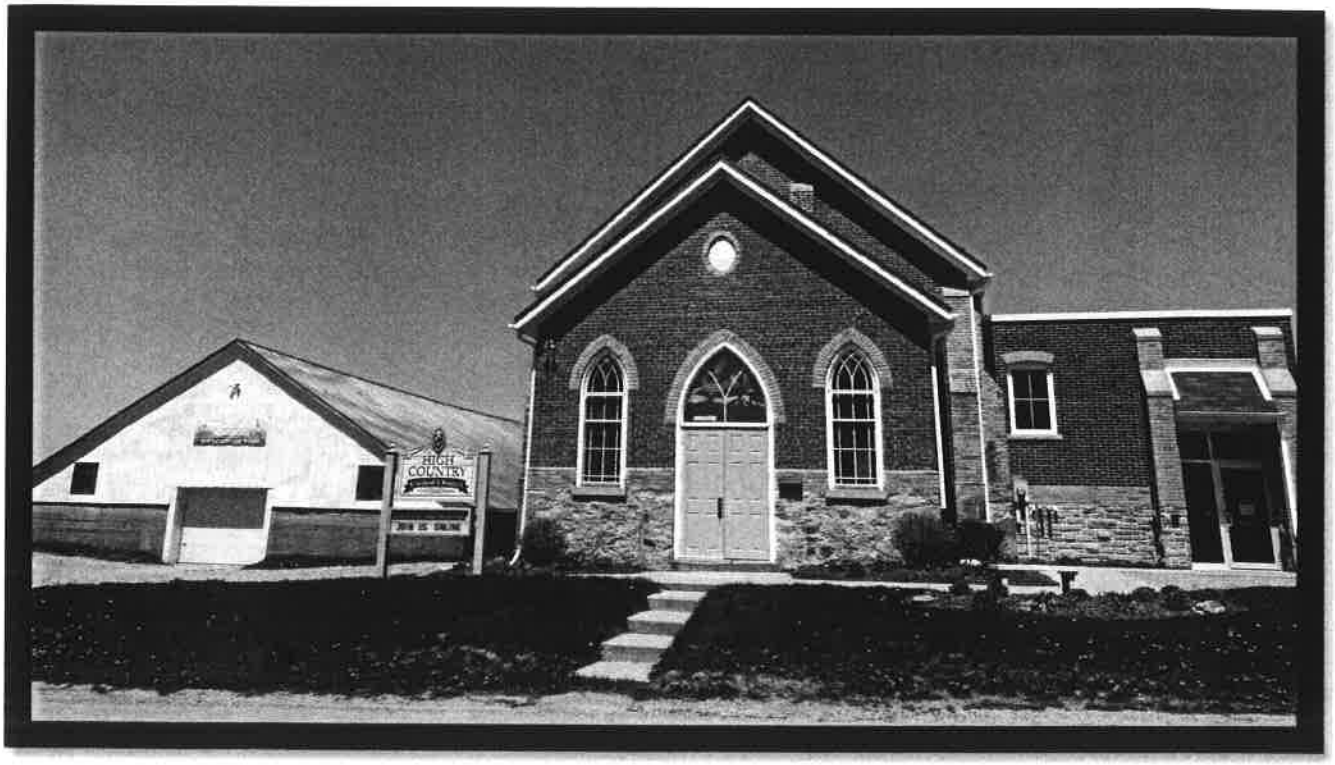
High Country Pastoral Charge



Annual Report 2022

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Minister's Report for 2022

"Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God – what is good and is pleasing to God and is perfect." Romans 12:2 from The Good News Translation

Many would say the pandemic is over and we're living into the new reality of viruses. We are still cautious with each other, but I definitely see we're loosening up. There have been less restrictions to protect each other this year. Some folks are still wearing masks during worship and at events. We continue to support each other and their decisions on how to be in our world.

Things are still a little different from pre-pandemic church. Many of our children and youth have grown up and Sunday School looks different. The choir is a little smaller. The music might be a little different as we tap into recorded music from time to time. We have some programs for Seniors that started up this year and we'll continue expanding on opportunities to learn and grow together.

Other congregations might try to reach out to their youth and families, but our focus right now is our seniors as families continue to navigate the post-pandemic world. Pastorally, I see the consequences of people living in isolation, not seeing family, in losing loved ones and not being able to experience the traditions of closure. It is our hope that in supporting our seniors, we can create healthier families and communities, and creating more intergenerational experiences for all.

We're also looking at different ways to raise funds. We are starting to share our shed/barn as a venue for weddings, receptions, and events. If this is an area you're interested in helping with, please let me know.

Our website is updated at least once per week and some pages change as we change. We even added an entire page about our pies. Weekly updates are emailed out (thanks Susan) and posted on our Facebook page and our website. We also deliver copies to folks we visit.

A huge thank you:

Council for their willingness and ability to make decisions quickly and with heart
Worship participants who are sometimes willing, sometimes hesitant,
and sometimes volun-told – thank you for helping us create memories
Marilyn Nash who takes on adventures in visiting each week
Worship musicians who bring their talents, skills and ideas to enhance worship
Event leaders who coordinate, advertise, and make things happen
Pie team and their fearless organizer, Susan Butler
All who share their dreams and ideas for our Seniors Ministry
Shalene and Xavier who are our AVIT experts-in-training & weekly vacuumers
All who help to clean up the church and keep the sidewalks clear
To everyone who contributed to the collection of goods for Ukraine
And really, everyone – you make things happen and pick up the slack when needed

Friends, the Spirit is definitely with us. God is near. Jesus is holding our hand and encouraging us. May you never feel alone. We got your back.

Blessings, Rev. Janet Jones

Council Chair's Report for 2022

Dear Members and Adherents:

2022 has been another different year. The Covid-19 pandemic persisted for the early part of our year before the regulations were relaxed.

We are very blessed to have Reverend Janet! We all appreciate her energy, enthusiasm and new ideas. Janet inspires us all to find ways to do more and to live a Christian life. Janet has done an outstanding job with technology which has made it possible for us to go on line and provide services to not only our shut-ins but the world. We all have loved her skits and plays!

As with 2021, Covid-19 and other realities have affected our fund-raising activities. Thankfully, our giving has continued to remain at previous levels, we have received some new donations and our rental income has improved.

Our internet provider (Mono Wireless) has continued to provided us with awesome internet for this year. The Mono Wireless equipment on our church has been purchased by Rural Net which will be taking over the Mono Wireless equipment. We look forward to the same level of service.

I would especially like to thank our UCW for all their financial support to our church and ministry!

Our official board met regularly through the year. We made many decisions on your behalf. To name a few; we upgraded our water system and added an ultraviolet purification system so our well water is safe to drink, in the fall we received a $5,000 Provincial grant to install a security camera system which was fully installed in December. Rental, marriage and funeral polices were updated. A variety of activities have been started for our senior's ministry such as a weekly walking group, Tai Chi and ukulele training.

On behalf of our council, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for continuing and increasing your giving.

Congratulations to Derek Gillett for receiving the Baillie award and money.

Again, thanks to Lamont Waddell for volunteering to remove the snow in our parking lots. I would also like to thank Shalene and Xavier Hodder for not only operating our audio/visual system for our services but also for cleaning the sanctuary every week and Debbie Baker for cleaning the basement. All these volunteer activities are much appreciated and save us money.

I would like to sincerely thank the members of our council! You are a hard-working dedicated group. I especially appreciate your support, ideas and the effective way that we work together to accomplish all that we do.

Doug McKeen, Chair, Official Board 2022,

Givings Report for the Annual General Meeting for the Fiscal year of 2022

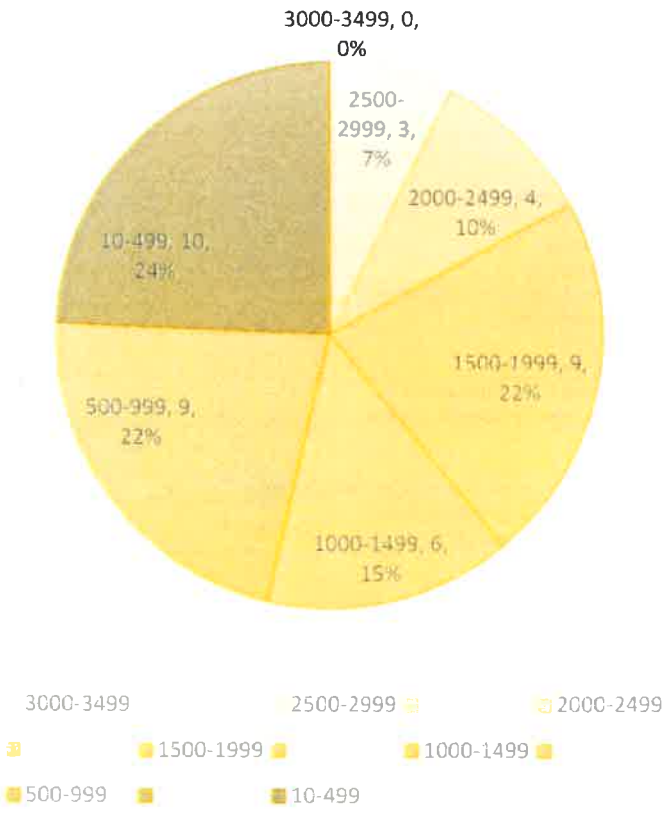
Category	Amount	#Donations
Donations*	2,740.00	31
General	51,374.00	381
M&S	4,772.00	181
Loose	489.00	16
Remembrance Day	-	0
In-Kind	3,070.00	27
Memorial	2,880.00	41
Rental	2,533.60	1
Totals	**67,858.60**	**678**

*Donations are amounts given by individuals who donate to our church once or more who are not regular numbered donors and who may not be members.

Par We began the year with 19 Par donors and finished with 18 .

Breakdown of our regular donors' givings:

$Range	#Donors
3500-3999	2
3000-3499	0
2500-2999	3
2000-2499	4
1500-1999	9
1000-1499	6
500-999	9
10-499	10
# Regular Donors	45



Respectfully submitted by Beverly Dawkins

HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

INCOME STATEMENT

RECEIPTS	2022	2021
Offering Envelopes	$ 51,374.00	$ 47,835.00
Loose Collection	489.00	55.00
Donations	2,740.00	3,615.00
M & S Givings	4,772.00	4,957.00
Housing Investment Fund Contribution	9,600.00	4,600.00
Housing Contribution - UCW	5,000.00	5,000.00
HST Refund	1,299.90	659.41
Strawberry Supper	3,000.00	-
Garage Sale	2,822.50	-
Rummage Sale	627.62	-
Ontario Security Grant	5,000.00	-
Rental	2,533.60	100.00
Memorial Fund	2,880.00	825.00
Donations in Kind	3,070.77	2,246.27
Mono Wireless Lease	2,095.36	2,040.96
CEWS and Temporary Wage Subsidy	-	12,913.74
Fundraising donations	-	1,655.00
	$ 97,304.75	$ 86,502.38

DISBURSEMENTS		
Minister's Salary	$ 51,053.50	$ 45,612.00
Charge Share - CPP	2,811.52	2,357.40
Charge share - EI	1,164.47	1,031.16
Pension and Group Insurance	9,686.96	8,035.56
Minister's travel	2,739.06	722.01
Minister's continuing education	1,120.00	1,106.00
Presbytery assessment	3,523.00	3,587.00
Insurance	7,504.92	6,483.24
Service Agreements	1,525.35	1,480.35
Photocopier paper & copy costs	1,475.99	1,285.59
Computer & Internet Costs	-	65.42
Telephone	2,825.34	2,161.11
Heat	3,585.71	2,829.02
Hydro	3,176.76	2,702.37
Office supplies	566.53	678.87
Worship supplies	291.55	963.29
Caretaking	1,225.00	2,350.00
Snowclearing	625.00	700.00
Church & Equipment Maintenance	618.10	1,015.82
Miscellaneous	40.22	119.49
M & S Paid	4,772.00	4,957.00
Donations in Kind	3,070.77	2,246.27
Memorial Fund Expense (AVIT)	747.58	3,845.61
Ontario Security Grant Expenses	4,449.54	-
	$ 108,598.87	$ 96,334.58

Excess of receipts over disbursements for year	$ (11,294.12)	-$ 9,832.20
Fund balance, beginning of year	31,573.69	41,405.89
Fund balance December 31, 2022	$ 20,279.57	$ 31,573.69

Fund Balance consists of:

General Fund	$ 14,118.57
Memorial Fund	$ 5,632.00
Youth Trip (in trust)	$ 529.00
	$ 20,279.57

Put forward by: Susan N Butler

Verified by: Mary L. McKeen, CPA, CA Date: January 23, 2023

Linda Cornelius January 23, 2023

HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH

2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

RECEIPTS	2023 Budget	2022 Actual	2022 Budget
Offering - Envelopes	**$ 50,000**	$ 51,374	$ 47,000
Loose Collection	**350**	489	100
Donations	**2,000**	2,740	2,000
M & S Givings	**5,000**	4,772	5,000
Housing Investment Fund Contribution	**9,600**	9,600	9,600
UCW Donation	**5,000**	5,000	-
Rummage Sale	**600**	628	-
Strawberry Supper	**4,000**	3,000	-
HST Refund	**1,000**	1,300	1,000
Garage Sale		2,822	2,500
Mono Wireless Lease	-	2,095	2,041
Misc. Income(Rent, Memorial Fund and DIK)	-	8,485	-
Ontario Security Grant	-	5,000	-
	$ 77,550	$ 97,305	$ 69,241
DISBURSEMENTS			
Minister's Salary	**$ 56,000**	$ 51,053	$ 47,520
Charge Share - CPP	**3,276**	2,812	2,580
Charge Share - EI	**1,336**	1,164	1,075
Pension and Group Insurance	**10,626**	9,687	9,017
Minister's Travel	**1,500**	2,739	1,000
Minister's Continuing Education	**1,157**	1,120	1,120
Presbytery Assessment	**2,909**	3,523	3,523
Insurance	**8,000**	7,505	7,600
Service Agreements	**1,600**	1,525	1,500
Photocopier paper & copy costs	**1,700**	1,476	1,500
Computer & internet costs	**2,000**	-	450
Telephone	**3,720**	2,825	2,300
Heat	**3,900**	3,586	3,175
Hydro	**3,400**	3,177	3,000
Office supplies	**750**	567	750
Worship Supplies	**600**	292	900
Caretaking	**200**	1,225	2,400
Snow/Grass	**700**	625	700
Church and Equipment Maintenance	**1,000**	618	2,000
Miscellaneous	**500**	40	1,000
M & S Paid	**5,000**	4,772	5,000
Misc. Expense (DIK, Memorial Fund Exp)	-	3,819	-
Ontario Security Grant Expense		4,449	
	$ 109,874	$ 108,599	$ 98,110
Excess receipts over disbursements	**$ (32,324)**	(11,294)	$ (28,869)

High Country United Church
BUILDING FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2022

INCOME STATEMENT	2022	2021
RECEIPTS		
Interest earned on savings account	**25**	59
Accrued interest on GIC since March 24, 2022	**210**	-
Interest earned on investments	**$ 235**	$ 59
Increase in fund during year	**235**	$ 59
Fund balance, December 31 of previous year	**$ 16,982**	16,923
FUND BALANCE **December 31, 2022**	**$ 17,217**	$ 16,982

Building Fund balance made up of:	
Savings account - interest @ 0.90%	$ 2,007
GIC & accrued interest - matures November 24, 2023 @1.80%	15,210
	$ 17,217

Statement put forward by: Mary L. McKeen, CPA, CA

Verified by: Lauri Lennox, Susan J Butler

Date: January 23, 2023

High Country United Church
HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT
for the year ended December 31, 2022

INCOME STATEMENT	2022	2021
RECEIPTS		
Interest earned on savings account	$ 280	$ 186
Accrued interest on GIC since November 17, 2022	148	-
	428	186
EXPENDITURES		
Payments to Central Treasurer re: housing allowance	9,600	4,600
Purchase of membership share in DUCA Credit Union	1	
Credit Union service charges	7	
	9,608	4,600
(Decrease) in cash during year	(9,180)	(4,414)
Fund balance, December 31 of previous year	48,679	53,093
FUND BALANCE, December 31st DUCA Credit Union	$ 39,499	$ 48,679

CAPITAL STATEMENT		
Membership share	$ 1	
Savings account - interest @0.90%	9,350	48,679
GIC and accrued interest - matures November 17, 2023 @ 4.00%	30,148	
TOTAL HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND	$ 39,499	$ 48,679

Note: From 2019 to 2021, the UCW of High Country United Church contributed $5,000 of the $9,600 Housing Allowance, in order to prolong the life of the Housing Investment Fund. We thank them for this kindness.

Statement put forward by: Mary L. McKeen, CPA, CA

Verified by: Laurie Lennox, Susan J Burton

Date:

January 23, 2023

HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND
At December 31, 2022

	Balance at December 31/21	Less Avit	Plus Donations	Move to General Fund - Dec 31/22	Balance at December 31, 2022
Shirley Johnston	$ 133.00			$ (133.00)	$ -
E & D Staveley	$ 1,361.87	$ (23.19)		$ (1,338.68)	$ -
Barb Crane	$ 50.00	$ (50.00)			$ -
Ev Turner	$ 250.00			$ (250.00)	$ -
Rob Trimble	$ 385.00			$ (385.00)	$ -
Ann Haddock	$ 1,792.00				$ 1,792.00
Watt	$ 100.00	$ (100.00)			$ -
Muriel Overland	$ 920.00				$ 920.00
McClintock	$ 15.00	$ (15.00)			$ -
Belrose	$ 20.00	$ (20.00)			$ -
Bernice Clark	$ 50.00	$ (50.00)			$ -
Willa Rowland	$ 100.00				$ 100.00
Arnold Dynes	$ 785.00				$ 785.00
Doreen Wilson	$ 245.00				$ 245.00
Bill Bospoort	$ 454.39	$ (454.39)			$ -
Edna Rintoul	$ 200.00			$ (200.00)	$ -
Lloyd Buchanan	$ 275.00			$ (275.00)	$ -
Joan Gianini	$ 100.00				$ 100.00
Richard Gillett	$ 25.00	$ (25.00)			$ -
Joan Wilson	$ 50.00	$ (50.00)			$ -
Don Nash	$ 100.00				$ 100.00
G. Strzelba	$ 225.00				$ 225.00
Gord Brush			$ 95.00	$ (95.00)	$ -
Charlene Bryan			$ 820.00	$ (820.00)	$ -
Mary Holmes			$ 200.00		$ 200.00
Nancy Brush			$ 110.00	$ (110.00)	$ -
Paul Hossie			$ 160.00	$ (160.00)	$ -
Elva Dynes			$ 440.00		$ 440.00
Gail's Mom			$ 190.00	$ (190.00)	$ -
Linda's Brother			$ 80.00		$ 80.00
Kay Ledlow			$ 625.00		$ 625.00
Glen Holmes			$ 20.00		$ 20.00
	$ 7,636.26	$ (787.58)	$ 2,740.00	$ (3,956.68)	$ 5,632.00

December 31, 2022	
Ann Haddock	$ 1,792.00
Muriel Overland	$ 920.00
Willa Rowland	$ 100.00
Arnold Dynes	$ 785.00
Doreen Wilson	$ 245.00
Joan Gianani	$ 100.00
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G. Strzelba	$ 225.00
Mary Holmes	$ 200.00
Elva Dynes	$ 440.00
Linda's Brother	$ 80.00
Kay Ledlow	$ 625.00
Glen Holmes	$ 20.00
	$ 5,632.00

Submitted by:

Gail Harrington and
Debbie Baker

Membership

Funerals

We mourned with our friends and neighbours, saying goodbye to some amazing people who will be deeply missed.

Charlene (Price) Bryan
Elva (Henry) Dynes
Mary (Gillespie) Holmes
Paul Hossie
Douglas Hunter
Kathleen (Hackett) Ledlow

Jean (Ridler) McArthur
Michael Morris
Ruth (Murray) Polischuk
Michael Temple
Charles Woods
Alfons Zwara

Weddings

We celebrated the marriages between Jonathon Hilliard and Alice Whyte, Michael Fournier and Stefani Henderson whose weddings were off-site and officiated by Rev. Jan. Chad Apol and Rachel Pidgen were married in our sanctuary and held their reception in the barn. Chad's father officiated.

Baptism

On October 2, 2022 we baptized Harper Little, child of Mitchell & Taylor Little, during a meaningful worship service.

Confirmation

On June 5, 2022 we confirmed three of our youth who are now full members of the church. Congratulations to Sydney Boston, Jack Haddock, and Ben Haddock.

Number of total members in the congregation as of December 31, 2022: 100

The number of prayer shawls given in 2022:
57 including some going to the Ukraine and some to Bethell Hospice.

1 Corinthians 13:13: So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Submitted by Rev. Janet Jones

Seniors' Ministry

In 2022, we started focusing on the needs of our more experienced community members. Ideas have come from a variety of people and we are slowly growing our Seniors Ministry. Anyone aged 55+ is welcome to join us and it's open to anyone, not just folks affiliated with our congregation.

Music:

Strumming Seniors is a Ukulele group that has formed and have performed for the congregation once already. Thank you to Linda MacGregor for helping us learn some chords and keep us musically in tune. This group meets once a week for about an hour or so. Anyone can join at anytime, regardless of skill level. You don't need to read sheet music to join this group. If you want to join but don't have a ukulele, be in touch with Rev. Jan who can get one for you.

Sing-Along with the Choir is an open-time to come and sing along with the choir. You don't have to join the choir or even be good at singing to attend. Learn some songs we're practicing for services and more.

Seniors Exercise Groups

The Fairweather Walkers currently walk for about 30 minutes once a week, usually around the subdivision but also inside when weather is not favourable.

Tai Chi with Dolores and Marilyn has started and is offered on Wednesdays. There is a beginner group that runs for about an hour. An ongoing/advanced group starts their session afterwards.

Games

We had a small group come out for Euchre but put that on pause for a short while during the winter season.

We have applied for a $25,000 grant to add more to our Seniors Ministry and should be hearing the results in early 2023. Stay tuned.

We give thanks to Elizabeth Hooper, Karen Gillett, and Marilyn Nash for being great leaders in ensuring things are happening. They work quietly in the background doing amazing things.

Submitted by Rev. Janet Jones

High Country United Church Sunday School Report-2022

We are all happy to be back in person at church after a long hiatus due to Covid.

On June 5, 2022, three of our members were confirmed. They were Jack and Ben Haddock and Sydney Boston. Congratulations to them all!!

We have had a few Sunday school classes with our Sunday school members since returning in the Fall. We follow bible readings along with discussions and games.

Some of our younger and older members participated in the Congregational Pageant in December. Thanks to Jan for all of your work in coordinating everyone for this!

Our fundraising efforts were deferred until the new year.

Thanks to the congregation and Janet for all of your support!

Krista Parke, Wayne and Elizabeth Haddock

High Country United Church Sunday School Financial Statement			
Treasurer's Report	**Report - December 31, 2022**		
Receipts	Fundraising		0.00
	Total Receipts for Year		0.00
Expenses			
	Supplies		0.00
	Bank Fees		0.00
	Total Expenses for Year		0.00
Cash Statement			
	Bank account - January 1, 2022		1081.39
	Total receipts		0.00
			1081.39
	Total expenses		0.00
	Bank Balance Dec 31, 2022		1081.39
	Cash on hand		36.00
Total Cash as of December 31, 2022			1,117.39

High Country United Church Board of Trustees 2022

The Board of Trustees for High Country United Church are Raymond Hooper, Alan Lanktree and David Baker.

Thanks to Paster Janet and to all the volunteer that look after the Church Decorations, Flowerbeds, Lawns, Snow removal, cleaning and Church maintenance.

Our annual service contracts for both the Septic and Elevator were completed.

Mono Wireless the company that placed an internet tower at the Church has been sold to Rural Net owned by Heiner Philipp which will be providing us internet service in leu of rent for allowing them to us the church property for the tower. With the sale we are able to keep a good internet service for no cost to the Church.

The Church is using Ecclesiastical Insurance for our Church overage with yearly increases in coverage to keep up with increased building costs.

We have installed a micro filter as well as a UV light filter to our water supply system in order to make our water drinkable from the tap . Thanks to Sheila Orton for organising this and taking the water samples to be tested on a regular bases as required by the Department of Heath.

The church is being used during the week for many churches activities as well as a Tai Chi group on Wednesday afternoons.

Thanks and appreciation to the UCW women for all their dedication and hard work raising funds to help support our on-going cost of the Church.

Again, we must be mindful of keeping up with all safety aspects of the building including cleaning snow, keeping all exits doors clear, closing all fire doors before leaving the Church and making sure the lights are off, heat is turned down, the stoves and dishwasher are off, back door is closed and both front doors locked. When the shed is being used, the back exit door is required to be unlocked and accessible for traffic.

Respectfully submitted

David Baker, Chair of Trustees

High Country United Church Women 2022

We were so happy to resume our in person meetings starting in March 2022.
Our pie production continued throughout the year. Please consider offering to help make pie shells, cook either roasts or turkeys to prepare them for the making of the meat pies. We had very successful sales in 2022.

Our Apple Pie Days were held October 1 and October 4th. We made 381 large and 167 small apple pies over the two days. Also, 207 large fruit, 156 small fruit pies, 22 large meat pies and 371 small meat pies had been ordered and were ready for pick up that day. This year we would like to thank Sheila Orton and Gail Harrington for the planning and organizing of Apple Pie Day, the co-ordinating of the orders and the pie pick up. This is a huge job and we all thank them and the many others who helped. Sue Butler made sure all of the fruit and meat pies were ready that day as well .We had great support from the community for this event.

In 2022 we financially supported many charities. We donated $1,000.00 to Headwaters Hospital, $1,000.00 to The United Church Mission & Service, $1,500 to the Orangeville Food Bank, $1,000.00 to Bethel House Hospice Foundation, $1,000.00 to Mathew's House Hospice and $1,000.00 to the Canadian Food Grains Bank. We also donated to The Massey Centre, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Sleeping Children Around The World, Family Transition Place, Community Living Dufferin, Operation Eyesight, the Stephen Lewis Foundation, Headwaters Health Care Spiritual Care and First Nations Caring Society.

Poinsettias were purchased and delivered to Friends of the Church in December.

We supported the High Country United Church housing fund again this year with a $5,000.00 donation to the housing fund as well as paying $1,500.00 for the new water purification system
Strawberry Supper was held Wednesday June 29th. The format was changed this year to take out only with advanced tickets being sold for $20.00. We had a good response but many people said that they miss the ambiance of having dinner in the drive shed!

High Country UCW enjoyed a Christmas party on December 6. We had 38 ladies attend the event with a dinner in the basement reception room and our usual carol sing with wonderful entertainment provided by our own High Country Ukulele group.

In 2022 we mourned the loss of Kay Ledlow, Charlene Bryan and Mary Holmes, three faithful UCW members.

Once again we would like thank our Rev Janet for her help and guidance throughout the year.
An ongoing project of the UCW is the sending of get well, thinking of you or sympathy cards to people of the congregation or members who are celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary. If you become aware of someone we should be remembering please let our card convener, Carolyn Wilson, a UCW member or minister Janet know. Our many thanks to Carolyn for looking after our cards.

Debbie Baker
UCW President

HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2022

INCOME		
Meat Pies ($10,780.00-$3,931.90)		6,848.10
Fruit Pies ($8661.00-$2,619.78)		6,041.22
Apple Pies ($5,997.00-$1,486.19)		4,510.81
Strawberry Supper ($5,209.00-$2,015.15)		3,193.85
Catering ($3,530.00-$415.37)		3,114.63
2021 Pie Inventory		3,142.00
HST Refund		51.64
Miscellaneous		311.50
Mary Holmes Estate		10,000.00
		$ 37,213.75
EXPENSES		
High Country United Church general fund		5,000.00
High Country United Church - Strawberry Supper		3,000.00
High Country United Church - Memorial Fund		200.00
HH Care Foundation		1,000.00
HHCare Foundation - spiritual care		500.00
United Church - Mission and Service Fund		1,000.00
Orangeville Food Bank		1,500.00
Bethell Hospice Foundation		1,000.00
Matthews House		1,000.00
Canadian Foodgrains Bank		1,000.00
Community Living Dufferin		500.00
Family Transition Place		500.00
Stephen Lewis Foundation		500.00
Sleeping Children Around the World		420.00
Big Brothers/Big Sisters		400.00
Operation Eyesight		400.00
Choices Men's Shelter		500.00
Senior Santa program		300.00
Massey Centre for Women		250.00
First Nations Child & Family Caring Society		200.00
Orangeville Fair		69.00
2022 Pie Inventory		4,528.34
Christmas Dinner/Poinsettias($640.00-$1,532.93)		892.93
UCW-assessment, 60th Pins & Life Membership Pins		300.00
Ultra Violet water system		1,865.07
Miscellaneous		385.38
Supplies		455.35
		$ 27,666.07
Excess of receipts over disbursements		$ 9,547.68
Balance beginning of the year		$17,855.75
Balance December 31, 2022		$ 27,403.43
TD Canada Trust Bank	$ 17,403.43	
TD GIC due May 30/23	$ 10,000.00	

Submitted by: Susan D Butler

Audited by: Laurel Connor, Linda Cornelius

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UCW UPDATE ON PIE SALES 2012-2022

MEAT PIES		BEEF	GR BEEF	TURKEY	TOTALS
2012-2021	made	4366	3132	8142	15640
	sold	4343	3085	8096	15524
Balance Dec 31/2021		23	47	46	116
	made	574	638	1210	2422
	sold	581	644	1242	2467
Balance Dec 31/2022		16	41	14	71

2022 2467 x $4 = $9868.00

LARGE MEAT PIES		BEEF	GR. BEEF	TURKEY	TOTALS
2012-2021	made	55	27	74	156
	sold	54	26	73	153
Balance Dec 31,2021		1	1	1	3
	made	14	18	27	59
	sold	14	15	28	57
Balance Dec 31, 2022		1	4	0	5

2022 57 x $16 = $912.00 plus $9868.00 = $10,780.00

LARGE FRUIT PIES		BLUE	PEACH	RASP	MIXED	ST. RH	CHERRY	RAISIN	STRAWB	RHUBARB	TOTALS
2012-2021	made	729	799	854	344	900	503	358	22	65	4574
	sold	722	795	852	340	892	499	355	22	65	4542
Balance Dec 31, 2021		7	4	2	4	8	4	3	0	0	32
	made	68	95	80	39	111	65	26	3	13	500
	sold	70	97	77	40	115	66	28	3	12	508
Balance Dec 31, 2022		5	2	5	3	4	3	1	0	1	24

2022 15 x $12 = $180.00 plus 493 x $13 = $6409.00 Total - $6589.00

SMALL FRUIT PIES		BLUE	PEACH	RASP	MIXED	STRH	CHERRY	RAISIN	RHUBARB	STRAWB	TOTALS
2012-2021	made	295	339	330	188	374	202	227	47	6	2008
	sold	294	335	330	185	373	201	224	46	6	1994
Balance Dec 31, 2021		1	4	0	3	1	1	3	1	0	14
	made	111	107	72	36	63	72	61	16	4	542
	sold	100	102	67	38	63	66	61	17	4	518
Balance Dec 31, 2022		12	9	5	1	1	7	3	0	0	38

2022 518 x $4 = $2072.00 plus $6589.00 = $8661.00

LARGE APPLE PIES

2012-2021	made	4207
	sold	4177
Balance Dec 31/21		30
	made	383
	sold	385
Balance Dec 31, 2022		28

2022 28 x $12 $336.00
357 x $13 $4,641.00
$4,977.00 plus 1020.00 = $5997.00

SMALL APPLE PIES

2012-2021	made	1244
	sold	1214
Balance Dec 31/21		30
	made	166
	sold	170
Balance Dec 31/22		26

2022 170 x $6= $1020.00

Worship & Music

Worship Services

We gather for worship on Sundays at 10:30am. I come in usually by 8:30am to open up, get things printed, finalize PowerPoints, boot up the AVIT station and set up YouTube, Facebook and OBS to prepare for livestreaming, answer text messages and maybe a phone message, check Facebook for any prayer updates, see if there's anything to tidy up or change in the pulpit area, and then pray and breathe. Before COVID there were less things to check on and set up. I want to offer my thanks to Bev Dawkins for carrying our AVIT station during worship through most of the pandemic and to Shalene and Xavier, and others who help out when then can (Seth Buchanan) for keeping us going.

Normally there are about 20-30 people in church on a Sunday morning. When we are livestreaming, there are usually 5-15 people watching live and in the moment. Others tune in later and throughout the week. Our online congregation do feel like they're part of our church. They contribute financially and often engage pastorally through text messages and emails.

We resumed having a list of worship participants (Call to Worship, Reader, Greeters) and included a column for refreshments. We want to give everyone a chance to participate and offer our thanks for saying yes. Thank you to Sheila for the reminder calls and for finding fill-ins when necessary.

Some of our most memorable worship services this year:

- UCW Sunday
- Confirmation Sunday where Sydney Boston, Jack Haddock and Ben Haddock were confirmed and are now officially full members of the church.
- The Summer Sunday theme of musical genres was a hit, and it looks like we're now having Christmas in July every Summer.
- The baptism of my granddaughter, Harper Little.
- Blessing of the Animals service was held in the shed
- Our first Congregational Christmas pageant in lieu of the Sunday School Concert. It was a lot of fun. We were able to include a couple of folks who normally worship online, our Strumming Seniors, recorded music and a whole lot of people. Thank you for the memory of that service that will be forever etched in my heart.

Unfortunately, due to wintry weather, we had to cancel our Christmas Eve service for the third year in a row. There were thoughts of just posting last years' service, but we decided against it and a few people pulled together to help in a very tight timeline to send in some recordings so we could have Christmas Eve online and at home. Thank you to all who did that! We have such a great team.

Sunday nights we continue to gather online only for live prayers on Facebook and YouTube. Weekly prayers include announcements, scripture, time to wonder, responsive song, and prayer.

.Thank you to Linda and Karen for their beautiful decorating through the seasons.
Thank you to Debbie and Dave for helping clean up wiring in the sanctuary, Julian for helping to hang some special lights and to David, Linda, and Justin Logan for helping with part 2 of light hanging.

Musically speaking, thank you to all who share their time and talents with us (this list includes our Strumming Seniors): Carole Buchanan, Betty Brett, Bev Dawkins, Hal Gillett, Ben Haddock, Karen Gillett, Jim Harrington, Linda MacGregor, Doug McKeen, Gladys Meek, Marilyn Nash, John Robertson, Lynn Robertson, Donna Rutledge, Joy Trimble

Submitted by Rev. Janet Jones

Music

Covid has changed so many ways we achieve. Our congregation has been able to have music participation by having traditional (for us) hymns accompanied by live musicians (piano, keyboard, organ) or singing along with recorded music. The latter captured from sources discovered by Rev. Jan. An informal choir along with Rev. Jan leads with hymns and occasionally presents an anthem. We even use our voices in the congregation as a musical instrument to sing acapella. All are welcome.

Submitted by Gladys M. Meek

High Country United Church

2022 Annual General Meeting - Sunday March 20th 2022

Attendees: Nancy Avison, Jennie Bradley, Betty Brett, Philip Brett, Carol Buchanan, Bruce Buchanan, Susan Butler, Beverly Dawkins, Wayne Haddock, Gail Harrington, Jim Harrington, Elizabeth Hooper, Ray Hooper, Nancy Hossie, Rev. Janet Jones, Linda MacGregor, Doug McKeen, Mary McKeen, Marilyn Nash, Sheila Orton, Lynn Robertson and Joy Trimble.

Initial Motions:

1. *That Doug McKeen be named as Chair and Beverly Dawkins named as Secretary of this meeting. Moved by Sheila Orton, 2nd by Mary McKeen and carried.*

2. *That all people who are not in full membership in the congregation be permitted to vote on temporal matters. Moved by Jennie Bradley, 2nd by Wayne Haddock and carried.*

3. *Acceptance of the agenda as distributed. Moved by Susan Butler, 2nd by Gail Harrington and carried.*

AGM Motions:

1. *To accept the attached Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the years 2020 and 2021 for High Country United Church. Moved by Wayne Haddock, 2nd by Jim Harrington and carried.*

2. *To accept the attached report of the Nominations Committee as presented and amended to include Nancy Avison as a member of council. Moved by Jennie Bradley, 2nd by Elizabeth Hooper and carried.*

3. *To accept the attached congregational budgets for 2020 and 2021. Moved by Susan Butler, Treasurer and 2nd by Mary McKeen and carried.*

   Susan highlighted portions of the financial reports as to why there was a decrease in monies received related to Covid and cancelled fund raisers. Sheila Orton suggested from the floor that all consider increasing their financial support as able.

   Doug McKeen took this opportunity to thank Susan for all her hard work in support of our church.

   Business Arising:

   Insurance Renewal: Doug McKeen pointed out the value of the church is approximately $1.8 million as determined by a property architect and real estate agent. Property insurance has been purchased accordingly which is a large part of the budget.

New Business:

Mono Wireless Rental: Mono Wireless continues to pay us a rental fee for the mounting of their tower on our property as well as providing free internet to us. There is a five year term in place that includes a clause for increased inflation of the rental fee.

Mono Wireless has been amazing to work with and the service provided has been invaluable for our outreach church program.

Other Business:

Western Ontario Waterway (WOW): Mary McKeen advised that WOW grants were suspended temporarily during the height of the Covid outbreak. These grants are being reinstated for special church projects. Ideas are welcomed for grant applications to target specific projects we might want to take on.

Lifting Covid Restrictions: Reverend Janet addressed the issue of relaxing Covid restrictions. The following decisions were agreed on.

- Entering Church: Please continue to sign in as you enter the church. This info is only used in case we learn of a COVID case while you were present, so we can be in touch with you directly and confidentially.
- Capacity: We will be permitting full capacity for worship and events. For the time being, we will keep every other pew roped off to encourage physical distancing still.
- Masks: Masks will be optional moving forward but highly recommended, especially during times when we're lingering and are closer in proximity to one another.
- Choir: We encourage choir members to return as they are comfortable. We will be putting a little extra space between members and can work within all comfort levels.
- Rentals: We are open for rentals and inquiries.
- Lunch after church: We will permit coffee and cookies after worship services. There is a sign-up sheet at the church. No sign up, no lunch.

Short Reflections: "Ask and you shall receive." Janet said we were amazing especially during Covid and appreciated all our efforts during this time. Janet plans to continue staying on line after Covid.

Adjourned.

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Chair **Secretary**

HCUC Congregational Meeting

July 24 2022

Subject: Pay Increase for Rev. Janet Jones

Attendees: Doug McKeen (Council Chair), Sheila Orton, Marilyn Nash, Susan Butler, Beverly Dawkins, Gladys Meek, Nancy Avison, Lynn Robertson, Nancy Hossie, Marion & Harvey Haddock, Wayne Haddock, Karen Gillett, Grace Pattison, Carole & Bruce Buchanan, and Mary McKeen.

Guests: Christina Tucker, Tammy & Mitch (Last names to follow)

Housekeeping Motion: Sheila Orton moved that Doug McKeen be appointed chair and Beverly Dawkins be appointed secretary for this meeting. 2nd by Carole Buchanan and carried.

New Business: Doug McKeen updated the congregation that Rev Jan is still receiving ¾ pay for all that she does in her role as minister of High Country United. During Covid, she has increased her time beyond full time hours in providing additional support, increased visiting and outreach through developing on line services, prayers and arranging various activities. In addition, with increased costs due to current economic issues, Rev. Janet is experiencing some financial hardship.

Council proposes increasing her pay by $406 per month which would cost the church $605.70 a month which includes increased contributions to CPP and benefits. Overall, that would be an increase of $3028 till year end.

There was a fulsome discussion amongst the congregants with the following motion made.

Susan Butler, Treasurer, moved that Rev. Janet Jones' wage be increased by $406.00 per month with the resulting increased cost of $605.70 per month to HCUC for the remainder 0f 2022. Also, going forward, it was proposed to consider a further increase in early 2023. 2nd by Wayne Haddock and carried.

Acknowledgement: Our guests, Tammy and Mitch, announced they would be making a generous gift directly to Rev. Jan in recognition of her work and warmth she brings to HCUC. We are grateful for this offer and acknowledgement of Rev Jan's commitment to all of us.

Marilyn Nash moved to adjourn the meeting.

Nominations List 2023

Council
Doug McKeen – Chair
Bev Dawkins – Secretary
Susan Butler – Treasurer
Nancy Avison- no reponse
Hal Gillett
Mary Hawkins
Sheila Orton
Nancy Avison ?
Ad Hoc
Dave Baker
David Logan ?

Ministry & Personnel
Jodie McArthur
Don Hawkins
Phil Brett

Youth & Sunday School
Krista Parke
Rev. Janet Jones

Western Ontario Waterways Rep
Mary McKeen

Nominations
Jennie Bradley
Darlene Bricker

Trustees
Dave Baker – Chair
Alan Lanktree
Ray Hooper

Worship
Karen Gillett
Gladys Meek (as able)
Doug McKeen
Betty Brett
Donna Rutledge (as able)
Marilyn Nash

Finance
Mary McKeen
David Logan
Phil Brett

Envelope Secretary
Bev Dawkins

Auditors
Linda Cornelius
Laurel Lennox