



Martin **G**rove
United **C**hurch

30TH ANNUAL REPORT 2023

ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

Definition of Congregation and Statement of Purpose

Martin Grove United Church is an inclusive, generous, caring congregation trying to witness to the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Open to the Holy Spirit, we strive to be a healing, reconciling, nurturing, diverse Christian family where understanding, and compassion are more important than judgment and rejection. Consequently, we believe in worship that connects to daily living.

We have a strong commitment to outreach and a passionate desire to provide creative Christian education opportunities for all.

We see ourselves as a second home, where people are family providing fun, fellowship, and sensitive support for staff and congregation alike.

Martin Grove United Church is proud to be a congregation of the United Church of Canada and we face the future with hope and confidence.



The foregoing statement was formally adopted at the
March 1, 1998 Annual Meeting.

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Committee and Organization Reports

Report from Chair of Church Council

*Respectfully submitted by Tina Klein
Acting Chair of Council*

Your Council has been hard at work. 2023 had some new challenges. It became obvious that we needed to do something about the roof. A committee was formed in May consisting of Stella George, Norm Hounsell, Don Wheeler, Rev. Rick, Michael Wing-King and Tina Klein. The committee looked at estimates, checked references and had the roof repaired by the end November.

In the Summer we wanted to apply for a Federal Government Grant for \$25,000. We had 3 weeks to put a program into place. We had lots of help and volunteers, and meetings to get this grant. We literally moved mountains. One of the prerequisites was a letter from our M.P. Kristy Duncan supporting our bid. The night before our application was to be submitted to the Government Kristy Duncan's office explained they could not support this. There was not enough time to change the application. It was our first time applying for this grant. We will try again this year.

We had Souper Sundays, which became a favorite for all of us. Nancy Tamas makes great soup. We had some fun fundraisers. Some of our highlights were our concerts, Vista Gift Cards, bake sale and the Surprise Christmas Exchange, to mention a few.

Our Goals for 2024 are:

- Repairing water damage and painting portions of the church building
- looking for some gardeners to help make the church grounds bright and a place to relax
- We want to rent out more of the building to increase revenue.
- Expand the website
- Movie events
- Expand our wedding services

We are looking for volunteers to help us put some of these projects together.

Already in the planning for this year..... Souper Sundays will be making a return. Concerts and our 30th Anniversary Luncheon! To mention a few of the fundraisers we have planned. Yes, another Bake Sale is coming!

We're a little church with lots of heart and a great Congregation. We support each other. We care!

Minister's Report

*Respectfully submitted by Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
Minister of Word and Sacrament*

God's wonderful and bountiful blessings be with you all!

Our annual general meeting is an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate all that we have initiated and accomplished over the past year. Although many of our ministries may be currently diminished, there is no doubt that the passion, dedication, and desire to demonstrate each day our motto, "where worship leads to service," is firmly in place.

Our Sunday in-person worship services have seen a steady increase in attendance indicating that people are feeling more comfortable interacting in public once again and returning to church. In the past year, we have also welcomed new members into our congregation.

We have continued our efforts to enhance our worship services by presenting online and in-person guest musicians, worship leaders, and the Merry Bells of Martin Grove handbell ensemble. We celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism, and we expanded our worship model with a "Blessing of the Animals" Sunday. The monthly "Souper Sundays" also worked to bring our congregation together in fellowship. We have successfully expanded our pastoral care ministry by offering psychotherapy to members and adherents of our congregation.

I am grateful for the support of Cheryl Drake, our interim office administrator during the first six months of the year. Her skills and experience ensured that the church was meeting all administrative requirements as needed. I am also most appreciative to George Turnbull who we welcome as our new office administrator. George brings his added skills in video and technology and we look forward to working with him in 2024.

The adage of, "it takes a village," is no small notion when seen in relation to the needs of the church. The dedication of the volunteers who make up the various committees are to be commended for their unwavering support and gifts of time and talent. As you read the reports and summaries of what has happened this year, be sure to take time to thank God for what has been accomplished. As we enter into this new year, my hope and prayer is that we continue to be a church that lives by faith and grows in the love of Christ.

In God's grace,
Rev Dr Rick Tamas

Rolls

The following statistics have been taken from the database.
Statistics as prepared for the United Church of Canada

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Households Under Pastoral Care (Addresses)	113	113	104	100	87	78
Baptisms	2	1	0	0	0	1
Marriages	3	2	0	2	1	0
Funerals and Memorial Services	18	15	1	0	12	7
Total Confirmed Active Members	115	119	110	106	64	57
Members Received by Profession of Faith	0	0	0	0	0	0
Received by Certificate or Other	3	3	0	0	0	0
Members Removed Due to Death	8	6	9	3	10	7
Members Removed by Certificate or Other	0	0	0	1	1	0
Active Households Outside GTA	5	5	5	6	6	6
New Members and Adherents	4	0	0	0	0	2

Members/Adherents Who Have Died

Donna Blaine – May 5, 2023
Eleanor Birch – June 29, 2023
Annie Patel – July 18, 2023
Ivy Macrae – October 9, 2023
Phyllis Massey – October 16, 2023
Norm Hounsell – November 23, 2023
Ian Fraser – December 10, 2023

Other Funerals

Marriages

Baptisms

Kaden Chumber – October 22, 2023

Co-ordinating Council and Standing Committees, 2024

COUNCIL

Acting Chair	Tina Klein
Minister	Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
Vice Chair	
Congregational Treasurer	Liz Gosse-Davidson
Regional Council Reps	Joan Carr
	Colleen McMichael
Rentals Coordinator	Shirley Irvine
Office Administrator	George Turnbull

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chair	
Minister	Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
	Judy Binns
	Peggy McKee

NOMINATING

Chair	Shirley Irvine
Ex-Officio as Minister	Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
	Maureen Lalla-Khan

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Ex-Officio as Minister	Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas	
	Donna Blaine	Joan Rennie
	Barbara Ellis	Stella George
	Lexie Bayes	Colleen McMichael
	Dora Iyoho	Tina Klein
	<u>Members at large</u>	
	Joan Carr	
	Rose Reid	
	Jack Bea (Secretary)	

Roll Clerk

Jack Bea

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

Acting Chair	
Ex-officio as Minister	Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
Ex-officio as Treasurer	Liz Gosse-Davidson
Envelope Steward	Jack Bea
	Margaret Hamilton
	Marilyn Coombs

WORSHIP

Co- Chair	Margaret Hamilton
Co- Chair	Marilyn Coombs
Minister	Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
Director of Music	Elaine Weimer
Choir Representative	Colleen McMichael

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Chair of Liaison Committee	Marilyn Coombs
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OUTREACH & MISSION

Chair	Judy Binns
Ex-officio as Minister	Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
	Merle Fedirchuk
	Deanne Maltby

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

	Margaret Hamilton
	Maureen Lalla-Khan
	Peggy McKee

PROPERTY

Chair	Stella George
Ex-Officio as Minister	Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
	Jack Bea
	Newman Katryan
	Tanya Comrie

TRUSTEES

Chair	Tina Klein
Ex-officio as Minister	Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
Secretary	Norm Hounsell
Treasurer	Jack Bea
	Lilly Fraser

SPECIAL OCCASION & MEMORIAL GIFT

Chair	
Ex-officio as Minister	Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
Congregational Rep	Liz Gosse-Davidson
Outreach & Mission Rep	Deanne Maltby
Property Rep	Jack Bea
Stewardship & Finance Rep	
MGUCW Rep	Joan Carr

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Team Leader	Tina Klein
Team Leader	Nancy Tamas
Rentals Liaison	Shirley Irvine
UCW Liaison	Joan Carr

Shining Waters Regional Council

*Representative Joan Carr and Colleen McMichael
Respectfully submitted by Joan Carr,*

I haven't worked very hard this past year with anything to do with Shining Waters organization. David Leyton-Brown is still President but nominations for President are being excepted for 2024. In 2025 the United Church of Canada will be 100 years old. There is a book "The United Church of Canada" already published. It talks about the church in different areas of the country. As well, it mentions different achievements of the church. Celebrations are beginning for 2025. We will all look forward to the celebrations.

Trustees

*Respectfully submitted by Jack Bea
Acting Secretary*

The Trustees meet to manage the monies in their care for the benefit of the congregation and to carry out their responsibilities as out lined in the Constitution and the Manual of the United Church of Canada. During 2023 the Trustees held their meetings by telephone with our investment advisor to review investments in the Manse Trust Fund, the Look Ahead Trust Fund and the Bequest Fund. We have set up the investments for the Funds so money will be available as needed. Money from the Manse Trust Fund is used by the church to help with the minister's housing allowance. Money from the Look Ahead and Bequest Funds are used for repairs to the building.

See the reports for the funds in the financial section of this Annual Report.

The 2023 Trustees of Martin Grove United Church were Tina Klein (Chair) Jack Bea (Treasurer), Lilly Fraser (Insurance) and Norm Hounsell (Secretary). Norm also helped Lilly until his death in December.

Stewardship and Finance

*Respectfully submitted by Liz Gosse Davidson
Treasurer*

2023 was another challenging year for MGUC financially. Thank you to everyone who contributed financially through envelopes, preapproved monthly donations, and via e-transfer direct to the church. All donations are gratefully received.

Costs continued to rise but our income each month was consistently lower than expenses. Thanks to our trustees' support, we were able to meet our obligations for the first half of the year. We received the proceeds from a member's estate during the year. The bulk of these funds were forwarded to the trustees for investing, and a small portion was kept in our church account for our general fund operations for the second half of the year.

Fundraising activities continued. Popular Souper Sundays provided an opportunity for fellowship and a free will offering. We also held a Super Sundae event with ice cream and all the fixings. Our other fundraising events such as concerts, a talent show, hymn sing dedications, summer Red Cup Challenge, Pancake Supper, Vista Gift card sales and the Christmas Stocking Project all provided opportunities for participation by the congregation and friends to help our finances. Many people have worked hard to organize and run these events. Thanks to some very special supporters: Joan Carr for again organizing a Euchre party in the fall and Marilyn Coombs for her donations from her wonderful hand made cards. These are personalized and are a very special gift to the recipients. In 2024 we'll need to continue to run fundraising events, so be sure to invite friends and family to participate so we have a presence in the community as well as the congregation.

Special thanks go out to the Finance Committee members who carry out very important tasks for our church behind the scenes. Many thanks to Jack Bea who is our envelope steward. He takes care of all of the recording for tax receipts and reporting to the treasurer each month. Thanks to Margaret Hamilton and Marilyn Coombs for assisting with our relationship with the bank. The counters are also an important part of our church work, and I'd like to express my appreciation to them.

If anyone is interested in the Pre-Approved Remittance program, or sending e-transfers directly to MGUC, please let me know. While we continue to use our supplies of unused envelopes, please be sure to put the envelope number and date on the envelope each week so your contribution can be properly allocated for tax receipt purposes.

We look forward to seeing everyone at church again in 2024!

Ministry and Personnel

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Lalla-Khan

In 2023, with all of the COVID restrictions finally lifted, the Ministry & Personnel Committee (M&P) was able to complete a busy roster of activities.

In January 2023, the job ad for the position of Office Administrator was posted for sixty (60) days on the Charity Village website with a closing date of March 6, 2023. Nine applications were received and screening of those applications was completed by the end of March. Interviews were scheduled for short listed candidates and reference checks were completed by May 31, 2023.

George Turnbull emerged as the successful candidate and he was appointed to the position effective July 4, 2023. Transition training was provided to George Turnbull by Cheryl Drake, the Office Administrator who had been providing administrative services on a temporary basis.

Prior to George Turnbull's appointment, M&P presented a farewell gift to Cheryl Drake in appreciation of her temporary stint of employment at Martin Grove United Church (MGUC).

In June, our Custodian, Joycelyn DeSouza advised M&P that she would be resigning from the position. The committee commenced another selection process to identify a replacement for her. Interviews were scheduled for the Custodian position and Maria Salvador Ramos was identified as the successful candidate and she was appointed effective July 4, 2023. Joycelyn DeSouza was presented with a gift by M&P as a token of appreciation for her three years of dedicated service to MGUC. M&P also conducted an exit interview with the Custodian prior to her departure which provided invaluable and positive insights of MGUC as an employer.

In addition, M&P members attended three (3) check in sessions arranged by Shining Waters Regional Committee on the following dates: January 25, April 19 and September 27. These sessions provided useful opportunities to obtain updates and to discuss common challenges shared by other M&P committees. M&P is grateful to Rev. Dale Hildebrand for his support and guidance to our committee in 2023. He advised that he will be retiring in 2024. We extended our best wishes to Rev. Dale for a long and happy retirement and we look forward to working with our new Pastoral Relations Minister, Rev Rob Smith.

In 2023, Peggy McKee continued with her support to the UCW group while Margaret Hamilton provided leadership to the Worship Committee.

In December, M&P presented gift certificates to our staff in appreciation of their ongoing contribution to various components of church operations and we look forward to working with them in 2024. At year end, M&P also conducted performance evaluation interviews with our staff and provided them with a written record of those conversations.

Special thanks to each and every Council member, the MGUC staff and other volunteers for their support throughout the past year. We thank our community of faith for their prayerful support in 2023.

Property

*Respectfully submitted by Jack Bea
Secretary, Property Committee*

The Property Committee is a group of enthusiastic people who take care of the building and the grounds of the church. This includes the supervision of lawn cutting; snow plowing, gardens and all repairs and alterations to the building and equipment.

During 2023 we were involved in the following projects:

Replacing light bulbs and ballasts	Adjustments of heating
Maintained first aid kits	Maintenance of grounds and gardens
Maintained CO detectors and all clocks	Maintained adequate janitor's supplies
Repairs to washroom taps	Maintained fire extinguishers
Assisted with Fire Alarm testing	Assisted on Repairs to the flat roof.
Assisted on Replacement of one of the Boilers	

The costs of roof repairs and replacing of the boiler were paid by the Bursary Fund from the Marvin Smith Estate. Thanks to Don Wheeler, Norm Hounsell, and Michael Wing-King for their work on the Roof Repair Committee.

The members of the committee who perform these tasks are: Stella George and Jack Bea. The members are continuing to perform their duties without regular meetings. Rev. Rick was and continues to be helpful with all of the projects.

We thank Margaret Hamilton, Judy Binns and Nancy Tamas for maintaining the front flower garden and Joycelyn DeSouza and Maria Salvador for their Custodian Services. We are also looking for younger persons to join the committee.

Many thanks to the committee members and to all the volunteers and UCW members who assisted in many of the projects.

Worship

*Respectfully submitted by Margaret Hamilton
Chair of Worship*

2023 saw the church fully open for service for the entire year! As with 2022, our pews were rather empty early in the year as we all became more willing to attend in-person services but they slowly filled as the year went along.

In addition to our in-person services, we continued with the recording of our on-line services which are broadcast on YouTube. Rev. Rick, Jack Davidson, Liz Gosse-Davidson and George Turnbull (MGUC's new Office Administrator) continued to bring their invaluable talents and technical skills to these on-line services.

Both our in-person and on-line services each week continued to be supplemented by volunteer lay readers. Our Committee is extremely grateful to all of our volunteer lay readers. We are also very grateful to the volunteers who assisted with the offering each Sunday.

Throughout the year, Allan Jones played the chimes on the organ prior to the beginning of our services. In addition, the Merry Bells of Martin Grove (formerly known as the Humber Valley Hand-Bell Ensemble) played for us at three services this year. We also had guest musicians supplementing our in-person and on-line services during the year. Again, our Committee wishes to thank Alan, Jill Diane Filion, Michael Sproule and the Merry Bells of Martin Grove. Their musical gifts to our congregation are very much appreciated.

Judith and David Dallimore were guest worship leaders six times during the year and presented very thoughtful reflections each time.

During 2023, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday (aka Pancake Tuesday), Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday; instead of the Wishing Well BBQ, we had a Wishing Well Sundae where we made ice cream sundaes after the service on June 11; we had a New Members service in August, a Bless the

Animals service as well as our first baptism since COVID in October. We also had a talent show on September 17th – my, we are a talented bunch! During the year, Elaine Weimer orchestrated a Hymn Sing fundraiser in May, a Christmas Carol fundraiser as well as a separate Lessons & Anthems service in December. Both Juli Roslin and Elaine sang solos for us during the year. We were also blessed to have Jayden DeSouza play the piano for us during the year. Finally, on December 17th, we had a Christmas concert with guest performers. We had our Remembrance Day service again as well as our Christmas and Candlelight services – both on December 24th this year.

“Souper Sundays” were brought back several times during the year and featured home-made soups. We celebrated Communion five times during the year. We also had our first Unwrapped Christmas gift exchange orchestrated by Tina Klein in December.

It was another busy and challenging year. Thank you to everyone for your assistance and participation.

Choir

*Respectfully submitted by Liz Gosse-Davidson
Secretary*

A very special thank you to Elaine Weimer for keeping our music program at MGUC alive, and for the singers who are so faithful each week. Many churches these days are without a choir but our little group does its best to provide music each week to enhance our worship service. Thanks go out to the guitar group Juli Roslin, Marg Hamilton and Tanya Comrie. We are also blessed to have Alan Jones play the chimes each morning while we gather. Occasionally we still bring out the tambourines and other noisy instruments to add to our singing and it’s great to see the congregation’s smiles! Sometimes Rev. Rick will bring his drum along to accompany a song. Thanks to the congregation for singing out all the time – it allows for some recording of hymns which then can be used in the on-line services to enhance them too!

This year Elaine organized two fundraiser Hymn Sing events, one in May and the other during Advent so we could sing some of our Christmas favourites. It’s a big job to organize these events, and much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who made their dedications. Elaine also invited Jill Diane Filion to a few of our services – were you at church the day they played with the “four hands”? It was lovely to hear.

This year we also had Elaine’s vocal coach, Ryan Downey, come to give our choir some tips on singing. Thanks to Ryan for his coaching.

Our choir practices Sunday’s at 12:30 p.m. in the Welcome Room. We appreciate those helping with the coffee hour working very hard to clean up so we can have our practices. Feel free to hang around and join in the singing at any time!

To quote Elaine, “Our small, but mighty choir, continues to sing God's praises each Sunday.”

Outreach

*Respectfully submitted by Judith Binns,
Chair, Outreach*

The outreach committee has very few active members, so this year we thought of combining White Gift Sunday with the Mitten Tree.

Ernestine's and Youth Without Shelter were asked to give us lists of what they needed. This was done and posted on the back of the Sunday bulletins as well as being announced in the service. The response from the church was amazing. We received what was needed for the children at Ernestine's. There were many sweaters, gloves, hats, scarves and mittens and a few coats which were shared by the two Shelters. Also donated were lovely hand knitted caps, baby blankets, hats and scarves.

Thank you everyone for your generous support of these projects.
A big thank you to Gene Fedirchuk for his help sorting and transporting.

Our year-end monetary donations were as follows:

ERNESTINE's	\$1000 (\$750 GIFT CARDS)
YOUTH WITHOUT SHELTER	\$1000
REXDALE WOMENS SHELTER	\$300
GREENHOLM BREAKFAST CLUB	\$500
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK	\$2000

PLEASE NOTE: Thistle town Food Bank gets all their supplies from Second Harvest and North York Harvest Food Banks. MGUC provides funds for Thistle town's phone and internet service without which they can place no food orders. Food is delivered in bulk, then sorted at Thistle town by Volunteers.

Note: Mrs Eda Black, the food bank coordinator, retired last year. I called to thank her for her many, many years of service to the Thistle town Community.

Martin Grove United Church Women

*Respectfully submitted by Peggy McKee, Secretary,
Martin Grove United Church Women*

It was heartwarming to know that we could meet regularly for the entire year, after Covid restrictions were lifted in 2022.

New Treasurer:

We welcomed Carol Jones as our new Treasurer, after Lilly Fraser stepped down. We acknowledge and thank Lilly for her years of dedication and service to U.C.W. as our former treasurer.

Meetings:

Our regular monthly meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 1 p.m. in the Welcome Room, for most of the year. More importantly, we enjoy meeting for fun and fellowship. We occasionally have guest speakers, sing-alongs, bible-related quizzes, etc. with special themes each month. We also like to participate in and actively support other church fundraising events, (which are mentioned later, below) such as the many Souper Sundays.

In Memory:

We were saddened to lose two of our long-standing U.C.W. members this year, namely: Donna Blaine and Phyllis Massey. They will be sadly, missed but not forgotten. Donations to the Memorial Fund were made in their memory.

Funeral Receptions:

Several ladies were able to help serve food and refreshments at the receptions, following the funeral services for Phyllis Massey, Norm Hounsell and Ian Fraser in December.

Coffee Hour:

Special thanks to Colleen McMichael and Tanya Comrie for helping Joan and me at the Coffee Hours, especially with the clean-up before choir practice. "Willing hands make light work".

Guest Speakers, Important Dates, Highlights of Activities and Events:

- January 18th, Vanessa Dewitt, guest speaker, spoke to us about the "Street Health" program.
- February 21st, "Pancake Supper" in the Friendship Hall. Special thanks to Maureen Lalla-Khan and Colleen Busby for cooking in the kitchen and to several other volunteers who helped.
- March 18, St. Patrick's Day sing-along with Elaine Weimer on piano and special guest, Rev. Rick, on guitar.
- May 2nd, Joan Carr attended the S.W.R.C. Annual U.C.W. Meeting @ Burton United Church, in Barrie, ON.
- May 11th, Several U.C.W. members attended the funeral for Donna Blaine at Glendale Funeral Home.

- May 17th, Special sing-along music was provided by Gerry Burnie at our meeting.
- May 21st, Inspirational Hymn Sing led by Elaine Weimer
- June 21st, U.C.W. Potluck Luncheon, and sing-along in the Friendship Hall before breaking for the summer.
- Sept. 20th, “Welcome Back” Meeting
- Oct. 18th, Elaine Weimer, speaker, read “The First Beast”, a commentary taken from the book, The Wiersbe Bible Commentary.
- Oct. 21st, Assisted at the Card Party (sponsored by the Finance Committee). Several people helped to serve refreshments afterwards.
- Nov. 15th, U.C.W. Christmas meeting re charitable donations
- Nov. 19th, Assisted with the Bake Sale in the Welcome Room.
- Dec. 3rd, Christmas Hymns and Carols.
- Dec. 13th, U.C.W. Christmas Lunch at the Swiss Chalet Restaurant.
- Dec. 17th, Christmas Concert “On the Road to Bethlehem”.

U.C.W. Donations to Charitable Organizations:

We were able to support the following charitable organizations in 2023:

Mission & Service Fund {allotment}	\$700
Street Health	\$200
Camping Opportunities	\$200
Memorial Fund re Donna Blaine	\$ 50
Memorial Fund re Phyllis Massey	\$ 50
Youth Without Shelter	\$300
Ernestine’s Women’s Shelter	\$300
Fred Victor Mission	\$300
Food Bank	\$300
Albion Neighbourhood Breakfast Club	\$300

Goodbye and Good Luck:

Two of our U.C.W. members moved into retirement homes this year and we wish Rose Reid and Helen Stewart much happiness in their new surroundings and hope they will come and visit us at MGUC.

We wish to acknowledge and thank our President, Joan Carr, for her continued leadership, planning and organization of our meetings and would welcome any new ladies to join us in 2024.

Rentals

*Respectfully submitted by Shirley Irvine
Rentals Co-Ordinator*

Greetings to all of you from the rental team at Martin Grove United Church. We wish you a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2024 New Year.

I am pleased to report that 2023 was a very successful year for church rentals. I would like to thank all who participated in making this happen. We are continuing to look at ways to expand rentals and make good use of our building spaces.

The team has worked hard to make the building space available and attractive to renters. The goal is to ensure the spaces are inviting and functional, to attract people who are looking for a place to hold events, meetings, special occasions as well as spiritual and educational programs.

We received many compliments from renters regarding how welcoming and friendly the church is and how well the rooms are furnished and cleaned.

I would like to thank those who gave so generously of their time reorganizing and clearing the rooms of disposable items and refurbishing them in order that we would attract renters.

Sharing the church space with others means we are generating revenue, and the building becomes more active within the neighbourhood.

We are appreciative of our current long-term renters and continue to provide them with the spaces and times they require.

Moving forward with plans to update and better utilize other church areas means making them inviting and attractive to renters as well, so there is still much to be done.

In addition to the building space project there are also parking spaces for rent. Currently there are many neighbours who make use of this convenience.

Thank you to our office administrator, George Turnbull, for doing such a great job of managing the parking lot rentals.

These rental initiatives will play an important and essential role in keeping MGUC on the road to recovery.

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Financial Report

Respectfully submitted by L. Gosse-Davidson

Treasurer: Stewardship and Finance

2023 BUDGET, ACTUAL INCOME & EXPENSES FOR 2023 AND PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

	2023 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET
Income:			
A General Receipts - Revenue	102,720.09	125000	105000
B Fundraising Projects and Maple Syrup	10,150.62	10000	10500
C Contributions-Bldg Space	19,820.00	18000	20500
D Rebates, HST, etc	7,024.97	4000	7000
E Transfer: Trust Funds	54,500.00	60000	65000
Transfer: Bequests	47,538.74	20000	10000
F Grants	0.00	0	25000
TOTAL REVENUE	241,754.42	237000	243000
General Operations Expense:			
1 Salaries and Allowances	85276.24	87457	106153
2 Pension, EI and Other Benefits	19,961.87	21000	23000
Repairs and Maintenance (Janitor, Elevator and			
3 Alarm Servicing)	37,183.90	55000	38150
4 Utilities - Fuel, Hydro, Water	13,073.46	16000	14500
5 Office Supplies & Church Envelopes	499.70	1000	1000
6 Photocopier Rental & Operating	3,937.31	7000	5000
7 Telephone & Website & Internet	1,905.37	1300	2000
8 Insurance	14,836.39	15000	15000
9 Shining Waters Regional Assessment	9,637.00	9637	11677
10 Christian Development	0.00	50	50
11 Fellowship and Communication	138.20	200	200
12 Pastoral Care & Membership	0.00	50	50
13 Worship inc Director of Music	20,333.34	22000	22600
14 Ministry & Personnel	536.74	600	250
15 Outreach, Mission	400.00	400	400
16 Stewardship & Finance	111.87	150	150
17 Technology	2,387.67	3500	3500
18 Miscellaneous Sundry	1,929.98	400	400
19 Payroll Service Charges	356.71	400	400
20 ANNIVERSARY	0.00	0	1000

21	TOTAL OPERATIONS	212,505.75	241144	245480
22	SURPLUS (deficit)	29,248.67	-4144	-2480

2024 Mission and Service Objectives (Includes World Development)	
UCW	500.00
Congregation	4500.00
Total	5000.00

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Investments	2023 Y/E
Special Funds	5,000.00
Prinold Funds	11,867.00
 Total	 16,867.00

Other Receipts During the Year	
White Gift	130.00
Food Bank	664.00
YWS	60.00
Fundraising	9,564.62
 Total	 10,418.62

Mission & Service	Objective	Actual
Congregation		6,615.00
World Development		50.00
UCW		700.00
Total	8,000.00	7,365.00

Benevolent		
Opening Balance, January 1, 2023	2,552.00	
Income	260.00	
Total		2,812.00
Expenditures	0.00	
Total Expenses		0.00
Balance December 31, 2023		2,812.00

Memorial Fund		
Opening Balance, January 1, 2023	15,450.95	
Income	2,192.65	
Total		17,643.60
Expenditures		
Albion Neighbourhood Services	100.00	
Rick Wall Poinsettia at Christmas	33.87	
Rexdale Women's Centre	300.00	
Total Expenses		433.87
Balance December 31, 2023		17,209.73

Prinold Scholarship Fund

Opening Balance, January 1, 2023	12,852.05	
Income Investment Interest	260.42	
Total		13,112.47
Expenditures		
Total Expenses		0.00
Balance December 31, 2023		13,112.47

Trustees MLB FUNDS 2023

Respectfully submitted by Jack Bea, Treasurer

MANSE TRUST FUND

2023	On Hand January 1		
	Bank	\$ 7,890.44	
	Outside Investment	\$ 287,873.52	\$295,763.96
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2023	Receipts		
	M. Smith Bequest	\$ 201,908.22	
	Investment Interest	\$ 12,656.14	
	Investment Growth	\$ 3,876.72	\$218,441.08
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			\$
			514,205.04
2023	Expenditures		
	Bank Charges	\$ -	
	To General Fund	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 54,500.00
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			\$459,705.04
2023	On Hand December 31		
	Assante Bal. Fund	\$ 77,587.62	
	Term		
	Assante Invest.	\$ 382,117.42	\$459,705.04
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LOOK AHEAD TRUST FUND

2023	On Hand January 1		
	Bank	\$ 322.48	\$ 322.48
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2023	Receipts		
	Investment interest	\$ 13.98	
	Investment Growth	\$ 4.48	\$ 18.46
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			\$ 340.94
2023	Expenditures		
	to Boiler Repair	\$ 340.94	\$ 340.94
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			\$
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2023	On hand December 31		
	No money in Look Ahead Fund.		\$
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BEQUEST FUND

2023	On Hand January 1		
	Bank	\$ 864.91	
	Investments		\$ 864.91
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2023	Receipts		
	Investment Interest	\$ 36.85	
	Investment growth	\$ 11.29	
	M. Smith Bequest	\$ 182,277.58	\$182,325.72
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			\$183,190.63
2023	Expenditures		
	Roof Repair & Sealing	\$ 60,003.00	
	to Boiler Replacement	\$ 12,767.06	\$ 72,770.06
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			\$110,420.57
2023	On hand December 31		
	BMO Bank	\$ 47,209.97	
	BMO GICs	\$ 63,210.60	\$110,420.57
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Martin Grove United Church Women Financial Report 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT 2023

Balance on Hand January 1, 2023 **\$3,036.18**

INCOME

Offering – meetings	1,264.25
Offering – church envelopes	435.00
Reversed bank charges	30.00
Donation (Ian Fraser Funeral)	50.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$1,779.25**

DISBURSEMENTS

Speaker – Street Health	50.00
Donation – Street Health	200.00
Donation – Womens Inter-Church Council	46.00
Broadview - 3 subscriptions	75.00
Banking charges monthly	30.00
Stop payment on cheque	12.50
Shining Waters Region U.C.W. Annual Fee	70.00
Supplies – Coffee Hour	36.00

\$519.50

DONATIONS - OUTREACH

MGUC M&S Fund	700.00
Honorariums to MGUC (Phyllis Massey & Donna Blaine)	100.00
Fred Victor Centre	300.00
Youth Without Shelter	300.00
Ernestine's Women's Shelter	300.00
St. James Food Basket	300.00
Greenholme Breakfast	300.00

\$2,300.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$2,807.00**

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023 **\$2,008.43**

Respectfully submitted by Carol Jones, Treasurer

MGUC CHOIR FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023

BALANCE:

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2022	436.77
Cash on Hand	5.75
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	442.52

INCOME:

None	0.00
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	0.00

EXPENDITURES:

Bank Charges	23.40
Gifts	63.25
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	86.65

FINAL BALANCE:

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2023	360.12
Cash on Hand	5.75
Outstanding Receipts - Cheque #12	-10.00
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	355.87