

*God calls us to be light to the world: to act justly, with compassion and humility. We recognize a diversity of gifts which come together as one body in God's service. Each of us is called to offer our gifts within the church and beyond. We seek to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment where people can worship, and grow in service to God and humanity.*  
*-Mission statement of Russell-Silverton Wider Parish*

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*Please accept my apologies for any mistakes included in this report. Kim*

Russell/Silverton Wider Parish Annual Meeting held in person and via ZOOM  
Sunday February 12, 2023 @ 12:00 pm

Due an unfortunate set of circumstances, the minutes for the annual meeting were not saved. The document that was saved on the office computer is blank. All attempts at trying to retrieve that document have failed.

Please accept my sincere apologies for this, there is no explanation as to what may have happened. To ensure that this does not happen again, I will be printing a hard copy of the minutes and distributing it to the board at our first meeting following each annual meeting. I do have a copy of those in attendance and the agenda that was followed.

To my recollection there were no major issues brought up at the meeting and the minutes of our regular board meeting held the following week show no concerns raised from the meeting. I have included the agenda that was followed and if there is anyone who has a better memory than me that can provide some details, please contact me at the office.

**Wider Parish Annual Meeting Agenda Feb. 12,2023 held @ Knox and via ZOOM**

**Call to Order:**

**Opening Prayer:** David

**Adoption of Agenda:** We need a motion that the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Enabling Motion:** We need a motion that all those present are full members or adherents of the Russell-Silverton Wider Parish, with voting privileges.

**Adoption of Minutes:** *(p. 3-4 annual report)* We need a motion to adopt the minutes of the Feb 6, 2022 Annual Meeting

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

**Adoption of Financial Statement:** *(p. 5-7 of annual report)* We need a motion to adopt the 2022 Wider Parish Financial Report as presented

**Congregational Reports:** *(these are reports from their annual meetings)*  
Silverton – *(should be Murray)* Knox – *(should be Rose)*

**Business Arising from Congregational Reports:** *"deal with any voting stuff or discussion that came out of the Silverton and Knox reports"*

**M&S Covenant for 2023:** *You can ask for a stewardship rep to speak to this. Silverton moved to increase theirs to \$3500 and Knox voted increase theirs to \$18,000, for a Wider Parish total of \$21,500.*

**Adoption of Annual Report:** We need a motion to accept the Wider Parish 2022 Annual Report as printed

**Adoption of Budget:** *(p. 10 of annual report)*

We need a motion to accept the Wider Parish 2023 budget

**New Business:** David will lead this section –  
1) Summer services.

**Sharing with Rev. David:**

**Benediction:** Rev. David Howell

**Adjournment:**

## **Wider Parish Committee Annual Report for 2023**

Our first meeting was held on February 15, 2023. The members for Silverton are Amy Kostuik, Karen Cochrane and Betty-Ann Slon. The members for Knox are Diane Falloon, Kerry Dunn (Knox Council), Teresa Boucher, Brendon Betke (Manse), Dan Ferg (M&P), Jayla Betke.

Kerry Dunn was elected as Chairperson and Amy Kostuik as Vice chairperson.

In March, Rev. David put on an anti-racism workshop which was live streamed from Knox United Church in Brandon.

Rev. David told us he would be once again working with the cadets this summer, so services were cancelled for the summer. There was a joint worship service on June 11 celebrating our Wider Parish and the anniversary of the United Church.

The budget meeting was held and approved in November. There was a discussion about the structure of our committee but it will be discussed in the new year. Affirming Ministry committee put on a “Gender Identity” workshop in November that had lots of valuable information.

The Christmas Eve Service was held in both churches with a good attendance.

The Wider Parish Annual General meeting is being held on February 18.

I am grateful to all of the board members who have helped out this year. Your work helps our church run smoothly and is truly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by Kerry Dunn

**Russell Silverton Wider Parish Balance Sheet****31/12/23****ASSET****General**

General Cash	0.00
General Current (5317854)	14,141.92
General GIC (81254013)	<u>15,969.98</u>
<b>General Total</b>	<u>30,111.90</u>

**Special Projects**

Special Projects Current (5317854)	500.00
Special Projects GIC (81254013)	<u>19,995.01</u>
<b>Special Projects Total</b>	<u>20,495.01</u>

**Technology**

Technology Current (5317854)	2,491.93
Technology GIC (81254013)	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Technology Total</b>	<u>2,491.93</u>

**Other**

Other	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Other</b>	<u>0.00</u>

**TOTAL ASSET**53,098.84**LIABILITY****LIABILITIES**

GST Paid on Purchases	-254.89
Accounts Payable	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Prepaid	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-254.89</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITY**-254.89**EQUITY**

Retained earnings Previous Year	47,656.53
Current Earnings	<u>5,697.20</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>53,353.73</u>

**TOTAL EQUITY**53,353.73**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**53,098.84

**Russell Silverton Wider Parish Income****Statement**

	Actual 01-01-2023 to 31-12-2023	Budget 01-01-2023 to 31-12-2023	Difference
<b>REVENUE</b>			
<b>Special Projects</b>			
Special Projects Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Projects Interest	775.70	0.00	775.70
<b>Total Special Projects</b>	<b>775.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>775.70</b>
<b>Technology</b>			
Technology Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Technology Expenses	-1,419.07	0.00	-1,419.07
<b>Total Technology</b>	<b>-1,419.07</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-1,419.07</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Service</b>			
Knox	16,009.25	18,000.00	-1,990.75
Knox UCW	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
W.D.R. Knox	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stewardship Knox	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday School Knox	0.00	0.00	0.00
MIscellaneous Knox	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Knox</b>	<b>18,009.25</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	<b>9.25</b>
Silverton	3,190.24	3,500.00	-309.76
Silverton UCW	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
W.D.R. Silverton	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stewardship Silverton	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday School Silverton	0.00	0.00	0.00
MIscellaneous Silverton	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Silverton</b>	<b>4,190.24</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>	<b>690.24</b>
M&S Loose	0.00	0.00	0.00
M&S Remitted	-22,199.49	-21,500.00	-699.49
<b>Total M&amp;S</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Congregational Income</b>			
Knox United Church Allocations	85,173.12	85,173.12	0.00
Silverton United Church Allocations	20,753.60	20,763.59	-9.99
<b>Total Congregation Income</b>	<b>105,926.72</b>	<b>105,936.71</b>	<b>-9.99</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Interest	609.19	0.00	609.19
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>609.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>609.19</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>105,892.54</b>	<b>105,936.71</b>	<b>-44.17</b>

**EXPENSE****Salaries**

Minister's Salary	44,632.52	44,632.06	0.46
Pulpit Supply/Bonus	0.00	1,386.00	-1,386.00
Secretary/Treasurer's Salary	<u>17,291.52</u>	<u>17,291.56</u>	-0.04
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<u>61,924.04</u>	<u>63,309.62</u>	-1,385.58

**Travel Allowances**

T.A. Other	0.00	400.00	-400.00
T.A. Minister	<u>926.20</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	-2,073.80
<b>Total Travel Expenses</b>	<u>926.20</u>	<u>3,400.00</u>	-2,473.80

**Book Allowance & Con. Ed.**

B.A. & Con. Ed. Minister	<u>1,541.00</u>	<u>1,541.00</u>	0.00
<b>Total Book Allow. &amp; Con. Ed.</b>	<u>1,541.00</u>	<u>1,541.00</u>	0.00

**Other Benefits**

Employer CPP	3,281.38	2,767.56	513.82
Employer EI	1,627.22	1,620.60	6.62
Employer Pension	0.00	14,247.94	-14,247.94
Pension - Secretary	1,540.98	0.00	1,540.98
Pension - Minister	<u>5,568.60</u>	<u>0.00</u>	5,568.60
Total Pension	7,109.58	0.00	7,109.58
Employer Benefits	7,326.95	0.00	7,326.95
Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Manse Allowance	-9,382.52	8,751.39	-18,133.91
Manse Deduction	<u>9,382.52</u>	<u>-8,751.39</u>	18,133.91
Total Manse Deduction	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADP Payroll Fee	<u>30.18</u>	<u>0.00</u>	30.18
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<u>19,375.31</u>	<u>18,636.10</u>	739.21

**Office Expenses**

Office Equipment	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Office Supplies	227.99	400.00	-172.01
Technology Equipment	167.87	50.00	117.87
Subscription	1,024.84	1,000.00	24.84
Photocopier Supplies	-62.15	0.00	-62.15
Photocopier Maintenance	1,396.82	1,500.00	-103.18
Office Telephone/Internet	1,552.46	1,600.00	-47.54
Computer Maint/Repair	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	-50.00
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<u>4,307.83</u>	<u>4,700.00</u>	-392.17

**Manse Expenses**

Manse Repairs and Maintenance	1,044.80	500.00	544.80
Manse Insurance	987.00	1,100.00	-113.00
Manse Taxes	2,353.24	2,500.00	-146.76
Manse Hydro	2,362.13	2,400.00	-37.87
Minister's Hydro Reimbursement	<u>-800.00</u>	<u>-800.00</u>	0.00
Total Manse Heat	1,562.13	1,600.00	-37.87
Manse Cell Phone	<u>985.81</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	-14.19
<b>Total Manse Expenses</b>	<u>6,932.98</u>	<u>6,700.00</u>	232.98

**Other**

Registrations	150.00	250.00	-100.00
UC of C Assessment	4,858.00	5,500.00	-642.00
Wider Parish Christian Education	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Resources	-182.12	100.00	-282.12
Worship/Affirming Committees	213.93	400.00	-186.07
Special Projects	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Stewardship Committee	48.00	100.00	-52.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.17</u>	<u>300.00</u>	-199.83
<b>Total Other</b>	<u>5,187.98</u>	<u>7,650.00</u>	-2,462.02

<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>100,195.34</u>	<u>105,936.72</u>	-5,741.38
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u><u>5,697.20</u></u>	<u><u>-0.01</u></u>	5,697.21
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Not included in an income statement is the transferal of monies to and from the Special Projects Account and the Technology Account as they are not day to day general operating expenses. Interest to these accounts must also be accounted for.

Income statement balance	5,697.20
Special projects	-775.70
Technology	+1419.07

so actual net income for General Account is 6,340.57

2024 Proposed Wider Parish Budget 108,498.61

Bank Balance December 31, 2023	30,111.90
Reserve 1/4 Operating Budget	<u>-27,124.65</u>
	2,987.25

Repayment	-Knox	80.40%	2,401.75
	-Silverton	19.60%	585.50

### Allocation

As of November 1, 2023:

Wider Parish	= 293 resident members and adherents	100.00 %
Silverton	= 58 resident members and adherents	19.80 %
Knox	= 235 resident members and adherents	80.20 %

Silverton	Allocation will be	21,482.73
Knox	Allocation will be	87,015.88

108,498.61

	Budget 2023	Actual	Budget 2024
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>SALARIES</b>			
Minister-full time	\$44,632.06	\$44,632.52	\$46,201.69
Secretary-Treasurer	\$17,291.56	\$17,291.52	\$18,389.92
Pulpit Supply/Bonus	\$1,386.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>TRAVEL</b>			
Minister-full time	\$3,000.00	\$926.20	\$3,000.00
Other	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
<b>BOOK ALLOW. &amp; CONT. ED.</b>			
Minister-full time	\$1,541.00	\$1,541.00	\$1,640.00
Other			
<b>BENEFITS</b>			
CPP	\$2,767.56	\$3,281.38	\$3,412.00
E.I.	\$1,620.60	\$1,627.22	\$1,708.00
Pension & Benefits	\$14,247.94	\$14,466.71	\$15,189.00
<b>OFFICE</b>			
Equipment	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Technology equipment	\$50.00	\$167.87	\$100.00
Supplies-paper, bulletins etc.	\$400.00	\$227.99	\$300.00
Subscription(microsoft office,ZOOM)	\$1,000.00	\$1,024.84	\$1,000.00
Photocopier maintenance and supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,334.67	\$1,500.00
Telephone and internet	\$1,600.00	\$1,552.46	\$1,600.00
Computer Maint. and Repair	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
<b>MANSE</b>			
Repairs & Maintenance	\$500.00	\$1,044.80	\$500.00
Insurance	\$1,100.00	\$987.00	\$1,100.00
Taxes	\$2,500.00	\$2,353.24	\$2,500.00
Hydro	\$2,400.00	\$2,362.13	\$2,500.00
Heat reimbursement	-\$800.00	-\$800.00	-\$800.00
Cell Phone	\$1,000.00	\$985.81	\$1,000.00
<b>OTHER</b>			
Registrations	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
UC of C Assessment	\$5,500.00	\$4,858.00	\$4,858.00
Wider Parish Christian Education	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Resources	\$100.00	-\$182.12	\$100.00
Worship Committee	\$400.00	\$213.93	\$200.00
Affirming Committee			\$500.00
Stewardship	\$100.00	\$48.00	\$100.00
Special Projects	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$100.17	\$150.00
	<b>\$105,936.72</b>	<b>\$100,695.34</b>	<b>\$108,498.61</b>

## Annual Report 2023

Greetings in Christ,

Here we are again, the beginning of a new year, my 19<sup>th</sup> year serving this community of faith. It has always been, and continues to be, an honor to minister to and share the good news of God's love with the people of Russell Silverton Pastoral Charge. It is indeed a privilege to bear witness to your sacred stories, to pray with you, and to grieve with you. Thank you for inviting me into your lives over the years and trusting me to be your minister.

2023 started with a sunny vacation to Cuba. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Cuba, soaking up the sun and the sand, swimming in the ocean, enjoying good food, and immersing myself in the local culture.

On January 26th I tested positive for Covid-19. Covid-19 hit me hard and I struggled for many months to feel normal again. I want to thank this community of faith for the support, care, and understanding that was shown to me as I struggled to recover from this illness. Having Covid-19 at the end of January meant that I could not attend the annual congregational meetings in person but attended by zoom. This was an interesting experience. While I appreciate the technology that allowed us to continue to do our business, nothing beats being together in person.

During the summer I once again had the privilege of serving as chaplain at the Cold Lake Air Cadet Summer Training Center. After my time in Cold Lake, I spent a week home in Russell before leaving to vacation in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. In September I had the privilege of co-presiding at a good friend's wedding in British Columbia. This also allowed me the opportunity to reconnect with my nephew who lives just outside Vancouver.

In October I resigned from the board of Russell and Area Food Connections. After 16 plus years of chairing the food bank in this area I felt it was time for a change. I will continue to volunteer with the food bank and help out as is needed. I continue to work with the Russell and area welcoming committee. I currently provide support to three families from Ukraine and feel blessed to be doing this work.

One of the hardest things we have to do is say good-bye to people we love. This year we said good-bye to some very dear friends, faithful members of our congregations. Our communities were blessed by their presence and their loss was and is deeply felt. Their love will always be part of who we are.

Christmas Eve service is always a highlight for me. And I absolutely love being surrounded by children during children's time. I know I have felt the presence of Christ within this faith community and believe that we are not alone, God is with us. Let us trust in this, as we face whatever challenges 2024 might have in store.

Blessings in Christ,

Rev. David

## **Ministry & Personnel Committee 2023**

The role of the Ministry & Personnel Committee, as outlined by a handbook for Ministry & Personnel Committees, is to support the pastoral relationship in a confidential and consultative manner, while reflecting the underlying belief of the church that “we are all in ministry together.”

Normally the committee meets with staff, reports to the Official Board to review working conditions and remuneration for the staff, makes appropriate recommendations to the Official Board, discusses plans for continuing education, and reviews and evaluates the responsibilities and effectiveness of the staff as their work relates to the ministry of the pastoral charge.

Members of the M&P Committee for 2023 year include:

Spencer Reavie (Minister’s Rep.)

Elaine Kuhl (Kim McLeod’s Rep.)

Bonnie Bily (Knox Rep.)

Greg Cochrane (Silverton Rep.)

Dan Ferg (Chair & Wider Parish Rep.).

The M&P Committee normally meets with ministerial staff during the year to discuss their progress in meeting individual goals and objectives; current working conditions; and pastoral relations. David continues to show a strong commitment to both charges and to his personal spiritual growth. Kim’s commitment continues to be exceptionally strong as well.

Salary guidelines were set for 2024 and recommendations were made to the Wider Parish Board regarding Minister’s salary and continuing education allotment, and Kim’s salary.

Submitted by Dan Ferg (M&P Committee Chair)

## **Manse Committee Report 2023**

In May a tree was growing in the window well at the back of the house and was removed. A chemical was applied to stop new growth. In June a new dryer was purchased and installed by myself and Jory Cochrane. At this point the old washer and dryer will need to be removed and Jory is recommending that the electrical be updated in the basement. A big thank you to Grant Bily for all he does!

Respectfully submitted – Brendon Betke

## **WIDER PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

Committee members: Nancy Ferg, Colleen Cochrane, Colleen Jones, Kim McLeod, Kerry Dunn

We continued to share the importance of the Mission and Service Fund with readings that acknowledge the ways our Mission and Service Funds are spent throughout the world. We also had a Meat sauce & Spaghetti supper as an Advent kick-off and raised funds for M & S.

We hope to continue to respond to God's call by supporting these and other activities in the church in the coming year.

Kerry Dunn - Secretary

## **AFFIRMING MINISTRIES YEAR END REPORT 2023**

We had 2 meetings and 2 workshops during the year.

At the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting we looked at different choices for symbols of all-inclusive washrooms. That was done and signs installed. This was part of the accessibility project. We decided to try and have videos once or twice a month during Sunday services on LGBTQ topics. We also decided to break workshops away from Conversation Circles.

We tried to do an Indigenous workshop presented by 2 elders but couldn't make it work. At November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting: It was decided that we must make a presentation to the congregation about the workshops as poor turnouts and therefore not upholding our commitment to Affirm United.

- We decided to do the sermon on January 11, 2024 on the "Kindergarten Videos."
- We will look into trying to put together another Indigenous Workshop. There are plans to make a change to the United Church manual for the Indigenous church to experiment with different models. We have to do a remit on this so we should do this workshop in February or March.
- We decided to remove the outside affirming church sign and replace with 2 rainbow wreaths. One on each side of the doors in Russell and one in Silverton. David will make contact with the school to see if there are any LGBTQ + Group and to make them aware of us.

April 2024 is our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being an Affirming Church so we need to have a celebration. We will have a meeting in January to plan for this event.

Daryle Laycock

## **Wider Parish Worship Committee 2023**

We need your help!! We are looking for people who are interested in joining our committee. The time commitment isn't large, but it is a way to learn about the inner workings of our church. Some of our current members have served on this committee for over 20 years and feel that it is time for "new ideas".

The members of this committee are: Kim McLeod (Chair/Music Rep), Amy Kostuik (Silverton rep), Mina Laycock (Secretary/Knox rep), Rose Kieper, Teresa Boucher, Knox reps) and Rev. David.

We strive to pay attention to the needs and wants of our congregations and welcome all ideas you may have regarding worship in our congregations. All suggestions will be given full attention. We are responsible for recommending baptisms and weddings for Knox and Silverton, setting dates for communion, organizing readers for scripture, as well as recruiting Advent and Lenten liturgy readers. We try to find new worship ideas for the various seasons of the church and we strive to provide support to Rev. David for worship design.

As a committee, we also try to be a support to Rev. David. He continues to do a great job of weekly worship and is to be commended for his ongoing quest to provide our congregations with leadership and pastoral care.

Submitted by Kim McLeod, Chairperson

Knox United Church Annual Meeting

January 29, 2023

Chairperson: Rose Kieper

Recording Secretary: Colleen Jones

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Rose Kieper at 1:10p.m. with 15 members in attendance in person and 2 members on Zoom.

**Opening Prayer:** Omitted

**Motion:** Dan Ferg/Judy Snitynsky that the agenda be accepted as printed. Carried

**Motion:** Greg Setter/Cathy Setter that all present be made corresponding members of Knox congregation with voting privileges. Carried.

**Appointment of minute checkers:** Veronica Laycock and Nancy Ferg agreed to review the minutes of the meeting.

**Motion:** Cathy Setter/Alice Coulter that the minutes of the 2022 annual meeting be accepted as presented (page 15-16) in the Wider Parish Annual Report. Carried.

**Business arising from the minutes:** None

**Correction Reported:** Rose Kieper reported an error to Knox Council Annual Report, the LED is back in service should read the AED is back in service.

**Motion:** Kerry Dunn/Judy Snitynsky that the annual reports of the Knox congregation for 2022 be accepted as corrected in the Wider Parish Annual Report. Carried.

**Stewardship/M&S Recommendation:** Nancy Ferg reported that Knox exceeded their M&S goal of \$17000 last year by \$591.74. Discussion was held.

**Motion:** Dan Ferg/Veronica Laycock that Knox raise the goal to \$18000 for the 2023 M&S covenant. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**(pages 20-23 in annual report) Presented by Treasurer, Kim McLeod

**Motion:** Alice Coulter/Nancy Ferg that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Discussion was held regarding ways in which we can increase the annual givings as we had to dip into the contingency fund (page 25) and have used the cushion in our general fund (page 20) in 2022. Kim McLeod suggested mailing out appeal letters which will be discussed at the next Knox Council meeting.

**Budget:** Cathy Setter agreed to find out information regarding the increase in the building insurance for the up coming year.

**Motion:** Daryle Laycock/Greg Setter that an amendment be made to the Knox Budget ( page 24) to change the insurance to \$7650. Carried

**Motion:** Nancy Ferg/Judy Snitynsky that the new totals (page 24) will now be \$112262.09. Carried.

**Motion:** Dan Ferg/Kerry Dunn to approve the recommendation to accept the Wider Parish budget for 2023 in the annual report (page 10). Carried.

**New Business:**

1. 3 new Knox Council members are needed for 2023. Nancy Ferg volunteered to join. **Motion:** Kim McLeod/Cathy Setter that Nancy Ferg be accepted as a member of Knox Council. Carried.

Summer Services, Rev. David shared he will be away as chaplain at cadet camp again this summer.

Discussion regarding summer services will be deferred to the Wider Parish meeting.

**Review of Trustees:**Daryle Laycock and Greg Setter agreed to stay on as trustees.

**Minister's Report:**

- Will be away again this summer at cadet camp.
- Discussed the need to start having conversations about the future of our church.
- Affirming ministry is planning some conversation circles and pointed out the bulletin board at the back of the church.

**Benediction:** Rose Kieper closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15p.m. by Dan Ferg.



## Knox Council report for 2023

In February, Nancy Ferg and Cindy Korell joined us as new members.

The executive remained the same with, Rose Kieper as chair, Kerry Dunn as vice chair and Colleen Jones as secretary. The signing officers will remain the same. The council is still short of one congregational member. It was decided that an appeal letter for funds would be drafted and mailed.

The congregation will be encouraged to attend the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at the Anglican Church. Maundy Thursday will be held at Knox, beginning with a spaghetti supper, Good Friday service will be held in Silverton, with a service in each place on Easter Sunday.

In April we discussed positive feedback on Easter services.

A draft for an appeal letter was presented, and with a few minor changes approved for mail out to the congregation. Kim has been able to set up the ability for the church to receive and accept e-transfers. Only she will have access to this account. Par is still encouraged, and regular cheques and cash are always welcome.

A yard sale will be held on May 26.

A self assessment report had been completed and submitted to Prairie to Pine Regional Council. A letter in acknowledgement was received.

Via email, a motion was made and approved for the amount of 19,990.18 for the bathroom project.

In June we had a presentation from Darryl Laycock from the Affirming Committee on the signage for the bathrooms, in keeping with the vision statement of that committee. Rev. David showed a video explaining their decision.

A motion was made and passed to accept the decision of the Affirming Committee.

It is to be noted that the doors have been painted and the signs installed.

A motion was made to increase the lawn care fee from \$35 - \$40 per cut.

In Sept., it was reported that a rail on the edge of the platform by the lectern has been installed, and that a safety gate at the bottom of the steps to the organ is now in place.

A transfer of \$10,000 from a GIC account to the general account be approved.

One worship service was live streamed from Hill Hurst United in Calgary, in the absence of Rev. David.

A policy will be written for the use of church property of church members, with a suggested sign up sheet to be kept in the kitchen.

The church was inspected by the insurance company, with several suggestions made. There will be a hefty increase in the premium.

In Nov. the 2024 budget was presented. The motion was made and approved that this proposed budget be printed in the annual report, to be voted on at the annual meeting,

A motion was made and passed that we once more pass the collection plates in the pews, starting on Dec.3

A motion was made and passed that starting on Dec. 3, congregational members will once more come forward to receive communion, and it be served in a sanitary manner.

Rev. David will be leading a workshop on gender identity on Nov. 26.

There will be a spaghetti supper served by the Fund and Fellowship committee on Nov.30, followed by the decoration of the church for Christmas.

A discussion was held regarding the multi media area at the front of the church. A recommendation was made, to be presented at the annual meeting that two pews be removed to make more room for the proper containment of the multi media equipment.

The dates for the Christmas services were set. Blue Christmas, Dec. 17  
Dec. 24 AM a joint service in Russell, and on Dec. 31, a joint service in Silverton. Christmas Eve; a service in Russell at 7 and in Silverton at 9:30

There will be a soup and bun lunch on Jan 14 and a slow cooker lunch on Feb.4

Several baptisms we approved during the year.

Please remember that new members to council are always welcome.

The best to all of you in the new year.

Rose Kieper

**Knox United Church**  
**Comparative Income Statement**

	Actual 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	Budget 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	Difference
<b>REVENUE</b>			
<b>Building Fund</b>			
Building Donations	1,370.66	0.00	1,370.66
Building Interest	6.03	0.00	6.03
Building from Reallocation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Fun'd & Fellowship	1,973.63	0.00	1,973.63
Building Sunday School	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Choir	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Loose	26.84	0.00	26.84
<b>Total Building Income</b>	<b>3,377.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,377.16</b>
Building Expenses	-21,200.14	0.00	21,200.14
<b>Total Building Fund</b>	<b>-17,822.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,822.98</b>
<b>Contingency Fund</b>			
Contingency Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contingency Interest	283.39	0.00	283.39
<b>Total Contingency Income</b>	<b>283.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>283.39</b>
Contingency Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Contingency Fund</b>	<b>283.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>283.39</b>
<b>Memorial Fund</b>			
Memorial Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial Interest	70.58	0.00	70.58
<b>Total Memorial Income</b>	<b>70.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>70.58</b>
Memorial Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Memorial Fund</b>	<b>70.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>70.58</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Service</b>			
M&S Loose	234.25	0.00	234.25
M&S Stewardship	696.00	0.00	696.00
M&S Envelopes	6,089.00	0.00	6,089.00
M&S UCW	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
M&S Knox Choir	0.00	0.00	0.00
M&S PAR	8,990.00	0.00	8,990.00
<b>M&amp;S Total Income</b>	<b>18,009.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,009.25</b>
M&S Remitted	-18,009.25	0.00	18,009.25
<b>Total M&amp;S</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**General Revenue**

Open Collection	503.75	0.00	503.75
Sunday School	216.85	0.00	216.85
Envelopes	51,815.57	112,262.09	60,446.52
PAR	43,605.00	0.00	43,605.00
			-
Total General	96,141.17	112,262.09	16,120.92
Funeral Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funeral Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funeral Remitted	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Funeral	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wider Parish Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wider Parish Miscellaneous	422.12	0.00	422.12
Wider Parish Remitted	-422.12	0.00	-422.12
Total Wider Parish	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	1,118.48	0.00	1,118.48
Rental Income	200.00	0.00	200.00
Reallocation	3,124.52	0.00	3,124.52
Miscellaneous Donations UCW	4,120.00	0.00	4,120.00
Miscellaneous Donations Knox Choir	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00
Miscellaneous Donations General	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Miscellaneous	5,820.00	0.00	5,820.00
Fundraising Dinners	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Yard Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Concerts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wedding Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wedding Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wedding Remitted	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Wedding	0.00	0.00	0.00
UCW Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
UCW Remitted	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total UCW	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total General Revenue</b>	<u>106,404.17</u>	<u>112,262.09</u>	-5,857.92
			-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>88,935.16</u>	<u>112,262.09</u>	23,326.93

**EXPENSE****General Expenses**

Russell/Silverton Pastoral Charge	85,173.12	85,173.12	0.00
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Adult Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Knox Choir	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fun'd & Fellowship	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Organist	1,025.00	1,225.00	-200.00
Other Salaries	842.66	1,000.00	-157.34
Janitor Salary	4,385.08	4,413.97	-28.89
PAR Service Charges	226.00	250.00	-24.00
Insurance	7,627.00	7,650.00	-23.00
Taxes	700.54	800.00	-99.46
Gas	5,856.64	6,500.00	-643.36
Hydro	1,180.34	1,600.00	-419.66
Water	544.50	600.00	-55.50
Housekeeping/Building	340.13	500.00	-159.87
Repairs/Maintenance	1,312.42	2,000.00	-687.58
Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boiler/Fire/Elevator	116.07	225.00	-108.93
Mileage/Honorarium	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>	<u>-25.00</u>
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<u>109,429.50</u>	<u>112,262.09</u>	<u>-2,832.59</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>109,429.50</u>	<u>112,262.09</u>	<u>-2,832.59</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u><u>-20,494.34</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u> 20,494.34

**Knox United Church**  
**Balance Sheet As at 31/12/2023**

**ASSET**

**General**

General Cash	0.00
General Current (519)	0.00
General GIC (456C)	0.00
General GIC (456B)	<u>0.00</u>
<b>General Total</b>	<u>0.00</u>

**Building Fund**

Building Current (519)	4,266.41
Building GIC (456C)	13,348.83
Building GIC (456B)	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Building Total</b>	<u>17,615.24</u>

**Contingency Fund**

Contingency Current (519)	17,313.13
Contingency GIC (456C)	3,000.00
Contingency GIC (456B)	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Contingency Total</b>	<u>20,313.13</u>

**Memorial Fund**

Memorial Current (519)	2,424.05
Memorial GIC (456C)	0.00
Memorial GIC (456B)	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Memorial Total</b>	<u>2,424.05</u>

**Assets**

Prepayments	0.00
GST Paid on Purchases	<u>723.73</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>723.73</u>

**TOTAL ASSET** 41,076.15

**LIABILITY**

**Current Liabilities**

O/P: Teresa Boucher	0.00
O/P: Pam Elliott	0.00
O/P: Kim McLeod	0.00

O/P Other	<u>0.00</u>	
Total O/P		0.00
Accounts Payable		0.00
Accounts Receivable		0.00
Prepaid Deposits	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>Congregational Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	61,570.49	-
Current Earnings	<u>20,494.34</u>	
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>41,076.15</u>	
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>41,076.15</u>	
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<u>41,076.15</u>	

Not included in an income statement is the revenue and expense of monies for the Building Fund, Contingency Fund and Memorial Fund.

Income statement balance	-20,494.34
Building Fund	17,822.98
Contingency Fund	-283.39
Memorial Fund	-70.58
Actual net loss	-3,025.33

## Knox Budget 2024

	Budget 2023	Actual	Budget 2024
EXPENSES			
Pastoral Charge	\$85,173.12	\$85,173.12	\$87,015.88
Choir	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fun'd & Fellowship	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Organist	\$1,225.00	\$1,025.00	\$1,100.00
Other Salaries	\$1,000.00	\$842.66	\$1,250.00
PAR Service Charges	\$250.00	\$226.00	\$250.00
Insurance	\$6,650.00	\$7,627.00	\$9,500.00
Taxes	\$800.00	\$700.54	\$800.00
Gas	\$6,500.00	\$5,856.64	\$6,500.00
Hydro	\$1,600.00	\$1,180.34	\$1,600.00
Water	\$600.00	\$544.50	\$600.00
Housekeeping/Building	\$500.00	\$340.13	\$500.00
Repairs and Maint.	\$2,000.00	\$1,312.42	\$2,000.00
Janitors Salary	\$4,413.97	\$4,385.08	\$4,677.00
Boiler/Fire ext./Elev. Insp	\$225.00	\$116.07	\$225.00
Mileage	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Misc (postage mailout)	<u>\$125.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$125.00</u>
	<u>\$111,262.09</u>	<u>\$91,924.47</u>	<u>\$116,442.88</u>



**Knox Building Fund 2023**

Bank Balance Forward		35,438.22
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Income

Maundy Thursday Supper	466.29	
Yard Sale	1,173.20	
Fellowship Lunch	354.00	
Donations	1,377.64	
Interest	6.03	

Expenses

Selby's	-2,847.00	
Minister of Finance – permit	-200.00	
Home Hardware	-239.17	
PM Legacy Builders	-17,743.88	
Wider Parish (signs)	-170.09	

BALANCE		17,615.24
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Balance in Chequing Account December 31, 2023		4,266.41
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Balance in Mutual funds December 31, 2023		13,348.83
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**Knox Memorial Fund 2023**

|                      |  |          |
|----------------------|--|----------|
| Bank Balance Forward |  | 2,353.47 |
|----------------------|--|----------|

Income

|          |       |  |
|----------|-------|--|
| Interest | 70.58 |  |
|----------|-------|--|

|         |  |          |
|---------|--|----------|
| BALANCE |  | 2,424.05 |
|---------|--|----------|

|                                               |  |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|--|----------|
| Balance in Chequing Account December 31, 2023 |  | 2,424.05 |
|-----------------------------------------------|--|----------|

**Knox Contingency Fund 2023**

|                                               |           |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Bank Balance Forward                          |           | 23,492.27 |
| <u>Income</u>                                 |           |           |
| Interest                                      | 283.39    |           |
| <u>Expenses</u>                               |           |           |
| Knox expenses                                 | -3,462.23 |           |
|                                               |           | 20,313.13 |
| Balance in Mutual funds December 31, 2023     |           | 3,000.00  |
| Balance in Chequing Account December 31, 2023 |           | 17,313.13 |

**Fun'd and Fellowship Report for 2023**

We want to extend good wishes for the New Year. We started last year off slowly due to trying to get the last stage on the Accessibility Project finished.

We held a Yard sale in June and thank you again to everyone who donated articles and time in setting up and taking a shift throughout the sale. We made about \$1000.00.

We organized decorating of the church for the Christmas season and then went caroling in Dec. at the Park and Lions Manor's. We also went to the Personal Care Home and to Banner County Court. We removed the Christmas decorations the last week of Dec.

We hope to do more Fellowship and less Fund raising this year. You can be assured there will still be some Fund raising events but, no big projects we hope.

Thanks everyone for your support for the last few years while we were raising funds for the Accessibility Project. On behalf of Judy and myself we want to wish everyone the very best for the new year.

Submitted by  
Chairperson  
Elaine Kuhl

## **PROPERTY REPORT**

Greetings from the Property Committee.

There was a railing and a baby gate installed in the sanctuary because of safety concerns.

The Accessibility Project has been completed this summer. Thank you very much to all that helped with this project!

A cabinet has been built for the janitorial supplies.

Red River Insurance did an inspection of the church this summer. There were a few concerns which have been addressed. Also the insurance policy is due in February and it is likely there will be another increase. We have not received the bill at this time.

A few of the new doors have been painted because of fingerprints that could not be removed.

The sewer plugged in December. The problem was found to be tree roots so the sewer will need to be cleaned next fall to avoid problems.

Thank you to June Man for keeping the church clean, Kelly Kalyniuk for clearing the snow and Jacob Edwards for cutting the grass!

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Kuhl, Ritchie Davidson and Brendon Betke.

## **Prayer shawl annual report 2023**

The pray shawl group has dwindled down to 5 knitters with one more working from home. This limits our contacts so we are afraid we miss a few people that would have appreciated receiving one. We gave out 14 shawls and donated 9 to the Christmas cheer committee. We have received several large donations of yarn the past year so cupboard is overflowing. We would appreciate more knitters. Jan Murray

## **Knox Christian Education Committee Report - 2023**

Our Christian Education team is pleased to offer Sunday School programming for our young church family members who attend our services. We are supported in our mission by other members of our congregation who have offered to take the leadership role for a short-term commitment (ie: a few weeks or a month-long term), which has been truly appreciated. We continue to ask for volunteers from our congregation to consider leading a Sunday school lesson, even for one or two weeks, or a month. Any amount of time is welcome, and the lesson plan(s) will be supplied for you.

During the year, we had 25 children participate in our Sunday School activities, which include short, age-related worship stories, singing, games, crafts and snacktime. We enjoy the enthusiasm of our young people!

Our spring wind-up was held in conjunction with the Accessibility Project celebration of completion. We presented our Sunday School Christmas pageant on December 17 and thank everyone who was able to attend and take a part.

We look forward to our continued youth ministry for 2024 and welcome everyone to join us!

Report respectfully submitted by the Sunday School Co-ordinators team:

Pamela Dracass-Rathgeber

Sterling Maier-Dracass

Judy Snitynsky

## **Knox Choir 2023**

Once again we had a terrific year! We were able to provide anthems on most regular Sundays (even when our numbers were low) This small but mighty group would dearly love to have more of the chairs filled. We definitely enjoy the camaraderie this group provides. We had a spring concert with our extended choir as well as our Annual Poinsettias and Praise concert. We also went to the care home to sing during the Christmas season. We are really proud to be able to financially help Knox while still being able to purchase new music. Thank you to all who support us on Sunday mornings and at our concerts. Your appreciation makes us smile!!

Respectfully submitted by Kim McLeod

**RUSSELL UNITED CHURCH CHOIR  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO DECEMBER 31, 2023**

INCOME:

|                                    |       |          |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 2022 Balance forward               |       | 1178.20  |
| 2023 Coffee money                  |       | 220.00   |
| Spring music - auxiliary members   |       | 140.00   |
| Spring Concert                     |       | 885.00   |
| Donations                          |       | 110.00   |
| GST rebate 2022                    |       | 39.67    |
| Christmas Music- auxiliary members |       | 280.00   |
| Poinsettias and Praise Concert     |       | 2,682.00 |
|                                    | Total | 5,534.87 |

EXPENSES:

|                                  |       |          |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Music                            |       | 1,249.86 |
| Gifts                            |       | 207.89   |
| Knox - copying/toner             |       | 50.00    |
| Poinsettias                      |       | 1,273.22 |
| Donation to Knox UC general fund |       | 1,700.00 |
|                                  | Total | 4,480.97 |

**Bank balance as of December 31, 2023**

|                                     |   |                 |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
|                                     |   | <b>2,803.90</b> |
| less outstanding cheques # 208, 220 | - | 1,750.00        |

\$ 5,534.87

\$ 5,534.87

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Elliott  
Treasurer

### **Knox United Church UCW Annual Report for 2023**

Our committee met 10 times over the year, in person and on Zoom, and had two delicious potluck suppers at the church , one in June and one in December. Our average attendance is 12 members.

The programs we had included Jeff Kostiuk speaking about the hemp industry, Lewellyn Melnyk talking about her new book, Laverne Tomshaw presenting how she fosters stray dogs, Debbie Dunn speaking about her trip to Vietnam and Cambodia, and Amy Wendell teaching us about self-compassion.

Our committee members served at two funerals, helped plan the World Day of Prayer, cleaned the church basement, and had a baking table at the craft sale in November. We are unable to visit the PCH so we sent cards to church members in the PCH to cheer them up. We also raised funds with a soup and sandwich lunch after church. All money raised is donated to many organizations in our local community and beyond. In spite of all the ways that we serve, our group enjoys friendship, fellowship and having fun! Any women in the church who would like to be part of our group are welcome to attend our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 in the church basement.

Kerry Dunn

Secretary

**KNOX U.C.W. II FINANCIAL REPORT 2023**

|                           |  |         |
|---------------------------|--|---------|
| Opening balance forwarded |  | \$18.64 |
|---------------------------|--|---------|

RECEIPTS

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Meeting Collection               | \$2,162.00        |
| Fellowship of the Least Coin     | \$143.61          |
| Knox Revenue lieu of Fall Supper | \$2,120.00        |
| Craft Sale                       | \$1,018.00        |
| Dunn Family - Lunch              | \$1,572.00        |
| UCW Lunch                        | \$367.00          |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>             | <b>\$7,382.61</b> |

EXPENSES

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Russell Lions Club Calendar listing | \$10.00         |
| Russell Lions Club Craft Sale       | \$50.00         |
| Russell IGA                         | \$454.14        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$514.14</b> |

DONATIONS

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Russell Knox United M & S Fund  | \$2,000.00        |
| Fellowship of the Least Coin    | \$143.61          |
| Knox United Church General Fund | \$4,120.00        |
| ECCC                            | \$200.00          |
| Rsl & Area Food Connection      | \$200.00          |
| Canada Foodgrains Bank          | \$200.00          |
| <b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>          | <b>\$6,863.61</b> |

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Balance Forward | \$18.64            |
| Income          | \$7,382.61         |
| Less Expenses   | <b>-\$514.14</b>   |
| Less Donations  | <b>-\$6,863.61</b> |

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Balance to Date December 31, 2023 | \$23.50 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|

Submitted by Ruth Davidson UCW Treasurer

## **Silverton Annual Congregational Meeting**

Feb. 2, 2023 7:00 p.m. ZOOM

### **Attendance:**

Rev. David Howell, Kim McLeod, Murray Cochrane, Colleen Cochrane, Avis Stitt, Barb Cochrane, Tammy Garnett, Mary Joslin, Diana Lawless, Rheanne Gray, Betty Ann Slon, Ethel Lungal, Amy Kostuik, Greg Cochrane, Karen Cochrane

**Call to Order:** Murray called the meeting to order.

**Motion:** E. Lungal/M. Joslin:

That all those present be made corresponding members of Silverton Congregation for this meeting.

Carried

**Worship:** Rev. David led us in prayer.

### **Adoption of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** D. Lawless/B. Slon:

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

**Treasurer's Report:** Kim provided a financial report (pages 35-38 in the 2022 Annual Report). We had a net loss of \$776.25, but Kim felt that, on the whole, we did well. The building fund has a balance of \$4 695.03; Memorial Fund \$885.20; Contingency Fund \$19 795.24. Last year we lowered our M&S budget from \$3 500 to \$2 750. We came in at \$3 840.96.

**Motion:** D. Lawless/M. Joslin:

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

### **Approval of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** E. Lungal/Rheanne Gray:

That the minutes of the Jan. 23, 2022 Silverton Annual Congregational Meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

### **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**Step Project** - The handrail has been installed. A work bee didn't happen. The windows, front door and vestibule are on the agenda for spring.

**Oil Tank** - The oil tank remains in the basement. Murray believed the Silverton Hall would not be able to use it.



**Stewardship Report:** Colleen reported that the Stewardship committee organized two spaghetti dinners, and that the M&S goal for the year was successfully met. Because we surpassed last year's budget, it was recommended that we return to our previous goal of \$3 500.

**Motion:** A. Kostuik/R. Gray:

That the M&S goal for 2023 be set at \$3 500.

Carried

**Wider Parish Report:**

The report on p. 4 of the Annual Report was reviewed.

**Worship Committee Report:**

The report on p. 13 of the Annual Report was reviewed. Amy took over the position from Lois Clement part way through the year. She indicated that she was enjoying her involvement as she continues to learn about the work of this committee.

**Manse Report:**

Karen indicated that there was not much to report on this year as no manse inspections were allowed during COVID. It is hoped that an inspection will happen late winter/early spring.

**M&P Report:**

Greg reported that the committee has not recently met, and that things are going well. The committee will be looking at changes and current practices outlined in the newest handbook.

**Minister's Report:**

- As Rev. David continues to recover from COVID, it was decided to cancel Sunday service in Silverton on Feb. 5th
- Reflecting on the work done by the Wider Parish, Knox, and Silverton for the Prairie to Pine Community of Faith review, it is apparent that we need to consider our vision of the future. Rev. David stated that he feels blessed to be here, sees Christ at work, and trusts that the Spirit will find a way.

**New Business:**

**Summer Worship**

Rev. David will return as chaplain to cadet training camp this summer.

**Motion:** E. Lungal/C. Cochrane:

That it be recommended to the Wider Parish that no services be held in Silverton for July and August.

Carried

**2023 Silverton Budget**

The Silverton proposed budget on p. 39 of the Annual Report was reviewed.

**Motion:** A. Kostuik/K. Cochrane:

That the 2023 budget for Silverton be accepted as presented.

Carried

### **2023 Wider Parish Budget**

The Wider Parish proposed budget on p. 10 of the Annual Report was reviewed.

**Motion:** M. Joslin/B. Slon:

That the 2023 Wider Parish budget be accepted as presented.

Carried

### **Changes to Silverton Church Constitution**

Suggested changes to the Silverton Church Constitution were reviewed.

**Motion:** R. Gray/A. Kostuik:

That the proposed changes to the Silverton United Church Constitution be accepted as presented.

Carried

The secretary of the Silverton Church Board will include Wider Parish reps in the email to receive Sunday Updates following Silverton board meetings.

### **Elections**

The following candidates were nominated to fill vacancies:

#### **Silverton Church Board** (up to 2-3 vacancies)

Greg Cochrane (2023-2025)

Mary Joslin (2020-2022) (2023-2025)

#### **WP Manse Committee Rep**

Karen will ask Jory to sit on this committee but agreed to continue serving in the meantime.

#### **M&P Rep**

Greg agreed to continue serving on the M&P Committee.

#### **WP Worship Committee**

Amy agreed to continue serving on the WP Worship Committee.

#### **Trustees for Church**

**Motion:** A. Kostuik/K. Cochrane:

That Rheanne Gray replace David Coulter as a Church Trustee.

Carried

**Motion:** M. Joslin/B. Slon:

That nominations cease and candidates be accepted.

Carried

**Motion:** G. Cochrane/B. Slon:

That the 2022 Annual Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

**Benediction:** Rev. David led us in benediction.

**Adjournment:** C. Cochrane

## **Silverton Church Board Report 2023**

The Silverton Church Board members for this past year were:

Rev. David Howell

Chairperson - Murray Cochrane

Secretary – Tammy Garnett

Treasurer - Kim McLeod

Mary Joslin

Greg Cochrane

Hello and Happy New Year!

The board met 4 times in 2023 and the year seemed to fly by quickly.

Early in the year the contact information for the Silverton Church roster was updated and a phone tree was created to help communicate with everyone in the event of a church service cancellation. The Prairie to Pine Community of Faith review has been completed and will be submitted to regional council. We installed the new church sign that was made by Art Farm when the weather was warm. It was certainly needed as the old one was in rough shape.

This year there were no services for July and August in Silverton as Rev. David was able to get away to use his talents working at the cadet camp at Cold Lake, Alberta once again.

In November the M&S committee hosted a joint spaghetti supper fundraiser in Knox basement and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

In December a new TV and mount was purchased to replace our old one thanks to a generous donation from the Silverton UCW. It was installed a bit higher and angled in a way to help reduce the glare from the windows.

Financially this year we came very close to reaching our general budget and it was exciting to report that we surpassed our goal in M&S givings for 2023! We are also in the process of setting up the ability to receive e-transfers through our bank. Thank you to everyone for your generosity in giving financially as well as your contributions of your time and talents throughout the year.

All the best in 2024, Murray Cochrane

### Silverton United Church Income Statement

|                                 | Actual 01-01-2023 to 31-12-<br>2023 | Budget 01-01-2023 to 31-12-<br>2023 | Difference      |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                  |                                     |                                     |                 |
| <b>Building Fund</b>            |                                     |                                     |                 |
| Building Donations              | 0.00                                | 0.00                                | 0.00            |
| Building Interest               | 0.00                                | 0.00                                | 0.00            |
| Building from Reallocation      | 0.00                                | 0.00                                | 0.00            |
| Building Miscellaneous          | 0.00                                | 0.00                                | 0.00            |
| Building UCW                    | 1,620.92                            | 0.00                                | 1,620.92        |
| <b>Total Building Income</b>    | <b>1,620.92</b>                     | <b>0.00</b>                         | <b>1,620.92</b> |
| Building Expenses               | -1,573.49                           | 0.00                                | -1,573.49       |
| <b>Total Building Fund</b>      | <b>47.43</b>                        | <b>0.00</b>                         | <b>47.43</b>    |
| <b>Contingency Fund</b>         |                                     |                                     |                 |
| Contingency Income              | 0.00                                | 0.00                                | 0.00            |
| Contingency Interest            | 0.00                                | 0.00                                | 0.00            |
| <b>Total Contingency Income</b> | <b>0.00</b>                         | <b>0.00</b>                         | <b>0.00</b>     |
| Contingency Expenses            | 0.00                                | 0.00                                | 0.00            |
| <b>Total Contingency</b>        | <b>0.00</b>                         | <b>0.00</b>                         | <b>0.00</b>     |
| <b>Memorial Fund</b>            |                                     |                                     |                 |
| Memorial Donations              | 253.55                              | 0.00                                | 253.55          |
| Memorial Interest               | 0.00                                | 0.00                                | 0.00            |
| <b>Total Memorial Income</b>    | <b>253.55</b>                       | <b>0.00</b>                         | <b>253.55</b>   |
| <b>Memorial Expenses</b>        | <b>253.55</b>                       | <b>0.00</b>                         | <b>253.55</b>   |
| <b>Mission &amp; Service</b>    |                                     |                                     |                 |
| M&S Loose                       | 47.80                               | 0.00                                | 47.80           |
| M&S Envelopes                   | 2,138.44                            | 3,500.00                            | -1,361.56       |
| M&S UCW                         | 1,000.00                            | 0.00                                | 1,000.00        |
| M&S Stewardship                 | 169.00                              | 0.00                                | 169.00          |
| M&S PAR                         | 835.00                              | 0.00                                | 835.00          |
| <b>M&amp;S Total Income</b>     | <b>4,190.24</b>                     | <b>3,500.00</b>                     | <b>690.24</b>   |
| M&S Remitted                    | -4,190.24                           | -3,500.00                           | -690.24         |
| <b>Total M&amp;S</b>            | <b>0.00</b>                         | <b>0.00</b>                         | <b>0.00</b>     |
| <b>General Revenue</b>          |                                     |                                     |                 |
| Open Collection                 | 240.00                              | 0.00                                | 240.00          |
| Sunday School                   | 0.00                                | 0.00                                | 0.00            |

|                                      |                 |                  |                  |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Envelopes                            | 16,205.00       |                  | 24,663.60        | -8,458.60 |
| PAR                                  | <u>5,112.00</u> |                  | <u>0.00</u>      | 5,112.00  |
| Total General                        |                 | 21,557.00        | 24,663.60        | -3,106.60 |
| Funeral Revenue                      | 0.00            |                  | 0.00             | 0.00      |
| Funeral Donations                    | 0.00            |                  | 0.00             | 0.00      |
| Funeral Remitted                     | <u>0.00</u>     |                  | <u>0.00</u>      | 0.00      |
| Total Funeral                        |                 | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00      |
| Wider Parish Outreach                | 0.00            |                  | 0.00             | 0.00      |
| Wider Parish Miscellaneous           | 0.00            |                  | 0.00             | 0.00      |
| Wider Parish Remitted                | <u>0.00</u>     |                  | <u>0.00</u>      | 0.00      |
| Total Wider Parish                   |                 | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00      |
| Interest                             |                 | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00      |
| Reallocation                         |                 | 761.70           | 0.00             | 761.70    |
| Miscellaneous Donations<br>UCW       | 1,000.00        |                  | 0.00             | 1,000.00  |
| Miscellaneous Donations<br>General   | <u>0.00</u>     |                  | <u>0.00</u>      | 0.00      |
| Total Miscellaneous                  |                 | 1,000.00         | 0.00             | 1,000.00  |
| Fundraising Dinners                  | 0.00            |                  | 0.00             | 0.00      |
| Fundraising Other                    | <u>0.00</u>     |                  | <u>0.00</u>      | 0.00      |
| Total Fundraising                    |                 | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00      |
| Wedding Revenue                      |                 | <u>0.00</u>      | <u>0.00</u>      | 0.00      |
| <b>Total General Revenue</b>         |                 | <u>23,318.70</u> | <u>24,663.60</u> | -1,344.90 |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                 |                 | <u>23,619.68</u> | <u>24,663.60</u> | -1,043.92 |
| <b>EXPENSE</b>                       |                 |                  |                  |           |
| <b>General Expenses</b>              |                 |                  |                  |           |
| Russell/Silverton Pastoral<br>Charge |                 | 20,763.60        | 20,763.60        | 0.00      |
| Organist                             |                 | 0.00             | 100.00           | -100.00   |
| Bank Charges                         |                 | 65.00            | 64.00            | 1.00      |
| PAR Service Charges                  |                 | 35.50            | 36.00            | -0.50     |
| Insurance                            |                 | 1,150.00         | 1,150.00         | 0.00      |
| Taxes                                |                 | 66.81            | 50.00            | 16.81     |
| Hydro                                |                 | 1,370.07         | 2,200.00         | -829.93   |
| Housekeeping/Building<br>Supplies    |                 | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00      |
| Repairs/Maintenance                  |                 | 0.00             | 100.00           | -100.00   |
| Honorarium                           |                 | 100.00           | 100.00           | 0.00      |
| Miscellaneous                        |                 | <u>171.73</u>    | <u>100.00</u>    | 71.73     |
| <b>Total General Expenses</b>        |                 | <u>23,722.71</u> | <u>24,663.60</u> | -940.89   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>                 |                 | <u>23,722.71</u> | <u>24,663.60</u> | -940.89   |

|                                                       |                  |             |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------|
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                                     | <u>-103.03</u>   | <u>0.00</u> | -103.03 |
| <br>                                                  |                  |             |         |
| <b>Silverton United Church Balance Sheet 31/12/23</b> |                  |             |         |
| <b>ASSET</b>                                          |                  |             |         |
| <b>General</b>                                        |                  |             |         |
| General Cash                                          | 0.00             |             |         |
| General Current (1226463)                             | <u>1,275.84</u>  |             |         |
| <b>General Total</b>                                  | <u>1,275.84</u>  |             |         |
| <br>                                                  |                  |             |         |
| <b>Building Fund</b>                                  |                  |             |         |
| Building Current (1226463)                            | <u>4,706.53</u>  |             |         |
| <b>Building Total</b>                                 | <u>4,706.53</u>  |             |         |
| <br>                                                  |                  |             |         |
| <b>Contingency Fund</b>                               |                  |             |         |
| Contingency Current (1226463)                         | <u>19,795.24</u> |             |         |
| <b>Contingency Total</b>                              | <u>19,795.24</u> |             |         |
| <br>                                                  |                  |             |         |
| <b>Memorial Fund</b>                                  |                  |             |         |
| Memorial Current (1226463)                            | <u>1,138.75</u>  |             |         |
| <b>Memorial Total</b>                                 | <u>1,138.75</u>  |             |         |
| <br>                                                  |                  |             |         |
| <b>Assets</b>                                         |                  |             |         |
| Prepayments                                           | 0.00             |             |         |
| GST Paid on Purchases                                 | <u>67.21</u>     |             |         |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                   | <u>67.21</u>     |             |         |
| <br>                                                  |                  |             |         |
| <b>TOTAL ASSET</b>                                    | <u>26,983.57</u> |             |         |
| <br>                                                  |                  |             |         |
| <b>LIABILITY</b>                                      |                  |             |         |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                            |                  |             |         |
| Organist/Pianist                                      | 0.00             |             |         |
| Accounts Payable                                      | 0.00             |             |         |
| Accounts Receivable                                   | 0.00             |             |         |
| Prepaid Deposits                                      | <u>0.00</u>      |             |         |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>                      | <u>0.00</u>      |             |         |
| <br>                                                  |                  |             |         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>                                | <u>0.00</u>      |             |         |
| <br>                                                  |                  |             |         |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                         |                  |             |         |
| <b>Congregational Equity</b>                          |                  |             |         |
| Retained Earnings - Previous Year                     | 27,086.60        |             |         |
| Current Earnings                                      | <u>-103.03</u>   |             |         |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                                   | <u>26,983.57</u> |             |         |

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|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b> | <u>26,983.57</u> |
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| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> | <u>26,983.57</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|

Not included in an income statement is the revenue and expense of monies for the Building Fund, Contingency Fund and Memorial Fund.

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Income statement balance | -103.03     |
| Building Fund            | -47.43      |
| Memorial Fund            | -253.55     |
| <br>Actual net loss      | <br>-404.01 |

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**Silverton Building Fund 2023**

	Bank Balance Forward	\$4,695.03
Donations UCW	1620.92	
Expenses		
Best Buy – TV	-1609.42	
 Balance in account December 31, 2023		 \$4,706.53

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**Silverton Memorial Fund 2023**

|                                         |                      |               |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                                         | Bank Balance Forward | \$ 885.20     |
| Donations Silverton Choir               | 253.55               |               |
| <br>Balance in account December 31,2023 |                      | <br>\$1138.75 |

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**Silverton Contingency Fund 2023**

	Bank Balance Forward	\$19,795.24
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Balance in account December 31, 2023

\$19,795.24

**Silverton Church Budget for 2024**

	Budget 2023	Actual	Budget 2024
EXPENSES			
Pastoral Charge	\$20,763.60	\$20,763.60	\$21,482.72
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alternate Organist	\$100.00	\$0.00	100
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
PAR and Bank Charges	\$100.00	\$100.50	110
Hydro	\$2,200.00	\$1,370.07	1500
Insurance	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00	1500
Repair/Maintenance	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Transfer to Building Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Honorarium	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Taxes	\$50.00	\$ 66.81	\$75.00
Miscellaneous(new cheques)	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$ 171.73</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	<u>\$24,663.60</u>	<u>\$ 23,722.71</u>	<u>\$25,067.72</u>



## SILVERTON UCW – 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

After reconvening on November 2, 2022 from a leave of absence the Silverton UCW held its first 2023 meeting in January. We held 5 business meetings and had numerous fellowship/luncheon outings throughout the year. The Club began the year with 6 regular active members. At year's end, member Diana Lawless, after physically having moved to Brandon the prior fall, announced she no longer would be able to continue as an active member. Her move also meant joining the local Knox United Church there. Diana will be missed for all her dedicated selfless caring ways and for all she did to contribute to making the Silverton UCW ladies group and Silverton Parish better because of her.

The residual effects of Covid continued to plague our fund-raising efforts/options. Major fundraisers for the year included: Perogy Sale, Bake less Bake Sale, Thanksgiving Dainty Tray Sales, and Christmas Dainty Tray Sales.

We continued to stay committed to our premise of wherever and whenever possible to support local first. We were very pleased to be able to make lump sum contributions to both our Silverton General Fund and our Silverton M&S.

This past fall, we recognized our beloved long-time member and retiring treasurer (45+ years) Barbara Cochran with a delicious lunch outing the the Russell Inn and a beautiful cake treat from Keyk. Co. Barb continues to work with the club just no longer on the executive. At year end our Executive are as follows:

President: Avis Stitt;

Vice President: Lois Clement;

Secretary: Betty-Ann Slon;

Treasurer: Ethel Lungal

It was decided to move our financial dealings form the Royal Bank in Russell to the Fusion Credit Union – Russell Branch.

Submitted by,

Betty-Ann Slon, Secretary.

### SILVERTON UCW - 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Opening Balance \$ 2,352.08

Total Income \$ 5,569.70

Major Contributors

Perogy Sales	\$	840.00
Bakeless Bakesale	\$	2,055.00
Thanksgiving Dainty Trays	\$	710.00
Christmas Dainty Trays	\$	1,555.00


Total Expenditures \$ 6,016.33

Major Specifics:

Food Banks	\$	400.00
Silverton UC - General	\$	2,000.00
Silverton UC - M&S	\$	1,000.00
Silverton TV	\$	1,620.92
Bear Clan	\$	250.00
Bdn Councelling Centre	\$	250.00

Closing Balance \$ 1,905.45

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty-Ann Slon



**RUSSELL-SILVERTON  
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