDINGS

None

BAPTISMS

One

WE REMEMBER



*Walter Kiverago
Earl Bjerland
Raymond Perrin
Norman Tyacke*

Worship Committee

Our Worship Committee includes Rev. Jon, Wendy Eskowich and Robin Miazga. We welcome additional committee members at any time and are always grateful for the extra help we receive throughout the year.

We are so glad to have Rev. Jon back in our midst, telling us groaners, inspiring us to lead lives as Jesus would want us to live, and visiting with our ill and dying. We ask a lot of Jon, as does the Living Skies Region. Thank you, Jon, for your dedication.

When Jon was away or ill, the Worship Committee found people to lead several services or delivered the sermon on his behalf - although not quite with the same fervor and wit as Jon! Thank you to Cindy Worley who so often helps our lay people with sources for services, and for all those who step up to the pulpit!

Over the course of the last year, we held Communion approximately 8 times. Thank you to the people who volunteered to be Servers and assisted with clean up afterwards.

In 2025 there was one baptism, namely Nixon Cashe Opfergelt. Welcome to our church family. We hope to grow with you, as you grow with us.

This year we had a couple of extra special services: In late February our committee held a special service to recognize the United Church Women (UCW) in our congregation. Thank you to the UCW who work so tirelessly, as the hands, feet and backbone of our church.

We also organized a special celebration June 8th, honoring the United Church of Canada 100th Anniversary, with invitations extended to neighboring United Churches to join us for worship and cake and coffee afterwards. Thank you to all those who contributed to the slide program and the wonderful historic display in the CE center.

We once again held a Camp Sunday with an open mic during Children's time. So many people had camp stories to share that Rev. Jon had no time to give his sermon! We'll put a time limit on for 2026, should we choose to do this again! We raised a very healthy \$613.05 for Camp. Thanks for your generosity!

The Worship Committee is always open to receiving ideas and feedback from the congregation to ensure our services together are meaningful. This year we introduced the idea of the occasional "theme" Sunday. In October we held Orange Shirt Day, and on Easter Sunday in 2026, we will be having Easter Bonnet Sunday. Also watch for things abounding on Pentecost in May. We have also re-introduced Food Bank Sunday four times per year and have had excellent response to date. Thank you for the donations of non-perishable goods.

In September, our committee was responsible for the Noon Luncheon, and for the November Fall Supper we have several specific duties. We are grateful for extra helpers with these assignments.

During Lent and Advent seasons, we found readers and candle lighters. Thank you to the families who stepped up to help make these Sunday services extra special.

Throughout the year, we also decorate and change over the banners in the church sanctuary. We'd like to thank the gentlemen in the church that help us with that, as the banners are VERY heavy and awkward! Several banners need repair and we will be dealing with that very soon. We are also looking at a different storage system for the banners.

Finally, the Worship Committee wants to extend a special thank you to those dedicated folks in the choir who add spirit to our services through the gift of music. We are blessed to have such a talented music director in Mavis Peters and pianists Jodi Allen-Corbett and Tracey Hedin.

Thank you to Gina McAvoy, Maddison McAvoy, and Cheryl Sproule who capture our services for online streaming each Sunday morning. This has been a welcome addition since the Covid19 outbreak. A few good things have come about due to the pandemic!

We thank our dedicated Sunday School teachers Rachelle Heavin and Karen Hadwin who organize lessons and meet with the children, and to all the congregation who participate in Children's Time by answering questions, and help guide our young people by our actions, and living the Word.

Thank you once again to all who have stepped up to assist the Worship Committee with our duties when approached. You add so much to our worship and services when we share the load.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Miazga and Wendy Eskowich



Christian Education Committee & Sunday School

The Christian Education Committee members for 2025 were Karen Hadwen and Rachelle Heavin. The responsibilities of the CE Committee are to provide continuing educational opportunities for the congregation, support and resources for the Sunday School Program, look after June responsibilities including the Sunday School Wind-up, Noon Luncheon, High School Graduates and Sunday School Teacher Recognition, and lead worship services when asked.

In 2025, Sunday School had approximately ten youth attend, when convenient for families. The Sunday School Coordinators, Rachelle and Karen, would reach out to families weekly to determine if Sunday School was required any given Sunday (excluding school holidays). Themes in Sunday School reflected the message presented by Reverend Jon during Children's Time or the current church season. A curriculum is no longer purchased. Instead, Sunday School teacher prepare individual lessons each time. In June of 2025, Grad Sunday recognized William Heavin and Alia Hadwen and hosted a barbeque hamburger noon lunch following the service.

Sunday School resume late September 2025 with two to four children on average. Families from the Sunday School volunteered clearing tables at the Fall Supper. On December 14, the Sunday School presented a short skit for White Gift Sunday with nine participants.

The CE Committee would like to thank the Trustees for updating the resources in the Library, and the people of our church community for their continued support for our youth and opportunities for congregational members to pursue Christian education.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Committee Members,

Rachelle Heavin

SUNDAY SCHOOL



M&S, Outreach, Reception & Membership

Committee members are Sharon Heavin, Gail Forsyth & ad hoc member Ron Nielsen

Responsibilities: To reach out to members of our church community, and to promote the Mission and Service Fund.

We look after the following:

- The Memorial donations. “Thank You” cards are sent for donations made to the fund and “In Memory” cards are sent to the families, letting them know of donations made.
- The “greeter, usher, and coffee-maker” list. We could use more volunteers to help with these small jobs. If you wish to have your name added to this list, please let the committee know. It is obvious that the congregation really enjoys the friendly faces that greet us on Sunday mornings and the time of fellowship over coffee.
- Ron has for many years taken responsibility for arranging for congregational help with the Salvation Army kettles at Christmas time. Thanks to all who help out with this task. Ron has informed us that he is stepping down from this duty.
- A photo of our church is presented to those leaving our congregation.

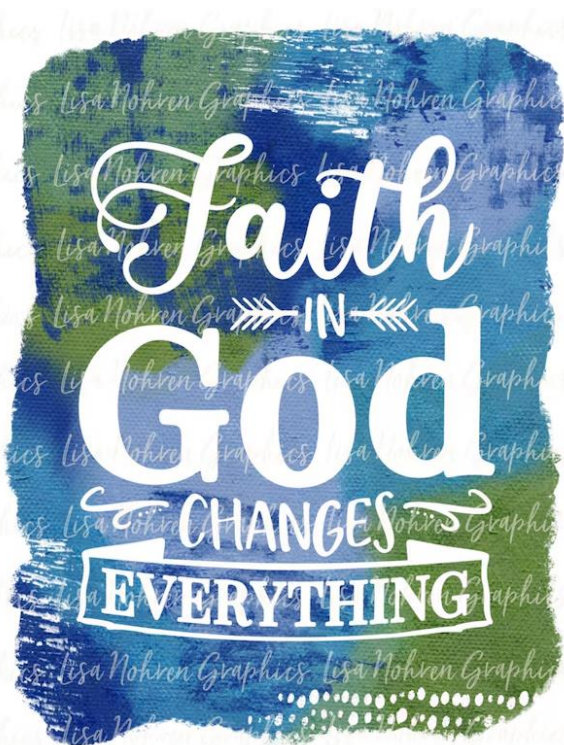
Thank you to the Pastoral Care team who spend many hours keeping in touch with members of the congregation, and to those who read the “Minute for Mission” week after week.

Thanks as well to Cindy for helping us out whenever we needed assistance from the office.

It’s always a sad time to bid farewell to members of our congregation but gratifying to see new faces. We continually work to keep our church contact list up to date. If you are a relative newcomer or if you have switched from a landline phone to cell phone only, please let us know. It’s difficult to contact some people these days.

Respectfully submitted by

Gail Forsyth



Ministry & Personnel

In February we welcomed Rev. Jon back to full time duties following his bereavement leave. He is easing into the work load, balancing office time with visitations and working remotely.

Office administrator, Cindy Worley, is beginning her second year of employment with us. She works twelve hours a week – Monday and Wednesday – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

Custodian Caleb Hubbell continues to keep our church in pristine condition. The leaking roof has added a challenge to his job.

Thank you to the talented team of Mavis Peters, Jodi Corbett and Tracey Hedin. Thank you to the dedicated choir members. The musical inspiration provided each Sunday is phenomenal.

The ministry and personnel committee is in need of new members. Anyone interested in becoming a member of this committee should contact Gary Clarke, Cheryl Sproule or Grace Wilton.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Gary Clarke and Grace Wilton,

Cheryl Sproule



Melfort United Church Choir

| <u>CHOIR MEMBERS</u> | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Lorne Anderson | Chris Corbett |
| Don Meier | |
| Ryan Heavin | |
| Marion Heavin | Donna Signori |
| Rachelle Heavin | Sharon Walker |
| Pat Dolo | Tammy Aasen |
| Madison McAvoy | |
| (when home from University) | |
| Sue Amundrud | Judy Meier |
| Tracey Hedin | Jodi Allen-Corbett |
| Vanessa Signori | |
| Mavis Peters - Director | |

Once again, we are working on a lot of new music this year!! Some sacred and some secular. We endeavor to have an anthem twice a month. This depends upon who will be available for worship on Sundays.

The Music for Reflection/Mediation time added to the service really adds extra music for the choir and the congregation. Sometimes this will be the choir and other times we will call upon Tracey and Jodi's piano talents. This adds to the service and is a welcome addition, especially when an anthem is not performed.

Just a reminder that church members can find our pre-recorded anthems on You tube. Just search for the name of the anthem or Melfort United Church Choir. Many thanks to Vanessa, Don and Donna Signori for the taping and uploading of these anthems!!!

Many thanks to Jodi Allen Corbett and Tracey Hedin for the sharing of their talents accompanying the choir. They make my job so easy!!! They are the brightest stars!!! Once again, I have faced my fears and played for church.

We look forward to bringing music to the church service every Sunday. Our performances this year included the Rotary Carol Festival, Nirvana and Parkland services, Diefenbaker Place and Music Monday, a shared concert with the Northeast Community Band

Submitted by,
Mavis Peters



The Carillons

The Carillons did not meet in 2025. No report.



Pastoral Care

We, the Pastoral Care Team, generally discuss the concerns of members of our church family who are in care homes, being hospitalized, dealing with health problems, or are facing other challenges where we can offer help, encouragement, or some kind of support such as personal and/or telephone visits or sending cards. ALL CONCERNS SHARED WITH THE TEAM ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. We presently have church members in care homes in Melfort, Kinistino, and St. Brieux but this varies from month to month.

In 2025, we have sent or delivered between 20 to 25 cards to folks in hospital, in care homes or recovering from surgery, and/or treatment.

The team depends on congregational or family members to keep us abreast of the needs and concerns of our church families. Contact can be made through the church office, (306-752-2288), with any member of the team or directly with our minister, Rev. Jon Worrall. Jon would welcome a visit from any of you.

We want to sincerely thank those in the congregation who visit regularly (either by phone, in person or even by e-mail) with shut-ins or others in our community. It is especially important during our long winters for folks to be remembered and let them know we care.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Heavin on behalf of Grace Wilton, Ron Nielsen and Rev. Jon Worrall.



Property Committee

The Property committee, consisting of Rick Peters and Ryan Heavin, dealt with a variety of issues regarding the facility throughout the year.

Property reviewed the contract with Kiddie Korner Playschool and recommended a rent increase. The board approved the increase, and a new contract was issued to them.

Our committee approved the purchase of new floor mats for the front entrance.

Listwan construction completed repairs and cleaning of all the eave troughs and downspouts on the church. They also removed the ramp to the main foyer entrance.

With the onset of water leaking through the roof and into the CE Centre, our committee contacted our insurance provider to start an insurance claim. Winmar of Tisdale was contacted to assess the cause, the damages and the proper remediation. As the cause or source of the leak was difficult to determine, an engineering firm from Saskatoon completed an inspection. Through their findings, it was determined the cause of the leak would not be covered by insurance. Contractors have been contacted to estimate repairs to the roof. Once completed, estimates and repairs to the interior of the building will commence.

Property updated information regarding asbestos within the church as well as liability cost schedules for removal of asbestos material if required. R S Management Services completed these updates. The church insurance policy was also reviewed and renewed.

Our committee contracted Got Mould? To perform an air and surface assessment for the church building and its employees and congregants.

Property hired Dale Sochaski, an accredited building inspector, to inspect the church building and prepare a list of repairs the Property committee should prioritize.

The church has experienced recurring issues with sewer backup in the basement bathrooms and boiler room. Northeast Waste was hired to snake the sewer. The City of Melfort Grey water crew inspected the sewer line with a remote camera. From their findings, Property contacted Superior Infrastructures for the cost of installing a liner. Installation should happen early this spring.

The church has experienced several break-ins in the last several months. To maintain the safety of the employees, congregants and contents, steps have been taken. Property received a quote for the installation of a security system from Sasktel Secur-teck but felt improving the exterior door locks was the cheaper first option. A more secure lock system on the storage lean-to on the north side of the church was installed. The keypad lock on the kitchen door has been replaced, and, under the recommendations of Property and the direction of the church board, all other exterior doors will remain locked. The main foyer door will be open during church office hours and during the Sunday church service.

The Property committee would like to thank Caleb Hubbel for his monitoring and work in the building.

Respectfully submitted,

MUC Property committee



Social report



In 2025, we catered to two funerals and 1 memorial reception. We Served approximately 210 people over the year. We also provided coffee for our congregants after our Sunday church services. Supplies for the kitchen were purchased as needed.

Respectfully submitted by
Marion Heavin

Trustee's Report

The current members of the Melfort United Church Board of Trustees for 2025 are: Dorothy Busby (Chairperson), Marion Heavin (Secretary), Doug Lyon, Ron Nielsen and Cheryl Sproule.

The role of the Trustees is to oversee all buildings and properties of Melfort United Church. This includes the responsibility of ensuring that adequate insurance coverage is in place. The trustees have the authority to sell surplus items that are housed in the church buildings. They inspect the church buildings and property at least twice annually, review the insurance policy annually (with the Property Committee) and report to the official board of Melfort United Church regularly.



Concerns and observations during 2025 have included:

Interior of the Sanctuary, the Balcony, the Christian Education Center, The C.E. Center basement, Library, and Choir room Choir Loft are all well-kept and clean. (U.C.W. looks after the kitchen.)

The Playschool notifies the office if they have concerns.

Some water leakage has been reported on the bell tower, some repairs have been done but it requires regular monitoring and further repair ongoing in the spring if required.

Water damage has also occurred again at the outside entrance to the Christian Education and the rooms that the flat roof covers – the Janitor's room and the kitchen. This has become a major problem. (The Property Committee had contacted the insurance company as early as last September. When this is repaired, the job will be covered by insurance. Our problem is, that although the inspector hired by the insurance company, (notified in September) has not been here yet by year-end to assess the damage, indicate what work has to be done and recommend qualified contractors. The Property Committee has been dealing with this problem for several months but they are unable to move forward

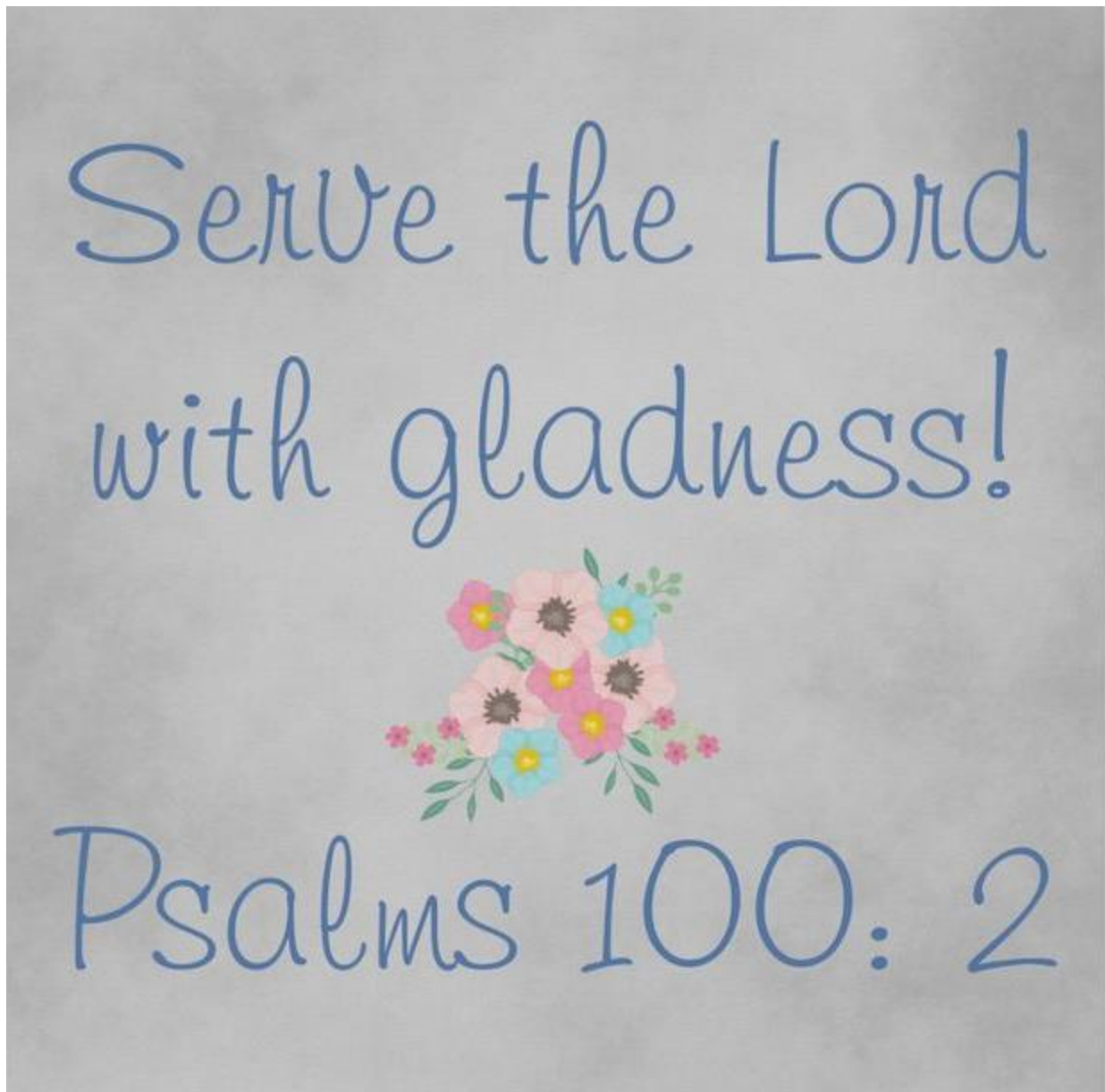
until the inspection is completed. The roof and ceilings were repaired previously, but a local housing inspector claims that the work done at that time was either not done or not adequately done.

We want to thank the Staff and the Property Committee for being diligent with the water leakage problem and the continuing challenges this has presented. They have spent a considerable amount of time dealing with this to keep the damage to a minimum.

Thanks to our choir members who continue to monitor the humidifiers for the pianos and to those who have worked on the flower beds.

Our thanks goes out to Caleb Hubbell, our custodian, for his role in the day-to-day maintenance of our facility.

Respectively submitted by Marion Heavin, Sec.



UCW Report

We began 2025 activities with the UCW hosting noon luncheon on January 5th. It was well attended and several people stayed behind to do cleanup.

February 4th – 6th were preparation days for the turkey pies. Huge thanks go out to Gale Strachan and Sharon Heavin for all the extras they did in getting the whole event planned and executed. And huge thanks also to Don Neher and his crew at the Golden Grain Bakery for cooking the turkeys and baking the pies. We netted \$3,421.69. Thank you to all who helped.

Our UCW Annual Meeting was held on February 26th with only 6 people in attendance.

World Day of Prayer was hosted by the Salvation Army on March 7th. Several UCW members attended.

Women Alive unit hosted the annual Stew Supper on March 17th. It was sellout crowd and raised \$2,846.00.

There was a decent turnout for the kitchen cleaning on April 16th. Not especially a fun job, but a necessary job if we want to have an accredited kitchen.

June 8th was set aside for our congregation to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the United Church of Canada. Thank you to Gail Forsyth for setting up a display for us to peruse.

Quite a number of UCW were involved in the Spring and Fall Garage Sales. Both were very successful events.

November 2nd was the date of the Fall Supper. This was also a sold-out event and brought in \$7,844.69 for the church coffers. Amidst all the chaos, we enjoy seeing folks turn out to give a helping hand.

The Christmas Tea and Bazaar was held on December 6th. Although our numbers were down slightly, we had an abundance of baking, new to you items, and crafts. We raised \$1,992.62 for our efforts.

This year we convened 2 funerals, that raised \$655.50. We also received a donation of \$1,000.00 for a memorial. We remember Earl Bjerland, and Earle Ronald Metcalfe. A memorial was held for Brian Gilbertson.

A Mitten Tree has become an annual event. This year, 8 scarves and neck warmers, 11 pairs of mittens, 1 pair of gloves, 29 hats and toques and 3 pairs of socks were donated to the Marguerite Riel Centre. We are lucky to have so many knitters!!

The UCW Executive met on December 18th to disperse funds in accordance with charitable organizations. We \$6,000.00 to the church General fund, and retained \$2,000.00 - \$2,500.00 of which we can use to prepare for future events.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Miazga - UCW Secretary



Finance 2025

Another truly amazing finish to the year, 2025! We managed a surplus in both November and December and ended the year with a small profit of \$1,069. Between increased revenue (UCW bonus of \$7,000, \$2,300 extra bonus Fall supper, nearly \$3,500 bonus from garage sale) and fund raising, we boosted our budget by \$22,000. On the expense side, our Board and payroll expenses were \$14,000 less than we had budgeted along with our General and Administrative expenses being nearly \$10,000 less than budgeted. Congratulations everyone. As I have said before – we are small but we are mighty. It’s pretty impressive when you budget nearly \$51,000 deficit and end up with a surplus.

As you look at the budget, a couple area’s that have been added since last year:

1. You’ll notice a third GIC listed. In order for the RBC to issue Cindy a church credit card, we had to open a \$1,000 GIC.
2. The Affirmation group has been added, under CE Sunday School, budget of \$300 as requested.



Submitted by Peggy George

This chart recognizes LOCAL, MEMORIAL and MISSION & SERVICE donations.

| | <i>Category</i> | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|----|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Up to \$100.00 | 9 | 19 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 14 | 8 | 13 | 5 | 12 |
| 2 | 101.00 – 500.00 | 39 | 28 | 32 | 31 | 25 | 23 | 19 | 17 | 23 | 21 |
| 3 | 501.00 – 750.00 | 11 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 15 | 15 |
| 4 | 751.00 – 1000.00 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 6 |
| 5 | 1001.00 – 1500.00 | 24 | 17 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 7 | 10 |
| 6 | 1501.00 – 2000.00 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 12 |
| 7 | 2001.00 – 2500.00 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 8 | 2501.00 – 3500.00 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 5 |
| 9 | 3501.00 – 4500.00 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 10 | 4501.00 and up | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 |
| | NUMBER OF IDENTIFIABLE FAMILY UNIT GIVERS | 128 | 126 | 120 | 115 | 101 | 99 | 95 | 96 | 94 | 96 |

Thank you
for your support

| Melfort-Ethelton Pastoral Charge | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Comparative Budget | | | | |
| | 2024 actual | 2025 budget | 2025 actual | 2026 budget |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Contributions | | | | |
| Local | 122,867.50 | 115,000.00 | 120,534.41 | 115,000.00 |
| Initial | - | - | 0.00 | - |
| Open | 5,002.20 | 1,500.00 | 1,587.66 | 1,500.00 |
| UCW | 8,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Total Contributions | 135,869.70 | 118,500.00 | 131,122.07 | 118,500.00 |
| Fundraising | | | | |
| Noon Lunch | 1,943.82 | 2,000.00 | 2,485.99 | 2,000.00 |
| Fall Supper | 6,372.60 | 5,500.00 | 7,844.69 | 5,500.00 |
| Yard Sale | 10,335.05 | 3,500.00 | 7,458.17 | 4,000.00 |
| Scott Woods | 1,090.00 | - | 1,440.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Sarcan recycling donations | - | - | 146.20 | - |
| Other Fundraisers | 695.51 | 500.00 | 10.00 | 150.00 |
| Total Fundraising | 20,436.98 | 11,500.00 | 19,385.05 | 12,650.00 |
| Fund Income | | | | |
| Memorial Donations | 2,425.00 | - | 2,430.00 | - |
| Total Other Revenue | 2,425.00 | - | 2,430.00 | - |
| Other Revenue | | | | |
| Bank Interest | 3,243.92 | 1,200.00 | 2,666.75 | 1,200.00 |
| Rentals | 9,155.00 | 8,800.00 | 8,570.00 | 8,500.00 |
| Other Revenue | | | 250.03 | |
| Total Other Revenue | 12,398.92 | 10,000.00 | 11,486.78 | 9,700.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 171,130.60 | 140,000.00 | 164,423.90 | 140,850.00 |

Stewardship

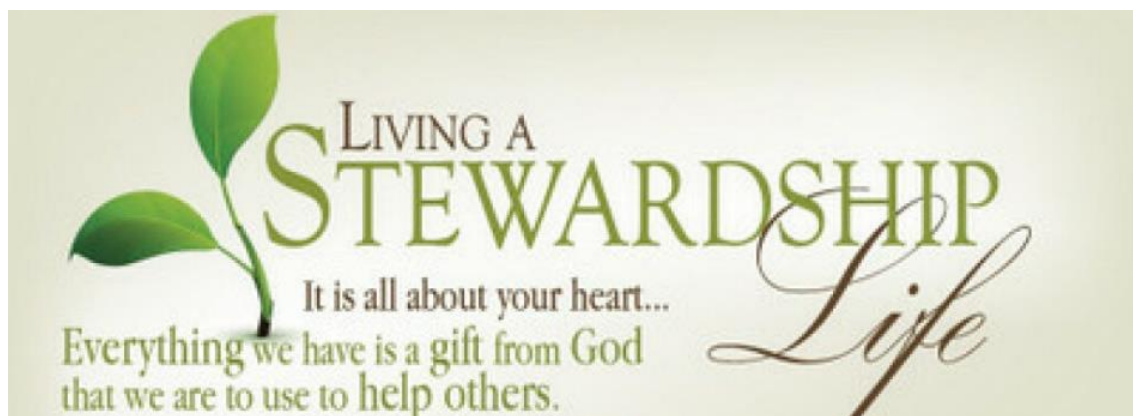
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| EXPENSE | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Board and Committee Expenses | | | | |
| Melfort Board | - | 0.00 | - | 0.00 |
| M&S Outreach/Reception & Membership | - | 100.00 | - | 50.00 |
| CE Books | - | | - | 0.00 |
| CE Sunday School | 64.01 | | 84.75 | 100.00 |
| Affirmation Committee | - | | - | 300.00 |
| CE Community Bldg Activities | - | | - | 0.00 |
| CE Life Long Learning/ Bible Study, Confirmation | - | | - | 0.00 |
| Stewardship Committee | - | | - | 0.00 |
| Worship Books | - | | - | 0.00 |
| Worship - Copyright License | 357.54 | | 366.00 | 366.00 |
| Worship Palms | 62.85 | | 28.65 | 30.00 |
| Worship Communion Supplies | - | | - | 100.00 |
| Worship Bulletins | - | | - | 0.00 |
| Worship Choir | 672.70 | 650.00 | 626.04 | 650.00 |
| Worship Other | - | - | (115.25) | 200.00 |
| Total Board and Committee Expenses | 1,157.10 | 750.00 | 990.19 | 1,796.00 |
| Payroll Expenses | | | | |
| Minister | 59,334.96 | 61,115.00 | 50,030.94 | 62,704.00 |
| Payroll Expense - Minister | 15,548.28 | 16,366.32 | 16,268.30 | 17,594.64 |
| Office Administrator | 13,353.18 | 13,728.00 | 13,917.64 | 14,000.00 |
| Payroll Expense - Office Admin | 896.61 | 900.00 | 939.40 | 950.00 |
| Other Personnel | 10,631.00 | 12,000.00 | 7,764.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Total Wages & Salaries | 99,764.03 | 104,109.32 | 88,920.28 | 103,248.64 |
| ADP Payroll Service charges | 318.37 | 320.00 | 361.22 | 400.00 |
| WCB Expense | 12.96 | 350.00 | 85.38 | 350.00 |
| Total Payroll Expense | 100,095.36 | 104,779.32 | 89,366.88 | 103,998.64 |



| <i>page 2</i> | 2024 actual | 2025 budget | 2025 actual | 2026 budget |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Employee Reimbursed Expense | | | | |
| Minister's Books | - | - | - | - |
| Minister's Telephone/Communication | 1,680.00 | 1,680.00 | 1,680.00 | 1,680.00 |
| Travel | 50.00 | 1,500.00 | - | 1,500.00 |
| Cont Education - Minister | 38.90 | 1,500.00 | 182.40 | 1,733.00 |
| Cont Education Music Director | - | 300.00 | - | 300.00 |
| Cont Education Office Admin | - | 300.00 | - | 300.00 |
| Total Employee Expenses Reimbursed | 1,768.90 | 5,280.00 | 1,862.40 | 5,513.00 |
| General & Administrative Expenses | | | | |
| Accounting & Audit | 450.00 | 400.00 | 270.00 | 400.00 |
| Advertising & Promotions | 653.15 | 700.00 | 161.95 | - |
| Offering Envelopes | - | 100.00 | - | 100.00 |
| Bank Charges | 821.34 | 600.00 | 764.30 | 600.00 |
| Paper, Ink Postage | 320.73 | 750.00 | 679.62 | 750.00 |
| Magazines & Subscriptions | 145.72 | 150.00 | 266.52 | 300.00 |
| Gifts | 100.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Total Office | 2,490.94 | 3,000.00 | 2,442.39 | 2,450.00 |
| Insurance | 10,613.71 | 11,750.00 | 10,993.40 | 12,000.00 |
| Photocopier | 1,350.45 | 600.00 | 586.50 | 600.00 |
| Telephone | 2,696.02 | 3,000.00 | 2,984.84 | 3,000.00 |
| Kitchen Supplies | 276.99 | 300.00 | 290.55 | 600.00 |
| Computer | 248.99 | 500.00 | 124.77 | 500.00 |
| UCC Allocation | 6,852.00 | 7,000.00 | 6,719.00 | 8,188.00 |
| Non Staff Travel | 1,062.60 | 500.00 | 466.40 | 500.00 |
| General Expenses | 23,100.76 | 23,650.00 | 22,165.46 | 25,388.00 |
| Repair & Maintenance - general | 8,131.36 | 10,000.00 | 9,637.88 | 8,350.00 |
| Repair & Maintenance - Instruments | - | 1,000.00 | 1,468.16 | 1,000.00 |
| Pandemic Expenses | - | - | 0.00 | - |
| Janitorial Supplies - paper | 517.55 | 500.00 | 120.38 | 200.00 |
| Janitorial Supplies - cleaning | 444.72 | 1,000.00 | 84.53 | 200.00 |
| Janitorial Contract | 16,156.50 | 19,500.00 | 17,378.25 | 19,500.00 |
| Snow Removal | 753.04 | 2,000.00 | 2,063.36 | 2,000.00 |
| Total Repairs & Maintenance | 26,003.17 | 34,000.00 | 30,752.56 | 31,250.00 |



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|---|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Gas | 16,431.33 | 12,960.00 | 8,902.89 | 8,000.00 |
| Electricity | 5,043.52 | 5,016.00 | 5,261.82 | 5,500.00 |
| Water | 1,374.09 | 1,500.00 | 1,156.47 | 1,500.00 |
| Garbage | 264.00 | 270.00 | 268.00 | 300.00 |
| Total Utilities | 23,112.94 | 19,746.00 | 15,589.18 | 15,300.00 |
| Total General & Administrative Expense | 74,707.81 | 80,396.00 | 70,949.59 | 74,388.00 |
| Donations | | | | |
| Other donations | 35.00 | 70.00 | 155.00 | - |
| Melfort Ministerial | - | - | - | - |
| Total Donations | 35.00 | 70.00 | 155.00 | - |
| Funds Expenses | | | | |
| Facilities Expenses | - | - | - | - |
| Building Expenses | - | - | - | - |
| Instrument Purchases | - | - | - | - |
| Board Approved Capital Expenses | - | - | - | - |
| Total Fund Expenses | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | 177,764.17 | 191,275.32 | 163,324.06 | 185,695.64 |
| NET INCOME | (6,633.57) | (51,275.32) | 1,099.84 | (44,845.64) |



Melfort-Ethelton Pastoral Charge Comparative Balance Sheet

| | <u>As at 12/31/2024</u> | <u>As at 12/31/2025</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ASSET | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Royal Bank Chequing | 60,864.18 | 61,578.32 |
| Affinity Credit Union | 12,932.88 | 7,950.38 |
| Affinity Patronage Shares | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Membership Shares - Funds | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Facilities Chequing | 39,614.10 | 40,614.10 |
| Memorial Account | 23,670.61 | 25,100.61 |
| Building Chequing - SOS | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Cash | <u>137,091.77</u> | <u>135,253.41</u> |
| Piano Fund | 9,307.11 | 9,456.02 |
| GIC #1 Building | 27,999.44 | 29,147.42 |
| GIC #2 Building | 25,394.89 | 26,664.63 |
| GIC #3 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Bequest #1 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Bequest #2 | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Bequest #3 | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Total Investments | <u>112,701.44</u> | <u>116,268.07</u> |
| Accrued Interest - Funds | 1,850.89 | 1,150.51 |
| GST Receivable - Building | 4.09 | 4.09 |
| GST Receivable - Operating | 272.19 | 816.66 |
| Accounts Receivable General | 764.51 | 0.00 |
| Total Receivable | <u>2,891.68</u> | <u>1,971.26</u> |
| Prepaid Insurance | 889.02 | 918.56 |
| Total Prepays | <u>889.02</u> | <u>918.56</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>253,573.91</u> | <u>254,411.30</u> |
| TOTAL ASSET | <u>253,573.91</u> | <u>254,411.30</u> |

LIABILITY**Current Liabilities**

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mission & Service Payable | 3,447.10 | 3,014.65 |
| M & S from UCW | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Broadview Payable | <u>0.00</u> | <u>-30.00</u> |
| Total Church Payables | 3,947.10 | 3,484.65 |
| Prepaid Playschool Rent | <u>3,000.00</u> | <u>3,200.00</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>6,947.10</u> | <u>6,684.65</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITY | <u>6,947.10</u> | <u>6,684.65</u> |

EQUITY**Retained Earnings**

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Retained Earnings - Previous Year | 253,260.38 | 246,626.81 |
| Current Earnings | <u>-6,633.57</u> | <u>1,099.84</u> |
| Total Retained Earnings | <u>246,626.81</u> | <u>247,726.65</u> |
| TOTAL EQUITY | <u>246,626.81</u> | <u>247,726.65</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | <u><u>253,573.91</u></u> | <u><u>254,411.30</u></u> |

Blessed ARE THOSE WHO
HAVE NOT *seen*
AND YET HAVE
Believed