

St. Martin's United Church

2022 Annual Report

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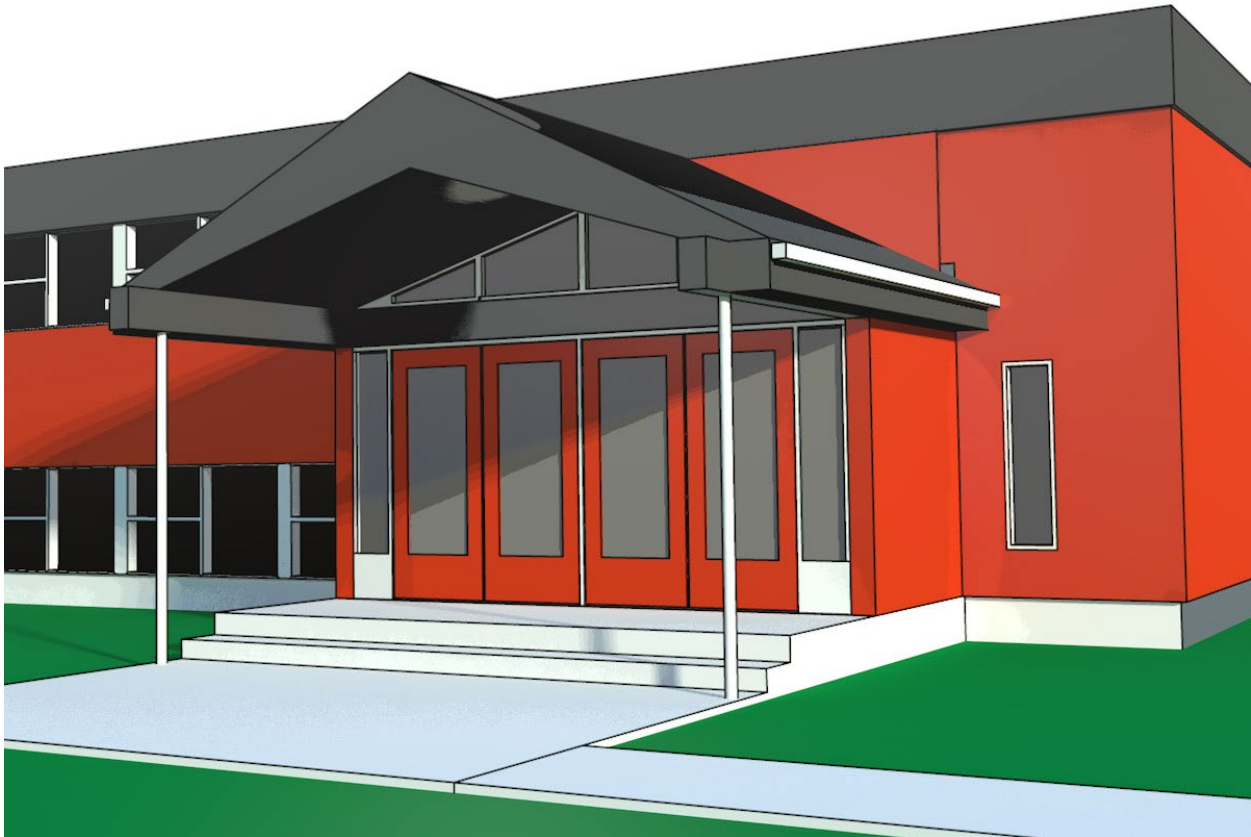


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Values and Beliefs

Vision:

St. Martin's United Church strives to be a thriving, growing, and welcoming faith community. Following in the path of Jesus, we seek to live faithfully in the midst of everyday life.

Mission:

St. Martin's United Church publicly affirms that diversity is truly a gift of God and that all people belong here. We commit to living in right relationship with our Creator, ourselves and the wider community.

Values:

We:

Nurture Christian faith, purpose and joy.

Embrace diversity and welcome all, regardless of age, gender, race, nationality, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, culture, education, economic status, family status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Care for each other through all stages of life.

Strive to be a justice-seeking and compassionate community.

Provide opportunities for fellowship and service.

Embrace the mysteries and challenges of life.

Share our faith journey.

Strive to live with respect in creation.

AGENDA FOR 2022 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
March 19, 2023

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Opening Remarks
- 3.0 Opening Prayer
- 4.0 Motion re: voting privileges be extended to all who are present
- 5.0 Motion re: Approval of the Agenda
- 6.0 Motion re: Approval of Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting, Dated April 24, 2022
- 7.0 Celebrations & Memorials (will be done during worship)
- 8.0 Staff Reports:
 - 8.1 Ministers Report
 - 8.2 Voluntary Associate Ministers
 - 8.3 Brandy Emmerich
- 9.0 Board Committee Reports:

Committee Chairs or Designates will only make comments additional to their reports and answer questions.

 - 9.1 Board Chair Report - Jennifer J.
 - 9.2 Worship Support Committee - Pat S.
 - 9.3 Outreach Committee - Pat W.
 - 9.4 Refugee & Permanent Resident Committee - Keith

9.5 Property Committee - Don C

9.6 Ministry & Personnel- to be confirmed

9.7 Website - Cathy A

9.8 United Church Women - Kathy S

9.9 Finance & Stewardship - Mavis M, Rick D

- *Budget & Auditors Report will happen at the Part 2 of the Annual Meeting in April*

10.0 **Motion** re: Acceptance of Committee Reports

11.0 **Motion** re: Appreciation and Thanks to all Committee Chairs, and officers of the Board

12.0 Trustees Report: Introduction of Trustees - Jordan

13.0 Nominations Report- Randy Cline

13.1 Call for Nominations from the floor

- *Nominations report will be presented for approval at part 2 of the Annual Meeting in April*

13.2 Thanks to retiring Board members

14.0 Other Business:

14.1 Saskatoon and Area Youth Ministry Initiative – *Jordan, Josh and Meghan to present*

- **Motion** to confirm that St. Martin's will be a collaborating Community of Faith in the Saskatoon and Area Youth Ministry Project
 - This includes involvement in the development and implementation of the program through participation on the Program and Steering Committees; collaborating to develop a plan for the sustainability of

the Program for a period of at least three years after the Gift is fully used, including exploring options for contributions by the Collaborating Communities of Faith; signing on to the Collaboration Agreement once it is finalized

*******Reminder to sign the attendance sheets**

15.0 Closing Prayer

16.0 **Motion** for Adjournment

2021 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF ST. MARTIN'S UNITED CHURCH

In Person and via Zoom

April 24th, 2022, 10:45A.M.

Draft minutes

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order – St. Martin's Board Chair – Jennifer Janzen-Ball

General setup and ensuring Zoom is in order.

2.0 Opening Remarks

Welcome to everyone and thanks to the Ministry Team.

3.0 Opening Prayer –

4.0 Voting privileges on Temporal Matters be extended to all who are present

Motion #1: That voting privileges on Temporal Matters be extended to all who are present

Dianne Young/Judy Thompson

Carried

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion #2: That the agenda for the St. Martin's Annual Congregational Meeting be approved.

Bette Brazier/Kit Loewen

Carried

6.0 Motion re: Approval of Minutes of 2020 Annual Congregational Zoom Meeting Part 2 Dated May 2nd, 2021

Motion #3: To approve the Minutes of 2020 Annual Congregational Zoom Meeting Part 2 Dated May 2nd, 2021

Randy Cline/Pat Stuart

Discussion – question regarding fire alarms – add "Property"

Carried

7.0 Celebrations & Memorials (will be done during worship)

Moment of prayer

8.0 Staff Reports

8.1 Jordan Cantwell

Thanks to everyone for messages, cards, chocolate, etc during her recovery.

8.2 J. Keith Hall

Thanks to everyone as well during his time off, and thanks regarding the callers for ministry by phone during the pandemic

8.3 Voluntary Associate Minister

8.4 Brandy Emmerich

9.0 Board Committee Reports:-

9.1 Board Chair Report – Jennifer Janzen-Ball

Thank you to Beth Williamson for her time with M & P

9.2 Worship Support committee – Pat Sonntag

Thanks to committee members and those who came out to support worship by reading, etc.

9.3 Outreach Committee – Pat Turner

Continue to distribute good food boxes, hope 10x10 is back again this coming year

9.4 Outreach: Refugee Committee – Dayle Armstrong

On page 20 (bottom) – should be 2021 (typo).

9.5 Property Committee – Don Cook

9.6 Ministry & Personnel – Kit Loewen

Thanks to ministry and staff for great work.

9.7 Website – Cathy Anderson

Question - What are impressions? = clicks on the website!

9.8 United Church Women – Kathy Schmitz

9.9 Transition Team – Don Cook

9.10 Finance & Stewardship – Mavis McPhee, Rick Dobrow

Audit – same auditor for 2nd year and have been very good. Audit reviewed by committee March 22, and reviewed and passed by board March 24, then brought to ACM

Mention made of any points of note including amortization on statement of fund activities, interfund transfers, notes to financial statements etc.

Question- re quest Mexico donations to be returned to groups

Motion #4: to approve the Audit – Financial Statements as reviewed

Mavis McPhee/Pat Stuart

Carried

Motion #5: To authorize the Board to appoint the firm of Laskowski and Wright Chartered Professional Accountants as auditor for the 2022 financial year.

Mavis McPhee/Randy Cline

Carried

Budget – typo - long term rental – should read 21,600 for Alerces

Proposed budget presented to Board Nov 25 2021 and accepted with one adjustment re snow removal, and motion made to present the budget at the ACM Budgeted for shortfall of \$89,433 for 2022. Covid allowed us to have profit in 2020 and makeup for shortfall in 2019.

Questions:

- regarding budget for repairs, painting, landscape maintenance- was thought that if sanctuary renewal went ahead, would cover that work.
- Insurance increase – why? General increases in insurance industry. Thanks to board etc regarding their stewardship through the year Is annual fire alarm testing included in budget? Yes, under property expenses
Are we reaching people who are online but not actually attending our church – are they giving to the church?

Motion #6: To accept the proposed budget as reviewed for the 2022 financial year.

Mavis McPhee/Judy Thompson

Carried

10.0 Motion re Acceptance of Committee Reports:

Motion #7: That the Committee Reports be accepted

Kali Brazier-Tompkins/Dianne Young
Carried

11.0 Motion re Appreciation and Thanks to all Committee Chairs, and officers of the Board.

Motion #8: That the Board and Congregation extend appreciation and thanks to all Committee Chairs, and officers of the Board.

Bob Armstrong/Pat Turner
Carried

12.0 Trustees Report: Introduction of Trustees

Motion #9: to reaffirm existing Trustees.

Kit Loewen/Bette Brazier **Carried**

13.0 Nominations Report – Randy Cline

Thank you – Maureen McPherson, Dayle Armstrong, Elaine Crocker

13.1 Call for Nominations from the floor

No nominations from the floor.

Don Cook – Property

Mavis McPhee – Finance

Pat Sonntag

Katie Curtis

Jennifer Janzen-Ball

Motion #10: That the slate of candidates nominated be declared elected (including those nominated from the floor if any)

Beth Williamson/Kit Loewen
Carried

Motion #11: That the Board be authorized to fill any vacant positions by appointment without the call of a congregational meeting.

Mavis McPhee/Bob Anderson
Carried

13.2 Introduction of the Board for 2022, and Thanks to retiring members

Board for 2022

Jennifer Janzen-Ball
Randy Cline
Don Cook
Mavis McPhee
Katie Curtis
Pat Sonntag
Joel Yurach
Kathy Schmitz

Retiring Members

Maureen McPherson
Beth Williamson
Dayle Armstrong (Refuge Committee)
Elaine Crocker (Sanctuary Committee)

14.0 Other Business/ Questions

15.0 Closing Prayer

16.0 Motion for Adjournment

Motion #12: Motion to adjourn Annual Congregational Meeting.

Rick Dobrow/Ken Glover
Carried

Attendance in person	43
Jordan Cantwell	Joel Yurach
Rick Dobrow	June Dobrow
Kathy Schmitz	
Dianne Young	Pat Sonntag
Keith Hall	
Bob Anderson	Cathy Anderson
Jennifer Janzen-Ball	Fay Harris
Elaine Crocker	

Keith ?	Maureen ?
Dayle Armstrong	Randy Cline
? Wingerak	Phyllis Wingerak
Julie Graham	Pat Stuart
Mavis McPhee	Ken Glover
Tracy Murton	Greg Bell
	Betty Lou Agnew
Ken Turner	Pat Turner
Kit Loewen	
Don Cook	Blanche Johnson?
Jenny Neal	Dick Neal
Marguerite Irvine	Bette Brazier

Online via Zoom	
Diane Peters	Roger Williamson
Marguerite Irvine	Margaret Hendry?
Armand Bourassa	Barb Bourassa
MaryAnn Sealey	Bunny Pfeifer
Helen Thomas	Bob Thomas
Kay Heuer	Teresa Jones
Maureen Keith	Leegay Jagoe
Marie Dunn	Peter Geres
Jean Nahachewsky	

Celebrations & Memorials 2022

Baptisms

Beatrix Rae Pockett
Tenley Jordan Taman
Madison Marie Taman
Charlie Rae Taman
Nohl Louis Johnson



Weddings

Jonathan Patrick Roald Worrall and Anna Magdalena Xerxes Cram

Funerals/Deaths

Jean Wilkie
Bob Prosser
Leonard Wudrich
Janet Smith
Laurel Piot
Barry Anderson
Bennett Finley
Karen Fehr
Gerry Irvine
Leona Richards

Calvin Bourassa
Lynne Forsberg
Marguerite Salkeld
Ruth Sandy
Dorothy Dryden
June Stronski
Pat Thomson
Eunice Kleppe
Bob McAuslan
Margaret (Peggy) Durant
Darren Wingerak

Board Committee Reports 2022

Board Chair

This is my final annual meeting as chair of the Board of St. Martin's, as I began my term in May 2021. I am grateful for the dedication of time and energy that the Board members and the members of the committees and task groups give to the work and ministry of St. Martin's, within the congregation and within the wider community.

In looking back over 2022, I think the most visible sign of the work that has happened at St. Martin's is the renewed sanctuary space. Having the sanctuary painted, new energy efficient and adjustable lighting, and the new tech equipment (including that from Rural Connect, which is separate but related to the sanctuary renewal) has made a significant difference to this space. It may sound simple on paper: paint, install new lights, refinish the ceiling, install some cameras. But that represents many hours of discussion, information-finding, consulting, and supervising of the work. And so, while our building is not the whole of St. Martin's ministry – and no one thinks it is – it has taken significant time and energy on the part of many people to complete this part of the sanctuary renewal.

In 2022, we were also delighted to welcome a new chair for the Outreach committee, Pat Walker. It's been wonderful in the first part of 2023 to have the Outreach education events once a month after worship. I have always appreciated St. Martin's commitment to being part of the wider Saskatoon community and for the commitment to engaging with many different social justice issues.

We also saw the resumption of many different small group ministries and related groups within St. Martin's in 2022: Seniors' Hub Club, book club, bible study, UCW, prayer shawl ministry. I am grateful for all those who offer leadership in all these different groups, to help us continue to build relationships and deepen our faith.

Many thanks are due to Blanche, Brooke, Bree, Katie, and Jen for their unwavering commitment to children's church and junior youth groups, throughout the entire pandemic. It has not been easy to offer this ministry during the pandemic or in this new "living with Covid" era. Their grace, good humour, and willingness to adapt and change quickly are significant gifts offered to our intergenerational community of faith.

Our wonderful music ministry has been enhanced by the resumption of the choir and the band. And our hybrid worship continues to be an important part of our wider community; Rural Connect offers the possibility of connecting with other United Church communities of faith. I look forward to the ways in which these relationships will hopefully develop in the next year.

Many thanks are due to our staff: Brandy, Dan, Jordan, and Keith. Each of you demonstrates care, compassion, wisdom, and commitment to this community. Your gifts are truly valued. Throughout the entire pandemic, you have sought the best ways possible to minister to and with the St. Martin's community, in the midst of uncertainty, fear, and a constantly changing situation. The pandemic has been particularly hard on ministry staff. And so, I want to recognize that and note the amazing ways in which Jordan and Keith have responded throughout the pandemic with grace. I don't think any of us fully understands just how hard ministry became in the

pandemic, and how utterly challenging it was (and is) to have to shift entire ways of being in ministry basically overnight.

One of the current challenges before St. Martin's is governance and the shifting energies of volunteers. This is a challenge facing many communities of faith. While people are always very generous with their time and energy, it is also hard to find people who want to commit to regular meetings. And so much appreciation also goes to Keith, Jordan, and Randy for their work on nominations. As you'll see, we do have some vacancies to fill fairly immediately.

As I step out of the role of chair, I also want to express my appreciation to the Board. These members have served faithfully, with good humour, careful thought, and a strong commitment to the ministry and life of St. Martin's. I have appreciated our board meetings because we have been able to laugh, celebrate, and wrestle through decisions together.

The life and ministry of this community of faith-filled disciples happens in many ways, as this annual report demonstrates. May St. Martin's continue to be a vibrant, faithful, justice-seeking community of faith!

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Janzen-Ball

Ministry & Personnel

Committee Membership 2022

Adrienne Heskett, Lee Jasieniuk, Barb Faure, Bob MacPherson,

Current Committee Membership

Adrienne Heskett, Lee Jasieniuk, Barb Faure, Bob MacPherson, Vicki Crowell, Lynne Clarke.

- Sincere thanks to Kit Loewen and Murray Tempel for their work at and commitment to the committee in 2022. We wish them the best as they move on to other endeavours.
- In 2023, we welcomed Vicki and Lynne to the committee and look forward to working with them.
- We have been working without a chair since Kit's departure but took successful steps to rectify that. Lee keeps records for the committee and Bob attends and contributes to the board meetings.
- Prior to Kit's departure Kit and Lee purged a cupboard that kept old information for M&P.
- Lee and Barb worked with Beth Williamson to formulate the 2023 budget.
- We have had a lot of discussion around honorariums.
- Our main focus is to support the staff and at each meeting we hear from both Keith and Jordan.
- We are informed of vacation requests as well as other times when staff will be away for conferences or educational purposes.
- The M&P committee is the only pastoral charge committee that is mandated as required by the United Church of Canada. For a complete overview of our committee's roles and responsibilities please refer to the United Church of Canada's website/Leadership/Handbooks.
- Identified as a need in 2022, a search for a youth rep for the committee continues.

Property Committee

2022 Highlights

The Property Committee is responsible for the general building and property maintenance and improvements of the church building and grounds.

The church building had reopened to in-person worship, other church uses and rental groups.

Alerces Spanish Pre-School & Kindergarten have been in operation throughout the school year. A new multi-year lease agreement was entered into with Alerces in the fall of 2022 that recognizes and appreciates our long-standing partnership.

During 2022 custodian and building operation was provided by Dan Unrau. Dan continues to be a great caregiver to our building and the landscape of our property.

During the summer of 2022, some aspects of the sanctuary renewal upgrades were undertaken and with noticeable results. The lighting was replaced throughout the sanctuary with energy efficient LED lighting that is also more easily controlled and dimmed. Skylight covers were added, and the ceiling was painted. The walls and columns have been painted. A new video booth has been added beside the sound booth to facilitate new equipment for live streaming from St. Martin's and the Rural Connect initiative. Thank you to all the designers, contractors, volunteers and staff that made this project possible.

A small flooding event during the 2022 spring thaw pointed out some deficiencies in the roof-top air conditioner placement and condition. The property committee is working on a replacement of that equipment in 2023.

Thanks to Don Reimer, Al McPhee and Gord McMurtry for their wisdom, efforts, and commitment to the committee.

Submitted by
Don Cook (for the Property Committee)

Worship Support Committee

The role of the Worship Committee is to work with the ministry staff in providing worship services to St. Martin's. Committee members contact Sunday morning greeters, scripture readers, and communion preparers and servers. In addition, the Sanctuary is prepared , with additional volunteers , for the Advent and

Christmas season, and then the removal of the decorations after Epiphany Sunday.

As well, it is the committee's responsibility to make recommendations to the Board sessions for Baptisms, marriages and church membership, as well as receiving and considering worship-related suggestions from congregation members and assisting in special services.

The committee gives a heartfelt thank you to all those who said "yes" when asked to take a role on Sunday mornings.

Committee members are: Sheila Scott, Marguerite Irvine, Valerie Cameron, Bonnie Wudrick, Cheryl Thacker, Bunny Pfeifer, Pat Sonntag

Respectfully submitted by
Patricia Sonntag

Trustees

The names of the Trustees are:

Liza Edeen, Bob McPherson, Ken Glover, and Marie Dunn.

There is no report from the Trustees as there was no business we needed to attend to this year.

Website

Throughout 2022 St. Martins has expanded its social media presence. Much thanks go to Brandy who has been diligent in posting to social media.

The Facebook page currently has 688 followers, up from 608 the previous year, with a page reach of 23,718 people. Women continue to be the largest category of viewers, making up 78% of the total. Most views (over 50% come from direct links to Facebook or from external web links). There are followers from all over the world - as far away as Russia, United States, Philippines, and the Ukraine - although most followers are from Canada. It's a good place to catch-up on what's happening at the church. You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/stmartinsuc> .

The Instagram account has continued to be active and currently has 177 followers, up from 151 last year. You can find us at <https://www.instagram.com/st.martins.uc/>.

We have continued livestreaming our services throughout 2022. Although we are no longer in a pandemic environment, these services continue to be well received. In 2022, there were over 6629 views, compared to over 9654 in 2021.

In the fall of 2022, St. Martin's joined the national church in a program call Rural Connect. This program partners with rural churches to provide joint online services. You can find the service videos at <http://stmartinsuc.com/worship.html> or on St. Martin's YouTube channel, under Worship playlists.

In 2022 there have been over 10,500 visits to the website, down from 16,000 last year with an average of 614 different people coming to the website each month. The worship page continues to be the most frequently viewed page and had over 1900 views.

The Instagram account has continued to be active and currently has 151 followers, up from 87 last year, with a page reach of 817 people. You can find us at <https://www.instagram.com/st.martins.uc/>.

Submitted by
Cathy Anderson

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee has the following members: Judy Thompson, Katie Curtis, Pat Turner, and Tricia Favel (who has since resigned). Pat Walker took over the responsibilities of Board Chair in September 2022.

The Outreach Committee has been busy defining and redefining our role with Martin's United Church and how we can best meet the needs of the congregation while the same time responding to community needs and

expectations. Fortunately, this was an easy task as committee members are deeply committed to contributing to both.

Following discussions with the committee, it was decided that we would have a "speaker's bureau" on the last Sunday of the month. This has been very successful and congregational turnout has been exceptional.

Topics of discussion have been an introduction to Truth and Reconciliation and a presentation on the Integrated Christian Ministry (ICM). Volunteers from St. Martin's volunteer monthly at ICM and assist in other duties they may be called on to assist. Other topics may include Treaty Rights - what are the Treaties and what is their purpose, The Sixty's Scoop, and Effects of Long-Term Trauma. The discussions following these presentations has been enlightening and encouraging in moving forward with our commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation recommendation's.

St. Martin's United Church Outreach Committee also collects a "Retiring Offering" the last Sunday of the month. This money is then donated to the Saskatoon Food Bank. This money is matched by different organizations including Nutrien.

Submitted by
Pat Walker
Outreach Board Chair

United Church Women

After a two-year absence of gathering together the U.C.W. members met on March 28 for our Annual Meeting. It was good to finally come together in person. A couple of significant decisions were made at this meeting. Due to declining physical ability and membership it was decided that we would no longer organize the Ham Supper held ever spring and only provide beverages at funerals but serve any food provided by the family involved. This year we provided refreshments and served the food for 5 funerals namely Glazier, Forsberg, Kleppe, McAuslan, and Prior.

In May we looked after the Bake table at the Garage Sale and were quite pleased with the new setup and were sold out shortly after lunch despite the generous donations from the congregation.

Once again Bunny Pfeifer did a wonderful job of selling the Church Calendars this Fall. Our thanks to all who purchased one.

In October our members gathered for a Luncheon Meeting. At this gathering it was decided to join the our last two units into one meeting the second Tuesday afternoon of every month. Another decision was to not have a Christmas Tea but to have a Bake Table at the Christmas Market instead. This was a great success and many thanks again to the congregation who supported us by providing baking as this was our major fund raiser of the year. A special thanks to Betty Cook for her donation of pot holders which is always a favorite at our Bake Table. This was also the last year we made Mincemeat and will now turn it over to a new group of volunteers within the church

Geri Janow continues as our Friendship Convenor sending cards to all members of the congregation who are ill, bereaved or celebrating a special occasion. In 2022 she sent out 25 cards and has been doing this great

service for the church for 14 years. Funds for the cards and postage are provided by the U.C.W.

At our December meeting our members contributed Christmas cards which were taken to Extencicare for the residents on Christmas morning. We also took a special collection which was given to the Food Bank this year.

Once again, this year we had two members pass away namely Karen Fehr and Eunice Kleppe from the Miriam Unit. Eunice Kleppe was a long-time member of the former Supper Club unit and was Secretary/Treasure of the U.C.W. for many years devoting countless hours to the church. The U.C.W. contributes \$25.00 to the Church Memorial Fund for each member who has passed.

If you would like more information regarding the U.C.W. and their activities please contact one of the following members. Bonny Erickson-Wudrick 306.374.2689, Peggy Phillips 306.343.6975 , Lois Bradley 306.374.4108 or Kathy Schmidtz 306.343.0082.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Schmidtz

Finance & Stewardship

The Finance and Stewardship Committee continues to be active monitoring the church finances. Typically, we meet once a monthly to:

- review the financial statements, bookkeeping procedures, church investments, and authorize bill payments,
- collect financial requests from all committees to develop a proposed budget for the following year,

- in association with the Property Committee, we review our annual insurance policy,
- assist with providing annual statistics on St. Martins to the United Church of Canada,
- review monthly webinars provided to Treasures through the United Church of Canada, with the exception of July and August when webinars are not scheduled. Generally, at least two members of the committee review the information provided during the webinar,
- following elections at our ACM, ensure changes to our Board and Trustees are recorded with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and Service Canada,
- with additional financial business arising.

Highlights for 2022:

- We have developed a Policy and Procedure Manual to clarify and support the work of the committee. This has been a lengthy, yet important task as it ensures procedures are not lost with changes to the membership of the committee. It will be presented to the Board in March 2023.
- We have investigated the UCC Foundation as an option for the very generous endowment from the estate of Margaret Caldwell for the music needs of St. Martin. We will be providing a recommendation to the Board in 2023.
- The UCC has developed an insurance policy and made it available to churches. This has been a significant, and complex project for the UCC. In association with the Property Committee, we will be reviewing this as a possible option for St. Martins.

- As interest rates have risen during 2022, we have had to more closely monitor our investments to ensure that we are receiving the best rate of return with Affinity Credit Union.
- We appreciate the Stewardship program Kali Brazier-Tompkins and James Cook developed to assist St. Martins fiscal needs. Thank you to all congregation members who financially supported this initiative.

Committee Representatives:

- Dale Worrell resigned early in 2022 due to taking on additional preaching commitments at a rural church. We want to acknowledge Dale's participation.
- Rick Dobrow has continued to act as Treasurer, without being elected to that position. Since the start of Covid 2020, he navigated and submitted the necessary government documents to ensure we received the financial support the government provided. We have benefited greatly from Rick's knowledge and commitment.
- Fay Harris acts as secretary on the committee and does a fantastic job. Her financial experience is a great asset to the committee.
- Beth Williamson was also a welcome addition to the committee in 2022. Beth's legal background and common-sense approach is such a benefit.
- Brandy Emmerich, as staff associate to the committee provides monthly financial statements and reports. She is an important member of the committee. St. Martins is very fortunate to have her working as our Office Administer.

Mavis McPhee,

Chair of the Finance and Stewardship Committee

Staff Reports for 2022

Ministers' Report

2022 was marked by significant challenges and blessings for our community of faith. As we reflect back over this year, we wish to recognize and honour the resilience and the faithfulness of our church family. We are inspired by you and so grateful for every one of you.

St. Martin's has long enjoyed excellent volunteer leadership in many aspects of our life and ministry. What makes this year stand out is that everyone was suffering the effects of two years of a global pandemic, which was exhausting – physically, emotionally, and spiritually. At a time when most of us were feeling depleted and like we had nothing left to give, our dedicated volunteers *still* stepped up to carry on our ministry within and beyond our community of faith. New leaders came forward to chair and populate committees; our worship and Christian education volunteers showed up faithfully, well prepared and ready to lead; our tech team expanded exponentially and diligently learned how to run a raft of new technology; our Ministry by Phone volunteers reached out to every member of our congregation to offer a listening ear; our prayer shawl group, pastoral visitors, and outreach team continued to tend to the needs within and beyond our walls. A number of new volunteers joined our former committee member to form a Refugee and Permanent Residents task group. This group began planning for the impending arrival of a family we had made application for a number of years ago. We are blessed to have such dedicated volunteers serving on committees, leading small groups, supporting our membership, and reaching out to the wider community on

our behalf. At a time when energy was at a low ebb, you made it possible for of us to keep going. Thank you!

This was a hard year, in so many ways. Our return to in person worship was bitter-sweet. We felt and continue to feel the absence of so many of our church family members who are no longer with us. COVID took many people from us, and it robbed us of the opportunity to say good-bye and to offer support to one another through these losses. Even as we delight in the possibility of being together again, we grieve the people and the ways of being community that were lost. We also grieve the freedom and sense of ease that once characterized our social interactions with one another. This will take a while to rebuild. We are not the same as we were, but by the grace of God we are finding new and meaningful ways to be community, to expand our circles of belonging, and to break down the isolation that characterized the previous two years. We are reminded of the words of St. Paul when his community was experiencing terrible hardship and suffering:

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. [2 Corinthians 4:8-11]

Despite the significant challenges to community that we have faced, St. Martin's has expanded and deepened our relationships over this last year. The youth and young adults shine in this area! Their presence and commitment to one another is astounding. They are roles models for all of

us. As your ministers, we also draw strength and inspiration from the way this community has cared for one another throughout the pandemic by wearing masks, altering social behaviours, respecting people's choices, and reaching out to each other by phone and email. Our understanding of who *we* are has grown and continues to grow as we explore what it means to be in genuine partnership with ICM (Integrated Community Ministries) and with our own neighbourhood. In addition to reigniting our annual garage sale and once again offering mincemeat for sale before Christmas, we built relationships with our immediate neighbours and with the wider community through our soup sale and Christmas market. These events were all so successful that we have plans to hold regular activities that allow us to partner with our neighbours for our mutual benefit. We also made a decision to become a hub church for Rural Connect, committing ourselves to a relationship of mutuality and support with rural partners in the upcoming year.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, the strength of our resilience in the face of challenge, and our commitment to new and deeper relationships, 2022 was a year of renewal. The return of the Contemporary Singers and the Worship Band on Sunday mornings brought new energy and joy to our worship. The renovations to the sanctuary give it a bright, new feel and the expansion of the sound booth opened up possibilities for livestreaming partnerships previously unimagined. Our children's ministry grew and continues to grow, and new, young leaders stepped up to help. We had several new people join our congregation, drawn to the sense of justice and hope embodied in this community. And our staff found a new synergy that has really strengthened us as a team. (We can not say enough good things

about Brandy and Dan... we are so blessed to have such excellent and delightful colleagues!)

So yes, 2022 was marked by significant challenges, but we met them with courage, hope, resilience, and a deepened sense of community. In all of this, we have been richly blessed. As your ministers, we wish to thank each and every one of you for all you do and all you bring to this community of faith. We would not be who we are, or where we are today, without you. Thank you! ❤️

Gratefully submitted by Keith Hall & Jordan Cantwell

Voluntary Associate Minister

Michael Webster

The saying, "Old preachers never die, they just get put out to pastor" pretty much sums up the role of a VAM.

As a minister in voluntary association with St. Martin's, I am limiting my activities to pulpit supply. In 2022, I led worship at Mayfair and Grace-Westminster and even a few times at St. Martin's – 21 Sundays in total, which is about as busy as I want to be. In addition, I am serving as educational supervisor for Dale Worrall, a candidate from St. Martin's who is in the program to become a Designated Lay Minister.

As always, I find ministry to be a privilege, and I value my connection to St. Martin's.

Submitted by Rev. Michael Webster

Brian Walton

I continue to be appreciative of St. Martin's Church for covenanting with me as a Voluntary Associate Minister and would like to report my ministry activities below as a means of information and accountability.

- Throughout 2022 I continued in my role as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Wakaw United Church and conducted its monthly worship services. At the time of writing, Wakaw Church has decided to sell its building and is uncertain as to whether it will continue as a congregation (in a rented facility) or disband. Decisions will be made by June 30/23
- In the spring of 2022, I had the opportunity to participate as a worship leader at St. Martin's Church during Jordan's sick leave.
- In the fall of 2022, I was asked by McClure Church, after the resignation of Laura Foushe, to share in worship leadership and to do so about once per month. This arrangement continues into 2023.
- I was asked by Living Skies Region to become the Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Grace-Westminster Church after the retirement of Daryl Woods. I have carried out this role, mainly through attendance at their Board meetings throughout the fall of 2022 and into April of this year when Brenda Curtis will assume their ministry position.
- I have had opportunity to conduct three funerals during 2022 at Wakaw and St. Martin's.

I continue to appreciate these opportunities to engage in the work of ministry and look forward to ongoing opportunities in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Walton

Brandy Emmerich

Highlights from my work in 2022.

Administrative & Financial

- I continue to send weekly mailing outs to approximately 28 people/families that include the Messenger, bulletin, weekly devotionals, and any other pertinent information from St. Martin's, Living Skies Regional Council, The United Church of Canada, etc.
- Creating the weekly email St Martin's Church Chat as well as numerous special emails which provided important information to the congregation.
- Data entry into QuickBooks for all payments, expenses, income, donations, etc.
- Maintaining the membership and contact records in Servant Keeper
- Weekly staff meetings
- Attending Finance Committee meetings as the staff liaison
- Bi-weekly bank deposits
- Continuing to post on St. Martin's Instagram and Facebook accounts.
 - We have 177 followers on Instagram.
 - On Facebook 574 people like the page and 687 people follow it, which is up from last year.
- Completing all year end tasks such as producing T4A's, printing and sending out donation tax receipts, and working with the auditor.
- I continue to work on a comprehensive Office Manual that will outline the duties and tasks of the office administrator. It is a bit of a living document.
- I recertified with QuickBooks Online

Fundraising and Event Planning

- Helped to organize the Fall Kick Off Church Picnic at John Lake Park on September 11, 2022.
- School Supply Fundraiser. Collected supplies, purchased supplies with money that was donated, and delivered the supplies to 3 schools: Georges Vanier

Catholic Fine Arts School, St. Phillip School, and St. Frances Cree Bilingual School.

- Organized and coordinated the 2022 United Church Office Administrators Retreat which took place on October 4-7, 2022, at Queen's House.
- Organized and coordinated with IPC to schedule photo appointments for congregation members and work with them in the creation of a new photo directory for St. Martin's
- Organized the 1st Annual Soup Sale in November 2022 which raised \$2387.00.
- Organized and coordinated the St. Martin's Christmas Market which took place on December 10, 2022, and we raised \$1900.00.
- Christmas Hampers. Organized and collected gifts and food for 3 families at Christmas.

I am extremely blessed to be a part of the St. Martin's team and community. It is a joy to work with such gifted colleagues & exceptional committees and individuals within St. Martin's. The generosity & commitment shown by all is heartwarming and inspirational.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandy Emmerich

NOMINATIONS REPORT
for the
ST. MARTIN'S UNITED CHURCH 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting
March/April 2023

(*Board Term is 3 years/maximum of 2 consecutive terms.

Board Members whose 2nd term will conclude April 16, 2023.

Name	Designation	Term	Ends
Pat Sonntag	Worship Support Chair	2	April 2023
Randy Cline	Past Chair	6 yrs	April 2023

Board Members 2nd terms will conclude in 2024

Name	Designation	Term	Ends
Don Cook	Property Chair	2	2024
Mavis McPhee	Finance Chair	2	2024

Board Member whose 1st term will conclude in 2025.

Name	Designation	Term	Ends
Pat Walker	Outreach Chair	1	2025
Bob McPherson	M&P Rep	1	2025

Board Member 2nd term will conclude in 2025

Name	Designation	Term	Ends
Katie Curtis	Youth and YA Rep	2	2025

Roles on the St. Martin's Board

Chair Elect: Bette Brazier (effective 2025)

Board Chair: Vacant

Past Chair: Jennifer Janzen- Ball will begin two-year term as past chair effective April 16, 2023.

Worship Support: Vacant

Open Term:

Treasurer: Fay Harris (as per UCC Manual Article 208) effective April 16^h, 2023

Secretary: Joel Yurach (as per UCC Manual article 208)

UCW: Kathy Schmidtz (as per UCC Manual article 294)

Staff (Open Term): 1. Keith Hall 2. Jordan Cantwell

Regional Representatives

In the regional structure, we are allowed the same number of representatives on the Regional Council as we were on Presbytery.

1. Vacant 2. Vacant 3. Vacant