

Rockwood and Stone United Churches Annual Report 2024

Stone United Church

Worship and Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 9, 2025
beginning at **9:45 am** at **Stone**
and on **Zoom**



The Little Church with a Big Heart



Rockwood United Church

Worship and Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 16, 2025
beginning at **10 am** at **Rockwood**
and on **Zoom**.



Live, Love, Laugh

Our Affirming Vision Statement

As Rockwood and Stone United Churches, we are communities of faith that are grounded in God, inspired by Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit.

We strive to be a safe and inclusive place for all people especially those oppressed, excluded and marginalized by age, ability, dietary needs, mental health, economic status, language, racial and cultural backgrounds, marital status and family configurations, gender expression, and sexual orientation.

We are committed to creating a space where the unique gifts and skills of each person are valued, lifted up, and shared in service of God, our communities, and the world.

Recognizing our imperfections as a people of faith, we continue to seek God's forgiveness and commit to learning and growing together.



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Letter from Minister Heather Leffler

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As we reflect on 2024 in our Pastoral Charge and the world around us, and as we anticipate celebrating the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada in 2025, we are reminded of the signs of the Spirit at work. These signs affirm that we continue to have an essential role in building God's kingdom.

In April of 2024, we were the first pastoral charge to become affirming. Traditionally, Affirm United's practice has been for individual congregations to make this decision. However, they celebrated with us as Rockwood and Stone made this commitment together. The day began with a wonderful worship service that moved from Stone to Rockwood, featuring bells, chimes, choirs, communion, balloons and rainbows. A delicious rainbow buffet and warm fellowship concluded our celebration. The decorations remained in place through the end of Pride Month to remind us and others of the important step we took. Seeing the challenges our LGBTQ2SI+ siblings face in 2025, this decision holds even greater significance. Amidst uncertainty, it is crucial for them to know they have allies who stand with them.

Our mission to support people in our communities and beyond becomes increasingly important. We see tent cities and a growing number of individuals facing hunger, homelessness, and economic insecurity both locally and globally. Through your support of Mission and Service, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, East Wellington Community Services (EWCS) Foodbank, Rural Women's Support Program, Anishnabeg Outreach, and local school lunch programs, we provide food, reduce insecurity, and work toward reconciliation and justice. Stone added Royal City Mission, the Ecumenical Campus Ministry, and the Rainbow Chorus as new partners this year. When Royal City Mission lost its funding from the City of Guelph, we invited Marion Reidel to speak. Her visit inspired action: we purchased her book, hosted a freewill offering, and raised significant support for the Mission. Together, with these and other initiatives, our two congregations shared nearly \$44,000 with our partners.

Our worship attendance—averaging 40 people between Rockwood, Stone, and Zoom—represents two committed and vibrant communities. Your participation in our conversations each week has helped deepen relationships with God and each other. Beyond Sunday mornings, your efforts through events like the Country Breakfasts, Wellness Series, Foodgrains Celebration, Christmas Market, Carol Sing and other activities extend our impact far and wide. Rockwood Outreach's unique relationship with the Foodbank shows the Spirit at work in our midst. When EWCS needs specific items, those particular items are often on sale when the committee goes shopping, making your donations go even further. The Spirit is active within and through our churches.

Our councils are also exploring ways to be good stewards of our properties, ensuring that our buildings are well-used, and that potential rental income can support our ongoing mission. This stewardship reflects our dedication to sustaining God's work in the world.

I am deeply grateful for the care you show one another. My prayer for the coming year is that we expand this care to those we have not seen as regularly since the pandemic. Let's share the story of what serving God through our churches means. By inviting others into this rich life of faith, we can help them see the gifts of community and purpose that come from being Christ's hands and feet in the world.

Thank you for your faithful commitment to our churches and our shared mission.

With Thanks and Blessings,

Rev Heather Leffler

Rockwood Stone Pastoral Charge Reports

Eramosa Ensemble

Submitted by Barbara Eley

Members: Chris Arbuckle (viola), Chris Barlow (cello), Heather Blair (French horn), Barbara Eley (flute), Liz Guthrie (clarinet)

The ensemble played this year at Rockwood for the Robbie Burns supper on January 21, Ros Bentley's retirement party on July 14, at Stone on August 4, at Rockwood on November 17, and for the annual carol sing on November 24. We continue to rehearse year-round on Tuesday evenings at Stone Church.

Faith, Food, Friendship and Fun

Submitted by Heather Leffler, Minister

27 adults and one young person gathered for one or more Friday evenings in February, March, October, November and December. Thanks to John and Lisa Leffler and Liz Guthrie for the delicious dinners, Ollie Darcie for setting up, Heather and Lisa Leffler for their leadership and everyone who joined in the fun.

We explored the themes of Preparing for Lent, the New Covenant, Meeting God, The Good Samaritan and Winter. Crafts and activities included making water colour greeting cards, weaving Celtic crosses, painting wooden pumpkins, playing Kim's game, making snowflakes, sharing in conversation and worship. Acting out the parable of the Good Samaritan was especially memorable.

Finance and Stewardship

Submitted by Heather Leffler, Note Taker

Members: Pastoral Charge –Randy Dewey (Chair), Bill Allen (acting Treasurer), Ed Nagel (Trustee); Heather Leffler (Minister); **Rockwood** – Property and Finance – Amanda Hunter-Anthony (Treasurer), Sherol Steinberg (Chair); **Stone** – Property and Finance – Bill Allen (Treasurer), Jack Ward (Chair)

The Committee met in April and October on Zoom to receive updates from our Treasurers and Property and Finance Committees and to discuss stewardship of our congregations. Our Church Treasurers received positive responses to the notes they included with the charitable receipts.

We were grateful for Roy Steinberg's faithful service as Pastoral Charge Treasurer for many years and to Bill Allen for taking on this role following Roy's death.

In April, we reviewed the plans for the minister's Sabbatical. It was noted that in January Stone sent Stewardship letters to 27 regular givers and 73 members who hadn't given in the last year, as well as contacting three adults and nine young people by email. Ed Nagel was added as Treasurer and cosigner of the Manse Fund with Frontier Capital.

Bill Allen and Amanda Hunter-Anthony assisted Heather in completing the statistical information for the United Church in the late spring.

In October, Rosslyn Bentley and Brian Mack from Ministry and Personnel joined the meeting to make salary recommendations for the minister and secretary. Heather noted that after corresponding with One License we have changed the name on our account to Rockwood-Stone Pastoral Charge and they affirmed we can continue to purchase one license for the Pastoral Charge. It was decided not to purchase a video license at this time. Input was given for the Pastoral Charge Budget for 2025.

Funds were drawn from the Manse Fund in the spring and fall to assist in paying the minister's salary.

Ministry and Personnel

Submitted by Brian Mack, Chair

Members: Rosslyn Bentley, Heather DeJonge, Patty Lancaster, Brian Mack, Ellen Thomson

Ministry and Personnel met on March 6th and October 23rd, 2024 via Zoom. A summer meeting was not held due to Rev. Leffler being on sabbatical.

Actions Taken

- Reviewed Rockwood-Stone Terms of Reference
- Reviewed the procedures for annual reviews of ministry and lay personnel
- Received for information plans that were developed to carry on the work of the Pastoral Charge when Heather was on holidays, study leave, and sabbatical. It was noted that Rev. John Benham would be the pastoral charge supervisor, and that Barb Eley and Brian Mack would form the Sabbatical Committee.
- Received oral reports re: annual reviews of all lay personnel.
- Received an oral report concerning Rev. Leffler's annual review which was conducted by Brian Mack and Rosslyn Bentley. Heather continues to enjoy working collaboratively with our congregations.
- Received at each meeting updates concerning Rev. Leffler's 2024 goals and acknowledged Rev. Leffler's goals for 2025:
 - To support discernment concerning where God is leading our churches
 - To continue to support the Trustees of both Rockwood and Stone
 - To help our churches further refine our unique place in the community
- Provided recommendations to the Finance and Stewardship Committee for budget considerations re: salary and benefits for Rev. Leffler and our Secretary, Lisa Leffler for 2025
- Encouraged our Councils to review honorariums and rates of remuneration unique to each church.
- Acknowledged the many wonderful things that the committee sees ministry personnel, lay employees, volunteers, and non-ministry personnel doing well on behalf of Rockwood and Stone United Churches

Ministry and Personnel will next meet in March of 2025.

Minister's Report to Ministry and Personnel for 2024

Submitted by Heather Leffler, Minister

Worship and Faith Formation – I am grateful to everyone who contributes to worship, Contemplation and Conversation, and our Congregational Packs. These opportunities allow us to deepen our spirituality and strengthen our relationships. Thank you for sharing your gifts of music, words, prayers, reflections, and so much more.

Our Bible Study of the Epistles and Parables of Jesus, the Genesis Book Club, Spiritual Saturdays, Stone's Wellness Series, and Faith, Food, Friendship, and Fun provide meaningful learning experiences for our congregation, new friends from Arthur United Church, and our wider community.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship – Tea and Talk met the first half of the year and will resume in January 2025. Monthly Coffee Connections at the Bearded Barista continues to be a great way to connect.

A special thank you to Gwen Brander at Stone and Ian Pasmore at Rockwood for sending out cards, as well as everyone who reaches out to members of our church families. Whether through phone calls, emails, visits, writing Contemplation and Conversation, creating Congregational Packages, or sending Christmas cards, your efforts ensure that our community remains connected and cared for.

Outreach – Supporting our Outreach Committee at Rockwood, the Foodgrains Committee, and the Council at Stone is a privilege. These groups not only raise funds for our partners but also organize events and learning opportunities that build community within our congregations.

Churches – Our Property and Finance Committees and volunteers and caretakers take such good care of our churches and properties. I am grateful to meet with them and offer support.

I have been very grateful to the Rockwood Trustees for their work to sell the parking lot. With the sale falling through, the deposit was very helpful. We connected with the United Church Property Resource Corporation to talk about possibilities for Rockwood's building. The Council has decided to go in another direction.

Administration – Weekly, our secretary Lisa Leffler prepares the announcements, supports tech at our churches, edits videos of worship, posts them online, sends out Contemplation and Conversation and checks messages remotely. She assists with copying newsletters, Congregational Packages and Annual Reports and attends to other office duties as they arise.

Thanks to Treasurers Amanda Hunter-Anthony at Rockwood and Bill Allen at Stone and the Pastoral Charge for their faithful work and for collecting the mail.

I complete our annual statistics with the help of our treasurers, maintain our historical records and prepare the Annual Reports and newsletters – and am grateful to Board members and other volunteers who help with writing and editing.

Sabbatical, Continuing Education and Self Care – I was grateful for the opportunity to take part in the Rethinking Preaching Conference, the Festival of Homiletics, the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship and the Effective Transitional Leadership Training. My Sabbatical allowed me to spend valuable time with family as we settled into our new home in St. Jacobs, and to read and reflect.

Monthly meetings with my support group and spiritual director, as well as coffee with Guelph clergy, help keep me grounded and inspired in my ministry.

Neighbours – Thanks to Marg Baker for helping to plan the World Day of Prayer service at Stone. We had people from neighbouring United Churches and St. John’s Anglican. It was decided that the rural and town churches will work together moving forward.

We hosted the Good Friday service at Stone with choir members and readers from Rockwood, Stone, Barrie Hill and Speedside. I led the service with Rev. Lena Meideros.

John and I enjoy meeting with the Guelph Bridging Group.

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council (WOWRC) – As a member of the WOW Executive, I serve on the Recruitment Team, organized cluster gatherings and helped plan regional meetings. Thank you to Liz Guthrie at Stone for representing us online at the spring and fall meetings and attending gatherings for the regional representatives. I continue to chair the Guided Prayer Network.

In November, I began serving as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Eramosa Pastoral Charge.

Trustees

Submitted by Heather Leffler, Minister, Chair

Trustees: Stone – Randy Dewey, Peter Guthrie, Ed Nagel, Paul May, Eileen McDougall
Rockwood – Rosslyn Bentley, Darryl Nichol, David Smelsky, Christine Wenger
Heather Leffler (Minister)

We were saddened by the death of Paul May.

The Trustees did not meet in 2024.

Our Canoe Investment with Frontier Capital Funds had a balance of 12,104.872 units and was valued at \$154,102.29 on January 1, 2024. \$25,140 was withdrawn and transferred to the Pastoral Charge to pay the housing portion of the minister’s salary. The investment had a unit balance of 10,63.784 units and was valued at \$152,737.18 on December 31, 2024.

Worship and Faith Formation

Submitted by Barb Eley, Rockwood Chair and Brian Mack, Stone Chair

Members: Stone-Liz Guthrie, Brian Mack, Barb Parker, Tammy Smits

Rockwood-Barb Eley, Carol Smelsky **Minister** – Heather Leffler

We give thanks to God for:

- Rev. Leffler's preparation of thoughtful services, her enthusiasm, and for her attention to detail
- Liz Guthrie and Heather Blair for their preparation and playing; Barb Eley and Liz Guthrie for leading our choirs; the Eramosa Ensemble for a night of carol singing and enhancing selected worship services; Christine Wenger and the members of the Chimes Choir for their beautiful music on selected occasions
- Lisa Leffler for music, pictures, tech support, and editing services for posting online; Chris Arbuckle, John Leffler, Ed Nagel, Brent Stiles, and Tammy Smits for tech support during worship
- All who offered pictures, stories, photographs, paintings, and songs during "Offering Praise", for use with worship slides, or on special occasions
- All who contributed to the preparation and distribution of Worship Packs at the start of Lent, Creation Time, and Advent
- the Committee members at Stone and Communion Committee at Rockwood – Carol Smelsky, Ollie Darcie, Marcia Haworth and Kay Mathies for their faithful service

Worship

- **Sunday, February 4 Stone's Annual Meeting** – Rockwood joined for worship on Zoom
- **Sunday, February 18 Communion** – beginning of Lent
- **Sunday, February 11 Rockwood's Annual Meeting** – Rev. Leffler led worship at Rockwood and at Stone the Worship and Faith Formation Committee led worship. Bill Allen shared his slides of his visit to Malawi.
- **Friday, March 1 World Day of Prayer** – The service planned by Marg Baker and Rev. Leffler was held at Stone with 29 in attendance.
- **Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday** – Communion was served. Stone had a pancake breakfast prior to the service.
- **March 24 Good Friday Service** – The service at Stone was led by Rev. Leffler and Rev. Lena Medeiros from Eramosa Pastoral Charge.
- **Sunday, March 31-Easter Sunday Service**
- **Sunday, April 28 Affirm Celebration** began at Stone with the pealing of the bells. Following the message and Statement of Intention, Rosemary Kennedy of Dublin Street in Guelph presented Stone with their certificate from Affirm United. A picture was taken on the steps after singing the first two verses of *Let Us Build a House*. We were greeted by the Chimes at Rockwood and took a picture outside before going in to sing the last three verses of *Let Us Build a House*. We again made our Statement of Intention and Rosemary presented Rockwood's certificate. Following the choir anthem, we celebrated communion. We enjoyed tossing rainbow-colored balloons in worship and a rainbow feast after the service. The decorations remained in each church through Pride month in June.
- **Sunday, May 12 Sabbatical Liturgy** – This was Rev. Leffler's final service at both churches before she began her time of study leave, holidays, and sabbatical. Stone had breakfast before

worship thanks to Worship and Pastoral Care. We used the Sabbatical liturgy from 2019 in worship at both churches. At Rockwood, Lillian Margaret Pothier was baptized.

- **Sundays, May 19 to September 8** – Rev. Leffler was away from May 13th until September 9th. Lisa Leffler led worship from May 19th until September 8th except for May 26th, June 9th, June 16th, June 23rd, and July 7. Each of these services were led by Worship & Faith Formation. The services utilized by Worship and Faith Formation were part of a six-week series of services prepared by Lisa Leffler and Andrew Hyde. Lisa Leffler prepared the slides for all services.
- **Sunday, May 26 Pastoral Charge Picnic** was held at Stone following the service which featured favourite hymns. Thanks to Tom Parker and Tammy Smits for providing exciting rounds of Trivia and Bible Pictionary.
- **Sunday, June 9 Rockwood's Anniversary** – Barb Eley and Carol Smelsky led the full service as Andrew Hyde was unable to speak due to a prior commitment.
- **Sundays June 23 to September 15 Alternating Summer Services** – Services began June 23rd at Stone and ended September 15th at Stone. Barb Eley graciously led worship on July 14th when Lisa Leffler's flight from Winnipeg was delayed. Lisa recorded her sermon and uploaded it.
- **Sunday, August 18 Foodgrains Zucchini Weigh-off** was held at Stone following worship.
- **Sunday, September 15 Welcome Back Liturgy** – During the combined service at Stone, Brian Mack led the liturgy to welcome Rev. Leffler back. The Leffler family graciously provided lunch for all to enjoy following the service. Lisa Leffler was thanked and given a small gift from the congregations for her leadership during the summer. Rev. Leffler was given two potted fall plants for her garden as she returned to the pulpit.
- **Sunday, September 22 Resumption of Regular Services** – Regular services resumed on September 22nd at Stone at 9:45 am and at Rockwood at 11:15 am.
- **Sunday, September 29 Orange Shirt Sunday**–Folks wore orange shirts in remembrance of harm done to our Indigenous brothers and sisters.
- **Sunday, October 6 World Communion** – Communion was served in both churches.
- **Sunday, October 13 Thanksgiving Sunday** – We offered thanks for our many blessings.
- **Sunday, October 20 Stone Anniversary** – Growth Animator Greg Smith-Young outlined his role with the national church. The choirs from both Rockwood and Stone combined to offer an anthem. Parkers provided a soup lunch which was followed by a Foodgrains Celebration.
- **Sunday, November 3 All Saints Sunday** – We remembered people who had died in each congregation during the past year.
- **Sunday, November 10 Remembrance Sunday** – Service held at Rockwood at 10 am with Worship and Faith Formation leading. Marion Reidel, a speaker from Royal City Mission, brought a message of need and hope.
- **Monday, November 11 Remembrance Day** – Rev. Leffler offered the prayer at the Cenotaph ceremony. Choir members participated in the community choir.
- **Sunday, November 24 Carol Sing** led by the Eramosa Ensemble at 7 pm at Rockwood.
- **Sunday, December 1 Advent 1** – Communion was served.
- **Sunday, December 8 Advent 2** – Rev. Leffler incorporated prayers and other elements of Blue Christmas into the service. Candles were lit in remembrance of loved ones during Prayers of the People.
- **Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve** – Readings and Reflections with communion at Rockwood from 6:15 until 7 pm featuring the flute playing of Barb Eley. Christmas Eve communion service at Stone beginning at 7:30 pm.

- **Sunday, December 29** – The Worship Committee led the service on Zoom at 10 am. Reflections were provided by Liz Guthrie, Brian Mack, and Tammy Smits.

Faith Formation

- **Contemplation & Conversation** – Rev. Leffler continues to offer Contemplation and Conversation each Sunday. Along with the commentaries, we are often provided with links to various United Church resources for our individual study. At different times of the year (especially in conjunction with the Worship Packs), thoughtful commentaries have also been offered by Lisa Leffler, Sarah Leffler, Tammy Smits, Barb Parker, Karen Richardson, Liz Guthrie, Brian Mack, Cate Dewey, and Rosslyn Bentley.
 - **Congregational Worship Packs** – Rev. Leffler co-ordinated the Lent/Easter Pack and the Advent/Christmas Pack. Brian Mack and Lisa Leffler co-ordinated the Creation Pack. Each of the packs focused on a particular theme and contained weekly reflections which were used, as well, for Sunday Contemplation and Conversation pieces. Each pack offered spiritual practices, questions for thought, and activities including coloring pages.
 - **Bible Study** – Bible Study normally meets weekly on Tuesday evenings. In the winter and spring the focus was on the Epistles. Bible Study resumed for the autumn on October 29th on Zoom with participants from Stone, Rockwood, and Arthur studying the parables of Jesus.
 - **Spiritual Saturday** – Led by Lisa Leffler on-line and in person, Spiritual Saturday is normally held on the second Saturday of the month with the exception of August and September.
 - **Faith, Food, Friendship, and Fun** – These gatherings normally occur on the third Friday of the month. Thanks to Heather, John, and Lisa Leffler for planning the worship, the crafts, and the supper. (See Faith, Food, Friendship, and Fun Report.)
 - **Choir** – Led by Barb Eley and Liz Guthrie, choir has met in each church on a weekly basis since September 12. Earlier in the year, choir practices were combined. (See choir reports for Stone and Rockwood.)
 - **Eramosa Ensemble** – Under the direction of Barb Eley, the Eramosa Ensemble continues to meet regularly. (See Eramosa Ensemble Report.)
 - **Chimes Choir** – Under the direction of Christine Wenger, the Chimes Choir continues to meet regularly and provides beautiful music on special occasions. (See Chimes Choir Report,)
 - **Men's Coffee Group** – Men gather on the last Thursday of each month from 10:30 am to 12 noon at The Bearded Barista café.
 - **Tea & Talk** – Met bi-weekly from January through June at Rockwood United. The women did not meet in the autumn.
 - **Genesis Book Club** – Book club meets monthly normally on the 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm on Zoom or in-person at Stone. (See Book Club Report.)
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Rockwood Stone Pastoral Charge Financial Reports

Financial Report for Year Ending December 31, 2024

Submitted by Bill Allen, Treasurer

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	Variance	2025 Budget	Budget Change Y/Y
Receipts					
Rockwood Transfers	\$ 45,987.48	\$ 45,987.48	\$ -	\$ 49,987.48	\$ 4,000.00
Stone Transfers	45,987.48	45,987.48	-	49,987.48	4,000.00
Rockwood UCC Assessment	2,843.52	2,843.52	-	2,843.52	-
Stone UCC Assessment	3,082.56	3,082.56	-	3,082.56	-
Sabbatical Fund Contributions	1,062.00	1,062.00	-	-	(\$1,062.00)
Manse Fund Transfers	25,140.00	25,140.00	-	25,000.00	(\$140.00)
Other Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 124,103.04	\$ 124,103.04		\$ 130,901.04	\$ 6,798.00
Expenses					
Minister's Salary	\$ 78,396.86	\$ 82,380.00	(\$3,983.14)	\$ 90,183.00	7,803.00
Secretary's Salary	5,133.36	5,442.47	(309.11)	5,603.52	161.05
Employer UI, CPP	4,649.47	4,356.54	292.93	4,769.00	412.46
Employee Pension & Benefits	14,492.70	15,631.10	(1,138.40)	18,027.21	2,396.11
ADP Fees	641.22	678.41	(37.19)	650.00	(28.41)
Ministers Km's	2,866.60	2,200.00	666.60	2,200.00	-
Pulpit Supply	3,883.00	1,812.00	2,071.00	1,778.00	(34.00)
Minister's Telephone Allowanc	-	420.00	(420.00)	420.00	-
Office Phone & Internet	1,058.91	1,080.00	(21.09)	1,080.00	-
Continuing Education	1,640.00	1,640.00	-	1,689.00	49.00
Copier	248.45	250.00	(1.55)	250.00	-
Office Supplies	690.89	200.00	490.89	200.00	-
One License	354.00	354.00	-	354.00	-
Zoom License	242.84	409.00	(166.16)	250.00	(159.00)
Affirm Expenses	218.28	-	218.28	200.00	200.00
Guided Prayer Network	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
Joint Charge Projects	-	1,100.00	(1,100.00)	500.00	(600.00)
Marketing Costs	-	800.00	(800.00)	200.00	(600.00)
Bank fees	61.50	61.50	-	50.00	(11.50)
Other Expenses	232.44	400.00	(167.56)	350.00	(50.00)
UCC Assessment	5,926.00	5,926.00	-	5,926.00	-
Total Expenses	\$ 120,936.52	125,141.02	(\$4,204.50)	\$ 134,879.73	\$ 9,738.71
Receipts Less Expenses	\$ 3,166.52	(\$1,037.98)		(\$3,978.69)	
Book Balance 23-12-31	\$ 11,325.07				
Outstanding Cheques	1,227.44				
Cheques Cleared 2024	1,227.44				
Surplus on Operations	3,166.52				
Book/Bank Balance 24-12-31	\$ 14,491.59				

Stone Annual Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2024 on Zoom at 11 am

98th Annual Meeting for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Submitted by Tammy Smits

PRESENT Bill Allen, Marg Baker, Mike Benham, Gwen Brander, Cate Dewey, Randy Dewey, Liz Guthrie, Patty Lancaster, Heather Leffler, John Leffler, Lisa Leffler, Brian Mack (Chair), Paul May, Sherry May, Ed Nagel, Barb Parker, Tom Parker, Karen Richardson, Tammy Smits (Recording Secretary), Edie Ward, Jack Ward

AGENDA ITEM #	DESCRIPTION – PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	Welcome/Overview/Opening Prayer/Voting Procedure – Brian Mack
	<p>Chair Brian Mack opened the meeting by outlining the agenda and the voting procedure. He read a selection of scriptures and allowed time for reflection on each.</p> <p><i>Motion that voting be made by a show of hands, unless voting by ballot is requested. Moved by John Leffler. Seconded by Mike Benham. Carried.</i></p> <p><i>Motion that visitors be made corresponding members. Moved by Marg Baker. Seconded by Jack Ward. Carried.</i></p> <p><i>Motion that adherents be eligible to vote at this meeting. Moved by Liz Guthrie. Seconded by Barb Parker. Carried.</i></p> <p>The congregation was split into breakout rooms to discuss “How did we engage in deep spirituality, bold discipleship and daring justice in 2023?”</p> <p>See Appendix 1 for the resulting word cloud.</p>
2	Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting of June 11, 2023 (pp 4-5)
	<i>There was a motion to accept the minutes of the Rockwood Stone Pastoral Charge Meeting of June 11, 2023 as printed. Moved by Liz Guthrie. Seconded by Edie Ward. Carried.</i>
3	Minutes of Special Stone Congregational Meeting of October 15, 2023 (pp 21)
	<i>There was a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Stone Congregational Meeting of October 15, 2023 as printed. Moved by Tom Parker. Seconded by Paul May. Carried.</i>
4	Minutes of February 5, 2023 Annual Meeting (pp 16-20) – Brian Mack
	<i>There was a motion to accept the Annual Meeting minutes pp 16-20 for the year ended December 31, 2022 as printed. Moved by Marg Baker. Seconded by Ed Nagel. Carried.</i>
5	Business Arising from the Minutes – Brian Mack <i>None Noted.</i>
6	Correspondence – Brian Mack
	<p>Heather reminded everyone to sign up for the WOWRC e-newsletter as well as the United Church of Canada e-newsletters and on-line content. CHURCHx is a platform that allows people to participate in United Church webinars and may be of interest to people.</p> <p>Heather is part of recruitment team that has been organizing clusters with neighbouring churches. There will be a cluster gathering at Stone to educate about regional council and establish some wider connections.</p>
7	Review of Annual Reports for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

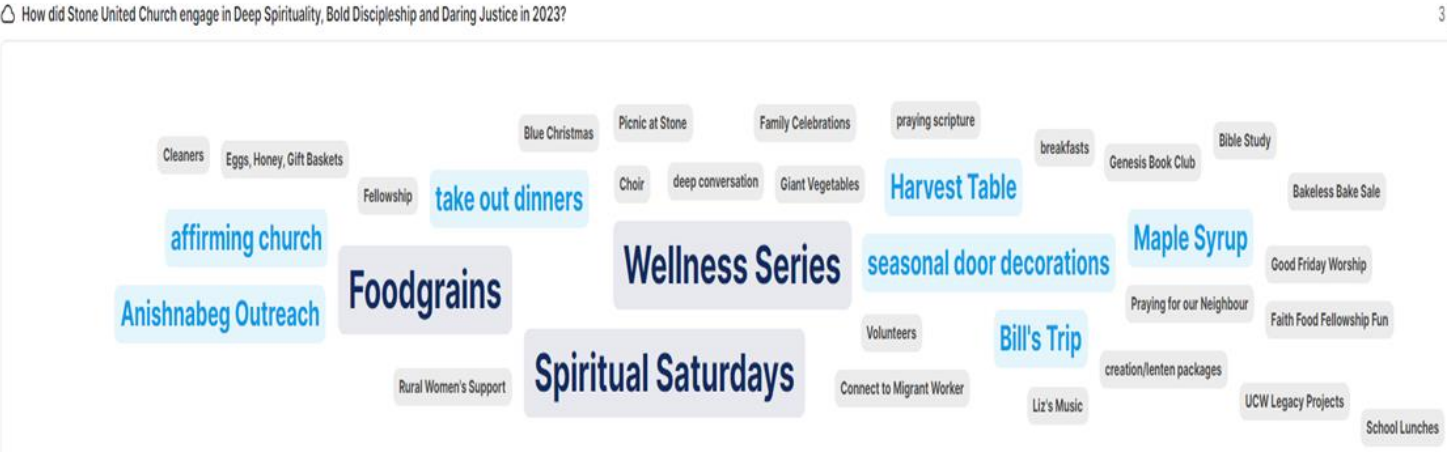
7a	Pastoral Charge Reports (pp 6-13) <i>No further details to share.</i>
i	Minister's Letter/Minster's Report/ Faith Food Friendship and Fun – Rev. Leffler <i>No further details to share.</i>
ii	Affirming Discernment Circle – Liz Guthrie <i>No further details to share.</i>
iii	Finance and Stewardship – Heather Leffler Heather spoke about what a gift it is to have both churches sharing ideas and budgeting together. She thanked Bill, Roy and Amanda for their leadership.
iv	Ministry and Personnel – Brian Mack Brian thanked those who served on the committee and reminded everyone that if there are concerns the committee members can be approached to help.
v	Eramosa Ensemble – Liz Guthrie <i>No further details to share.</i>
vi	Trustees – Rev. Leffler <i>No further details to share.</i>
vii	Rockwood and Stone Trustees Financial Report for 2023 – Rev. Leffler <i>No further details to share.</i>
viii	Worship and Faith Formation – Brian Mack Liz Guthrie made a correction that World Day of Prayer on March 3, 2023 was held at Speedside, not Barrie Hill.
	<i>Motion to accept Pastoral Charge Reports – Ministers Letter; Affirming Discernment Circle; Faith, Food, Friendship and Fun; Finance and Stewardship; Ministry and Personnel; Minister's Report to Ministry and Personnel for 2023; Eramosa Ensemble; Trustees; Rockwood Stone Trustees Financial Report for 2023; Worship & Faith Formation as amended p. 6-13. Moved by Liz Guthrie. Seconded by Bill Allen. Carried.</i>
7b	Rockwood Stone Pastoral Charge Financial Reports and 2024 Budget (pp 14-15) – Bill Allen Bill advised that the financials are straightforward as both churches budget to break-even and assess accordingly. Last year contributions were made for Heather's upcoming sabbatical; otherwise, there was no change from previous years. Jack noted that Roy has done an outstanding job. Roy's replacement is still being sought. Heather thanked Jack and David for reviewing.
	<i>There was a motion to accept the Pastoral Charge Financial Report and 2024 Budget pp 14-15 as printed. Moved by Bill Allen. Seconded by Jack Ward. Carried.</i>
7c	Moment of Silence was held to remember those who died this year.
7d	Stone United Church Committee Reports (pp 22-30)
i	Membership/Statistics 2023/Stone United Church Roll – Karen Richardson Heather clarified that when she is asked to do a funeral for another church or someone of no church, the information is often put in Rockwood's book, but if the person is from Eramosa Pastoral Charge or somewhere near Stone she adds to that roll.
ii	Stone Council – Brian Mack

	Brian summarized all the proposals and motions throughout the year. Under the new governance model Council now meets twice per year instead of four times. Reporting ahead of time allows for more discussion.
iii	Canadian Foodgrains Bank Growing Project – Bill Allen/Barb Parker Bill noted that Barb wrote the report, and he provided the financials. He thanked everyone who contributed to the project as it exceeded expectations. It was heartwarming for him to hear directly from those who receive Foodgrains donations in Malawi.
iv	Choir – Liz Guthrie <i>No further details to share.</i>
v	Genesis Book Club – Brian Mack <i>No further details to share.</i>
vi	Pastoral Care and Fellowship – John Leffler John thanked everyone on the committee, especially Karen for her reminders.
vii	Property and Finance – Jack Ward/Bill Allen <i>No further details to share.</i>
viii	Stone Spring Wellness Series – Brian Mack Heather thanked the committee for their work and Tammy for learning Eventbrite, as it is a platform that can be used for more church initiatives in the future.
ix	Western Ontario Waterways – Liz Guthrie Liz enjoys the hybrid meetings, feeling the energy in person and learning what is happening in the region council. Brian thanked Liz for representing Stone, as other congregations do not have anyone able to attend.
	<i>Motion to accept Stone Committee Reports – Membership; Statistics 2023; Stone United Church Roll; Stone Council; Canadian Foodgrains Bank; Choir; Genesis Book Club; Pastoral Care and Fellowship; Property and Finance; United Church Women; Stone Spring Wellness Series; Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council as printed pp. 22-30. Moved by Barb Parker. Seconded by Randy Dewey. Carried.</i>
7e	2023 Stone Financial Reports (pp 31-34,37) – Bill Allen
i	Operating Statement The budget for 2023 was based on 2022 actuals. Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly givings were down from last year and have continued to decline due to loss of long-term givers Mission & Service was down due to fewer weekly givers There was \$425 in Community Support that went to A&O that doesn't show Foodgrains raised above budget with \$9700 Maple syrup sales slightly down Takeout dinners were down due to one less dinner Total revenue was down significantly Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastoral Charge expenses same Fuel oil costs will be 0 next year and hope that propane will be reduced Increase in electricity costs due to installation of the new heat pump Maintenance and repairs up, likely due to installation of heat pump

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collected money for Broadview but did not get invoiced; has been sorted out and people can expect subscriptions soon Lower than expected net surplus – net deficit of \$9000 Big expense was \$14,000 for heat pump with \$5000 from UP Fund Allocated \$5000 from Memorial Fund to help pay for heat pump <p>Balance Sheet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$ 15,444 in current account spread over five funds \$ 34,000 in Oakes Fund \$ 30,000 GIC is due in April <p>Deferred revenue is the grant from the UP Fund to support the 2024 Wellness Series (\$2500) that will be used this year.</p>
ii	<p>Stone United Church Cemetery Fund/Reviewers – Bill Allen</p> <p>Brian thanked Jack and Gord who reviewed the reports, Bill for his clear reports, and Eileen and those who help her in caring for the cemetery.</p> <p>Council is looking at new governance around the cemetery to take the burden off Eileen.</p>
	<p><i>Motion to accept Stone Financial Reports – Balance Sheet; Operating Statement; Cemetery Fund; Reviewers as printed. pp. 31-34 & p 37. Moved by Jack Ward. Seconded by Ed Nagel. Carried.</i></p>
iii	<p>2024 Proposed Budget (p35) – Bill Allen</p> <p>A letter has been sent to all adherents to solicit contributions from lapsed donors and encouraged everyone to join PAR. It also educated on current initiatives and invited people to support the church. Heather and Brian noted that the number of givers is very different from the number of members. They also reached out to young members who recently joined the church to invite them to subscribe to the announcements and Contemplation and Conversation.</p> <p>They thanked Bill and Tammy for helping draft the letters, John for providing food while they worked and Lisa for making labels and stuffing envelopes.</p> <p>Brian and Heather also made notes of those who haven't responded in a long while and they will be discussed further by Pastoral Care.</p> <p>Income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipate total weekly givings of \$20,000; PAR projections remain the same M&S, Food Grains kept same Hoping to maintain the same income from maple syrup sales Takeout dinners will be increased so \$4000 budgeted Increased Anishnabeg Outreach slightly Projecting roughly the same as last year <p>Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastoral Charge expenses up slightly Hydro expecting an increase with the new heat pump No cost for fuel oil, hoping for reduced propane due to heat pump with maintenance contract Property insurance same as last year Internet costs will be full year Organist expenses increased to reflect what the position should be receiving based on UC projections Projecting all other expenses to be up slightly Net deficit of \$7000 expected <p>Brian thanked Bill for compiling the budgets and all his hard work throughout the year.</p>

	It is hoped that the letters will eliminate the deficit, but as a congregation it is concerning. The church has good investments in the bank, but members need to be aware of the deficit.
	<i>There was a motion to accept the 2024 proposed budget p 35. Moved by Randy Dewey. Seconded by John Leffler. Carried.</i>
7f	Stone Nominating Report (p38) – Brian Mack <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather DeJonge has moved from Worship and Faith Formation to Ministry and Personnel • Ed Nagel has joined as a Trustee • Marg Baker has taken over as the Broadview representative • Gord Carothers has joined as a financial reviewer
	<i>There was a motion to accept the Stone Nominations Report p 38 as printed. Moved by Liz Guthrie. Seconded by Ed Nagel. Carried.</i>
8	New Business – All
8a	<p>Proposal re: Outreach Projects – Brian Mack</p> <p>In October 2023, Stone Council passed a unanimous motion that \$2500 would be taken from the memorial fund to support outreach initiatives.</p> <p>Further to that, when Stone Council met in January 2024, discussion was held and the following points agreed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The congregation would be challenged to raise an additional \$1100 to be added to \$2500 • These would go into a fund called Community Outreach 2024 • Legacy programs e.g. Rural Women’s Shelter, school support, EWCS will still be supported • Council considered projects for outreach, some that have been touched on in the past but not discussed recently and some new: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anishnabeg Outreach – as givings were down last year • Campus Ministry – have not contributed for a number of years and a good connection with youth • Royal City Mission – connected through Harvest Table and aware of unhoused – feeding 700 meals per week • Erin Pride Festival – commitment to affirming initiatives – need to report after celebrate our official affirming (or something similar) <p>It was agreed that the congregation would discuss at the annual meeting whether any, all or only some of these projects would be supported. The allocation of \$2500 will be decided by the congregation.</p> <p>Groups can decide if funds go to the Community Fund or General Fund, but they cannot designate a specific initiative within the fund. The \$1100 raised in other fundraisers will be allocated by those who raised it; should fundraising exceed that amount Council will allocate any additional funds to those outreach initiatives.</p> <p>It was agreed by consensus that a poll will be sent by email along with the Contemplation & Conversation to the attendees of this meeting, who can respond via email to Heather by Sunday February 11, 2024. This will help Council figure out how to allocate funds.</p> <p>There was discussion about asking more for outreach when a deficit was presented. It was suggested that reaching out to the community beyond the congregation is the answer and build more community partnerships.</p> <p>Members were split into breakout rooms to discuss:</p> <p><i>What fundraisers would you enjoy participating in to help raise funds for outreach and/or general funds?</i></p>

	<p>Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie night/afternoon on PA day • Pie sales pre-ordered • Single container servings pre-ordered i.e. soup/chili/sauerkraut/pickles • Breakfast • Expanding takeout dinners (but that will have constraints) • Increase building rental prices/building usage • Planet Bean coffee fundraiser • Gift card fundraiser • Paint night with mocktails • Food fix meal auction or cake/pie auction • BBQ lunch & outdoor service • Plant sale for Mother's Day • Meals after church where people brought food but pay by donation <p>It was noted that food sales to the community need to be cooked in the church with people who have Food Handler's certificate.</p> <p>People were encouraged to volunteer to lead any projects that they have time/energy to take on. Anyone leading a project can contact Brian and Heather to check dates with Rockwood, Jack if the building is necessary, and run idea past several other members/friends for feedback. No official permission is needed specifically from Council.</p>
9	Closing Prayer and Declaration of Adjournment – Heather Leffler/Brian Mack
	<p>Reverend Leffler closed the meeting with a prayer.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.</p>



Tammy Smits, Recording Secretary

Chairperson

Stone United Church Committee Reports

Membership

submitted by Karen Richardson

Number of Resident Members – January 1, 2024	79	
Removed by Death	4	
Gary Walton		
Grace Nellis		
Paul May		
Laverne Hartung (2023)		
Removed by Request	1	
Claudia Etches		
Total Number of Resident Members – December 31, 2024		74
Number of Non-Resident Members – January 1, 2024	67	
Removed by Death	1	
Barb Marshall		
Total Number of Non-Resident Members – December 31, 2024		66
Total Number on Church Roll – December 31, 2024		140

Baptisms: 0

Weddings: 0

Funerals: 2

Lois McDougall at Wall Custance on January 27, 2024

Grace Nellis at Memory Gardens on November 29, 2024

In Memoriam

Barb Marshall died June 14, 2024

Gary Walton died June 30, 2024

Grace Nellis died November 24, 2024

Paul May died November 30, 2024

Statistics 2024

Submitted by Heather Leffler, Minister

Number of Households	103	Other Group Memberships	
Number of Financially Supporting Households	33	<i>Includes anyone who has attended</i>	
Number of Givers to Local Expenses	33	<i>at least once in person or online.</i>	
Number of Givers to Mission and Service	17	*Bible Study	9
Average Weekly Attendance in October and November		Stone Choir	9
in Worship on Zoom	1	*Genesis Book Club	10
In Worship in-person	20	*Spiritual Saturday	8
Adherents – <i>Includes children, youth and adults who</i>	14	*Wellness Day	83
<i>participate in the life and work of our church monthly.</i>			
Children and Young People		<i>*Includes participants from both</i>	
12-18 years of age	2	<i>congregations.</i>	

Stone United Church Roll
(list includes members and adherents)
Submitted by Karen Richardson

Bill Allen	Tammy Hawes Cameron	Murray & Eva Oliver
Marg Baker	Marlene Hawkins	Marion Neilson Osborne
Joel Bandy	Ron & Donna Hawkins	Helen O'Shea
Loren Bandy	Bradley Hawkins	Mabel Parker
Howard Benham	Michelle Hawkins	Tom & Barb Parker
Mike Benham	Gord & Jean Haws	James Patterson
Janet Bird	Krista Hay	John Patterson
Don & Gwen Brander	Andrew & Nadine Jackson	Randy & Rhonda Peart
Josh Brander	Earl Jackson	Christian & Trudi Poschung
Mary Brander	Jean Jackson	Marianne Poschung
Tyler & Debbie Brander	Sheila Jackson-Elder	Pierre Poschung
Linda Brown	Heather Kidston	Marion Prentice
Gord & Susan Carothers	Joanne Lacroix	Karen Richardson
Arthur Churchyard & Matt Setzkorn	Ben Lancaster	Aaron Rietkerk & Jaclyn Hay
Mary Churchyard	Larry & Patty Lancaster	Jordan & Amanda Rietkerk
Norman (Jr.) Craigie	Matthew Lancaster	George & Leita Root
Ollie Darcie	John Leffler	Melanie Running
Abby De Jonge	Lisa Leffler	Reuben & Joanne Salmon
Rick & Heather De Jonge	George Leslie	Rachael Siderius
Chris Dewey	Gerald Leslie	Stan & Anna Siderius
John Dewey	Graham Leslie	Amanda Smits
Peter Dewey	Sharon Leslie	Emma Smits
Randy & Cate Dewey	Brian Mack	Heidi Smits
John Duffield	Debbie Marshall	Mike & Tammy Smits
Michael Duffield	Don Martin	Shelly Steele
Murray & Marg Duffield	Greg Martin	Frank & Janice Stokman
Steven Duffield	Ryan Martin	Glenn & Heather Storey
Joyce Duffield	Abby May	Ron & Betty Storey
Claudia Etches	Andy May	Tiffany Sutherland
Evelyn Farr	Sherry May	Rob & Melissa Swackhammer
Herbert Farr	Tim May & Kirsten Graham-May	Marlynn Swanston
Tom Farr	Darrell McDougall	Jill & Scott Sylvester
Carolyn Farrell	Eileen McDougall	Lane Sylvester
Shirley Fiebiger	Cheryl McQueen	Janine Taylor
Myra Freeman	Allan Millson	Abby Thomson
Glenna Fryer	Ed Millson	Brittany Thomson
Wilma Fuller	Gordon A. Millson	Emma Thomson
Jack Gallin	Lloyd Millson	Grace Thomson
Jennifer Gerber	Murray Millson	Margaret Thomson
Robin Grace	John Murison	Megan Thomson
Marie Graham	Shirley Murphy	Steven & Sandra Thomson
Elizabeth Guthrie	Ed & Heather Nagel	Lucille Turner
Peter Guthrie	Steve Nyman	Jack & Edie Ward
Nancy Halliburton	Ken Oakes	Lisa Ward
Bill Hartung	Kerri O'Kane	Christian & Cathy Wassermann
Elaine Williamson		

Stone Council

Submitted by Brian Mack, Chair

Stone Council met two times during 2024. At each of the meetings, Council received for information written reports from each of our committees and orally from Rev. Leffler concerning her ministry.

Consensus this year was reached regarding the following:

- To disband the monthly coffee hour in favour of having a social time with food on special occasions or as a fundraiser. It was suggested that each committee choose an event to serve a meal at during the year.
- To resume having coffee/tea/hot chocolate available during the service using a single serve Keurig machine donated by John Leffler.
- To challenge the congregation at the February 2024 annual meeting to raise \$1100 to go with the \$2500 previously authorized by the Council to be taken from the Memorial Fund to finance new or re-visited outreach initiatives. At the Annual Meeting, an electronic poll would be used to determine the number and type of charities to fund along with the % of monies to be allocated to each charity. Legacy programs such as support of breakfast programs would continue.
- To plan a third Wellness Series for 2025 with details provide at January 2025 Council meeting.
- To defer a decision regarding a Planet Bean Coffee fundraiser until further information is available.
- To support participation in a Cluster organized United Church Anniversary Service being held on June 8, 2025.
- To participate in Rockwood's Anniversary service on an alternative date due to the cluster sponsored service on June 8, 2025.
- To host a meal/trivia night as a fundraiser for Foodgrains project in early 2025 with Tom Parker, Tammy Smits, Lisa Leffler, and Brian Mack forming an organizational committee.
- To support a re-union co-ordinated by Tammy Smits (in person and on-line) of our young people in late December 2024 with funding for the food served to come from the Sunday School Fund.
- To authorize Property & Finance to investigate and report back to the January 2025 council meeting on the possibility of fundraising using "Fundscrip" gift cards to support the General Operating Fund.
- To continue current practices regarding the set up/taking down of chairs and tables/cleaning when functions occur.
- To consider additional ways of generating rental income with input gathered to be considered at the January 2025 Council meeting.

Motions discussed and carried this year involved the following:

- That the combined amount of \$3600 (\$2500 from the Memorial Fund and \$1100 from the community outreach fund) be divided equally amongst four charities – Royal City Mission, Anishnabeg Outreach, Guelph Ecumenical Campus Ministry, and Guelph Rainbow Chorus.
- That the remainder of the UP Fund be returned to the Waterloo Presbytery Extension Council, and if the decision is made to continue with the Wellness Series in 2025, that the community portion of the Oakes Fund be accessed for funding.
- That the original designation of a portion of the Oakes fund reading "Investment funds for future tuition needs to educate any member of Stone United Church in their quest to go into

the Seminary” be altered to reflect current pathways to the Ministry. The new designation would read: “Investment funds for future needs to support any member of Stone United Church with their educational expenses in fulfilment of any aspect of their approved program leading to recognized Ministry in the United Church of Canada (via email vote).

- That Lisa Leffler be granted \$3100 from the Oakes fund in response to her request for assistance re: expenses connected to her autism assessment and related counselling which have been approved as an essential part of her program of studies. Receipts for such expenses would be provided by Lisa at the request of the Treasurer. (via email vote).

Thank you to all who serve on Council and our various committees and discernment circles. Council is grateful to all members of our congregation who offer support in various ways in order that mandates be fulfilled, on-going initiatives be enhanced, and new initiatives be undertaken. Special thanks to Rev. Leffler for her guidance and her enthusiasm for our shared endeavours in ministry.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank Growing Project

Submitted by Barb Parker

Stone United Church in conjunction with the participants from the churches of Rockwood, and Barrie Hill carried out our sixth Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFB) growing project in 2024. This year, zucchinis, pumpkins and sunflowers were included in the growing competitions, and vegetable seeds were distributed to support the Harvest Table.

Bill Allen presented a CFB update on Sunday, October 13th, to recognize October 16th World Food Day.

The project wrap-up was held October 20th at Stone Church. An enthusiastic crowd gathered following the Anniversary Service and lunch, for conclusion of the growing competitions and activities.

Winners in the growing competitions included the Benham family, and Mead family, for the heaviest pumpkins, Nixon family for the smallest pumpkin, Heather Leffler for the best decorated, and Helen Smith for best carved pumpkins. The Sharman family grew the tallest sunflower and also tied with Murray Oliver for the sunflower with the biggest head, and the Parker family had the sunflower with most heads. The Nixon family had the tallest corn stalk. Previously, in August, Murray Oliver successfully defended his title as Zucchini growing champion!

The second year of the Harvest Table was very successful, providing the opportunity to share our surplus produce and plants with the community, while raising awareness and funds for our project. Our December breakfast, hosted by RUC, was well attended, and also very successful. Total fundraising was \$1398.08. With generous donations of \$7,621, all told, we raised an amazing \$9,019.08, our second highest to date.

The Stone Project is one of many growing projects to raise money for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in its mandate to combat global hunger. Currently, it is estimated over 780 million people globally are experiencing hunger. Food insecurity is impacted by people fleeing violent conflict, climate change, natural disasters, political upheaval, and economic disruptions. This past year (April 23-March 24), the Canadian Foodgrains Bank provided funding of over \$68 million to 974,683 people in 35 countries, for emergency food assistance and long-term sustainable agriculture development. Africa remains the highest area of need.

Choir

Submitted by Liz Guthrie

Stone Choir continues to meet on Thursdays for regular practice. This year, we graduated to meeting at 1 pm rather than 7 pm as has been the practice for many, many years.

March 29, 2024 – Good Friday service at Stone United Church. Choir members from Eramosa Pastoral Charge and Rockwood Stone Pastoral Charge all joined together to sing “A Purple Robe, a Crown of Thorns.”

April 28, 2024 – Rockwood Stone Choirs sang “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” for the Pastoral Charge Affirming service.

October 20, 2024 – Stone United Church 162nd Anniversary. Rockwood Choir joined with Stone Choir to sing “You Raise me Up.”

November 10, 2024 – Stone United Church choir joined with Rockwood United Church choir in November to sing “For the Healing of the Nations” at the combined pastoral charge Remembrance Day service.

November 11, 2024 – Choir members from community churches sang “For the Healing of the Nations” during the outdoor Rockwood Cenotaph service. Other anthems during the year include: “Come to my Heart”, “Jesus Calls Us”, “Celtic Easter Celebration”, “To Bid Farewell”, “Faith of our Fathers”, “How Great Thou Art”, “Take my Life”, “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”, “The Water Chant”, “I Come to the Garden Alone” and “Lullaby of the Dove”.

Thank you to:

1. Marg Baker, Randy Dewey, Eileen McDougall, Patty Lancaster, John Leffler, Lisa Leffler, Eva Oliver and Edie Ward who share their love of music.
2. Patty Lancaster and Randy Dewey who shared “What Child is This”.
3. Randy Dewey who shared lovely guitar accompaniment for “Silent Night”
4. Michael Benham, Matt Setzkorn, Liz Guthrie and Barb Eley who shared a bell peal before the Affirming Service on April 28, 2024.

Genesis Book Club

Submitted by Brian Mack

Members: Bill Allen, Marion Bascom, Heather Leffler, John Leffler, Lisa Leffler, Liz Guthrie, Patty Lancaster, Brian Mack, Barb Parker, Emma Smits

Participation in our book club allows us to:

- Gain fresh perspectives on varied topics
- Engage in debate in a safe environment where various perspectives are welcomed
- Nurture a sense of community as we get to know each other’s stories
- Enjoy stimulating conversation tinged with both humor and pathos
- Socially interact and get to know each other better through potluck meals on special occasions
- Increase our cultural awareness by exploring diverse authors and literature
- Stimulate our intellect as we consider new ideas

This year we were fortunate to explore a variety of different genres including mystery stories, biographies, and non-fiction accounts re: contemporary world issues. Titles read included the following:

The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley

Fight Night by Miriam Toews

The Back of the Turtle by Thomas King

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Fire Weather: The Making of a Beast by John Vaillant

Our Life with The Rocket by Roch Carrier

The Silver Swan by Benjamin Black

The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson

A Study in Scarlet and ***The Sign of Four*** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Special thanks to Lisa Leffler for being “the keeper of the book list” and to the Leffler family for graciously hosting us in their home for our December festive gathering.

Feel free to check out our book list at www.rockwoodstoneunitedchurches.com and to consider joining us as you wish.

As we look forward to a new year of reading, may we remember the words of C.S. Lewis:

“We read to know that we are not alone.”

Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship

Submitted by John Leffler

Members: Marg Baker, Gwen Brander, John Leffler (Chair), Karen Richardson

I would like to thank Gwen Brander for her work with Pastoral Care, especially all the caring cards she has sent.

The members of the committee along with other Church members who helped to deliver packages throughout the year, for Lent and Easter, Creation and Advent Christmas to each Church family. From the most recent packages, many thanks were received for the cookies, the amazing Christmas cards, and the Advent reflections.

Pastoral care helped with four takeout dinners this year. They were all a big success.

We served communion and did devotions for our council meeting.

Thank you to the Stone Pastoral Care members for sending cards, delivering plants for special anniversaries, helping celebrate significant birthdays, keeping the phone and membership list up to date, all the visiting and keeping in touch with our minister to keep her informed of life events within our congregation.

Property and Finance

Submitted by Jack Ward, Chair and Caretaker and Bill Allen, Treasurer

Members: Bill Allen, Tom Parker, Ed Nagel, Steve Thomson, Edie Ward (Secretary), Jack Ward

Property – Jack Ward

Water samples were done every 3 months and passed.

The annual Maple Syrup fundraiser was very successful. Thanks to everyone involved in organizing, taking orders, picking up and making deliveries. A total of **\$2,285** was raised, which was slightly below the amount raised in 2023.

Take-out dinners were planned by Committee members Marg Baker, Liz Guthrie, Edie Ward and Barb Parker. May 1st served roast ham, scalloped potatoes, bean salad, dinner roll and butter tart square for dessert. June 12th served meatloaf, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, buns and carrot cupcakes. September 25th served turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, carrots and cinnamon apple coffee cake. October 23rd served roast beef, mashed potatoes, turnip, coleslaw, buns and apple bars for dessert. A total of **\$5,956** was raised, which was \$3,100 more than 2023.

The kitchen was inspected by Public Health July 25, 2024, and passed.

The Bakeless Bake Sale was held in December to help with community outreach activities (local school nutrition programs and East Wellington Community Services).

Finance – Bill Allen

The Stone United Church continues to be challenged financially, posting a deficit on operations of **\$4,367**. Fortunately, we were able to decrease the \$9,000 deficit from 2023 by over half.

Unfortunately, we have lost a few donors who have passed away over the last couple of years. An increase of \$3,100 over last year from Take-Out Dinner sales helped offset the reduction in givings. Church operating costs remained the same as 2023, partially as a result of a reduction of \$2,450 in heating fuel costs. Electricity costs increased by \$1,500 from the higher costs of operating the newly installed heat pump.

On the positive front, church donors stepped up to strongly support both community and global outreach activities. This year, we raised **\$9,019** in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank efforts to end global hunger. This was only slightly below what was raised in 2023. The congregation met the challenge of raising \$1,100 to support local community organizations. This money was topped-up from the Memorial Fund to provide \$900 to four community organizations. In addition, nutrition programs in three local schools were supported. Once again, Stone Church delivered a very successful “Wellness Series” attracting both church and community members to hear presentations on important wellbeing topics. This initiative was supported by a \$2,500 grant from the UPFund.

The Stone United Church currently holds in reserve a total of **\$86,456** in GIC’s and short-term investments.

Stone Spring Wellness Series 2024

Submitted by Brian Mack, Chair

Members: Heather DeJonge, Heather Leffler, John Leffler, Lisa Leffler, Brian Mack, Tammy Smits

Our second annual Stone Wellness Series was held from February 10th through May 6th on various Saturdays at 10 am using a hybrid format. Our six presentations were about one hour in length followed by a time of fellowship. In total, there were 189 attendees with a subsequent 132 views on You Tube. The sessions had an average attendance of 31. There have been an average of 26 views per five of the sessions to date. It should be noted that one speaker requested to not be recorded and one speaker wished their presentation to only be available online for two weeks.

Presentations were as follows:

Date	Speaker(s)	Topic	In Person	Online	YouTube Views
February 10, 2024	Liz Kent	Victim Services Wellington	26	1	28
March 2, 2024	Sean James	Nifty Native Plants	60	4	36
March 16, 2024	Jill Kron	The Powers of a Pharmacist	30	4	16
April 6, 2024	Kendra Seymour	Exploring End-of-Life Options including MAID	30	1	38
April 20, 2024	Courtney Gioia	Food Labels/Myths	13	2	14
May 4, 2024	Karishma Rego	Coping Mechanisms	18		

We were fortunate to receive \$2500 in funding for this initiative from the Eden Mills UP Fund under the auspices of the Western Ontario Waterways Region. Under the terms of this grant, the congregation was responsible for 20% of the costs of the initiative. Our costs for speaker honorariums, Eventbrite advertising, ads in the Wellington Advertiser, and associated items such as printer ink and paper were funded 80% by the UP fund (\$1828.65) and the remaining 20% was funded by Stone Council. \$671.35 is still left in the UPFund grant and will be returned if request to use the funds for 2025 is denied. A report will be filed with the UPFund thanking them for their kind assistance.

Special thanks to our wonderful speakers, Tammy Smits for setting up the Eventbrite site, everyone who donated items for the gift baskets, Heather DeJonge for organizing the gift baskets, Lisa and John Leffler for assisting with tech, Karen Richardson and Susan Carrothers for organizing the time of hospitality following each session, all those who provided the refreshments, and to everyone who attended in person or online. Thanks to Heather Leffler and Brian Mack who formulated the advertisements for use in The Wellington Advertiser and for the articles submitted to that same paper following each session. Five of the articles submitted were published. As well, we are grateful to the Board responsible for administering the UPFund and for the financial support and outreach vision of Stone Council.

We look forward to another series beginning in February of 2025. We are grateful to Council for again offering to help fund this initiative using some monies from the Community portion of the Oakes Fund.

Western Ontario Waterways

Submitted by Liz Guthrie

The spring 2024 Tri -Regional hybrid meeting was held at the Unifor Centre, Port Elgin from May 24-26, 2024. Theme: "Life Together". The Right Reverend Carmen Lansdowne was the guest speaker.

The WOW Fall Regional Meeting was conducted by Zoom from Grace United Church, Hanover, by Rev. Jennifer Irving and other advisors. Theme: "We Are One".

Worship is always a thoughtful and meaningful part of these meetings.

Life cycle changes in various churches, collaborative agreements and memorials were observed. We remembered the Honourable Murray Sinclair.

Financial reports were viewed, questioned and passed.

Some of the monies from each church disbandment come to Western Ontario Waterways. These monies will provide opportunities for continuation of ministry through the Congregational Legacy Fund, Bridge Loan Fund and Clergy Salary Fund. It will take some time to set these grants up.

Brenna Baker shared about the work happening in Community of Faith Stewardship Support. Andrew Hyde shared news from the Discipleship and Justice Commission.

Two of the items that will be heard at GC45 in Calgary in 2025:

1. The proposal from Glen Morris that would allow adherents to be elected to Governing Bodies of Communities of Faith in the United Church of Canada.
2. The establishment of an Autonomous National Indigenous organization.

The proposal for proxy voting for members unable to attend a meeting was defeated.

The proposal for a Student and Candidate Support Network was passed.

Both Andrew Hyde and Carolyn McMillan have been ordained. We wish each of them success in their ministries.

Jeff Neff, Congregational Support continues to host monthly Zoom meetings for Western Ontario Waterways lay representatives.

Rev. Rebekah Duncan will become the next WOW president at the end of the May 2-3, 2025 Western Ontario Waterways Regional meeting.

Stone United Church Financial Reports

STONE UNITED CHURCH Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2024 *Submitted by Bill Allen*

Current Account			
General Fund		(\$12,011.56)	
Memorial Fund		10,830.04	
Choir Fund		1,197.92	
Sunday School Fund		202.23	
Children of Bukati		6,142.65	
Total Current Account			\$ 6,361.28
Other Current Assets			
Misc. Receivable	\$	192.00	
HST/PST Receivable		476.85	
UPI Fuel Oil Account		40.91	
Total Other Current Assets			709.76
Investments			
General Fund			
GIC (Apr 25) 4.53%	\$	15,000.00	
GIC (Apr 25) 5.13%		30,000.00	
TD Savings		6,743.47	
Total General Fund Investments			51,743.47
Oakes Fund			
Savings Portion	\$	14,713.29	
GIC (Apr 25) 4.53%		20,000.00	
Total Oakes Fund			34,713.29
Total Assets			\$ 93,527.80
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Accounts Payable	\$	-	
Transfers Pending		-	
Deferred Revenue		671.35	
Total Liabilities			\$ 671.35
Beginning Equity	\$	99,758.55	
Surplus or (Deficit) Operations		(4,367.28)	
Surplus or (Deficit) Other Funds		(1,687.00)	
Capital Purchases		(847.82)	
Total Equity			92,856.45
Total Liabilities and Equity			\$ 93,527.80

STONE UNITED CHURCH
2024 Operating Statement
Submitted by Bill Allen

INCOME	2024 Actuals	2024 Budget
General Operating Fund		
Weekly Givings	\$ 17,856.00	\$ 20,000.00
PAR Givings	33,100.00	32,064.00
Loose Collection	10.00	100.00
Other Donations	1,445.00	500.00
Total General Operating	\$ 52,411.00	\$ 52,664.00
Mission & Services		
Weekly Givings	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,600.00
PAR Givings	6,730.00	6,780.00
Other	10.00	500.00
Total Mission & Services	8,190.00	\$ 8,880.00
Foodgrains Donations	\$ 7,621.00	
In-Kind Donations	467.93	
Fundraising	1,398.08	
Project Expenses	(467.93)	
Total Foodgrains	9,019.08	8,000.00
Community Outreach Fund	1,100.00	500.00
Other Outreach	462.00	
Maple Syrup Sales	\$ 8,047.00	
Maple Syrup COGS	(5,762.00)	-
Net Maple Syrup Sales	2,285.00	3,200.00
Take-Out Dinners Revenue	\$ 7,037.00	
Take-Out Dinners Donations	-	
Take-Out Dinners In-Kind	885.15	
Take-Out Dinners Expenses	(1,966.59)	
Net Income Dinners	5,955.56	4,000.00
Rental Revenue	230.00	200.00
Interest Earned	3,218.51	2,000.00
In-Kind Givings	179.28	100.00
Other Revenue	430.00	500.00
Total Income	\$ 83,480.43	\$ 80,044.00

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Transfer of Mission & Services	\$ 8,190.00	\$ 8,880.00
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Other Transfers	9,019.08	8,000.00
Pastoral Charge Expenses		
Operating Expenses	\$ 45,987.48	\$ 45,987.48
Assessment	3,082.56	3,082.56
Sabbatical Reserve	531.00	531.00
Total Pastoral Charge Expenses	49,601.04	\$ 49,601.04
Church Operating Expenses		
Electricity Expenses	\$ 3,065.94	\$ 3,000.00
Propane	1,215.34	1,000.00
Furnance Maintenance	565.44	540.00
Internet Expense	1,211.16	1,212.00
Maintenance & Repairs	647.99	500.00
Water Tests	259.20	250.00
Organist/Pianist	5,240.00	5,377.00
Caretaker	500.00	500.00
Lawn Cutting (Stone Part)	500.00	500.00
Property Insurance	4,292.65	5,000.00
Other Operating Expense	136.16	250.00
Total Operating Expenses	17,633.88	\$ 18,129.00
Administrative Expenses		
Postage & P.O. Box	\$ 253.50	\$ 200.00
Bank & Other S/C	117.43	10.00
PAR Service Charges	96.00	96.00
CanadaHelps Fees	34.93	25.00
Office Supplies	57.34	
Other Admin Expenses	39.35	25.00
Wellness Series	598.55	356.00
Wellness Series Expenses	\$ 2,285.80	
UPFund Grant	1,828.65	-
Net Wellness Series	457.15	250.00
Other Expenses		
UC Broadview (Net)	\$ 90.00	200.00
Gifts	370.20	300.00
Other Expenses	-	
HST Expense	332.81	350.00
Total Other Expenses	793.01	\$ 1,100.00
Total Expenses	87,847.71	86,566.04
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$4,367.28)	(\$6,522.04)

**STONE UNITED CHURCH
2024 Operating Statement**

Church Funds 2024

Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance		\$ 12,575.04	
Donations	\$ 755.00		
Expenditures	<u>(2,500.00)</u>		
Change in Fund		<u>(1,745.00)</u>	
Memorial Fund Balance			\$10,830.04

Choir Fund

Beginning Balance		\$ 1,139.92	
Collections	\$ 158.00		
Expenditures	<u>(100.00)</u>		
Change in Fund		<u>58.00</u>	
Choir Fund Balance			1,197.92

Sunday School Fund

Beginning Balance		\$ 202.23	
Money In	\$ -		
Expenditures	<u>-</u>		
Change in Fund		<u>0.00</u>	
Sunday School Fund Balance			202.23
Children of Bukati Fund		<u>\$ 6,142.65</u>	6,142.65
General Operating Fund			<u>(12,011.56)</u>
Total Account Balance			\$ 6,361.28

Capital Purchases

TV's & Accessories	\$ 90.79	
Kitchen Range	\$ 725.02	
HST Expense on Equipment	<u>32.01</u>	
Net Cost		\$ 847.82

STONE UNITED CHURCH
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Stone United Church Cemetery Fund

Submitted by Eileen McDougall, Treasurer

Income

Bank Balance January 1, 2024	\$652.88
McCarl Cremation & Stone	800.00
GIC Maturity	1,000.00
Interest, Perpetual Care	151.50
Bank Interest	0.53
Total	\$2,604.91

Expenses

GIC Renewal	\$1,000.00
New GIC	1,000.00
Grass Maintenance	200.00
Withdrawal Fee	0.60
Bank Balance December 31, 2024	404.31
Total	\$2,604.91

Total GIC Investments **\$10,500.00**

Reviewed and found correct as presented
The following Stone Church Reports

Property and Finance

Choir Fund

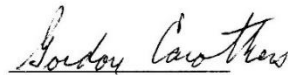
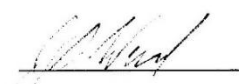
Sunday School Fund

Children of Bukati Fund

Cemetery Fund

Memorial Fund

Jack Ward and Gordon Carothers, January 2025



Stone Nominating Report for 2025

Submitted by Brian Mack, Council Chairperson

Committee/Position	Nominated for 2025	Appointed for 2025
Worship and Faith Formation (5+ appointed)	*Brian Mack ²⁰¹² Barb Parker ²⁰¹⁶ Tammy Smits ²⁰²² _____	Liz Guthrie ¹⁹⁸⁹ (Organist) Heather Leffler (Minister)
Pastoral Care and Fellowship (5)	*John Leffler ²⁰¹⁶ Marg Baker ²⁰¹⁶ Karen Richardson ²⁰¹⁸ _____	
Outreach Canadian Foodgrains Bank	*Barb Parker ²⁰¹⁹ Tom Parker ²⁰¹⁹ Bill Allen ²⁰¹⁹ _____	
Children of Bukati		Cate Dewey ²⁰⁰⁷
Property and Finance (5+ appointed)	*Jack Ward ²⁰⁰⁷ Tom Parker ²⁰¹⁷ Ed Nagel ²⁰²⁰ _____	*Bill Allen (Treasurer) Jack and Edie Ward (Caretakers)
Nominating (1+ appointed)	John Leffler	Council Chairperson Council Secretary
Ministry and Personnel (3)	Brian Mack ²⁰¹³ Patty Lancaster ²⁰²² Heather De Jonge ²⁰²⁴	
Trustees	Randy Dewey ²⁰⁰⁹ Eileen McDougall ²⁰⁰⁹ *Ed Nagel ²⁰²³ _____	Heather Leffler (Minister)
Chair of Council	*Brian Mack ²⁰²¹	
Secretary of Council	*Tammy Smits ²⁰²⁰	
Treasurer	*Bill Allen ²⁰¹⁷	
Financial Reviewers	Gord Carothers ²⁰²³ Jack Ward ²⁰⁰⁹	
Chair of Pastoral Charge Board	Randy Dewey ²⁰²¹	
Treasurer of Pastoral Charge	Matt Setzkorn ²⁰²⁵	
Broadview Magazine Representative	Marg Baker ²⁰²⁴	
UPFund of Waterloo Presbytery	Bill Allen ²⁰²⁰	
Extension Council Representative		
WOW Regional Council Representative	Liz Guthrie ²⁰¹³	

The Stone Council is made up of those designated by an * or their designate and the minister.

Rockwood Annual Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2024, on Zoom

Submitted by Carol Smelsky, Secretary

Present: Sherol Steinberg — Chair, Carol Smelsky — Secretary, Rev. Heather Leffler, Rosslyn Bentley, Heather Blair, Cees Braamse, Ollie Darcie, Barbara Eley, Scott Grant, Aria Hasselman, Marcia Haworth, Amanda Hunter-Anthony, Beverley Johnston, John Leffler, Kay Mathies, Darryl Nichol, Phyllis Puchyr, Brent Stiles, Carol Stiles

12:30 pm: Sherol Steinberg welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

Opening Prayer and Grace: Rev. Heather Leffler

Voting Procedures:

Motion to vote by show of hands, unless voting by ballot is requested by one person: Ollie Darcie / Marcia Haworth. Carried

Motion that adherents be eligible to vote at this meeting: Kay Mathies / Rosslyn Bentley. Carried.

Motion that visitors be made corresponding: Rosslyn Bentley / Kay Mathies. Carried.

[B.3.4 Adherents B.3.4.1 Meaning

An adherent of a congregation is a person who contributes regularly to the life and work of the congregation but is not a member or full member.

B.3.7.2 When Adherents May Vote

Adherents may vote at meetings of the congregation if the full members decide to allow adherents to vote.]

Motion to accept the Minutes of the Hybrid Special Rockwood-Stone Pastoral Charge Meeting of June 11, 2023, to become an Affirming Pastoral Charge pp.4-5 as printed: Ollie Darcie / Barbara Eley. Carried.

Motion to accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on February 13, 2023, pp. 39-40 as printed and circulated: Ollie Darcie / Barbara Eley. Carried.

Business arising from last year's Minutes: None

Motion to accept the Pastoral Charge Reports (pages 6-13) as printed and circulated: Amanda Hunter-Anthony / Rosslyn Bentley. Carried.

Motion to accept the Pastoral Charge Financial Report and 2024 Budget as printed (pages 14-15): Ollie Darcie / Phyllis Puchyr. Carried.

Rockwood UC Committee Reports, pp. 41-46

Membership Statistics 2023 — fees to United Church are not based on the numbers of members, but on net income.

Outreach — using creativity to raise money for a variety of causes and partners — an amazing job from our congregation

Pastoral Care — thank you to our new members

Property and Finance — thank you to Cees Braamse and Kevin Anthony for all of your work to keep the church maintained. Much to be thankful for.

Trustees — thank you to them for all of their work in the sale of the parking lot. We can use the parking lot until the buyer starts to build, which may be as early as March 27, 2024.

Motion to accept the Rockwood United Church Reports 2023: Cees Braamse / Ollie Darcie. Carried.

Motion to accept the Rockwood Financial Reports (pages 47-53) as circulated: Ollie Darcie / Cees Braamse. Carried.

Amanda Hunter-Anthony informed the Council that there was a positive balance at the end of the year, with deep gratitude to Jeannie Southwell's gift of \$10,000.

There is still \$158,000 mortgage owing on the House of Joy to Waterloo Presbytery Extension Council.

The kitchen fund needs – another new stove, back splashes, paint, stainless steel table in the middle.

There is money invested in Frontier from Mabel Wingrove (\$343.51).

Rockwood Nominating Committee — p 54: Correction: Brent Stiles will be a member, not the Chairperson of Pastoral Care; Carol Smelsky has volunteered to be Communion Co-ordinator.

Motion that the Rockwood Nominations Report be accepted as amended: Rosslyn Bentley / Amanda Hunter-Anthony. Carried.

Moment of Silence: Rev. Heather Leffler.

We remembered Gord Ostrander and the many things he helped with in the church. We remembered Roy Yorke for his voice in the choir and Sheila Yorke for her prayer list.

New Business:

Correspondence: Rev. Heather Leffler

Heather reminded everyone to sign up for the WOWRC e-newsletter as well as the United Church of Canada enewsletters and on-line content. CHURCHx is a platform that allows people to participate in United Church webinars and may be of interest as well.

Heather is part of the recruitment team that has been organizing clusters with neighbouring churches. There will be a cluster gathering at Stone UC to educate about Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council and establish some wider connections.

Outreach: Marcia Haworth

There was some discussion of the target for Mission and Service for 2024. The target for 2023 was \$12,250 which was an increase of \$250 from last year. The funds received were \$11,896. Outreach does not fund-raise for M & S specifically, the funds received are strictly from donors.

Motion that the Mission and Service target for 2024 be \$12,000: Marcia Haworth / Kay Mathies. Carried.

Sherol Steinberg thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm.

Sherol Steinberg, Chair

Carol Smelsky, Secretary

Rockwood United Church Committee Reports

Membership

Submitted by Heather Leffler

Number of Resident Members – January 1, 2024	93
Removed by Death	2
Roy Steinberg	
Georgina Ferguson	
Total Number of Resident Members – December 31, 2024	91
Number of Non-Resident Members – January 1, 2024	15
Total Number of Non-Resident Members – December 31, 2024	15
Total Number on Church Roll – December 31, 2024	106

Baptisms: 1

Lillian Margaret Jane Pothier, daughter of Corbinne Pothier and Jesse Fetter
on May 12, 2024

Weddings: 0

Funerals and Celebrations of Life: 4

Roy Frederick Steinberg at Rockmosa on March 16, 2024
Georgina Jane Ferguson at Wall Custance on September 17, 2024
Randy Ferguson at Rockwood United on September 28, 2024
Janice Merle Martin at Henry Walser on November 22, 2024

In Memoriam:

Roy Steinberg died February 26, 2024
Georgina Ferguson died September 11, 2024

Statistics 2024

Submitted by Heather Leffler

Number of Households under Pastoral Care	53	Other Group Memberships	
Number of Financially Supporting Households	34	<i>Includes anyone who has attended at least once.</i>	
Number of Givers to Local Expenses	32	*Coffee Connections	10
Number of Givers to Mission and Service	14	Chimes Choir	6
Average Weekly Attendance in October and November		Choir	11
in Worship on Zoom		*Faith, Food, Friendship and Fun	28
In Worship in-person	20	*Tea and Talk	10
Adherents – <i>Includes children, youth and adults who participate in the life and work of our church monthly.</i>	21		
Children and Young People			
Under 3 years of age	1		
3-5 years of age	1	<i>*Includes participants from both congregations.</i>	
6-11 years of age	0		
12-18 years of age	1		

Chimes

Submitted by Christine Wenger, Chimes Choir Leader

Members: Chris Barlow, Rosslyn Bentley, Heather Blair, Barb Eley, Sherol Steinberg, Christine Wenger (Leader)

Due to member absences, the chimes choir only met in the first half of 2024 and performances were held on April 7th and 14th.

New music was purchased for the group totalling \$180.70 and Christine Wenger donated the total amount to the church.

Choir

Submitted by Barbara Eley, Choir Director

Members: Barbara Eley (conductor), Heather Blair (organist), Chris Barlow, Rosslyn Bentley, Ollie Darcie, Bev Johnston, Phyllis Puchyr, Carol Smelsky, Sherol Steinberg, Ellen Thomson, Christine Wenger

The choir continues to meet from September to June on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Special music is prepared on a regular basis, especially during the Easter and Christmas seasons. Heather Blair is greatly appreciated on the organ and keyboard, as is Chris Arbuckle when she joins the choir with her viola, and Barbara Eley when she joins with her flute.

Outreach

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Haworth and Kay Mathies, Co-Chairs

Members: Our faithful and enthusiastic committee members continue to be Marion Bascom, Marcia Haworth, Darlene MacPhedran, Kay Mathies, and Phyllis Puchyr. As always, we will happily welcome new members.

It has been a bittersweet year for Outreach. Bitter, because of the escalating cost of living which has brought many new faces to our community partners: Women in Crisis, Anishnabeg Outreach, and EWCS Food Bank, coupled with a reduction in the number of people able to donate. For the first time EWCS even supported a small number of homeless clients. Sweet, because the congregations of Rockwood and Stone have stepped up to the plate yet again and have supported all Outreach initiatives, and responded to requests for donations very generously, enabling us to provide an even greater level of support than usual and helping us to generate \$13,359.35 which is more than ever before. We extend our humble thanks to you all for the part you play in supporting our community. Your generosity truly does make a difference in the lives of many.

How your support helped during 2024:

Mission and Service: This year our donations to Mission and Service fell short of our \$12,000 target with a year-end total of \$11,177. This can be explained by the fact that we rely entirely on weekly and PAR donations, rather than on our fund-raising and the number of regular contributors has decreased for various reasons. We thank our 15 or 16 regular contributors on behalf of the many people within Canada and worldwide that benefit so greatly from M and S. We are kept abreast of the diverse and

creative ways that M and S reaches out within Canada and through 72 partners in 21 countries throughout the world through monthly videos.

East Wellington Community Services Food Bank: This year we spent over \$1000 filling the food bank freezer several times. We also held a pre-Thanksgiving food drive as by early fall the shelves and freezers were badly in need of replenishment. We always ensure that we provide the most needed items, and our congregations responded in spades. We also received extremely generous cash donations and gift cards, then went grocery shopping with our bargain angel on our shoulders. In consultation with the food bank coordinator, we determined that the after-Christmas period is the most difficult for their clients, so we are giving Walmart gift cards to everyone in January and pray that this will help in the short term. This year each single person will receive a \$50 card and we have increased our giving to the families, therefore each family of 5 will receive a \$300 gift card, a family of 4 will receive \$250 etc.

Rural Women's Support Program: There was no increase in the number of Rockwood women receiving counselling through our local Rural Women's Support Program, so each of 3 received a \$100 Wal-Mart gift card. However, the needs of parent organization Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis have increased significantly therefore we will donate \$1500 to further their work in assisting women and children to find safe living accommodation and other supports.

Anishnabeg Outreach: In September we again invited our congregations to stand in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters by wearing an orange shirt to demonstrate our awareness of the impact of the Residential School System in Canada. Each Sunday during Advent we collected the most needed items for Spirit Bundles and will send a further \$1000 to support this ongoing and much needed initiative.

Special Requests: We continue to ensure we can respond to the folk that reach out for assistance by having a supply of grocery and gas cards available in the office on which we spent \$375 in 2024. In addition, we responded to some individuals experiencing financial hardship. One couple was unable to pay their Hydro bill and we provided the required \$284. We also helped a mother with Christmas expenses for her teenagers with \$300 in Walmart gift cards.

How we raised Funds

We made over \$1200 with our **Robbie Burns Night** celebration dinner and entertainment. Key to the success was the enthusiastic attendees: fabulous Eramosa Ensemble, other talented singers, our splendid bagpiper, majestic haggis addresser and slayer, witty toast deliverers, and efficient young servers all of whom added much authenticity to the event, not to mention the traditional Scottish meal.

We resurrected the **Food Fix for Pi Day** holding an email pie auction which made \$400.

Continuing the bitter-sweet train of thought: in March we catered the **Celebration of Life** for Roy Steinberg and are very grateful to the Steinberg family for their generous donation to Outreach. As a way of honouring Roy's memory, we donated a large amount of left-over food and \$1000 to Royal City Mission which was an organization close to Roy's heart.

Pop-Up Food Fight

In November the Leffler family organized an impromptu Food Fight and we on Outreach were the grateful recipients of \$1205.

Our **Third Annual Christmas Market** was the best yet as we were thrilled to welcome so many attendees from the community who also enjoyed a coffee or lunch break in our mini café. We often hear that “it takes a village” but in this instance “it took a congregation.” You brought along friends and family, posted on Facebook, provided beautiful greens for our Christmas planters, made labels and crafts, and became bidders, buyers, butchers, bakers and candlestick makers, setter-uppers, and cleaner uppers. The spill over of our market to the evening Carol Service on the same day and Stone’s fund-raising breakfast for the Foodgrains bank the following week meant we sold out of absolutely everything. This event generated over \$5000 and helped us hugely to support the people in our community who need a hand up.

For a detailed record of how much each fund raiser made and how funds were distributed please see the year-end Operating Fund included in the 2024 RUC Financial Report.

We are forever grateful, to our Outreach committee members who will tackle anything that furthers the cause with enthusiasm and good humour as we continue to try help our neighbours whether within Rockwood or elsewhere. A huge thank you all the members of both RUC and Stone congregations who attended our events and responded generously to our donation requests. Thank you to our wonderful high school volunteers Hunter, Gwen, Heidi and Zara and to Heather for attending our meetings and supporting our sometimes-crazy ideas, and for being so tech-savvy. Thanks also go out to Lisa for organizing the announcements and to Amanda who painstakingly keeps track of Outreach finances.

As ever, we are united in a common cause to walk humbly with God as we demonstrate love and support for each other.

Pastoral Care

Submitted by Heather Leffler

Members: Ollie Darcie, Scott Grant, Ian Pasmore, Brent Stiles

Committee members met with Heather Leffler before her Sabbatical and reviewed our church membership to identify people who might appreciate contact. Thanks to everyone who reaches out through words, phone calls, emails and creating and delivering Congregation Packs to care for our church family.

Thanks to Ollie for organizing Tea and Talk and setting up for Faith, Food, Friendship and Fun. Thanks to Ian for sending sympathy and special occasion cards.

Property and Finance

Submitted by Sherol Steinberg

Members: Amanda Hunter-Anthony (Treasurer), Kevin Anthony, Darryl Nichol, Sherol Steinberg (Chairperson)

Thank you to all who support the church with their resources and time. The Country Breakfasts ran January, February, March, April, May, September and October. Stone United Church, with the assistance of Rockwood United Church and with use of the RUC kitchen ran the November Breakfast as a fundraiser for Foodgrains. The breakfasts continue to be a community builder both in the church community and in the community at large. Thanks to all the volunteers and all those who have come to the breakfasts.

We have received a donation to install stainless steel countertops and will be proceeding with this in 2025. We purchased the second new stove. In many ways the kitchen is the heart of our church, and the improvements made will help to ensure this continues.

A Special Thank You to Cees Braamse and Kevin Anthony for snow removal (especially after the tremendous blizzards with exceptional snow fall) and grass cutting at the church and the house and for having willing hands to complete small maintenance tasks throughout the year on a shoestring budget and lots of creativity. Looking forward to 2025 we are going to focus on improving the rentability of the hall and creating more storage in the back of the choir loft. Gratitude and thanks to

- the Country Breakfast Volunteers who are steadfast and true
- Cees Braamse and Kevin Anthony for grass cutting at the church and the house and for having willing hands to complete numerous small maintenance tasks throughout the year on a shoestring budget and lots of creativity
- all for decorating the outside and inside of the church especially to Colleen for decorating the church throughout the year-with help of her minions Phyllis Puchyr, Ollie Darcie and Michele McDaid, and to Christine and Eric Wenger for their donation of a magnificent tree for our outdoor decorations
- Helen who cleans the church weekly with the endless challenge of keeping the cobwebs at bay and her enduring patience and positive attitude

A special thanks to Amanda, who will be retiring as Treasurer at the end of this year, your time, talents and ability to stretch a dollar have been much appreciated!

We are looking for a new Treasurer – please contact Sherol Steinberg if you would be willing to serve in this way.

Trustees

Submitted by Rosslyn Bentley, Chair

Trustees: Rosslyn Bentley, Heather Leffler, Darryl Nichol, David Smelsky, Christine Wenger

The Rockwood Trustees met on February 28th, March 3rd, March 13th, April 18th, June 7th, June 13th, November 14th Christine Wenger continues to be the corresponding secretary of the committee and Rev. Heather Leffler takes the minutes. Darryl Nichol has continued to take the lead in the development coordination. All members are thanked for their dedication and diligence in stewarding the church's assets as we move forward in these changing times.

The main focus of the Trustees activities in 2024 continued to be related to property and the proposed car park development. An offer had been made in 2023 to purchase the lot with an end date that was renegotiated to May 15th, 2024 with an increase in sale price to \$615k and an additional \$30k deposit (for a total of \$60k) then extended to May 31st and further extended June 7th to allow the prospective purchaser the opportunity to complete. Unfortunately despite these efforts the sale fell through and the deposit was collected by our lawyer. The Rev. John Benham represented Rev. Leffler's during her sabbatical in the two June meetings.

Due to the anticipated sale when the Trustees met in March a review of four bids resulted in the decision to engage KW Cornerstone to build the new car park and demolish 107 Harris Street. Work had begun in May to prepare for the demolition resulting in some fees but due to the failure of the sale the commitment was rescinded.

In March, Guelph Eramosa Township approved a reduction in the required development deposit from \$36k to \$26k. This deposit would need to be paid to the Township as soon as the property is sold.

Summary of deposit disposition:

September \$40k received, October 7th balance of deposit received less legal fees of \$9,943.60 = \$12,76.21 remaining.

Other financial matters to note: Extension council is owed \$160k (mortgage 107 Harris Street) and RUC has been provided with a repayment holiday since the fall of 2020 (which had been interest only payments).

Insurance: Primary (AIG/Kindred Insurance Inc.), Excess (Intact, Northbridge, Wawanesa, Ecclesiastical). Renewal December 1st, 2024 with Property/Boiler full replacement cost was approved.

Investments

- value of Canoe investment \$400.23 as of December 31st, 2024

At this point the Trustees have recommended the church community be reengaged in a review and visioning process to consider the future of the church to allow for confidence in best stewardship efforts to align with the longer-term goals of the Rockwood United Church.

Rockwood United Church Financial Reports

ROCKWOOD UNITED CHURCH Operating Statement Ending December 31, 2024

Submitted by Amanda Hunter-Anthony

Beginning Balance – January 01, 2024 – General Fund		\$ 6,031.87
Income		
General Operating Fund		
Weekly Givings	\$ 5,255.20	
Loose Collection	-	
E-Transfers	6,266.00	
PAR Givings	29,111.00	
Total General Operating		<u>\$ 40,632.20</u>
Country Breakfasts		
Revenue	\$ 6,684.61	
Donation in Kind	265.84	
Stone – Flanagan's	525.07	
Expenses – Extras & Stone Syrup	414.61	
- Flanagan's	2,974.00	
- Donation in Kind	281.80	
Country Breakfasts (Net)		<u>\$ 3,805.11</u>
Other Revenue		
Church Rentals – Other	\$ 550.00	
- Praying Hands	1,620.00	
Reimbursed from Pastoral Chg.	1,370.55	
Anniversary	100.00	
Memorial	3,125.00	
Wedding/Funeral	325.00	
- Donation in Kind	40.23	
Fundraisers		
- Chimes Dinner/Show	-	
Other Donations		
- Non Specific	420.00	
- Donation in Kind	65.96	
- Canada Helps	1,453.26	
- United Way	-	
- Cdn Online Giving (Benevity)	4,269.29	
Decor (In General)	-	
Building Fund	492.54	
Contingency of Sale	60,000.00	
Stone – Food Grains	160.00	
HST Refund	2,000.87	
Transfer Between Acc'ts	42.34	
Total Other Revenue		<u>\$ 76,035.04</u>
Total Revenue		<u>\$ 120,472.35</u>

ROCKWOOD UNITED CHURCH
Operating Statement Ending December 31, 2024

Expenses		
Pastoral Charge Expenses		
Operating Expenses	\$ 45,837.48	
Presbytery Fees	2,843.52	
Sabbatical	681.00	
		<u>\$ 49,362.00</u>
Church Operating Expenses		
Enbridge Gas	\$ 2,738.96	
Reliance	513.00	
Hydro	1,501.90	
Water	1,152.11	
Cogeco	1,148.45	
Guelph Business	270.07	
Landscape/Lawn Maintenance	-	
Snow Removal	-	
Repairs & Maintenance	- General 777.81	
- Building Fund	772.22	
Transfer Between Acc'ts	42.34	
Organist	1,760.00	
Church Cleaning	2,200.00	
Insurance	5,931.78	
To Building Fund	22,500.00	
To Building Fund	5,488.16	
To Building Fund	464.71	
Lawyer Fees	7,232.79	
Total Church Operating Expenses		<u>\$ 54,494.30</u>
Administrative Expenses		
PAR Service Charges	\$ 286.06	
Bank Fees	4.50	
Office Supplies & Treasurer Supplies	29.76	
Total Administrative Expenses		<u>\$ 320.32</u>
Fundraisers		
- Chimes Dinner/Show	\$ -	
- Stone – Food Grains	160.00	
		<u>\$ 160.00</u>
Other Church Expenses		
Broadview Magazine	\$ 330.00	
Decorations & Flowers	-	
Kitchen Supplies	207.70	
- Donation in Kind	50.00	
Guelph Papers	129.99	
Anniversary Service	-	
Baptism, Wedding, Funeral	325.00	
Donation in Kind	40.23	
Honorariums	400.00	
Donation to Outreach in Memory of	2,217.07	
Total Other Church Expenses		<u>\$ 3,699.99</u>
Total Expenses		\$ 108,036.61
Net Surplus or (Deficit) from Operations		<u>\$ 12,435.74</u>

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The House

Revenue			
B&I Repairs & Maintenance	\$	-	
		-	
Total Revenue		\$	-
Expenses			
Mortgage Interest/Principal	\$	-	
Repairs & Maintenance		-	
Total Expenses			-
Net Surplus or Deficit			\$ -
House Mortgage			
Beginning Balance January 01, 2024		\$	158,744.35
Principal Payments			
Individual Contributions 2024		-	
Total Principal Payments			-
Expenses			
Interest Incurred		4,315.03	
			4,315.03
Ending Balance December 31, 2024		\$	163,059.38
Balance as of December 31, 2024 - General Fund			\$ 18,467.61

Church Funds

United Church of Canada			
Revenue			
M&S Weekly Givings		\$1,075.00	
PAR Givings		\$9,907.00	
Year End Givings		\$195.00	
Total Revenue			\$11,177.00
Expenses			
UCC – M&S Weekly Givings		\$1,075.00	
- PAR		\$9,907.00	
Year End Givings		\$195.00	
Total Expenses			\$11,177.00
Balance as of December 31, 2024			\$ -
Net Surplus or (Deficit)			\$0.00

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Outreach

Beginning Balance - January 01, 2024

\$ 3,691.64

Revenue

Donations – Celebration of Life	\$ 2,217.07	
- Outreach	1,700.00	
EWCS	1,205.00	
Anishnabeg Donations	250.00	
RWSP	50.00	
		\$ 5,422.07
Food Bank	895.00	
- Donation in Kind	40.91	
Food Fix – Pies	400.00	
		1,335.91
Fundraiser – Robbie Burns	1,290.00	
- Donation to Robbie Burns	68.02	
- Festive Market	5,069.10	
Return – Kitchen Supplies	42.34	
Bank Interest	150.42	6,619.88

Total Revenue

\$ 13,377.86

Expenses for Outreach

Food Bank	\$ 1,040.66
- Donation in Kind	40.91
Benevolent Fund/Drop Ins	375.00
Drop Ins – Utility Help	285.00
Fundraiser – Robbie Burns	293.02
- Christmas Market	350.00
- Donation in Kind	4.10
RWSP Gift Cards	-
Anishnabeg Outreach	1,200.00
Women in Crisis	1,200.00
Royal City Mission	1,000.00
Kitchen Supplies	42.34

Total Expenses

\$ 5,831.03

Balance as of December 31, 2024

\$ 11,238.47

Net Surplus or (Deficit)

\$7,546.83

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Building and Improvement Fund

Beginning Balance - January 01, 2024		\$ 5,401.05	
Revenue			
Weekly Givings	\$ -		
PAR Givings	1,500.00		
Transfer from General Fund	5,488.16		
Bank Interest	291.81		
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Total Revenue		<u>\$ 7,279.97</u>	
Expenses			
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	492.54		
KW Cornerstone	2,203.50		
Bank Fees	-		
	<u> </u>		
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 2,696.04</u>	
Sub-total			9,984.98
RESTRICTED Funds - Owing to Trustees			22,500.00
Balance as of December 31, 2024			<u>\$32,484.98</u> (A)
Net Surplus or (Deficit)			\$4,583.93

Kitchen Fund

Beginning Balance - January 01, 2024		\$ 3,172.76	
Revenue			
Donation	\$ 2,000.00		
UP Fund			
UCC Foundation			
	<u> </u>		
Total Revenue		<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	
Expenses			
Stove	1,367.29		
Paint & Supplies	342.00		
Rockwood Electric	-		
	<u> </u>		
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 1,709.29</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2024			<u>\$ 3,463.47</u> (B)
Net Surplus or (Deficit)			\$290.71

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Trustees Fund	2021	2022	2023	2024	Life-to-Date	
Beginning Balance - January 01, 2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contingency Sale - Funds Received				(60,000.00)	(60,000.00)	
Loans from - (Advance) Repayment						
Loan from Trustees	(17,000.00)	(5,500.00)	-	-	(22,500.00)	
Loan from Building	(5,385.77)	607.52	1,493.59	31,272.82	27,988.16	
Loan from General		(3,914.41)	3,914.41	18,826.18	18,826.18	
Total Loans - (Advances) Repayment	(22,385.77)	(8,806.89)	5,408.00	(9,901.00)	(35,685.66)	-
Expenses						
BluePlan Engineering	15,282.77	2,245.26		265.55	17,793.58	
GEI Consultants				199.16	199.16	
KW Cornerstone				2,203.50	2,203.50	
Township of Guelph/Eramosa	5,408.00	4,044.05	(5,408.00)	-	4,044.05	
Landscape Architect	1,695.00			-	1,695.00	
Dekkar Appraisal		1,017.00		-	1,017.00	
Lawyer		1,500.58		7,232.79	8,733.37	
Total Expenses	22,385.77	8,806.89	(5,408.00)	9,901.00	35,685.66	-
Balance as of December 31, 2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(C)
Balance as of December 31, 2024 – Building, Kitchen & Trustees Fund	(A) + (B) + (C) = \$ 35,948.45					

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Sunday School Fund

Beginning Balance - January 01, 2024		\$ 75.72
Revenue		
Transfer from General	\$ -	
Bank Interest	1.90	
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Total Revenue		<u>\$ 1.90</u>
Expenses		
Returned to General	-	
Total Expenses	<hr/>	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 77.62</u></u>
Net Surplus or (Deficit)		\$1.90

Choir Fund

Beginning Balance - January 01, 2024		\$ 684.48
Revenue		
Transfer from General	\$ -	
Bank Credit	-	
Bank Interest	17.54	
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Total Revenue		<u>\$ 17.54</u>
Expenses		
Returned to General	-	
Inactive Fee	-	
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Total Expenses		<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 702.02</u></u>
Net Surplus or (Deficit)		\$17.54

The original books of record were reviewed by David Smelsky and found correct as presented.

January 29, 2025



 David Smelsky

Rockwood Nominating Report for 2025

Committee/Position	Nominated	Appointed
Chair of Council:	Sherol Steinberg ²⁰¹⁴	
Secretary of Council:	Carol Smelsky ²⁰¹³	
Treasurer:	Amanda Hunter-Anthony ^{2018 - 2025}	
Regional Council Representative:		
Pastoral Care:	Brent Stiles ²⁰²⁴ Ollie Darcie ²⁰⁰⁶ Ian Pasmore ²⁰¹⁵ (Cards) Scott Grant ²⁰²⁴	
Outreach:	Marcia Haworth ²⁰⁰⁰ (Co-Chairperson) Kay Mathies ²⁰¹⁰ (Co-Chairperson) Marion Bascom ²⁰¹⁵ Darlene McPhedran ²⁰¹³ Phyllis Bayne-Puchyr ¹⁹⁹³	
Property and Finance:	Sherol Steinberg ²⁰²⁰ (Chairperson) Kevin Anthony ²⁰¹⁸ Darryl Nichol ²⁰¹⁴	Amanda Hunter-Anthony (Treasurer)
Worship and Faith Formation:	Barbara Eley ²⁰⁰⁶ (Chair/Choir Director) Carol Smelsky ¹⁹⁹⁵	
Chime Choir Director:	Christine Wenger	
Financial Reviewer:	David Smelsky ²⁰¹⁴	
Nominating:	Ollie Darcie ²⁰¹⁴	Sherol Steinberg (Council Chair)
Pastoral Charge Committees and Positions		
Ministry and Personnel:	Rosslyn Bentley ²⁰⁰⁵ Ellen Thomson ²⁰¹⁸	
Pastoral Charge Secretary	Carol Smelsky ²⁰¹⁴	
Trustees:	Rosslyn Bentley ²⁰¹⁵ Darryl Nichol ²⁰¹⁴ Christine Wenger ²⁰¹⁹ David Smelsky ²⁰²²	Heather Leffler (Minister)
Appointed Positions		
Communion Co-ordinator	Carol Smelsky ²⁰²⁴	
Country Breakfast Co-ordinators	Marcia Haworth, Sherol Steinberg	
Decorating Co-ordinator	Colleen Baeumler	
Offering Co-ordinator	Carol Stiles ²⁰¹⁴	
Website Host/Webmaster	Chris Barlow ²⁰²⁰	
Rentals	Sherol Steinberg ²⁰²⁰	
UPFund of Waterloo Presbytery Extension	Heather Leffler	
Council Representative		

It has become our practice to check in with committee members each year to see if they are willing to continue serving, so we are no longer including an end date for new terms. With the exception of the Ministry and Personnel Committee and the Trustees, committees may add members throughout the year.

Thank you to all faithful our volunteers, especially those who are completing their term.