



PINEGROVE
UNITED CHURCH

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Enid Alderdice, Iris Calvert, Edythe Magus, Jack McNally

Transfers To Pinegrove

Mary-K and Dale Holland, John Copeland

Transfers Out

nil

Weddings For 2022

Nil

Baptisms for 2022

Nil

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COMMITTEE REPORTS: (See the Annual Report)

Board of Management: (Claire Belluz)

Pastoral Charge Supervisor (Christina Stricker)

Report was not available at the time of the meeting but will be inserted into the Annual Report at a later date.

Lay Supervision Team

The Lay Supervision Team was formed to offer support and feedback to the student minister. It consists of two members of Pinegrove as well as two members from Trinity. Wendy McFayden and Sharon Loghrin are the members of the team from Pinegrove.

Minister's Report (David Colwell)

A warm welcome was extended to David.

Ministry and Personnel Committee: (Dayle Lankinen)

The committee has been attending training sessions on line.

Worship Committee: (Jill Schutte)

With our participation in the multi-site services, the job of the music director, Jill Schutte, has changed immensely. A "thank you" was extended to Jill for the many hours spent assisting with the music content of the services.

Sharon Loghrin was also thanked for preparing the church for the in person services.

Trustees: (Donna McNally)

Canadian Shield Regional Council (Donna McNally)

Communications: (Joan Bailey)

Joan continues to communicate by way of e-mails and newsletters. A "Thank you" was extended to Joan for her assistance with communication as well as facilitating the zoom meeting connections.

Social Committee: (Deb Paris)

The committee is hoping that planning a gathering once a month may be permitted in the near future.

Pastoral Care: (Sandy Vibert)

Behind the scenes Sandy sends out cards as well as notes and little gifts.

Property Committee: (Ivan Schutte)

The report includes projects that have been worked on this year

Mission & Outreach: (Marion Wilson)

No report on fundraising as unfortunately we were not able to have any this past year.

Outreach projects continued as outlined in the report. Marion was happy to report that M&S givings have increased.

February 27, 2022, Pinegrove United Church

Annual Meeting

The meeting commenced at 11:45 a.m. following the worship service and a coffee break.

Attendance: Claire Belluz, David Colwell, Marion Wilson, Sharon Loghrin, Lionel Schutte, Jill Schutte, Wendy McFayden, Marie Hamilton, Pat Hovi, Irene Enders, Enid Alderdice, Heather Holland, Dayle Lankinen, Don Belluz, Sharon Timko, Donna McNally, Joan Bailey, Deb Paris, Bob Slusar, Joan Rosengren and Brenda Cheetham.

Chair: Claire Belluz

Secretary: Brenda Cheetham

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a prayer by David Colwell

MOTION #1 TO ALLOW ADHERENTS AS WELL AS MEMBERS TO VOTE DURING THE MEETING:

MOVED BY: MARION WILSON, SECONDED BY: JOAN BAILEY

CARRIED

MOTION #2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2020:

MOVED BY: SHARON LOGHRIN, SECONDED BY: MARION WILSON

CARRIED

MOTION #3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – OCTOBER 31, 2021:

MOVED BY: DONNA MCNALLY, SECONDED BY: DEB PARIS

CARRIED

Business arising from the minutes:

We are excited to have our half time student minister, David Colwell, with us for the next two years. David was welcomed.

In memoriam and celebrations:

A moment of silence was held for those who passed away in 2021 and any others that may be in our thoughts.

Weddings: Nil

Baptisms: Nil

Treasurer Position

The church is still in need of an individual to fill the Treasurer position.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT – 2022 – submitted by Claire Belluz

Thank you to the Board consisting of David Colwell, Student Minister, Christina Stricker, Pastoral Charge Supervisor, Claire Belluz, Chair, Brenda Cheetam, Secretary, Heather Holland, Treasurer, Marion Wilson, Donna McNally, Deb Paris, Joan Bailey, Sharon Loghrin, Dayle Lankinen, Jill Schutte, Sandy Vibert, Pam LeRossignol. Without these folks, the work of Pinegrove would not be possible.

Once again, a different year at Pinegrove with Covid restrictions lifting, trying to get back to a more normal Church program and activities. We continued to embrace the live streaming format where we worked together with other Thunder Bay churches to share resources and talents. Our student Minister David Colwell was with us two Sundays a month, preaching the sermon for one of those so that he would have time to work on his student requirements well. Many thanks to those who work behind the scenes to insure that this happens, especially Sharon Loghrin and Jill Schutte. Also thanks need to go to our members who are on the Lay Support Team for the student Minister, Sharon Loghrin and Wendy MacFayden. They have had many meetings over the year along with the two members from Trinity United.

This year saw a few changes in staffing as well. Heather Holland stepped up to take on the Treasurer's position – many thanks Heather. Also Wendy O'Oonnor, our bookkeeper resigned and Joyce Vis has been hired to assist in that area.

As mentioned a highlight this year has been the getting back to our fun, outreach programs like the Green Thumb Tea, Pancake Brunches, Country Christmas Tea, Café del Soul get togethers. Trail of Lights. It is by and during these activities that we share fellowship with each other and with those in our community.

We so appreciate your continued support financially and other ways to ensure that Pinegrove can continue to accomplish our mission statement of "Reaching out to Others With God's Love"

New blood is always needed and welcome so if you can assist on any of our committees, please let us know.

Finance Committee: (Marion Wilson)

The Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statements were presented by Marion Wilson.

Café del Soul (Wendy O'Connor)

No events held this past year.

MOTION #4 **TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS.**
MOVED BY: MARION WILSON, SECONDED BY: DAVID COLWELL
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Budget

The 2022 Budget was presented by Marion Wilson.

MOTION #5 **TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2022:**
MOVED BY: MARION WILSON, SECONDED BY: DON BELLUZ
CARRIED

Nominating Committee

A list of proposed board members was distributed. Nominations from the floor were then requested. As no nominations were received the following motion was made:

MOTION #6 **TO ACCEPT THE NEW BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AS PRESENTED.**
MOVED BY: DON BELLUZ, SECONDED BY: MARION WILSON
CARRIED

At this time no auditors were appointed. Two individuals will be asked to do a review of the books.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: To be announced at a later date.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A "Thank You" was extended to Claire for her many hours and commitment to the church.

Meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

Chair _____

Secretary _____

Lay Supervision Team Report

The Lay Supervision Team, (LST,) is a representative group of laypeople associated with the learning site who are dedicated to the ministry and mission of the church. They are active in the congregation and represent the diversity within the community of faith. The team's role is to support the candidate in growing personally, intellectually, professionally, spiritually, and in social awareness, with special attention to the learning goals.

Team members function as interpreters of the life of the congregation. They also interpret the process of education and supervision to the congregation.

The LST fulfills its role by

- *sharing their perceptions and knowledge of the site and community

.Team members reflect with the candidate on the practice of ministry experiences and the learning opportunities that take place.

- *offering feedback to the candidate. The team contributes to integrating the learning and fulfilling the Learning Covenant.

- *engaging in conversation and reflection on experiences. Team members grow in their own understanding of the ministry of the whole people of God.

- *Helping the candidate gain skills for ministry leadership, deepen awareness of pastoral identity, enhance their spirituality, and gain interpersonal awareness.

[taken from

The Learning Covenant: A Resource for Supervised Ministry Education
September 2019]

I have included the above info as a reminder of the role of the LSTe Wendy Mcfayden and Sharon Loghrin are the Pinegrove members along with Priscilla Plant and Lorna Plant from Trinity, as this is a shared ministry.

We have had many meetings (16) in 2022, as a team and with David, to discuss, review feedback, share support and encourage , as indicated above. This is an ongoing process .

As an LST, we appreciate your willingness to offer feedback as we have requested, either verbally or in the written survey which we sent out last fall. This enables us to carry out our role.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Loghrin for the Lay Supervision Team

ANNUAL REPORT OF PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISOR
February 2023 (about 2022)

As Pastoral Charge Supervisor at Pinegrove United Church, I continue to be impressed with the diligence and attention to the administrative details that the members of the Pinegrove Board exercises in its work.

Meetings are held regularly each month, by ZOOM earlier in the year, then in person as the Covid restrictions and concerns eased. The ZOOM option is still available and that is how I sometimes attend the meetings., due to weather or other travel-restricting considerations.

The Congregation is well served by the Board and some of the previously normal worship and social activities have resumed. Worship continued throughout the pandemic as Pinegrove is a partner in the Trinity Technology Hub multi-site project and is almost always participates each week. Some of the formerly usual social activities have also resumed, including 'cuppa', Spring Tea, Cafe del Soul, and Christmas Dessert Tea.

In December 2022 David Colwell, student minister, had completed one full year presiding at services at Pinegrove on a rotation with his duties at Trinity UC - usually preaching one week at Pinegrove, and present but not preaching one week at Pinegrove. The shared ministry partnership between Pinegrove and Trinity has worked quite well, with any issues discussed and resolved as best as possible, by the joint committees/boards. The Worship Committees from each congregation are now meeting together regularly to facilitate better planning and coordination of Worship matters.

There were no Baptisms at Pinegrove in 2022, and two in house Communion services were held. When a Communion services are out of Trinity, Pinegrove participates as one of the Multi-site partners.

A new bookkeeper was hired late in the year and seems to be working out very well, and the newly named Board Treasurer is adjusting to her role as well, as she says, 'money came in and money went out'.

The more formal Christian Education component of life at Pinegrove remains somewhat illusive but certainly the congregation members live out their faith in their contributions to, and active participation with, the community where the church is located. The ecumenical relationship with St Mark's Anglican congregation has resumed as well, enriching the lives of both congregations. As Pastoral Charge Supervisor I have no particular concerns about the strength and dedication of the people of Pinegrove United Church in dealing with whatever 2023 brings to their door.

submitted by Christina Stricker, Pastoral Charge Supervisor

Ministry and Personnel Annual Report for Pinegrove United Church 2022.

It has been a very busy year, and feels good to finally be able to attend Church in person or have the option to watch Livestream if unwell, or if we don't want to battle the weather if inclement, or even unable to drive after dark for meetings etc. We are happy to see people coming back to Church since Covid 19 restrictions have been moderated, or lifted, and staying for Cuppa afterward. We all need the social interaction.

The Ministry and Personnel committee members are Marion Wilson, Pam LeRossignol, and Dayle Lankinen. We have finally caught up with our interviews with Staff, Jill Schutte, Music Director and Organist; Dale Holland, Secretary and Custodian; An exit interview with Wendy O'Connor, Bookkeeper; (and have hired a new bookkeeper Joyce Vis;) Also interviewed the student minister David Colwell.

Wendy resigned as she has other employment now, but agreed to be available to train Joyce, who has a great deal of bookkeeping and business experience, over several years, is active in her own church so is familiar with Government requirements, etc. A perfect fit for the job. She was not familiar with the current program, but has worked with a similar one.

Wendy was needed longer than expected because of a technical problem—Computer breakdown. Heather Holland was able to get help getting the computer fixed, so we did not have to buy a new one.

Heather has stepped up to take on the position of Treasurer, as well replacing Marion Wilson. We are grateful for her help. Thank you Heather for all that you do.

We did thank Wendy for her time working for us, and gave her a gift at her Exit interview.

The Ministry and Personnel team have attended several workshops on Zoom that have been offered by Canadian Shield Regional Council, on Zoom to do with our responsibilities as M&P. They have been very helpful, and given us good ideas for our work.

We would like to thank all of the staff for their patience and hard work for Pinegrove United Church. The past few years have been stressful to say the least, starting with Covid. There has been extra work loads for some dedicated people who are always available, and still get the work done. The Church Board is included in this as well. The virtual Choir was a huge undertaking, many hours putting it all together for our Choir director as well as those from the other Churches. It was great to be able to be church, still even from home. (Thanks Jill) The committee who have been planning services for the past year have had a huge responsibility: those working with the student minister and Trinity United; the finance committee helping when needed; and all of the volunteers. We appreciate all of their hard work. What would we do without volunteers!

Respectfully Submitted. Dayle Lankinen, Chair of Ministry and Personnel Committee.

Student Minister's Annual Report for Trinity and Pinegrove United Churches - 2022

My first full year with you as a candidate for ordination in a Supervised Ministry Education placement has been difficult for everyone. We have had to adjust again and again in our partnerships to provide a livestream worship ministry facing new challenges each week. Some of us cautiously resumed fellowship in person as the Pandemic seemed to be ending, but we are only beginning to mourn what appears to have been lost for good. There are many of you that once knew each other as old friends, but now you no longer meet. How are we to know that you are unable to come and join us? Please call.

One of the more distressing challenges for me has been not being able to build trusting relationships by meeting with regular attenders every week.

We have also experienced blessings. We are able to be together again for social and fundraising events. We are able to gather again in community for celebrations of life and major events. We continue to enjoy collegial fellowship with Trinity, St. Paul's, Harmony, and Chapleau churches.

This last year I had a week of vacation around Christmas, three weeks in the summer, an eight-day retreat at the Anishnaabe Spiritual Centre, and attended the CSRC meeting in September.

We have causes for celebration, new members, and very successful fundraising events.

I provided pastoral care, support, counselling and worship leadership for shut-ins and individuals in the community struggling through grief and loss. We have lost many to death, including long-standing members and community members unknown to many of us.

A highlight of the year was the Blue Christmas service on December 21.

I ask for your prayers that I might become more obedient to being led wherever Jesus asks me to go, and for your blessings walking with me on the way.

Your brother in the grace and peace of Jesus,

David Colwell, Student Minister

Canadian Shield Report 2022

The Canadian Shield Regional Council Report of the Lay Representative
Our church is allowed one lay representative and Donna McNally has had the pleasure of being the lay rep for Pinegrove United Church. Dayle Lankinen is the alternate. From time to time both of us attend these meetings. The meetings can be either in person or electronic. In 2021 our annual meeting was held via zoom starting on Oct 16th. Many information letters or notices are sent to each lay rep, as well as each Church, usually by email .

This year our in person meeting took place at St. Andrew's in Sudbury from Sept. 23 to 25, 2022 . The Theme of the meeting was "Tending Our Nets". St. Andrew's is an interesting church as the original building was replaced by a multi level one with businesses on the ground level and then three floors of church and its outreach ministry . The rest of the floors are divided into senior apartments . The Church sanctuary is on the second floor and our meetings took place there for the most part. It can be a church space with rows of chairs or a meeting place with tables and chairs and it was both for us. Meals were served on the third floor in a large multi purpose room.

I have placed my work packet in a folder on the table in the Narthex for your information. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have about our work at this meeting. My phone number is (807) `935-2559. If I am not there leave a message and a phone number and I will get back to you.

The guest speaker was Jennifer Henry and her topic was "Deep, Bold, Daring: Exploring Our Call as a Denomination". She was an excellent speaker. If you explore the United Church of Canada's website you will notice a new round emblem with words around it. They are Deep Spiritually, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice. You may hear these words many times as churches/ congregations explore the future of the United Church of Canada.

I attended a Round Table Discussion Group with Michael Blair, Executive Secretary, The United Church of Canada. He brings a fresh approach to this position. Rev. Blair discussed a number of objectives that need to be considered over the next months/years. One of the ideas has already been set up . That is the Insurance group for all U.C. churches across Canada. This should save us money on our insurance policy when our renewal comes up in June.

I am sure there is more to come !

Respectfully submitted , Donna McNally

Worship Committee Report 2022

In December, 2021 a partnership was formed between Pinegrove and Trinity United Churches to hire a student minister, David Colwell, to be shared equally, half time in each church. David then preached once a month from each church and participated in the other services as requested by other ministry personnel. He also provided pastoral care and any other requests such as funerals and weddings that he was able to accommodate. For Easter, David planned some dramatic re-enactments of the Easter story with all livestreaming churches participating. He also provided meaningful Christmas services with the Blue Christmas service being very well received.

This year Pinegrove decided to close for the month of July and reopen in August. Music from our onscreen archives and live music from Trinity were used for the August services.

Our thanks to Sharon Loghrin for continuing to co-ordinate Pinegrove's participation in all services and Gayle Schutte for preparation of the communion elements when required. Thanks also to Sharon and the many volunteers who read for many services. You give Pinegrove a wonderful presence!

Throughout 2022 most music for the services was presented live, with the occasional hymn used from our video archives made during Covid. I prepared live preludes, however I preferred to use videos which I prepared, for offertories and postludes. Our faithful choir provided meaningful, live anthems when required in our monthly rotation.

For most of 2022 there were 5 churches in the service rotation: Pinegrove, Trinity, St. Paul's, First Wesley and Harmony. However in early December First Wesley decided to withdraw from the rotation.

In February, two spotlights were purchased from Amik Tehnology and installed by Five Star Electric to improve the lighting from Pinegrove for the streaming services. We are looking much brighter on screen now.

Pinegrove is committed to stay with these services, with Trinity for as long as necessary providing meaningful and varied worship.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Schutte, Music Director

Social Media Report

In the fall of 2022, I took over as media manager for Pinegrove United Church and their bi-weekly program Cafe Del Soul. I now overlook the Pinegrove United Facebook Page, Pinegrove's website and the Café Del Soul Facebook Page. The main things I do for the Facebook pages is to regularly make sure that all information is relevant and up to date, post important events and answer questions that viewers may have. As for the Website it is very much the same with the main emphasis on making sure everything is up to date. Both the website and the Facebook pages are both doing very well. Check them out the website at <https://www.pinegroveuc.org/> and Pinegrove United Church and Cafe Del Soul on Facebook.

Submitted by : Ross Vincent, Social Media Manager

COMMUNICATIONS

Through newsletters and weekly emails, attempts were made to keep the Pinegrove congregation up to date on activities, events and services throughout the year.

The usual four hard-copy newsletters were mailed out in 2022 to approximately 80-90 families on our membership list. These were sent at Easter, Summer, Thanksgiving and Christmas along with special giving envelopes. If anyone finds any good little articles, recipes or stories that you think folks would like to read, please share them with me and I'll include them in upcoming newsletters. Personal stories are good too.

During the last quarter of the year, Ross Vincent agreed to take on the task of keeping the Pinegrove Facebook page up to date and vibrant. This is much appreciated; our online presence will be enhanced with the consistent updates.

If anyone is not yet on our confidential email listing, please email me at bailey@tbaytel.net to be added.

Joan Bailey
Communications

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 2022

Formal meetings of the Trustees were not held in 2022 however we did meet to do the work informally, often after Church or through telephone conversations. There were a number of extenuating circumstances for this lack of formal meeting.

Lionel Schutte looks after the Insurance and works with the property committee, while Sandy Vibert and Donna McNally look after the monies held in trust by the Trustees for the Church and discusses any monetary issues with the finance committee. Christina Stricker, our Pastoral Supervisor, is also a member of the committee. She provides us with a wealth of knowledge in decision making.

The United Church of Canada has developed a new insurance group for all of its churches. This was done in an effort to save money on insurance policies. Lionel is looking into this and will bring us all up to date in the new year.

The Church roof has been leaking in several areas over the offices, bathrooms and entrance. A number of solutions have been tried over the years to solve this problem with varying degrees of success. This fall the trustee committee has provided \$6000 from the interest on our investments to the church to help pay for a new membrane to be put under the roofing. Hopefully this is the end of the problem.

Our investments have done well for us in the past and with interest rates up they should be able to continue to do well. You can find the investments listed in the financial statement.

Respectively submitted,

Lionel Schutte, Christina Stricker, Sandy Vibert and Donna McNally

Pastoral Care Report 2022

This past year (2022) I have made a point to keep in contact with as many parishioners as possible. Yearly holiday cards are sent out and many thinking of you and get well cards have gone to many of our people. Sadly several sympathy cards have been sent also. Celebration cards for birthdays and anniversaries are also sent. I thank Sharon and Claire for keeping me in the know about happenings at Pinegrove. We do our best to reach out to Pinegrove people and their families through cards, notes and novelties. It is hoped that we have helped to touch their hearts and send them our love our prayers and our good wishes as we are their church family. Please contact me at svibert4@gmail.com or 939-1518 if you know of anyone who might need a pick me up. Thanking you in advance.

Sandy Vibert

There's no traffic jam on the extra mile.

Social Committee Report 2022

The Social Committee assisted in the 2022 Annual Meeting.

The Welcome Back Corn Roast was held inside due to weather. We had a smaller turnout with some attending from St. Mark's and Trinity. The corn, as always was amazing and a fun singalong finished the evening.

We decided to host a fall Finnish Pancake Brunch with the intent of welcoming everyone back to church and it turned out to be one of our best ever. Thanks to everyone who helped and/or supported this great fundraiser.

The committee makes certain that refreshments are available for the monthly board meetings.

We have committed to serving cuppa on the first Sunday of each month. But, of course we know that everyone enjoys the treats and fellowship more often. Therefore we are grateful to the members who have helped to allow cuppa to occur more often.

We are always looking for some fun ideas for gatherings. Perhaps some planned games night and/or craft days events!

If you have any ideas or would like to try something new, please contact Deb Paris or Joan Bailey.

Respectfully Submitted

Deb Paris

2022 CHRISTMAS DESSERT TEA

Should we? or shouldn't we? That was the question we kept asking ourselves as the time drew near for deciding whether or not to have a Christmas Tea last year. During the pandemic, Pinegrove's Country Christmas Tea was on hold just like so many of our other fundraisers. So we did some real soul-searching and decided to try it.

But we soon realized that the format could not remain the same as in years past. We had to modify our plans to ensure our layout afforded the greatest accommodation to avoid close proximity.

For the food, we decided on a tried-and-true format, similar to our Green Thumb Teas.....and that was to go with a dessert tea. This way, we would avoid having to make so many sandwiches (with the possibility of numerous unsalvageable mayonnaise-based leftovers), and having to put together dessert plates for each table to nibble at, knowing we would have to throw out any leftovers. Having individual desserts on individual plates played well in the atmosphere of hyper-sensitivity to the health and welfare of our guests. This format also saved us valuable volunteer time, with the added bonus of being able to sell off ALL the baking that was donated. We made up assorted small baking trays with that wonderful baking and this proved to be a very popular item on the sale tables.

We offered our guests a choice of 3 decadent desserts - luscious lemon cheesecake-type dessert, or cherry cha-cha or a rich mocha-toffee chocolate slice. All three were equally popular. The few leftovers that we had were enjoyed at CUPPA the next day, along with a treat of tea sandwiches (with lots of egg salad!) made especially just for the Pinegrove congregation by the social committee. Everyone has always raved about our generous sandwiches at previous teas and we just couldn't let the day after the event go by without some.

Our bake and craft sale tables were all located upstairs in the narthex to provide the greatest browsing room for everyone. There was so much donated baking and craft items that the tables were filled to the brim.

The silent auction was located downstairs in Fellowship Hall and was filled with wonderful and varied items. However, we decided to use a different "one-bid" format to avoid congestion at the auction tables. Under the old system, folks would keep flocking to the table to "up" their bids, so this way they made one bid (hopefully big enough) and the successful highest bidder won. It turns out that we made about the same amount as in years past; we avoided the bidding frenzy at the end and everyone seemed quite happy with the way it was run.

Sincere thanks are extended to all those who donated money or baking, who came to work at the tea, who looked after specific areas, or to help set up or clean up, and to all who attended. It was a great leap back into doing something 'normal' after a long absence. A profit of over \$3,000 was realized and a 'great time was had by all'!!!

Submitted by
Joan Bailey and Deb Paris
Co-Convenors

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT – 2022

The property committee and friends and grandsons are always busy keeping our church buildings and yard in good repair. They see that the water is tested regularly in order to meet the health regulations in that regard, the septic field is pumped, sasi water in place, setting up Christmas trees, lawn cutting as needed, the elevator is serviced as needed and other repairs that are required.

The roof on the back half of the church (vestibule, offices, washrooms) has been a real problem with leaking during the winter months from freezing and thawing ice on it. This fall TW Construction Ltd. did over \$6000.00 of work on it where it joins onto the original church. Apparently, it is not in good shape at all so it is likely that we will need to spend more money on it in order to stop the leaking problems we have in the coming year. Also we are wanting to put new soffit and fascia on the entrance area which also needs new roofing.

Cleaning bees are underway to dispose of/donate/ repurpose various areas of the church basement as well as the outside shed and attic.

Help is always welcome.

Ivan Schutte

Treasurer's Report

Marion Wilson retired this year as Treasurer and I stepped in to the role knowing there would be all kinds of help in order to complete the very daunting task of helping to manage the church's finances, and thinking how difficult could it be? Money in, money out. While that is definitely the case, there has been a whole host of other things to learn as well! However, I was right in that I have been provided all kinds of assistance and I am very grateful for that. Wendy O'Connor, our former book keeper, also resigned in 2022, but remained working with us until we could hire Joyce Vis, and then helped pass along the wealth of knowledge that she gleaned from Marion. While we are a little over budget in the salary for our book keeper, it was well worth it, and I sure was glad Wendy stayed with us until we were well educated about the financial operations. Brenda Cheetham (and Marion of course) have been instrumental in making sure I know all that needs to be done, and have been always available to answer questions. Joan Bailey keeps me up to speed on anything salary related. Again, I am so grateful for that. Lastly, a big thanks to Marion for her very dedicated work to the church over the years that she was Treasurer. Her very detailed work has provided a good basic foundation from which to learn and grow, and made it easier to step in to this role.

To the financial portion of this report. For money in – well that has been amazing. During the pandemic and the restrictions it caused many churches were left scrambling, and needed to accept loans and grants to continue to operate. Not Pinegrove! True to our very giving nature, members have stepped up and continued to give generously even though services were not as they have been in the past. Offerings were almost \$10000 more than budgeted for in 2022 and we were able to provide Mission and Service with well over our budgeted amount, so true to our motto "reaching out to others with God's love". We were able to return to organizing some fund raisers which definitely helps with the expenses incurred by the church. Almost \$5000 was raised through the updated Green Thumb Tea and the new and improved Christmas Country Tea where a very generous helping of dessert and refreshments were provided. A pancake breakfast added to the income for the church and so while the Finance Committee budgeted \$51150 in income, we actually received over \$71000! Congratulations Pinegrove. Well done.

However, bringing in more than was anticipated was useful, as the budget for 2022 projected a deficit. So to money out....Of course one of the biggest expenses occurred due to the fact that we employed a half time student minister. This was part of the reason we paid less for multi site services. For the most part, however, expenses were pretty much on budget and we ended the year in a deficit as predicted.

Thank you to all who support Pinegrove and its mission. We are a very lucky congregation to have a building that is not too expensive to operate, and giving members. We are also very lucky to have so many special people who help out in many ways – like those who count the offerings every Sunday. Thank you to the Finance Committee of Don Belluz, Brenda Cheetham and now Joyce Vis (formerly Wendy O'Connor) for continued support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Holland, Treasurer

Green thumb Tea (GTT)

Once again we had a GTT on June 4th. It was a combined effort of several people organize it, our first since Covid struck. Though not as ambitious as past teas it went very well. Joan Bailey & Deb Paris created beautiful desserts for the tea and some were take- outs. We had the usual bake goods and craft sale and of course a plant sale. There were lots of plants donated, and lots of hostas this year. We had a pretty good turn out, lots of people that had attended the tea in the past. The hostas all sold and pretty well all of the plants. The tea netted a profit of \$1,511.95, and of course the joy of all working together again. Thanks to all who helped, donated or supported this venture.

Marion Wilson

Mission & Outreach

My first comment would be that I am so pleased at how this congregation is supporting Mission & service, we again have a total above out budget amount for M&S. Such a worthy cause and all your donations go directly to Mission Projects, no outside costs.

We continue to support The Rural Cupboard Food Bank, and all donations take in were delivered to the food bank. We had a special project on Oct. 9 in place of the usual Grow a Row, it is now called Share the Harvest , a large amount of donations were taken to the food bank along with donations from Thanksgiving. We received a plea from the Canadian Food Grains Bank and \$250 was sent, along with the idea to do a fundraiser in the spring for this project.

Due to my illness, Heather Holland, Pat Hovie and Brenda Cheetham took over the outreach projects for the Christmas season. The mitten Tree was again full this year and mitts & hats were taken to the schools in need of them, donations were delivered to the shelter house, the Blue Christmas service was held and the donations were combined with St Marks and sent to St Joseph's Palliative Care and the milk fund Christmas cards sale. So, once again, thanks a lot to all of you,

The Trail of Lights took in \$438 and the church topped it to \$500 and Cafe' del soul donated \$500 to the Rural food bank. Thank you all who donated or helped in any way.

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Plus: Interest earned	\$	26.40	\$	107.28
Less: s/c	-\$	4.22	-\$	7.00
Plus: s/c dormancy reversed	\$	10.00		
Less: Transfer to General Acc't	-\$		-\$	6,000.00
Less: posting error for café	-\$		-\$	1.00
End Position December 31	\$	13,222.98	\$	7,322.26

INVESTMENT - GIC

Opening balance Jan 1	\$	174,873.48	\$	175,843.61
Plus: Income for the year				
Plus: Interest earned	\$	970.13		
Less: Disbursements for the year				
End Position December 31	\$	175,843.61	\$	175,843.61

PETTY CASH

	\$	200.00	\$	198,604.71
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TOTAL FUNDS

	\$		\$	198,804.71
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PINEGROVE UNITED CHURCH

Summary Sheet

Type of Account

		2021	Balances	2022	Balances
GENERAL FUND					
Opening balance Jan 1	\$	28,099.80		\$ 29,515.84	
Plus: Income for the year	\$	50,070.63		\$ 71,422.12	
Plus: s/c for Pinevalley Acc't	-\$	970.13		\$ 7.00	
Less: Int earned on Pinevalley	-\$	32.18		-\$ 107.28	
Plus: Transfer from Pinevalley Acc't				\$ 6,000.00	
Less: Disbursements for the year	-\$	47,652.28		-\$ 91,399.84	
Plus: posting error for café				\$ 1.00	
End Position December 31	\$	29,515.84		\$ 15,438.84	\$ 15,438.84
MISSION & SERVICE FUND					
Opening balance Jan 1					
Plus: Income for the year	\$	5,745.50		\$ 5,765.86	
Less: Amount Remitted	-\$	6,066.50		-\$ 5,765.86	
End Position December 31	-\$	321.00		\$ -	
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND					
Opening balance Jan 1	\$	-		\$ -	
Plus: Income for the year	\$	-		\$ -	
Less: Disbursements for the year	\$	-		\$ -	
End Position December 31	\$	-		\$ -	
MEMORIAL FUND					
Opening balance Jan 1	\$	-		\$ -	
Plus: Transfer from Gen Account					
Less: service charges					
Less: transfer out to Gen Acct					
End Position December 31	\$	-		\$ -	
THE TRUSTEES PINEVALLEY HEIGHTS					
Opening balance Jan 1	\$	13,190.80		\$ 13,222.98	
Plus: Income for the year					

	Multi-Site Services	\$	5,500.00	\$	2,850.00	\$	2,400.00
	Organist Supply	\$	200.00	\$		\$	150.00
	Denominational Assessment	\$	2,622.00	\$	2,622.00	\$	1,950.00
	Regl Council Supervisor	\$	500.00	\$	90.00	\$	400.00
	Regl Council Supervisor - Mileage						
	Pulpit Supply	\$	500.00	\$		\$	2,320.00
	Other						
	Miscellaneous Expense			\$	25.05		
	Outreach Expenses			\$	160.00		
	Rural Food Cupboard			\$	160.00		
	Blue Christmas			\$	226.00		
	Camp Duncan						
	Milk Fund	\$	800.00	\$	1,090.98	\$	800.00
	Mission & Service	\$	3,500.00	\$	5,765.86	\$	3,500.00
	Observer/Broadview	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	250.00
	White Gift						
	Other						
	Kairos Blanket						
	MEMO						
	Trail of Lights			\$	500.00	\$	500.00
	Personnel						
	Bookkeeping	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,959.50	\$	3,300.00
	Organist	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,829.00	\$	5,000.00
	Secretary	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,569.07	\$	3,200.00
	Employment Expense						
	CPP	\$	20.00				
	EI	\$	200.00	\$	226.96	\$	350.00
	Gift Certificates Staff & Other	\$	300.00	\$	399.00	\$	400.00
	Minister						
	Education/Learning Materials	\$	800.00	\$	772.89	\$	300.00
	Employment Expenses	\$	2,200.00	\$	2,458.50	\$	1,020.00
	Mileage	\$	800.00	\$	212.55	\$	187.50

PINEGROVE UNITED CHURCH - Proposed Budget

Revised Feb 22 2023

Type of Account		2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
Income				
Fundraising	Coffee Fund			
	Country Christmas Tea		\$ 3,202.00	\$ 2,500.00
	Fall Supper			
	Green Thumb Tea		\$ 1,778.20	\$ 1,500.00
	Other - Sigmaking Event			
	Spaghetti Supper			
	Interest Earned	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 107.28	\$ 1,000.00
	Memorial Donations		\$ 50.00	
Miscellaneous	Funeral Income		\$ 100.00	
	Miscellaneous		\$ 1,170.00	
	Miscellaneous - Other		\$ 60.00	
Offerings	General			
	Initial			
	Local	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 53,236.26	\$ 46,000.00
	Loose		\$ 952.10	\$ 400.00
	Other	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
	Misc Offerings	\$ 50.00		
Outreach	Blue Christmas		\$ 226.00	\$ 200.00
	Rural Food Cupboard		\$ 160.00	
	Milk Fund	\$ 800.00	\$ 753.70	\$ 800.00
	Mission & Service	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,765.86	\$ 3,500.00
	Observer/Broadview	\$ 250.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 250.00
	White Gift			
	Trail of Lights		\$ 438.00	\$ 500.00
	Other		\$ 92.00	

	Elevator Maintenance	\$	700.00	\$	224.04	\$	500.00
	Equipment Rental						
	Heating	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,006.25	\$	4,000.00
	Housekeeping	\$	250.00	\$	93.07	\$	250.00
	Hydro	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,097.47	\$	2,200.00
	Insurance	\$	5,000.00	\$	4,658.55	\$	5,000.00
	Kitchen			\$	6.97		
	Piano/Organ Maintenance	\$	200.00	\$	125.00	\$	200.00
	Sasi Water						
	Snowplowing	\$	1,400.00	\$	1,635.00	\$	1,500.00
	Telephone	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,016.55	\$	1,200.00
	Tech Equipment Maintenance			\$	731.89		
	Other - Tech Grant						
	Committee Expenses						
	Church Family Life	\$	200.00			\$	200.00
	Communication (includes ZOOM)	\$	200.00	\$	686.00	\$	800.00
	Ministry & Personnel						
	Mission & Outreach						
	Pastoral Care	\$	100.00			\$	100.00
	Property	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,352.35	\$	1,500.00
	Social	\$	150.00	\$	288.71	\$	300.00
	Worship - General	\$	250.00	\$	37.00	\$	150.00
	Worship - Music	\$	500.00	\$	208.08	\$	500.00
	Worship - Other			\$	52.85		
	Fundraising Expense			\$	51.40	\$	250.00
	Fall Supper						
	Green Thumb Tea	\$		\$	256.25	\$	300.00
	Spaghetti Supper	\$		\$	30.02		
	Memorial Plaque	\$		\$	445.00		
	Ministry Expenses						
	Conference Dues						

BREAKDOWN OF OFERINGS FOR 2022

38 Families or individuals Contributed \$1 - \$100

28 Families or individuals Contributed \$101 - 300

13 Families or individuals Contributed \$301 - \$600

9 Families or individuals Contributed \$601 -\$1000

17 Families or individuals Contributed \$1001 - \$2000

7 Families or individuals Contributed over \$2001

Receipts were sent out Mid February. If you did not receive a receipt, contact Dale @ 807-472-4689

Café del Soul for 2022

After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, Café del Soul resumed operations in September of 2022, with a new look, but the same great company and conversation. It was decided that to lessen the load for the few volunteers who returned after the pause in operations, two gatherings would still be provided but coffee and a snack would be provided on the first Thursday of the month, instead of the traditional luncheon which is still provided on the third Thursday of the month.

The return to Café started with an evening Corn Roast on Sept. 9 where all were welcomed to join in for some corn and camaraderie. The traditional luncheon followed on Sept 22 with a delicious macaroni and cheese being provided and many of the regular attendees returning! October 6 coffee and persians were offered, and while the crowd was smaller, the conversation and "good vibes" abounded. October 20 guests enjoyed soup and a special dessert, and the crowd started to expand as people became aware that Café del Soul was back up and running. November 3, a small group gathered again for coffee and muffins, and conversation about whether to continue with a coffee time ensued, but it was decided to forge on. November 17 perogies and ham were served thanks to Gary MacDonald. December 1 coffee and pastries were served. On December 15, it was hoped that a special Christmas turkey dinner would be provided, but inclement weather meant the cancellation of Café that day.

Thank you to all the volunteers who so diligently offer their time and talents twice a month to this very worthwhile community event. Those who attend truly enjoy the fellowship the day provides. Volunteers are always welcome and are always needed, of course. If you would like to attend Café, but do not have transportation to get there, please inform someone and we will make sure you get there as our original grant allowed for volunteers to be paid a fee for mileage.

Café del Soul's bank account is very healthy and even though it is free for anyone to attend, every week there are many donations in the basket. We look forward to more time together in 2023 now that covid restrictions have been lifted.

Submitted by Heather Holland, Café Volunteer