

# Transcona Memorial United Church

Prairie to Pine Regional Council ~ The United Church of Canada

## 2024 Annual Report



### All Are Welcome!

In Christ's name we share God's Love

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

We are all treaty people.  
 In this season of winter we are gathered on Treaty One territory,  
 the ancestral land of the Anishinaabe, Nehiyawak, Anisininew, Dakota, and Dené Peoples,  
 and the homeland of the Red River Métis. For innumerable generations, over thousands of years,  
 these people lived and moved and found their being in this land.  
 Through the cycle of the seasons, this land nurtured and sustained Indigenous Peoples’ lives  
 and spirituality. It is our privilege to worship and serve on this land. It is also our privilege  
 to have access to water from Shoal Lake 40, which is located in Treaty Three territory.  
 The land and the water are sacred gifts.  
 As one small step toward reconciliation, we acknowledge that we have not fulfilled  
 our treaty obligations, and that much harm has come to Indigenous Peoples as a result.  
 As such, we make this acknowledgment with the intention that from today,  
 we will commit our heart, soul, mind, and strength toward reconciliation and collaboration.  
 We are all treaty people.

**Our Mission**

As a Church, we seek justice, foster and nurture growth by teaching, worshipping,  
 through music, sharing and being welcoming to all. We value and share our gifts,  
 protect the earth and walk humbly with our God.

**Our Vision**

TMUC is an evolving, welcoming, and sharing community church with a community presence. We  
 celebrate the diversity of God’s image present in all people. We embrace the diversity of abilities, age,  
 appearances, family configurations, gender identities, gifts, life experiences, races, sexual orientations,  
 and talents. We welcome the full participation of people, in all of their diversity, in the whole life and work  
 of the congregation. In Christ’s name we share God’s love as people of varying economic, educational,  
 and physical situations. We remain open to God’s spirit deepening our faith and our love.

## 2024 Annual Report of Rob Reed, Diaconal Minister

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*Even for autobiographical purposes a diary is nothing like so useful as I had hoped. You put down each day what you think important; but of course you cannot each day see what will prove to have been important in the long run.*

(C. S. Lewis, Surprised by Joy: The Shape of My Early Life, 1955)

One of you has inquired about the feedback I receive on worship services, in general, and my *Reflections & Ponderings*, specifically. They have wondered if feedback is helpful to me, and if it is, then what happens if the feedback is scarce.

Well, I could slough it off and say that scarce feedback is, in its own way, feedback, though I expect it requires rather creative interpretation. But, as the conversation goes deeper, what emerges is an issue of confidence about whether or not anything I say or do, on a Sunday morning, in general, or at anytime, specifically, makes a difference. Will my preaching, in general, or my ministry, specifically, *prove to have been important in the long run...*

In the season of Annual Report Writing, questions about words or presence of import or difference-making rise as I jog my memory and recollect. And I realize that what you won't have been party to are the one-on-one encounters that give hope to confidence. Such as the person who said that they hoped the Faith Community Prayer and lighting of the Circle of Friends Candle would remain as part of our Sunday morning rituals. Or the people who shared that they missed it, terribly, when I didn't use the Commissioning words and actions of my good friend, the late Rev. Jason Richards. And related, what you might not have seen are the people who tap their hearts during the words, "Feel it in here."

What you won't have read are the emails that come in on Sunday night that share stories of faith, because of something that was said or something that took place during the morning service. And what you won't have heard are the voice mails that are left – messages about striking a nerve, or striking a chord. And what you won't have seen is the collection of newspaper articles, clipped out and passed along, because the stories they tell matter to someone.

These are not large or extravagant expressions intent on proving importance. But neither are they small, insignificant or underserving of acknowledgement. They are honest. Authentic. Heart-felt. Thoughtful. They are made because someone's faith is being nudged or motivated or supported or inspired or stretched or increased. And is this not what lays at the heart of what we are called to do and be here, at 209 Yale Avenue West, in Winnipeg...

So, a couple of things. First, I am not suggesting that everything undertaken as ministry at Transcona Memorial meets with absolute consensus or even moderate success. Some rituals do not work for everyone. Some processes move some of us well beyond our comfort zones. Some decisions are not decisions we would make, or that we like, or that we support. These moments remind us of the diversity that exists within our midst.

Remember. We have talked about this: the measure of our faithfulness and our health, as a community of faith, will be shown in our capacity to meet diversity with a spirit of cooperation and collaboration, reconciliation and healing. Remember the proclaimed value of the CFL: Diversity is Strength...

Secondly, you will note that I wrote, "what **WE** are called to do and be here." We cannot do what we do here, alone. I am not even sure if we can conceive what we do here, alone.

When the 2024-2025 TMUC Stewardship Campaign was announced, chairperson of the Admin & Sharing Team, Cindy Ostapyk used the word *participation*. In my opinion, it was a really good choice of

word because it captures the essence of what it takes to be the church. Participation. Everyone doing something, somehow, sometime.

Humorous social commentator, Will Rogers said, “We can’t all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.” What this wisdom reminds me is that there are so many things one can do that contribute – there are so many ways to participate.

We can give, sure. We can offer the strength of our bodies – our backs and arms and hands and legs and feet. We can share the wit of our humor. We can counsel with humility. We can bring our appetite, and eat! We can sing. We can speak (and shout, if need be). We can meet and plan. We can act. We can analyze and dream. We can be idea people or cheerleaders. We can bake. We can sweep. We can cut grass. We can serve food. We can run the lift. We can be the people who know people. We can light candles (well, if the lighters weren’t people-proof). We can pray...

What we do here, any one of us, does matter. It is important. It makes a difference.

I have shared this with you before: my favorite passage of scripture. In Luke’s Gospel, Chapter 17, verses 20 and 21 (NRSV):

*Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.”*

We are in the midst of it, here at TMUC. God’s kingdom. God’s realm. God’s kin-dom. We are a part of it and it is a part of us. We are blessed. You are blessed. I am blessed.

God is good... All the time... All the time... God is good...

Thank you for the privilege I receive, to minister with you, within the Transcona Memorial United Church Community of Faith.

Blessings,  
Rob.

# COUNCIL MEMBERS

Audrey Lumsden  
Breanna Drennan-Bilyk  
VACANT  
Susan Copeland  
Don Heinrichs  
VACANT  
Rev. Rob Reed  
VACANT  
Susan Sebastian  
Cathie Morgan Matula  
Cynthia Ostapyk  
Bob Kirkhope  
Cheryl Thomas  
Karen Ilchena  
Alan Gershuny  
Deborah Thiessen  
Ken Wilkie

Past Chair  
Chair  
Chair Elect  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Youth Member-at-Large  
Minister  
Learning Team Representative  
Outreach Team Representative  
Worship and Welcome Team Representative  
Administration & Sharing Team Representative  
Building and Property Representative (Jan-Oct)  
Building and Property Team Representative (Nov-Dec)  
Ministry and Personnel Team Representative  
Prairie to Pine Region Representative  
UCW Representative  
Representative - Board of Trustees



# COUNCIL TEAMS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEARNING TEAM</b></p> <p>Youth Point Person - Vacant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUTREACH TEAM</b></p> <p>Susan Sebastian (council rep) Shirley Bird Holly Hill Alan Gershuny Vicky Low Amy Wood</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WORSHIP &amp; WELCOME TEAM</b></p> <p>Crystal Schau (staff) Susan Bywater Laura Fraser-Schau Cathie Morgan Matula Cheryl Hadaller</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ADMINISTRATION &amp; SHARING TEAM</b></p> <p>Donna Hadaller Devan Ostapyk Cynthia Ostapyk (council rep) Barb Heinrichs Chris Richard Adrian Measner Don Heinrichs, Treasurer Jim Lewis (corresponding member)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BUILDING &amp; PROPERTY TEAM</b></p> <p>Cheryl Thomas (council rep) Bob Kirkhope Marcel Van Eerd Stephen McKendry-Smith John Fraser Andrew Fletcher-Cook Mike Thomas Gail Purcell (corresponding member)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINISTRY &amp; PERSONNEL TEAM</b></p> <p>Karen Ilchena (council rep) Vivien Laurie Sheilah Ross-Campbell</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b></p> <p>Ken Wilkie (council rep) Wally Stoyko Cynthia Ostapyk Jim Lewis Gail Purcell - Chair Patty Parsons Rev. Rob Reed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNITED CHURCH WOMEN</b></p> <p>Cathie Morgan Matula Susan Copeland Mary Thiessen Deborah Thiessen (council rep) Leona Mayer - Treasurer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE</b></p> <p>Alan Gershuny 1 Vacant</p>

## ROLL OF HONORARY ELDERS

*We celebrate the ministry shared with this congregation by those named by the  
TMUC Council as Honorary Elders.  
They have shared and continue to share many gifts with us.*

*Barrie Brooks*

*Iris Collett*

*Harry Craig*

*Trudy Darichuk*

*Joan Davidson*

*Laurence Desautels*

*Darrell Fierheller*

*Margaret Fierheller*

*Peter Frejuk*

*Joan Garner*

*Pearl Greenaway*

*Errol Hendricks*

*Alma Jennings*

*Len Kancer*

*Carol Kirkhope*

*Gorma MacDonald (deceased)*

*Joan Merrick*

*Beth Newell*

*Dorothy Ross*

*Bonnie Scott*

*Merlin Shoesmith*

*Wally Stoyko*

*Ben Thiessen*

*Mary Thiessen*

*Ken Wilkie*

*Ken Young*





## IN MEMORIAM

***Jesus said:...I am the Resurrection and the Life.***

***Those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.***

*Mary Corbett*

*Esther Georgina Reid*

*John (Jack) Swann*

*Hazel Opal Pollard*

*Beverley Pearl Conway*

*Gorma Mary MacDonald*

*Daniel Roy Trochim*

*Frank William Litwin*

*Martha Ann Desautels*

*James Murray Bridgeford*

*Linda Gayle Renee Parr*

*Cheryl Lynn Ward*

*Nicholas Patrick Feschuk*

*Esther Georgina Reid*

*John Cameron Douglas*

*Bryan Albert Kramble*

*Alan Peter Baxter*

*Robert Brent Lindsay*

*Glen William Dodd*



**TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2024**

1. Call to Order

The 71st Annual Congregational Meeting of Transcona Memorial United Church was held on Sunday, March 3, 2024 following the church service. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Breanna Drennan-Bilyk at 11:35 am.

There were 51 members and adherents in attendance: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, Pat Bain, Mary Thiessen, Audrey Lumsden, Laura Fraser-Schau, Sheila Reid, Val Dopson, Linda Sidorow, Murray Sidorow, Anne Hruda, Dennis Hruda, Kathy Trylinski, Linda Antymis, Terry Cousins, Sheilah Ross-Campbell, Donna Hadaller, Leona Mayer, Carol Kirkhope, Bob Kirkhope, Jocelyn Vann, Norma Hinds, Judy Hare, Joan Buckingham, Roy Bergson, Carol Bergson, Bonnie Scott, Karen Ilchena, Heather Todd, Gail Purcell, Patty Parsons, Doug Copeland, Marcel Van Eerd, Laurie Chudley, Susan Sebastian, Crystal Schau, Adrian Measner, Shelley Schau, Cathy Drennan, Kevin Drennan, Alma Jennings, Ken Wilkie, Jim Lewis, Alan Gershuny, Andrew Fletcher-Cook, Mary Price, Vicky Low, Mave Dickson, Cheryl Thomas, Mike Thomas, Don Heinrichs, Susan Copeland. Also in attendance was Rev. Rob Reed.

Visitors: Janice McAlpine, Meagan Varndell

Regrets: Stephen McKendry-Smith, Carol Favoni, Lynn Measner, Dallis Kelly

Those attending the meeting were reminded to sign in at the door and that there was a silent baking auction in conjunction with the meeting.

2. Appointment of Secretary for the Meeting

**MOTION:** Moved by Terry Cousins/Susan Sebastian, “**That Susan Copeland be appointed the secretary for this annual meeting.**” **CARRIED.**

3. Speaking and Voting Privileges

**MOTION:** Laura Fraser-Schau/Alan Gershuny, “**That all members and adherents in attendance shall have speaking and voting privileges at this 71st Annual Meeting.**” **CARRIED.**

4. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Moved by Anne Hruda/Linda Antymis, “**That the minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting dated Sunday, March 5, 2023, the minutes of the Congregational Meeting dated May 8, 2023, and the minutes of the Congregational Meeting dated November 12, 2023 be approved.**” **CARRIED**

5. In Memoriam

The In Memoriam list on page 20 of the Annual Report was read by Rev. Rob Reed.

6. Celebration of 2023

The Annual Report included reports from the Minister, Roll of Elders, Trustees, Council and Teams and the accomplishments of church groups and TMUC in the community for 2023. Rob Reed reported that the Community of Faith Profile indicated that a Pastoral Care Team was to be created. The Terms of Reference have been approved by Council and he is currently recruiting for members of the Team. Phone calls to members by the Team will begin in the spring. In the list of Team members it was noted that Terry Cousins and Blaine Rougeau are listed as having resigned but they are now continuing to be part of the Building and Property Team. A question was raised about the extra funds that were received for the Christmas Hampers. Adrian Measner advised that it was discussed at Council and that 50% of the funds went to the Christmas Cheer Board and 50% remains in the General Fund for use for next year's hampers. This will be an ongoing policy and the funds are marked for the Christmas Hampers. Laura Fraser-Schau will provide a verbal report on the Ukrainian Conversation Group later in the meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Donna Hadaller/Karen Ilchena, “**That we accept all reports as printed in the Annual Report to page 52.**” **CARRIED.**

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

Security System Upgrades – Marcel Van Eerd advised that the new security system will be installed on March 7 and 8, 2024. Passcards will not work after March 8 and are not recyclable. New cards will be provided to those who currently have the cards, hopefully late Friday. The Building and Property Team has a master key for the door.

8. New Business:

Come for Conversation Group – Laura Fraser-Schau advised that the program to help new Ukrainian residents learn conversational English has been in place for about one year. It started with Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening sessions. As more of the Ukrainian participants were getting jobs, the Tuesday afternoon group stopped meeting. The number of Ukrainian participants ranges weekly from one to 20. There are 9-12 children that are looked after with play activities. Members of the congregation help the Ukrainian participants with conversational English. This helps them with getting jobs and applying for grants for training opportunities. The Thursday Come for Conversation program runs for one hour, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm weekly.

CITAC – Laura Fraser-Schau reported that they started practices for the play in January. Tickets went on sale on February 17. To date there are 169 tickets available. The play is called “Foibles and Folly” and will run from May 2-5, 2024. Volunteers are needed and sign-up sheets have been posted. Carol Favoni can be contacted for tickets.

Remit #1 – Rob Reed advised that Remit #1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization within The United Church of Canada was unanimously agreed to by Council at its February meeting. Some of the funds from the bake sale will go towards UCC Gifts with Visions (Healing and Reconciliation in Manitoba).

Audio-Visual Upgrades – As Stephen McKendry-Smith was ill, Cheryl Thomas read his presentation. At the last annual meeting we approved upgrading our audio-visual system. The best place for the display monitor would be on the back wall of the chancel, between the organ speakers. This would

require removing the brass and copper cross. Several renderings of what it would look like were shown. The renderings include options with a cross above the screen, the United Church crest and the Affirm United logo. There has been some discussion about decommissioning the organ and there are options presented without the speakers for the organ. The current cross could go on the outside of the building above the sanctuary doors. There would also be new wooden doors with the fish symbol in glass. A discussion then followed.

**MOTION:** Moved by Cheryl Thomas/Ken Wilkie, “**That the brass and copper cross located on the back wall of the chancel be moved to a location on the exterior of the building, over the sanctuary entrance, to facilitate the installation of a projection screen.**”**CARRIED.**

A discussion was then held on removing the organ and speakers. Items noted were that the organ is not used very often and the cost for repairs is very expensive. It was noted that the organ had a minor repair in 2022 and it was determined at that time that no further repairs would be made. The organ is working and could be sold if we can find a buyer. The members in attendance called for a vote.

**MOTION:** Moved by Karen Ilchena/Jim Lewis, “**That we decommission the organ.**”**CARRIED.**

A discussion was then held on the images that were presented. Rob Reed advised that permission has been given to display the United Church Crest and the Affirm United logo. We would like to get the opinions of the congregation on the renderings that were prepared by Stephen McKendry-Smith. Rob Reed will post the images on Facebook and they will be posted in the church as well. A discussion on the type of cross to be placed above the screen would also be helpful.

Plant Sale – Breanna Drennan-Bilyk noted that we are holding the on-line plant sale again this year. It is a good fundraiser as we have raised about \$5500 over the last three years.

CN Railroaders in the Community – Breanna Drennan-Bilyk advised that CN has increased the amount of money retired CN employees can receive for a charity where they volunteer their time. Dorothy Fife and Kevin Drennan can assist any retired CN employees in applying.

IPC Photo Directory – Breanna Drennan-Bilyk advised that we will be participating in having a new photo directory printed this year. The photos will be taken in May and it is hoped that we can have a good turnout of members. The last directory was from 2017.

## 9. Financial Results for 2023

Adrian Measner advised that this has been a transition year with the ministry staff going from 1 ½ to 1 minister, no office administrator for most of the year and no Sunday School and Youth Co-ordinator. A deficit of \$8,025 was in the budget and we finished with a surplus of \$15,061. However, when you take into account that some of this was Food Bank funds and holiday accrual, we actually finished the year with a deficit of \$724.

Givings to the General Fund were down \$22,000. He noted that the method of giving has changed with PAR and other electronic means the main method of giving. The number of contributors is down with 199 contributors compared to 249 in 2019.

The Building Fund includes \$469,359 from the Green & Inclusive Community Buildings grant, \$7,495 in interest, and \$26,682 in givings. The Exchange Group has reviewed the financial statement. The

only change that was made in their review was that they deferred \$122,000 of unspent grant money to next year's revenue.

**MOTION:** Moved by Donna Hadaller/Audrey Lumsden, "That the Financial Statements for 2023 be accepted (pages 53/55)." **CARRIED**

10. Appointment of Auditor

**MOTION:** Moved by Terry Cousins/Don Heinrichs, "That the Exchange Group be retained as auditors for the 2024 fiscal year." **CARRIED.**

11. Approval of Proposed 2024 Budget

Adrian Measner advised that the Budget calls for a deficit of \$15,305 in the General Fund. They assume there will be an office administrator and Sunday School and Youth Program Co-ordinator as well as Dinner Theatre funds of \$13,500. There is a ministerial salary increase of 6.5% as required by the United Church. The Building and Property Team would like to hire a support person but this has not been included for this year as it would increase the deficit substantially. Teams need to remain diligent.

The Building Fund includes \$25,000 for audio visual equipment for the sanctuary and Yale Hall. The United Church loan for the renovations is \$66,037.

**MOTION:** Moved by Bob Kirkhope/Carol Kirkhope, "That the Proposed Budget for 2024 be approved (pages 56/58)." **CARRIED.**

12. Nominations

Audrey Lumsden thanked all who volunteer for specific projects and events and those serving on Council. Marcel Van Eerd has resigned as incoming Chair and Breanna Drennan-Bilyk has agreed to stay on as Chair for another year. The floor was then open for nominations for Incoming Chair. There were no nominations.

13. Motion to Adjourn: by Mave Dickson/Terry Cousins, at 12:55 pm.

14. Closing Benediction: Rev. Rob Reed from Lutheran Evangelical Worship.

Breanna Drennan-Bilyk and Emily Ilchena collected the funds from the silent auction of baking goods.

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Chairperson (Breanna Drennan-Bilyk)

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Secretary (Susan Copeland)

**TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2024**

A Congregational Meeting of Transcona Memorial United Church was held in the sanctuary on June 17, 2024. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Breanna Drennan-Bilyk at 7:05 pm.

**PRESENT:** There were 46 members and adherents in attendance: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, Ken Wilkie, Vicky Low, Shelley Schau, Gail Purcell, Mary Thiessen, Susan Marohn, Laura Fraser-Schau, Jim Lewis, Kevin Drennan, Cathy Drennan, Bob Kirkhope, Carol Kirkhope, Margaret Craig, Harry Craig, Patty Parsons, Bonnie Scott, Alma Jennings, Donna Hadaller, Carol Bergson, Cathie Morgan Matula, Carol Favoni, Sheila Reid, Linda Antymis, Anne Hruda, Pat Bain, Marion Weightman, Carl Berger, Brenda Berger, Norine Hochkievich, Harvey Hochkievich, Doug Copeland, Judy Hare, Mary Price, Terry Cousins, Don Heinrichs, Leona Mayer, Stephen McKendry-Smith, Lynn Measner, Adrian Measner, Ann Cooke, Karen Ilchena, Sheilah Ross-Campbell, Cheryl Thomas, Russell Antymis, Susan Copeland. Also present was Rev. Rob Reed.

**REGRETS:** Marcel Van Eerd, Alan Gershuny

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND:** We are gathered for worship and work in Treaty One territory, which is the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene Peoples and the homeland of the Red River Metis. For thousands of years Indigenous Peoples walked this land and knew it to be the centre of their lives and their spirituality. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

**WORSHIP:** Prayer by Breanna Drennan-Bilyk

**AGENDA:** Two motions regarding changes added.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Laura Fraser-Schau/Shelley Schau, **“That all members and adherents in attendance shall have speaking and voting privileges.”** **CARRIED.**

**VOTING MOTION:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Bob Kirkhope/Mary Thiessen, **“That voting be by show of hands.”** **CARRIED.**

**REVIEW AND DETERMINE DESIGN CHANGES:** Stephen McKendry-Smith reviewed the decisions made at the annual meeting on March 3, 2024 to move the cross to the outside and to decommission the organ. One of the concerns was the organ speakers are on the wall where the audio-visual screen would be placed. He reported that an information session was held on June 9, 2024 to review the changes. The feedback he received indicated that there was a concern about decommissioning the organ. He noted that a solution would be to keep the organ and place the speakers on the floor.

**MOTION:** Moved by Shelley Schau/Cathy Drennan, “**That we rescind the motion from the annual meeting to decommission the organ.**” **CARRIED.**

A discussion was then held on where to place the two speakers in order to keep the organ or whether the organ and speakers should be removed. Several locations for the speakers were suggested. It was noted that finding a place for the speakers for proper sound may be difficult, the organ is not being used and is taking up space. It was also noted that we would not be able to sell the organ, that it is being played at some funerals and that if we dispose of it now while it is working there is no going back. The cost to repair the organ if it breaks down is prohibitive.

**MOTION:** Moved by Stephen McKendry-Smith/Harvey Hochkievich, “**That we take the organ speakers off the wall, and consider other places for the speakers when the audio-visual project is done.**” **CARRIED.**

**REVIEW AND DETERMINE DESIGN CHANGES FOR THE CHANCEL:** Stephen McKendry-Smith reviewed options for a screen or a painted wall with a cross above. The paint is quite expensive but would be less than the cost of a screen. A discussion was then held. Options include having the United Church of Canada and the Affirm logos on the walls where the hymn numbers are now with a cross above a screen or painted wall or having the logos on the back wall on either side of the screen or paint with a cross above.

**MOTION:** Moved by Steve McKendry-Smith/Pat Bain, “**That paint be used on the back wall and the symbols be placed on the side walls.**” **CARRIED.**

Building and Property Team will decide on the appropriate sizes for the symbols and placement and amount of wall to be painted.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** by Harvey Hochkievich/Donna Hadaller, at 8:05 pm.

**THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION AND CLOSING:** Rev. Rob Reed noted that we are beginning our second year of being together and the congregation and minister both have expectations of each other. He indicated that each of us has within us the potential of God’s Kingdom and to live in love as we are loved.

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Chairperson (Breanna Drennan-Bilyk)

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Secretary (Susan Copeland)

**TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

A Congregational Update Meeting of Transcona Memorial United Church was held in the sanctuary on November 17, 2024 with 53 people in attendance. Also attending was Rev. Rob Reed. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Breanna Drennan-Bilyk at 11:00 am. She noted that Rev. Rob Reed and the congregation shared in the acknowledgement of Treaties and Territories this morning.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Karen Ilchena/Adrian Measner, “**That all members and adherents in attendance shall have speaking and voting privileges.**” **CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CITAC** – Cheryl Hadaller reported that the Dinner Theatre will be held April 24-27, 2025. The play is called ‘Murder in Regent Manor’ and there are 11 actors. Tickets will go on sale on February 22, 2025.

**Financial Update** – Cindy Ostapyk advised that the Administration and Sharing Team are launching the Stewardship Campaign, “God’s Mission, Our Gifts”. She noted that we are experiencing declining revenue and increasing costs. Children’s Choice Nursery is closing. The Team is working on the Budget and at current levels we will be looking at a deficit budget. She asked the members to prayerfully consider participating at church events and look at increasing givings 3-5%.

Cindy Ostapyk reported that we have a \$10,000 deficit as of today and are looking at a deficit for the year. The goal is to be balanced and she would like to see the year end on such a positive note that it knocks her socks off.

**Nominations** – Breanna Drennan-Bilyk noted that nominations for the Teams and Council for next year are coming up. New members are needed, particularly for the Learning Team which had no members this year.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** by Karen Ilchena/Linda Antymis at 11:20 am.

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Chairperson (Breanna Drennan-Bilyk)

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Secretary (Susan Copeland)



## Message from the Chair of Council

Sending greetings and blessings to you and yours always.

Another year of church life has come and gone. Thank you to everyone who has submitted a report to the office for publication. These reports serve to remind us of our worship and work as the hands and feet of Christ in 2024.

2024 was another busy year in the life of Transcona Memorial United Church. Dinner Theatre, fundraisers, Sunday morning worship, the photo directory project, Messy Church, just to name a few. A personal highlight for me last year was the completion of the Green Plan.

Following our regular Sunday Service on September 22, 2024 we were able to slow down and acknowledge the donors and volunteers who made the small, medium and large sized Green Plan projects possible. We capped off this project with a small reception made possible by the UCW and friends and we planted a tree in the front yard of the church. What a blessing to finish the Green Plan off in this way. I was six years old when the non-profit Kids For Saving Earth was started and since then have always been drawn to the three Rs, limiting water consumption, gardening to help pollinators, composting and overall care for the Earth. It was a particularly poignant moment for me to be able to share the microphone with Cheryl Thomas, chair of the Building & Property Team and recognize the magnitude of the undertakings with you all and our invited guests. I want to share one

line from my words that day once again: I'd like to thank the whole congregation of Transcona Memorial United Church for their enthusiasm, financial and emotional support as we made big changes to the building. Thank you!

Please feel free to reach out to any of the members of Council if you have any ideas, questions or concerns. It has truly been my pleasure to have served the church as Chairperson again in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, she/her



## Administration and Sharing Team

Another year of progress! And it is all thanks to you!!

Your generosity has continued to support a church community that doesn't just exist for Sunday mornings but serves as a community hub, offering support, fellowship, and opportunities for growth every day of the week.

**Financial Results:** We are pleased to share that we ended the year with a \$1,835 surplus in the General Fund. Good work!!

Our results this year were strengthened through various individual projects that included a plant fundraiser, the auction, a metal drive, Christmas café, a very successful dinner theater. In addition, participation in the "Knock the Socks Off the Deficit" and Giving Tuesday helped move us from a YTD deficit of \$12,600 at the end of November to a surplus at the end of the year. We are grateful for all who supported, participated in, and contributed to the fundraisers, and as always, we are grateful to your regular contributions throughout the year. You make all things possible!

As in prior years, The Exchange Group was engaged this year to perform the financial review. This is targeted to be completed in February 2025 and the statements have been included in this report.

As we look towards 2025, we will need to continue to closely monitor our donations, fundraising results and costs to ensure that we remain viable in the long term. As in 2024 we will continue to report to you quarterly, and at congregational meetings so that you are fully apprised of our progress.

**Stewardship:** We shared Stewardship messages in November of this year, reminding everyone of our good progress in 2024 and the challenges ahead of us for 2025. The theme this year was "God's Mission – Our Gifts" which focussed on how we use God's gifts we have been given to carry out God's mission in our world. We truly appreciated the response we received, not only through the campaign, but throughout the year.

**Rental Contracts:** A new two-year contract has been negotiated with Juanita Wilson, a registered psychotherapist, who has been our tenant for two years. Increases, that reflect increases in TMUC operating costs, were incorporated into both years. Children's Choice is completing their final contract with TMUC after more than 40 years at TMUC. We will miss Wendy and the smiling faces that entered our facility to attend her Nursery School, but wish Wendy on the best in her retirement. We are currently exploring a few opportunities for the space Wendy will vacate, and will update the congregation as plans crystalize over the next six months.

**Square Technology:** In 2024 we transitioned from the Tip Tap machine to newer Square Technology. It was first implemented for Dinner Theatre and then used for the Church Auction and Christmas Cafe. The office is also taking donations on the Square machine and we will continue to expand it's usage in the coming year.

**Charity Return:** The 2023 charity Return with the Canada Revenue Agency was filed on time. There were no issues with the filing.

**Budget:** As in prior years our team prepared and reviewed the budget for the upcoming year. As part of that process, a draft budget was presented to Council for its review with ultimate approval by the Congregation. The key assumptions are outlined for your information and consideration on

**Team:** Our team met regularly over the last year and included returning members Reverend Rob Reed, Don Heinrichs, Adrian Measner, Donna Hadaller, Devan Ostapyk, Chris Richard, Barb Heinrichs, Cindy Ostapyk and Jim Lewis (who continued to represent the trustees).

THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Respectfully submitted by Admin & Sharing

## **TMUC Ministry and Personnel Team Annual Report for 2024**

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Team serve as a “confidential consultative body supporting the pastoral relationship” with our ministry personnel and lay staff as well as being a go-between for our congregation and staff should there be concerns.

Our Team for 2024 consisted of Karen Ilchena, Vivien Laurie and Sheilah Ross Campbell. Thank you to the members of the Team for providing the human resources function for TMUC as well as reporting to Council on a regular basis.

2024 remained relatively steady and consistent as far as staffing was concerned with two new additions to our team.

Through his thoughtful guidance and ministerial leadership, Diaconal Minister Reverend Rob Reed continues to expand our faith-based knowledge with humour and compassion. Thanks for your dedication to TMUC.

Office administrator Dallis Kelly continues to be the happy, warm smile at the desk that manages office tasks with ease and keeps the office running smoothly throughout the year.

Continuing to lead our music ministry, music director Crystal Schau provides music every Sunday. Under her leadership she has worked with the children in our congregation, has increased numbers in the choir and has introduced new initiatives like the Christmas Café. Thanks Crystal.

We were sad to see our accompanist Hannah Cole leave us this past year as she was such a bright light at the piano every Sunday. How pleased and excited we were though when Henry Kelsey joined our music team on a regular basis in September and continues to share his impressive musical talents with the choir and congregation.

As the position of Sunday School & Youth Program Coordinator remains vacant, a volunteer run Children & Youth Ministry program was introduced in September as a weekly program for children and youth (ages 4 years and older) offered during the worship service. Thank you to the roster of volunteers who have come forward to lead this program.

In December, we welcomed Diamond Lee who filled the new Building Support/Custodian position. Working directly with the Building and Property team, Diamond works part-time and performs

custodial and building maintenance tasks to ensure TMUC is maintained at an appropriate level of cleanliness and operation.

We are so fortunate at TMUC to have amazing ministry personnel and lay staff that work so hard to support the life and work of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Ilchena*  
*Ministry and Personnel Team*

## **PRAIRIE TO PINE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

As the designated representative to the Prairie to Pine Regional Council from our Community of Faith I am obliged to attend the Annual General Meeting. The 6th AGM was conducted via ZOOM on two evenings, Thursday, October 10, 2024 and Thursday, October 17, 2024. Over 150 participants gathered virtually to conduct the business of the Region.

As there wasn't much actual business to attend to some of the time was devoted to getting to know the Regional Council staff on a more personal basis than just their Annual Report in the AGM workbook.

We did transact and approve the minutes from the 5th AGM as well as some financial and nomination concerns. After the Financial Report was given we were put in break out groups to discuss "When you think of the budget presentation, ... what are bigger picture Regional questions raised for you?"

We elected Commissioners and Alternates for General Council 45 in Calgary, Alberta on August 7-11, 2025.

A report on the Town Hall which took place by ZOOM on June 25, 2024 was received. (Town Hall 2.0 took place by ZOOM on November 27, 2024.)

Aside from Worship Services, both evenings ended with invitations to visit chat rooms after the formal proceedings. Throughout both evenings participants were urged to consult the workbook.

[prairietopinerc.ca/regional-council-meeting](http://prairietopinerc.ca/regional-council-meeting)

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan

## TRUSTEE REPORT

The trustees that served Transcona Memorial United Church in 2024 were:

Jim Lewis	314 Yale Avenue West
Cynthia Ostapyk	84 Beachside Bay
Patty Parsons	15 Regina Place
Wally Stoyko	4008 – 1015 St. Anne's Road
Ken Wilkie	435 Horton Avenue West
Chair - Gail Purcell	39 Balaban Place
Reverend Rob Reed	#57, 35 Jack Reimer Drive

Of these trustees 6 are members of TMUC.

The Trustees express their continued appreciation for the close collaboration with the Council and various Teams. Their contributions have been invaluable. Over the past year, the Trustees convened as needed to address emerging issues.

### Financial Report

The United Church of Canada Loan:

- At December 31, 2024 the balance on the UCC loan was \$66,037. Irrespective of the balance in the savings account, we continue to pay down the loan to make best use of our financial resources.

Building Fund:

- At December 31, 2024 the Building Fund Chequing Account balance was \$20,516 and the Savings Account balance was \$120,906.

Ministry Fund:

- At December 31, 2024 the total TMUC Ministry Fund balance was \$32,200.

Term Deposit:

- At December 31, 2024 the Term Deposit balance was \$38,693. This Term Deposit secures the line of credit for TMUC's General Fund. It earns interest of 2.1% and matures on August 17, 2025.

### Other Highlights:

- The Trustees can confirm that the property taxes were paid.
- Following a competitive bid process that concluded early in 2024, the Trustees can confirm that there is insurance on the building and its contents.
- As a result of the insurance appraisal undertaken in 2023 by Loss Control Consultants, the Trustees can confirm that our insurance coverage was permanently increased in early 2024. This has subsequently been updated for inflationary adjustments
- The Ministry Fund currently holds residual funds of \$1,516.39 which were received as part of the funding for the 2021 online Messy Church Canadian Conference and are being held in trust for future Messy Church Canada related activities.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Purcell

## **BUILDING AND PROPERTY TEAM**

As usual it was a very active year for the Building and Property Team. The primary role of the team was to oversee the maintenance and enhancement of the property of TMUC.

One of the major projects was the **Environmental Green Plan**. The final Green Plan Report is attached for your review.

Other projects are noted:

- replace batteries to washroom sinks
- repair doors to Narthex
- improve lighting to west staircase
- replace the electrical receptacles and repaired the walls in the crying room
- major repairs to food banks carts
- replace faucets to Knox lounge, bathroom and church kitchen
- built a table dolly for heavy tables
- improved lighting in east furnace room
- installed LED lighting in Suthwyn and Springfield Halls and improved lighting in Narthex entrance
- relocated information boards in the foyer and Narthex
- installed new kitchen stoves purchased by the Senior Meal Program
- coordinated the removal of surplus pianos
- acquired racks for the donated blue chairs
- established grass cutters and scheduled for the summer
- replaced sump pump vertical floats improving their operation
- repaired ramp and leveled adjacent grounds with gravel
- removed cross from the back of the choir loft and prepared cross installation outdoors
- repaired electrical plugs on east side of bldg.
- replaced exterior damaged light fixture to choir room door
- had an outside motion light to east parking area
- repaired light fixture over front door of sanctuary
- installed a CO sensor in boiler room
- repaired railing at the outside entrance of sanctuary
- installed major audio/video in Suthwyn and Yale halls
- upgraded the security system by introducing Oakley Alarms to our bldgs and revised the door keys to fobs
- reviewed and submitted the B&P five year plan
- introduced an asbestos AMP program
- organized a successful Metal Drive once again.

I Would like to thank the Team for their dedication and commitment.

GAIL PURCELL    JOHN FRASER    MARCEL VAN EERD  
STEPHEN MCKENDRY SMITH    MIKE THOMAS    BOB KIRKHOPE    ANDREW FLETCHER-  
COOK

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Thomas, Chair

# Green Plan final report

## Funding and cashflow

All of our funding has been confirmed for this project. We have received or are confirmed for the following.

Authority	Fund	Amount
Canada	Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB)*	\$484,151.00
Manitoba	2022 Building Sustainable Communities (BSC)	\$30,000.00
Manitoba	2023 Building Sustainable Communities	\$41,591.59
Winnipeg	Community Incentive Grant Program (CIG)	\$50,000.00
United Church	Faithful Footprints	\$30,000.00
TMUC	Metal drives and miscellaneous	\$3,488.46
Manitoba	Efficiency Manitoba*	\$34,078.10
Canada (CRA)	GST rebates (50% of GST paid)	\$14,846.29
	Total funding	\$688,155.44

\*Includes funds received and anticipated.

Final Green Plan project costs were \$720,967.65. TMUC's contribution was \$36,197.66. Details are in the spreadsheet [here](#). The above numbers include a final payment from the GICB of \$24,207.55 and a final payment from Efficiency Manitoba of \$8,614.20, both of which will be received in the new year.

## 2022 Summary

Paid to contractors	Received from funders	Efficiency MB Rebates	GST Rebate
\$216,739.57	\$111,643.27	\$9,467.00	\$4,957.74

## 2023 Summary

Paid to contractors	Received from funders	Efficiency MB Rebates	GST Rebate
\$374,538.94	\$499,480.60	\$1,514.40	\$8,969.81

## 2024 Summary

Paid to contractors	Received from funders	Efficiency MB Rebates	GST Rebate
\$132,310.24	\$23,268.00	\$22,496.70	\$3,048.33

## Project Activities

We're done! All components of the Green Plan are completed.

## Completed work

- LED lighting in sanctuary
- LED lighting in Yale Hall

- Furnace room upgrades
  - Replace seven gas furnaces with four 98% efficient gas furnaces
  - Installation of four heat recovery ventilators (HRVs)
  - Installation and commissioning of four air source heat pumps (ASHPs)
- East Building roof
  - Inject blown cellulose insulation in the rafter spaces
  - Add one layer of polyisocyanurate foam insulation to the surface
  - Install new decking
  - Replace shingles
- East Building walls
  - Upgrade the insulation in the east building walls
  - Asbestos abatement and stucco removal on the east building
  - Repair water damage on the exterior of the east building
  - Building wrap, and foam insulation installed
  - Scratch coat of cement applied
- Replacement of ceiling fans in the sanctuary
- Installation of ceiling fans in Yale Hall.
- CE Building roof
  - Replace decking
  - Add two layers of polyisocyanurate foam insulation
  - Installation of a roof hatch
  - Installation of a drop-down ladder
- Installation and commissioning of 25 kW of solar panels and associated equipment
- Replacement of light fixtures in Knox Lounge with LED fixtures
- Replacement of fluorescent lamps in Suthwyn Hall with dimmable LED lamps
- Replacement of fluorescent lamps in Springfield Hall with LED lamps
- Installation of a mini-split heat pump in the crying room
- Completion of the stucco work on both buildings.
- Sanctuary door replacement
- Enhanced HRV control
- Clean up, fencing around the heat pumps, and landscaping

## Results

Although we have not yet completed a full year with all of our upgrades, we are seeing a significant improvement in our carbon footprint and energy use. Our gas usage is down by 60% and our electricity usage is down 20% compared to pre-pandemic levels. This means we reduced our carbon footprint by about 2/3. And this should improve further through the winter as we take full advantage of our improved insulation and other upgrades.

We're saving money, too. In the most recent 12 months, we have spent about \$5,000 less on energy than in the previous 12 months. At this rate, our project will have paid for our contribution in about seven years.

Saving the planet and saving money—it's a win-win. And we've created a more comfortable, attractive space for the Transcona community at large. I guess that's a win-win-win.

## Thank yous

Given the scope and projected costs, this was a project with some considerable risk—risk that this church community took on willingly. The Official Board, Trustees, Building and Property Team, past and present clergy, stakeholders, and the entire congregation deserve hearty pats on your collective backs for your enthusiastic support and financial contributions as we once again came to worship and work in what looked like a construction zone.



Change is always at least a little upsetting, and the past few years have not always been easy. So, you deserve thanks for your patience in dealing with the mud, falling stucco, dust, and noise. Hopefully, you feel that it was all worthwhile.

As it says at the top of page 1, this is the final report for the Green Plan, but it's not the end of our efforts to tread more softly on the Earth. As our Environmental Policy states, "Every action that TMUC takes will be taken with consideration of that action's impact on the environment."

This is God's world, and we are called to live with respect in creation.



Stephen McKendry-Smith

## **Monthly Book Group – 2024 Annual Report**

The Monthly Book Group began in 2002 and 2024 marked our 23<sup>rd</sup> year of fostering a community of reading together.

We started the year in January reading the fun, albeit confusing at times, *The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton followed by *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig in February. In March we read *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn, a true story about a couple who walk the South West Coastal Path in England after becoming homeless. Then onto *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters and *The Department of Sensitive Crimes* by Alexander McCall Smith in April & May.

In June we met for a potluck dinner and a Blind Date Book Exchange where we had fun choosing a book to take home and add to our reading collections.

The fall brought us *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver, a thought provoking novel set in the mountains of southern Appalachia about the impact of the opioid epidemic. Then off we went In Search of April Raintree by Beatrice Culleton Masionier a story about two Metis sisters growing up in foster homes in Manitoba. We ended the year reading *Wrong Place Wrong Time* by Gillian McCallister where time moves backwards in order to change something in the future.

We meet on Tuesday evenings at the church and you are welcome to join us for one book or many!

Respectfully submitted by Gail Purcell on behalf of the Monthly Book Group

## **Worship and Welcome Team Report - Annual Report 2024**

Our team met monthly January to June and September to December. Our team members are Cathie Morgan Matula, Crystal Schau, Laura Fraser-Schau, and Cheryl Hadaller. Susan Bywater resigned from the team in the fall. Our minister, Rev. Rob Reed, provides ideas, leadership, and wonderful church services. We thank Crystal Schau, Henry Kelsey, and the choirs for providing musical leadership each Sunday.

Some highlights of our year included:

- Switching from grape juice to cranberry juice and having water available for communion, and preparing communion elements
- Keeping a record of how many people attend church each Sunday for national church statistics. Thanks to Doug Copeland for his faithful counting.
- Having people volunteer to be greeters each Sunday
- Having people agree to be scripture readers and candle lighters
- Having people agree to serve communion and/or collect the offering
- Working on a new policy for funerals
- Cheryl H sending out cards to people who signed the guest book
- Discussion of “rides for seniors”
- Offering plates were passed down the pews again
- Hosting an Ash Wednesday service
- Holding a Palm Sunday service with real palm leaves
- Participating in the Maundy Thursday service at Grey Street UC (with TBJIGGN)
- Holding Good Friday and Easter Sunday services
- Holding an Orange Shirt Day service, and a Remembrance Day service
- Changing the banners, antependia, and communion table runners to reflect the seasons of the church year
- Working on our goals and Terms of Reference
- Having musical presentations (choir, soloists, duets) at each service
- Rob hosting communion at Park Manor Personal Care Home
- Participating in Churchorama during the summer
- Purchasing easels to hold photos at funerals
- Baptism, transfer of membership, confirmation
- Introducing the “circle of friends” candle
- Revising the land acknowledgment
- Greeting each other and newcomers at the start of worship services
- Putting a plan in place to offer Sunday School again
- Getting a runner for the communion table and an antependium for Pride Sunday
- Having a Christmas Café on December 7<sup>th</sup>
- Purchasing new candles for weekly use and for special occasions
- Holding a Blue Christmas service (with help from Outreach)
- Working with Building and Property to have all the livestreaming equipment installed
- Livestreaming church services
- Participating in the outdoor tree lighting event
- Holding a wonderful “Lessons and Carols” service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. with a lovely Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. which included communion and candle lighting
- Hosting Worship Around the Breakfast Table on December 29<sup>th</sup>, with thought-provoking table discussions

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie Morgan Matula (chair) for the Worship and Welcome Team

## Pastoral Care Team

The TMUC Pastoral Care Team came into being when the Council approved the Terms of Reference at its meeting in December 2023. The Pastoral Care Team was created to fulfill a need that was expressed in the TMUC Community of Faith Profile in 2023, which stated:

*In order to accommodate the change in ministerial positions at TMUC the following adjustments will be considered:*

- *Implementation of a Lay Visitation Team to lead a portion of the visitations to congregation members in hospital, care homes or the inability to leave their dwelling...* (Community of Faith Profile, Living Faith Story, Transcona Memorial United Church, 2023)

The Team was recruited by Rob Reed, Diaconal Minister, based on individual's knowledge of the members and adherents of Transcona Memorial, the care towards others they exhibited, and their interest in the ministry of pastoral care. The Team includes Carol Bergson, Laurie Chudley, Susan Copeland, Carol Favoni, Alan Gershuny, Alma Jennings, and Rob Reed.

Members of the Team were expected to complete both a Police Vulnerable Sector Check and an Adult Abuse Registry check. Team members were also expected to sign a Confidentiality Agreement. These records are recorded and filed with the Ministry & Personnel Team.

The initial work of the team was to phone every person on the most current membership list with the primary purpose of connecting with them, on behalf of the community of faith, and the secondary purposes of correcting contact information and finding out what people's emergent pastoral needs were. This initial round of phoning began in June and was completed during the fall of 2024.

The continuing ministry of the Pastoral Care Team will be to be in ongoing contact with the people connected to TMUC, as members and as adherents, with the purpose of discerning pastoral needs so that these may be responded to in appropriate ways. Pastoral caregiving is a spiritually, emotionally and physically taxing ministry, so the TMUC Pastoral Care Team welcomes and appreciates your patience and your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Reed, Diaconal Minister.

## Children & Youth Program - 2024 Annual Report

In September we put out the call for volunteers to lead a Children & Youth program on Sunday mornings during the worship service. We were excited to have six enthusiastic volunteers join this vital ministry. Thanks to Rob, who graciously prepares all the materials for each Sunday morning, we're ready to inspire and engage our young attendees. The children and youth begin worship in the Sanctuary and then move to the multipurpose room with their leader. After introductions, a typical Sunday morning involves a discussion about the scripture, a story, more conversation and questions, a craft, and ends with a blessing prayer. On communion Sundays, we gather back in the Sanctuary to participate in communion with everyone. Though still in its early stages, we are dedicated to continuing this program, whether we have one participant or many each Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Kehler, Michelle Lamoureux, Lauren Plischke, Gail Purcell, Sheilah Ross-Campbell, and Mary Thiessen

## **Music Report - 2024 Annual Report**

2024 was a whirl wind of excitement for the choirs and the music team at TMUC.

The TMUC Singers sang once a month for the first half of the year, but had been doing two services for most of the second half of the year. We sang at Easter, Remembrance Day, Christmas Eve, and more.

The Children's Chorus sang during the Palm Sunday service as well as Joy Sunday during advent. They bring an extra sparkle to each of the services.

Soloists and small groups gave their voices for the weeks we didn't have a choir. Thank you to all choir members and non-choir members who have lent their talents this year!

This year was our first ever Christmas Café. It was a fun evening of music by soloists, duets, and small groups. The UCW and Worship and Welcome Teams were a huge help. We are hoping to make this an annual event.

Looking forward to making more music in 2025.

Crystal Schau

Music Director

## **TBJIGGN - Annual Report 2024**

The representatives from the seven TBJIGGN churches (United Churches in northeast Winnipeg) met five times in 2024. Some meetings were via Zoom and some were in person.

Early in the year, we made plans for joint worship services and events for Lent and Easter. Gordon-King Memorial (Big Red Church) hosted a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper to which everyone was invited. Transcona Memorial hosted Ash Wednesday, which fell on Valentine's Day, so we did not have a large turnout. Grey Street hosted a wonderful Maundy Thursday event with a worship service and food. It was well-attended.

We made plans for Churchorama for the summer. More people attended the different churches this year and enjoyed seeing different forms of worship. The group of churches in south Winnipeg used our model and created their own successful Churchorama for the summer, once again.

We assisted The Big Red Church (Gordon-King Memorial) with the food for the ALF youth retreat held there October 25-27, 2024. Members of the congregation helped with making muffins and cookies. TBIJGN representatives helped with preparing the food on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

We did not have a pre-Advent event this year. We started working on a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church of Canada musical event for 2025 instead.

Throughout the year, we invited each other to events in our home churches: teas, dinner theatre, special services, etc. Our ministers met on a regular basis, also.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie Morgan Matula for Vicky Low and Susan Copeland...TMUC's TBJIGGN reps

## 2024 TMUC STATISTICAL REPORT

Membership as of December 31, 2023	611
Received by Transfer <i>Dallis Kelly, Leona Mayer</i>	2
Received by Confirmation <i>Brayden Vandebosch</i>	1
Removed by Death <i>Mary Corbett, Esther Georgina Reid, John (Jack) Swann, Hazel Opal Pollard, Beverley Pearl Conway, Gorma Mary MacDonald, Daniel Roy Trochim, Frank William Litwin, Martha Ann Desautels, James Murray Bridgeford</i>	10
Removed by Transfer	0
Removed by Act of Session	0
Adjusted Membership Removal <i>Mrs. R. Moore (Dawn)</i>	1

### **Membership as of December 31, 2024** **603**

Number of Child Baptisms <i>Maizey Eleanor Simpson</i>	1
Number of Youth Baptisms	0
Number of Adult Baptisms <i>Cloey Adele Yarduk</i>	1
Number of Marriages	0
Number of Funerals <i>John (Jack) Swann, Linda Gayle Renee Parr, Nicholas Patrick Feschuk, Hazel Opal Pollard, Esther Georgina Reid, Beverley Pearl Conway, John Camerson Douglas, Bryan Albert Kramble, Alan Peter Baxter, Robert Brent Lindsay, Cheryl Lynn Ward, Glen William Dodd, Martha Ann Desautels</i>	13

Respectfully submitted by  
Lynn Measner for the Worship & Welcome Team Historical Roll

## United Church Women - 2024 Annual Report

The United Church Women met seven times during 2024, with an average of 24-28 women attending our meetings. Due to greater numbers, we met in Suthwyn Hall. New members include Marie Day and Janice McAlpine.

We are sad to report that four of our long-time members passed away during the year: Esther Reid, Bev Conway, Susan Norris and Gorma MacDonald. We remember their contributions over many years and give thanks for their lives.

Cathie Morgan Matula remained as our president, Mary Thiessen became our vice-president, Leona Mayer became our treasurer, and Susan Copeland remained as our secretary.

We shared the Land Acknowledgement at every meeting.

We had a worship time every month. Alma Jennings chose a hymn composer to tell us about each month and discussed the hymn(s) written.

Each month, we donated to the Fellowship of the Least Coin and said the prayer that others around the world also use. All the monies collected are donated to the Women's Inter-Church Council (WICC) to support women's organizations and projects around the world, including Canada.

Carol Favoni is our funeral coordinator. We worked at the receptions for John Swann, Linda Parr, Esther Reid, Dan Trochim, Bryan Kramble, Cheryl Ward and Glen Dodd.

Alma Jennings is our card secretary, and she sends cards to members who are bereaved or ill, or just to let them know we are thinking about them.

We hosted World Day of Prayer in March. This is another event of the Women's Inter-Church Council that has been held for many years. Other churches in the community were invited to participate in and attend the service. The service this year was prepared by Palestinian Christian women.

We cleaned the sanctuary before Easter.

We prepared 25 shoe boxes with toiletries, etc. for women in shelters, with donations from the congregation and UCW members. These were delivered before Mother's Day.

We prepared refreshments for the reception after the tree planting ceremony/completion of our "Green Church" project in September, the outdoor tree lighting in December, and helped at the Time and Talent Auction and the Christmas Café. We served food and did other tasks during the Dinner Theatre. We set up, made coffee and tea, and cleaned up after Worship Around the Breakfast Table on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

We decorated the sanctuary for Thanksgiving. Mary Thiessen and Cheryl Hadaller led, and various members took part in, the Thankoffering Service on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Joan Lewandosky and Kathy Landygo of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress were our guest speakers and Volodymyr Shylapsky sang. Cookies were provided by Cheryl Hadaller, Kathy Rempel, Norine Hochkievich and Corrine Chia.

The Winnipeg Police made a presentation on Frauds and Scams in November. This was arranged by the UCW and was open to the community.

We hosted the annual tea at Park Manor Personal Care Home in December and provided sandwiches and dainties for the residents. We also sang Christmas carols with them.

We donated to the Healing Fund (a fund for Indian Residential School survivors), which is supported by the National UCW as one of its projects. We also made our regular donations in support of education and other charities.

Our Christmas lunch was held in January 2025 at Smitty's on Regent.

It was another busy year for our UCW!

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathie Morgan Matula, President, for Mary Thiessen, Susan Copeland, and Leona Mayer

## **UCW – Transcona Memorial United Church Financial Report**

February 10, 2025

Balance on last report prepared Oct. 21, 2024	\$4,025.65
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### Deposits

"Least Coin"	\$40.00	\$4,065.65
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### Expenses

Cheque 81 – J. Lewendosky, honorarium	\$100.00
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Cheque 82 – K. Landyga, honorarium	\$100.00
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Cheque 83 – V. Shylasky, honorarium	\$100.00
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Book balance	\$3,765.65
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Bank balance January 31, 2025	\$3,765.65
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There was no report in November as we presented the Scams and Frauds information to the congregation. There was no report in December as we were at Park Manor PCH and no regular meeting in January.

Early in January a financial report for 2024 was prepared and submitted to Adrian Measner for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Submitted by Leona Mayer

## **Outreach - 2024 Annual Report**

On behalf of Outreach, I would like to inform Council, that we are pleased to report that we have accomplished our Objectives.

Susan Sebastian has continued with the Transcona Food Bank operations, in the role of Vice Chair for the Food Bank.

Holly Hill completes the weekly sending out of the Get Well and Sympathy cards.

Shirley Bird has continued to organize the Mother's Day and Father's Day Carnation for the clients in Park Manor.

The Committee has organized and sold Carnations for Shut-Ins at Easter and arranged for delivery after the Easter Service.

The Senior's Meal Program has been running throughout the year providing their takeout service and will be starting to have in house Wednesday meals.

The Committee has purchased food, organized the donations of food, wrapped the gifts and set up the 22 Christmas Cheer Board hampers for clients in the Transcona Area.

The Committee has organized and supplied the coffee, tea, juice and star cookies and dainties for the Blue Christmas Fellowship after the service.

Respectfully submitted by;

Susan Sebastian  
Chair, Outreach

## **Thursday Conversation Group – 2024 Annual Report**

This year, Conversation Group has continued to meet Thursday evenings at 6pm in the multi-purpose room. Our attendance ranges from 3 up to 25, including children. Group meets for 1 hr and discussions are varied in topic. We have had the blessing of Natasha to manage the children while the adults meet. As a group we have strived to provide assistance to our members. Collection and disbursement of donated items as well as coordinating support to those in need has continued. We have had some meetings where there was a designated topic, to provide information about things that the group wanted knowledge about. Such topics included but were not limited to resumes and interviews, different symbols in Canada, proper safety in Canadian climates, and where to get the best deal on food. The intent of the group, when started, was to welcome and support new immigrants in conversational English. Most of those that attended had moved to Canada from Ukraine. This year, we welcomed individuals who have other first languages than English or Ukrainian, and continue to encourage and welcome all who wish to practice their conversational skills. As a group we are glad to see our members grow in their skills and we celebrate their successes with them

Respectfully Submitted by Laura Fraser Schau



## Transcona Food Bank

During 2024 the Transcona Food Bank continued to see a high demand for it's services.

	2024	2023	% Change
# of Families Served	1,840	1759	5%
Total # of people served	5,912	5880	1%
# of Adults served	3,346	3165	6%
# of Children served	2,566	2715	-5%

During 2024 the Transcona Food Bank has 13 openings, which means the Transcona Food Bank served on average 141 families per opening as opposed to an average of 135 families per opening in 2023.

While the need for help has increased, the wonderful community of Transcona step up and thankfully our donations increased as well. As a result, the Transcona Food Bank was able to supplement the food received from our major partner Harvest Manitoba. The Transcona Food Bank was able to buy milk/eggs for every family for every opening. In addition, we were able to occasionally buy cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter as special items. For the Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas we were able to purchase frozen ground hamburger and stove top stuffing.

Many local residents, schools, churches and businesses came through with many monetary and non-perishable donations. While we can't name individuals for privacy reasons, many of our partners are outlined in our attached Donor Listing. All donations are extremely appreciated and the Transcona Food Bank could not continue to operate without this level of support from the community. However, there is one specific event that deserves to be specifically mentioned. Kildare Safeway held a charity drive in Dec 2023 and chose the Transcona Food Bank as there charity of choice. In April Kildare Safeway presented the Transcona Food Bank with \$ 15,727.89 in gift cards. The largest donation ever received.

With the continued increased need, the Transcona Food Bank has become challenged with having sufficient freezer space to store food rescued from our community grocery partners ( Sobeys, Safeway and Superstore). As a result, the Transcona Food Bank has embarked on a capital project of building more space to hold more freezers. In addition to providing some additional funds towards this project the Transcona Biz is also allowing a couple of freezers to occupy space within the Transcona Biz office on a temporary basis. The Transcona Food Bank will be working on making this project a reality in the 2025 year, so look forward to a report on that in the next year.

Along with the support of donations from the community the Transcona Food Bank could not operate without its dedicated army of volunteers. The Transcona Food Bank has approximately 80 volunteers that help with donation pickups, food rescue, sorting donations received, setting up for openings, processing the families on openings and take down after openings. In addition to this brigade of volunteers there are also organizations that step in to help through the year. Transcona Guiding group during the Hi Neighbour Parade. Transcona Railer Express hockey players during the

November/December and RBC employees to assist with the Christmas opening. It truly takes a village.

Unfortunately, our village lost the following dedicated members over the last year and they will be missed dearly

Ian Briggs

Dorothy Postoluk

Bev Conway

After 20 years of volunteering, Shirley Dodd who managed the clothing table will be retiring and handing over the task to 2 other volunteers, Donna and Carol.

We also saw a long time Board members retire from the Board of Directors, Midge Barry. Midge served with the Transcona Food for over 23 ½ years! An amazing feat of dedication. Midge held the Secretary position on the Executive. We thank them both for their years of service. While Midge is no longer on the Board, she will be staying on as a volunteer and will be working at the client registration desk at our openings.

As part of our church community, we feel called upon to help our less fortunate families and are pleased, willing and happy to do so. We are looking forward to whatever 2025 holds in store for us.

I would like to thank the other members of the Board Executive for their hard work, support and dedication.

Susan Sebastian - Vice- Chair  
 Cheryl Freeman – Treasurer  
 Wendy Richey – Secretary

Please find attached the following reports for the 2024 year:

- Statistics
- Financial Report
- List of Donors

Respectfully Submitted  
 Jack Puranen  
 Chairperson  
 Transcona Food Bank

**Transcona Food Bank  
 Statement of Receipts and Disbursements  
 For the Period Oct 28, 2024 to Dec 31,2024**

	<b>Oct 28 - Dec 31 <u>2024</u></b>	<b>YTD <u>2024</u></b>	<b>YTD <u>2023</u></b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>%</b>
Receipts					
Donations					
Grants/Driected Donations	\$5,500.00	\$13,329.30	18,987.69	-5,658.39	-30%
Direct (Direct to Food Bank)	4,369.31	30,054.08	31,747.99	-1,693.91	-5%
Indirect ( TMUC and Canada Helps)	20,529.15	35,233.54	14,032.77	21,200.77	151%
Clothing sales	90.50	1,046.09	901.90	144.19	16%
Bank interest earned	909.68	1,063.87	959.40	104.47	11%
Rebate on purchase of gift cards	0.00	0.00	500.00	-500.00	-100%
	<u>\$31,398.64</u>	<u>\$80,726.88</u>	<u>\$67,129.75</u>	<u>13,597.13</u>	<u>20%</u>

Disbursements					
Food Purchases	\$8,159.62	\$41,186.06	32,531.80	8,654.26	27%
Administration and Supplies	578.69	1,874.94	1,206.86	668.08	55%
TMUC-honorarium for expenses	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	0%
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Grant Expenditures	653.34	5,007.98	17,097.18	12,089.20	-71%
Volunteer lunch	0.00	377.31	325.07	52.24	16%
Assets	0.00	476.98	4,058.88	-3,581.90	-88%
	<u>\$9,391.65</u>	<u>\$49,523.27</u>	<u>\$55,819.79</u>	<u>-6,296.52</u>	<u>-11%</u>
<b>Net Receipts (Disbursements)</b>	<b><u>\$22,006.99</u></b>	<b><u>\$31,203.61</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,309.96</u></b>		

PREPARED BY Cheryl Freeman, CPA, CA  
As at January 6, 2025

## Transcona Food Bank

### Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2024

Bank balance, Jan 1, 2024	\$28,127.21
Receipts	\$80,726.88
Disbursements	(\$49,523.27)
2022 A/R received	\$12,808.86
2024 Deferred Revenue	\$8,321.32
Less: Year End A/R	(\$16,683.96)
Less: 2023 Grant Deferrals	(\$3,529.30)
Opening Sobey's Gift Card	\$4,066.38
Less Closing Sobey's Gift Card	(\$6,026.30)
Transferred to Investment/Savings	(\$20,909.68)
Bank Balance , December 31, 2024	<u>\$37,378.14</u>
Sobey's balance beginning of period	\$4,066.38
Purchase gift cards	\$0.00
Donations	\$18,308.91
Disbursement charged on gift cards	<u>\$16,348.99</u>
Balance on Sobey's gift cards	<u>\$6,026.30</u>
Savings & Investments	<u>\$56,739.58</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH POSITION</b>	<b><u>\$100,144.02</u></b>

PREPARED BY Cheryl Freeman, CPA, CA  
As at January 6, 2025

## Transcona Food Bank 2024 Listing of Donors

Access Credit Union  
Arthur Day Middle School  
Blessed Sacrament Church

All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
Ball Insurance Agency  
Calvin Christian College

Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus #13185 The Carver's Knife  
 CNR Retired Employees Volunteer Service Grant CNR Work Equipment Shop  
 Circle K Store – Kildonan Green  
 Custom Castings Limited  
 E.E.C.C. Breakfast with Santa  
 East Park Lodge Tennant Association  
 Ecole Park School  
 Ecole Margaret-Underhill School  
 The Fairmont Winnipeg  
 Fort Garry Kennel Club  
 Full Bloom Plant Stand  
 Grace Canadian Reformed Church  
 Hi Neighbour Parade  
 K40 Club of Transcona  
 KAG Canada ( Paul's Hauling)  
 M3K Management  
 McAshphalt Industries Ltd.  
 Murdoch McKay Collegiate  
 Park City Meadow Co-op  
 Prairie Landing Residents  
 Real Canadian Superstore – Regent Ave  
 Rotary Club of Winnipeg – Transcona  
 RBC 'Retired Employees Volunteer Service Grant'  
 Royal Canadian Legion No. 7 Ladies Auxiliary  
 Safeway Store #4857  
 Sobeys Kildonan Green Store  
 St. Joseph the Worker Church  
 St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church " Knights of Columbus"  
 St Michael's Villa Senior's Tenant Association  
 Transcona Biz  
 Transcona Christian Reformed Church  
 Transcona District Cubs and Scouts  
 Transcona Public Library  
 Transcona 'Railer Express' Major Junior Hockey Club  
 Transcona Retired Citizens Organization Inc.  
 Vickar Automotive Group  
 Wayoata Elementary School  
 500 Widlake Apartment Residents  
 45 Kildonan Green Residents  
 Winnipeg Regional Health Authority  
 Confidence Rebekah Lodge No. 40  
 Dawson Trail Social Committee  
 East End CC Yoga and Fitness Classes  
 East Transcona Before & After Program  
 Ecole Central School Age  
 Edge Corp Group Development/Design/Mgmt  
 Fraternal Order of Eagles  
 FreschCo – Regent Store  
 George Wakefield Foods Inc  
 Harold Hatcher School  
 Holly Jolly Craft Sale  
 Hudson Condos - 155/185 Peguis Residents  
 Malteurop Canada Ltd  
 Mission Thrift Store  
 No Frills- Tyler's Store Transcona Blvd  
 Peak of the Market  
 Princess Hotel  
 Roshne's Hair Design  
 Russ Wyatt – City Councillor  
 Royal Bank of Canada – Regent Ave  
 Royal Canadian Legion No. 7  
 Sage Creek Residents  
 St George's Anglican Church  
 St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church  
 St, Michael's Women's League  
 Transcona Biz Market  
 Transcona District Brownies and Guides  
 Transcona Memorial United Church  
 Transcona Salon Spa Ltd  
 Transcona Seniors Pickleball  
 UFCW  
 Wawanesa Insurance  
 Westview School  
 Winnipeg Blue Bombers  
 Winnipeg Musicians Fight Hunger 2.0  
 WSP Canada Ltd – Winnipeg employees

Transcona Food Bank Statistics											
Opening No.	Opening Dates	Families	Adults	Seniors	Singles	Children Age 0-12 M	Children Age 1-6	Children Age 7-12	Children Age 13-18	Children Per Opening	People Per Opening
1	Jan 18 24	126	230		18	15	70	76	32	193	423
2	Feb 15 24	133	236		21	16	71	70	30	187	423
3	Mar 14 24	134	238		27	17	79	83	31	210	448
4	Apr 11 24	141	254		24	19	78	80	27	204	458
5	May 9 24	154	277		25	20	90	84	31	225	502
6	Jun 6 24	142	259		24	20	81	80	32	213	472
7	Jul 4 24	132	233		17	8	51	65	44	168	401
8	Aug 1 24	134	232	21	21	9	52	67	44	172	425
9	Aug 29 24	145	237	31	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	204	472
10	Sep 26 24	141	217	42	27	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	185	444
11	Oct 24 24	149	213	59	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	205	477
12	Nov 21 24	151	220	59	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	191	470
13	Dec 19 24	158	224	64	32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	209	497
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>		<b>1840</b>	<b>3070</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>2566</b>	<b>5912</b>

## **GIFTS OF GRACE STREET MISSION (SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP)**

The Gifts of Grace Street Mission was founded under the umbrella of St. Saviour's Anglican Church, 690 Munroe Avenue, Winnipeg. Since 2012, the Gifts of Grace Street Mission has been approved by the TMUC Council as a Special Interest Group. We continue to thank our church members for all they have done, and continue to do, to help keep our Mission vibrant and thriving; especially considering all that is going on in our world today! Your donations of muffins, buns, toiletries, knitted items, clothing, socks as well as monetary donations are extremely appreciated.

**The Mission's mandate is to provide Food, Friendship and Compassion to our Friends who are experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg.**

The Mission started off 2024 well aware that Covid-19 had not totally gone away, so we were cautious as to how our various activities were to be handled. With having our sandwich and casserole making crews already set up from last year; as well as other obligations that the Mission had in place; we all knew what needed to be done.

The schedules for both the sandwich and casserole crews were set up by those in charge on a monthly rotation and the volunteers were notified by email or phone calls. The various teams, made up of volunteers from the entire Mission, were able to supply Main Street Project with 700 sandwiches each week for the Van Patrol from Monday through to Sunday, as well as 200 sandwiches going to Agape every Tuesday. An additional 150 sandwiches were also made weekly to be delivered with the Thursday meal to Main Street Project and an additional 150 sandwiches were made weekly to be delivered with the Sunday morning breakfast at 190 Disraeli. Much of the bread used for the sandwiches comes from Safeway and Sobeys, as well as other community organizations. A decision was made by the Gifts of Grace Street Mission, as a whole, to continue to maintain our commitment to our core business, including the Van Patrol sandwiches, the weekly dinner at Main Street Project and the weekly breakfast at 190 Disraeli. As such, the weekly delivery to Agape was suspended at the end of April, 2024.

The casserole crew started up on January 10th and by the end of December, 2024, they had made 207 casseroles that were served or delivered to Main Street Project every Thursday throughout the year. There were a number of volunteers from St. Saviour's who heated, delivered and served the casseroles and when it wasn't safe due to the virus to serve in person; the casseroles were delivered to the staff at Main Street Project to serve the clientele. Along with the casseroles there were buttered buns, and cookies, wagon wheels, homemade muffins and other desserts, which were donated by TMUC members, as well as Blessed Sacrament members, St. Saviour's members, and friends of our many volunteers.

St. Saviour's Anglican Church provides tax receipts for anyone who may wish to make a donation to our Mission. Cheques are made payable to St. Saviour's Anglican Church with "Gifts of Grace" specified on the front of the cheque. We are truly blessed to have three congregations working together, plus many friends of the Mission, to make our Mission what it is today. Dealing with the continued threat of the Covid virus certainly has made it a real challenge to manage the everyday mechanics of running the Mission.

We are not taking clothes at this time; but anyone who wishes to donate non perishable food items, please use our drop-off spots, which are:

**In the Transcona Area:** Transcona Salon Spa located at #14 – 1783 Plessis Rd.  
**In the Elmwood Area:** The Washeteria Laundromat at 556 Keenleyside St.  
**In the North Kildonan Area:** 417 Paufeld Drive

We always welcome new volunteers. If you are at all interested, please do not hesitate to contact Bonnie Scott (204) 222-6986 or Anne Hruda (431) 996-2509 or check out our Facebook Page under Gifts of Grace Street Mission, which can be accessed easily.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Anne Hruda, Gifts of Grace Street Mission Volunteer

## **Messy Church - 2024 Annual Report**

Messy Church remains a delightful and dynamic gathering that happens once a month, living up to its name in the best possible way. This year, we've spiced things up by kicking off each session with an engaging activity, followed by storytelling, a shared meal, creative crafts, and music.

Our Messy Church congregation is flourishing, and we're always thrilled to welcome new families while being deeply grateful for our regular attendees. This vibrant ministry thrives thanks to the hard work and commitment of our Messy Church planning team, with invaluable support from our minister, Rob Reed, our enthusiastic craft and activity leaders, and our devoted kitchen volunteers who ensure we all enjoy a wonderful meal each time we gather. Messy Church is truly intergenerational - it's for everyone, and we would love for you to join us!

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Harlos, Michelle Lamoureux, Gail Purcell, Rob Reed, Lynn Richard and Crystal Schau - The TMUC Messy Church Planning Team

## Caught in the Act Co.

This year, Caught in the Act Co. with TMUC presented the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Theatre production, "Foibles and Follies", written by Michelle R. Davis and Produced by Special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado. The production took place May 2-5, 2024. We had near sell outs for several of the evenings.

Due to a number of different reasons, we made the move to a buffet style meal and Luigi's Catering. Desserts were created by a group of individuals connected to the church and dinner theatre. We were also able to provide some modified meals for those who required special dietary restrictions (ordered at the time of ticket purchase) thanks to the assistance of Kathy Antymis.

Overall, the play, food, and theatre experience were well received. Thank you to all who participated by acting, being a member of the cast and crew, purchasing tickets, attending and volunteering to ensure the production was a success. We look forward to your continued participation in next years production.

Laura Fraser-Schau

Producer 2024

<b>Revenue</b>		
Carry in from 2023	\$993.90	
Ticket Sales	\$28,700.00	(574 tickets * \$50.00)
Donations	\$312.59	
Wine/Drink Sales	\$3,078.15	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,084.64</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Printing costs	\$297.92	
Scripts/Royalties	\$730.19	
Flats/Paint/Door	\$7.00	
Costumes	\$97.69	
Makeup	\$274.98	
Props/Stage	\$147.28	
Music	\$0.00	
Decorations/Stage	\$4.50	
Dinner	\$12,067.61	
Lighting rental	\$618.80	
Miscellaneous	\$258.61	
Wine/Drinks	\$1,541.71	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,046.29</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$17,038.35</b>	
<b>Disbursements</b>		

TMUC Operating Fund	\$16,250.00	(\$20.00 per ticket \$11,480.00)
Carry into next year	\$788.35	

Submitted by Adrian Measner, Treasurer

Audited by Jim Lewis CGA (Ret)

## Photo Directory 2024

Thank you to all the congregation members, adherents and their families who participated in the photo directory in May and June 2024. We had a good turnout - 101 photo sessions were held! This photo directory will serve to remind us of who we were and what our story was in 2024. I would especially like to thank Alan Gershuny for helping to make calls and book appointments with me - there aren't enough thanks that can be given for this monumental task. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the volunteers who assisted and hosted the photographers: Cathie Morgan-Matula, Cindy Ostapyk, Deborah Thiessen, Steve McKendry-Smith, Susan and Doug Copeland. I would also like to thank Kevin Drennan who supported the project by driving some of our "shut-in" congregation members to and from their appointments. Thank you to all who participated!

Submitted with thanksgiving,  
Breanna Drennan-Bilyk

## Plant Sale 2024

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2024 Glenlea Greenhouse/TMUC plant sale fundraiser! The plant sale is a great way to support the General Fund and a local Manitoba business. We had a funny thing happen in May when the plants were delivered. Normally plant delivery day has always been a bright sunny day - the type of day where you are reminded that the sun really does shine on Transcona. Well, in 2024 that wasn't the case at all! It was a cool, gloomy day with some wind and the possibility of drizzle. Wouldn't you know that the wind picked up and started tossing branches around Transcona and TMUC was stricken with a power outage! Normally this wouldn't be a problem because we have emergency lighting and a terrific Building & Property Team who keep all of that up to date. On plant sale day, however, it is a problem because we use the elevator to bring the racks and racks of plants into the building. Luckily, the team from the Greenhouse, Dallis Kelly, Bob Kirkhope, Steve McKendry-Smith, Rev. Rob Reed and myself were all able to hand carry the plants to the basement. I would like to thank Cheryl & Mike Thomas, Kevin & Cathy Drennan, Kyla Drennan and Jacquie Poersch-Burns for their assistance in sorting the plants by order and helping bring the plants back up the stairs to the purchasers. Our total raised in 2024 was \$1,293.03 - thank you to everyone who shared the digital catalogue and supported this fundraiser.

Respectfully submitted,  
Breanna Drennan-Bilyk



## **Children's Choice Nursery School**

Children's Choice Nursery School will be closing its doors at the end of June after 44 years serving the Transcona community.. Wendy Frejuk ( Teacher Wendy) is retiring after a wonderful career which she loved. She would like to thank the Transcona Memorial United Church for allowing the school to be here all these years. A retirement get together will be held in May.

## **THE TRANSCONA COUNCIL FOR SENIORS**

The Transcona Council for Seniors Inc. is one of ten councils within the City of Winnipeg. The primary role is to assist seniors to remain living independently for as long as possible. The Transcona Council for Seniors Inc. provides information and referrals to community seniors as well as identifying and facilitating services needed to meet the needs of Transcona Seniors.

Transcona Memorial United Church is a wonderful partner and provides space for the council for several of our programs.

We use the church twice a week to provide our 55+ Dining Experience to anyone who is 55 years of age. The meals are nutritious and pick-up and delivery are provided Monday and Wednesdays. Once a month we have a special music and dinner presentation on Wednesdays. This program also provides volunteer opportunities where many friendships are built.

Once a month we use Yale Hall for the Alzheimer's Group for Alzheimer's clients who come with their caregivers. There are about 15 Caregivers who attend and the Caregivers group lead by Terry Cousins.

We continue to use the Yale Hall at TMUC for Pickle Ball several times a week. This is the fastest growing sport in North America.

Once a year we hold a joint fund raiser Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale with TMUC when tickets are on sale for the Dinner Theater and the funds are donated to TMUC. The Breakfast was held February 17, 2024.

We also occasionally use meeting space at TMUC for special speakers and information sessions as well as board meetings.

Thank you for being such a wonderful welcoming and generous part of our community. You continue to live out loving one another.

Submitted by Colleen Tackaberry

## **The Transcona Seniors Pickleball Club**

The Transcona Seniors Pickleball Club (TSPC) has been a part of the Transcona community since 2014. Members play at various times during the week (M-F) at Transcona Memorial United Church and at Oxford Heights Community Centre. Pickleball is a fun sport for all ages, especially seniors. We encourage seniors in our community to come out and enjoy playing pickleball along with appreciating the social interaction that is an important aspect of pickleball. In 2024 our members came to TMUC to play pickleball over a thousand times. Our membership is approaching the century mark and we encourage new members to join. Skill level varies from novice to intermediate. We have recently introduced a few different varieties of pickleball, such as "rover" to help increase their enjoyment when playing the game.

If anyone has any questions or is interested in playing pickleball with TSPC they should contact Fred at 204-224- 4941

## ***New Aniibiish***

New Aniibiish - in Ojibwe means New Leaf.

New Aniibiish is a private counselling practice situated on the 4th floor. The practice is led by Juanita Wilson, a seasoned integrative licensed clinical social worker and psychotherapist. Juanita has achieved academic qualifications, including a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), and a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology (MACP). She is registered with the Manitoba College of Social Workers (MCSW) and the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association (CCPA). Kari Kerelluke is the other therapist you will see in the building on Wednesdays. Kari is a long-term resident of Transcona and is very aware of the limited mental health support in the area. She also holds a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and is registered with the Manitoba College of Social Workers (MCSW). Juanita's expertise is centred on treating trauma, developmental trauma, and responses to various stressful life events, focusing on adolescents, adults, and families. Her treatment approach is integrative, designed to customize care to align with each client's unique needs and objectives. This method involves a variety of trauma treatment techniques. Juanita is committed to helping individuals gain a deeper understanding of trauma and its effects on the nervous system. Kari offers counselling services to individuals 18+. Her focus is stages of life transitions, anxiety and depression, mood disorders, as well as relationship/parenting conflict.

Clients come to the office from many places: the New Aniibiish website, google searches, a variety of insurance companies, Psychology Today and personal referrals.

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Juanita



## TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

### 2024 Income and Expenses (unaudited)

	2024 GENERAL FUND	2024 BUILDING FUND	2024 MINISTRY FUND	2023 GENERAL FUND
<b>INCOME</b>				
Envelope Offering	\$83,555.32	\$18,447.67	\$980.00	\$80,922.32
PAR Offering	\$86,879.24			\$92,998.00
Other electronic offering	\$37,788.73			\$33,048.14
Auction	\$7,083.14			\$7,256.00
Dinner Theatre	\$16,263.20			\$15,250.00
Rent	\$22,680.50			\$21,662.50
Wedding/Funeral/Catering	\$10,357.00			\$6,320.00
Other fund raising/Misc	\$5,428.14			\$4,316.15
Food Bank	\$80,750.31			\$67,136.10
UCW	\$1,653.00			\$3,781.95
Interest	\$1,207.63	\$6,406.04	\$1,499.71	\$1,437.76
Cropo Grant				\$5,000.00
Efficiency MB Grant		\$13,882.50		
Green & Inclusive Federal		\$122,583.45		
MB Building Sustainable		\$23,268.00		
<b>SubTotal Revenue</b>	<b>\$353,646.21</b>	<b>\$184,587.66</b>	<b>\$2,479.71</b>	<b>\$339,128.92</b>

Mission & Service	\$20,975.77			\$20,231.46
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$374,621.98	\$184,587.66	\$2,479.71	\$359,360.38
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Pastoral Care				
Salaries and Benefits	\$109,897.34			\$129,506.35
Allowances	\$1,409.06			\$1,792.39
<b>SubTotal</b>	\$111,306.40			\$131,298.74
Administrative Staff				
Salaries/Benefits/Allowances	\$35,785.14			\$13,106.82
Contract Services	\$33,783.43			\$34,306.68
<b>SubTotal</b>	\$69,568.57			\$47,413.50
Operations				
Hydro (Electricity & Gas)	\$12,960.71			\$16,458.80
Telephone/Cable	\$2,450.14			\$2,508.54
Water & Sewer	\$941.97			\$1,271.99
General Maintenance	\$11,842.68	\$ 3,345.94		\$13,264.68
Property Taxes & Insurance	\$17,312.73	\$7,645.00		\$9,505.75
Elevator Maintenance	\$3,542.34			\$3,735.62
Interest		\$1,415.07		1.16
Furnace Replacement		\$11,588.39		
Roof Replacement		\$2,376.23		
Other Green Plan		\$115,118.96		
Alarm System and AV upgrade		\$50,856.28		
Furniture and Appliances	537.1			6326.14
Snow/Defib/Mats	\$4,829.79			\$4,158.85
<b>SubTotal</b>	\$54,417.46	\$192,345.87		\$57,231.53
Office Expenses				
Photocopier Lease	\$2,073.77			\$1,163.38
Stationary and Supplies	\$1,126.37			\$1,551.09
Postage	\$190.25			\$189.08
Computer Software/Support	\$1,059.86		\$1,674.71	\$610.50
<b>SubTotal</b>	\$4,450.25			\$3,514.05
Teams				
Council	\$1,823.36		\$970.40	\$5,277.42
Outreach	\$1,532.03			\$165.38

Learning	\$839.16			\$721.16
Admin & Sharing	\$0.00			\$0.00
Worship & Welcome	\$839.69			\$1,559.16
Ministry & Personnel	\$1,944.35			\$1,160.00
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$6,978.59</b>			<b>\$8,883.12</b>
United Church Assessment	\$15,185.00			\$11,489.00
Audit	\$5,173.79	\$ 2,350.00		\$4,000.00
Bank Charges	\$1,606.40	\$ 102.50		\$2,387.42
Food Bank	\$49,523.27			\$55,819.79
UCW	\$2,196.12			\$1,604.86
Misc	\$176.87			\$425.00
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$73,861.45</b>			<b>\$75,726.07</b>
<b>Expenses SubTotal</b>	<b>\$320,582.72</b>	<b>\$194,798.37</b>		<b>\$324,067.01</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Service</b>	<b>\$20,975.77</b>			<b>\$20,231.46</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$341,558.49</b>	<b>\$194,798.37</b>	<b>\$2,645.11</b>	<b>\$344,298.47</b>
Surplus (deficit)	\$33,063.49	<b>-\$10,210.71</b>	<b>-\$165.40</b>	\$15,061.91

As of December 31, 2024 the amount outstanding on the UCC loan is \$66,037.77

From the December 31, 2024 Balance Sheet:

Total Chequing and Saving in the General Fund: \$77,411.76

Building Fund: \$124,555.03 and Ministry Fund: \$29,696.78. The Ministry Fund also has a GIC \$38,693.85

**TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH**

**BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES**

	2025 GENERAL FUND	2025 BUILDING FUND	2025 Ministry FUND	2024 GENERAL FUND
<b>INCOME</b>				
Envelope Offering	\$82,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$83,555.32
PAR Offering	\$85,000.00	\$7,500.00		\$86,879.24
Other electronic offering	\$37,000.00			\$37,788.73
Auction	\$7,000.00			\$7,083.14
Dinner Theatre	\$17,500.00			\$16,263.20
Rent	\$19,000.00			\$22,680.50
Wed/Fun/Catering	\$7,000.00			\$10,357.00
Other fund raising/Misc	\$5,000.00			\$5,428.14
Food Bank	\$40,000.00			\$80,750.31
UCW	\$2,000.00			\$1,653.00
Interest	\$1,000.00	\$2,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,207.63
Federal Green & Inclusive		\$24,863.90		
Church Development Inc.		\$16,000.00		
Efficiency MB				
Cropo Grant				
<b>SubTotal Revenue</b>	\$302,500.00	\$58,163.90	\$2,300.00	\$353,646.21
Mission & Service	\$21,000.00			\$20,975.77
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$323,500.00	\$58,163.90	\$2,300.00	\$374,621.98
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Pastoral Care				
Salaries and Benefits	\$113,000.00			\$109,897.34
Allowances	\$3,909.00			\$1,409.06
<b>SubTotal</b>	\$116,909.00			\$111,306.40
Administrative Staff (1)				
Salaries/Benefits/Allowances	\$65,490.00			\$35,785.14
Contract Services	\$9,100.00			\$33,783.43
<b>SubTotal</b>	\$74,590.00			\$69,568.57
Operations				
Hydro (Electricity & Gas)	\$13,000.00			\$12,960.71
Telephone/Cable	\$2,600.00			\$2,450.14
Water & Sewer	\$1,500.00			\$941.97
General Maintanance	\$14,500.00			\$11,842.68

Insurance, property taxes	\$18,600.00			\$17,312.73
Interest (2)	\$0.00	\$10,104.00		
Elevator service	\$4,300.00			\$3,542.34
Springfield reno (3)		\$30,000.00		
Furniture and Appliances				\$537.10
Snow/Defib/Mats/Kitchen	\$6,900.00			\$4,829.79
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$61,400.00</b>	<b>\$40,104.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$54,417.46</b>
Office Expenses				
Photo Copier Lease	\$2,000.00			\$2,073.77
Stationary and Supplies	\$1,600.00			\$1,126.37
Postage	\$300.00			\$190.25
Computer Software/Support	\$1,400.00			\$1,059.86
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$5,300.00</b>			<b>\$4,450.25</b>
Teams				
Council (4)	\$700.00		\$500.00	\$1,823.36
Outreach	\$790.00			\$1,532.03
Learning	\$1,350.00			\$839.16
Admin & Sharing	\$0.00			\$0.00
Worship & Welcome	\$1,584.00			\$839.69
Ministry and Personal	\$1,920.00			\$1,944.35
Youth	\$0.00			\$0.00
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$6,344.00</b>			<b>\$6,978.59</b>
United Church Assessment	\$14,234.00			\$15,185.00
Audit	\$5,000.00	\$ 2,350.00		\$5,173.79
Bank Charges	\$1,700.00			\$1,606.40
Food Bank	\$40,000.00			\$49,523.27
UCW	\$2,000.00			\$2,196.12
Misc				\$176.87
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$62,934.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,350.00</b>		<b>\$73,861.45</b>
<b>Expenses SubTotal</b>	<b>\$327,477.00</b>	<b>\$42,454.00</b>		<b>\$320,582.72</b>
<b>Mission and Service</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>			<b>\$20,975.77</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$348,477.00</b>	<b>\$42,454.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$341,558.49</b>
Surplus (deficit)	<b>-\$24,977.00</b>	\$15,709.90	\$1,800.00	\$33,063.49

1. Includes \$9000 for SS and Youth Coordinator and new hire Building Support person replaces Cleaning Contract  
2. Principle and Interest on United Church Loan

3. Very Rough estimate
4. Messy Church conference U.K.