

PROPERTY – Deb Gill:

- **Action Pending:**

- Remainder of handbook info including Hydro, Lift, and Medical
- large stained glass to be installed
- Fire procedure to be filed in office, at fire panel and submitted to Fire department after Council approval
- spotlight on stained glass window west wall north end to be reinstalled
- safety paint on sidewalk edge to be repainted both this fall and next spring
- Queen's Ave. door sill re cemented
- Every Child Matters flag pole and flag installed
- manual lift removal inservice

- **Action Completed:**

- Fire procedure approved with Accessibility, Worship and Fire Chief
- Fire evacuation, Fire Panel, HVAC, Kitchen and Water inserts for handbook prepared and attached
- Shade sail installed, removed and stored
- stained glass lancet window and above Main Street doors installed
- CWG met to design, acquire quotes and letters of approval for the storage shed to support grant application. Results due November
- HVAC training complete
- fourth parking sign installed
- parking exemption granted for choir practice Wednesdays 3:30 to 6
- clock hung in sanctuary at Rev. Gail's request

- **Motion/Discussion:**

- review handbook inserts
- motion to approve Fire Procedure
- who should be responsible for sanctuary reconfiguration for worship services?

WORSHIP REPORT – Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris:

- **Actions Completed**

- Prepared agenda for Let's Talk Worship Aug. and Sept.
- Chaired Let's Talk Worship meetings.
- Circulated notes for Worship meetings.
- Attended Accessibility meetings, Aug. and Sept.
- Circulated notes for Accessibility team.
- Assisted with bulletin preparation.
- Monitored set-up in Green Cathedral.
- Arranged Greeters and Ushers for services.
- Co-ordinated with David Kai and Peter Challen as guest worship leaders.
- Assisted with Jazz Vespers.
- Engaged a Communion set-up volunteer
- Met with Rev. Gail re: October 2 service
- Assisted Christian Ed. Team with set-up for youth.

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WORSHIP REPORT – Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris (cont'd):

- **Actions Pending**
 - Assisting with preparations for upcoming services: Communion, Thanksgiving, Anniversary, Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS W.G. – Charles MacDonald: Council is putting out a call to find a CWC as per the agenda.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL: Steve Northey:

- Our HSUC Bookkeeper Sherrie Smith is retiring at the end of the year. We have started the process to find a replacement.
- Rev. Gail has completed her annual holidays and is settling in for the Fall and Advent Seasons. She has recovered from her bout with covid and is gaining more strength everyday. Her commitment to our COF is evident and much appreciated.
- Janna is now back working in the church office. She and Rev Gail have worked out a schedule.
- **Stewardship** – I am in the process of writing the Anniversary Appeal letter which will be mailed out the week prior to the October 23rd servic. Just waiting for Council's approval for use of the funds received which was discussed at the last Finance meeting.

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT – Virginia Scott:

- **Actions Completed:**
 - Sunday School Activity table has been set up at the back of the Gathering Room for the Children and their parents. Two Ipad have been bought and loaded with appropriate Sunday School programs. If Julie Ciufo is there, she will assist the children with activities. In her absence, Ann Russell will assist.
 - Sunday School Picnic/Service was held on July 17th at the Eagleson Farm. Well attended and enjoyed by everyone.
 - Baptisms: Two baptisms were held on Sunday, Sept 25th for Caden Webster and Kaia Kelders.
 - Transfer of Membership: Carolyn Brophy was accepted into our Community of Faith on Sept. 25th.
- **Actions Pending:**
 - Children's Theatre Camp to be held after school hours during the Fall of 2022. More details to follow.
 - Angel Tree: It has been decided that we would collect for specific families in our area this year. Families that need help would either contact Rev. Gail or Roz MacDonald. The Tree will go up on Nov. 13th, with gifts brought by Sunday, Dec 11th. All family names will be kept confidential.
 - Baptism for Leo Alexander Powell will be held at a later date.
- **Actions on-going:**
 - Young and Young at Heart Time: Rev. Gail will be do this with Julie Ciufo helping occasionally.
 - Bible Study: Rev. Gail is sending Bible Scripture and questions to guide the group from the Prayer Bench Book.

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH – Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill – Co-Chairs:

- **Actions Completed:**
 - Our group prepared and served cookies and juice for summer services
 - **Right Relations:** have sold orange T-shirts to fund "Every Child Matters" flag and pole for church. T-shirt sales have gone well! Flag is being donated to church by Sharon Beeler.

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FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH – Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill – Co-Chairs (cont'd):

- **Actions Completed:**
- **Communication and Caring Crew:** Ongoing visits and phone calls
- **Caring Casseroles:** Held a planning meeting with Caring and Communication Crew in August to discuss plans for further sessions. Notice put in "Shorelines re: next session of meal-making and sponsorship info. for program. Three people have sponsored sessions
- **Prayer Shawls:** Ongoing meetings on Mondays in Fellowship Hall. Two prayer bears and one shawl gifted to two children being baptized and one adult accepted into membership by transfer on Sunday, September 25.
- **Sunday Nighters:** Held first one since COVID on Sunday, September in co-ordination with "Jazz Vespers" concert. Next "Sunday Nighters " Sunday, September 25.
- **Cards of Care:** Ongoing by Lynne Desjardine.
- **Mission and Service:** Ongoing monthly reports completed by Roger and Lori Hyatt.
- **Parking project – Funds collected:**
 - #1 collection \$ 609.80
 - #2 collection \$1,201.80
 - #3 collection \$1,560.00
 - #4 collection \$ 445.85
 - **Total** **\$3,817.45**

Parking project is complete for this year, will resume next spring. Thanks to Lynne Desjardine and Diane Mooney for counting and depositing the funds.

- **Actions Pending:**
 - **Our group** is serving refreshments and cookies after church services. Will put a notice in "Shorelines" soon re: cookie donations either homemade or store-bought.
 - **Our group** will be serving refreshments and light appetizers for Jazz Vespers concert on Wednesday, October 26.
 - **Funeral/Celebration** of Life lunches: provide a list of caterers to Gail?
 - **Rights Relations:**
 - Holding a walk for education and healing on Friday, September 30 from 3-4 p.m. from Gathering Space at church to watch a film then to beach for a prayer and meditation and back to church. This date is "Orange Shirt Day" in Canada.
 - Next meeting for this group Oct 22nd at which time the book "The Inconvenient Indian" by Thomas King will be discussed.
 - Dan Gill has been asked to erect pole and flag. Location of flag to be discussed, John Scott will attend council meeting to discuss.
 - **Caring Casseroles:** Next freezer meal making session on Fri Sept 30th from 10-12 at the church. Meals will be kept in freezer at church to be used by Rev. Gail and CCC team when needed.
 - **Free Store:** Next one planned for Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15.
 - **Parking Project:** A meeting needs to be planned to discuss distribution of funds collected over spring and summer. One of parking boxes needs repair before next spring. Peter has asked Dan to remove and Peter will take for repair.
 - **Food Bank:** Organize a group of people to assist with Huron County food bank. Will put a notice in "Shorelines".

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FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH – Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill – Co-Chairs (cont'd):

- **Actions Pending:**
 - **“Jingle Bells Group”** has asked our church to participate in “Light up Grand Bend” Preliminary proposed plans are some members of the choir and church members leading a community carol sing in the CLR with serving of light refreshments on Sat. Nov. 12th. Also may include participation in parade in partnership with other local churches. (More details to follow)
 - **Christmas Craft:** Hoping to have a simple Christmas craft in November.

FINANCE – Bryan Beattie - Commentary: **also Refer to attachments:** Operating Summary and Capital Budget

- Contributions continue to lag behind 2021 for the 8 months to date. Down by about 5%.
- Fortunately sundry receipts from other sources- HST rebate and usage fees made up the difference and we are close to budgeted receipts overall.
- Expenditures are below budget, particularly in personnel costs, due to the first six months of pulpit vacancy until we secured Rev. Gail as our Appointed Minister. A reminder that during that period our pulpit supply costs were met by the proceeds of the short term disability insurance coverage for Rev. Kate. Costs will be greater in the remaining months of the year.
- Specific costs to explain – right relations amount includes the cost of orange t shirts. To be covered by proceeds of sales in September.
- To come building costs – General Insurance costs will arise in September with payment of our Annual premium.
- We have only paid one quarter of our Regional Assessment and the balance of \$5,025 will be paid to complete the total – Oct to Dec.
- While we show a surplus of \$13,149 as at the end of August, we can expect to be much closer to our breakeven budget by year end.
- Your Finance Team will be providing a condensed operating and long term debt report in Shorelines in the first week of each month commencing in October, to keep the congregation updated on our financial status.

NOMINATIONS W.G. – Janice Sinker:

- This working group is now beginning the work of making inquiries with current Council members to determine their intent to continue in their current roles on Council in 2023.
- Council members should expect to be contacted by email or by phone during the next couple of weeks by one of the Nominations Working Group members.
- Thank you to all Council members for your dedication to Huron Shores United Church over this past year and for your careful consideration of your roles moving forward!

AFFIRMING TEAM – Leslie Bella:

- **Actions Completed**
 - Rev. Gail was welcomed to the Affirming Team meeting
 - reviewed Affirming Worship Service, June, 2022
 - ordered PRIDE window clings for fundraising project
 - decision made to sell window clings for \$5 each
 - discussed the disappearance of the PRIDE flag in July, 2022

AFFIRMING TEAM – Leslie Bella (cont'd):

- **Actions Pending**
 - Rev. Gail is looking into the future availability of a WOW Pride Flag
 - Affirming Team supports the future use of this new WOW PRIDE flag on our front lawn to replace the current PRIDE flag
 - our team is interested in including Affirming content in services throughout the year rather than having a specific Affirming Service. This way, being Affirming is just part of who we are at Huron Shores, not a special event that happens only once
 - investigating inviting The London Pride Men's Chorus to sing at a church service and a possible concert at HSUC/GBP
 - inquiring with Municipality of Lambton Shores about lamp post banners relating to LGBTQ/PRIDE for the Main Street in Grand Bend
 - requesting a change of location for PRIDE flag that is currently on a stand in our church lobby (Our team feels that this PRIDE flag would have greater visibility and make a kind and welcoming gesture if it were to be suspended just above the Queens Avenue doors
 - investigating the creation of a piece of stained-glass representing Affirming, Right Relations, Accessibility & Environment for a location to be determined at HSUCS

TRUSTEES – Glen Miller:

- The Trustees met in September. Glen Miller was appointed to the Chair position and Bob Illman was appointed as Secretary for 2022.
- The HSUC insurance policy submitted by Robertson Hall was approved for the 2022/2023 period and forwarded to the Finance Team for payment.
- The Trustees received a request from Grand Bend Place for direction of the serving of alcohol and clarification of any potential risk to HSUC.
- After a conversation and clarification from our insurer Robertson Hall, the Trustees present the following Liquor Liability Policy for Council's consideration.
 - **Motion: Council approves the Liquor Liability Policy presented by the Trustees.**
- The Trustees will be presenting an updated Facility Usage Guidelines at the October Council meeting. These updates are mostly related to the change of the facility usage managed by Grand Bend Place.
- Facility Usage Fee Guidelines will be referred to the Finance Team and the Booking Coordinator's position will be referred to Grand Bend Place.

GRAND BEND PLACE – Janice Sinker:

- **first concert** of the "Fall Into Music" season was cancelled due to COVID concerns
- **Sharon Beeler** concert on September 16th was successful & enjoyable for our audience
- **The Bookends**, a celtic group from Stratford will be performing on October 29th & tickets are selling well.
- **Pavlo**, a Mediterranean guitarist will be performing on Wednesday, November 16th
- **on Sunday, November 27th** at 3 PM, Grand Bend Place will be renting Exeter United Church under the Grand Bend Place Banner. We are hosting **The Toronto Mass Choir**. This will be a great partnership between Huron Shores United Church and Exeter United, showing our community involvement and outreach. We are paying an extremely reasonable rent to Exeter United. They are very excited about Grand Bend Place wanting to their church and This concert is right at the beginning of the Advent Season and will have a Christmas theme. We have local sponsorship to provide a lunch for the choir members (approximately 40-45 singers & a 5 piece band) Tickets are \$40 for this concert.

GRAND BEND PLACE – Janice Sinker (cont'd):

- The Grand Bend Place Team is busy planning and scheduling concerts for 2023.
- We will be actively seeking available grants as well as corporate sponsorship for our concerts.
- We are working on our section of HSUC Policies and Procedures manual since we are now a team of Council. We are hoping to have this written and approved for submission into the document for 2023
- **Who is on the Grand Bend Place Team & What does everyone do?**
- **Chair & Booking Liaison**, Janice Sinker
- **Secretary & Sponsorship**, Carey Eddy
- **Treasurer, Performance Contracts**, Bob Illman
- **Volunteer Coordinator**, Debbie Procter
- **Marketing & Communication, Media** Pat Morden & Christine Bregman
- **Ticketwindow, Ticket Sales Coordinator**, Paul Rivard
- **Booking Liaison**, Nancy Knowles
- **Booking Liaison**, Tom Taylor
- **Social Media**, Anne Taylor
- **Ex-Officio Member**, Rev. Gail Fricker

ACCESSIBILITY – Vince Bury

- **Actions completed:**
 - Meeting held September 5, 2022
 - Wheelchair and notice completed and installed
 - Donna has contacted Bob regarding hearing system
 - Discussed items needed to complete the Sunset Community Foundation Grant for Accessibility (3 Wall mount and floor support arms for washrooms and headphones for sanctuary.) Received quote. Quote re: installation received.
 - Discussed signage and possible use for the 5 parking spaces to the north of the Queens St. entry.
- **Actions Pending:**
 - Grant has to be written – Vince and Chris - 90% written
 - Ruth Ann is to get a solid written quote for the head sets.
 - Ruth Anne to pick up a quote from The Source.
 - Vince to further investigate E Vac chair concerns.
 - Wilma will talk with Deb regarding the use of an accessibility walking sign in each cone that are in the 5 parking spaces to the north of the Queens St. entry.

MINISTER – Rev. Gail Fricker: It's been a busy month as we begin to get back into a routine – not made an easier by my bout of Covid. Some things to highlight:

- **Wider Church:** I attended a WOW Region full day Exec meeting on September 21st. Some of the things we discussed that pertain to HSUC were:
 - 40% of United Churches are without a Minister – this puts stress on other Ministers as they become Pastoral Charge Supervisors + Communities of Faith need to reflect on how to get and maintain a pastoral relationship.

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MINISTER – Rev. Gail Fricker - Wider Church (cont'd):

- The General Council 22 made a motion to support Climate Justice by changing the date of reducing climate change by 80% from 2050 to 2030. How do Communities of Faith promote this, and how do they live out this initiative? (zoom meetings? Energy efficient facilities? Etc)
- The theme of the WOW Regional meeting in Fall 2022 will be 'Where 2 or 3 are Gathered', with the focus on addressing the question of how do we encourage folks to return to worship while also offering digital ministry?
- **Ministerial and GB Community:** I met with Lisa Gumb from the Anglican church on Sept 20th. She is keen to partner with HSUC for:
 - A joint Ministerial float for Santa Parade on Nov 26th
 - Blue Christmas service on Dec 21st to be held at HSUC
 - World Day of Prayer in March 2023.
 - We hope to still coordinate with the other churches.
 - I also met with Health Unit to talk about ways to partner including offering homeless kits, providing a safe space for LGBTQ, and a venue to Sunset Cinemas.

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- I have performed 2 weddings since we last met – one in our Green Cathedral, and one at Stratford Museum.
- I have also met with families and had 2 baptisms and one transfer of membership. I will be meeting with another person next week who has expressed an interest to join HSUC, and will bring his name forward to the Oct meeting.
- I continue to work with Bob to simplify AV, and we will be having a training session next week for anyone interested
- I continue to work with Finance team to resolve some complications.
- I am happy to report that after meeting with Trustees, I can now step down from being Chair and Glen Millar has kindly taken on that role.
- I continue to meet and work with Worship Team to find creative ways to engage people in worship, as well as support Christian Ed team as they embrace new technology for kids, and look towards Advent.
- I have worked with Right Relations on preparation of the Sept 30th Truth and Reconciliation Day, as well as preparing a grant proposal for a WOW Regional Mission and Support grant.

WOW – Bob Illman, Ruth Ann Eagleson and Rosalind MacDonald: No report