

Strathmore United Church
2023 Annual Report
Presented at the Annual General Meeting
March 17, 2024

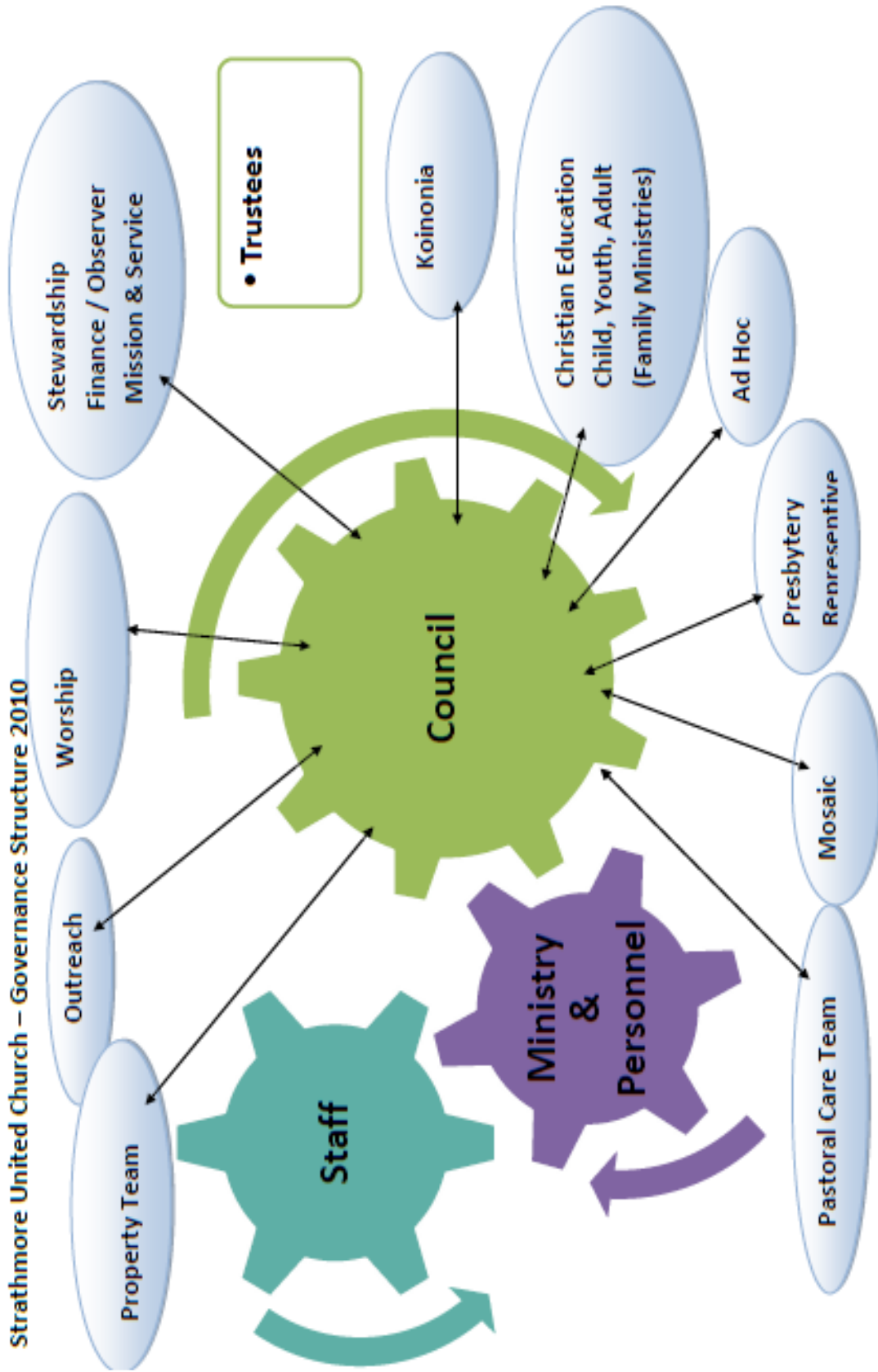


Strathmore United Church is a community of faith, striving to make a difference for Christ.

Strathmore United Church lives out our faith through worship, music, fellowship and outreach.

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Strathmore United Church – Governance Structure 2010



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Proposed Agenda

1. Coffee and Goodies
2. Call to order
3. Opening prayer
4. Recognizing members & friends deceased in 2023
5. Nominate AGM Chair & Recording Secretary
6. Motion to extend voting privileges to adherents for temporal matters only
7. Approval of Agenda
8. Approval of 2023 AGM minutes
9. Business Arising
 - a.
10. Receive Reports
11. Finance
 - a. Receive Auditors Report (2022)
 - b. Receive 2023 Financial Report
 - c. Receive proposed 2024 Budgets
12. New Business:
 - a.
 - b.
13. Proposals and motions for 2024
 - a. Nominations
 - b.
14. Motion to adjourn
15. Closing prayer and hymn

Strathmore United Church AGM Minutes – February 5, 2023

Attendance: Rev Pamela Scott, Don Janzen, Anne Godsman, Sharon White, Linda Freeman, Beverley Hermanson, Jo Wilson, Allison Sanden, John Sanden, Gene Struiksma, Elisabeth Struiksma, Dixie Lavallee, Peggy McLean, Ellen Helfrich, Carolyn Steeves, Alice Bramley, Barbara Davison, Gwen Moggey, Deb Wheeler, Greg Wheeler, Sandy Lukacs, Lou Callaway, Arlene Wahl, Robert Wahl, Russ Drummond, Laura Janzen, Phil Webb, Linda Derksen, Henry Derksen, Lynne Fair, Linda Stead, Donald Ledene, Susan Biskup, Eileen McMorris, Laura Bakken.

1. Call to Order/Welcome AGM was called to order at 11:35am by Don Janzen.
 2. Opening Prayer: Don Janzen offered the opening prayer.
 3. Recognizing members and friends deceased in 2022. Don led one minute of silence.
 4. Nominate AGM Chair and Recording secretary: Don Janzen AGM Council Chair and Anne Godsman AGM recording secretary. Nominations were approved.
 5. Motion to extend voting privileges to adherents, for temporal matters only. Motion by Anne Godsman. Carried.
 6. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Alice Bramley. Carried.
 7. Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes. Motion by Sharon White. Carried
 8. Business Arising. None:
 9. Receive Reports: Motion by Gene Struiksma. Carried
 10. Finance: Linda Stead presented the financial report and answered questions.
 11. a. Receive Auditor report (2022) Motion to Accept by Laura Bakken. 2nd: Lou Callaway. Carried
b. Receive Financial Report. Motion by Linda Freeman. 2nd by Sandy Lukacs. Carried.
c. Receive proposed Budget as presented by Linda Stead. Motion by Laura Bakken. 2nd Elisabeth Struiksma. Carried. Linda Freeman proposed a vote of Thanks to Linda Stead for all her hard work.
11. New Business.
- a: Laura Janzen encouraged everyone to think positive and believe that we can do whatever needs to be done if we stick together and do our best. Try not to get discouraged and remember all the good things we have already done for our congregation.
 - b: Russ Drummond explained the new process now in place for finding a new minister. There is a small group on council: Phil Webb, Russ Drummond, Don Janzen and Donald Ledene, who are investigating what needs to be done, everything is now done online. There is a church committee called The Hub which will assist as required. Our congregation will be involved in creating a Profile, showing what we are looking for in a new minister, we also have to show our financial position, how we relate to our local community and several other items. It was emphasized that everyone in our congregation has a voice. Maybe getting together in small groups would be helpful, with all ideas and suggestions brought to council. Any questions should be directed to council.
- 12: Proposals and nominations for 2023. Motion to accept all committees and nominees named by Lynne Fair. Carried

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm. Rev. Scott closed the meeting with prayer.

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Clergy Report

Life is all about change. Some changes are small. Coffee after church changes --some of the time goodies are offered and some of the time only coffee is served. Worship format changes when there are special music offerings. This year saw the return of the Fall Supper. Although most of us like things to remain constant we seem able to accept these smaller changes and simply take them in stride.

Other changes are bigger. Transitioning to a new minister is a big change. With this in mind most of the worship series offered this past year focused on change. The often repeated, 'do not fear' was one way to prepare for change. God is with you, always, guiding and blessing, loving and offering grace upon grace, as you transition from one minister to the next.

Many have put in countless hours creating a Community Profile, posting it on-line, sorting through applications, interviewing, all to find a suitable candidate to fill the position created by my retirement.

It has been a year of change. Every Sunday was a 'last Sunday' for me. This will be my last Easter celebrated as your called clergy; this will be my last Summer Series. This will be my last Advent season and the last Christmas Eve service with a chime choir and candles burning lighting the sanctuary.

My 'go to' verse this past year has been, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6,7

There is much I will miss. I've said before, and I stand by it. Yes, it is good to have the leadership of a clergy person, but the biggest compliment you could pay me as your clergy, is being 'church' without me. Watching the service from last week, you gave me that gift. You are continuing to be 'the church' without me, and best of all, there will be sausages at the Pancake Sunday lunch.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Pamela Scott

Clerk of Session Report

Baptisms

December 3, 2023 Caleb Jessie Kelly
December 3, 2023 Liam John Drummond

Weddings

None

Funerals and Burials

March 7, 2023 Miles Stephens
March 14, 2023 Gail Edna Charlotte Daw
September 15, 2023 Janet Bolinger
September 30, 2023 Florence Morton

New Members

None

Transfer of Membership's

None

Council Report

2023 was an “eventful” year for Strathmore United Church. We celebrated our 60th anniversary with a float in the Heritage Days parade, a rededication service and of course a fall supper. Our minister left us as Pamela retired at the end of the year, her service to our congregation was greatly appreciated and celebrated with 2 services and of course more food. There were many other events and happenings too numerous to mention, ones that happen regularly and some that were one offs. Council is thankful for all those that volunteer their time and talents and donate to Strathmore United church. Without you these many things would not happen. Some of the items Council spent time discussing, organizing, approving this year were:

- Remit#1 from the General Council of the United Church
- The formation of a search team and the search process
- Rev. Pamela Scott's decovenanting and retirement celebration
- Recognition of the 60th anniversary of Strathmore United Church
- Stewardship and fundraising
- New website

Lastly thank you to all who have stepped in while we are without a minister, to prepare and lead worship and to keep our Church a welcoming caring Christian community.

We have much to be thankful for and we give thanks to God.

Phil Webb
Chair of Council

Chinook Winds Region Report

Chinook Regions executive minister is Rev. Treena Duncan. The pastoral relations minister is Rev. Karen Medland.

Strathmore United Church Council met with Rev. Treena Duncan to clarify questions about Remit 1, regarding the National Indigenous United Church's request to restructure itself.

Strathmore United Church Council met with Rev. Karen Midland in order to hold the January council meeting, she will also be present for the 2024 AGM in March.

In our search for a new minister the Region assigned Rev. Bill Booth to work with the search team.

Chinook Winds Region's 2023 AGM was held in Medicine Hat from May 4-7, 2023. The next Regional AGM will be held at McDougall United Church in Calgary from May 2-5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by
Eileen McMorris

Ministry and Personnel Report

The Ministry and Personnel Team has had a fairly quiet year. We contacted all Church staff, and all are happy to stay in their positions, with the wages remaining the same. We enjoyed working with Rev. Scott and wish her well in her retirement. We look forward to meeting a new minister.

Respectfully submitted.
Jo Wilson

Trustees Report

In the United Church of Canada, title to church property is held by the Board of Trustees for the use and benefit of the Congregation. Board members at the present time are: Art Eeles, John Sanden, Lynne Fair, Phil Webb, Susan Biskup, Don Janzen and Charles Watson. Meetings can be called on an as needed basis, with a suggested minimum of once a year. We should try to do some catching up in 2024!

Sincerely,
Chas. Watson (chair)

Worship Committee Report

The Worship Team has not met since spring 2023. New members are so needed! Will it be you or your neighbour? Thank you!

Arlene Wahl is the team member from the music ministry team, and the congregation hears wonderful music on Sundays.

The musicians coordinated with Reverend Pamela Scott and any others who led Sunday services.

Pulpit supply continued and continues as needed. Susan, Arlene, & Eileen communicate with the person or people (when it is members of the congregation) providing the pulpit supply.

The member who joined most recently has served since at least 2018, possibly longer!

This may be the extent of the Worship Team work unless several new members step forward or a complete change is made!

Respectfully submitted by
Eileen McMorris
On behalf of team members Arlene Wahl, Fina Whieldon, Alison Sanden, and Muriel Locking.

Buildings and Property Report

There were a few major items that Buildings and Property worked on in 2023. The outside lighting, which illuminates the parking lot on all three sides of the addition was installed in February, and seems to be working fairly well. They are supposed to go off during the day and come on after dark. There were new sliding doors installed on the pass through in the kitchen. The Property Committee

approved the work.

There were some small problems with the lift in February, but a service call quickly put it back in operation. As well it received the annual inspection in January and there were no issues pointed out. There are also some ongoing items such as grading the parking lot, adjusting the parking bumpers, and repairing cracked sidewalks which we hope to complete as weather permits.

Russ Drummond
Chair.

KOINONIA Report

Our mandate is to obtain Ushers, Greeters, Scripture Readers, coffee makers and Communion Servers for each Sunday, except during July and August. During the summer months we post volunteer sign-up sheets.

Team leaders are responsible for filling these positions with people from the congregation who have been placed on monthly lists. Each leader looks after two months a year.

Many thanks to each of you who take your turns fulfilling these important weekly duties. This is one way we get to know each other better and to meet new visitors to our services.

A special thank you to the team leaders, as well as to our secretary and minister for their assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,
LYNNE FAIR

Broadview Report

Broadview Magazine contains current, interesting and sometimes controversial articles about events and people from across Canada as well as up to date information on United Church of Canada events and personalities. If you would like to subscribe to Broadview for yourself, a family member or a friend, please contact me by phone At 403-934-4515 or at cm_watson@hotmail.ca. We enjoy a group rate of \$25/year paid by our Church Council but donations to help defray this cost are welcome and tax receipts will be issued.

Happy Reading
Chas. Watson

Memorial Book Report

We have received 5 memorial gifts given by family and friends in memory of those who have passed from our congregation. These were all acknowledged and very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted.
Susan Biskup

Pastoral Care Team Report

The Pastoral Care Team consisted of: Jo Wilson, Linda Freeman, Anne Godsman, Alice Bramley, Eileen Mc Morris, Wanda Hartall, and Donalda Ledene

As a group we organized a couple of lunch out gatherings. We also shared in visits and taking food to seniors. We had a coffee party at the Lodge gathering our congregation members all residing there.

Wanda Hartall and Donalda Ledene have sent cards of celebration and support to many in the congregation. Christmas card greetings were also sent to many who had had difficult year.

It seemed the year went very fast, and we did not accomplish all that we intended. This team is always “a work in progress” group.

We appreciate the support you give by letting us know of families or individuals who might appreciate our help. Please continue to help keep us connected.

If you would like to be a part of this team, please connect with one of our team members.

Respectfully submitted,
Donalda Ledene

Stewardship Report

This year we decided to try a few new fundraisers as well as continue with some of our favorites. They occurred as follows:

1. Bake sale/lunch & coffee – (Apr.28 & 29) held during the Treasure sale Net profit-\$1331.27
2. Purdy’s Chocolates – two sales were held – one before Easter and one before Christmas. Net profit
Easter - \$355.82
Christmas -\$784.22
3. Fall Supper – held as part of the 60th anniversary celebration of the church – (Oct.14) Net profit –
\$1383.41
4. Beat the Budget – a fundraiser for the Local fund (Sept-Oct) – Net profit - \$14,224.00

The original goal of the Beat the Budget fundraiser was that money donated would be matched using the interest money from an existing GIC. The money would be matched up to a total of \$5000.00. This goal was achieved by the third week of Sept. so we decided to continue the campaign until the end of Oct. with no matching dollars. Through the generosity of the congregation, we managed to raise another \$4224.00 bringing the total to \$14,224.00!

Thank you to all the dedicated people who have helped the church in so many ways. As we begin a new year, let us continue the “Gratitude Project” where we intentionally think about our blessings and show gratitude.

Let us continue to respond with kindness, warmth, and generosity. Let us continue to say thank you, give someone a call or savour our own moments of joy. Let's catch ourselves in our negative thoughts and reframe them into positive ones. When we do all these things, we are doing the will of God. 1 Timothy 6:18 – "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Janzen

Guatemala Report

Women in Solidarity in Guatemala City is a mission project selected by the Strathmore United Church community with financial and prayerful support. Our mission supports a small health care clinic that offers LPN training to women and girls that work in the sweat shops. Rosa Escobar is engaged in the role of educating these women. The classes are intense but when the women graduate, they have meaningful and dignified employment. Once graduated these women can return to their communities-often the only health care provider in that community. A small hospital gives women basic health care services. Mobile clinics tour the communities where the families live and work. Thank you for your financial support to this mission, the UCW for their donation of \$600.00, the Mary Martha Ladies for their donation of \$377.30, and for the generous donations from the Strathmore United Church community. Other funds come from soup and bun Sundays, pancake brunch, recycling, coins for cookies Sundays, and other special events. All funds go directly to the Mission that we support. Looking forward to future fund-raising projects.

Thank you again.
Respectfully submitted-----Linda D. And Ellen

Mission and Service Fund

The M&S Fund is the part of our National Church which endeavors to transform lives; inspire meaning and purpose; and build a better world, together.

It is always part of our annual budget, and our 2023 goal was for \$18,000.00. Contributions came from our weekly envelope offerings or PAR, or through special appeals. All contributions designated to M&S go directly to the national fund and cannot be used by the local congregation. You receive a tax receipt for it along with your local church offerings annual receipt.

The logo on the M&S Banner can be explained in several ways. The base represents a manger, Baptismal font, and the Communion table. The five colored "Flames" represent God's rainbow, His symbol of Hope. The five colored projections can represent our hands. Each "Finger" also represents one area of the M&S work: Development & Relief, Worship & Education, Justice & Dignity, Care & Creation, Supporting Leadership.

Mission and Service works alongside other local, national, and international agencies around the world to help people wherever needed. We learn about its work when we read the weekly "Minutes for Mission" during our services. We are also sent an annual report booklet which is displayed for everyone's reading.

Thank You to everyone for your contributions throughout the year; for using the Christmas “Gifts with Vision” catalogues; and for your extra year end offering which helped us meet & exceed our M&S goal!

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Fair.

Arts on 817

The Arts on 817 concert series runs from Sept to June and usually include 4-6 concerts. Season and individual concert tickets are made available. This project has had a reach out to the community at large and we have many patrons who have been subscribers to the concert series since it began. We are now in our 6th season and hope we can continue to share these talented musicians with our community.

This year we have added an Opening Act, featuring local Strathmore performers in addition to the Main performing group.

ARTS ON 817 hosted the following concerts in 2022-2023

Feb 11- Romance on the Range

Mar 17- Dave Gunner and JP Cormier

Apr 15 – John Reischman & The Jaybirds

May 6 – Strathmore’s Emerging Artists

Our 2023-2024 series includes:

Sept 29 – Lizzy Hoyt

Dec 1 – Christmas with Buzz Brass

Mar 6 – La Fiammata – One Piano Four Hands

May 4 – The Charms

Tickets are available for the Mar and May concerts.

A special Thank you to all of you who support the concert series by attending – without an audience there would be no event.

Thanks to Ellen Helfrich and her team of cookies bakers who provide wonderful intermission snack choices.

Thanks to Susan Biskup and Karen Wilkie who help publicize the Arts on 17 events. And we thank Susan for all the snow and ice removal she takes care of.

Respectfully submitted.
Donalda Ledene

Envelope Administrator Report

Envelope Administrator Report

Submitted by Karen Wilkie, Assistant Treasurer 2023

	2023	2022
Number donating by envelope	48	48
Number donating by PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance)	29	29
Occasional Donations(No Envelope)	6	2
Total	83	79

Range	2023	2022	2021	2020
Over \$5001	8	7	8	8
\$4001 - \$5000	3	2	1	1
\$3001 - \$4000	7	3	2	4
\$2001 - \$3000	11	13	13	11
\$1501 - \$2000	7	8	5	7
\$1001 - \$1500	10	10	12	14
\$ 701 - \$1000	7	10	12	6
\$ 501 - \$ 700	9	4	6	9
\$ 301 - \$ 500	5	10	7	10
\$ 101 - \$ 300	12	9	17	6
\$ 1 - \$ 100	4	3	11	10
TOTAL	83	79	94	86

Includes occasional donations

Category	2023	2022	2021	2020
Beat the Budget 23	\$9,224.00			
Food Grains Bank		\$1,545.00	\$1,200.00	\$100.00
Gifts in Kind	\$2,514.05	\$3,153.56	\$331.38	\$5,372.22
Guatemala Project	\$3211.85	\$4,098.75	\$3,182.05	\$2,475.00
Initial Offering	\$595.00	\$82.00	\$110.00	\$174.00
Local Fund/General	\$119,693.40	\$113,252.60	\$111,297.50	\$113,387.50
M & S Fund	\$17,746.05	\$15,580.50	\$15,133.50	\$15,452.50
Memorial Fund	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,050.00	\$300.00
Broadview	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$335.00	\$220.00
Other & Loose Cash	\$1,350.40	\$347.00	\$775.25	\$516.65
Special Projects			\$30.00	
Sunday School				
TOTAL	\$154,959.75	\$139,159.41	\$135,444.68	\$137,997.87

Fund Totals are Envelope/PAR/Loose cash giving's only.

Treasurers Report

Strathmore United Church

December 31, 2023	Year to Date	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
LOCAL FUND - Opening balance		(998.89)	(10,258.18)
Envelope Offerings	119,993.40	157,944.67	179,891.18
Loose Offering	1,150.40	2000	2000
Broadview	125.00	500	500
United Church Women	10,500.00		
Initial Offerings	595.00	200	200
Sunday School			
Misc. - Building and Parking Lot Use	9,169.92	7500	7500
local fundraising (net)	4,677.38	4000	4000
Total Local Fund	- 146,211.10	171,145.78	183,833.00
LOCAL FUND EXPENSES			
ALLOCATIONS			
Cowboy ChurchFCSS			
UCW - Foothills			
United Church	6,592.00	6592	6438
Total Allocations	- 6,592.00	6592	6438
ADMINISTRATION			
Office and Postage	1,245.68	1000	1250
Telephone & Internet	1,857.54	2500	2000
Advertising	319.61	450	400
Photocopier	2,421.21	3500	3000
Misc.	330.47	100	100
Bank Charges	380.97	375	375
Web Development	-		
GST	690.22	675	675
Total Administration	- 7,245.70	8600	7800
PROGRAM AND LEADERSHIP			
Christian Education	-	200	200
Worship Team	838.14	1000	1000
Stewardship	353.80	300	350
Pastoral Care		50	50
Broadview - 2023	902.44	1125	925
Leadership Development			
Total Program and Leadership	- 2,094.38	2675	2525
SALARIES, HONORARIUMS AND BENEFITS			
Music Team	6,822.50	6500	8060
Christian Education			
Caretaker	9,600.00	9600	9600
Secretary	6,570.00	6570	6570
Treasurer	2,000.00	2000	2000
Assistant Treasurer	1,000.00	1000	1000
Minister	74,782.21	72,319.78	69,710.00
Interview Expense (2023)		2,000.00	
Minister move (2024)			5,000.00
Employer Expense	19,401.38	16,500.00	19,000.00
Manse phone	960.00	960	960
Pulpit Substitutes	2,320.00	2320	2470
Travel Allowance	1,028.74	1200	1200
Professional Development	1,331.48	1543	1800
Total Salaries, Honorariums and Benefits	- 125,816.31	122,512.78	127,370.00
Property Expenses			
Insurance	9,564.23	7066	10000
Utilities	12,603.32	15000	15000
Caretaker Supplies	1,158.36	1200	1200
Church Maintenance	2,836.38	5000	5000
Roof			6000
Grounds Maintenance	1,783.71	2500	2500
Total Property Expense	- 27,946.00	30766	39700
Total Local Fund Expense	- 169,694.39	171,145.78	183,833.00
NET INCOME - LOCAL FUND	- (23,483.29)		

FUNDS		Year to Date	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
MISSION AND SERVICE FUND				
Congregation		17,746.05		
United Church Women		1,000.00		
	-	18,746.05	18000	18000
TOTAL	-	18,746.05		
SPECIAL APPEALS				
WORLD DEVELOPMENT -UCW	-	310.00	0	
Guatamala	-	4,506.95	3000	3000
		(4,816.95)		
TOTAL	-	-		
Interest/Manse	-	4,976.91		
Beat the budget match	-	(5,000.00)		
	0.00	-		
TOTAL	-	(23.09)		
Arts on 817	-	17,923.97		
	-	18,358.60		
TOTAL	-	(434.63)		
MEMORIAL	-	500.00		
TOTAL	-	500.00		
Beat the Budget	0.00			
Match to 5000	-	9,224.00		
TOTAL	-	9,224.00		
SABBATICAL LEAVE				
Income	-	-	3000	3000
TECHNOLOGY - Income	-			
Expense	-	-	1000	1000
ELEVATOR - Income	-			
Expense	-	524.49		
	-	(524.49)		
SPECIAL PROJECTS		578.35		
		3,761.62		
TOTAL	-	(3,183.27)		
NET INCOME	-	(12,924.77)		
Local Fund - 9224 plus 5000. matching			-	

Fund Balances at December 31, 2022	Opening Balance	2023 Transactions	
Local Fund	(998.89)	(9,259.29)	(10,258.18)
Arts on 817	19,091.45	(434.63)	18,656.82
Special Projects - Exterior Lights	8,799.82	(3,183.27)	5,616.55
Special Appeals - Guatamala	-	-	-
Memorial	5,075.00	500.00	5,575.00
Sabbatical	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Technology	379.58	-	379.58
Elevator	2,353.43	(524.49)	1,828.94
Benevolent Fund (Soup and Bun)	2,633.92		2,633.92
Manse	191,001.22	(23.09)	190,978.13

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2022

AUDITORS REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

	December 31	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash (Note 4)	\$ 232,745	\$ 262,824
	<u>\$ 232,745</u>	<u>\$ 262,824</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Funds		
Mission and Service Fund	-	10
Special Projects	8,800	8,942
Technology	380	380
Sabbatical	3,000	3,000
Guatemala Fund	-	-
Benevolent Fund	2,634	2,634
Arts on 817 Fund	19,091	25,958
Memorial Fund	5,075	4,100
Elevator	2,353	2,353
Local Fund	238	26,930
Manse Fund	191,173	188,517
	<u>232,745</u>	<u>262,824</u>
	<u>\$ 232,745</u>	<u>\$ 262,824</u>
	-	0

APPROVED BY THE CHURCH COUNCIL

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CASH FLOWS

Year Ended December 31

	2022	2021
REVENUE		
Local Fund		
Sunday School	\$ -	\$ 22
Envelope offerings	111,766	111,298
Net Fund Raising	4,002	3,105
Initial offerings	82	110
Loose offerings	659	775
Miscellaneous income	9,517	25,385
Broadview	100	335
United Church Women	5,000	5,435
	<u>131,125</u>	<u>146,464</u>
Other Income		
Interest income	2,667	2,672
Memorial fund	975	3,050
Mission and Service fund	15,836	15,134
Special appeals	7,242	5,928
Special projects income	0	5,140
Arts on 817	13,553	10,140
	<u>40,273</u>	<u>42,064</u>
Total Receipts	<u>171,398</u>	<u>188,528</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries, Honorarium and benefits - Schedule 1	115,057	109,625
Property - Schedule 1	27,770	28,092
Administration - Schedule 2	8,252	6,854
Program and leadership - Schedule 2	1,757	1,427
Donations and allocations - Schedule 2	5,579	4,831
	<u>158,415</u>	<u>150,829</u>
Excess (deficiency) before other items	<u>12,983</u>	<u>37,699</u>
Other Items		
	-	-
Mission and Service fund	15,836	15,154
Arts on 817 Concerts	20,420	4,420
Special Appeals	7,242	5,928
Special Projects	143	0
Benevolent Fund	0	0
	<u>43,640</u>	<u>25,502</u>
NET INCOME	<u>-\$ 30,658</u>	<u>\$ 12,197</u>

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

Schedule 1

Year Ended December 31

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Salaries, Honorarium, Benefits		
Assistant treasurer	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Caretaker	9,600	9,600
Employee benefits	17,734	16,469
Manse phone	960	960
Minister	68,143	67,319
Music Team	6,262	4,095
Professional development	847	923
Pulpit substitutes	1,344	442
Secretary	6,570	6,570
Travel allowance	596	247
Treasurer	2,000	2,000
Total Salaries, Honorarium and Benefits Expenses	<u>\$ 115,057</u>	<u>\$ 109,625</u>
Property		
Caretaker supplies	\$ 1,184	\$ 49
Grounds Maintenance	2,389	1,705
Insurance	9,262	7,077
Repairs and maintenance	2,137	4,644
Extraordinary expense (Recording equipment)	-	5,569
Utilities	12,798	9,048
Total Property Expenses	<u>\$ 27,770</u>	<u>\$ 28,092</u>

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

Schedule 2

	Year Ended December 31	
	2022	2021
Administration		
Advertising	\$ 436	\$ 270
GST	620	637
Interest and bank charges	357	351
Office and postage	950	611
Photocopier	3,481	2,941
Telephone and Internet	2,408	2,044
Total Administration Expense	<u>\$ 8,252</u>	<u>\$ 6,854</u>
Program and Leadership		
Christian education	\$ 140	\$ 100
Cowboy Church	-	\$ 150
Stewardship	287	245
Pastoral Care	-	-
Broadview	1,049	-
Worship supplies	282	932
Total Program and Leadership Expenses	<u>\$ 1,757</u>	<u>\$ 1,427</u>
Donations and Allocations		
Presbytery and Conference	<u>\$ 5,579</u>	<u>\$ 4,831</u>

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 2022

NOTE 1 - PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Strathmore United Church is a not for profit organization. It is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Non properly and property receipts and disbursements are recorded on a cash basis. Within the church a number of groups carry out their own fundraising and make their own disbursements. Their financial statements reflect only payments made from general funds to their groups and contributions from their groups to general funds.

The accounting policies for the statements of funds are as follows:

- * Capital receipts are recorded on a cash basis
- * Investments are recorded at cost, any gain or loss is recognized on disposition
- * Interest and dividend income is recorded on a cash basis
- * Disbursements are recorded on a cash basis

NOTE 3 - FUNDS

Local Fund - Revenue and expenses relating to program delivery and administrative activities.

Special Fund - Fund set up initially for the building addition. Presently to be used for special projects to be determined by the Council.

Memorial Fund - Funds received as indicated to the Memorial fund in memory of members

Elevator Fund - Funds raised in excess of actual repairs to modernize the elevator,

Manse Fund - 3 GIC's were opened with proceeds from the sale of the Manse.
These monies can be used at Coucil's descretion.

Benevolent Fund - Previously proceeds of the monthly Soup and Bun lunch were allocated here

Guatamala Fund -Proceeds from Soup and Bun Lunch and other specific fundraisers are allocated here.
Proceeds are restricted for use with the Women in Solidarity Clinic in Guatemala City.

Technology, Sabatical, Arts on 817 Fund - are restricted to use
as per the Fund's name and the descretion of Coucil.

NOTE 4 - CASH

	2022	2021
General Account`	\$ 31,259	\$ 63,650
RBC GIC	-	30,480
Chinook Credit Union	79,516	77,387
Chinook Credit Union Shares	249	237
RBC GIC (operating)	-	10,079
RBC GIC	97,252	56,693
ING Bank (Manse account)	24,470	24,298
	<u>\$ 232,745</u>	<u>\$ 262,824</u>

United Church Women

Agape Ladies Fellowship Group

The Agape Ladies fellowship group enjoyed a year of interesting programs organized and hosted by small teams within the group. We met from Sept to June one evening each month. Programs included game nights, theme discussions, attended live theatre and ended the year with our traditional potluck Christmas supper and holiday craft. The group size ranges from 12-20 and this Christmas we had an amazing group of 40+!

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the Agape evenings. If you have never attended you are most welcome, we usually meet the second Tues of each month in the library at the church.

For information contact- Donalda Ledene

Respectfully submitted,
Donalda Ledene

Quilters Report

The Quilters had another successful year sewing & assembling quilts for Bags of Love, Siksika, Victims Services, Wheatland Crisis Center, Growing Opportunities, Strathmore Pregnancy Center, Mustard Seed, Ronald McDonald House & Blankets of Love. We also donated quilts to a local Ukrainian Family, a total of 171 quilts were gifted in 2023. We are off to a great start this year with 61 quilts gifted already. We also had our second quilt & handicraft sale in the spring alongside the Vintage & Treasures sale, it was very well received & we were able to share a portion of our proceeds with the United Church Ladies Group. We are excited to join them again this year for their sale in April. Thank to all who support us.

Sincerely,
Kathy Guichon

UCW Annual Report

2023 began with the decision to create two Catering Groups from three and new lists of volunteers were distributed.

March saw us hosting World Day of Prayer with a service created by women in Taiwan. The video service was very well received and enjoyed. The 2024 service from Palestine will be hosted by women from Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

April brought us to the Vintage & Treasure Sale, Quilters Sale and Bake Sale as well as lunch service on Friday and Saturday by a Soup & Bun Team. This was a very successful event all around and is approved to be repeated again on April 26 & 27/24.

UCW paid for the church outdoor flowers, chosen and planted by Bev Hermanson and Arlene Wahl.

UCW also provided Easter lilies.

The Mary/Martha Unit hosted one of the monthly Birthday parties at Wheatland Lodge as well.

September was a busy month with a Thrift Sale near the last week of the month. Again, a very successful and welcome event for the larger community. We were blessed with many volunteer workers from our church as well as the community at large. This was also a sad month with two Celebrations of Life and requests for catering for two longtime UCW and church members, We continue to mourn the deaths of Janet Bolinger and Florence Morton.

October brought a third catering request for a funeral lunch which led to a decision to offer a third and low-cost service option for \$3.50 p/p providing a variety of cookies, coffee, tea and juice. This has been well received.

UCW is the only church group offering catering anymore and the decision has been made to only cater in our church kitchen. It is too difficult to do so in other church kitchens.

December brought us close to the retirement of Rev. Pamela Scott on Dec. 31st. UCW decorated the church sanctuary and other areas as usual and planned our participation in the retirement event. We chose to gift Pamela with a lovely stained-glass cross, given with our love and appreciation of all she has given us over the years of her service to our church and community. We wish her well in all her future plans.

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon White

UCW Financial Reports

Our UCW AGM was held on November 14, 2023, in the church basement, with 12 members present.

We held one Thrift Sale and one Vintage Sale. The Vintage sale raised \$3,433.85 and the Thrift Sale \$18,572.00. We approved 22 donations/gifts in the amount of \$12,710.00. This included a donation of \$5,000.00 to the Church Council. Our account balance on December 31 was \$11,148.22 with no outstanding cheques.

After some discussion we decided to hold another Vintage Sale on April 28th and 29th and approval has been given to have the use of the church basement for the week preceding the sale for the set-up of the sale items. There will also be a quilt sale and Bake sale.

The Thrift Sale will be held on September 26, 27 and 28 this year. The set up will start on September 23. The book sale and outside sale will be held on these dates also. We have not been accepting donations yet, but Arlene will remove the "No Donations" sign soon.

Our first meeting of the year was scheduled for January 16th.

Respectfully Submitted
M.A.Godsman
Treasurer