High Country Pastoral Charge

Annual Report 2023

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Minister's Report for 2023

So let's do it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out.
Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word.
Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out,
not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on.
Hebrews 10:22-25 (Version: The Message)

When I was thinking of what scripture might sum up 2023 for us, I'd say Hebrews 10:22-25 as written in The Message is perfect. The year has seen some ups and downs, but with the heart of risk-takers and risk-seekers, I believe there have been many more ups.

As we fumble through technology and getting new things started, I am reminded how perfectly imperfect we are as a church and a Children of God. What I love most about this is that we are very human and we're learning to go with the fumbles along the way. Thank you for your continued grace and compassion when things go imperfectly – for me and for each other. That grace and compassion goes a long way and I see its' ripple effects in the lives of those we encounter.

If I was to name our biggest success this year, it is our new Seniors Ministry. There is a good reason why it's a two-page report. We have lots of things going on. Thanks to the team who continues to look at things to do, speakers to call on, lunches to organize, and keeping our seniors healthy and connected.

I cannot thank you all enough for your willingness and encouragement to do some new things. We received some grants this year to help create some community programming. Thanks to Susan Butler for her help with those applications and follow-ups. Together, our church is filling the gaps in some areas that are needed in our community. The goal is for everyone to be able to call High Country United Church a safe place for gathering and hopefully somewhere they can call home.

I have many people to thank for all their support this year. There are so many that I'm afraid it would take up too many pages. Doug's Council report names a number of them. But I would be remiss if I didn't say a thank you to two special members who now watch over us – Nancy Avison and Jim Harrington. They were both extremely hard workers and their devotion for our church was evident. Their contributions to our church family will forever live on in us and around us.

Submitted by your devoted minister,
Rev. Janet Jones

Council Chair's Report for 2023

Dear Members and Adherents:

2023 has been a very busy year for our church!

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 fundraising by obtaining grants for our video security camera system and our AED. The biggest addition that she obtained for us was the luncheon speaker series. These are being very well attended by both members and non-members and the reviews have been very positive! Thanks, Janet, for helping and inspiring us to provide all these outreach programs for our area seniors. Janet has also obtained financial support to cover the cost of the counsellor who leads the grief support group. Janet continues to use technology to enable us to go online and provide services to not only our shut-ins but the world. We all have loved her skits and plays!

We have added music concerts as outreach to our community and as an additional source of revenue to replace some of our discontinued fundraising activities. They have been a great source of fun and entertainment! We are scheduling some past groups and some new exciting entertainment for 2024.

We are grateful that your giving, loose collection and donations have increased slightly from previous levels.

Rural Net is our internet provider, and we are enjoying very high-quality internet for free.

I would especially like to thank our UCW for all their generous financial support and mention all the many other things they do for us to keep us moving forward. We couldn't do it without your help ladies. You do so much for us in so many ways!

Our official board met regularly through the year. We made many decisions on your behalf.

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

Again, thanks to Lamont Waddell for volunteering to remove the snow in our parking lots. Great job Lamont! I would also like to thank Bev Dawkins, Shalene and Xavier Hodder and Seth Buchanan for helping with operating our audio/visual system for our services; a big thank you to Debbie Baker for cleaning the basement and Bev Dawkins for cleaning the upstairs every week. 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. We especially appreciate your ideas and the effective way that we work together to accomplish all that we do.

Doug McKeen, Chair, Official Board 2023

2023 Summary of Activities at High Country United Church

Weekly:

- Knitting / Puzzles / Social Time on Tuesdays
- Exercise – Arthritis Foundations on Tuesdays
- Strumming Seniors Ukulele Group on Tuesdays
- Fairweather Walkers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- Choir on Wednesdays
- Pastoral Visits usually on Thursdays
- Exercise – VON SMART Program on Fridays
- Worship Services Sunday at 10:30AM (in person and online)
- Weekly Prayers Sunday at 8:00PM (online only)
- Bible Talk (discontinued)

Monthly:

- Grief Support usually on the first Wednesday of the month
- Cancer Support usually on the last Thursday of the month
- UCW meetings on Mondays with exceptions through winter
- Seniors Lunch Speaker Series on the last Monday of the month

Events:

- Alex Burnett & Friends in Concert
- Elvis (Spencer Bristow) in Concert
- Naomi Bristow in Concert
- The Rogersons in Concert
- Strawberry Supper in June
- Rummage Sale the last two Saturdays in September
- Apple Pie Making Days in October
- UCW & Men's Christmas Dinners

Aside from donations from the UCW, we also had a group provide Christmas dinner for the Men's Shelter, donated over $3,000 to the Men's Shelter, collected items for the Orangeville Food Bank and so much more.

With so much going on this year,
some activities might have been missed on this list, but not intentionally.

Givings Report for the Annual General Meeting for the Fiscal year of 2023

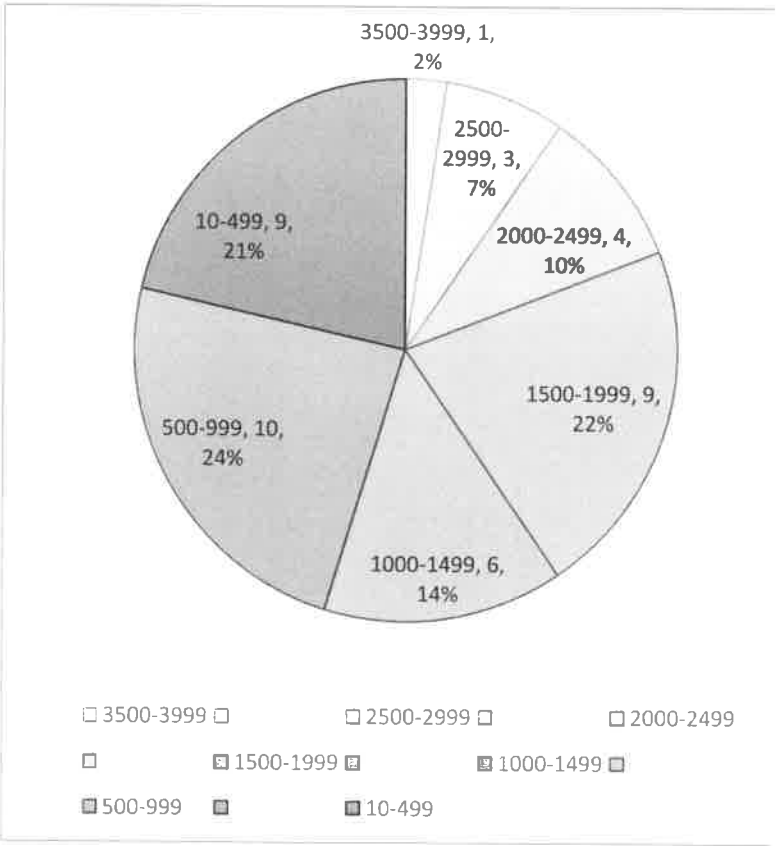
Category	Amount	#Donations
Donations*	3,045.00	29
General	56,661.00	452
M&S	4,810.00	175
Loose	1,338.80	28
Remembrance Day	-	0
In-Kind	1,887.92	24
Memorial	7,207.00	41
Totals	**74,949.72**	**749**

*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 18 Par donors and finished with 16 .

Breakdown of our regular donors' givings:

$Range	#Donors
4500-4999	3
3500-3999	1
2500-2999	3
2000-2499	4
1500-1999	9
1000-1499	6
500-999	10
10-499	9
# Regular Donors	45



Respectfully submitted by Beverly Dawkins

HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

INCOME STATEMENT

RECEIPTS	2023	2022
Offering Envelopes	$ 56,661.00	$ 51,374.00
Loose Collection	1,338.80	489.00
Donations	3,045.00	2,740.00
M & S Givings	4,810.00	4,772.00
Housing Investment Fund Contribution	9,600.00	9,600.00
Housing Contribution - UCW	19,900.00	5,000.00
HST Refund	2,265.52	1,299.90
Concerts	4,570.00	
Rummage Sale	595.00	627.62
Seniors Grant	17,500.00	
Rental	700.00	2,533.60
Memorial Fund	7,207.00	2,880.00
Miscellaneous Income	3,707.09	
Donations in Kind	1,887.92	3,070.77
Mono Wireless Lease		2,095.36
Strawberry Supper		3,000.00
Garage Sale		2,822.50
Ontario Security Grant		5,000.00
	$ 133,787.33	$ 97,304.75
DISBURSEMENTS		
Minister's Salary	$ 56,000.40	$ 51,053.50
Charge Share - CPP	3,276.24	2,811.52
Charge share - EI	1,332.72	1,164.47
Pension and Group Insurance	10,625.52	9,686.96
Minister's travel	1,782.41	2,739.06
Minister's continuing education	1,157.00	1,120.00
Presbytery assessment	2,909.00	3,523.00
Insurance	8,094.38	7,504.92
Service Agreements	1,576.20	1,525.35
Photocopier paper & copy costs	1,627.16	1,475.99
Telephone	3,733.46	2,825.34
Heat	3,894.46	3,585.71
Hydro	3,672.46	3,176.76
Office supplies	639.73	566.53
Worship supplies	901.97	291.55
Caretaking		1,225.00
Snowclearing	725.00	625.00
Church & Equipment Maintenance	1,302.33	618.10
Miscellaneous	3,277.29	40.22
M & S Paid	4,810.00	4,772.00
Donations in Kind	1,887.92	3,070.77
Memorial Fund Expense	886.45	747.58
Ontario Security Grant Expenses		4,449.54
Seniors Grant Expenses	12,737.63	
	$ 126,849.73	$ 108,598.87
Excess of receipts over disbursements for year	$ 6,937.60	$ (11,294.12)
Fund balance, beginning of year	20,279.57	31,573.69
Fund balance December 31, 2023	$ 27,217.17	$ 20,279.57

Fund Balance consists of:

General Fund	$ 17,592.80
Memorial Fund	$ 4,862.00
Seniors Grant	$ 4,762.37
	$ 27,217.17

Put forward by: Susan M Burton

Verified by: [illegible] Date: Jan 12/24

Lynda Cornelius Jan 12/24

HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

RECEIPTS	2024 Budget	2023 Actual	2023 Budget
Offering - Envelopes	$ 52,000	$ 56,661	$ 50,000
Loose Collection	1,000	1,339	350
Donations	2,500	3,045	2,000
M & S Givings	5,000	4,810	5,000
Housing Investment Fund Contribution	9,600	9,600	9,600
UCW Donation	5,000	19,900	5,000
Rummage Sale	600	595	600
Strawberry Supper	4,000	-	4,000
Concerts	2,000	4,570	
HST Refund	1,000	2,266	1,000
Seniors Grant		17,500	
Misc Income(Memorial Fund, Rent & DIK)		13,502	-
	$ 82,700	$ 133,788	$ 77,550
DISBURSEMENTS			
Minister's Salary	$ 59,352	$ 56,000	$ 56,000
Charge Share - CPP	3,477	3,276	3,276
Charge Share - EI	1,436	1,333	1,336
Pension and Group Insurance	11,262	10,626	10,626
Minister's Travel	1,500	1,782	1,500
Minister's Continuing Education	1,230	1,157	1,157
Presbytery Assessment	3,719	2,909	2,909
Insurance	8,500	8,095	8,000
Service Agreements	1,600	1,576	1,600
Photocopier paper & copy costs	1,700	1,627	1,700
Telephone	3,800	3,733	3,720
Heat	4,000	3,894	3,900
Hydro	3,900	3,672	3,400
Office supplies	750	640	750
Worship Supplies	600	902	600
Snow/Grass	700	725	700
Church and Equipment Maintenance	1,500	1,302	1,000
Misc.Expense-Mem fund, DIK,		6,052	500
M & S Paid	5,000	4,810	5,000
Computer and Internet			2,000
Caretaking			200
Seniors Grant Expenses		12,739	
	$ 114,026	$ 126,850	$ 109,874
Excess receipts over disbursements	$ (31,326)	6,938	$ (32,324)

High Country United Church
BUILDING FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2023

INCOME STATEMENT	**2023**	2022
RECEIPTS		
Interest earned on savings account and GIC	**253**	25
Accrued interest on GIC since November 24, 2023	**48**	210
Interest earned on investments	**$ 302**	$ 235
Increase in fund during year	**302**	$ 235
Fund balance, December 31 of previous year	**$ 17,217**	16,982
FUND BALANCE **December 31, 2023**	**$ 17,519**	$ 17,217
Building Fund balance made up of:		
Savings account - interest @ 0.25% (0.90% in 2022)	**$ 2,016**	$ 2,007
GIC & accrued interest - matures July 24, 2025 @3.00%	**15,503**	15,210
	$ 17,519	$ 17,217

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

Verified by: Laurel Lennox, Susan N. Butler

Date: Jan 12/24

HCUC Building Fund Transactions during 2023								
DUCA Credit Union account #463132403012								
Date	**Description**	**Amount**	**Cash Balance**	**Interest (Earned)**	**Purchase (Redeem) Investment**	**Term Deposit Value**	**Capital expenses paid**
31-Dec-22	Bank balance forward		$ 2,007.18			15,000.00	
01-Jan-23	Reverse 2022 accrued interest			209.34			
31-Jan-23	Interest on savings account (0.900%)	1.53	**2,008.71**	$ (1.53)			
28-Feb-23	Interest on savings account	1.39	**2,010.10**	$ (1.39)			
Mar.23, 2023	Interest on Term Deposit (1.80%)	270.00		$(270.00)		270.00	
31-Mar-23	Interest on savings account	1.54	**2,011.64**	$ (1.54)			
30-Apr-23	Interest on savings account (0.250%)	0.74	**2,012.38**	$ (0.74)			
31-May-23	Interest on savings account	0.43	**2,012.81**	$ (0.43)			
30-Jun-23	Interest on savings account	0.41	**2,013.22**	$ (0.41)			
31-Jul-23	Interest on savings account	0.43	**2,013.65**	$ (0.43)			
31-Aug-23	Interest on savings account	0.43	**2,014.08**	$ (0.43)			
30-Sep-23	Interest on savings account	0.41	**2,014.49**	$ (0.41)			
31-Oct-23	Interest on savings account	0.43	**2,014.92**	$ (0.43)			
23-Nov-23	Interest on Term Deposit (1.80%)			$(184.50)		184.50	
30-Nov-23	Interest on savings account	0.41	**2,015.33**	$ (0.41)			
31-Dec-23	Interest on savings account	0.43	**2,015.76**				
31-Dec-23	Accrued interest on Term Deposit			$ (48.27)		48.27	
				$(301.58)	**$ -**	**$ 15,502.77**	**$ -**
For financial statement:							
	Less: Accrued interest Dec 31/23			$ 48.27			
	Interest on savings account and Term deposit paid in year			$(253.31)			

High Country United Church
HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT
for the year ended December 31, 2023

INCOME STATEMENT	2023	2022
RECEIPTS		
Interest earned on savings account and GIC	**$ 1,091**	$ 280
Accrued interest on GIC since November 17, 2023 @ 4.00%	**148**	148
	1,239	428
EXPENDITURES		
Payments to Central Treasurer re: housing allowance	**9,600**	9,600
Purchase of membership share in DUCA Credit Union	**-**	1
Credit Union service charges	**-**	7
	9,600	9,608
(Decrease) in cash during year	**(8,361)**	(9,180)
Fund balance, December 31 of previous year	**39,499**	48,679
FUND BALANCE, December 31st DUCA Credit Union	**$ 31,138**	$ 39,499

CAPITAL STATEMENT		
Membership share	**$ 1**	1
Savings account - interest @0.25%	**989**	9,350
GIC and accrued interest - matures November 17, 2024 @ 4.00%	**30,148**	30148
TOTAL HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND	**$ 31,138**	$ 39,499

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

Verified by: Laurel Lennox, Susan Butler

Date: Jan 12/24

High Country United Church

Housing Investment Fund Transactions during 2023

DUCA Credit Union a/c # 463134003018 (Business Earn More Savings a/c)

Date	Description	Amount	Cash Balance	Interest (Earned)	Pay Housing Allowance to Church	GIC Purchased/ (Matured)
31-Dec-22	Balance forward		9,350.26			30,147.95
31-Jan-23	Interest on savings account (0.90%)	7.15	**9,357.41**	(7.15)		
01-Jan-23	Reverse accrued interest from 2022			147.95		(147.95)
28-Feb-23	Interest on savings account	6.46	**9,363.87**	(6.46)		
31-Mar-23	Interest on savings account	7.16	**9,371.03**	(7.16)		
30-Apr-23	Interest on savings account (0.25%)	3.43	**9,374.46**	(3.43)		
31-May-23	Interest on savings account	1.99	**9,376.45**	(1.99)		
30-Jun-23	Interest on savings account	1.93	**9,378.38**	(1.93)		
31-Jul-23	Interest on savings account	1.99	**9,380.37**	(1.99)		
31-Aug-23	Interest on savings account	1.99	**9,382.36**	(1.99)		
30-Sep-23	Interest on savings account	1.93	**9,384.29**	(1.93)		
31-Oct-23	Interest on savings account	1.99	**9,386.28**	(1.99)		
17-Nov-23	Interest on GIC @ 4.00%	1,200.00	10,586.28	(1,200.00)		
30-Nov-23	Interest on savings account	2.04	**10,588.32**	(2.04)		
11-Dec-23	Housing allowance payment	(9,600.00)	988.32		9,600.00	
31-Dec-23	Interest on savings account	0.87	**989.19**	(0.87)		
31-Dec-23	Accrued interest on GIC from Nov 17 @ 4%			(147.95)		147.95
				(1,238.93)	**9,600.00**	**30,147.95**
	Less: accrued interest Dec 31/23			147.95		
				(1,090.98)		

HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

December 31, 2023

	Balance at December 31,2022	Donations	Expenses		Move to General Fund			Balance at December 31, 2023
Ann Haddock	$ 1,792.00						Ann Haddock	$ 1,792.00
Muriel Overland	$ 920.00						Muriel Overland	$ 920.00
Arnold/Elva Dynes	$ 1,225.00						Arnold/Elva Dynes	$ 1,225.00
Don Nash	$ 100.00						Don Nash	$ 100.00
Kay Ledlow	$ 625.00						Kay Ledlow	$ 625.00
Lynn Gibson		$ 200.00					Lynn Gibson	$ 200.00
Willa Rowland	$ 100.00				$ (100.00)			
Doreen Wilson	$ 245.00				$ (245.00)			
Joan Gianini	$ 100.00				$ (100.00)			
G. Strzelba	$ 225.00				$ (225.00)			
Mary Holmes	$ 200.00				$ (200.00)			
Linda's Brother	$ 80.00				$ (80.00)			
Glen Holmes	$ 20.00				$ (20.00)			
Bernice Trimble	$ 570.00				$ (570.00)			
Doug (Carole's brother)	$ 50.00				$ (50.00)			
Jim Harrington	$ 3,082.00	$ 890.00	$ (186.45)	shed sign				
			$ (700.00)	Grief Counsel	$ (3,085.55)			
Donna Gillespie		$ 75.00			$ (75.00)			
Earl Tyndall		$ 120.00			$ (120.00)			
Nancy Avison		$ 1,975.00			$ (1,975.00)			
F. Atchison		$ 25.00			$ (25.00)			
	$ 9,334.00	$ 3,285.00	$ (886.45)		$ (6,870.55)		Dec 31/23	*$ 4,862.00*

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.

*Nancy Elaine Avison (nee Webster)
Matthew John Bradley
Edward "Casey" Funstin
Harry Arthur "Lynn" Gibson
Beatrice Hand (nee Carson)
*Harold James "Jim" Harrington
John William Hoey
Ruth Ann Krouskie (nee Lightle)

**Church members*

Weddings

No weddings were recorded this year.

Baptism

On May 7, 2023 we celebrated the baptism of Bryson Honeyborne, son of Cameron and Kaitlyn.

Confirmation

No Confirmations were recorded this year.

Total Membership in 2023: 98

The number of prayer shawls given in 2023: 70 including some going to Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne Residence and Avalon.

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 REPORT

Coordinating Team: Bev Dawkins, Karen Gillett, Elizabeth Hooper, and Marilyn Nash

Our Seniors Ministry has been a great success this past year, with its varied and hugely popular programs reaching out to include not only our senior High Country Church family members but also seniors within the surrounding community at large. With so much to offer, the seniors ministry ensures that there is something to interest everyone, and that has been made evident by the wonderful turnout we have experienced, in all our programs. The Seniors Ministry strives to support seniors in many aspects of life through a variety of programs: keeping active and fit (Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class, Fairweather Walkers, VON Smart Exercise Class); nurturing creativity, music and learning (Crafting and Puzzles, Strumming Seniors, Lunch Speaker Series); nurturing emotional and mental health and well-being (Cancer Support Meetings, Grief Support Meetings, each run by a professional counsellor); and through participation in Community Outreach Gathering and Projects (ie supporting and providing for the Dufferin Men's Shelter).

High Country United Church received a grant of $17,500.00 from the Government of Canada under a subdivision that supports seniors. This grant money serves to cover the cost of some of our programming and has been a wonderful asset in making our Seniors Ministry not only possible, but such a great success. The following is an outline of the programs and activities which our Seniors Ministry brought to our seniors throughout this past year.

Lunch Speaker Series

This is a wonderful opportunity for our seniors to learn about current topics of interest, or to be filled in about programs and activities being offered in and around our community from which seniors can benefit and which may help them navigate life's many changes. These seminars are each followed by a catered luncheon provided by Absolute Catering. It is a great opportunity for participants to socialize and intermingle over a delicious meal. This program is offered to the community at large and is free of charge.
In 2023, the Lunch Speaker Series took place as follows, with the corresponding speaker topics.

April: International Plowing Match
May: OPP - on Fraud Prevention
June: Dufferin Men's Shelter
September: Finances (Taxes, Credits and more)
October: Wills and Estates
November: Alzheimer's Society
December: Downsizing Diva (downsizing techniques and tools)

The following programs are offered weekly on an ongoing basis:
Arthritis Foundation Exercise (Tuesdays at 11:00AM)
This program is video-led. Up to 8 participants attend.

Fairweather Walkers (Tuesdays at 11:45AM)
These walks take place outdoors in good weather and are replaced by video-led workouts in less than fair weather. Up to 10 participants attend.

Strumming Seniors (Tuesdays at 1:00PM)
This is a ukulele strumming group which takes place in the sanctuary with Linda MacGregor, our ukulele mentor and strong leader, and her side-kick Karen Gillett. Up to 6 participants attend.

Fairweather Walkers (Wednesdays at 12:00PM)
These walks take place outdoors in good weather and are replaced by video-led workouts in less than fair weather. Up to 5 participants attend.

VON Smart Exercises (Fridays at 11:00AM)
This is a video-led exercise class. Up to 6 participants attend.

A Cancer Support group meets every month, providing love and support to those who are, or have been, touched by cancer.

A Grief Support Group meets every month. This is a community sponsored program, is led by a professional counsellor and is well-attended. The group continues to grow.

The Seniors Ministry also supports Outreach Gathering and Projects. We used our 2023 funding to support the Dufferin Men's Shelter located in Orangeville. This is a very worthy and deserving cause, which desperately needs additional funding in order to continue to keep its doors open to men in our community who have fallen on hard times and need temporary support, meals and housing. We will continue to support them in any way we can,

Our Seniors Ministry is a very vibrant, beneficial and productive program which supports our seniors in so many varied ways. It is invaluable in keeping them well and fit both physically and emotionally, in keeping them actively learning and experiencing new things, in keeping them socially active and meeting new friends, and in keeping them engaged in the community around them and helping others. A great big thank you to Rev. Jan, our wonderful minister, who spearheaded, and continues to organize and inspire, this amazing ministry. Jan works tirelessly to make our Seniors Ministry the thriving program that it is. Her dedication knows no bounds, and we are very grateful to her for all she does!

Respectfully submitted by Karen Gillett

Sunday Mornings (Sunday School, Music, and Worship)

We experienced a full year of no COVID restrictions. Attendance on Sunday mornings is still lower than pre-pandemic. Some have children in activities on Sundays to strengthen social ties. Some are out of church routines. Some have passed away. Some have moved away. And some are away at school. We will continue to offer worship and encourage friends to return and others to come out and experience worship with us.

Sunday School continues but in a different way as we are seeing few children and youth in church. Thank you to Krista Parke for providing Sunday School as she can.

We give thanks to our Sunday morning volunteer musicians: Betty Brett, Doug McKeen, Gladys Meek, and Donna Rutledge. We also give thanks to Linda MacGregor and Karen Gillett who played the flutes for us, and to the Strumming Seniors who performed throughout the year.

Some Sundays, we include some of the songs we learned in church as children in Sunday School. You're teaching me some songs I haven't heard before and I can see why you love them.

My worship studio at home was used a few times for worship when it was cancelled due to weather. I also use it for Sunday night prayers that started in 2020 and continue to gather people together online. We continue to stream worship services online on Sunday mornings on Facebook and YouTube and interactions are happening more often.

Some firsts in worship for 2023:

- Mother's Day – blessing of the classic cars
- Father's Day – blessing of the bikes
- Christmas Eve – first time we were back together for a service in the building since 2020 (and though the church wasn't packed as it was in the past, it was definitely full). We were finally able to get out the battery-operated taper candles and turn on the star lights in the sanctuary.

Some of our memorable worship services in 2023:

- Baptism of Bryson Honeyborne
- Music Sundays in July that included our second annual Christmas in July service
- Blessing of the Animals
- Congregational Christmas Pageant

Submitted by Rev. Janet Jones

High Country United Church Sunday School Financial Statement

Treasurer's Report	**December 31, 2023**		
Receipts	Fundraising	(Pancake Breakfast March 2023)	270.00
			0.00
	Total Receipts for Year		270.00
Expenses			
	Supplies		0.00
	Bank Fees		0.00
	Total Expenses for Year		0.00
Cash Statement			
	Bank account - January 1, 2023		1081.39
	Total receipts		270.00
			1351.39
	Total expenses		0.00
	Bank Balance Dec 31, 2023		1351.39
	Cash on hand		36.00
Total Cash as of December 31, 2023			1,387.39

High Country United Church Board of Trustees 2023

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 and were completed as well as paying the TSSA (Technical Standards & Safety Authority).
Rural Net owned by Heiner Philipp providing us internet service in lieu of rent for allowing them to us the church property for the tower. With this we have good internet service for no cost to the Church.
The Church is using Ecclesiastical Insurance for our Church coverage with yearly increases in coverage to keep up with increased building costs. By the way the insurance is trending we could be looking at a 15% to 20% increase for next year we will be looking at alternative providers.
Our new water filtering system is working well many thanks to Sheila Orton for getting the water tests done on a regular basis.
The church is being used during the week for many churches activities thanks to Rev Janet for spearheading these as well as sourcing grants and other funding for them.
A defibrillator (AED) was purchased for the Church with money from the Town of Mono and money donated from one of our Church Family.
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 2023

High Country UCW has continued to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2:00pm in March to June, October and November with our Christmas get together the first Tuesday in December. We invite anyone who would like to join us at the meetings for their input in the functioning of UCW and the fellowship we share.
Our main fundraiser continues to be the production of large and small fruit pies and meet pies as well as Apple Pie Day in October. This year 260 large and 170 small apple pies were made for pick up that day as well as 93 large and 26 small for inventory. Many thanks to Gail Harrington for the organization of Apple Pie Day again this year.
In addition to the apple pies, 210 large fruit, 139 small fruit, 58 large meat and 400 small meat pies were ordered for delivery on Apple Pie Day.
We owe Sue Butler a huge thanks for her co-ordination of the items needed to make the pies, inventory tracking, record keeping and for the most part the making of the fruit and meat pies. We also need to thank Sheila Orton who does assist Sue and to others who make shells or prepare meat and other ingredients for the pies.
To an even greater extent in 2023, the pie sales have allowed our UCW to contribute $19,900.00 to the church general fund which has allowed High Country to continue its presence in the community.
In addition the UCW contributed to the Mission & Service Fund, Dufferin Community Living, Headwaters Hospital MRI Fund, The Food Grains Bank, Sleeping Children Around the World, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Orangeville Food Bank, Family Transition Place, Bethel House, Mathew's House Alliston, Choices Youth Centre and Men's Shelter and Christmas for Seniors.
We delivered 18 poinsettias or boxes of cookies to Friends of High Country in December.
Strawberry Supper was held on June 28th and there was great attendance with many people remarking it was so nice to have the event happen in its former before COVID format.
Our Christmas party on December 5th was held at the church with a catered Turkey dinner. Entertainment provided by our own Rev Jan and her sidekick Rev Sandra and an interesting rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' was enjoyed by all.
In 2023 we mourned the loss of Bernice Trimble and our dear friend Nancy Avison.
Thank you Rev Janet for all your hard work, help and guidance throughout the year.
Carolyn Wilson has retired from sending our caring cards after many years. If you become aware of anyone we should be remembering with a get well, thinking of you, milestone birthday or anniversary or sympathy card please let me know as I have taken over this project.
I would like to thank Gail Harrington for accepting the role of president of High Country UCW!

Debbie Baker
High Country United UCW President

HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH WOMEN			
TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 31, 2023			
INCOME			
Meat Pies ($14517.00-$4958.44)		$	9,558.56
Fruit Pies ($11605.00-$3343.66)		$	8,261.34
Apple Pies($5804.00-$2074.56)		$	3,729.44
Strawberry Supper ($8238.00-$2498.95)		$	5,739.05
Catering ($3500.00-$204.56)		$	3,295.44
2022 Pie Inventory		$	4,528.34
Miscellaneous		$	794.00
GIC Interest		$	395.07
GIC matured May 30, 2023		$	10,000.00
		$	46,301.24
EXPENSES			
High Country United Church general fund		$	19,900.00
High Country United Church - Memorial Fund		$	100.00
HH Care Foundation - MRI		$	2,000.00
United Church - Mission and Service Fund		$	500.00
Orangeville Food Bank		$	2,000.00
Bethell Hospice Foundation		$	1,000.00
Matthews House		$	1,000.00
Canadian Foodgrains Bank		$	500.00
Community Living Dufferin		$	1,000.00
Family Transition Place		$	500.00
Sleeping Children Around the World		$	400.00
Big Brothers/Big Sisters		$	500.00
Dufferin Men's Shelter/Choices Youth Shelter		$	500.00
Senior Santa program		$	500.00
Orangeville Fair		$	69.00
2023 Pie Inventory		$	4,703.00
Christmas Dinner/Poinsettias($655.00-$1577.42)		$	922.42
UCW Assessment		$	96.00
Miscellaneous		$	767.31
Supplies		$	708.39
		$	37,666.12
Excess of receipts over disbursements		$	8,635.12
Balance beginning of the year			$17,403.43
Balance December 31, 2023		$	26,038.55
TD Canada Trust Bank	$ 15,758.55		
TD GIC - matures Aug 4/24	$ 10,280.00		
	$ 26,038.55		
Submitted by: Susan N Butler	Audited by: Linda Lamb Jan 12/24 Mary L. McKean Jan. 12/24		

UCW UPDATE ON PIE SALES			2012-2023								
MEAT PIES		BEEF		GR BEEF		TURKEY		TOTALS			
2012-2022	made	4940		3770		9352		18062			
	sold	4924		3729		9338		17991			
Balance Dec 31/2022		16		41		14		71			
	made	680		709		1350		2739			
	sold	672		725		1346		2743			
Balance Dec 31/2023		24		25		18		67			
	2023		590x$4=$2,360		2153x$5=$10,765		total = $13,125				
LARGE MEAT PIES		BEEF		GR. BEEF		TURKEY		TOTALS			
2012-2022	made	69		45		101		215			
	sold	68		41		101		210			
Balance Dec 31, 2022		1		4		0		5			
	made	14		14		43		82			
	sold	21		23		43		87			
Balance Dec 31/2023		0		0		0		0			
	2023		87x$16=$1,392		plus $13,125=$14,517.00						
LARGE FRUIT PIES		BLUE	PEACH	RASP	MIXED	ST. RH	CHERRY	RAISIN	STRAWB	RHUBARB	TOTALS
2012-2022	made	797	894	934	383	1011	568	384	25	78	5074
	sold	792	892	929	380	1007	565	383	25	77	5050
Balance Dec 31, 2022		5	2	5	3	4	3	1	0	1	24
	made	92	96	106	52	123	67	28	8	12	584
	sold	92	99	105	52	123	68	27	7	12	585
Balance Dec 31,2023		5	3	6	3	4	2	2	1	1	27
	2023		89x$13=$1,157.00		plus 496x$14=$6,944.00			Total	$8,101.00		
SMALL FRUIT PIES		BLUE	PEACH	RASP	MIXED	STRH	CHERRY	RAISIN	RHUBARB	STRAWB	TOTALS
2012-2022	made	406	446	402	224	437	274	288	63	10	2550
	sold	394	437	397	223	436	267	285	63	10	2512
Balance Dec 31, 2022		12	9	5	1	1	7	3	0	0	38
	made	182	133	110	83	147	108	64	25	21	873
	sold	193	139	112	73	146	108	62	23	20	876
Balance Dec 31, 2023		1	3	3	11	2	7	5	2	1	35
	2023		876x$4=$3,504.00		Plus $8,101.00		Total	$11,605.00			
LARGE APPLE PIES						SMALL APPLE PIES					
2012-2022	made	4590				2012-2022	made	1410			
	sold	4562					sold	1384			
Balance Dec 31, 2022		28				Balance Dec 31/22		26			
	made	378					made	214			
	sold	321					sold	222			
Balance Dec 31, 2023		85				Balance Dec 31/2023		18			
	2023		22x$13	$286.00		2023		222x$6=$1,332.00			
			299x$14	$4,186.00							
				$4,472.00	plus	$1,332.00	Total	$5,804.00			

2023 HCUC Annual General Meeting

Sunday February 26, 2023

Chair – Doug McKeen

Attendees: Rev. Janet Jones, Susan Butler, Sheila Orton, Gladys Meek, Beverly Dawkins, Donna Rutledge, Marion, Shalene & Xavier Hodder, Debbie & Dave Baker, Linda MacGregor, Elizabeth & Ray Hooper, Alan Lanktree, Nancy & Bob Dickie, Cliff & Darlene Bricker, Mary & Doug McKeen, Darlene & Walter Kolodziechuk and Brian Hilderly

Initial Motions:

Motion # 1: That Doug McKeen be named as Chair and Beverly Dawkins named as Secretary of this meeting. Moved by Doug McKeen, 2nd by Mary McKeen and carried.

Motion # 2: That all people who are not in full membership in the congregation be permitted to vote on temporal matters. (Excludes Financial matters). Moved by Doug McKeen, 2nd by Dave Baker and carried.

Motion # 3: Acceptance of the agenda as distributed. Moved by Doug McKeen, 2nd by Susan Butler and carried.

AGM Motions:

Motion # 4: Doug McKeen moved to accept the attached Annual Reports and Financial Statements for 2022 for High Country United Church, 2nd by Jim Harrington and carried.

Motion # 5: Beverly Dawkins moved to accept the Annual General Meeting's Minutes of 2022, 2nd by Mary McKeen and carried.

Motion # 6: Beverly Dawkins moved to accept the minutes of July 24th regarding pay increase for Rev. Janet Jones, 2nd by Sheila Orton & carried.

Motion # 7: Darlene Bricker Moved to accept the Nomination List for 2023, 2nd by Dave Baker and carried.

Business Arising: None.

New Business:

Doug McKeen thanked all the committees and people within the church for their service.

Sunday School will take place monthly under the guidance of Krista Parke and Rev. Janet Jones. Family Sundays will continue to be geared to families and children as well.

Call to Nominate individuals to committees: Beverly Dawkins nominated Marion Hodder. After discussion with the Chair, Marion agreed to join the Council and Nomination Committee.

Motion 8: Susan Butler moved to accept the Congregational Budget for 2023, 2nd by Gail Harrington and carried.

Susan made special note of there not being a Garage Sale or Beef BBQ this year but there were plans for other fund raising event to fill the void.

Addendum to UCW 2022 Report: Debbie Baker informed the congregation of those appointed as Life Time UCW Members, Gladys Meek, Nancy Hossie and Marilyn Nash.

Also, Debbie Baker is resigning as UCW Chair and assuming the role of Greeting Card Officer. Many thanks for her service.

April Concert: Doug spoke of a new fund raiser to be held in the church on Friday, April 28th from 7 to 9 pm. Alex Burnett and his Country/Gospel bandmembers will be performing. They come highly recommended by Alan Lanktree. Tickets are $20.00 pp. Please buy and sell as many tickets as possible. Refreshments to follow.

Theatre Orangeville Give Back to the Community: Linda MacGregor announced this event will be resuming this year where $5 of the ticket price goes to the theatre and the remainder to the church. Details to follow.

Seniors Grant: Rev. Jan announced that she was able to obtain a grant of $17,500 for our Seniors' Program from the Ontario Government. Hopefully more activities will begin in March or soon after.

Rev. Jan also thanked Debbie & Dave Baker for replacing the toilet paper dispenser as well as the cleaning crew, Susan, Debbie, Beverly, Shalene and Xavier.

A big shout out to all our members for their contributions of time, goods and funds.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Janet offered a prayer of thanks for our church community.

Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by Beverly Dawkins

Nominations List 2024

Council
Doug McKeen – Chair
Bev Dawkins – Secretary
Susan Butler – Treasurer
Hal Gillett
Mary Hawkins
Sheila Orton
Marion Hodder

Ad Hoc
Dave Baker
David Logan

Ministry & Personnel
Jodie McArthur
Don Hawkins
Phil Brett

Youth & Sunday School
Krista Parke
Elizabeth Haddock – Treasurer
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
Donna Rutledge (as able)
Marilyn Nash

Finance
Mary McKeen
David Logan
Phil Brett

Envelope Secretary
Bev Dawkins

Auditors
Linda Cornelius
Laurel Lennox