

St. Andrew's Council Meeting
Lois E. Carey Parlour
Wednesday May 15th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Opening (7:05 p.m.)	At the previous Council meeting it was agreed that our Co-Vice Chairs would be given the opportunity to chair meetings from time to time, so Lorie Fairburn was the Chair for this meeting. She welcomed Council members and guests to the meeting.
Attendance	Elizabeth Brownlee, Kim Delarosbel, Lorie Fairburn, Karen Gooch (Secretary), Doug McCausland (Chair), Ed Mounce, Kathie Smith (Pastoral Charge Supervisor), Caitlin Smithers (Minister) (8)
Regrets	William Downey, Bill Ingwersen, Stephen Park, Derek Stott
Land Acknowledgement	Doug McCausland acknowledged that we meet on Indigenous land and we offer thanks for the gifts of the people from the Nipissing First Nation as we work towards reconciliation.
Opening/ Touchstones	Lorie Fairburn read our Council Touchstones aloud. She reminded us that we are called to keep God at the center of everything we do and that we should strive to separate problems from the people we are dealing with. We took part in a responsive liturgy as Lorie asked a question for us to consider - 'What does it mean to nurture?'
Corresponding Members	Motion 043/24 Elizabeth Brownlee/ Doug McCausland moved that Betty Hurley and Frankie Syme be accepted as corresponding members for this meeting. Carried
Agenda	Motion 044/24 Elizabeth Brownlee/ Ed Mounce moved that the agenda be accepted with one addition – a Regional Council report and a change of order for other business. Carried It was agreed by consensus that we should begin to wind up this meeting by 9:15 p.m. and that any unfinished business will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Motion 045/24 Karen Gooch/ Elizabeth Brownlee moved that the minutes from March 20 th , 2024 be accepted as circulated. Carried
Correspondence	None
Business Arising	
Cleanup	It was confirmed that the cleanup of the church grounds will be on May 25 th , 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
New Business	
Financial Report	Appendix I The following financial information was offered.

- Month-end Statement – A statement dated April 30th, 2024 (Appendix I) was presented by Finance Chair Lorie Fairburn showing total revenue of \$119,485 and expenses of \$91,103 for a surplus of \$28,382.
- Last year, revenue to the end of April was \$62,346. The increase in revenue this year is due in large part to the \$15,000 bequest that was received from the Walsh estate (to be spent on the building) and several other refunds/adjustments. Even taking these extra one-time sources of revenue into account, we still running ahead of last year's revenue. The expenses so far for this year are about \$5,300 higher than last year.

Motion 046/24

Elizabeth Brownlee/ Kim Delarosbel moved that the financial report be accepted as presented. **Carried**

Liaisons **Appendix II, III, IV**

All written committee reports were emailed to Council members ahead of this meeting for review.

Administration – Karen Gooch offered the following on behalf of Derek Stott.

- The Technology Working Group has met and it was agreed that we will not sign a proposed computer support contract at this time. The Group is in the process of gathering pricing and info about upgrading the staff computers. Janet Ross's computer will be the priority with the other computers being replaced over time depending on available funding.

Facility – Karen Gooch offered the following on behalf of Bill Ingwersen.

- Members of the Property Committee are planning a meeting with the group that is proposing an art installation on the church's front lawn.
- The Committee is beginning to compile lists of present and future property needs. The Committee will be seeking a few additional members as the work requires.
- There was discussion about the status of the proposed steeple project. There was also question a about the reinstallation of the speakers for the carillon that were removed when the belfry was demolished. It was agreed that Reid Milne will be invited to the June Council meeting to inform Council about plans to possibly install a new steeple. The goal is to have a formal proposal to present to the congregation in the fall, which must approve any plans to proceed with this. The Trustees and the Regional Council will also need to be consulted.

Spiritual Life – Elizabeth Brownlee provided a written report (Appendix II) with information from the Worship Team, Congregational Life/Fundraising and Pastoral Care. She provided one correction to her report – the next Linger Lunch will be on May 26th.

Living Our Mission – Lorie Fairburn provided a written Loaves & Fishes report for April (Appendix III). She also provided a written overview of the new Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank Committee outlining its role and function and offering a mission statement (Appendix V).

Motion 047/24

Kim Delarosbel/ Elizabeth Brownlee moved that all the committee reports be accepted as corrected. **Carried**

M&P Committee Bill Ingwersen was absent but provided the following from the M&P Committee.

- The M&P Committee will meet with our Minister Caitlin Smithers to affect the transition to the new M&P team.
- The Committee is in the process of assigning members to each employee and will be recruiting additional members to help with the workload.

Motion 048/24

Doug McCausland/ Kim Delarosbel moved that the M&P Committee report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Minister's Report **Appendix V**

Caitlin Smithers provided a written report outlining her activities for March and April (Appendix V).

Motion 049/24

Elizabeth Brownlee/ Kim Delarosbel moved that the Minister's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Other Business

United Community Faith **Appendix VI**
Network (UCFN)

The minutes from the May 7th, 2024 UCFN meeting were provided for information. The UCFN is looking for volunteers to help plan local events for the 100th anniversary of the United Church which on June 10th, 2025.

The United Church is kicking off the year-long celebrations with a worship service streamed from Metropolitan United Church in Toronto at 4:30 p.m. on June 9th.

[Centennial Service \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com)

Find out more about national events at:

[100 Years of Deep, Bold, Daring | The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](https://www.united-church.ca)

Regional Council Report Karen Gooch, Caitlin Smithers and Kathie Smith attended the recent Canadian Shield Regional Council (CSRC) general meeting in Sault Ste. Marie. The following was reported:

- It was agreed that having our moderator The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne present was a highlight. She brought much energy, inspiration and joy as she spoke a number of times throughout the weekend.
- Being present for the ordination of Tracy Davis was also a highlight. Another DLM, Helen Smith was also ordained and Lisa Blais was commissioned as a Diaconal Minister. This came about from a policy change at the United Church to recognize the work of long-time DLMs who have met certain criteria.
- There were a number of workshops to consider topics such as collaborative ministry, growth in the church and stewardship.
- Regular business included approving a draft budget, electing Bill Jones as the CSRC Chair-elect and accepting nominations for the Commissions and Resource Teams. A new Property Commission has been created. This is a decision-making body of the CSRC which will deal with the growing issue of what to do with church property that cannot be maintained as churches close and consolidate.
- Further information, including videos from all the meeting sessions can be found on the CSRC website.

[2024 Regional Meeting | Canadian Shield \(canadianshieldrc.ca\)](https://www.canadianshieldrc.ca)

Summer Council Meeting Although our custom has been to not meet over the summer, many felt that we should meet at least once to keep on top of our Council work. It was suggested that we hold a *Zoom* meeting on July 17th. This will allow people to attend even if they are away from home at that time.

Motion 050/24

Karen Gooch/ Elizabeth Brownlee moved that St. Andrew's Council will meet using *Zoom* on Wednesday, July 17th. **Carried**

Building Use Several issues have arisen regarding the Building Use Policy.

- There has been a request from a support group for use of some storage space. The policy states that outside groups will not be provided with storage space without prior authorization, although there are a couple of groups that have some space because they were grandfathered when the current policy came into effect. The consensus seems to be that allowing one group storage will lead to further requests and that we are already short on storage space for our own stuff.
- It was felt that we should be reminding groups that single-use beverage containers are banned from our building. This led to the suggestion that we should consider having long-term groups review and re-sign the building use paperwork annually.
- It was suggested that we look at a reviewing our Building Use Policy. (Perhaps a discussion for the June meeting?) Karen Gooch will email copies of the current policy for review.

Funeral/Wedding Policies

- There was confusion after a recent funeral about how payment for the minister is to be arranged. Some funeral homes add the church's costs to their invoice and some do not. In this case, St. Andrew's has issued a cheque to the presiding minister. (Our minister Caitlin was out of town at the time.) It was agreed that an invoice will be sent to the family in order to recoup this cost.
- Council requested that that Worship Team review our funeral and wedding policies including clarifying costs for services and receptions. There is also a need to review insurance requirements for receptions.

Future Agenda Items There were a few items suggested for future Council meetings.

- Should we plan a Council retreat?
- Review of Building Use Policy
- How do we ensure that property issues are dealt with in a timely manner? There are a number of small projects and some general clean-up that need to be done. Perhaps a list could be posted so that people can add items if they spot something that is in need of attention.
- We need a plan (including a backup plan) to deal with recycling our cardboard since the city does not pick this up.
- It was suggested that we develop a green policy.

Round Table

Members of Council were invited to speak about anything they would like.

- We went around the circle and several people offered that there was some good discussion at this meeting.

Adjournment

Caitlin Smithers offered a closing prayer before the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next Council Meeting

Wednesday June 19th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Lois E. Carey Parlour

Acting Chairperson, Lorie Fairburn

Secretary, Karen Gooch

Appendix I

**St. Andrew's United Church
 Financial Comparative Statement January - April 2024**

	Actual 2023/01/01 to 2023/04/31	Actual 2024/01/01 to 2024/04/31	Budget 2024	Notes
REVENUE				
General Fund Revenue				
Offerings - General Fund	\$43,301.85	\$78,309.30	\$185,366.00	\$15,000 Bequest
Offerings - Envelopes	\$80.00	\$59.05	\$0.00	\$9,300 tax rebate
Offerings - Broadview	\$270.00	\$255.00	\$0.00	
Offerings - Church School	\$115.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	
Offerings - Renovations	\$680.00	\$775.00	\$0.00	
Fund Raising Comm Revenue	\$0.00	\$235.00	\$0.00	
Rent for Use of Church	\$8,897.50	\$7,871.00	\$0.00	
Congregational Life Income	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	
Can. Helps-Gen Fund	\$1.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,300.00	
Total General Fund Revenue	\$53,345.85	\$87,904.35	\$241,666.00	
Total M & S Fund Revenue	\$5,626.24	\$6,251.64	\$0.00	
Total L & F Fund Revenue	\$2,740.00	\$24,689.00	\$0.00	
Total Memorial Comm Revenue	\$310.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	
Total Inclusivity	\$0.00	\$610.00	\$0.00	
Total Other Revenue	\$8,676.24	\$31,580.64	\$0.00	
Total Revenue	\$62,022.09	\$119,484.99	\$241,666.00	
EXPENSES				
PERSONNEL				
Salaries	\$13,167.56	\$33,182.02	\$117,355.00	
Vehicle Allowance	\$503.40	\$800.00	\$3,600.00	
Telephone Allowance	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$900.00	
Book/Educ Allowance	\$0.00	\$847.68	\$0.00	
Employers EI Exp	\$390.66	\$809.67	\$0.00	
Employers CPP Exp	\$451.72	\$1,482.50	\$0.00	
WSIB Expense	\$0.00	\$237.41	\$0.00	
Pension - United Church	\$0.00	\$1,654.00	\$0.00	
Benefits - United Church	\$0.00	\$1,833.04	\$6,351.00	
Other Personnel Expenses	\$0.00	-\$2,826.73	\$2,500.00	
Total Personnel Expenses	\$14,513.34	\$38,319.59	\$130,706.00	

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PROPERTY				
Heating Fuel	\$14,677.92	\$10,430.53	\$22,000.00	
Utilities	\$2,674.20	\$2,887.09	\$6,500.00	Hydro rebates \$568.47
Mtce Contracts	\$1,255.51	\$675.94	\$0.00	
Security Contract	\$234.04	\$1,538.03	\$0.00	
Repairs & Mtce	\$1,603.11	\$1,381.21	\$13,500.00	
Janitorial Supplies	\$214.93	\$1,127.62	\$3,000.00	
Insurance	\$13,883.77	\$2,175.28	\$19,000.00	Refund from overpayment
Special property purchases	\$6,816.59	\$613.25	\$4,500.00	\$3,674.96
Union Cemetery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Property Expenses	\$41,360.07	\$20,828.95	\$68,500.00	
ADMINISTRATION				
Office Supplies	\$1,250.63	\$1,102.72	\$4,000.00	
Telephone/Internet	\$894.47	\$962.82	\$3,000.00	
Postage/Courier	\$0.00	\$305.58	\$1,900.00	
Office Equip Lease	\$860.00	\$860.00	\$3,000.00	
Office Equipment Mtce	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	
Office Equip Purchase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	
Regional Dues	\$9,413.00	\$6,773.00	\$10,000.00	
CSRC Supervisor Fee	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	
Total Administration Expenses	\$12,418.10	\$10,364.12	\$25,260.00	
WORSHIP				
Pulpit Supply	\$1,160.00	\$741.00	\$1,000.00	
Worship Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
Other Worship Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Worship Expenses	\$1,160.00	\$741.00	\$2,500.00	
CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT				
Church School Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Nursery Care	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Church School Assistant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Adult C.D. Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Christian Dev. Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
FINANCE				
Professional Fees (Audit)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	
Bank Service Charges	\$398.50	\$505.14	\$1,100.00	
Interest/ Finance Expense	\$56.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Finance Expenses	\$455.33	\$505.14	\$1,800.00	

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OTHER GENERAL FUND				
Outreach Comm. Exp.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	
Pastoral Care Exp.	\$0.00	\$228.67	\$1,000.00	
Congregational Life Exp.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Inclusivity Comm Exp	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$600.00	
Broadview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	
Allocation for Capital Exp.	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00	
Contingency Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Covid loan exp	\$167.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Other General Expenses	\$1,367.61	\$1,528.67	\$9,900.00	
MISC				
Mission & Service Exp.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Loaves & Fishes Expense	\$14,488.15	\$18,815.12	\$0.00	
Capital Fund Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Choir Fund Exp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Building Restoration Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Misc. Expenses	\$14,488.15	\$18,815.12	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$85,762.60	\$91,102.59	\$241,666.00	
NET INCOME	-\$23,740.51	\$28,382.40	\$0.00	

Bank Account Balances

General	\$52,273.13
Building Fund	\$1,917.90
Loaves & Fishes	\$52,645.43
Memorial Savings	\$22,884.61
RBC GIC	\$128,970.25
Assante Investments	\$95,366.05
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Total	\$354,057.37

Appendix II

Spiritual Life Liaison Report – May 15, 2024

Worship & Christian Education: Ralph Johnston/Kim Delarosbel (Co-chairs)

We are delighted to welcome Caitlin back! We continue to hold her and her nan in our prayers. Sunday worship services in Caitlin's absence were covered as follows:

April 14: Lorie Fairburn – Volunteer Sunday

April 21 - Kathy MaCallum (pulpit supply)

April 28 - Liz Brownlee and Donna Sinclair; Melissa Pajunen (music supply)

May 5 – Empty Bowl – Lorie Fairburn (pulpit supply) Inclusivity adorned the sanctuary with red dresses and one was hung outside the church. An acknowledgement was offered and a red candle was lit.

Season of Pentecost begins Sunday, May 19. Folks will be encouraged to wear red.

Congregational Life/Fundraising: LizB/LizW (Co-chairs)

Sunday refreshments: Several people have volunteered to either help Liz and Willa or to take on a Sunday themselves.

Sat., April 27: Reception for the Bell funeral was held in the gym.

Sun., April 28: Linger Lunch was attended by about 40 people. The Red Dress activity table was very busy, producing some wonderful creations and prompting a thank you note in our new red box.

Sat., May 4: Empty Bowl Loaves and Fishes Fundraiser was held in the Club Room and attended by about 50 people. Soups, sandwiches and home-style comfort desserts were served.

Looking forward:

Sun., May 26: Linger Lunch

Sun., June 9: BBQ Linger Lunch – Cong Life

Sat., June 29 – Strawberry Social Fundraiser – Cong. Life

Sun., July 14 – Takeout Ham and Salads Picnic Meal – Cong. Life

Pastoral Care: Donna Landry (Chair)

Donna has continued visiting in Caitlin's absence. The summer greeting card for the card ministry has already been designed. Planning meeting June 11, 2024.

Submitted by Liz Brownlee

Appendix III



Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank Report to Council May 15, 2024 Meeting

April Statistics

Volunteer Hours – 313

Food Bank Total Number of Clients – **356** (In March we served 303 clients)

New Clients – 21, New Students - 9

<u>Total</u>	<u># of guest</u>	<u>#of Students</u>
April 25	70	6
April 18	91	8
April 11	59	27
April 4	79	16
	299	57

In-Kind Donations	\$5,980
Food Rescue	\$1,200
Donations	\$5,478

Overview of Activities

- North Bay Public Library participated in Tampon Tuesday and donated in kind donations (approximately \$500) and \$40 cash
- Empty Bowl & Silent Auction was a success, sold all 52 bowls, raise \$2,300 for Loaves & Fishes
- Starting a 15-minute worship service on Thursday, May 16, 2024 in response to our survey (Would you attend a 15 minute worship service? yes or no – 25 responded and 18 marked yes)
- Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank Committee – Garth and Lorie have submitted the outline for St. Andrew's Constitution of the role, function and purpose. Lorie & Garth recommend the wording "to be the link with the Loaves & Fishes program and to ensure the annual application to the Maclsaac Foundation is completed" be removed from the Outreach – M&S Committee Function.
- The following people have agreed to serve on the Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank Committee – Treanor Greer-Delarosbel, Jolene Carter, Marie Cook (client), Trevor (client), and Stuart Bailey
- Treanor has sent an email to Stacey Mayhall, Aids Committee of North Bay and Area asking if she would join the Loaves & Fishes Committee

Respectfully submitted by Lorie Fairburn,
Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank Manager

Appendix IV

Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank Committee

Role

To support the Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank Manager and Volunteers in living out the mission of Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank.

Function

To ensure:

- fair practice in the distribution of groceries to those in need
- record keeping of clients and volunteers
- accountable and healthy relationships with the Food Bank Volunteers
- the Food Bank is a safe place for staff, volunteers and clients
- best practices are followed in the management of the Food Bank finances
- applications to other funding sources and grants including John Carl MacIsaac Foundation in collaboration with the Food Bank Manager
- support of Food Bank fundraising initiatives and events
- sustainability of the grocery supply

Purpose

To oversee all aspects of the Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank including identifying funding sources and applying to those sources for funding.

Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank Mission Statement

Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank is committed to providing food to those who are hungry regardless of circumstance. We strive to create a safe, inclusive space where all are welcome and treated with respect and dignity.

Appendix V

Minister's report March & April 2024

As I write this report it is nearly the middle of May and I have just returned from being away with my Grandmother, because she is declining, and attending the Canadian Shield Regional Meeting. In both places I was reminded about the depth of relationships, my faith and hope in God, and the power of imagination.

Thank you all for all you have done over the last month, and all you continue to do as a community to care for one another and support this community! Thank you!

I am excited to be back, and looking back, I am excited about all we are doing together and within this community! We have a new council, and new members to some of our committees, as well as many people who have been a part of the work and ministry of this community who continue to dedicate their time and passion here. It is really special to be a part of this community, and see what the love of God can look like lived out loud!

March:

Pastoral Care - Approximate hours this month – 35 – Emergent needs, home and hospital visits, phone calls, coffees, and presence within the wider community at events, and more.

Worship - Approximate Hours this month – 50 – Sermon writing – 15, Worship planning – 20, Worship services – 15. I continue to work to find my rhythm.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th – All United Churches were invited to join us for a potluck and service of prayer and sharing with one another in community.

Good Friday was at Emmanuel this year, and the sunrise service was outside of Trinity at 730am.

Foodbank - Approximate Hours this month – 12 hours this month. I went 4 times, and hope to continue to be a part of this ministry at least twice each month.

Family Ministry or Sunday school – This is an ongoing conversation.

Engaging other churches - Approximate Hours this month – 8 hours this month meeting and building connections with colleagues and other communities of faith this month.

Admin & comm. – Approx. Hrs – 30 – Emails, phone calls, meeting with staff, etc.

Committee & Community - Approximate hours this month – 15 – Inclusivity, M&P, Council, Affirming Events, Reconciliation events, and more.

All my best, Caitlin Smithers

Minister at St. Andrew's United Church, North Bay, Ontario
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Appendix VI

**Minutes for Local United Church Networking Group, (UCFN)
May 7, 2024, St. Trinity United Church Parlour 7 – 9 p.m.**

Attendance

**Present: Janie/Bud – Emmanuel, Bill /Doug - St Andrews, Bob - Omond, Glenn - Trinity,
Brenda M. - Carmichael**

Regrets: Diane Mathison

Opening Devotion/Prayer was shared by Glenn Brophy

Welcome by Host of this meeting was given by Glenn Brophy

1. **Secretary** for this meeting: Janie agreed to provide the note taking
2. **Approval of Agenda** items (by consensus)
The agenda was approved by consensus the request to Add new Business and add Clergy and Worship Involvement in future meetings for discussion.
3. **Approval of Minutes** of last meeting (by consensus)
The minutes were approved by consensus. No copy available.
The minutes were sent in January, and no one remembers any glaring issues.
4. **Business arising from Minutes**
 - A. **Cozi Calendar** final decision. It was agreed at the January meeting to keep this going until December 2023. The feedback was this was not well used, and the trial was to be dropped at that time.
 - B. **Review of the Coldest Night of the Year and The United Chill Crusaders.** Several of this group took part and shared our positive experiences. One highlighted the Chili Social after the walk. Another spoke of the introduction of participant teams before the walk and the enjoyable, social/sign making gathering at Emmanuel before the walk. There were also suggestions that we have a slower (not just shorter) route next year and that we begin the communication with our congregations earlier. We exceeded our goal in donations!
5. **New and Ongoing Business:**

Hosting Schedule for 'Shared Worship' (Fifth Sunday)

1. Emmanuel already committed to host the Shared Worship on June 30th
2. Omond/Carmichaels will share the hosting for Sept. 29th
3. Liz Brownlee confirmed for St. Andrews today that they will now take the Dec. 29th Shared Worship

Clergy and Worship Involvement in UCFN (local churches)

This discussion began with Omond and Emmanuel. sharing information from Will Kunder on the need to have Ministerial Representation and/or Worship representation when we talk about 5th Sunday so that the communication is clear and those involved are part of the conversation. Janie thought that events like the 100th anniversary requires input from the Minister's, so we are not working at cross purposes. A lengthy discussion ensued. The decision was that we ask for one member of the Ministers' Committee, on a rotating basis, to attend the meeting. After the agenda item regarding the worship or special event planning is completed, the minister may choose to leave or stay at their pleasure. A member of worship may also be chosen to attend.

Bob asked if a person wanted to come to a meeting to see what it was about or because of a certain discussion, could they come. The answer was yes.

100th Anniversary Celebration, June 9, 2025

The ministerial Committee has started discussion on this important celebration. Emmanuel and Omond shared that our minister had stated that if a worship service is planned to celebrate the United Church of Canada's One Hundredth birthday on this day, that Emmanuel would be happy to host.

Discussion followed with possibilities. Glenn stated that we were planning a party. We should get volunteers (1 to 3 depending on Church's ability) to sit on an adhoc committee devoted to planning this event. Each church could provide a minister (as able), an enthusiastic lay person, and a music person. Glenn will write with Ted H., an announcement that we all can read from the pulpit and can be put in newsletters or bulletins.

Long Term Visioning for this Committee

Trinity suggested that we plan long-term. Depending on the member, this was viewed from 10 to 20 years to 50 years. Glenn wishes to have Diane provide a visioning session for this committee looking at the long-term sustainability of our churches and how this group plans accordingly. It was stated and agreed that an overview and discussion of what this visioning might entail was a more comfortable place to start. Then we decide if this is how we wish to proceed.

Summer Schedule for United Churches in North Bay

Open in July: Emmanuel-11 a.m., Omond - 9:30 a.m., St. Andrews - 10:30 a.m., Carmichael - 10:30 a.m.

Open in August: Trinity – 10:30 a.m., Carmichael - 10:30 a.m.

Carmichael does not close for a month in the summer as far as Brenda McClay knows. Their board meeting is this month.

Information by the church hosting 5th Sunday will be shared with all churches as soon as possible.

Brenda McClay is the one to get in touch with at Carmichaels, Lorraine Lafontaine at Omond, JoAnne Maeck or Heather Clark at Emmanuel, and Janet Ross at St. Andrews. (Please let me know if this is correct or not).

6. Closing Prayer was led by Glenn

7. Next Meeting is either Sept. 12th and host church is Omond. The date depends on availability of Diane.

Submitted by Janie Clayton