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Norma Everden  
Gordon Beatty

August 11th, 2025  
September 27th, 2025

## Baptisms

Violet Sarah Upton

February 9th, 2025 at St. Andrew's

### Charge Ministry and Personnel Report 2025

In August, the M&P Committee for the Pastoral Charge met with Shasta Morey to review her positions as both office administrator and music director for the Pastoral Charge. Some clarifying changes were made to the Office Administrator contract which was signed by both parties. It was agreed that the contracts will remain in effect until one or other party gives 30 days notice.

*Committee Members: Marion McComb (Castleton), Dawn Pilgrim (St. Andrew's ) and Donna Budgen (St. Andrew's)*

*~Submitted by Donna Budgen.*

**CASTLETON GRAFTON PASTORAL CHARGE  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2025**

	<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>2025 YTD</b>	<b>2025 BUDGET</b>	<b>DRAFT PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Allocation St. Andrews	1,933.75	23,205.00	23,205.00	20,881.25
Allocation Castleton	1,041.25	12,495.00	12,495.00	11,243.75
Telephone Recovery	25.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Maturity of Term Deposit	0.00	13,255.33	0.00	0.00
Term Deposit -interest	0.00	500.81	0.00	600.00
GST/HST Refund	0.00	175.22	150.00	175.00
Miscellaneous/Bulletins	0.00	0.00	700.00	200.00
Vernonville Anniversary	0.00	271.00	150.00	300.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>50,202.16</b>	<b>37,000.00</b>	<b>33,700.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>Minister's Expenses</b>				
Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Continuing Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Employee CPP, EI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
United Church Pension	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Minister's Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Expenditures</b>				
Pulpit Supply	1,413.00	12,772.90	14,000.00	15,000.00
Secretarial Contract	858.00	7,014.00	6,500.00	7,500.00
Music /Organist	1,725.00	5,475.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Video Services	0.00	0.00	320.00	250.00
Internet fees & web hosting	61.00	732.00	900.00	1,100.00
Telephone	60.95	732.58	700.00	750.00
Office supplies	143.47	311.84	800.00	600.00
Worship/Pulpit supplies	0.00	0.00	600.00	300.00
UCC Assessment	0.00	3,320.00	3,939.00	4,068.00
Miscellaneous	492.35	620.33	941.00	632.00
Transfer to Term Deposit	0.00	13,755.94	0.00	0.00
Bank /ADP charges	4.95	59.40	300.00	100.00
GST/HST	40.39	239.89	0.00	200.00
Outreach/Discretionary	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Vernonville Anniversary	0.00	495.80	200.00	500.00
Search Committee	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00
Affirm United	0.00	100.00	200.00	100.00
<b>Other Expenditures Total</b>	<b>5,299.11</b>	<b>46,429.68</b>	<b>37,000.00</b>	<b>37,900.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5,299.11</b>	<b>46,429.68</b>	<b>37,000.00</b>	<b>37,900.00</b>
<b>Receipts over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>-2,299.11</b>	<b>3,772.48</b>		<b>-4,200.00</b>
<b>Opening bank balance</b>	<b>14,629.34</b>	<b>8,557.75</b>		
<b>Closing bank balance</b>	<b>12,330.23</b>	<b>12,330.23</b>		<b>USE EXCESS CASH</b>
Term Deposit @ 2.75% due Nov.18/26	8,279.87	Member Shares held	50.00	
Term Deposit @ 2.75% due July 16/27	5,326.99	Member Dividend acc't	15.19	
Term Deposit @ 2.85% due Nov.18/26	8,207.35			

*Linda Marshall, Treasurer*

## CASTLETON UNITED CHURCH BOARD COMMITTEES

### Board of Trustees

This Board will be responsible for the legal signing of all legal documents, deeds, loans, investments, trust funds, endowments, rent and insurance.

Linda Marshman, Marion McComb

### Building & Grounds Committee

This Committee will be responsible for all property: additions (inside and out), repairs, painting, lights and heat, grounds; cutting grass, planting flowers and trees and snow removal. Caretaker duties and supplies.

Bob McComb                  Philip May                  Bart Nelson

### Finance & Stewardship Committee

This Committee guides, motivates and educates the local congregation in its responsibility as stewards of creation that includes time, talent, and money.

Brian Annis    Bonnie Bunyan                  Marion McComb – UCW representative  
Linda Marshman/Linda Annis - Castleton Treasurers.

### Pastoral Care & Outreach Committee

This Committee nurtures and coordinates the work of visitors in their visiting with members of the congregation. In addition, the committee enables the congregation in welcoming new members, caring for people in transition and grief, and visiting the elderly and sick.

Irene Clarke

### Worship & Christian Education Committee

This Committee provides oversight for the worship services and use of the worship space. The duties of the Committee shall also include studying the educational needs of the congregation.

Irene Osborne    David Bunyan                  Brian Annis                  Kristine Rayner  
Invited: Organist/Choir Director

### Other Committee Positions

**Ministry and Personnel Committee**

Bart Nelson

**Nominating Committee**

2026 Retiring Board Members

**Anniversary Committee**

Worship Committee and friends

**Church Bookings**

Marion McComb 905-344-7601 (home) 905-375-8155 (cell)

**Treasurers**

Linda Annis/Linda Marshman

**Bay of Quinte Region ECOR Rep.**

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**CASTLETON UNITED CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2025**

RECEIPTS	DECEMBER	2025 YTD	2025	PROPOSED
	\$	\$	BUDGET	2026
	\$	\$	\$	BUDGET
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Local	1,287.00	14,865.31	16,000.00	15,000.00
Loose	0.00	554.00	400.00	500.00
Bulletins/Envelopes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission & Service	170.00	1,515.00	1,300.00	1,500.00
Easter & Good Friday	0.00	150.00	300.00	200.00
Anniversary/Thanksgiving	0.00	475.00	500.00	500.00
White Gift/Candlelight/Christmas	1,216.75	1,216.75	1,600.00	1,200.00
Transfers B&M/F&S	0.00	7,389.46	0.00	0.00
Roast Pork Dinner	0.00	3,780.00	3,900.00	3,800.00
Roast Beef Dinner	0.00	4,490.00	4,200.00	4,500.00
GST/HST	0.00	610.80	500.00	600.00
Gourmet Dinner Draw	0.00	2,125.00	2,300.00	2,100.00
Elvis show	0.00	825.00	0.00	0.00
Community Lunches	0.00	2,943.00	200.00	1,000.00
Discretionary Fund	10.00	206.25	0.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	54.00	1,846.46	400.00	400.00
United Way	184.04	680.46	1,000.00	700.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>2,921.79</u></b>	<b><u>43,672.49</u></b>	<b><u>28,300.00</u></b>	<b><u>32,200.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Music Ministry	0.00	100.00	400.00	400.00
Charge Treasury	1,041.25	12,495.00	12,495.00	11,243.75
Pulpit Supply/Supervisor	0.00	502.00	700.00	700.00
Church Supplies	45.74	52.73	200.00	256.25
Fuel	310.55	3,190.20	3,000.00	3,400.00
Hydro	104.95	1,313.41	1,300.00	1,500.00
Phone	57.63	692.25	700.00	700.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	1,444.05	1,500.00	1,700.00
Insurance	0.00	4,100.82	7,500.00	4,200.00
Roast Pork Dinner	0.00	1,394.62	1,300.00	1,400.00
Roast Beef Dinner	0.00	1,813.91	1,800.00	1,800.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	0.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Miscellaneous & bank charges	130.90	1,569.90	300.00	500.00
Mission & Service	262.50	1,515.00	1,300.00	1,500.00
Transfer -purchase GIC's/B&M	0.00	7,389.46	0.00	0.00
GST	37.32	347.02	300.00	350.00
HST	59.72	555.25	500.00	550.00
Gourmet dinner	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Donations- House Fires	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
White Gift - Legion	575.00	975.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Community lunches supplies	152.25	226.55	0.00	400.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>2,777.81</u></b>	<b><u>40,277.17</u></b>	<b><u>33,100.00</u></b>	<b><u>32,200.00</u></b>
<b>Excess of Receipts</b>				
<b>over (under) Expenditures</b>	<b>143.98</b>	<b>3,395.32</b>	<b>(4800.00)</b>	
<b>Opening bank balance</b>	<b><u>15,222.99</u></b>	<b><u>11,971.65</u></b>	<b>use excess cash</b>	
<b>Closing bank balance</b>	<b><u>15,366.97</u></b>	<b><u>15,366.97</u></b>		

*Linda Annis, Treasurer*

*Linda Marshman, Treasurer*

CASTLETON UNITED CHURCH  
FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP FUND  
2025

FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2025		\$	13,025.49
<b>CASH RECEIPTS</b>			
Investment Income - Guaranteed Term Deposits	557.95		557.95
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Transfers to General Account	-		0.00
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2025			13,583.44

			Cost
Ganaraska Financial Credit Union	Member shares		50.00
Ganaraska Financial Credit Union	Fixed term deposit 2.50% due June 9/26		13,533.44
			13,583.44

Includes \$1,233.23 transferred from Sunday School account

CASTLETON UNITED CHURCH  
BUILDING & MEMORIAL FUND  
2025

FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2025		\$	51,895.15
<b>CASH RECEIPTS</b>			
In Memoriam and to honour	170.00		
Regular Offering	700.00		
Bequests	258.30		
Transfer from General Account	7,226.96		
Investment Income - Savings Account	0.60		
Investment Income - Guaranteed Term Deposits	2,639.17		10,995.03
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Transfer from Savings to General to Term Deposit	7,226.96		-7,226.96
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2025			55,663.22

			Cost
CIBC Savings			2,604.98
Ganaraska Financial Credit Union	Fixed term deposit 3.50% due June 9/28		22,773.03
Ganaraska Financial Credit Union	Fixed term deposit 3.75% due July 5/26		7,226.96
Ganaraska Financial Credit Union	Fixed term deposit 1.85% due Sept.7/26		23,058.25
			55,663.22

The principal of \$16,283.10 from the sale of the manse is held in trust for the United Church of Canada. The funds are not available for operating or capital expenditures unless approved by Regional Council.

*Linda Marshman, Treasurer*  
*Linda Annis, Treasurer*

## **Castleton Chairperson Report 2025**

Reflecting on 2025, I am profoundly inspired by the dedication demonstrated by both the leadership and the congregation of our church. We are exceptionally fortunate to benefit from the steadfast leadership, support, and guidance of Reverend Janet Warren, whose contributions as our worship leader have been invaluable. We also extend our gratitude to Retired Reverend Jean Wilson for her steadfast support and counsel, provided whenever needed and to Reverend Calvin Stone for his insightful advice, and guidance as our ministerial overseer.

A heartfelt thank you to Shasta Morey for your dedication, guidance, and everything you do behind the scenes and to St Andrews congregation; for all their talents in tech support, music, musical instruments, performing skits.

A special acknowledgment to Ed Mulvey for his dedication in recording and editing during Special Church Services.

Our Castleton Church Spring Beef Dinners and Fall Pork Dinners are well received by the community and surrounding areas. Many thanks to everyone for supporting us and to all the volunteers donating their time in many ways you all help make our dinners a success every time.

A special heartfelt thank you to Marion McComb and Linda Annis for their time and work that goes into organizing these dinners.

As we are entering into a year 2026, I'm resigning from my role as Chairperson at this time. I want to express my gratitude to the amazing individuals of Castleton United; the congregational board members and the congregation for all your efforts in maintaining the faith within this lovely community.

These last two years has been a pleasure working beside both Castleton and Grafton Congregational Board Members as the Chairperson for Castleton.

Looking forward another year seeing what kind of endeavours both churches can venture into working together to keep the community of faith alive.

*~Submitted by Khristine Rayner*

## **Pastoral Care and Outreach Committee Report 2025**

Reverend Janet, Reverend Calvin and Reverend Jean are available for pastoral care. Please let our committee know in order to arrange a call or visit. Cards, calls and visits continue. We would like to acknowledge anyone celebrating a special occasion.

Again this year, Colborne Legion Hamper Program gratefully acknowledged our generous donations of food, toys, clothing and money. Thank you to all.

We have met to weave milk bag mats to give to Helping Hands Northumberland – this endeavor has been a productive social time. Seven fiddle muffs have been made and distributed as well.

Monthly community lunches continue and are well received. Many thanks to all who volunteer and support.

*~Submitted by Irene Clarke*

## Finance and Stewardship Report 2025

The Finance & Stewardship Committee thanks each person who has given of his/her time, shared talents and gave financial support to help keep our church in good repair, paying the bills and willingly gave a helping hand whenever needed.

Many thanks is extended to our church family and community members for assisting with the Beef and Pork Dinners. They are great fundraisers. To the young people who come to help keep things running smoothly - Thank you. I'm not sure we could do it without your help!

Great social time, too!

Thanks is extended to Ted Westbrook for continuing to support us with his Gourmet Dinner. It's a highlight come May!

Mission and Service givings have exceeded the budgeted amount of \$1300.00. Thank you.

Contributions----- Castleton United \$1515.00

Get Together Gals formerly U.C.W. \$600.00

We also wish to thank the congregation of St. Andrew's Grafton for their continuing support.

To those who choose to rent the kitchen and meeting room for family events - Thank you.

Finance & Stewardship Committee- Linda Marshman, Brian Annis, Bonnie Bunyan, Marion McComb and Linda Annis

~ *Submitted by Linda Annis*

## Castleton United Church Building & Grounds Report 2025

The Buildings and Grounds committee would like to thank the many people who volunteered their time in maintaining the church and grounds this past year. Their help was greatly appreciated.

On the outside Linda Annis once again did a lovely job on the flower beds. Phil May continued to keep the grass cut while Dave Cleary and Mark Watson kept the parking lot cleared of snow and sanded. Other good Samaritans shoveled the steps and sidewalks.

On the inside, the monthly cleaning volunteers kept the building well looked after. Bob McComb continued to oversee the water system. The Health Unit requirements were all met. Phil May was able to install a new lock set on the front door.

Due to the church having a Heritage Designation our insurance coverage was dropped. Thankfully Linda Marshman was able to obtain coverage from another company.

As for future projects we are still struggling to figure out how to make the front entrance accessible for everyone.

Secondly, the congregation was approached by an individual who proposed funding a modernization of the church basement. As this is still a fairly loose discussion nothing has been decided at this point.

Once again a big thank you to everyone who helped make last year a success.

Building & Grounds Committee, Phil May, Bart Nelson, Bob McComb

## Worship Committee Report 2025

This year David Bunyan, Khristine Rayner and Brian Annis attended the Worship Committee meetings at St. Andrew's. The two churches worked together discussing ideas for monthly services. Olivia Gibbs was the chairperson trying to keep us focussed. With Shasta's guidance and inspiration, ideas for hymns, guest musicians and minister availability if Rev. Janet was not available for services was discussed. Rev. Janet also assisted with the service preparation.

Rev. Jean Wilson led the Communion Services at both churches.

Some service highlights--

Worship Committee led the Jan. 26 service

Favourite Sunday School Hymns on Holy Humour Sunday April 27

Joint Service at Grafton celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada

Summer services were held at Grafton, outdoors weather permitting. Castleton United was closed during the month of July.

Germaine Landry, guest pulpit supply, led the service on September 7 and Alison Landry as the musical guest playing the keyboard.

September 28 was the 160th Anniversary of Castleton United Church. Former minister, Rev. Ruth Noble, was the guest minister. Music was provided by Shasta and Brenda Manley. The Ganaraska Chordsmen also entertained us.

December 7 was the White Gift Service, a joint service at Castleton. White gifts and monies indicated were forwarded to Colborne Legion.

December 21 - The Candlelight Service at 7p.m. Well attended and a very meaningful service. Thanks Rev. Janet.

Thanks to all who have participated in any of the services.

*~Submitted by Brian Annis for the Worship Committee*



## Castleton UCW Report 2025

Castleton UCW or as we are now known ... “The Get Together Gals”, has been very active during the past year. We continue to be a UCW unit within the Hills & Shores UCW Presbyterial in the East Central Ontario Region.

Most of our meetings centered around our working on making milk bag mats under the very capable guidance of Irene Clarke as well as making and decorating fidget muffs. The completed mats are sent on to the organization, Helping Hands in Port Hope. Some of the mats are sent overseas or some have been donated locally. The fidget muffs have found homes in various Nursing Homes.

Donations were made to Camp Quin Mo Lac, Mission & Service, Women’s Interchurch Council of Canada (WICC), the UCW National Project – The Healing Fund, as well as to the Colborne Legion Christmas Hamper Program. We also assisted with the payment of a UCW member to attend the UCW camp in September at Camp Quin Mo Lac. It was to be a weekend event, but the camp was restricted to one day due to the threat of fires in the area around the camp.

On March 7th, we were invited to attend the World Day of Prayer Service hosted by St. Andrew’s United Church in Grafton. The theme of the service was “I Made You Wonderful”, chosen by the Women of Cook Islands. Some of us participated in the service and refreshments were served in the Lower Level following the service.

In May, we provided refreshments and baked goods at a book presentation at the Castleton Town Hall. From the money that was made, a donation of \$600 was made to the Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre in Cobourg.

In May, Cheryl Mound, President of Hills & Shores UCW Presbyterial made a presentation on the National UCW Project...The Healing Fund which supports healing initiatives for survivors of the residential school system and its ongoing intergenerational impacts. In November, Lyn Miller made a presentation on her Mission Trip to El Salvador. Lyn went on the trip as the representative of the Hills & Shores UCW Presbyterial. Thank you to Shasta Morey for assisting with the technical parts of the presentations.

Money was sent to the Hills & Shores UCW Presbyterial for dues, the Student Minister Support Gift and for the National UCW.

In June, Irene Osborne, once again graciously offered to give a tour of her beautiful flower gardens. This year, we catered at 3 Funeral Luncheons. We also catered at the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for Bill Pratt. Bill was very appreciative of the extra work that was spent in the preparations/decorations for the party in his honour as well as that his guests were given such a warm welcome by the UCW members in attendance at the party. We assisted with the preparation & serving of food for the monthly Community Lunches served at the Church. We also coordinated and assisted with the Church dinners – Roast Beef in April & Roast Pork in November. In November, we organized and served lunch on Remembrance Day to those who participated in the Remembrance Day service at the Castleton Cenotaph. This included the service men & women from the Postal Unit at CFB Trenton.

In December, we had a social time, with readings and games and quizzes followed by some delicious potluck refreshments.

Some of the UCW Ladies assisted with decorating the Church Sanctuary for the different times of the year...such as Easter, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Christmas.

Thank you to Linda Annis for continuing with her work of planting, weeding and watering the flowerbed at the church.

Thank you to Irene Clarke for continuing to send cards to people in the community on behalf of the Castleton UCW & Castleton United Church.

*~Respectfully submitted by Marion McComb, Castleton UCW President*

**CASTLETON UCW FINANCIAL REPORT 2025**

	Year	
<b>Bank Balance Forward</b>	<b>\$ 2,556.58</b>	
		<b>2025</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
Regular Offering	\$551.30	\$500.00
World Day of Prayer	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations/Bequests	\$300.00	\$500.00
Funerals	\$1,680.00	\$0.00
Lunches/Buses/Catering	\$1,593.85	\$0.00
Charity Offering	\$0.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$153.25	\$655.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,278.40</b>	<b>\$1,755.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Student Minister Support Gift	\$75.00	\$75.00
Mission & Service Expense	\$600.00	\$600.00
Camp Quin Mo Lac	\$50.00	\$50.00
Presbyterial Dues	\$48.00	\$40.00
NUCW	\$12.00	\$0.00
World Day of Prayer	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kitchen/Food/Electrical	\$927.23	\$400.00
Library	\$0.00	\$0.00
Floor/ Wax/Lights	\$0.00	\$0.00
Comm/Gifts/Décor	\$0.00	\$200.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child for Camp	\$0.00	\$100.00
Charity Donation	\$800.00	\$0.00
Envelopes/Stamps/Cards	\$0.00	\$250.00
Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$33.25	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$341.41	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,886.89</b>	<b>\$1,755.00</b>
<b>Excess Rec/Exp</b>	<b>\$1,391.51</b>	
<b>CHQ BOOK BAL @ December 31/25</b>	<b>\$3,948.09</b>	

**O/S Cheque # 21 Mission & Service**

**\$100.00**

**Bank Statement Actual Balance**

**\$4,048.09**

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BOARD COMMITTEES 2025

### Board of Trustees

Sharon Brown 2027 Gina Jackson 2027 Greg Beatty 2027

### Building & Grounds Committee

John Wilson 2026 Christina Wilson 2026  
Laurie Deviney 2028

### Worship and Christian Education Committee

Doreen Payne 2026 Sharron MacDonald 2027 Olivia Gibbs 2026  
Brian Payne 2028 Invited: Music Director/Rev. Janet Warren

### Finance & Stewardship Committee

Treasurer (annual appointment) Rev. Jean Wilson

### Pastoral Care Committee

Christine Hammond 2027 Gail Hoskin 2027 Cathy White 2027

### Social Justice & Outreach Committee

Sharron MacDonald 2026 Olivia Gibbs 2026  
Cathy White 2026 Donna Budgen 2026

### Other Committee Positions

#### Ministry and Personnel Committee

Brian Payne 2028  
Dawn Pilgrim 2028  
Don Gibson 2028

#### Haldimand Court Apartments

Gaye Hoskin 2027  
Brenda Keller 2028  
Jenn Galt 2028

#### Church Bookings

#### Nominating Committee

#### Envelope Steward

John & Jean Wilson  
2026 Retiring Board Members  
Sharron MacDonald

#### Communication and Newsletter Region 11 Rep.

Donna Budgen  
Donna Budgen

**St. Andrew's Financial Report 2025**

**Restricted Funds 2025**

<b>Account</b>	<b>M&amp;S Fund</b>	<b>Pastoral Care</b>	<b>Social Justice &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>Memorial Fund</b>	<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>
Balance Forward	\$0.00	\$376.10	\$3,057.87	\$500.00	
2025 Income	\$4,560.00	\$309.20	\$7,713.35	\$100.00	
2025 Expenses	\$2,610.00	\$383.07	\$7,628.53	\$600.00	
Balance	\$1,950.00	\$302.23	\$3,142.69	\$0.00	<b>\$5,394.92</b>
<b>Funds Available</b>	<b>Dec. 31/25</b>				
Bank Balance	\$22,095.55				
Restricted Funds	\$5,394.92				
<b>Available</b>	<b>\$16,700.63</b>				

**Investments – Ganaraska Credit Union**

1. \$21,467.17 – 3 year fixed term at 2.9% - due 30 October 2028
2. \$5000.00 - 1 year cashable at 1.85% - due 27 March 2026
3. \$5000.00 - 1 year cashable at 1.85% - due 27 March 2026

**St. Andrew's United Church, Grafton  
2025 Financial Statement**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2025 Final</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>
Offering – local	\$38891.75	\$35000	\$40,000.00
Offering – loose	\$948.50	\$948.50	\$500.00
Celebration Bank	\$426.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donation – Other	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rentals	\$7632.33	\$5000.00	\$7000.00
GST/PST Refund	\$2338.72	\$800.00	\$1500.00
Insurance Rebate	\$2066.64	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Investments	\$8620.00	\$1120.00	\$1120.00
Stewardship & Finance- fundraising	\$699.00	\$3000.00	\$2000.00
Building & Grounds	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mugs	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Burial Fees	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nigerian Children	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Surplus Used	\$3207.41	0.00	\$6580.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$65,135.85</b>	<b>\$49,920.00</b>	<b>\$58,700.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
CGPC Assessment	\$23,205.00	\$23,205.00	\$20,085.00
CGPC Phone Recovery	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Honorarium – Caretaker	\$3720.00	\$5000.00	\$5000.00
Honorarium – Other	\$1135.00	\$0.00	\$1250.00
Travel	\$209.00	\$250.00	\$300.00
Hydro One – 137 Old Danforth	\$1878.49	\$1700.00	\$1800.00
Hydro One – 135 Old Danforth	\$723.82	\$600.00	\$800.00
Enbridge – 137 Old Danforth	\$2777.34	\$3000.00	\$3000.00
Enbridge – 135 Old Danforth	\$1051.20	\$1500.00	\$1200.00
Lakefront Utility	\$584.62	\$500.00	\$600.00
Committee – CE & Worship	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Committee – Stewardship & Finance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Committee – Pastoral Care	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
Committee – Building & Grounds	\$7040.55	\$10000.00	\$12000.00
Building & Grounds – Supplies	\$258.02	\$0.00	\$300.00
Capital Projects	\$11,449.39	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administration (Treasurer)	\$703.03	\$400.00	\$700.00
Bank Charges	\$60.25	\$65.00	\$65.00
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mugs	\$320.14	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$9720.00	\$11000.00	\$11000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$65,135.85</b>	<b>\$57,870.00</b>	<b>\$58,700.00</b>

~ submitted by Jean Wilson, Treasurer

## **Community of Faith Supervisor Report 2025**

An Annual Report is, at its heart, a story — a story of people, prayer, perseverance, and the quiet faithfulness that makes ministry possible. Within these pages you will find a synopsis of the work carried out by the many individuals and committees who have served over the past year. As you read their reports, I hope you will pause to consider the countless hours, the steady dedication, and the generous spirit that have sustained the life and witness of this Pastoral Charge in both Castleton and Grafton.

I encourage you to give thanks to God for these gifts of service, and, as opportunities arise, to offer words of appreciation to those who labour—often unseen—to support the ministry we share.

It is because of their commitment to you, to this community of faith, and above all to the Lord, that meaningful worship unfolded week by week; that you entered a clean, welcoming, and well-kept sanctuary; that fellowship and social gatherings were offered with care; and that behind the scenes, financial responsibilities were handled with diligence and integrity.

As this report makes clear, much has been accomplished. And yet, even as we give thanks for what has been, plans are already taking shape to ensure that this Pastoral Charge continues to be Christ's hands and feet, heart and voice in 2026 and beyond.

It has been a privilege to share in this work by serving as your supervising minister. I look forward with hope and anticipation to all that the Lord will accomplish as, together, we wait on Him and follow the leading of the Spirit.

*Blessings, the Rev. Calvin Stone*

## **Pastoral Care Committee Report for 2025**

The Pastoral Care committee checked in with members and former members of St Andrew's Grafton throughout the year with cards, phone calls and visits.

On April 15th, Pastoral Care organized an Easter tea party at Rosewood Retirement Home with assistance from Joan Chalovich and members of St Andrews. The afternoon was enjoyed by all in attendance. Jean Wilson provided communion.

Gail and Gaye Hoskin's 60th Wedding anniversary party was the perfect time to reconnect with friends and former members from St Andrews.

In September, the church coffee urn needed to be replaced and was done so by Pastoral Care.

At Christmas, we were unable to hold a tea at Rosewood because of on going renovations. Pastoral Care provided a plant and had a visit with several former members who now live in Cobourg.

Pastoral Care would like to thank members of the Choir who will organize coffee/tea should no one have signed up for refreshments. We would like to encourage people to offer to provide refreshments after church. It doesn't have to be fancy, store bought cookies and cheese pieces are all that are required.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit with a minister, please do not hesitate to mention the need to Gail Hoskin, Cathy White or Christine Hammond.

*Respectfully submitted by Christine Hammond, Chair*

## **St Andrew's United Church Grafton Building and Grounds Annual Report 2025**

It was a busy year for St. Andrew's United Church Grafton, Monthly fire inspections of the two church buildings continue by committee members. The Kitchen was inspected in August and regular inspection by committee members have been added to comply with public health standards. Seaway fire and Extinguishers inspected and passed the Church and The Heavenly Helpings building in October. Elevator inspection was completed and passed. With the help of many congregants, the basement Sunday school storage area and the main floor kitchenette were de-cluttered and cleaned. The church eaves-troughs were cleaned and the septic system pumped. Ministry and Personal have hired a new cleaner to replace Ted Nasmith who has retired. She will work 2 hours a week for routine cleaning, and any cleaning requests or concerns should be directed to the Building and Grounds committee. Deeper cleaning and de-cluttering will require a volunteer effort.

Lawn cutting and landscaping continue to be the largest recurring expense. The grass cutting contract was fulfilled by Ken Hynes. We were fortunate to have the heavy snow falls regularly ploughed by a local resident who did not submit a bill for their services. This helped to keep costs down. A tidy up of the grounds occurs every spring and fall and requires several extra helpers over a few days. The leaf cleanup was not completed in the fall of 2025 due to snowy weather coming in November.

The Heavenly Helpings building (the old Sunday school structure) required a plumber to replace part of the water system in the crawl space of the building. This expense was unexpected and totaled over \$1000.00. A new steel roof at a cost of \$10,152. 71 and a new eaves trough at a cost of \$1296.68 were completed on the Heavenly Helpings building. Windows were cleaned and screens were replaced with aluminum screening on 4 of the 6 windows.

*~Respectfully Submitted by Laurie Deviney, Christina Wilson and John Wilson*

### **St. Andrew's Chair of the Board Report - 2025**

"I have said that as a church, we need to embrace being small. Many think that small is another word for decline, but in the story of Luke, small is how it all begins.....Our small in the hands of God gives birth to life, healing, justice and transformation."

*Quoted from "A Word with the New Moderator", p41, Broadview - Nov/Dec 2025*

As the Chair of the Board for St. Andrew's for 2025, I have been privileged to witness our committees working diligently to make a difference, not only within our church building, but beyond to our community and even farther. With coordination among the committees, we have been able to share our messages of inclusion and make it clear that all are welcome and will be heard. With flags flying outside, guest speakers inside, and all committed, we are constantly learning different ways to show love to our neighbour, regardless of where he/she/they resides.

One of the ways we share our message to the community and beyond is through our website. We have Ed Mulvey to thank for updating it this year. If you haven't visited it recently, please check it out as Ed is keeping it up to date with photos and links to recent events and services.

We have established a "Telephone Tree" so that, in the event of a cancellation of a church service on short notice, all regular attendees will be notified by telephone. If you are concerned that your name might not be included and you wish to be informed, please make it known to a Board member.

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church, a group of strong-armed folk gathered at the church on June 10th at 10:00 a.m. to ring the church bell 100 times. This could be seen as a definite statement to the neighbours that we, as a congregation, are here and ready to serve.

*Donna Budgen, Chair of St. Andrew's Board.*

## Social Justice and Outreach Report 2025

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee focuses on recognizing areas of systemic social injustice and bringing these issues to the attention of our congregation and our community. By offering information through social media, speakers, newsletters and other avenues, the committee strives to act with conviction, standing alone or within community partnerships, to address and advocate for equity within our church and the wider community.

Thanks are due to our committee members who continue to be passionate and supportive of the goals and actions throughout this and other years. It has been a privilege to work with Olivia, Sharron and Donna, as well as to feel the ongoing support of the congregation.

In 2025, the committee presented displays, social media posts, reading materials, quiz contests (with prizes!), speakers, videos and experiences to address a number of social injustice issues.

Early in the year 5 Broadview subscriptions were ordered for distribution by clergy in the Warkworth penitentiary.

In June, the committee worked with St. George's Anglican Church at their Men's Breakfast to arrange speakers like Nwibe, Executive Director at 310 Division Street Shelter in Cobourg and David Piccini, MPP. The shelter operations and clients were coming under increased criticism at that time and the issue continues to be highly politicized. Over 60 people attended to gain more insight into the shelter operations and the state of homelessness in Northumberland County. Additionally, the Committee posted a social media rebuke to the Cobourg Mayor for conflated homelessness with criminality and our committee continues to have a high interest in this issue. One member sits on the County Community Liaison Committee that attempts to bridge the gap between the community and the shelter and increase public insight into the causes of homelessness..

PRIDE month in June – Our Pride flag was blessed by Rev. Janet and raised on June 1 prior to the Sunday service. The committee, in partnership with the Worship Committee, planned the Affirm service on June 8 with a guest speaker and displays. At our request, the township office again flew the PRIDE flag for the month of June.

The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation September 30 – St. Andrew's hosted the Kairos blanket exercise, attended by over 30 people and additional display and reading materials were available throughout the month. Our flagpole was again used for Orange Shirt month to remind our community that every child matters. And in May an indoor and outdoor display for Red Dress Day was developed to honor murdered and missing Indigenous girls and women.

For the Social Justice Sunday in October, in collaboration with the Worship Committee, a speaker and displays enlarging on food insecurity and homelessness in Northumberland County were featured, Contributions to the Food Bank are ongoing.

The red scarf campaign for World AIDS Day on December 1 continues to attract attention and raise our profile in the community. Many thanks to all the knitters who ensured that we would, once again, had a wonderful display this year. At our request, Alwick-Haldimand declares and recognizes December 1 as World AIDS Day. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and PARN Outreach staff were on hand that morning to make the proclamation for Alwick-Haldimand, and Cecelia Nasmith looked after the pictures and publicity.

We have a strong liaison with the local public elementary school. At Christmas the committee was able to support 7 families identified by the school with food and gift vouchers valued at over \$6000.00. This would not be possible without the generous donations from the White Gift service, Heavenly Helpings Cookie Factory, the Legion, United Way and many other congregants and community members. We are profoundly grateful for this support.

Through the generosity of many, we are able to work for many.

*~Submitted by Catherine White on behalf of the Committee.*

## **Worship & Christian Education Committee Report 2025**

The Worship & Christian Education Committee planned many services and events in 2025 with the goal of providing creative and meaningful worship incorporating the elements of worship, fellowship, instruction and Christian service.

Services featured music, skits, and puppet plays. Special services were recorded by Ed Mulvey for posting on YouTube.

We were fortunate to have Rev. Janet Warren to conduct most services for us this past year and we thank her for her thoughtful and inspirational messages. Thanks also to Rev. Jean Wilson, Rev. Germain Landry, and Karen Bates for leading some worship services last year.

Highlights of the services and activities organized this past year included:

Black History Month in February featuring gospel music

Easter services and Holy Humour Sunday featuring Sunday School songs selected by members of both congregations in April

Celebration in May of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church

June was a busy month. The PRIDE flag was raised and lowered, Megan Fox of the Rainbow Youth Centre in Brighton was featured on Affirm Sunday, and a float of enthusiastic singers was entered in the Grafton Canada Day Parade.

Services were held outdoors during the summer and “Sundae Sunday”, featuring pulled pork on a bun and make-your-own sundaes, brought together members of the congregation and the community.

St. Andrew’s 181<sup>st</sup> Anniversary was celebrated with a “cowboy” service featuring guest musicians.

In October, the focus was on food insecurity and homelessness and featured guest speaker Erin Hunter from FareShare Food Bank in Cobourg, followed by a video on homelessness and a testimonial from Alison Landry on the food truck programme.

A Colour Party from the Grafton Legion joined us for a moving Remembrance Day service in November.

December was another busy month, with many Christmas-oriented services. A music service was held in Grafton featuring local group “Heart and Song”.

The Committee also oversaw seasonal Sanctuary decoration, including Easter decorations, the use of a Pride altar cloth during Pride Month and the display of a Christmas tree, crèches and poinsettias during the Christmas season. This work is done by Doreen and Brian Payne, our principal decorators.

Communion took place four times over the year.

Guest musicians arranged by our music director, Shasta Morey, included Alison Landry, Brenda Manley, Wendy Anderson and Grace Taylor, whose musical talents are always well received, as are Shasta’s week in and week out.

Thanks for the work they do must go to the Worship Committee: Brian Payne, Doreen Payne, Sharron MacDonald from St. Andrew’s and Brian Annis, David Bunyan and Khristine Rayner from Castleton. Special thanks to our invitees on the Committee – Shasta Morey and Rev. Janet Warren – for their creativity and guidance. It is a privilege and a pleasure to work with a committee who expend so much energy and enthusiasm in the planning of our worship services.

*Submitted by Olivia Gibbs*

## **St. Andrew's Ministry and Personnel Report 2025**

At St. Andrew’s, our custodian of many years, Ted Nasmith, retired and offered to stay until we had hired a cleaner/cleaning service. That transition happened at the end of December. An opportunity to show our appreciation to Ted is being planned for February.

*~Committee Members: Dawn Pilgrim, Donna Budgen*

## Haldimand Court Report 2025

Early this year the fire alarm and sprinkler system was updated.

A large tree that blew down was cleaned up. There was no damage to any residents.

The insurance for Haldimand Court was reviewed and updated to today's values.

There is always general repairs or replacement for refrigerators, stoves, washers and dryers, duct cleaning, heat pump, generator, to name a few.

In June, a fire drill was conducted by the Fire Department, followed by a lunch for the tenants and the Fire Department.

*~Submitted by Gaye Hoskin*

### Trustees Report 2025

Balance on hand January 1, 2025.		\$2,784.13
Receipts		
Maintenance Rebate	\$30.00	
Two GIC's cashed.	\$56,414.79	
Total Receipts.		\$56,444.79
Expenses		
Maintenance Fees.	\$30.00	
GIC Purchased.	\$10,450.00	
GIC Purchased.	\$20,000.00	
GIC Purchased.	\$25,000.00	
St. Andrew's Church.	\$1,120.00	
Total Expenses.		\$56,600.00
Balance December 31, 2025.		\$2,628.92
Trustees Investments		
GIC matures November 28, 2026 (18mths).	\$10,450.00	Interest rate 2.8%
GIC matures July 15, 2026 (12mths).	\$20,000.00	Interest rate 3%
GIC matures January 15, 2027 (18mths).	\$25,000.00	Interest rate. 3%
Manse fund is included in Trustees Investments		
Balance January 1, 2025.	\$20,160.00	
Transfer to Church.	\$1,120.00	
Balance December 31, 2025.	\$19,040.00	

## Trustees Report 2025 (continued)

Insurance for Churches	
Grafton Building	\$1,468,454.00
Windows.	\$26,250.00
Contents	\$103,000.00
Organ.	\$3,090.00
Old Sunday School	\$50,000.00
Vernonville	\$52,500.00
Insurance for 2025.	\$9,720.00
Rebate for Old Sunday School.	\$116.64
Balance.	\$9,603.36
St. Andrew's share	\$7,653.36
Vernonville share.	\$1,950.00

Sharon Brown    Greg Beatty    Gina Jackson

## Vernonville Church Report 2025

The roof on the back room of the church needed repaired, so it was strapped on top of the shingles and a new steel roof was installed.

The two brick Chimneys at the back of the Sanctuary were crumbling and leaking so they were all repointed and capped.

The wood on the external trim was replaced on all east and west windows that open into the Sanctuary because it was rotting and water was getting into the church.

Peeling paint has been scraped from areas on the church and primed to be painted in the new year.

The Cedar shake roof was inspected and it is deteriorating on the east side with mold and the west side with wind. It is still keeping out the water as there is a good vinyl or plastic roof sheeting underneath protecting the roof boards. This roof was installed in the late 80's or early 90's and is reaching the end of its life. It is a Heritage building and there has been some research on possible sources of funding with no results yet. The financial cost for this work was \$1,588.19 with all volunteer labour. Thank you to all who helped.

*Submitted by Sharon Brown and Vernonville Cemetery Board*

**VERNONVILLE UNITED CHURCH**  
**Vernonville Cemetery Board Financials - 2025**

**CURRENT ACCOUNT: \*1**

Scotiabank balance January 1, 2025 12,394.60

**RECEIPTS**

Donations 4,173.00  
HST/GST Rebate 371.57  
**TOTAL RECEIPTS 4,544.57**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Bank Charges 30.00  
Office supplies 594.60  
Decoraton Day expenses 515.55  
Caretaking/Maintenance 3,401.30  
Insurance 1,950.00  
Campbel I Monument 515.28  
**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 7,006.73**

**BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2025 9,932.44**

**HERITAGE FUND - C.I.B.C \*2**

Bank Balance January 1, 2025 7,294.90

**RECEIPTS:**

Donations 2,255.00  
**TOTAL RECEIPTS: 2,255.00**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

1,588.19  
**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: 1,588.19**

**BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2025 7,961.71**

**GANARASKA CREDIT UNION \*3**

Bank Balance January 1, 2025 12,150.65

**RECEIPTS**

Members Shares 67.94  
**TOTAL RECEIPTS 67.94**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Service charge 59.40  
**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: 59.40**

**BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2025 12,159.19**

**INVESTMENTS**

Ganaraska Credit Union Term Cert. \*4 3,447.28  
Ganaraska Credit Union Care/Main \*5 37,016.96  
CIBC - Cemetary Board \*1 11,332.70  
Scotiabank #1 10,164.06  
**TOTAL INVESTMENTS 61,961.00**

1. account to pay for care and maintenance of cemetery

2. heritage account is governed under gov't heritage regulations and money can only be used for building issues

3. a portion of each lot sold and each headstone

erected must be deposited into trust account - this account is regulated by the Gov't

4. same as 3

5. bequest left and specific to ongoing care and maintenance of cemetery

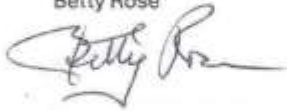
Submitted by : Brenda Keller

## Reviewer's Report 2025


Castleton United Church Financial Reviewers Report 2025

The financial books and related records and documentation for Castleton United Church for the calendar year 2025 were examined by us on January 26, 2026. We found that everything was in good order and found to represent the true financial position of Castleton United Church as of December 31, 2025

Betty Rose



Marion McComb



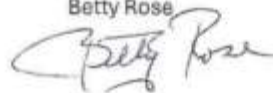
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The Castleton UCW financials & related records and documentation for 2025 were reviewed by us on January 26, 2026, and found to reflect the true financial position as of December 31, 2025.

Linda Annis



Betty Rose

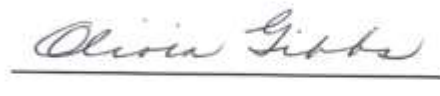


### REVIEWER'S REPORT 2025

As mandated by the Pastoral Charge Council, we, the appointed review committee of the Castleton Grafton Pastoral Charge, have conducted an examination of the charge's annual financial statements for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and the related books, records and supporting documentation for the year then ended.



Irene Clarke



Olivia Gibbs

**Reviewer's Report 2025**

As mandated by the St. Andrew's United Church Board, we, the appointed review committee of St. Andrew's United Church, have conducted an examination of the church's annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025 and the related books, records and supporting documentation for the year then ended.



Laurie Deviney

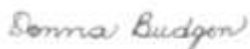


Donna Budgen

As mandated by the St. Andrew's United Church Board, we, the appointed review committee of St. Andrew's United Church, have conducted an examination of the Board of Trustees financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025 and the related books, records and supporting documentation for the year then ended.



Laurie Deviney

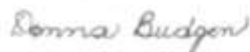


Donna Budgen

As mandated by the St. Andrew's United Church Board, we, the appointed review committee of St. Andrew's United Church, have conducted an examination of the Vernonville Cemetery Board financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025 and the related books, records and supporting documentation for the year then ended.



Laurie Deviney



Donna Budgen

## **Castleton United Church AGM – Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

Rev Stone called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., with Linda Marshman, Philip May, Bob & Marion McComb, Linda Annis, Kristine Rayner, David & Bonnie Bunyan and Irene Clarke present.

We were advised that the positions of chairperson and secretary for this meeting required nominations. All agreed that both Kristine and Irene will remain in their respective positions.

Devotions Rev Stone opened with prayer and then read Psalm 84 vs 1-4

Agenda approved. on a motion by Marion, seconded by Bonnie, Crd.

Approval of previous meeting's minutes passed on a motion by Linda M. with Philip seconding. Crd.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:** No one accepted the vice chair position. We were reminded of the charge monthly newsletter and encouraged to contribute.

### **Reports from Annual Report**

Minister's Report – as written in Annual Report Book

ECO Regional Council – Kristine is willing to be our representative and reported that Donna Budgen attended the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Proposed Budget presented by Linda M. Motion to approve by Marion, with David seconding. Crd.

Acceptance of Financial Report – Linda M. moved to accept with Bonnie seconding. Crd.

Trustees Report – as per written. Rev Stone advised that another trustee be added.

M & P Report – as per written.

Building & Grounds – as per written.

Finance & Stewardship – as per written

Pastoral Care & Outreach – as per written

Worship & Christian Outreach – as per written

U C W – as per written. UCW proposed budget motion by Marion, with Linda A. seconding. Crd.

Acceptance of Reports – on a motion by Bob, and seconded by Linda M. Crd

### **New Business** –

In Memoriams – Discussion about whose names should/should not be included. Rev Stone clarified that they should be a church member.

Reviewers – Philip and David are willing to remain as reviewers of church and UCW books.

Irene reiterated a thank you from Colborne Legion Hamper Program, adding that much appreciation was verbally given to the Castleton Church and Community for their most generous support.

Easter Services – Good Friday is April 18<sup>th</sup> – service to be discussed at Charge AGM – should be held in Grafton this year; Easter Sunday is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dinner Draw – Once again, Ted Westbrook is willing to cater the draw on Mother’s Day –Marion has printed tickets and they were distributed -details of dinner will be between winner and Ted.

Roast Beef Dinner – Will be held April 5<sup>th</sup>. Roast Pork Dinner date is October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Elvis/Patsy Cline Show – Marion was approached about the church hosting a show, and passed around the flyer advertisement. Tickets would either be \$25 or \$30 pp, with proceeds split 50/50. All felt this would be one way to celebrate the church’s 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Motion by Marion, with Bonnie seconding, that we host the show for Sat. September 20<sup>th</sup>. All in favour. Marion will handle booking.

Anniversary Service – Will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, with Irene supplying the cake.

Outside Ramps – Marion has approval from the Heritage Committee, but Cramahe Township requires both architect and engineer approval of plans. Philip mentioned a metal ramp, which may be a less expensive option. Marion has a list of possible grants and will investigate further.

Constitution – Rev Stone advised that Grafton wants to know how we function. Our policy should state we have open end terms, depending on availability of persons to serve. Linda M. suggested we ask Grafton for a copy of their constitution and adjust it to suit our own church. All were happy with this idea, and Khristine will handle this request.

CRA Update – Linda M. advised that donations made in Jan and Feb. are eligible for 2024 inclusion on returns. Should anyone wish this, she will issue revised tax receipts.

Next AGM meeting – to be determined – no date set - Khristine will provide devotions.

Next meeting –Wed. May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. with devotions by Marion.

Closing – Rev. Stone closed with prayer.

## **ST. ANDREW’S UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

February 9, 2025

Present: Greg Beatty, Sharon Brown (part), Donna Budgen, Laurie Deviney, Frances Flynn, Olivia Gibbs, Christine Hammond, Elaine Hope, Gaye Hoskin, Gail Hoskin, Jim MacDonald, Sharron MacDonald, Brian Payne, Doreen Payne, Dawn Pilgrim, Donna Reeves, Rev. Calvin Stone, Rev. Janet Warren, Rev. Jean Wilson, John Wilson

### 1. QUORUM

### 2. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Members and adherents of St. Andrew’s congregation met for the Annual General Meeting in the church. Rev. Calvin Stone called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. following the regular church service and a special meeting of the Church Board. He opened with prayer.

### 3. OFFICERS OF THE MEETING

Rev. Stone called for nominations for the meeting chair and secretary. Donna Budgen as Chair and Olivia Gibbs as secretary were proposed. All were in favour. Rev. Jean Wilson advised that confirming Olivia as secretary should be dealt with later in the meeting under Item 8 Nominations.

### 4. VOTING PRIVILEGES.

Donna Budgen advised that the East Centre Ontario Regional Council had not approved a motion from a previous AGM that all persons who attend St. Andrew’s United Church, both members and adherents, would have a vote. The following motion was carried for today’s meeting:

**MOTION** by Laurie Deviney, **SECONDED** by Sharron MacDonald, that all persons who attend St. Andrew's United Church, both members and adherents, will be allowed to have a vote on all church matters at today's Annual General Meeting. **CARRIED**.

5. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Donna Budgen read the land acknowledgement.

6. **DEVOTIONS** – Rev. Calvin Stone presented devotions based on Psalm 84: 1-4.

7. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The meeting was turned over to Donna Budgen as chair.

**MOTION** by Christine Hammond, **SECONDED** by John Wilson, to adopt the agenda. **CARRIED**.

8. **REPORT FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Donna Budgen thanked those who have just joined the Board – Gina Jackson and Greg Beatty on the Board of Trustees - and those renewing. She commented that we would not be able to function without people who continually volunteer. A special thank you went to Gaye Hoskin who is stepping back after many years with the hope expressed that we would continue to be able to tap into his wisdom going forward. Donna also advised that M & P has only 2 members listed and she herself is in conflict as Board Chair. She asked if anyone would consider replacing her on the M & P Committee. As there were no nominations from the floor, the following motions were passed.

**MOTION** by Rev. Jean Wilson, **SECONDED** by Laurie Deviney, to adopt the list of Committees and Members as outlined in the 2024 Annual Report. **CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Rev. Jean Wilson, **SECONDED** by Laurie Deviney, to nominate Olivia Gibbs as secretary for this annual meeting. **CARRIED**.

9. **MEMORIALS**

Rev. Calvin Stone noted the Memorials for St. Andrew's from Page 2 of the Annual Report, namely George Fitchett, Paula Deviney and June Mallory. He referred to Revelation 21: 4 in his comments.

10. **MINUTES OF THE 2024 AGM**

**MOTION** by Christine Hammond, **SECONDED** by Sharron MacDonald, to adopt the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on February 11, 2024. **CARRIED**.

11. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence. Rev. Jean Wilson advised that Shasta Morey distributes correspondence as it comes in.

13. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- a) Reviewers Report - Laurie Deviney and Donna Budgen have reviewed the books and found them in good order.
- b) Memorial and General Account – Greg Beatty questioned the make-up under Miscellaneous Receipts and Investments. Rev. Jean Wilson clarified that an amount of \$5,500 would be transferred to the Ganaraska Credit Union because of the investment rate. Re Restricted Funds, Rev. Jean will continue to report them separately. She advised that the Social Justice and Outreach Committee earn their own money for community initiatives.
- c) Budget – Rev. Jean Wilson advised that last year we budgeted for \$3,130 of surplus to balance. This year, the figure is \$8,350. However, we managed to have the same amount in the bank as last year. Expenses are down and people are conscious of the need for the need for restraint.

**MOTION** by Rev. Jean Wilson, **SECONDED** by Greg Beatty, that we accept the budget for 2025. **CARRIED**.

d) Board of Trustees – as outlined in the 2024 Annual Report

e) Vernonville Cemetery Board – as outlined in the 2024 Annual Report.

**MOTION** by Olivia Gibbs, **SECONDED** by Laurie Deviney, to accept the Financial Reports as printed in the 2024 Annual Report. **CARRIED**

#### 14. BOARD COMMITTEE

- a) Chair/Board Report
- b) Worship and Christian Education
- c) Pastoral Care
- d) Social Justice and Outreach
- e) Building and Grounds
- f) Ministry and Personnel
- g) Haldimand Court
- h) Fare Share
- i) Booking Report

**MOTION** by John Wilson, **SECONDED** by Christine Hammond, to accept the Board Committee Reports as printed in the 2024 Annual Report.

#### 15. NEW BUSINESS

Vernonville Anniversary Service – held the second Sunday in July. This year’s service will be held on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Laurie Deviney will put it forward at the Charge. She asked for suggestions for speakers.

- a) Mission and Service Commitment. The goal was \$6,000 last year and it was decided to continue with this amount this year.

**MOTION** by Rev. Jean Wilson, **SECONDED** by Sharron MacDonald, that our commitment for 2025 be \$6,000. **CARRIED.**

- b) Appointment of Treasurer – Rev. Calvin Stone asked Rev. Jean Wilson if she would continue as Treasurer. By the authority vested in him, Rev. Stone appointed Rev. Jean Wilson as Treasurer for 2025.
- c) Appointment of Financial Reviewers for 2025 – Rev. Jean Wilson nominated Laurie Deviney and Donna Budgen as the financial reviewers for 2025. Both accepted the nomination and were appointed as financial reviewers for 2025.
- d) 2025 AGM date – February 8, 2026 – 11:30 a.m., after the church service and social time. Rev. Stone confirmed his availability for that date and time.
- e) Devotions for 2025 AGM – Rev. Calvin Stone

Additional items not on agenda:

- f) Update of Constitution – Rev. Jean Wilson advised that it was decided at the last Charge meeting to update the Constitution. Both churches are to participate and hopefully complete it for next year’s AGM.
- g) Outside Advertising – Greg Beatty voiced concern that we are not letting people “outside our walls” know what is happening at St. Andrew’s. There are 3 Facebook accounts – one for the Charge, one for Castleton and one for St. Andrew’s and Sharron MacDonald posts to all three. Laurie Deviney suggested linking to Instagram. Rev. Jean Wilson advised that we should be updating our website. She has someone who can do that work. Donna Budgen asked that we reserve further discussion of this topic for a regular Board meeting.

#### 16. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Dawn Pilgrim to adjourn at 1:18 p.m.

Rev. Calvin Stone closed with prayer.

Olivia Gibbs  
Meeting Secretary

**CASTLETON – GRAFTON PASTORAL CHARGE**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
CASTLETON UNITED CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 27, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

1. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting: February 29, 2024 Moved by Linda Marshman, seconded by Kristine Rayner that the minutes be accepted. **Carried.**

2. REPORTS – 2024 Annual Report

a) Ministry & Personal Report – pg. 2

b) Deceased – pg. 2

c) Financial – Castleton: pg. 6 Grafton: pg. 12

d) Reviewed Financial Report: pg. 23

Acceptance of Reports: Marion McComb moved, seconded by Kristine Rayner that the reports be accepted. **Carried.**

3. NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE

Rev. Stone conducted this portion of the meeting.

Chairperson: **Brian Payne** Nominated by Marion McComb, seconded by John Wilson.

**Carried**

Vice-Chair: No nominations

Secretary: **Sharron MacDonald** Nominated by Kristine Rayner, seconded by Bob McComb.

**Carried.**

Treasurer: **Linda Marshman** Nominated by Donna Budgen, seconded by Marion McComb.

**Carried.**

Financial Reviewers for 2026: **Phil May** Nominated by Donna Budgen, seconded by Bob McComb. **Carried** **Sharron MacDonald** Nominated by Marion McComb, seconded by Linda Marshman. **Carried.**

Acceptance of the Executive Committee: Moved by Marion McComb, seconded by Donna Budgen that the executive committee be accepted. **Carried.**

Rev. Stone requested that going forward, the Charge Financials be line item (e) under reports.

Rev. Stone inquired about the “Miscellaneous” amount in the Pastoral Charge report.

Acceptance of the 2025 Budget: Moved by Bob McComb, seconded by John Wilson that the budget be accepted as presented. **Carried** The United Church Assessment is \$3,320.

~ *Sharron MacDonald, Pastoral Charge Secretary*