



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Our Father

who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those

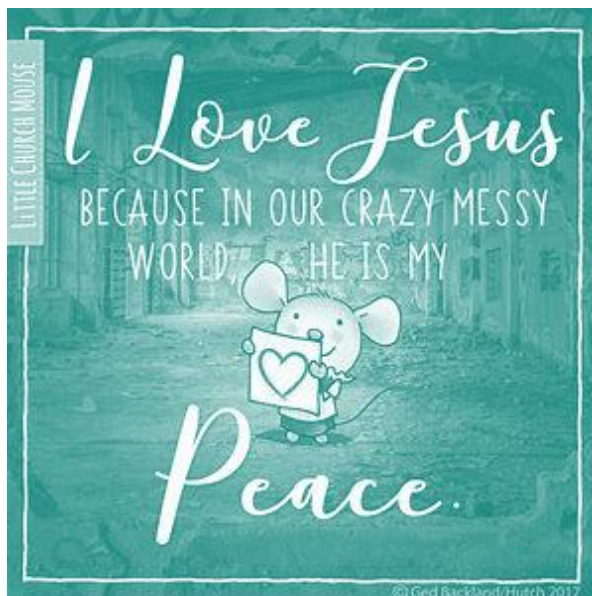
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.

# Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13



# Minister's Message

## A Message from Rev. Jennifer Canning

Friends,



As I sit to write this letter, I realize that it has been almost exactly a year since I led my first service here at Peace on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

In many ways, these past twelve months have been, for me, a time of learning and settling. It has been a time of getting to know the rhythms, traditions, and customs of this congregation. It has been a time of getting to know the people of this congregation - visiting you in your homes and around coffee at Tuesdays at Two. It has been a time of getting to know Plattsville and the surrounding communities and of finding a new routine and flow to life as I settle into my new home. It has been a very full twelve months.

As a society and church community, it has been a time of navigating a world that has changed over the course of three years of pandemic living. Churches, like all organizations, have been affected. We're still trying to figure out what that means for us, and I imagine this coming year will continue to be a time of discerning those affects. What programs do we restart after the hiatus and which do we continue to keep dormant? What new needs and opportunities have arisen as a result, and how do we as a church respond? We've seen some exciting new seeds planted responding to this question: Darlene's work to get the Peace Café up and running at the arena – a very exciting initiative! How do we tend to those seeds while also being open to other possibilities?

As we come to February, we are nearing annual meeting time. A time when we deliberately look back on the year that has been and look ahead to the year to come. We lift up and celebrate our successes and share our visions and dreams for the future. Being a church is deeply rooted in the fostering and nurturing of relationship. As I look to the coming year, I look forward to continuing to develop and deepen my relationship with this church, the community, and with you the members of this congregation.

Peace and blessings to you all,  
Jennifer



# *In Memoriam*

Remembering those who have passed



**Doris Currah**  
January 18, 2022



**Isobel Hastings**  
January 31, 2022



**Robert Coldham**  
April 29, 2022



**Larry House**  
May 18, 2022



**Gwen Parker**  
July 30, 2022



**Bev Poll**  
September 1, 2022



**Eva Hofstetter**  
November 20, 2022

*When someone you love  
becomes a*  
**MEMORY,**  
*the memory  
becomes a*  
*Treasure*

# 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

## Sunday, March 6, 2022

Present: Ken & Marie McNabb, Cathy Davidson, Marg Haskett, Darlene Koebel, Shirley & Ron Berge, Ross Bell, Marion Czech, Ed & Maribeth Bird, Jack & Paulette Hamilton, Ferne Woolcott, Maggie & Bill Alderson, Debbie Baer, Nancy Olenio, Doug & Kathy Hofstetter, Denise Tew, Lorraine McLean, James & Frances Johnston, Nancy Birss, Doris Glendinning, Gail Fulton, Fay Capling, Connie Simpson, Kathy Robinson, Shelley Jeary, Ian & Sheila Boltz, Carol & Cliff Connolly, Lisa Connolly, Pat Hall, Meghan Bunce, Donna Harrison, Marilyn Ellis, Cathy Hofstetter, Maryann Irwin, Gary Hofstetter, Rev. Jennifer Canning

Rev. Jennifer Canning welcomed everyone back into the sanctuary following the worship service with a brief prayer for guidance as we look back to review the past year with its many changes and as we walk together at the forefront of a new year. Forty people attended in person and four attended online. Rev. Jennifer monitored the Zoom connection during the meeting.

Ken McNabb, Chair of the Official Board, moved that Gary Hofstetter chair the meeting and Frances Johnston record the minutes. Darlene Koebel seconded the motion. Carried.

Denise Tew moved that everyone attending the Annual Meeting would be eligible to vote. Marion Czech seconded the motion. Carried.

Five items were proposed to add to the Agenda under New Business: Indigenous Reconciliation, Card Committee, Sunday School, Health & Safety Protocol, Finances. Debbie Baer moved; Maggie Alderson seconded that we accept the revised Agenda. Carried.

Gary Hofstetter noted the loss of members who had passed away during 2021 ~ Jeanette Bauman, Alvin Haskett, Diane Luke, Robert Hofstetter, Bruce Main. Their contributions to Peace United will be remembered.

The Minutes of the 2021 AGM were reviewed as printed in the Annual Report. Appreciation was expressed for the effort Denise Tew put into preparing the Annual Report for 2021 which was very well done. Darlene Koebel moved, and Maribeth Bird seconded we accept the minutes as printed. Carried.

The Committee Reports were also circulated in the Annual Report and Kathy Robinson moved and Pat Hall seconded they be received. Carried.

A round of applause followed Gary's introduction of Lorraine McLean, who has resigned her position as Secretary Treasurer. He thanked her for her excellent work at Peace. There were

no questions regarding the 2021 Financial Report, and it was approved on the motion of Ferne Wolcott and seconded by Shelley Jeary. Carried.

Marg Haskett and Nancy Olenio reviewed the financial reports and found them in order. They also expressed their appreciation to Lorraine. It was moved by Debbie Baer and seconded by Marie McNabb that they be reappointed. Carried.

The Trustees Report as printed in the Annual Report was approved on the motion of Doris Glendenning and Faye Capling. Carried.

Ken McNabb, Chair of the Unified Board proposed the following members:

One year term: Lisa Connolly, Doris Glendenning, Ian Boltz

Two-year term: Ken McNabb, Dick Hewitt, Debbie Baer

Three-year term: Frances Johnston, Maryann Irwin, one vacancy remains.

Pat Hall moved; Darlene Koebel seconded we approve the committee members as presented. Carried.

Trustees: James Johnston was nominated to replace Wayne Currah.

Denise Tew moved; Jack Hamilton seconded the motion. Carried.

Ferne Woolcott reported on the Ministry & Personnel Committee and proposed that the term length be reduced to 3 years from 5. Marion Czech has completed her term. Ian Boltz and Cathy Hofstetter were proposed for 2022 to 2025 term. Paulette Hamilton moved, Marion Czech seconded the approval of the change and the nominated committee members. Carried.

A 2022 budget of \$162,090.35 was prepared by Ken McNabb, Maggie Alderson, and Lorraine McLean in November 2021. Kathy Robinson and Gail Fulton moved and seconded that the budget be approved as presented. Carried.

New Business:

Lisa Connolly reported that the Board decided to move to the action stage of Truth and Reconciliation. Some actions considered are an addition to the Peace Garden and a visit to the Healing Garden in Baden. Nancy Birss, Maggie Alderson, and Ken McNabb volunteered to join Lisa on an Ad-Hoc committee to follow up.

The Caring Card Committee: Marion Czech volunteered to join Donna Harrison and Christa Woolcott on this committee.

A Sunday School Report was presented by Debbie Baer. She is working with Lisa Connolly to prepare lessons that can be used easily by volunteers. Barb Richmond and Frances Johnston have joined the committee, but more volunteers are needed. The media cart was discussed, and Sheila Boltz will help locate it.

Doris Glendinning reported on the Catering Committee. The pandemic has had a large impact. Lunches cannot be served buffet style but if food is placed on individual tables, meals can be catered at the church. She asked for volunteers who could help set up on short notice.

Monthly coffee time following worship will resume, and volunteers are needed to replace Connie Simpson and Gail Fulton who regularly made the coffee. A sign-up list for treats will be posted.

Ken McNabb reported on ongoing Health protocols for public gatherings. Existing protocols for worship will be followed until the end of March. The Board is meeting on Tuesday and all new public health information will be considered.

Ken also reported that the finances are significantly behind budget as the new year begins.

Maggie Alderson is setting up an ad hoc committee to organize a new Directory for the congregation. Denise Tew and Cathy Hofstetter volunteered to work on this project.

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples, Voices United #507, was sung as a closing prayer. Shelley Jeary moved that we close the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Minutes by Frances Johnston

## **2022 Annual General Meeting Sunday, February 26, 2023 @ 10 am**

### **Included in the Service/Meeting will be the following:**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer ~ Rev. Jennifer Canning  
Nomination of Chairperson and Secretary  
Motion for all those present to have voting rights.  
Revisions to Agenda. Motion to accept.  
Minutes of Annual Meeting Minutes March 6, 2022. Motion to accept.  
Approval of Reports. Motion to accept.  
Financial Report ~ Marie McNabb. Motion to accept.  
Trustee's Report ~ Gary Hofstetter. Motion to accept.  
Appointment of financial reviewers for 2023. Motion to accept.  
Elections  
Unified Board ~ Ministry & Personnel ~ Board of Trustees  
Mission & Service Goal for 2022  
New Business  
Closing Prayer ~ Rev. Jennifer Canning  
Adjournment

## 2022 Officers and Committees

All terms begin and end at the Annual General Meeting

| Elected ~ Unified Church Board |                       |                | Elected ~ Ministry and Personnel  |                |                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2018-2022                      | Doris Glendinning     | Ian Boltz      | 2018-2023                         | Ferne Woolcott | Jack Hamilton    |
|                                | Lisa Connolly         | Dick Hewitt    | 2019-2024                         | Shirley Berge  | Nancy Olenio     |
| 2023-2024                      | Ken McNabb            | Debbie Baer    | 2022-2025                         | Ian Boltz      | Cathy Hofstetter |
| 2022-2025                      | Frances Johnston      | Maryann Irwin  | (reduced to 3 year terms in 2022) |                |                  |
| 2023-2026                      | 1                     | 2              |                                   |                |                  |
| M&P Rep                        | Ferne Woolcott (2022) |                | Worship                           |                |                  |
|                                |                       |                | 2019-2022                         | Shelley Jeary  |                  |
|                                |                       |                | 2020-2023                         | Kathy Robinson |                  |
| Elected ~ Board of Trustees    |                       |                | 2022-2025                         | Debbie Baer    | Maggie Alderson  |
| 2022-2023                      | Pat House             | Bill Alderson  |                                   | Maribeth Bird  |                  |
|                                | Marie McNabb          |                |                                   |                |                  |
| 2022-2024                      | Gary Hofstetter       | James Johnston |                                   |                |                  |
| 2022-2025                      | Ross Bell             |                |                                   |                |                  |

**Audio/Video Team** – Sheila Boltz and Cathy Hofstetter

**Broadview** – Denise Tew

### Children, Youth and Family Ministry

- Sunday School – Debbie Baer, Lisa Connolly
- Nursery – Volunteers

### Congregational & Community Building Leads

- Caring Cards – Marion Czech, Donna Harrison (R), Christa Woolcott (R)
- Peace Catering – Maggie Alderson, Doris Glendinning, Faye Capling, Pat House
- Coffee Hours (Sundays & Tuesdays) – Doris Glendinning, Maggie Alderson
- Community Outreach – Maggie Alderson, Kathy Robinson, Denise Tew, Rev. Jennifer
- Dinner Theatres – Shelley Jeary, Sheila Boltz
- Prayer Afghans & Patches – Denise Tew, Cathy Davidson
- Peace Café at Arena – Darlene Koebel
- Tyler Quilt Group – Bev Todd, Darlene Koebel (on pause)

**Manse Committee** – Cathy Hofstetter, Karen Connors, Ross Bell

**Mission and Outreach** – Maggie Alderson, Kathy Robinson, Denise Tew, Rev. Jennifer

**Property Committee** – Gary Bender, Bill Alderson, Ed Bird

**ReconciliAction** – Lisa Connolly, Nancy Birss, Rev. Jennifer

(R) Resigning



# Committee/Team Reports

## Audio/Video Team Report

Audio and Video: Cathy Hofstetter, Sheila Boltz

Live-stream Setup and Operation: Cathy Hofstetter, Sheila Boltz

### January to August

Weekly on-screen bulletins and announcement loops were prepared by Cathy Hofstetter and Sheila Boltz, on an every-other-month basis. We continued using ProPresenter 6 and NDI Syphon software on the 2014 MacBook Pro laptop to show and export slides, and OBS on the iMac for camera control and to livestream to Peace's YouTube channel.



### August to December

In August, an updated version of ProPresenter (ProPresenter 7) was purchased at an upgrade cost of \$275 USD. Some re-learning was required! There will now be an annual renewal fee of \$179 USD, due August 18 each year.

While we were learning this new app, we agreed that we should both be involved (weekly) with the preparation of service slides and announcement loops, with one person taking on each part of the job for a month, then switching roles.

Initially, after installing ProPresenter 7, the MacBook Pro laptop and the iMac were used in the same fashion as they had been with ProPresenter 6.

In December, a radical change was made! Camera control was moved to the MacBook Pro, and the iMac started being used to livestream directly from ProPresenter 7 to YouTube, eliminating the need for OBS and NDI Syphon! The first service using this new arrangement was on December 18th.

An added benefit of this change will be extending the useful life of the aging 2014 laptop, which is currently in its last year of supported software security. The camera control software should continue to work if the laptop will operate.



*Note: Feedback would be appreciated on the value of having announcements on-screen before worship begins, and having those same announcements posted to YouTube. Significant time is required to build those slides, even as an abbreviated version of what appears in the Peace News. Please share your thoughts with Cathy or Sheila at [peaceunited2015@gmail.com](mailto:peaceunited2015@gmail.com).*

Submitted by Sheila Boltz

## Caring Cards Committee Report

Committee: Donna Harrison, Christa Woolcott, Marion Czech



During 2022, three “Thinking of You” cards; four birthday cards for those celebrating 90 or more years; and six Easter cards were sent to those living in retirement/nursing homes.

A special thank you to Christa, an original member of the committee, who for nine years has sent Sympathy cards with added handwritten messages of care and support.

Thank you to Marion Czech for joining our committee in 2022. As Christa and Donna are both experiencing health concerns and are no longer able to continue on this committee, we hope others will volunteer to send the sympathy and “WOW” (special events) cards.

Due to the decrease in socializing and cancellation of events, the Committee expresses their regrets that they may have missed remembering some of our church family’s extraordinary events this year.

Submitted by Donna Harrison

## Catering Committee Report

Members: Pat House, Fay Capling, Maggie Alderson, Doris Glendinning

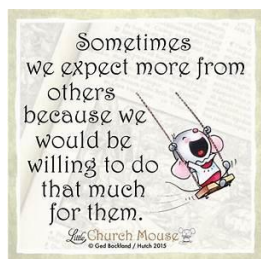


2022 saw the Catering Committee resuming funeral lunches and North Blenheim Insurance dinners. We prepared lunches for eleven funerals. Five of those were prepared at the church and delivered elsewhere. The remaining six were served at the church. We prepared and delivered dinners to North Blenheim Mutual on five occasions.

- In March, we were able to serve a belated 2021 Christmas Dinner for our “Over 80s” crowd.
- April saw us make Chicken and Beef Pies as a fundraiser. We are not exactly sure how many we made as we lost track! We do know we spent many hours in the church kitchen! All proceeds went to the Peace General Funds.
- Again, in May, we had an “Over 80s” seniors’ dinner for our members...so nice for them to be together after the COVID lockdowns.
- July found us preparing sandwiches and serving an 80th birthday celebration for Gwen Parker.
- September was the Pulled Pork Take-out dinner headed up by the Catering Committee and proceeds went again to the Peace General Funds.
- In December, 2022 we served 29 of our “Over 80s” folk, their annual Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings and all the helpers were able to enjoy this Christmas feast as well.

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped us in any way during this past year. Without that help, we would not be able to perform all these catering duties. Thank you!

Submitted by Doris Glendinning



***“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,  
What are you doing for others?”  
~ Martin Luther King Jr.***

## Dinner Theatre Report



2022 saw the return of dinner theatre to Peace United Church! A cast of seven (including Rev. Jennifer Canning in her stage debut) presented three shows of "Casting Swine Before Pearls", over the course of a weekend.

Two hundred and thirty guests attended with \$7,990 in ticket sales and \$5,543 being raised for the church, after expenses were paid out. Approximately \$500 was also raised for the United Church Mission & Service Fund.

Sheila and I greatly enjoy these endeavours and we are happy to provide the leadership required. To give you an idea of the size of this task - a rough count shows that Sheila and I each put in approximately one hundred hours, and we would like to thank all the volunteers who cumulatively worked an additional four hundred hours - "Many hands make light work". A special shout out to our knitting & crocheting ladies for the work on the Canadian flag afghan.



We hope to see the return of "Bob and Larry" in "1, 2, 3 And Flush" in the fall of 2023.

Submitted by Shelley Jeary, Theatre Director

## Manse Committee Report

Committee: Ross Bell, Karen Connors, and Cathy Hofstetter

The manse committee had a much slower year from 2021 with only a few issues to be resolved. The front door latch was replaced, and Ken McNabb and crew did a great job of replacing the front walk and step.

Rev Jennifer used her personal Lawn mower so we did not purchase a new one for the manse, but we will discuss if a weed eater needs to be purchased in 2023. The back slope continues to be a difficult area to mow, and it is even harder now that the fence is in place, so we will have a discussion on how that can be resolved.



Rev. Jennifer dug a garden and has enhanced the yard with many vegetables and flowers. Some blinds still need to be purchased for the manse once Rev. Jennifer decides on what she wants. Also left to do on our 5-year list, is a railing for the front step. In January 2023 the furnace and air conditioning unit were replaced.

Submitted by Cathy Hofstetter

## Ministry and Personnel Committee Report

Committee: Shirley Berge, Ian Boltz, Jack Hamilton. Cathy Hofstetter. Nancy Olenio, Ferne Woolcott

Throughout 2022, the Ministry and Personnel Committee continued to meet as appropriate to fulfil their duties and responsibilities as noted in The Manual of the United Church of Canada.

As we welcomed 2022, we also welcomed Denise Tew as our Administrative Assistant and Marie McNabb as our Treasurer. In February, we were blessed to have Rev. Jennifer Canning join us as our Minister and Spiritual Leader. Meghan Bunce, our Music Director continued to share her many skills and talents with us, and Kelsie Knechtel made sure our facility was clean and ready for our use.



Each of these individuals has worked diligently to meet the expectations and collectively they have established positive working relationships, expressing satisfaction and enjoyment in their respective roles. Thank you to each of them for the commitment and support.

As a committee, we appreciate the efforts of our members and contract employees to bring concerns or questions to our attention. This open and honest communication enhances our efforts to ensure Peace United is a friendly and welcoming church community. Thanks to committee members who have shared in carrying out the responsibilities throughout the year!

Submitted by Ferne Woolcott, Chair

## Mission and Outreach Committee Report

Committee: Kathy Robinson, Denise Tew, Rev. Jennifer, Maggie Alderson

Mission Outreach can only be successful when Peace pulls together to work towards serving those in need. 2022 was another successful year! The Peace congregation is always generous and giving when asked to donate to our different charities. This past year was no different.



In 2022, the organization Raw Carrot came to Peace to offer information on their social franchise. They believe everyone should have the opportunity to work and should have a “hands-up” instead of just a “hand-out”. They create small batch, healthy soups, with a workforce of adults with challenges, and we were able to support their worthwhile work by sampling and purchasing some of their soups after our church service.

The fall/winter season is when Mission Outreach is at its busiest. As in years past, Coats for Kids/Adults campaign was run with a car load of winter clothing going to Operation Sharing; Toastie Toes ran from October to the end of January with socks, hats, mitts, scarves to go to those in need; a food drive for the Blandford-Blenheim Helping Hands Foodbank was held during the Thanksgiving weekend; the White Gift service at the start of Advent saw many gifts and gift cards for all ages being donated to the Christmas Place; and the Christmas Eve service offering was divided amongst the Blandford-Blenheim Helping Hands Foodbank, Wilmot Family Resource Centre, and the Peace Helper Award.

Again, thank you to our Peace family for their on-going generosity and investing in these worthwhile efforts!

Submitted by Maggie Alderson

***Goodness is the only investment that never fails.*** Thoreau



## Music Director's Report



It was my pleasure to continue with Peace United into 2022. It proved to be an exciting year filled with new happenings and the return of cherished events.

Early 2022 brought concerns of a new COVID variant, limited numbers, and many unknowns. Choir was still able to continue to meet as a small gathering and continue to work on music for each week.

As the season continued and the situation evolved, we were able to expand our group and return to the tradition of a Good Friday cantata. We had many guest singers! I would like to thank Shelley for making those connections this year. We are planning another Good Friday cantata this year.

This Summer, we enjoyed an all-music service! Cheyenne Hofstetter opened the service with a great contemporary piece, the choir sang a couple of their favourite anthems (Your Raise Me Up, Days of Elijah) and melodies soared from the congregation. Thank you to all those who contributed their favourite hymns and worship songs. I am sorry if we could not fit them all in!

The choir prepared special material for Rev. Jennifer's covenanting ceremony in September. I also thank all those who attended and took part in singing from the pews.

This Advent season was very special. It marked the return of "Carols and Choirs" at Wesley United Church. We welcomed more guest singers and proudly represented Peace United. Most of those singers also returned for our Longest Night service. While weather posed some challenges on Christmas Eve, I am grateful that we could still celebrate with music.

There are many people that work behind the scenes in bringing tunes and lyrics to you every week!

I'd like to thank Rev. Jennifer for all her time in working along side me with the music selection, the technical team, Sheila, and Cathy for bringing us lyrics and great sound and Denise for connecting us all. We wouldn't have the music making we have without you!

Thank you to the whole congregation for the support you bring each week. I am always happy to welcome anyone who would like to share in music making at Peace United!

Submitted by Meghan Bunce, Director of Music

The happy heart runs with the river,  
floats on the air, lifts to the music, soars  
with the eagle, hopes with the prayer.

Maya Angelou

## Peace Kids Report

Members: Debbie Baer, Lisa Connolly, Barbara Richmond, Maryann Irwin, Ferne Woolcott, Frances Johnson



The Sunday school has been going well this year. We have a new curriculum and several teachers have volunteered. We have Lisa Connolly, Debbie Baer, Barbara Richmond, Maryann Irwin, Ferne Woolcott, and Frances Johnson. We are always looking for new volunteers to lighten the load. If anyone ever wants to volunteer, even just a few times throughout the year, you are always welcome!

We have some kids that come....it would be nice to get kids to come more regularly and more of them, but it seems like kids are very busy these days! We will re-address our situation at the end of the school year (June 2023). We may have to re-structure our system to work best for teachers and kids. Some churches do a monthly Sunday school, which may be more effective for us. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions on what we can do to reach out to more kids.....we are always open to suggestions. We appreciate all the dedicated grandparents and parents

who make the effort to bring the kids to "PEACE KIDS". The kids seem to enjoy the stories, crafts and occasional snacks that are provided. We will continue with our program until June and hope to see more kids and their happy faces!

## Nursery Report



We do have a Nursery with some equipment and toys. However, we do not have any volunteers or anyone to organize it. This has seemed to have gone by the wayside during COVID! If there is anyone willing to volunteer to organize the nursery that would be great!! We don't get many little ones, but it would certainly be nice to be able to provide this service for young Mom's and Dad's.

Submitted by Debbie Baer

## Peace Prayer Blankets Report

Committee Members: Denise Tew, Cathy Davidson



Thank you to everyone from our church family (I am not listing everyone, because I know I will miss someone) and outside our church family who continue to supply crocheted and knitted squares for our Peace Prayer Afghans.

Thirty-four blankets were blessed in 2022 and given to members, friends and family.

Special thanks to Cathy Davidson for supplying our Prayer Patches; and Doris Glendinning and Maggie Alderson who help to layout the afghans.

Submitted by Denise Tew

# Property Committee Report

Committee Members: Bill Alderson, Ed Bird, Gary Bender



There were minor repairs completed to the front door, washrooms and re-enforcing the mailbox unit.

One major item was the eave trough repairs and adding snow guards and leaf filters on eave troughs. Regular maintenance is completed with the elevator, furnaces, and A/C units.

Grass is still being maintained by Trevor Baer and snow scraping and salting of side and rear parking lots being done by Tamarack Landscaping from Plattsville.

Flower beds and sidewalk snow scraping and salting are graciously done by member volunteers. As part of Truth and Reconciliation, an arbor was installed over the Peace Garden by Ken McNabb and Committee members.

Thank you to everyone in the congregation that helps make and keep the church property looking good and able to be used for programs in our community.


Submitted by Gary Bender

## “ReconciliAction” Report

Members: Maggie Alderson, Nancy Birss, Rev. Jennifer Canning, Lisa Connolly



The Truth & Reconciliation Committee was formed at the 2022 Annual Meeting. Our initial focus is education towards understanding the effects of colonization on Indigenous peoples.

 We extend a great big THANK YOU to Ken McNabb for designing and constructing the cedar arbor that has been placed in the Peace Garden. The next steps include covering the arbor with wild grape vines and creating a Land Acknowledgement. I invite everyone to take a closer look at the structure for the words that were attached by Maggie.

Nancy coordinated our attendance at two Indigenous film showings offered through the Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous/Settler Relationships, as well as keeping the Peace News up to date with events in our surrounding area. A small lending library of Indigenous authored books will be available in 2023.

Submitted by Lisa Connolly



## Trustees Report

Board Members: Gary Hofstetter, Pat House, Marie McNabb, Ross Bell, Bill Alderson, James Johnston



The Trustees funded the replacement/ repair of the eaves-troughs and downspouts where necessary on the Church building this fall. They also installed snow guards on the south side of the main building and leaf guards on all the eaves-troughs except the lean-to at the back.

We continue to invest at Kindred Credit Union in low-risk investments. As interest rates have risen, we are getting a better rate of return than we have had in previous years.

Submitted by Gary Hofstetter, Chair

## Unified Board Report

Members: Ken McNabb, Debbie Baer, Lisa Connolly, Dick Hewitt, Doris Glendinning, Ian Boltz, Doug Hofstetter, Maggie Alderson, Frances Johnston, Maryann Irwin



2022 compared to the previous years, felt like we were back to normal. While no year is ever the same as the preceding year, this was a pleasant change. We have a great, thoughtful group at the Board Table. I found it so much easier when we could meet in person and touch base with members on Sundays at church.

We were blessed to welcome Jennifer to her calling at Peace in February. We now have a complete group of support staff. Continuity is so helpful in running an organization.

While not large, our Sunday School (Peace Kids) is back running. Debbie Baer and Lisa Connolly have done an excellent job of finding teachers and securing a new interactive curriculum.

As we move forward, our ReconiliAction committee has had signage and a cedar structure put in place to honour the indigenous peoples who inhabited this area.

Our AV team of Cathy and Sheila have done a remarkable job. In a little over a year, they set up a system from scratch to put our services on YouTube to start, then soon after were able to livestream our services. We hear from members who watch services regularly.

I would like to thank Lisa Connolly, Dick Hewitt, Doris Glendinning, Ian Boltz, and Ferne Woolcott, who have fulfilled their terms on the board. Their dedication to Peace is appreciated and they will be missed. As we fill these positions, we have had some preliminary discussions on whether there is a different board structure which could accommodate our committee structure and the declining numbers of available people to fill positions. We will keep you informed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken McNabb, Chair of the Unified Board



# Worship Committee Report

Committee Members: Shelley Jeary, Kathy Robinson, Debbie Baer, Maribeth Bird, Maggie Alderson



## Worship Committee

The Worship Committee's duties include finding weekly Scripture Readers, preparing, and assisting with Communion, and helping to plan and assist with Worship Services as needed.

The Worship Committee along with the congregation of Peace United were excited to welcome Rev. Jennifer Canning as our new Minister in February. She brought with her new ideas/suggestions to enhance Worship, while being respectful with previous Peace traditions. We thank Rev Jennifer for her leadership and guidance during 2022.

Our committee met with Rev Jennifer, Meghan Bunce, Music Director, and Sheila Boltz, (who was invited to attend our meetings as the Audio/Visual Rep) on eight occasions throughout the year. Maggie Alderson was also asked to join the committee mid-year as Decorating Advisor.

Communion was served on 4 occasions: Easter Sunday, Rev Jennifer's Covenanting Service on September 11, World Communion Sunday, and Christmas Eve.

Special Services throughout the year included:

- Good Friday Cantata
- Easter Sunrise Service
- Holy Humour Sunday
- Raw Carrot Soup presentation during worship on May 15
- Music Sunday with Meghan Bunce leading worship August 7
- Covenanting Service for Rev Jennifer September 11
- Peace choir attending Choirs and Carols at Wesley United Church November 27
- Longest Night of the Year Service on December 21

Submitted by Maribeth Bird, Chair





*“Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love, where there is injury, your healing power, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.” (VU 684)*

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