

Knox Presbyterian Church

Listowel

Annual Reports for 2023



"...a welcoming family of God's people, committed to worshipping Jesus Christ, sharing our faith and doing His work in the world."

IN MEMORIAM



ARAND, Carolyn
BENNETT, Doris
BITTON, Mary
COBER, Vivien
FISCHER, Gwen
GOODFELLOW, Helen
HACKBART, Neil
HOLMES, Marilyn
HUTTON, Eleanor
MCCALLUM, Anne
MCINTOSH, Margaret

01/25/2023
 11/03/2023
 10/19/2023
 09/23/2023
 07/10/2023
 02/09/2023
 02/26/2023
 05/15/2023
 06/13/2023
 04/01/2023
 04/23/2023

NEABEL, Jean
SIMPSON, Joe
THOMPSON, Richard
TUCKER, Audrey
WEBER, Barb

01/21/2023
 03/02/2023
 09/01/2023
 11/01/2023
 01/25/2023

BAPTISMS



BUCHANAN, Knox
02/26/2023



GLEESON, Addy & Lola
11/26/2023



HORST, Gabriella
03/05/2023



LEUTENEGGER, Denham & River
02/26/2023



MCCLURE, Annalise
11/26/2023



RICHARDS, Scout
05/14/2023



RUSSELL, Cooper
04/23/2023



SONNENBURG, Porter
05/07/2023



WILLIAMS, Jackson
05/14/2023

BIRTHS

MCCLURE, Annalise 07/25/2023
RICHARDS, Scout 01/16/2023



MARRIAGES



Parker Yungblut	to	Katie Aylwin	July 8, 2023
Mark Allinson	to	Kaitlyn Wall	August 5, 2023
Dillion Williams	to	Caitlyn Cadogan	October 14, 2023

Knox Presbyterian Church
2023 Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 11, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m. (approx.)

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order – welcome and prayer
2. Reading of 'In Memoriam'
3. Appointment of Secretary for the Meeting
4. Presentation of the Minutes of the February 12, 2023, Annual Meeting
(*Motion: 'That the minutes be adopted as printed.'*) Discussion...
5. Consideration of all Reports except Trustees and Board of Managers
(*Motion: 'That all reports except Trustees and Board of Managers be received for information'*) Discussion...
6. Trustee's Report (*Motion: 'That the report of the Board of Trustees be adopted.'*) Discussion.....
7. Board of Managers Report and Financial Statement for 2023 (*Motion: 'That the Report of the Board of Managers and the Financial Statement for 2023 be adopted.'*) Discussion/Questions?.....
8. Presbyterian's Sharing (*Motion: That the goal for Presbyterians Sharing for 2024 of \$31,000.00 be adopted*) Discussion
9. Budget for 2024 (*Motion: 'That the 2024 Budget be adopted.'*)
Questions? Discussion? Amendments?
10. Election of new Members to the Board of Managers
11. Appointment of Examiner for 2024
12. Appointment of Trustees for 2024
13. New Business
14. Date for the 2024 Annual Meeting: (*February 9 or 16, 2025? vote*)
15. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Knox Church Staff 2023

Minister	Reverend James W. Clark
Director of Music	Agnes Marie Henderson
Office Administrator	Pamela Coleman
Cleaning Service`	Town Cleaning

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Examiner	Tabitha Horst
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Clerk of Session	Paul Stewart
Deputy Clerk	Jim Corry
Chairperson of the Board	Earle Mayes
Sunday School Superintendent	Deanne Deelstra

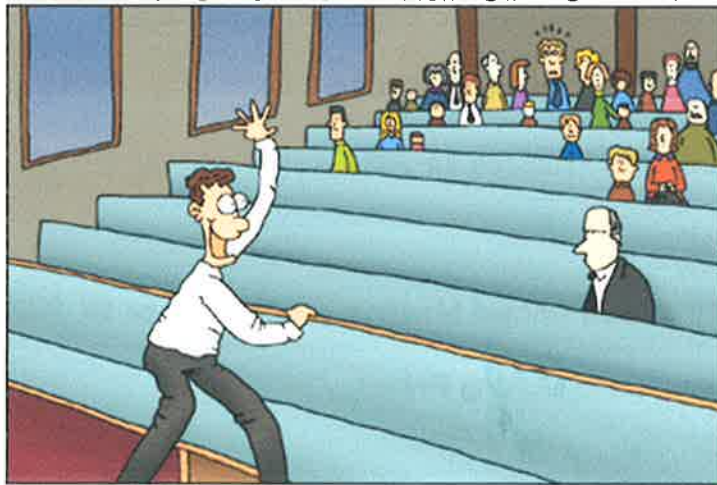
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Trustees for 2023

Rae Fischer, Jim Henderson, Don Bateman, Laura Tryssenaar

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TOM YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT I GOT FRONT
ROW SEATING AGAIN OH MY GOODNESS RUN
UP HERE NOW I'LL SAVE IT WHILE I CAN

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday February 12th, 2023
Knox Church Hall 12:00 pm

Opening: The Rev James Clark, Minister at Knox Listowel, called the meeting to order and welcomed all who were in attendance.

Rev. Clark opened the meeting with prayer and the constitution of the court.

In Memoriam: The Moderator read the names of those translated to Glory in 2022.

Secretary: Moved by George Sjaarda and Jim Spence that Paul Stewart be appointed as secretary for this and all annual meetings as long as he is the Clerk of Session.

Motion Carried.

Previous Minutes: Pam Coleman and Jason Drummond moved that the minutes of February 13, 2022, Annual Meeting be adopted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

All reports excluding the Board of Managers and Trustees: Liz Schinbein and Jason Drummond moved that all the reports, excluding the Board of Managers' and Trustees' Reports, be received for information.

Motion Carried.

Trustees Report: Moved by Jessica Drummond and George Sjaarda that the Trustees report be adopted.

Motion Carried.

Board of Managers' Financial Report: Bobbi Jo Stewart and Joyce Spence moved that the Board of Managers' Report and the 2022 Financial Statement be adopted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

It was asked if the Balance Sheet could be included in next year's report. After a short discussion, it was agreed that this could be provided.

Rev. Clark thanked Pam for all her hard work and dedication to her job.

Presbyterian's Sharing: Earle Mayes and Kelly Henderson moved that the target for Presbyterian Sharing for 2023 be set at \$27,917.00. **Motion Carried.**

Budget for 2023: An amendment to the budget was moved by Kelly Henderson and Marlene Sleightholm, that the decorating budget be increased to \$1000.00, with these expenses needing approval from the Board of Managers. **Motion Carried.**

Pam Coleman presented the proposed budget and was prepared to answer questions. Moved by Brenda Mayes and Jason Drummond that the 2023 budget be adopted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

Election of Board Members: Eight members are retiring from the board. Thanks were expressed for their years of service on the Board of Managers.

Moved by Bobbi Jo Stewart and Don Rozendal that Sheila Andriessen, Sharon VanVeen, Kathy Halliday, Shane McClure, Joyce VanStaten, Paul Lockie and Stewart Skinner be added to the Board of Managers for a three-year term. **Motion Carried.**

Examiner: Moved by Jeff Bannerman and Bobbi Jo Stewart that the 2023 Board of Managers has the authority to appoint an Examiner for 2023. **Motion Carried.**

Trustees: Moved by Jessica Drummond and Earle Mayes that Rae Fischer, Don Bateman, Laura Tryssenaar and James Henderson serve as Trustees for the year 2023. **Motion Carried.**

New Business: Moved by Bobbi Jo Stewart and Laura Tryssenaar that the Board of Managers would be able to add new members this year if needed, due to a member resigning. **Motion Carried.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the money in the Memorial Fund and the excess funds in the general account. Can Knox be more involved in outreach?

Paul Dekker wrote a note thanking the entire AV committee for their commitment and hard work in 2022.

Rev. Clark thanked all in attendance for the warm welcome he and Abbey received from the congregation since coming to Knox in September 2022.

Next Annual Meeting: The next Annual Congregational meeting will be Sunday, February 11, 2024.

Adjournment: Jason Drummond and Pam Coleman moved for adjournment. **Motion carried.**

The Moderator thanked all for coming and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stewart

Clerk of Session, Secretary

2023 Knox Annual Congregational Meeting

Revising the Membership Roll

During the period of Interim Ministry, the lists of Members and Adherents (all others associated with Knox) were computerized and a revision of the Roll was begun. The latter was something that had not been done for many years. Many persons no longer active in the church or even residents of the area were still on our books and our Presbytery/Synod assessments were inflated as a result.

While a large number of names were removed from the Roll prior to Rev. McCallum's call, Session had not yet adopted guidelines to complete the process or to enable ongoing revision to take place. After discussion at several meetings, the Session adopted the following policy in March and completed its revision of the Roll of Professing Members in April.

Policy for Revising the Roll of Professing Members:

1. Members who are 'inactive' for a period of two or more years will be removed from the Roll of Professing Members by resolution of Session and placed on the Historical Roll.
2. 'Inactive' means that, for reasons other than infirmity, attendance at college/university or a temporary work situation, the member has not (to the best of our knowledge):
 - a) Attended worship services or
 - b) Been involved in a group or activity connected with Knox or
 - c) Supported Knox financially.
3. If a person returns to active involvement, the Session will automatically restore them to the Roll of Professing Members.
4. If a person on the Historical Roll asks for a transfer certificate, it will usually be supplied.

We took the step of creating a Historical Roll (of former Professing Members) and a list of Historical Adherents because we want to have a permanent, easily accessible record of all those who have been associated with Knox in the past. One computerized list was too cumbersome and might have resulted in painful mistakes, such as addressing mailings to deceased persons. On the other hand, deleting persons from the computer record would make it difficult to locate baptism, membership or funeral records. With two sets of lists, we have easily accessible records of all who are and have been associated with Knox.

In adopting this Roll Revision Policy, we want to make it clear that 'active' or 'historical' status does not affect the church's availability for weddings, funeral services or social functions. We are simply trying to keep our records in line with the true strength of the congregation. The Policy will be printed each year in the Annual Report and new members will be informed of it when they join. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your Elder.

KNOX CHURCH ELDERS

Mary Lynne Ament	Brian Hamilton	Earle Mayes
Don Bateman	Marsha Hamilton	Christina Nauta
Pat Berfelz	Don Harrison	Brian Purcell
Marion Bristowe	James Henderson	Elizabeth Schinbein
Jim Brooks	Kelly Henderson	Nancy Schneider <i>(to March 1, 2023)</i>
Blair Burns	Clarian Hood	George Sjaarda
Alan Cleland	Doug Johnston	Bobbi Jo Stewart
Ethel Corry	Paul Karges	Paul Stewart (Clerk)
James Corry	Sue Knowlton	Laura Tryssenaar
Rae Fisher	Anneke Kreuger	Rod vanEngen
Colleen Gibson	Alan Mackay	
Don Gibson	Chandra Martin	

In the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Elders are ordained for life but may choose to retire from active service on the Session: The Following are Elders of Knox who are in that category: George Arlein, Doug Aitchison, Helen Bender, Doug Boertien, Grace Burrough, Deanne Cressman, Peter Hemingway, Marjorie Johnston, William Johnston, Catherine Karges, Richard Keeso, Murray Kirkby, Marilyn Morgan, Julie Newbigging, Alan Orth, Helen Perkin, Eleanor Petrie, Jack Porterfield, Evelyn Reis, John Semple, Clifford Stewart, Carole Uptigrove, Lorein van Zant, Dorothy Vint, Dereck Ward, Wendy Zilliax

STATISTICAL NOTES FOR 2023

[2022 Figures in
Brackets]

MARRIAGES conducted by Knox Minister in 2023

3 [0]

BAPTISMS

10 [5]

FUNERALS conducted by Knox Minister

37 [7]

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Reported at the beginning of 2023

476 [520]

Added through Transfer, Order of Session

18 [7]

Added through Profession of Faith

0 [7]

Removed through death,

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Removed through Transfer Certificate

0 [-1]

Removed by revision of the roll

0 [-49]

Total Members

485 [476]

MEMBERSHIP REPORTED AT THE END OF 2023

Members

485

Adherents (currently active)

135

Children

116

Total individuals in our pastoral care

736

Families (active) (includes 1 person to multi-person families)

311

Minister's Report

Jeremiah 29:11 - *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"*

It really is a good piece of scripture that our Clerk of Session used. I know my letter probably comes first in the annual report, but don't get it twisted, I borrowed the quote from the session report. You will find it a little bit further into this annual report and it is worth reading.

God's plan for church and churches has always been something that fascinated me. I did actually say out loud to my wife, "I never want to be in Listowel Ontario ever again" and yet here I am. That isn't to say that God's plan is always different than what we want. That would make God very difficult to follow, and yes, it is a narrow path, but sometimes we do want the same things that God does. I want people to come to know Christ because Christ has changed and helped me, and I want people to do Christ work. I think God does want the same thing, but intentions, and what things look like, and why we want it, that really does change things. It isn't just a matter of wanting. It is a matter of knowing God and lining ourselves up with God. Sometimes people think God's plan is set in stone, maybe on a universe level yes, but sometimes people don't cooperate.

An example, I know that everyone at Knox hopes the church is successful and that we thrive, everyone in every church hopes for that, but it is how that success looks, if it is wanted for the right reasons, if it is for Christ or not, all those things really matter. God has good plans for us at Knox, I know this to be the case, but are we flexible enough and do we love Christ enough for those plans to come to reality?

I remember I was a part of a church once and I felt really bad for the minister, because of course I did, I was going to be one. The church was thriving, they had new people coming, people were being baptized, and people were finding out about Jesus in a real way. The thrive was why I started attending. The problem was it wasn't the right people, it wasn't the people that the old guards of the church cared about, and the desire wasn't to know Jesus, or work in his kingdom, it seemed to be to do the stuff that they enjoyed. That minister had to leave the church because of the culture clash. I remember talking to her, and she said "Their God's plan was different than the one I saw" and it taught me something deeply.

I say all this because this isn't happening at Knox, I honestly feel like we have a great mix of new and traditional and we actually have a shot at understanding and getting all together to follow what God wants for Knox. I think it is because we have our hearts on Christ and not fully on anything else and if we can keep that up, that quote from Jeremiah will be true in our church.

Jeremiah 29:11 - *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"* Happy 2024 Knox Listowel, let us continue to thrive in Christ's kingdom and focus on discerning and working towards God's plan for us.

In Christ

Rev. James Clark

Minister of Word and Sacrament at
Knox Listowel Presbyterian Church



Music Director's Report 2023

The year 2023 was a typical year for the choir with weekly rehearsals in preparation for leading the hymns and praise & worship songs, as well as singing an anthem during the Sunday morning worship services. There were more musical selections sung by the Crosstones, the Gracenotes and Georgina Johnston during the year. There are 22 members in the choir and attendance steadily increased over the year up to an average of 18 singers per Sunday.

Throughout the year keyboard accompaniment was provided by Sheila Andriessen, Jessica Brooks, Janet McDonald and Calla Weber; drums were played by Paul Lockie; and for Easter Sunday we also had Jim McCutcheon on acoustic guitar and Mitch Dekker on bass guitar to have a full band to accompany the music.

The date of this year's "Music of Christmas" concert was Sunday, Dec. 17th. Rehearsals began on Nov. 2nd and the Christmas Choir of 47 members was once again conducted by Nancy Skinner. The choir and soloists were accompanied by a band comprised of several local musicians; our M.C. this year was Rev. James Clark; and several other volunteers helped out with many other tasks (audio-visual, ushers, etc.) to make this concert possible. Thank you to all who were involved in any way! The afternoon performance of the concert was at full capacity (with having to turn people away), and the evening concert also had a large audience. The evening performance was video-recorded and available on Knox's YouTube channel on Tuesday, Dec. 19th. Unfortunately, we experienced some problems with the soundboard which resulted in only have one half of the microphone signals being recorded. The AV Committee has already been looking at replacing the soundboard and other components of the AV system and hopefully, for this year's 20th anniversary concert, we will have an updated and fully-functioning AV system. The free-will offering from this year's concert was approximately \$5516.00 with 50% of the proceeds split equally between the local Salvation Army Food Bank and Youth For Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes-Marie Henderson
Director of Music





On July 17th-21st, 46 kids were led by 31 staff members on an action-packed adventure at Hero Hotline. We learned that everyone's gifts are valued and everyone can be a hero.

We explored the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how we can be heroes if we follow the examples set by people in the Old and New Testaments.

Here is an overview of the week...

Day	Bible Story	Theme
Monday	Jesus Builds the Team (John 1:35-51)	Heroes are called to... Follow Jesus!
Tuesday	God's Wonder Women (Exodus 1-2)	Heroes are called to... Help Others!
Wednesday	Jethro Mentors Moses (Exodus 18)	Heroes are called to... Work Together!
Thursday	The Magnificent Magi (Matthew 2:1-12)	Heroes are called to... Listen to God!
Friday	Heroes Give Paul a Basket Ride (Acts 9:1-25)	Heroes are called to... Show Grace!

Mission for the Week...



We collected \$685.00 to donate to PWS&D to share what we have with other people. Kids learned that God gives each of us the ability and the heart to do important things that make a difference.

Hotline Heroes



Blue Heroes (JK/SK)

Leaders: Marsha Hamilton, Aleshia Diegel, Aubrey Nauta



Red Heroes (Grade 1/2) Page 10

Leaders: Bobbi Jo Stewart, Lois Aitchison, Alyssa Alexander



Green Heroes (Grade 3/4)

Leaders: Cheryl Cleland, Kennedy Nauta



Orange Heroes (Grade 5/6)

Leaders: Liz Schinbein, Jessica Drummond



Station Leaders

Hotline Music:
Abbey Clark



Hero Basic Training:
Rev. James



Hotline Science:
Brynn Berfelz, Jade Campbell, Taylor Rayfield



Hotline Snacks:
Pat Berfelz, Pat McClement, Joyce Spence
Christina Nauta, Joyce VanSanten



Hotline Crafts:
Agnes Henderson, Janet McDonald, Mary Marles
Carol Jones, Nancy Skinner, Chrissie Schneider



Heroes in Action
Bill Nauta
Reid Schneider



Christian Education Committee Report 2023

1 Chronicles 16:34: *“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his loving kindness is everlasting.”*

Looking back over 2023, we have so much to be thankful for once again. After a wintery end to 2022, we embraced once again the beginning of a new year with hope and positivity. With our very capable Superintendent Deanne Deelstra and her team of teachers, the Sunday school program was up and running once again. As families begin to embrace Church and Sunday school attendance, the numbers in our congregation as well as Church School continue to climb.

As we headed into Spring Church school numbers remained consistent with 15 -30 children in attendance on most Sundays. In April we enjoyed a pizza and bowling after church, with approximately 40 people in attendance. It was a great afternoon and we will do this again! The appeal for camperships has once again begun, and as it turned out we were able to send 26 campers off to Camp Kintail for an amazing experience that we hope will stay with them for many years to come. All families were super thankful for the support to send their kids to camp. We thank the congregation for their tremendous support for these children who otherwise may not have been able to go and feel the love and fellowship of fellow campers. June 11th was our wrap-up for Church School with a hot dog and ice cream lunch. The Christian Ed. Centre was abuzz with the happy chatter of children and elderly alike, and the meal was enjoyed by so many!

As summer services approached, we provided Church pew packs so that after hearing the children’s story the children could return to their parents with a snack and a small activity. In July Deanne and her crew magically transformed the CE auditorium into a dark and mysterious place where 31 staff members led 46 children on an action-packed adventure at Hero Hotline. It was certainly an action-packed week where children learned new songs and made new friends. The kids learned that God gives us each the ability and the heart to do things that make a difference. In total \$ 685.00 was raised to donate to PWS&D to share what we have with other people.

Fall has arrived and with it the start up of Church school. With the beginning of Church school comes our annual Sundaes Sunday with an excellent turnout for delicious treats of ice cream and many toppings to enjoy! We again supported our graduates who have gone off to college or university with \$50.00 gift cards to let them know that we here at Knox are thinking of them while they are away from home. A games night with James and approximately 6 kids and pizza was held at the church and enjoyed by all who attended. In October auditions for the Christmas Pageant ‘Back to the Manger’ started for children in grades 1-6. Mila Campbell and Aubrey Nauta were recruited to help Deanne with choreography for some of the music. An evening of cookie making and baking was once again held where 26 kids and 7 adults enjoyed the activities of the evening. They ended up taking home plates loaded with many varieties of treats! Rehearsal for the concert went well, and the kids enjoyed hot dogs and Tim Horton Timbits between curtain calls. On the morning of December 10th, our church was filled with anxious parents and grandparents waiting to see their little ones tell the story of Christmas once again. It has been a most enjoyable and busy year for our Sunday School. We could never have done any of this if it were not for our Beloved Deanne Deelstra and her team of teachers and support staff for all that she does each year.

Thanks, Pam in the church office for always having an answer, and to James who has an awesome talent with children and youth alike. To God be the Glory, great things he hath done!

Respectfully submitted

Liz Schinbein, Chairperson CE Committee.



Knox Presbyterian Church Listowel
Report of the Nominating Committee-January 2024

A. Committees of Session

Christian Education

Sue Knowlton (Session)
Lisa Fletcher (Congregation)
Liz Schinbein (Session)
* (Youth)
Joyce Meulensteen (Congregation)
Deanne Deelstra (Superintendent)
Laura Johnston (Teacher)
Cheryl Cleland (Congregation)
Brenda Mayes (Congregation)
Brittany Cleland (Congregation)
Anneke Kreuger (Session)
James Clark (Minister)

House

Clare Hood (2)
Jim Brooks (3)
Rod vanEngen (1)

Humanitarian Needs

Marion Bristowe
Clare Hood
James Corry
Paul Karges
Allan Cleland
James Clark (Minister)

Personnel

Brian Purcell (2)
Laura Tryssenaar (2)
Sue Knowlton (1)
Paul Stewart (Clerk of Session)
Don Gibson (1)
Chandra Martin (1)

Building Use (reports to Session)

Alan Cleland (Session)
Doug Johnston (Session)
2 Board members *

* appointed at Feb Board meeting

Note: Rev. James Clark, Minister is an
ex-officio of every committee

Library

Jennifer vanEngen (3)
Lisa Fletcher (1)
Lori Fletcher (2)
Jessica Brooks (2)
Lorri Weber (3)
Bobbi-Sue Pierce (1)
James Clark (Minister)

Memorial Fund

Bobbi Jo Stewart
George Sjaarda
2 Board members (appointed in Feb.)
2 Trustees (appointed in Feb.)
Chairperson of the Board
(Minister/Moderator of Session)

Nominating Committee

Clare Hood (2)
Paul Karges (2)
Rod vanEngen (3)
James Corry (3)
Liz Schinbein (1)
Alan Cleland (1)

B. Joint Session-Board Committees

Audio Visual (Camera, Sound, Power Point)

George Sjaarda (Session)
Alan MacKay (Session)
Jason Drummond (Congregation)
To be appointed (Congregation/Session)
Paul Dekker (Congregation)
Agnes Marie Henderson (Music Director)
Mike Lockie (Congregation)
Paul Lockie (Congregation)
Doug Johnston (Congregation)

Knox Session Report 2023

Dear Members and Adherents of Knox Listowel,

Looking back on the past year, our congregation has experienced growth, encouraged by the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit and the active involvement of our church community at Knox. Reverend James and Abbey have been invaluable pillars, providing guidance and nurturing throughout this journey.

We've celebrated numerous milestones and events that epitomize Knox's spirit of togetherness and community, from the Pancake Supper organized by our enthusiastic young adults for the North Perth community to the revival of the Opportunity Sale in May and the successful Turkey Supper in November—events that marked a return to normalcy after COVID-related challenges in previous years.

Our Easter weekend witnessed a wonderful turnout, hosting traditional services and Zoom Maundy Thursday service in collaboration with Knox Walkerton, embracing innovative ways to connect and worship.

The start of our community meals in June and July, averaging 75 attendees, underscored our commitment to fostering fellowship within our congregation and those in need in our community.

In June, a thoughtful gesture was extended to our members aged over 90 through the delivery of cupcakes. The Session extends our heartfelt appreciation to Rev. James, Donna, Chandra, and Bobbi Jo for their dedicated efforts in preparing and delivering these delightful treats to our cherished members.

We also celebrated adding 13 new adult members on Membership Sunday in June.

Laura Tryssenaar attended the General Assembly in Halifax, and both the Session and Presbytery are grateful for her attendance.

The month of July featured our Vacation Bible School. This event is a cornerstone of our summer calendar, with approximately 60 children eagerly participating. The Session appreciates the passionate leadership of Deanne, and supported by a committed team of volunteers; the week-long program blossomed into a delightful experience. Their collective dedication and enthusiasm infused each day with creativity, learning, and spiritual growth, fostering a nurturing environment where young hearts and minds flourished.

In October, a new outreach initiative spearheaded by Reverend James and our committed Knox volunteers began at Westfield Public School in Listowel, supporting their Friday breakfast program—a testament to our commitment to fostering a warm and supportive community environment

During our 166th anniversary service in October, we were honoured to have Rev. Don McCallum preaching in our pulpit again, a few years after his impactful ministry at Knox. Gratitude extends to the Session's anniversary committee for arranging a post-service lunch, allowing us to savour delicious food and cherished stories with Don.

Once more, the Christmas spirit was vibrant at Knox. The Children's Christmas Concert, eagerly anticipated by our young ones, brought joy to all. Led by Agnes and Nancy, our church choir and friends, "The Music of Christmas" filled our sanctuary during two mesmerizing presentations in December. Our Knox youth embraced the festive spirit with a delightful Christmas cookie-baking evening. The return of the Christmas Eve service further enriched our church family, fostering a sense of joy and reunion during this special season in the church calendar.

The success and warmth of Knox Listowel are indebted to our incredible volunteers, whose selfless contributions make our events and gatherings possible. The Session extends heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your invaluable support.

Throughout the year, our church family experienced both growth and loss. We welcomed new communicant members and celebrated baptisms, yet also mourned the loss of cherished long-time members, including the passing of our retired Elder Richard Thompson in August.

The Session of Knox sincerely appreciates the Board of Managers' efforts to maintain our building and ensure financial stability.

At Knox, our church thrives under the devoted guidance of Reverend James, music director Agnes Henderson, church administrator Pam Coleman, and Sunday School Superintendent Deanne Deelstra. Our technical team, comprising Jason Drummond, Paul Dekker, Mike, and Paul Lockie, skillfully navigated our live streaming services. The Session extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their dedication and expertise in our ministry at Knox.

Serving as the Clerk of Session at Knox has been an honour, guided by all Session members, particularly George Sjaarda and Rev. James.

As we step into 2024, let us remain steadfast in our faith, echoing the words of *Jeremiah 29:11*, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Warm regards,

Paul Stewart
Knox Clerk of Session

Knox Kirk Session Financial Report 2023

Book Balance

December 31, 2022 \$1,526.90

Receipts

Session Dues \$ 620.00

HST Paid \$ 21.74

Expenditures

BMO Maintenance Fee \$ 30.00

Memorial Fund:

Atwood Lions (Dereck Nind) \$ 100.00

Pulpit supply (Byron Kapes) \$ 242.30

HST Rebate \$ (21.74)

Anniversary Sunday: \$ 338.65

Pancake Supper \$ 291.02

BANK BALANCE FOR CASH

ACCOUNT

December 31,2023 \$1,166.67

BOOK BALANCE FOR CASH

ACCOUNT

\$2,146.90

BOOK BALANCE, CURRENT AND
OUTSTANDING EXPENDITURES

\$2,146.90

Respectfully Submitted,
Rod van Engen
Treasurer

The Britton W.M.S. group has had a very busy year as we do our best to do God's work in the world.

We were saddened by the passing of two long time members. Marion Whitfield and Eleanor Hutton.

In January our group catered to our biggest fund raiser, the Egg Farmers dinner, which took place in the Christian Education Hall.

Throughout the year, many meals were provided after funerals and memorial services. These were also served in the Christian Education Hall. The families seemed very grateful for this service. We also supplied one of the Lenten lunches in March.

All of the ladies of the church were invited to our April meeting to hear guest speaker, Jean Aitcheson, speak about the warehouse she runs with volunteers in Stratford out of St Andrew's Church. They collect medical supplies and equipment as well as medications and personal care items. These are used overseas in places like South Sudan and the Ukraine as well as the Women's Shelter and various homeless shelters locally. On Mission Awareness Sunday, members of the congregation were asked to bring items for the warehouse, which were displayed at the front of the church. Doug and Lois Aitchison delivered these items to Stratford. Now the Aitchisons are continuing this effort as people bring in more items and drop them off in a bucket by the church office.

Throughout the year, several members knitted or crocheted dishcloths which were given to the Salvation Army for use in their Christmas hampers.

Our group collected a large amount of underwear for young ladies to be used in South Sudan. These will be distributed by Stu McCutcheon who is involved in a mission there.

In May our group looked after the clothing, children's items, jewellery etc for the Opportunity Sale,

Our group cooked and served one of the Community meals which took place in the church hall in June and July.

Four of our members assisted with Vacation Bible School which took place at Knox in July.

In November, some members made the coleslaw for Knox's turkey supper.

We would like to thank some ladies from the congregation who assisted is throughout the year with such activities as funeral lunches or the Opportunity Sale.

At year end we were pleased to be able to fulfill our W.M.S. allocation and contribute to many worthy charities.

We look forward to another year of learning, fellowship and service.

Yours in His Service,
Christina Nauta, Secretary.

Britton W.M.S. Executive 2023

Past President: Ethel Corry

President: Lois Aitchison

Vice President: Marlene Struthers

Secretary: Christina Nauta

Treasurer: Jean Jinkinson

Friendship and Service: Bev. Porterfield

Financial Examiner: Lorein VanZant

Nominating Convenor: Ethel Corry

Active Member: 22



BRITTON W.M.S. FINANCIAL REPORT 2023Receipts

Bank balance January 1, 2023		\$1,777.42
Offerings	\$ 3,662.00	
Donations	700.00	
Membership Dues	100.00	
Cater 11 funeral lunches	9,000.00	
Cater Egg Farmers of Ontario lunch	1,100.00	
Sale of baby quilt	60.00	
		<u>\$14,622.00</u>
		\$16,399.42

Disbursements

Huron-Perth Presbyterial Allocation	\$ 2,500.00	
Membership Dues	100.00	
Postage	13.21	
Stationery	50.74	
Catering expenses	3,121.11	
Donation for use of Knox kitchen	200.00	
Purchase of stool & glasses for kitchen	155.11	
Underwear for school girls of Sudan	101.50	
Camp Kintail	2,000.00	
Change Her World	300.00	
Evangel Hall	500.00	
Optimism Place	300.00	
PCC Gifts of Change	300.00	
<i>From Sickness to Strength</i>		
<i>Water, Sanitation and Hygiene</i>		
Presbyterians Sharing	300.00	
PWSD	300.00	
Stephen Lewis Foundation	300.00	
Salvation Army Family Services	1,200.00	
WMS Projects	500.00	
<i>Kenora Fellowship Centre</i>		
<i>Action Refugies Montreal</i>		
Water Aid Canada	300.00	
Youth for Christ	600.00	
		<u>\$13,141.67</u>
Bank balance as of December 31, 2023		<u>\$3,257.75</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Jinkinson, Treasurer

Opportunity Knox Report – 2023

We are very glad to continue to meet for times of fellowship, fun, and fundraising. It was decided at the January meeting after we took down the Christmas decorations, that letters and personal invitations would be sent out to try and get new people into the group. We opened up the February meeting for all to meet at Vekys for supper. 18 new ladies and 11 present members attended. As a result, we now have 37 members on the books.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 (usually) in the evening.

March was the first time the new ladies were at a meeting so time was spent doing an ice-breaker game, meeting each other, and planning future meetings. It was decided that we would bring back the annual pasta supper as a fundraiser, with a few alterations to simplify things.

In April, we met to further plan the pasta supper (after a fun pasta quiz). The Pasta Supper was held on April 18 and was a resounding success.

In May we visited Hope Links and learned all about their program for servicing the under-resourced in Listowel.

In June we had a progressive bike tour. We met at Pauline's for refreshments and visiting. Proceeded to Lee-Ann's for more refreshments and visiting and finally followed the trail over Mary Anne's for, you guessed it, refreshments and visiting.

September was spent doing a cute little pumpkin craft.

Once again we decorated pumpkins to sell to the congregation in October. They went unbelievably fast.

November saw the group decorating the Main Hall and sanctuary for Christmas.

In December we travelled to Wroxeter to Sharon's beautiful home for the Christmas party. We enjoyed delicious things to eat and a fun game for our gift exchange.

We continue to have our Prayer Shawl program. If you see a need for someone who would benefit from a hand-knitted prayer shawl, please speak to Pam or any of our members.

If you are interested in coming out and having a fun social time, we are always looking for new people to join our ranks.

Opportunity Knox Officers for 2023

President	Pam Coleman	Vice President	Cathy Bitton
Treasurer	Joanne Brown	Sunshine Person	Mary Anne Nichol
Outreach Mission	Debbie Seiler		

Submitted By
Pamela Coleman, President



OPPORTUNITY KNOX YEAR END DEC.31, 2023

	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
BALANCE AS OF DEC 31, 2021			\$ 232.12
DEPOSITS			
Pasta Supper	\$1,586.60		
Additional Pasta Proceeds	\$ 36.00		
Membership Dues	\$ 70.00		
Pumpkin Sales	<u>\$ 275.00</u>		
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$1,967.60		\$2,199.72
PAYMENTS			
HST Rebate	\$ 99.81		
Turkey Supper Pies(Paid Cash)		\$ 195.00	
Cheques		\$ 186.07	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 281.26
CLOSING BANK BALANCE			\$1,918.46
CASH ON HAND	\$ 20.00		

Trustees Report - 2023Proceeds from Sale of Manse Fund**Assets – January 1, 2023**

Bridgewater Bank GIC 5.17% Due Nov. 30, 2023	\$ 95,000.00
High Interest Savings Account	\$ 3,733.14
*Mortgage – James & Abbey Clark 2.5% Due Oct. 15/27	<u>\$139,097.42</u>
	\$237,830.56

Receipts

Investia Financial Services - Interest	\$ 5,106.41
Rev. James & Abbey Clark – Interest	\$ 3,397.11
Principal	\$ 5,494.69

Disbursements

Transfer to General Fund	\$ 8,554.15
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Assets – December 31, 2023

National Bank of Canada GIC 5.3% Due Dec.5, 2025	\$ 95,000.00
High-Interest Savings Account	\$ 9,227.83
*Mortgage – James & Abbey Clark 2.5% Due Oct. 15/27	<u>\$133,602.73</u>
	\$237,830.56

*On October 15, 2022, \$140,000.00 was loaned to Rev. James and Abbey Clark to assist with the purchase of a home. This loan is secured with a second mortgage and is repayable over 20 years. The interest rate is set at 2.5% for the first five years.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Fischer, Jim Henderson, Laura Tryssenaar, Don Bateman
December 31, 2023

From the AV Committee

As we returned to regular services at Knox, we saw a change to the numbers in on-line attendance (which is not a surprise). From an average of 100 per Sunday; we are still seeing 35 to 45 active devices for weekly services, and it would be fair to presume many having multiple viewers per device. Our system is also a benefit for funerals and weddings where people cannot attend in person for reasons of health or distance. We are glad to be sharing Christ through James' stories and Agnes' wonderful music with an audience outside of our sanctuary.

We hope to make some physical changes to the work area to make things easier to work. We also hope to replace a few aging pieces of electronics that are starting to deteriorate. Lights were added this year for evening and low light Sundays (like the current ones), and also to balance very bright Sundays (like we look forward to this spring).

Thank you for your patience when technical difficulties arise, as they will from time to time.

Please consider helping out back in one of the audio, video or power-point chairs. Things are currently running well, so it isn't a tough job (and the seats are very comfortable).

Respectfully Submitted

Paul Dekker

From The Humanitarian Needs Committee

The Humanitarian Needs Committee is a non-funded committee of Session. It is responsible for keeping the congregation informed of outreach opportunities locally and globally.

The committee promotes the work of PWS&D and their relief efforts. This year had several appeals to different causes.

The seasonal appeals of Lent and Advent were supporting Hope Links and the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Our Mitten Tree continues to be supported at Christmas with donations forwarded to Evangel Hall and the Salvation Army.

The committee thanks the congregation for their continued and enthusiastic support of mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

James Corry

Garden Committee

I was impressed with the number of volunteers for cleaning up weeds. I was approached by 5 or 6 of them which made it easy to schedule because I did not have to track people down. Fletchers were always on time and very helpful. My personal opinion was that the weeding could have been done less often and still be satisfactory, however, the work that was done was perfectly fine. I was very pleased by the eagerness of those who helped. I found it personally difficult to negotiate the time to do more weeding myself. I apologize for that because I believe I underestimated the work.

Whoever is in charge in the future (if it's not me) may need to keep a watchful eye on the creeping weeds that grow by the bench out front. I suggest putting something that takes less maintenance there instead.

Respectfully submitted,

Shayne McClure

Welcoming Committee

No report

Over 90's

No report



MacDonald Memorial Library Annual Report 2023

“A writer only begins a book. A reader finishes it” is a famous quote from the British scholar, Samuel Johnson. At the MacDonald Memorial Library, we have continued to add to our patrons who are finishing and enjoying books. Over the past year, we have added new library patrons and new resources to keep our library inspiring and inviting for Knox members. Whether you are looking for a picture book, board book, novel, spiritual resource, or a DVD, we have many new and old resources for you. We also continue to have a great library team working together to sort, sign out, shelve, and organize all of MacDonald Memorial library resources.

In 2023, we acquired resources from Creation, a book store in London, Chapters Indigo, Amazon, and the more local Gift Chest in Wingham. Our team attempts to buy from local stores like the Gift Chest and Creation bookstore to keep these Christian bookstores alive and well, yet will buy resources from other locations as needed to obtain a diverse and current collection at Knox. We are always open to suggestions, so please consider sharing your ideas with our library volunteers so we can keep our patrons happy and engaged.

Some current popular selections in our adult fiction section include a novel by Kristen Heitzman, *The Still of Night* and Colleen Coble’s *Dark of Night*, *Edge of Dusk* and *Break of Day*. In our children’s section, Sharon, Lois and Bram have made a return with various books including a few sing and read along books for their songs “Skinnamarink”, “Peanut Butter and Jelly” and “One Elephant Went Out to Play”. These books are a bit of a twist on the classic songs and are great texts to promote both reading and singing. Based on patrons’ requests, we have also added a few new youth fiction resources like the classic, Judy Blume’s *Are you There God? It’s me Margaret.* and Rosanne Parry’s *A Wolf Called Wander*. Blume’s classic novel came out with a movie in April 2023 and Parry’s book is based on a true story.

We strive to keep our library, a place where our patrons want to visit, recommend books to friends and family and can find a new or old resource to read or watch. The MacDonald Memorial library would not exist without these visits and recommendations. Please continue to sign out and enjoy our resources and if you are not a library patron and would like to sign out resources, please pop in the library before or after our Sunday church services or contact the church office. Thank you for supporting the Knox library.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lorri Weber

on behalf of the MacDonald Memorial Library Committee

Fellowship Group Report

The Fellowship group has been able to meet fairly regularly this last year. We have had some great speakers.

We meet the 4th Friday of the month from September to June.

The year started with a great games afternoon in January. Several different games were played but the one that seemed the loudest was *Lost Heir*.

We had several speakers during the year. A presentation about scams & how we can avoid them was presented by the O.P.P. We had a talk about Dementia & Alzheimer's from the Alzheimer's Society. In September, Rev. James spoke to us on his mission trip to Malawi. Jennifer Judge spoke in October about her job in the school & dealing with troubled teens. In November we were served a bountiful Christmas dinner by Chandra, Bobbi-Jo & Donna. As they won't accept any remuneration after expenses we were able to donate \$274.00 to the Food Bank.

We invite anyone to join us on the fourth Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in January & February & at 7:30 the rest of the year. Watch the church bulletin for updates.

Respectfully submitted

Shirley Suggitt



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Contribution Range	# of Contributors	Total Given	Average per Contributor
0 - 0	17	0.00	0.00
0.01 - 100	22	1,280.00	58.18
100.01 - 500	40	11,092.00	277.30
500.01 - 1,000	53	39,663.00	748.36
1,000.01 - 1,500	31	38,059.00	1,227.71
1,500.01 - 2,500	23	46,250.00	2,010.87
2,500.01 - 5,000	20	65,730.00	3,286.50
5,000.01 - 999,999,999	8	84,510.00	10,563.75
Total	214	\$286,584.00	\$1,339.18

There were 220 boxes of envelopes ordered for 2023.

There were approximately 176 boxes of envelopes distributed to adult and young adult members.

The above Contribution Range Report shows the amounts received by contributors who either have envelopes or are on the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program (41 members bringing in an annual total of \$66,548.00).

It is always a good idea to follow instructions found on the initial envelope in the box, and print your name on the first few envelopes to make certain you received the correct ones.

We continue with the un-numbered, un-dated format for Sunday School envelopes. Everyone using them is reminded to put their number and/or name on the outside to be credited with the donation.

Quite a few people are donating using e-transfers. This method brought in \$38,185.00, which is included in the contribution range report above if the donor has envelopes, although many people opt out of using them if they use the e-transfer on a regular basis.

Let Pam in the office know if you received envelopes but do not use them regularly. This cuts down envelope costs substantially.

Submitted by
 Pamela D. Coleman
 Office Administrator



KNOX LISTOWEL'S MEMORIAL FUND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Memorial Fund of Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel, is a designated fund which has been established to support the religious work of this congregation. It operates under the following terms of reference as revised and approved by the Session on May 3rd, 2017.

1. a) The Memorial Fund shall be administered by the Knox Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund Committee, consisting of seven members, as follows:
 - i) 2 elders appointed annually by Session,
 - ii) 2 trustees appointed by the Trustees annually,
 - iii) 2 members of the Board of Managers appointed annually by the Board, and
 - iv) the Moderator of Session (an Interim Moderator shall be non-voting).
Every appointed member shall be eligible for re-appointment.
 - b) When a member of the Committee resigns before the completion of his/her term of office, the body which appointed them shall appoint another member to fill the vacancy for the duration of the term in order to preserve the Committee's composition as outlined in part (a).
 - c) The Committee shall appoint one member to act as Convenor, one to act as Secretary, and one to act as Treasurer. The Treasurer, the Convenor, and the Moderator shall be the authorised signing officers for the Memorial Fund; and every cheque will require two of these officers' signatures.
 - d) Four voting members of the Committee, including representation from the Board of Managers, the Trustees, and the Session, shall constitute a quorum.
 - e) The Committee shall provide the Nominating Committee with a list of continuing members as well as retirees from the Committee, and a slate of nominees for the next year's new members and Convenor, before the January Session meeting.
3. All monetary gifts (including interest, if any), and the proceeds of all non-monetary gifts, shall be deposited to the credit of the Fund. The Memorial Fund Committee may exercise the right to refuse donations from sources that do not reflect the biblical beliefs of Knox Presbyterian Church. The Committee may, as necessary, invest and re-invest any part of the Fund in investments in which the principal is guaranteed.
 4. Where the donor of a gift has specified the purpose for which the gift shall be used, the Committee shall not use the gift for any other purpose, unless the donor or, where the donor has died or where his/her whereabouts are unknown, the congregation of Knox church so consents
 5. Any requests for funding from the Memorial Fund should be submitted during the planning phase. The group making application shall complete the form 'Request for Funding', available from the office. The completed form must be submitted to the Convenor, Secretary, or Treasurer for consideration. No more than \$5,000 for an individual disbursement will be allocated by the Committee without seeking Session's approval.

Memorial Fund, Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel, Ontario (cont.)

6. The Fund shall be used for the local work of Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel. This shall be understood to include:
 - a) the purchase or improvement of real estate that may be of advantage to the work of the Congregation;
 - b) repairs, upgrades or capital improvements to the church building or its grounds;
 - c) equipment, resources or other items to be used in or for the support of congregational worship, Christian education, pastoral care or other ministries of Knox Church.

7. The Committee may not authorize funds for the payment of normal operating expenses. In the event that the General Fund of Knox Church is in a deficit position, the Memorial Fund may advance funds in increments of \$5,000 to the General Fund on a no interest basis. The total funds advanced must be re-paid on or before December 31 of the year the funds were advanced. Loans to the General Fund may only be 'forgiven' with the approval of a duly called Congregational meeting.

8.
 - a) The Committee shall keep the following records:
 - Treasurer's records, including annual auditor's report
 - Minutes of past meetings
 - b) At each Session meeting, a report will be provided listing all allocations since the last Session meeting. In addition, Session will receive detailed semi-annual and annual financial statements.
 - c) The Treasurer will report the activity of the Fund to the congregation twice a year, once in Knox News, and once in the Annual Report. In the Annual Report, the Memorial Fund shall include audited financial statements that detail the financial transactions of the Fund.

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MEMORIAL FUND 20, January 2023 - December 2023

	Current Period	Prior Year	Current Budget	Next Year Annual Budget
INCOME				
Memorial Donation Receipt	\$1,343.90	\$2,867.58	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Poinsettias	803.00	792.00	700.00	800.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	140,000.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Earned	17,963.39	18,767.04	1,100.00	17,000.00
General Fund Payment	10,524.14	5,535.65	6,575.00	6,700.00
Memorial Fund Unreceipted	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00
Bequest Income Unreceipted	0.00	5,697.52	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	30,634.43	173,659.79	11,450.00	27,500.00
EXPENSES				
General Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Capital Expense	22,951.07	53,601.86	60,000.00	25,000.00
Sound & A/V System	3,939.33	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
PWS & D	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Our Daily Bread Ministry	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
Christian Education	224.94	1,142.92	1,200.00	1,200.00
Poinettias	493.71	461.49	600.00	600.00
Baptism Gifts	151.59	173.18	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous Expense	6,582.37	145,129.92	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,343.01	200,809.37	67,300.00	37,000.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$11,708.58	-\$27,149.58	-\$55,850.00	-\$9,500.00

Memorial Fund Report 2023

As in other years, the Memorial Fund was ready to finance all the requests to the committee. \$25,000.00 was granted for two overhead projectors purchased and installed for less. \$4,000.00 was donated to P.W.S.& D. to support the Turkey/Syria earthquake victims. \$3,200.00 was given to the Benevolent Fund to provide supplies for the community meals during June and July. \$4,000.00 was donated for the breakfast program at Westfield Elementary School for the hungry children in the community. Finally, the last installment was paid for the stained-glass windows. The fund is responsible for the regular outlay like Bibles and Baptism and High School graduate gifts

The Committee thanks everyone who donated money to the Fund in memory of those who passed into Glory in 2023, namely:

Doris Bennett	Mary Bitton	Vivien Cober,	Neil Hackbart,
Marilyn Holmes	Anne McCallum	Rhonda McClement	Richard Thompson
Barb Weber	Harry Winkel		

Respectfully Submitted
George Sjaarda, Secretary-Treasurer



Balance Sheet

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MEMORIAL FUND 20, December 2023

	Current Year	Previous Year
ASSETS		
BANK ACCOUNTS		
CHECKING ACCOUNTS		
Mem Fund Cur AC 5200814	\$56,588.46	\$30,648.15
Mem Fund Sav AC 9514562	15,259.75	6,874.95
Mem Libro Sav AC 3493004	1,215.00	964.00
Subtotal Checking Accounts	73,063.21	38,487.10
INVESTMENTS		
CIBC Non Cashable G.I.C.	121,172.30	120,449.60
CIBC Non Cashable G.I.C.	41,653.22	41,198.79
CIBC Non Cashable G.I.C.	2,000.00	2,000.00
TD G.I.C.	104,702.74	101,498.08
TD G.I.C.-02	104,611.37	101,122.64
Libro 1 Yr GIC 3493004-5	104,518.81	100,018.00
Libro 2 Yr GIC 3493004-2	108,643.28	163,334.90
Subtotal Investments	587,301.72	629,622.01
HST RECEIVABLE		
Fed Port'n HST Receivable	223.35	1,322.17
Prov Port'n HST Receivable	586.05	3,469.37
GST Receivable-Books	17.74	0.00
Subtotal Hst Receivable	827.14	4,791.54
TOTAL ASSETS	\$661,192.07	\$672,900.65
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$661,192.07	\$672,900.65
TOTAL EQUITY	661,192.07	672,900.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$661,192.07	\$672,900.65

I have examined the records of the Memorial Fund of Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel, and in my opinion, the Income and Expense Statement and Balance sheet represent fairly the financial operations for the year and the bank balance as of December 31, 2023.

Tabatha Horst

Tabatha Horst

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BOARD OF MANAGERS 2023**

Chair – Earle Mayes Vice-Chair - Alan MacKay Secretary – Sharon VanVeen

To Retire 2023	To Retire 2024	To Retire 2025
Carol Jones	Alan MacKay	Sheila Andriessen
Don Rozendal	Lee Mayes	Kathy Halliday
Doug Johnston		Paul Lockie
Mike Boneschansker		Shayne McClure
Earle Mayes		Stewart Skinner
Laura Tryssenaar		Sharon VanVeen
Ralph Lee		Joyce VanStaten

Retirements effective at annual meetings in February of each year.

Board of Managers Committees

<u>Personnel</u>		<u>Exterior, Interior & Furnace</u>	
Laura Tryssenaar	519-291-4370	Laura Tryssenaar	519-291-4370
Mike Boneschansker	519-492-2703	Paul Lockie	
		Ralph Lee	519-418-9099
<u>Mgm't Team for Set Ups</u>		<u>Finance</u>	
Shayne McClure		Laura Tryssenaar	519-291-4370
Joyce van Santen	519-291-7462	Kathy Halliday	519-591-0568
Sheila Andriessen	519-291-5068	Earle Mayes	519-291-4808
<u>Ushers</u>		<u>Computer, Office & Website</u>	
Doug Johnston	519-291-8007	Alan Mackay	519-356-9120
Lee Mayes		Lee Mayes	
<u>Opportunity Sale</u>		<u>Lawn and Garden</u>	
Laura Tryssenaar	519-291-4370	Don Rozendal	
Joyce VanSanten	519-291-7462	Shayne McClure	
<u>Cheque Authorization</u>		<u>Insurance/Security</u>	
Earle Mayes	519-291-4808	Laura Tryssenaar	519-291-4370
Laura Tryssenaar	519-291-4370	Mike Boneschansker	519-492-2703
Ralph Lee	519-418-9099		
<u>Decorating</u>		<u>Fire Extinguishers</u>	
Sharon VanVeen	519-335-3069	Mike Boneschansker	519-492-2703
<u>Financial Examiner</u>			

Bold = Sub committee main contact-

Chair to represent on all committees

Board Representation/Assistance on Joint Session Committees:

Session – Earle Mayes, Doug Johnston, Alan MacKay, Laura Tryssenaar

Audio Visual – Mike Boneschansker, Lee Mayes, Jason Drummond, Paul Dekker, Mike Lockie
George Sjaarda, Alan MacKay, Blair Burns, Agnes Marie Henderson, Paul Lockie, Doug Johnston

Memorial Fund – Carol Jones, Earle Mayes, Laura Tryssenaar, Bobbi Jo Stewart, George Sjaarda

Building Use - Ralph Lee, Carol Jones, Doug Johnston, Alan Cleland

Board of Mangers 2023 -The Year of the Resurrection.

We started off the year with 16 members of the Board. However, at the end of 2023 we have seven members retiring and there is a great need to have people come forward before or at the Annual Meeting to be on the Board. We had 16 members last year, that is a little larger than the norm and 12 or 13 members of the Board will suffice. However, as you can see from last year, if people want to volunteer we will never turn anyone away.

The Board requires many talents. If you have a particular interest in audio visual, building maintenance, gardening, then the board of managers may be the place for you.

Highlights from the year include: We formed a new committee for building management. It was not adequate to meet the needs of the church and we are looking for volunteers to perform light duties in the church. If interested please contact Laura Tryssenaar or Earle Mayes.

The first part of the Resurrection was that we were able, after COVID, to bring back the Opportunity Sale. While this is a Board initiative, it really is a congregational event as all sectors were supported by members of the congregation. The sale generated \$6100.00. We donated \$5,000 to local charitable organizations and the balance to the general fund.

The Church has nine furnaces and it seems every year, that we are replacing at least two of the furnaces. We found out this year that they are all up to date and should be good until 2030.

During the year we reviewed our kitchen, we looked at our Health standards, kitchen equipment and appliances. It was recommended through insurance that we remove the gas ranges and replaced them with electric ranges. We had a Public Health official in who reviewed our standards and practices and we are considered to be in compliance. We reviewed the kitchen and found a need for new griddles.

Our parking lot cement curbing has taken a beating from snow removal and old age. Estimates are anywhere from \$10-\$20,000 and it is a project that should be considered for 2024.

Ushers are needed. We have had ushers serve for 40-50 years and we need replacements. The job is not as difficult as the ushers no longer have to count and balance the offering on Sunday. It is a job that really runs from 10:00 a.m. to the end of the service. We will gladly accept help from high school students looking to complete their volunteer hours. I know that some of our Communicants class this year are going to help.

Windows: The stain glass windows were completed during 2023 as Bobbi-Jo Stewart started this project. It seems like eons ago and it has been finally completed this summer and we are grateful for Bobbi-Jo's assistance.

Decorating of the Church has been well looked after by our Board Secretary, Sharon Van Veen with assistance from Donna McMillan. Opportunity Knox decorated the Church for the Christmas season.

Balcony: Due to an insurance review, we have placed signs asking that children under the age of 12 be accompanied by an adult when they go to the balcony, due to the low railings.

Resurrection of the Turkey Supper, which everyone was eager to bring back. If it wasn't for the congregation preparing food and other preparations, then this project would not have been as successful as it was. We are truly thankful for everyone's assistance.

We are currently in the process of getting the Christian Ed Hall and Hallways repainted in 2024. It has been many years since it was freshened up.

One of the monthly duties of the Board of Managers is to review the financial reports and budgets for the Church's operation. We started the year with a small deficit and I am pleased to report that at the end of 2023 we will be in a positive financial position. I would like to thank my current Board of Managers for their continued good work in the Lord's name.

Respectfully submitted, Earle Mayes, Chair, Board of Managers 2023.

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Consolidated - January 2023 - December 2023

	Current Period	Prior Year	Current Budget	Next Year Annual Budget
INCOME				
CONTRIB. INCOME-RECEIPTED				
UNRESTRICTED-RECEIPTED				
General Fund	\$261,631.46	\$238,878.84	\$266,000.00	\$290,000.00
Initial Offering	365.00	345.00	300.00	300.00
Anniversary Sunday	1,454.00	815.00	1,000.00	1,250.00
Easter Offering	2,257.00	2,131.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Turkey Supper-Receipted	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christmas Offering	2,985.00	1,450.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Thanksgiving Offering	850.00	2,810.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Opportunity Sale Receiptd	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reimbursed Expse-Receiptd	6,758.15	150.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal General Fund	276,380.61	246,579.84	275,800.00	299,550.00
Children's General Fund	94.00	55.00	100.00	100.00
Misc. Income-Receipted	102.00	78.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Children's General Fund	196.00	133.00	100.00	100.00
Subtotal Unrestricted-receipted	276,576.61	246,712.84	275,900.00	299,650.00
DONOR RESTRICTED				
TEMP RESTRICTED -RECEIPTS				
Library Receipted	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth CE Class	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
Flower Beds-Unreceipted	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Temp Restricted -receipte	45.00	200.00	25.00	0.00
Presbyterians Sharing	38,173.00	27,326.00	31,000.00	31,000.00
OTHER RECEIPTED RESTRICTED				
Evangel Hall	2,784.00	2,699.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Camp Kintail	12,930.00	5,585.00	0.00	0.00
Salvation Army Food Bank	3,545.00	1,515.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. Special Appeals Rct	1,290.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Samaritan's Purse	530.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Nicaragua	300.00	1,070.00	0.00	0.00
P.W.S.& D.	15,215.00	7,715.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
PWS&D - Special Appeal	15,111.00	16,080.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial Donation Receipt	50.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other Receipted Restrictd	51,755.00	34,934.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Subtotal Donor Restricted	89,973.00	62,460.00	38,525.00	38,500.00
Subtotal Contrib. Income-receipted	366,549.61	309,172.84	314,425.00	338,150.00
INTEREST INCOME				
Investment Interest	1,125.00	0.00	1,125.00	1,322.81
UNRECEIPTED				
UNRECEIPTD-UNRESTRICTED				
Building Use-Unreceipted	2,125.00	518.58	500.00	1,000.00
Loose	4,090.85	1,778.35	1,200.00	2,500.00
Misc. Income-Unreceipted	338.60	150.00	0.00	0.00
Recycled Newspaper Income	779.35	1,868.75	2,000.00	1,000.00
Turkey Supper	8,920.00	0.00	6,800.00	6,800.00
Manse Sale Interest Recvd	8,554.15	6,132.96	8,300.14	8,300.14
Library-Unreceipted	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00

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Mem. Library Video Membsh	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Opportunity Sale	6,131.10	100.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
Fundraising	2,906.52	4,384.85	3,500.00	2,000.00
Music - Concerts Unreceip	5,517.50	3,983.50	4,000.00	4,000.00
Childrens Gen Fund -Unrec	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lenten Lunches-Unreceiptd	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Unreceiptd-unrestricted	39,858.07	19,116.99	31,300.14	31,625.14
TEMP RESTRICTED-UNRECPTD				
Presb. Sharing-Unrecepte	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Camp Kintail-Unreceipted	20.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
Salv. Army Food Bank-Unre	270.00	208.75	0.00	0.00
PWS & D -Unreceipted	300.00	5,738.00	0.00	0.00
VBS - Unreceipted	685.00	625.00	300.00	300.00
Benevolent-Unreceipted	3,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Temp Restricted-unrecptd	5,275.00	7,071.75	300.00	300.00
Rent- 248 Livingstone Ave	17,460.00	17,040.00	17,460.00	17,460.00
Subtotal Unreceipted	62,593.07	43,228.74	49,060.14	49,385.14
TOTAL INCOME	430,267.68	352,401.58	364,610.14	388,857.95
EXPENSES				
FIXED EXPENSES				
PERSONELL				
MINISTER				
Minister Salary	\$48,852.00	\$15,493.36	\$48,852.00	\$52,806.00
Minister Moving Exp	0.00	4,202.20	0.00	0.00
Minister Expnse Fund	320.13	336.20	1,000.00	1,000.00
Minister Telephone	457.30	237.55	720.00	686.00
Minister Internet	1,308.97	220.22	1,296.00	1,310.00
Minister Cont. Educ	742.63	0.00	1,000.00	2,257.00
Minister Hydro	1,896.99	464.67	1,560.00	2,025.00
Minister Water/Sewer	751.40	108.39	800.00	790.00
Minister Gas	1,067.66	426.53	750.00	1,200.00
Minister Housing	30,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Subtotal Minister	85,397.08	31,489.12	85,978.00	92,074.00
MUSIC MINISTRY				
Choir Director Salary	31,168.07	29,155.93	31,168.00	34,990.00
INTERIM MODERATOR				
IM Salary	0.00	3,824.00	0.00	0.00
IM Misc. Expenses	0.00	1,072.97	0.00	0.00
IM Travelling Expenses	0.00	43.88	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Interim Moderator	0.00	4,940.85	0.00	0.00
STAFF SALARIES				
Office Administrator	27,775.25	26,648.98	27,500.00	29,146.00
MISC STAFF EXP				
Staff Gifts	75.00	75.00	500.00	500.00
EMPLOYER EXPENSES				
Employer Port CPP Ded.	6,845.04	4,319.92	7,020.00	7,020.00
Health & Dental	5,311.44	4,215.60	5,312.00	5,577.12
Health & Dental-Administr	2,565.10	2,451.60	2,500.00	2,650.00

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Employer Port.El Ded.	2,748.58	1,882.81	2,700.00	2,700.00
Cong. Share Pension/Benef	11,166.72	12,881.88	11,167.00	12,388.12
Subtotal Employer Expenses	28,636.88	25,751.81	28,699.00	30,335.24
Subtotal Personell	173,052.28	118,061.69	173,845.00	187,045.24
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE				
OFFICE EXPENSE				
Newspaper	648.68	640.54	600.00	660.00
Bank Charges	55.01	66.00	30.00	30.00
P.A.R. Remittance Fee	242.00	223.50	240.00	250.00
TITHE.LY Fee	155.71	160.84	150.00	100.00
Over/Short	-10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	1,368.10	1,068.74	1,000.00	1,000.00
Postage	286.87	995.84	1,000.00	1,000.00
Photocopier Useage	2,630.50	2,180.35	2,500.00	2,000.00
Office Equipment	3,840.58	968.72	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mileage Reimbursements	0.00	217.72	0.00	0.00
Comprehensive Insurance	15,881.40	14,140.44	15,881.00	16,751.88
Staff Training	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
PHONES				
Church Phones	2,061.22	2,339.05	2,350.00	2,350.00
INTERNET				
Internet Access	958.35	975.96	1,025.00	1,060.00
COMPUTER EXPENSES				
Computer Hardware	470.72	158.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
Computer Software/Mainten	363.78	408.46	500.00	500.00
Web Page	696.34	696.34	700.00	700.00
Subtotal Computer Expenses	1,530.84	1,263.30	2,700.00	2,700.00
Subtotal Office Expense	29,649.26	25,241.00	28,976.00	29,401.88
Presb/Synod Assessment	5,425.00	5,466.84	5,425.00	5,916.36
Subtotal Administrative Expense	35,074.26	30,707.84	34,401.00	35,318.24
BUILDING & GROUNDS				
UTILITIES				
Hydro One	5,391.46	5,739.00	8,000.00	6,000.00
Water & Sewer	944.24	955.68	1,000.00	1,000.00
Gas	10,862.24	8,579.80	8,000.00	13,800.00
Fire & Safety	904.11	1,167.23	1,525.00	1,500.00
Subtotal Utilities	18,102.05	16,441.71	18,525.00	22,300.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE				
Maintenance Supplies	1,803.75	1,376.87	2,500.00	2,000.00
Custodians	26,862.57	25,974.57	30,000.00	30,000.00
General Repairs/Maintenan	5,902.22	7,234.56	7,000.00	18,900.00
Capital Expense	0.00	9,727.74	12,000.00	10,000.00
Sound & A/V System	3,320.66	4,034.83	1,500.00	1,500.00
ELEVATOR				
Elevator Licence	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Elevator Maintenance	1,777.34	1,704.88	1,779.00	1,849.00
Elevator Inspection	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Subtotal Elevator	2,027.34	1,954.88	2,279.00	2,349.00

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Subtotal Building Maintenance	39,916.54	50,303.45	55,279.00	64,749.00
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE				
Lawn & Garden Care	1,307.35	842.42	1,800.00	1,600.00
Snow Removal	4,153.54	5,028.09	5,000.00	5,000.00
Subtotal Grounds Maintenance	5,460.89	5,870.51	6,800.00	6,600.00
Subtotal Building & Grounds	63,479.48	72,615.67	80,604.00	93,649.00
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	271,606.02	221,385.20	288,850.00	316,012.48
DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES				
PRESB. CHURCH IN CANADA				
Presbyterian Sharing	38,473.00	27,326.00	31,000.00	31,000.00
PWS & D	15,515.00	7,715.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
P.W.S.& D.-Special Appeal	15,111.00	21,818.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Presb. Church In Canada	69,099.00	56,859.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
OTHER MISSIONS				
Evangel Hall	2,784.00	2,699.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Camp Kintail	12,950.00	5,975.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. Special Appeals	1,290.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Salvation Army Food Bank	3,815.00	1,723.75	0.00	0.00
Nicaragua	300.00	1,070.00	0.00	0.00
World Vision	588.00	588.00	588.00	588.00
Samaritan's Purse Canada	530.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
VBS - Mission	685.00	625.00	300.00	300.00
Lenten Lunch	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benevolence	2,631.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other Missions	26,023.32	12,930.75	3,388.00	3,388.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION				
Sunday School Expenses	1,416.92	1,418.44	2,000.00	2,000.00
Summer Camperships	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Youth Ministry	57.96	171.68	1,000.00	1,500.00
Youth College/Univ Gift	700.00	600.00	800.00	800.00
Youth Retreat	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Communicants Class	0.00	223.63	250.00	500.00
Teacher/Leader Training	0.00	307.32	500.00	250.00
Adult Study Groups	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
VBS	1,297.93	965.91	1,300.00	1,500.00
Copyright Licensing	697.50	669.05	700.00	750.00
Subtotal Christian Education	4,170.31	4,356.03	8,150.00	8,300.00
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH				
Outreach Ministry				
Oportunity Sale Distribu	4,049.12	0.00	2,550.00	3,050.00
Session/Admin Costs	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Adult Education Ministry	722.70	0.00	50.00	1,000.00
Subtotal Outreach Ministry	4,771.82	0.00	2,650.00	4,100.00
Subtotal Evangelism/outreach	4,771.82	0.00	2,650.00	4,100.00
MINISTRY EXPENSE				
Guest Speakr/Pulpit Suppl	1,386.95	8,209.19	1,140.00	1,400.00

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	Current Period	Prior Year	Current Budget	Next Year Annual Budget
Pastoral Care Visitor	0.00	4,061.49	0.00	0.00
Kitchen Supplies	155.26	34.17	100.00	100.00
Envelope Cost	481.23	453.18	450.00	450.00
Decorating Committee	1,000.00	245.88	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mobility Van	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Welcoming Committee	41.58	108.28	50.00	50.00
Church Supplies	0.00	24.43	150.00	150.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	3,065.02	13,136.62	3,390.00	3,650.00
LIBRARY				
Books	667.34	644.97	2,000.00	2,000.00
DVD's & Videos	92.96	125.60	500.00	500.00
Misc. Library	58.52	200.75	200.00	200.00
Subtotal Library	818.82	971.32	2,700.00	2,700.00
MUSIC MINISTRY				
Organ/Piano Maintenance	1,694.23	2,371.49	1,800.00	2,000.00
Music Supply	900.00	900.00	900.00	1,200.00
Sr. Choir Music	1,683.51	2,283.32	3,000.00	3,000.00
Concert Expenses	3,126.78	2,023.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Music Ministry	7,404.52	7,577.81	5,700.00	6,200.00
OTHER EXPENSES				
Turkey Supper	1,984.02	0.00	1,125.00	2,050.00
Misc. Fundraising Expense	0.00	132.25	150.00	150.00
Reimbursed Expenses	6,250.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Investment Transfer	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	30,000.00	50.00	50.00
Subtotal Other Expenses	8,234.02	30,282.25	1,325.00	2,250.00
Subtotal Departments/committees	123,586.83	126,113.78	63,303.00	66,588.00
248 LIVINGSTONE AVE				
Gas-248 Livingstone	2,335.59	2,015.01	2,000.00	2,400.00
Hydro One-248 Livingstone	2,053.38	2,045.99	2,100.00	2,100.00
Water/Sewer-248 Livingsto	1,705.38	1,634.74	1,700.00	1,750.00
Reliance-248 Livingstone	350.44	336.96	400.00	365.00
North Perth Taxes-248 Liv	2,184.60	2,111.62	2,400.00	2,150.00
Misc. Repairs-248 Livings	571.85	2,136.39	1,000.00	1,000.00
Last Month Interest Paid	20.42	0.00	35.00	35.00
Property Insurnce-248 Liv	1,302.48	1,223.64	1,302.00	1,372.68
Payment to Memorial Fund	6,935.86	5,535.65	6,523.00	6,287.32
Subtotal 248 Livingstone Ave	17,460.00	17,040.00	17,460.00	17,460.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	412,652.85	364,538.98	369,613.00	400,060.48
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$17,614.83	-\$12,137.40	-\$5,002.86	-\$11,202.53

Balance Sheet

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Funds 01-15, December 2023

	Current Year	Previous Year
ASSETS		
BANK ACCOUNTS		
CHECKING ACCOUNTS		
General Bank - CIBC	\$64,655.44	\$45,415.57
Library Scotiabank Chq	0.00	908.21
CIBC Redeemable GIC	31,125.00	30,000.00
Subtotal Checking Accounts	<u>95,780.44</u>	<u>76,323.78</u>
HST RECEIVABLE		
Fed Port'n HST Receivable	853.81	1,252.37
Prov Port'n HST Receivable	2,239.56	3,285.53
GST Receivable-Books	30.37	35.09
Subtotal Hst Receivable	<u>3,123.74</u>	<u>4,572.99</u>
Subtotal Bank Accounts	<u>98,904.18</u>	<u>80,896.77</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
LAND		
340 Inkerman St. W. - Lot	61,000.00	61,000.00
BUILDINGS		
Church & Contents	4,542,300.00	4,542,300.00
248 Livingstone-Rental	161,700.00	161,700.00
Subtotal Buildings	<u>4,704,000.00</u>	<u>4,704,000.00</u>
Subtotal Fixed Assets	<u>4,765,000.00</u>	<u>4,765,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$4,863,904.18</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,845,896.77</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		
OTHER DEDUCTIONS		
PP Group Ins. Payable	-\$0.03	\$0.00
PASS THRU CONTRIBUTIONS		
Kintail Camperships	1,440.64	1,373.03
Misc. Charities As Needed	5,000.00	5,000.00
Misc Special Appeals	25.00	0.00
Nicaragua	500.00	200.00
Subtotal Pass Thru Contributions	<u>6,965.64</u>	<u>6,573.03</u>
Subtotal Current Liabilities	<u>6,965.61</u>	<u>6,573.03</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>6,965.61</u>	<u>6,573.03</u>
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED		
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>\$4,854,462.60</u>	<u>\$4,837,459.34</u>
DONOR RESTRICTED		
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED		
Benevolent Fund	3,013.73	1,945.05
Memorial Library	908.20	0.00

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Funds 01-15, December 2023

	Current Year	Previous Year
Youth CE Class	1,979.75	2,037.71
Flower Beds	-3,425.71	-2,118.36
Subtotal Temporarily Restricted	<u>2,475.97</u>	<u>1,864.40</u>
Subtotal Donor Restricted	<u>2,475.97</u>	<u>1,864.40</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>4,856,938.57</u>	<u>4,839,323.74</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>\$4,863,904.18</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,845,896.77</u></u>

Net Cash Position

Net Cash Position on January 1, 2023	43,415.53	January 1, 2022	\$ 55,516.93
CIBC GIC	31,125.00		\$ 30,000.00
Excess Income/Expense	\$ 17,614.83	Excess Income	\$ (12,101.40)
Net Cash Position December 31, 2023	<u><u>\$ 92,155.36</u></u>	December 31, 2022	<u><u>\$ 73,415.53</u></u>

I have examined the records of the General Fund of Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel, and in my opinion, the Income and Expense Statement and Balance sheet represent fairly the financial operations for the year and the bank balance as of December 31, 2023.

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Encouragement for a New Year

Joshua 1:9: "Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

On the first day of a new year many of us wish each other a "Happy New Year!" But as we begin a new year, we need more than a hopeful greeting from the people around us. We need to listen to what God told Joshua about 3,400 years ago. As Joshua was about to lead God's people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would soon be facing. He needed God's encouragement. A new year brings lots of questions: Will our health hold? Will our marriage last? Will I be able to hang on to my job? Will I get into the right school? Will I live to see the end of this year? Will the economy improve? Will there be a terrorist attack or some natural disaster that takes me or my loved ones? The Creator of the universe comes to us and says, "Don't be afraid; don't be discouraged." What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and he promises to stay close: "The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Many years later, the Lord Jesus made the same promise when he said, "I am with you always" (*Matthew 28:20*). That's the reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year!"

Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of a new year and for your promise to stay with us. We ask for your guidance and wisdom each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Arthur J. Schoonveld

