



PINEGROVE

UNITED CHURCH

2023 Annual Report

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Janet Heald, Robert Slusar, Sandra Vibert

Weddings For 2023

Nil

Baptisms for 2023

Nil

Transfers 2023

Nil

Pastoral Charge Supervisor (Christina Stricker)

Christina was welcomed to the meeting. The Lay Support Committee was recognized for the tremendous amount of work that was involved in having a shared student minister.

Pinegrove was commended for being a very welcoming church and a joy to work with.

Lay Supervision Team (Sharon Loghrin)

The Lay Supervision Team had a very busy year with many meetings.

Minister's Report

Ministry and Personnel Committee: (Dayle Lankinen)

The committee has been working with the staff and has conducted interviews.

Worship Committee: (Jill Schutte)

The Worship Committee continues to work hard to insure that we are provided with worship services.

Social Media (Ross Vincent)

We have been fortunate in having Ross help with our media needs. He is a skilled and willing helper.

Canadian Shield Regional Council (Donna McNally)

Donna attends the Regional Meetings and reports back to keep Pinegrove informed and updated.

Trustees: (Donna McNally)

The Trustees have been busy acquiring information on the church's insurance coverage and attending to the investments.

Communications: (Joan Bailey)

Joan continues to communicate by way of weekly e-mails and newsletters on a regular basis.

Social Committee: (Deb Paris)

Additional committee members would be welcomed.

The pancake brunches are good fundraisers so an extra pancake brunch was held recently with a good response.

Pastoral Care: (Sandy Vibert)

The important work of the Pastoral Care Committee continues to be handled beautifully by Sandy.

The implementation of the phone list is another form of outreach.

Property Committee: (Ivan Schutte)

In addition to the two cleanups Sundays held, another one will be held on April 23rd.

March 5, 2023, Pinegrove United Church

Annual Meeting

The meeting commenced at 12:00 p.m. following the worship service and a lunch break.

Attendance: Claire Belluz, Rev. Rob Smith (Pastoral Relations Minister for the Canadian Shield Regional Council), Marion Wilson, Sharon Loghrin, Lionel Schutte, Jill Schutte, Wendy McFayden, Pat Hovi, Heather Holland, Dayle Lankinen, Don Belluz, Donna McNally, Joan Bailey, Deb Paris, Pam LeRossignol, Sandy Vibert, Ivan Schutte, Gayle Schutte, Pat Inman, Debbie Inman, Cathi Siemieniuk, Alison Arbour, Gerry Racey and Brenda Cheetham.

Chair: Claire Belluz

Secretary: Brenda Cheetham

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Rev. Rob Smith was asked to open the meeting with a prayer. Prior to the prayer, as not all members of the congregation were aware, Rev. Rob gave an overview on the situation surrounding David Colwell, student minister, no longer being employed by Trinity United Church and Pinegrove United Church.

Rev. Rob also provided information on upcoming events with the Regional Council.

The meeting commenced with a prayer by Rev. Rob Smith.

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

MOVED BY: DAYLE LANKINEN, SECONDED BY: MARION WILSON

CARRIED

At this time the chair recognized and welcomed Pam LeRossignol as a new member of Pinegrove.

MOTION #2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 27, 2022:

MOVED BY: SHARON LOGHRIN, SECONDED BY: HEATHER HOLLAND

CARRIED

In memoriam and celebrations:

A moment of silence was held for those who passed away in 2022 and any others that may be in our thoughts.

Weddings: Nil

Baptisms: Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (See the Annual Report)

Board of Management: (Claire Belluz)

Claire thanked the members of the Board of Management for their dedication and hard work.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: March 3, 2024

New Business

Wendy MacFayden thanked the Board of Management for its dedication and hard work.

A portion of the roof has been repaired but there are still a number of leaks in other areas. It has been recommended that the entire back portion of the church roof be replaced as soon as possible. The Property Committee will request quotes and present them to the Board for recommendations.

A question was raised as to what position is to be taken at this time with respect to the hiring of a new minister and our collaborative relationship with Trinity United Church. The meeting felt that we proceed, for the immediate future, with our commitment and participation in the live-streaming services.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

Christina Stricker was asked to adjourn the Meeting with a closing prayer.

Chair _____ Secretary _____

Fundraisers

Christmas Dessert Tea

A new format was attempted for the Christmas Tea making it a dessert tea. It was received with enthusiasm.

The date for the Green Thumb Tea has not been set yet.

Mission & Outreach: (Marion Wilson)

Marion and her committee continue to honour the church's mission statement – "Reaching Out to Others with God's Love".

Treasurer's Report: (Heather Holland)

"Thank You" was extended to Heather for assuming the Treasurer position.

The Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statements were presented by Heather Holland.

Café del Soul (Heather Holland)

Additional volunteers would be welcomed by the committee.

Breakdown of Offerings for 2022

The Annual Report contains a breakdown of the offerings. The offerings for 2022 increased due to donations received in memory of individuals who passed away during the year.

MOTION #3

TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS.

MOVED BY: DEB PARIS, SECONDED BY: DEBBIE INMAN

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Budget

The 2023 Budget was presented by Brenda Cheetham.

MOTION #4

TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2023:

MOVED BY: JOAN BAILEY, SECONDED BY: DONNA MCNALLY

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 #5

TO ACCEPT THE NEW BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AS PRESENTED.

MOVED BY: HEATHER HOLLAND, SECONDED BY: MARION WILSON

CARRIED

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISOR 2024 (about 2023)

Being appointed by the Canadian Shield Regional Council to be Pastoral Charge Supervisor at Pinegrove UC has been one of my favourite church assignments! This friendly, welcoming rural congregation has been a source of joy and belonging for me. I work primarily with the Board who are efficient, lively, and decisive and who know 'their people' very well. They respond well to suggestions and offer clarifications when required.

Meetings of the Board are regular and well attended, in person or by ZOOM technology, which I occasionally use in order to participate. Finances seem to be steady and stable. The Trustees manage their own account and contribute to the general funds as required/requested. Other administrative duties are carried out in a satisfactory and collegial manner.

Despite the removal of the shared Student Minister in early 2023, Pinegrove continued to work with Trinity UC in the multi-site Live-streaming partnership, broadcasting weekly worship services from one or the other congregation, using pulpit supply, three or four of the monthly Sundays, as neither congregation currently has ministry in place. A third partner leads the entire service once a month. Since both congregations live-stream the services together there is considerable communication back and forth by the various components(music, liturgy etc) to ensure a mostly smooth operation. Communion services were offered several times during the year at both venues.

The website at www.pinegroveuc.org is well managed by a volunteer.

Attendance at Worship is fairly stable with some growth in this area.

After service 'Cuppa' as well as the monthly Cafe del Soul project are regular occurrences and well attended. Christian Education classes or studies are not offered but members of the congregation seem to live out their faith in practical hands-on activities within the church and its surrounding community.

The ecumenical relationship with St Mark's Anglican congregation continues on a seasonal basis, enriching the lives of both congregations.

This healthy and caring pastoral charge has some decisions to make in the near future about whether or not to move into Search mode, with or without Trinity UC , and to consider their options in this area. They have had much experience with pulpit supply, address any local pastoral care needs efficiently and with tender care, and could manage on their own if need be. Although there are some signs of burnout among some of the Board leadership, the challenges for 2024 will be managed appropriately and in the best interest of the People.

submitted by Christina Stricker, Pastoral Charge Supervisor

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT – 2023

Huge thank you to our Board members consisting of 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, Pam LeRossignol, Without these folks, the work of our Church would not be possible.

Every year presents new challenges it seems! That is part of life. The student Minister, David Colwell, left us in February as his student appointment from the Atlantic Candidacy Board, United Church of Canada was ended. We continued to carry on with the live streaming format where we worked together with other United Churches to provide meaningful worship each Sunday. This means considerable planning by a few persons, especially Sharon Loghrin and Jill Schutte. Many thanks to them for their leadership in this regard. Discussions are underway to see if we should try again to call a half time Minister, sharing with Trinity United.

Our strength remains in providing outreach to others in our community through the many projects we take on annually including the Café del Soul twice a month, the Pancake Brunch, our Spring and Christmas Teas.

Your continued financial support is very much appreciated so that we can continue to fulfil our mission statement of `Reaching Out to Others with God`s Love. We would welcome your assistance if you feel you can offer your talents in any way. Please let us know.

Is it time to change our batteries

AA – Attention, Affection

AAA – add Acceptance

C – Compassion

D – Direction

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.

Respectfully Submitted : by Claire Belluz

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

Unfortunately our partnership between Pinegrove and Trinity United Churches, to hire student minister, David Colwell, half time in each church, did not work out as hoped and his arrangement with our congregations was terminated on Feb 8, 2023 with him still being paid until May 8, 2023. Pinegrove and Trinity United, then continued on in our streamed services schedule, using both ordained ministers and lay preachers, to provide meaningful services for our congregations.

Pinegrove closed for the month of July and reopened in August, with regular worship at Pinegrove, both in the sanctuary and online.

The Pinegrove Worship Committee continues to meet with the Trinity Worship Committee once a month to discuss streaming schedules and any issues that might arise.

Sharon and I also meet once a month with The Joint Music and Worship Team from all 3 churches involved in the streaming to make sure all things run smoothly.

Much appreciation goes to Sharon Loghrin for continuing to co-ordinate Pinegrove's participation in all services both by lining up ministers and readers for 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 continue to give Pinegrove a lovely presence on the screen.

I continued to provide videos which I prepared, for offertories and postludes for our streamed services and weekly choir preparation and live hymn accompaniments for weekly services. Our faithful choir provided meaningful, live anthems and wonderful hymn leadership.

For half of 2023, there were 4 churches in the service rotation: Pinegrove, Trinity, St. Paul's, and Harmony. However, in early September, Harmony decided to withdraw from the rotation, leaving only three churches for the streamed services.

Pinegrove is committed to stay with these services, with Trinity for as long as necessary providing meaningful and varied worship. However, having enjoyed a few worship services on our own, with no streaming, has interested us in possibly making some changes to provide a few more intimate, relaxed services for us. We will keep you informed if anything develops with this.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Schutte, Music Director

Report for Ministry and Personnel 2023

2023 has been a busy year for Pinegrove United, with a few changes, and very nice being able to be in Church almost every week. Ministry and Personnel Committee members are Dayle Lankinen, chair, Marion Wilson, and Pam LeRossignal. We are available if you need to contact us with questions or situations that may need to be looked after.

Staff for Pinegrove are: Dale Holland, Secretary and Custodian; Joyce Vis, Treasurer; and Jill Schutte, Music Director.

There are many volunteers in the church as well, and staff and volunteers keep things going. Thank you all for your dedication.

We no longer have a student minister at Pinegrove, but we do enjoy the talents of many guest ministers, speakers, and livestream if we cannot get to the church for whatever reason. Sharon Loghrin organizes the line up of ministers and speakers for us and the worship committees of both Pinegrove and Trinity plan the livestreams along with Jill, and other music directors. Thanks to all.

Our Ministry and Personnel committee has attended several workshops that are helpful to us, that have been arranged by Rob Smith from the Canadian Shield Regional office. A few of us from the Church attended a workshop on Pastoral care in October at St Pauls. Also attended was a workshop on Called to be the Church. The emphasis was on Stewardship. (Different than fundraising.) Another one was on duty of care. We attend the monthly board meetings at the church, in person or by zoom.

Respectfully submitted. Dayle Lankinen

Board of Trustees Report - 2023

Over the year the Trustees have met formally and informally to discuss various issues that are of concern to our committee. Donna McNally was to continue as chairperson. Joyce Vis, as Pinegrove's paid bookkeeper keeps a record of the Board of Trustees. Lionel Schutte looks after the church insurance policy to be certain we are covered for the various needs. Sandy Vibert and Donna looked after the investments. As our pastoral charge supervisor, Christina Stricker attends meetings and help us to look at all angles of any situation which guides us into better decision making.

The five year GIC investment came due in May of 2023. We met with our banker at TD Bank (Arthur Street branch) and reviewed the financial position. The return on the over \$150,000 investment from the sale of the manse continues to produce positive returns, that can be used to help fund the ministry of the church. Items that can be funded, while the congregation is in search, include worship leadership from Ordained ministers, Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, or from other churches. It is important to note that the funds are held subject to the policies of the Regional Council and the United Church.

At one formal meeting we reviewed the *Trustees Handbook* to refresh us on our duties as trustees and to engage in a discussion of how we would handle them. At another we discussed the ways we could support the ministry of the church, and decided to transfer \$6,000 from the interest earned over the past five years to the churches general fund.

Sadly we lost a longstanding member of our committee with the death of Sandy Vibert. She will be missed, but she taught us many lessons about investments and her calm, patient presence at meetings was so helpful to all.

Looking ahead, Joan Bailey has agreed to stand for election to the Board of Trustees. The minimum number of members of the Board is three, and the majority must be members of the United Church. Thank you to Joan for taking on this additional task.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McNally, Lionel Schutte, Christina Stricker

CANADIAN SHIELD REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2023

The Lay representative to the CRSC is Donna McNally and the alternate is Dayle Lankinen. Thank you to the congregation for allowing us to share the duties of representing you at the meetings and events.

In June the first festival of Faith was held in Thunder Bay for Churches in the Northwest area of the Region. At the same time another Festival of Faith was held for other churches in the Region. Dayle Lankinen attended this meeting as the lay representative from our Church. It was a time to renew friends and make new connections with churches close to us. If you wish further information about this event talk to Dayle.

A Canadian Shield Regional Council Zoom meeting was held on November 25th, 2023 to conduct the business of the Regional Council. It was entitled "The Stones will Shout". We were asked to bring our covenanting stones from the original meeting in 2019 to this one. A 39 page document was on line for us to print or just peruse. It covered such things as Remit One, the 2024 draft budget, committee reports, draft agenda, and Regional Council Executive accountability report and other things. We began and ended the Meeting with a worship service.

The outcomes that were significant for all were as follows. There was a lot of discussion about REMIT ONE and a number of questions were asked. Several staff members tried to answer these questions however, when the questioner was asked if they had answered the query a negative response was given. A vote was taken and REMIT ONE was passed by a majority vote. This means that the Canadian Shield National Regional Council agrees to amend the Basis of Union to allow an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization, as part of the three-council structure of The United Church of Canada, so they will not need to use the remit process to make changes to their organization as other Churches will continue to do.

The draft budget was presented, discussed, voted on and passed by the representatives at the meeting. There will be a significant decreased in the funding given each Region this coming year. The amount each region will receive is \$180,000. The Nomination Committee report was passed. The Chair of the Canadian Shield Regional Council will be the Rev. Nancy Ferguson.

If you have any questions please feel free to talk to me after Church on a Sunday.

Respectfully, submitted,
Donna McNally

Social Media Report 2023

2023, It's been a year already wow! Back in the fall of 2022 I took over as the 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. Throughout the year my main responsibilities are 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. We have had quite a few inquires about the Church and Cafe Del Soul, which I have responded to accordingly. I also encouraged them to come out and try it out!

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 Supervisor

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The Pinegrove congregation was kept informed throughout the year by the Communications Committee.

I sent out the weekly emails, usually on Fridays, letting everyone know about the upcoming Sunday services, along with some important and interesting announcements regarding our church and others in the city. If you wish to continue getting these emails, you don't have to do anything – you're on the confidential list until you request to be removed. It is important to let me know right away if you change your email address. If you know of anyone who might be interested in being added to the list, please let me know.

Quarterly newsletters are the other way of keeping everyone informed about church activities. 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.

Ross Vincent has done a great job of keeping the Pinegrove Facebook page and website up to date. This has been very much appreciated and it shows in all the 'views' and 'shares'.

Joan Bailey
Communications

Social Committee Report 2023

The Social Committee helped with the lite lunch for the Annual Meeting.

The Welcome Back Corn Roast was held, when the corn was at its peak. We have decided, in order to make things easier, to hold this inside from now on. And with the full house that we enjoyed, it was a great decision.

The committee assists with refreshments for our monthly board meetings. And we have committed to serving cuppa at the beginning of each month. But, of course we know that the congregation enjoys cuppa weekly, so we are grateful to the members who have helped to allowing this to happen more.

We held our Annual Finnish Pancake Brunch and it was definitely one of our best yet, if that is even possible as we have been going strong for 25+ years.

We have also held some Saturday crafting days.

If you have any ideas for some different and fun things to do, please contact Deb or Joan.

Respectfully Submitted

Deb Paris

Joan Bailey

Pastoral Care Report for 2023

I took over the Pastoral Care to send out cards in July 2023. From then until December 31, 2023 I sent out 29 cards and have worked on updating the mailing list.

Respectfully Submitted: Pam LeRossignol

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

There was a considerable amount of work accomplished in 2023 with the help of a lot of Pinegrove folks and Colt Germain Construction, which had the lowest bid of three companies.

1. Well water testing, snow clearing and lawn cutting was on going. New blades and a battery and oil change were installed on the mower. Thank you Ivan Schutte and Matthew and Nicholas Fresco.
2. The south end roof was repaired which included ...the old chimney removed , new decking in places, ice shield, new metal roofing, new flashing and fascia installed. Thank you to Rob Mattas for checking the finished roof repairs.
3. A new peak roof, rafters, decking, ice shield, fascia and soffit were installed above the main entrance. Also new plywood on the ceiling, new sheet rock on the walls, plaster and a complete paint job completed the repairs to the foyer.
4. The water damaged walls at the back of the sanctuary and the north wall of the handicap bathroom were repaired with new sheet rock, plaster and paint.
5. New flooring and baseboards were installed in both upstairs washrooms.
6. The kitchen's sink plumbing, in the basement was repaired after leaking. Thank you to Dave Bertrand and Gerry Racey.
7. Septic field and septic tank identification signage was installed by Lionel Schutte.
8. The back shed was cleaned out and reorganized. Thank you Gerry Racey, Don Belluz and others who helped.
9. The septic tank is regularly pumped.

Proposals for projects in 2024

1. Remove carpet from Nursery and install new vinyl flooring and baseboards.
2. Remove carpeting from basement landing and stairs and install new baseboards.
3. Install new hinges on kitchen cabinets.
4. Main church roof, spot repairs, new screws etc. as required
5. Paint exterior window framing etc.
6. Cut remaining brush around the back shed and paint the shed.

Thank you to all who helped in any way to keep our church in good repair. Please continue to bring property issues to our attention throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted by Lionel and Ivan Schutte

2023 CHRISTMAS DESSERT TEA

A very successful Christmas Dessert Tea was held on Saturday, November 18. The format that we used in 2022 worked so well that we decided to follow it again. Instead of our great sandwiches, which we were known for, we provided great desserts. We had such success with this format last year that we felt it would work again. With fewer volunteers available this year, we were able to get everything done and it went very smoothly.

The desserts the previous year were enjoyed so much, we decided to do them again: Cherry Cha-Cha, Lemon Cheesecake Delight, and the Toffee Mocha Almond Brownie. The generous slices and never-ending cups of coffee, tea and apple cider were a hit. People love to stay and visit at our teas and this year was no exception.

Our bake and craft sale tables were all located upstairs in the narthex to provide the greatest browsing room for everyone. From the generous donations of baking, we had made up some variety trays that were very popular, especially for those customers looking for their Christmas baking. There was so much donated baking and craft items that the tables were filled to the brim. It all looked and smelled so delicious!

The silent auction was located downstairs in Fellowship Hall. The 'one-bid format' was used again and worked very well. There were so many lovely items and themed baskets donated and the tables looked amazing.

Sincere thanks are extended to all those who donated money, silent auction prizes, baking, or specialty food items. Sincere thanks are also extended to those who came to work at the tea, who looked after specific areas, who helped set up or clean up, and who attended by themselves or with friends and family.

The annual Country Christmas tea is a lot of work, but we get so much more out of it than a profit at the end of the day. We come together to promote our wonderful little country church and provide hospitality for an afternoon. You can't put a price on that camaraderie! That being said, we did realize a profit of over \$3,450 – even more than last year.

From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!!!

Submitted by
Joan Bailey and Deb Paris
Co-Convenors

MISSION & OUTEREACH Report 2023

Mission & service has surpassed the proposed amount in the budget. Once again such a wonderful outcome. This fund is dedicated to use all funds received entirely to mission projects, such a worthy project.

The Milk Fund also surpassed the proposed amount in the budget, fantastic, it always has had to be "topped up" at year end to reach the budgeted amount. This is the first time in many years this has happened, such a great outcome.

The Rural Cupboard Food Bank- Donations were delivered by Sharon Loghrin as they were brought to the church. In the fall we had a "Share the Harvest" project, and we received lots of donations for that, which were delivered to the food bank. The White gift donations brought a very large amount of donations to the food bank.

All of our Christmas projects were very well supported. A large amount of donations to the Community Clothing assistance as "the undercover project" and the donations to the women's crisis centre at Urban Abbey. Our bulb sale gave us \$115, which was sent to the St Joseph's palliative care unit. Our mitten tree was again laden with lots of mitt, hats etc. Heather has already sent some to 4 schools!

So be proud Pinegrove, you always come through, to help all these projects in need and are so worthy. Thank you one and all for your kindness. A special thanks to all my committee Brenda Cheetam, Pat Hovi., & Heather Holland.

Respectfully submitted
Marion Wilson

GREEN THUMB PLANT & BAKE SALE 2023

Our sale was held on May 27th. Although we had a very different spring we were very amazed at the number of donations of plants. The bake sale as well received a very large amount of donations of baking. I overheard more than once you sure have a lot of plants, and also heard statements as to the amount of baking and donations to the bake and craft sale. We also added something new, we had hot dogs & coffee for sale, and we also had a flea table. Both of these endeavours worked out very well.

Our hours were from 10AM to 2PM but that will change for next year as the workers sat in that very hot sun, with very few people coming at that time. Our hours next year will be 10AM to 1PM. Our profit for the sale was \$1814.10. Many thanks to all who worked, donated or supported the tea. We appreciate you!! It always is a great social event for both the workers and the customers, they just keep coming back!

Respectfully submitted
Marion Wilson

Treasurer's Report

For those who have heard me speak of our finances, you have become familiar with the phrase "money in, money out", and that definitely occurred over this past year, but what I have learned over this second year of being Treasurer is that there is a need to determine the category in to which the money goes in and out. Fortunately, Joyce Vis, our bookkeeper is awesome, and with the help of Brenda Cheetham and Don Belluz of the Finance Committee, we are able to keep the money flowing in and out as it should.

On the income side, we have had a sizable inflow, unfortunately due to the fact that we have lost some of our longstanding congregation members, but also because of some substantial donations towards the repairs that have been done to the church. This year the 5 year investment the Trustees manage came to term and a sizeable interest was earned. Trustees also transferred \$6000 from the interest earned from the investment account to the general account for Ministry use. A couple of fundraisers have helped our income, and I would like to thank those who are instrumental in that, but more than anything, donations have provided us with the necessary funds to continue to operate in the black.

As to the money out part of the report, capital expenditures are up this year, but we have a roof that does not leak and new flooring in the bathrooms, the landing to the basement and the nursery. We gave almost \$2000 over our budgeted amount for Mission and Service – which is in keeping with our congregation's mission of "reaching out to others with God's love" and a true testimony to the caring individuals that make up the Pinegrove congregation. As to Minister's expenses, there will be a saving again this year, as it is not likely we will be hiring anyone in the near future.

I was extremely impressed with how close to the budget we were able to stay for 2023 and I am hoping the same will occur in 2024. Thank you to all who support Pinegrove!

Respectfully Submitted

By Heather Holland

Broadview Report 2023

Eight People purchased subscriptions for 2024 and two subscriptions were purchased for the church, for people to share

Submitted by Heather

Café del Soul Report 2023

Café del Soul continues to offer coffee, goodies and conversation, the first Thursday of the month, 10:00 – 11:30 am with a small but appreciative turn out.

The third Thursday, 11:00 am to 1:00pm, offers a full luncheon , sometimes entertainment, and always lively conversations, enjoyed by 20 to 80 folks, from the area and the city also.

The volunteers and friends have prepared a variety of tasty food.

For Coffee Café, muffins, Finish pulla, Hot cross buns, Persians and 'Bakery on Boundary' scones are some of the treats that have been enjoyed.

For luncheons, chili, beef on a bun, soups and sandwiches, beef stew, pizza, quiche, ham and perogies, and a full turkey dinner have been served.

Although there is no charge for Café, folks are very generous with their donations. For example, the December 21st event saw well over \$900.00 donated, which we had determined would be given to the Rural Cupboard Food bank, in memory of the late Gladys Grant. Gladys was a founding member and long time worker of the Food Bank .

Café also contributed to the Roof Fund and regularly pays to offset costs of hydro and heating used by Café.

Many thanks to our volunteers ,who help prepare, serve and clean up. We would love to have more regular and also occasional helpers, even if it's only for part of the day. Come and join us when it works for you. We have fun working together. The more the merrier.

Pinegrove board and Café volunteers, feel that this is an outreach that brings people of the area together to share friendship and fun over food , the great connector. We look forward to being able to continue the programme.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Loghrin, Café volunteer

PINEGROVE UNITED CHURCH - Proposed Budget

Revised Feb 17 2024

Type of Account		2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
Income				
Fundraising	Coffee Fund			
	Country Christmas Tea	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,851.25	\$3,000.00
	Fall Supper			
	Green Thumb Tea	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,213.10	\$1,800.00
	Spaghetti Supper			
	Interest Earned	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 34,045.76	\$3,000.00
	Cookbook		\$ 10.00	
	Corn Roast		\$ 261.25	
Offerings	General			
	Initial			
	Local	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 61,974.03	\$46,000.00
	Loose	\$ 400.00	\$ 697.00	\$400.00
	Other	\$ 500.00		\$200.00
	Misc Offerings			
Outreach	Blue Christmas	\$ 200.00	\$ 115.00	\$200.00
	Rural Food Cupboard		\$ 220.00	
	Milk Fund	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,067.30	\$800.00
	Mission & Service	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,325.00	\$3,500.00
	Broadview	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00	\$250.00
	White Gift			
	Trail of Lights	\$ 500.00		
	Other			
Special Projects	Flowers			
	Pancake Breakfast	\$ 800.00	\$ 815.00	\$800.00
	Roof Fund		\$ 12,535.00	

	Insurance	\$	5,000.00	\$	6,342.08	\$4,750.00
	Kitchen			\$	32.80	
	Piano/Organ Maintenance	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$200.00
	Sasi Water			-\$	50.00	
	Snowplowing	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,815.00	\$1,500.00
	Telephone	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,039.14	\$1,200.00
	Tech Equipment Maintenance			\$	282.50	\$300.00
Committee Expenses	Church Family Life	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$200.00
	Communication (includes ZOOM)	\$	800.00	\$	384.00	\$800.00
	Ministry & Personnel					
	Mission & Outreach					
	Pastoral Care	\$	100.00	\$	60.72	\$100.00
	Property	\$	1,500.00	\$	645.56	\$1,700.00
	Social	\$	300.00	\$	277.69	\$300.00
	Worship - General	\$	150.00	\$	112.41	\$150.00
	Worship - Music	\$	500.00	\$	41.98	\$500.00
	Sanctuary Décor			\$	119.87	\$200.00
Fundraising Expense	Country Christmas Tea	\$	250.00	\$	380.08	\$350.00
	Fall Supper					
	Green Thumb Tea	\$	300.00	\$	427.48	\$400.00
	Spaghetti Supper					
Ministry Expenses	Conference Dues					
	Multi-Site Services	\$	2,400.00	\$	2,400.00	\$2,400.00
	Other					
	Miscellaneous Expense					
Outreach Expenses	Rural Food Cupboard			\$	220.00	
	Blue Christmas			\$	115.00	
	Camp Duncan					
	Milk Fund	\$	800.00	\$	1,067.30	\$800.00

