



Woodlawn United Church

Annual Report 2025

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As we reflect on all that we have accomplished in the past year, we are grateful to you for your kindness and generosity of time, talent, and treasures. You are a vital part of the operations of Woodlawn United Church community. May God richly bless you and your family. We look forward to a year of being together in person, in spirit, in worship, in 2024. We hope you enjoy the following reports.

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Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care

Rev. Bethe Benjamin Cameron
Minister of Congregational and Community
Animation/Engagement

Kaitlin Casselman, Office Administrator
Ruth Boutilier, Office Administrator

Gus Webb, BScH Physics/Math, BAM Music Technology, BEd
Musician/Organist

June Rigden, B.Mus; B.Ed
Director of Music

Council Chair(s)
Keith Musselman

Church Office Hours:
Tuesday to Friday 9 AM - 4:00 PM
Office is closed during lunch from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES IN MEMORIAM 2025



Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death
Lynda Wadden	February 13	Jean Mitchell	August 3 2025
Lynn Howes	February 26 2025	Brooklin Craig	August 7 2025
Frank Osborne	February 28 2025	Bernadine Mooney	September 9 2025
Myra Dykemen	April 5 2025	Marion Wilcox	September 12 2025
Stan Dupuis	April 29 2025	Olla Ozon	September 23 2025
Lloyd Grant	May 2, 2025	Ross Dowell	October 3 2025
David Fitch	May 6, 2025	Wendy Fitch	October 4 2025
Isobel Jones	July 6 2025	Frances Wade	October 18 2025
Bob Prier	July 6 2025	Verna Philips	October 27 2025
Bruce Nauss	July 30 2025	Ralph Higgins	November 26 2025

BAPTISMS

Name	Date of Baptism
No Baptisms in 2025	

MINUTES FROM MARCH 23, 2024, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rev. Kevin Little called the 2025 Annual General Meeting of Woodlawn United Church to order at 11:20am and noted that coffee was available at the front of the sanctuary. With eighty-nine (89) members and adherents in attendance Rev. Little called for a motion to elect Keith Musselman (Chair of Council) to act as the Chair of the AGM and Bob Watt to act as Secretary. The motion for Keith Musselman to act as Chair and Bob Watt to act as secretary was moved by Barry Zwicker, seconded by Bev Lynch. Motion was approved and Keith and Bob assumed their respective roles.

Keith Musselman, as chair, called upon Rev. Kevin to lead in an opening prayer. Rev. Kevin offered a prayer of thanks for those that step forward to serve, for discernment of the reports in the Annual Report and the work of Woodlawn United.

Keith called for a motion to accept the Agenda for this AGM as circulated. Motion moved by Ray DeRoche , seconded by Ivan Richardson. Motion approved.

Ray DeRoche moved a motion to extend voting privileges to all adherents in attendance. Motion was seconded by Bev Lynch. Motion approved.

Keith noted that the 2024 Annual Report, previously circulated, contains the Minutes of the 2024 AGM, March 3, 2024, and the Minutes of the Congregational Meeting of March 17, 2024, and requested a motion to accept the minutes of both meetings, as included in the 2025 Annual Report. Adelia Holloway made a motion to accept, seconded by Fay Gunter. The minutes were approved as printed.

Referring to the reports contained in the 2025 Annual Report, Keith asked if there were errors or omissions that should be noted; hearing none Keith called for a motion to accept all of the reports as published in the 2025 Annual Report. Barry Zwicker moved the motion to accept, seconded by Fay Gunter. The motion was approved.

Keith called upon Rev. Kevin to read the names of those included in the 'In Memoriam' who have passed during the last year. Rev. Kevin encouraged those present to remember those who have passed as part of the Cloud of Witnesses of Woodlawn United. The names read and remembered were:

Marlene Margaret
Killer

Lorna Davidson

Sheila Manak
Rose Strong

Margaret Brink

Bertha Nicols
Harold Northrup

Bertha Cross

Glenis Hilda Dregatis
Mary Burry

Alan Demings
John Heatley

Lester 'Les'
McKenna

Bruce Allan

Ruth Roblee

Allen Wilson	Patricia Murphy	Shirley Fraser (Wilson)
Bea Miner	Garth Mallett	Carl Whitman
Margaret Catherine Moss		

Keith called for a report from the Nominating Committee. Barry Zwicker reported that the committee consists of, as past chairs of Council, Fay Gunter and himself. Barry stated that the committee relies on input from Council, members of existing committees, ministerial staff and members of the congregation. The report of the Nominating Committee, with appreciation for willingness to serve, is as follows:

- Regional Representatives - Kaitlin Casselman, Bonny Coffin , Sue Cuthbertson
- Community Engagement - Lisa Webb, Emily Moss, Gus Webb
- Trustees - Ross Denman
- Stewardship - Ray DeRoche (Chair with power to add)
- A&M - Treasurer - Craig Finney
- Council Vice Chair - Vacant

Barry moved the acceptance of the report of the Nominating Committee, seconded by Fay Gunter. Motion was approved.

As chair, Keith called upon Ivan Richardson, the departing treasurer, and Greig Finney, incoming treasurer, to provide the Financial Statements. Ivan started by referencing the Financial Statement ending December 31, 2024 which have been previously distributed. Ivan noted that 2024 was the year we transitioned from the interim ministry team of Rev Dale Skinner and Rev, Mary Lynne Whyte to Rev. Kevin Little and Rev. Beth Benjamin Cameron. Ivan reported that Council was in the process of merging our three banking accounts from two banking institutions into one institution and at year end had a balance of \$342,326 of which \$189,703 were Designated Funds. Portfolio assets along with the building and property, are held in trust by the Trustees and amount \$467,876. Ivan noted that our church has been on this corner since 1884 and remains in a favourable financial position. Ivan reported total revenue of \$381,548 was received in 2024 and that we were nearing the maximum rentals allowed under the HST guidelines. Total Expenses for fiscal 2024 amounted to \$378,537 leaving a surplus of \$3,011. Ivan made a motion to accept the 2024 Financial Statement, seconded by Joan Mikkelsen and invited questions. Ivan responded to questions regarding the revenue from the solar panels and the Camp Kidston and Cemetery funds. Keith called for acceptance of the Financial Statements as presented. Motion approved.

Ivan proceeded to present the Budget for 2025. Ivan noted that acceptance of the Budget authorizes Council to proceed with the programming listed in the budget. Ivan highlighted that the Budget included a 10% increase in revenue over 2024. The budget provides for a fund-raising project of \$15,000 during the 2025 year and the total revenue projected is \$428,245. Ivan highlighted the three expenditure categories that total \$441,745; a deficit of \$13,540. Ivan moved acceptance of the proposed 2025 budget, seconded by Margo MacLeod and asked for questions. With no questions, Keith called for acceptance of the motion. Motion approved. Ivan thanked the members of Administration and Management Committee and Craig Finney who assisted in preparing the report. Keith offered congregational thanks to Ivan. Ivan received a standing appreciation for his past service.

Ivan Richardson was requested to propose the Mission & Service target for 2025. Ivan, in conjunction with Mary Osborne proposed a \$50,000 target for 2025 and moved a motion to accept. Motion was accepted.

Keith called on Fay Gunter to offer courtesies on behalf of the congregation. Fay thanked all the staff with special thanks to our ministry team for their leadership and for encouragement to reach out into the community from the 'church on the corner'. Fay also thanked all the volunteers for their time, talent and treasure in support of our church. Fay then concluded by thanking those who are stepping down from their position of service and to all those who are stepping into new roles and asked for a round of applause for all.

As Keith called for 'Other Business' he highlighted the role of the volunteers and the need to grow our volunteer base. Alan Ellis noted that as we resume the practice of collecting offerings during worship there was a requirement for additional ushers.

Ray DeRoche moved adjournment at 12:07pm.

Submitted: Keith Musselman
Chair of AGM

Bob Watt
Secretary

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE					
Sheila	Arklie		Sarah	Hartman	Donna
Dianne	Barro		Frank	Hartman	Murdock
Terry	Barro		Elizabeth	Heatley	Keith
Rev. Beth	Benjamin Cameron		Adelia	Holloway	Elizabeth
Barry	Blake		Sheri	Hussey	Mary
Joan	Blake		Shawn	Hussey	Betty
Ruth	Boutilier		Al	Maclsaac	Dwight
Leslie	Brook		Gerald	Jackson	Lynn
					Moore
					Morrison
					Musselman
					Nickerson
					Osborne
					Perkins
					Perkins
					Pierce

David	Campbell	Eva	Jenkins	Michael	Pierce
Katlin	Casselman	Cathy	Kay	Chelsea	Pugh
Faye	Charlebois	Pat	Kent	Sheila	Richardson
Bonny	Coffin	Aruna	Khan	Ivan	Richardson
Dawn	Coleman	Donna	Kramers	Steve	Rigden
Dodie	Covert	Maarten	Kramers	June	Rigden
Janet	Cushing	Pauline	Levy	Paula	Robb
Susan	Cuthbertson	Bob	Lindsay	Ralph	Sams
John	Dalziel	Rev. Kevin	Little	Dorothy	Sams
Ray	DeRoche	Bev	Lynch	Aline	Sorel
Judy	Dupuis	Peter	MacKay	Marilyn	Sturgeon
Eileen	Eisener	Carol	MacKay	Darrell	Taylor
Alan	Ellis	Margo	MacLeod	Bob	Watt
Rosalyn	Erskine	Shirley	MacLeod	Gus	Webb
Craig	Finney	Nell	Mallett	Laurie	White
Janet	Gill	Rhoda	Marshall	Beverley	Wicks
Bob	Goodwin	Brenda	Mathieu	Laura Jean	Williamson
Nancy	Grant	Christine	McGinnis	Maureen	Woods
Lloyd	Grant	Ian	McKay	Peter	Woods
Fay	Gunter	Joan	Mikkelsen	Shirley	Zwicker
Gerry	Gunter	Kim	Mitchell	Barry	Zwicker
Judy	Hamilton	Connie	Moore		

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Rev. Kevin Little |

Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care

Dear Woodlawn,

In 35 years I have never read an entire Annual Report all the way through. This is my confession to you.

Although, if you have learned anything about me, you will not be surprised. For me, the work of a church, the work of a minister, is ongoing, present. I plan on our behalf, six weeks of bulletins and sermons demonstrate

this. I have now visited 110 households, 40% of our Church Directory. My goal for 2026, is to do more. Many will say to me, "I have never been visited by a minister before." I share this only to point out that all ministers divide their attention/time in different ways. Mine is focused on your work as a community of faith. I may not always be in my office when you drop in, but it is highly likely I am in someone's living room or kitchen at that moment, sharing a coffee, listening to stories, a new face at Woodlawn or someone who has worshipped with us for decades.



I am enjoying myself, I hope you are too. I am blessed to work with Bethe, in all my years of ministry, never have I witnessed a minister who works as hard as she does. She is a joy to work with. Bethe sees colours, I hear voices. I think that sums up well our partnership.

And the people...Have you met Sam Zhang, he is new to us, and he is everywhere! June brings such spirit to everything and everyone. I was honoured to be with her in PEI when her mom Verna died at 105. And Peter who tirelessly works away in the AV space above, so those who cannot be with us in person, can be with us in spirit. He endures a lot of "the sound wasn't perfect this week" and "it cut off..." but without our AV team, and Peter's leadership, where would we be? And Jim Allen, who is here all the time to address our building challenges. And Juanita, who gently leads those who want to feel the Spirit in their bodies in her Spiritual Stretching. And Jerry Jackson, who meets everyone as if they were the incarnation of Jesus himself. And Joan Mikkelsen and Bev Wicks, our *problem-solvers extraordinaire*, they can bring clarity and best practices to every challenge. We are so, so, so blessed. I am privileged and honoured to be part of this. Your loud minister, Kevin

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Rev. Bethe Benjamin Cameron |

Minister of Congregational and Community Animation/Engagement

Woodlawn United Church Strategic Vision

For Congregational and Community Animation and Engagement:

To deepen our ministry as a vibrant faith community.

To grow as a thriving, diverse community with more to share as we equip our lay leadership and foster connection and innovation with the wider community.

To discover and nurture fresh expressions of our living faith.

Through Christ: Communication, Collaboration, Connection



Phew! What a year 2025 has been!

Many, many folks have stepped up and helped so that many events could take place.

Deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to you all! Shout out to our team Emily, Lisa, and Gus. Our group continues to grow in 2026 thanks Lori and Rosemary!

There have been many activities introduced and that continued during 2025 to enable us to live into our community engagement vision of:

Deepening our ministry as a vibrant faith community.

Growing as a thriving diverse community.

Sharing more as we continue equipping our lay leadership.

Fostering connection and innovation with the community. Discovering and nurturing fresh expressions of our living faith.

2025 in a snapshot:

Shine Event Community Family Evening

Games Nights Healing Pathway Sessions

Morning Coffee Parties Braiding Sweet Grass Book Study

Blankets of Love Lunch and Learn Events

Tax Clinics Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Budgeting Workshop Easter Breakfast

Collective Kitchens Healing Room

Spiritual Stretching Woodlawn Community Festival Peace Workshop

Church BBQ Comfort Station Days Community Picnic Table

Grief Workshop Tenants' Rights Sessions Advent Event

Hidden Gift Pageant Men of the Harvest Concert Sanctuary

The role of Minister of Congregational and Community Animation and Engagement also involves supporting the work of pastoral care of the Church in the area of meeting needs, fostering a sense of wellbeing, and belonging. As a Grief Recovery Specialist I meet with many grieving people and support them on their journey.

I am also part of United Churches for Dartmouth and help with planning joint activities among the churches such as our 100 birthday a service in June. I also offer a once-a-month spiritual reflection on The UCFD Facebook page.

My wider church work includes being a pastoral charge supervisor for Lawrencetown-Lake Echo, and Nine Mile River. Being a member of the Maritime Godly Play coordinating circle, part of United Fresh Start for the region and a member of the Licensing committee of the Bermuda Nova Scotia Regional Council.

In the wider community I am a member of Metro Interagency for Family Violence. I have developed a connection with the Community Health Team and the Community Health Board. I continue with my weekly Facebook TEE HEE Tuesday where I attempt to share humor and hope, there is an average of 300 views each week.

In 2025 we also had a brainstorming event of fundraising, out of which came the idea of a dinner theatre. I wrote a play and am directing this with the gifts of a fabulous cast, band, and tech team as well as wonderful support people and stage and prop

managers and there is an amazing food service team preparing for this event. It will take place in April 2026.

I visit the food bank each week and chat with volunteers and clients. I continue to be part of Sunday worship. Kevin is a great colleague and ministry partner to work with! Many thanks to all the staff and volunteers who make everything possible! I feel blessed to be part to the Woodlawn united church family!

It has been a year of fullness, growth, and exploration.

Here's to great things continuing in 2026.

May Christ's light shine in and through us all!

Blessings, *Bethe*

CO-CHAIRS OF COUNCIL REPORT

Chairperson	Keith Musselman (current Chair)
Past Chair	Fay Gunter
Administration and Management (A&M)	Beverley Wicks Craig Finney (Treasurer) Ivan Richardson (Past Treasurer)
Ministry and Personnel (M&P)	Allan Eddy
Head of Trustees	Barry Zwicker
Ministerial Staff	Rev. Kevin Little Rev. Beth Benjamin Cameron
Region 15 Representative	Bonney Coffin Kaitlin Casselman
Secretary	Marie Banfield Lisa Allen (former)

Council met 9 times during 2025. Duties of the members are as follows;

- Chairperson-call, preside, set agenda at Council meetings; report activities of the Council to Congregation when necessary; liaise with WUC Staff; prepare Vice- Chairperson to assume duties of Chairperson; votes only as a tie breaker.
- Past Chairperson-advise Chairperson and Council; Chair the Nominating Committee & oversee process at AGM; conduct election of Council and appointment of Trustees during AGM; other duties assigned by Chairperson.
- Secretary-assist Chairperson in preparing agenda; record proceedings of AGM and Council meetings; maintain the minutes (digital and hard copy) and distribute them as required; prep and transmit correspondence and minutes in a timely manner; maintain a record of policies and procedures; update and maintain Church Constitution &

incorporate changes passed by Council; in the event the Secretary is not available, the Vice-Chair will assume the role and tasks or it may be assigned to another individual.

- Treasurer-part of A&M Committee; monitor financial health, ongoing obligations & expenses; maintain and support account records; prepare monthly and annual financial statements; prepare a yearly budget vetted through A&M Committee, Council and approved at the AGM.
- Head of Trustees (or representative)- responsible for property oversight, maintenance, and management; responsible for investments held by Board of Trustees for WUC.
- M&P Committee-Support and consult lay and ministerial staff by encouraging right relations through review of working conditions; make recommendations to Council, monitor job descriptions; conduct annual performance reviews with Staff, make decisions regarding leave and sabbatical planning
- Ministerial Staff-provide spiritual guidance and advise to Council as outlined in their job description.

Highlights of 2025

- Recruitment of Marie Banfield as Secretary to Council
- Installment of Craig Finney as Treasurer. Our thanks to Ivan Richardson for his many years of service as Treasurer.
- Recruitment of Bonney Coffin and Kaitlin Casselman to vacant positions as Representatives for Bermuda/Nova Scotia Region of UCC.
- Successful implementation of Funding Drive to offset our predicted deficit.

ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

All of our activity for 2025 centered around Friends of Accessibility as we hosted six chowder takeout luncheons serving up 1500 bowls of chowder and had a ball doing it. An awesome team of 25-30 work each chowder plus the folks who bake pies and cakes. We rely heavily on the folks at Seaside 105.9 to get the word out for all our activities.

A St. Patricks Day concert with Terry Kelly was one of those well attended events. Always a joy and inspiration to work with Terry and Anne.

In October we were part of the Craft Show selling wood items made by Bob Hamilton and Lloyd Levy which were donated by their families.

Then on November 2nd we hosted the spectacular Poppy Tribute event with Chantal and her merry group from Oakwood. What a show and what a sight to see our facility decorated inside and out with more than 12,000 handcrafted poppies. With our sanctuary filled to capacity we streamed the event into the Sams room and still had

folks who could not get in. A very exciting and meaningful event which we hope to host again in 2026.

From all these activities we raised \$15,114.00 for the Accessibility Fund and \$2077 for the General Fund. That brings our contribution to the Accessibility Fund over 20 years to \$326, 480.00.

To the folks who have helped in any way over those years a huge thank you, you have helped make our building an accessible and welcoming space.

Respectfully

Ralph Sams

Chair of Accessibility Team and Friends of Accessibility.

ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT (A&M)

Report for the Year : 2025

List of Officers and Members:

- Beverley Wicks - Chair
- Ivan Richardson - Treasurer January to March, now Committee Member
- Craig Finney - Treasurer April onward
- Kathy Hawkins - Secretary
- Joan Mikkelsen - Records Clerk & Envelope Steward, including PAR Coordinator
- Fay Gunter - Trustee Representative
- Evelyn Webber - Rental Liaison
- Rev. Kevin Little - Ministerial Staff

Number of meetings - 10 regular committee meetings plus several project meetings.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The A&M Committee oversees the financial functions of the congregation, including the following areas of responsibility:

- Staff Payroll is administered by Kathy Hawkins.
- Accounting and Budgeting are overseen by Craig Finney in accordance with UCC policy and CRA regulations. Craig also oversees our part-time Accounting

Clerk, Ilona Afahanova. Financial reports are prepared and presented monthly to A&M and Council with summaries being placed in the Bulletin quarterly.

- Joan Mikkelsen manages the roles of Records Clerk, Envelope Steward, and Criminal Record Check (CRC) Tracking for A&M Members. Joan's work requires a high level of confidentiality. She is the only person with access to congregant's personal information, including records of offerings, and she issues income tax receipts. Joan also manages the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program. Currently 149 households use PAR as their primary means of giving to Woodlawn.
- Rentals are overseen by the Rental Sub-Committee (Evelyn Webber, Kaitlin Casselman, Bev Wicks and Fay Gunter). Kaitlin is the first point of contact for all rental enquiries, bookings, preparing rental agreements and monitoring compliance with same. Members of the rental sub-committee interpret and review policy, recommend policy revisions and meet with Rental Groups as needed.
- Tellers are responsible for documenting and depositing revenue. We were very sad to lose Bruce Nauss, one of our regular Tellers, early in the year. Evelyn Webber has now joined the team with Keith, Ivan and Joan providing backup when needed.
- Council Representation - A&M is represented on Council by the Chair of A&M and the Treasurer.

Highlights of the Year:

In March and April Woodlawn offered 4 tax clinics for individuals with modest income. This was initiated by Joan Mikkelsen as part of Rev. Bethe's Community Engagement activities.

Carol McKnight was hired to conduct an independent financial review of our 2025 Financial Statements. We hope this important activity will become an ongoing practice in future years.

We were very pleased to welcome Evelyn Webber to our committee in the Spring. She took over leadership of Rentals when Bev moved on to chair A&M. Also Evelyn serves as a very capable Teller.

In November we moved Woodlawn forward in the digital age when we acquired our first Point of Sale device. This does not accept charitable donations, but is used only for sale of tickets.

In December A&M recommended the creation of a new Designated Fund to Council, "The Community Engagement Fund", with the purpose of financially supporting the work of Congregational and Community Animation and Engagement, newly developed at Woodlawn under the leadership of Rev. Bethe Benjamin Cameron.

Special Acknowledgements:

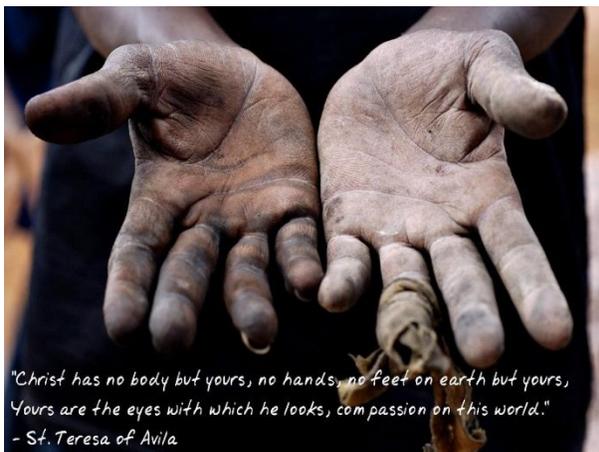
Finally, I extend a special thank you to all of the members of A&M and to the staff with whom we are so fortunate to work. To Joan, Ivan, Kathy, Kaitlin, Ilona, Craig, Evelyn, Fay, Rev. Kevin, and Rev. Bethe - thank you for your commitment, time and talents. It is a joy to work with you all.

Blessings and Peace,

Beverley Wicks, Chair

COMMUNITY OF CARE

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE REPORT



Presently our Pastoral Care Team: Kim Mitchell, Murdock Morrison, Jane Cushing, Shirley Zwicker, Elizabeth Heatley, Dorothy Lindsay, Maureen Woods, Mary Osborne, Dave & Kelly Smith and Barrie Blank calls/visit 28 identified members of our community of faith on a regular basis. Dave, Kelly and Barrie are new to our team. We are grateful for their contributions. Donna Moore and Jennifer Taylor are no longer on our team but

their considerable kindness, presence and care over many years left us a legacy to carry on. Janet Major is taking a break from this work, we hope she can return to us at a later time. When Bethe and I arrived at Woodlawn United Church there were 440 households in our Directory, there are now over 475. This despite many deaths and some persons who have moved out of HRM. For that reason, my own visits, as Pastoral Care is a part of my role at Woodlawn, are balanced between those who need/want extra visits, newcomers, and members who have never been visited by a minister at Woodlawn. I have now visited 40% of the congregation, and I hope to do more in 2026. This dynamic committee carries on the regular contact with members who at one time walked our hallways on a regular basis. Health challenges prevent this regular contact, so this committee takes up the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ, to be present, to listen, to offer care, and a prayer shawl.

Mary Osborne sends cards of appreciation. Maureen Woods sends cards of care. We are blessed by their ministry.

Our congregation is indebted to this committee for their continued contacts, for letting (me) us know about birthdays, anniversaries, special events, so we can offer our thanksgiving and appreciation. The witness of those who have carried our church, over many decades, is so important to name and celebrate. We want our living saints to know that we know their stories and we give thanks for their ministry.

On behalf of the Pastoral Care Team, Kevin Little

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. - Annual Report for 2025

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is led by Nancy Allen. Members are all who chose to knit/crochet a prayer shawl for the ministry. I meet one on one to supply wool and a pattern if asked. Some folks supply their own wool and also choose their own pattern. All are appreciated very much. Folks knit/crochet on their own time and have expressed that this is the preferred way rather than getting together at a scheduled time. I then gather the finished shawls and put a tag on them that says they are provided by Woodlawn United Church - Shawls of Care and Compassion and also the knitter/crocheter's name. The tag also has the Celtic Blessing printed on it. They are blessed by myself, Beth or Kevin privately and then are ready to be distributed.

We are very fortunate this year to have many more "helpers" providing the prayer shawls for this important ministry. I am very grateful for their generous and beautiful offerings and continued support.

I also want to acknowledge how Beth and Kevin have embraced this ministry and know exactly who might be in need of the blessing and comfort that the prayer shawl offers folks in a time of need. Recipients have spoken of what it means to them to receive a Prayer Shawl.

"Sometimes there are no words. A Prayer Shawl wraps someone in a hug that is the accumulation of thoughts and prayers for them."

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Allen
Prayer Shawl Ministry, co-ordinator

CARING CARD COMMITTEE

CARD CARING COMMITTEE ~ CONDOLENCE CARDS/THINKING OF YOU/PRAYING FOR YOU/ THANK YOU CARDS

The past year has been very busy with the Cards. Some of our Volunteers have had to resign for various reasons, so I have been trying to keep things going, as best I can. I have to thank Kaitlin Casselman for keeping my card stock up to date when required and I am now requesting stamps, as this gets to be busy and I often do not have

stamps on hand. I am also requesting if anyone has extra cards- for example- sometimes we get cards in the mail from organizations that we support and if they are not used, I could use them for our Card Caring Committee.

I also would like to thank Betty Perkins for donating her time, talent and materials for the wonderful little crocheted Cross's that she made for me. I enclose them in my cards when appropriate. I have had so many complements from folks who have received them, and they are a wonderful touch to the card and have been welcomed by all.

If anyone can come up with an idea that will fit in a card and not add to the postage, I would appreciate your input as well. I have used Tea Bags in the past as well, and they are welcomed, as a reminder that "Prayers" are being sent while they have their Tea.

I have sent:

30 - Thinking of you Cards

10 - Praying for you Cards

3 - Birthday (I only send to over 90) or when informed

2 - Sympathy (when informed)

Respectfully Maureen Woods

CARING CARD MINISTRY - THANK YOU NOTES

All volunteer work of the Woodlawn congregation is appreciated. Just because you did not receive a "thank you" card does not mean that your work has gone unnoticed. In 2025 six names were given to me to send a card. These were completed with great thanks.

Mary Osborne

Caring Card Mnistry - Thank-you cards.

FELLOWSHIP

Many people come downstairs, after our Sunday church service, to enjoy a coffee/tea/juice and a cookie while connecting with old friends or meeting new ones. Volunteers set up, serve the food in the church hall and clean up afterwards.

This year we had 38 volunteers, many who served more than once. A basket is put out for anyone who wishes to make a small donation, but this is not compulsory. Usually, the volunteers make a snack (cookies, etc.) but it is supplemented by other people who wish to bake but can't serve on Sunday. These items are put in the freezer in the little kitchen to be used when necessary.

This year funds raised amounted to almost \$1,700.00. After fellowship supplies are paid for, the remainder goes to the church general funds.

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make this a friendly social time.

-Shirley Zwicker

STATISTICS - 2025

Our Congregational Roll at year end (2025) stood at 471 households and 998 individuals under pastoral care. During the year (2025), 71 individuals were added to our Congregational Roll and 19 were deleted for various reasons (relocated, deceased, unable to locate).

During the year (2025) 9 individuals were added to our Historical Roll (6 by transfer, and 3 by Profession of Faith), and 11 individuals were removed from the Historical Roll (9 deceased).

Submitted by: Joan Mikkelsen

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

During the reporting period, the Ministry & Personnel (M&P) Committee consisted of Kevin McTaggart, Cathy Kay, Margo MacLeod and Allan Eddy. Currently, Allan Eddy serves as Chair and Margo MacLeod is Secretary of the committee.

During the reporting period, the committee has met regularly and has conducted business both in person and via E-mail.

M&P is responsible for supporting church and Ministerial staff with respect to creating and maintaining a positive work environment, issues related to pay and benefits, sick leave and vacation and to facilitate resolution of any interpersonal conflicts among staff or between staff and members of the congregation.

All members of the church and Ministerial staff have been assigned a direct contact person from among the M&P committee. During the reporting period all M&P members were active with scheduled meetings with staff and providing support, renewing contracts and addressing issues as required.

M&P was pleased to host a staff appreciation event attended by all staff in June.

M&P would like to acknowledge all the work of our Church and Ministerial staff whose efforts contribute so much to supporting Woodlawn's spiritual, community leadership and mission.

Respectfully submitted
Allan Eddy
Chair of M&P

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

TIME OUT FOR CRAFTS - 2025

Time Out for Crafts is an outreach project open to anyone in the community. We meet Wednesday afternoons in the brick hall from 1 to 3pm. We enjoy fellowship, laughter and snacks along with our crafting!

In 2025, we hosted two 12 week sessions - starting in January and September. We extended the January session by 3 weeks due to popular demand! During the last week of each session, we hosted an open house/display for the community complete with tea/coffee and snacks. Some of the crafts we worked on were knitting, crocheting, needlework, rug hooking, quilting and painting.

Many thanks to our volunteers in 2025 who mentor/teach/assist - Adelia Halloway, Violet Oare, Joanne Kane, Bev Lynch, Janet Crichton, Elizabeth Crawford and Cindy Crane. Also to Ralph and Dorothy Sams who make and serve our tea and coffee each week. Our current 2026 session goes until mid April so there is still time to join us. Feel free to drop in any Wednesday afternoon for a visit. (Tea/coffee and snacks are at 2pm)

Financial Statement

Carried forward: 0

Registrations Received: \$1620.00

Disbursements:

Woodlawn United Church

General Fund: \$1,380.00

Supplies: \$ 250.00

Total Disbursements: \$1620.00

Balance December 2025: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Sams

Time Out Co-ordinator

COFFEE HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The Woodlawn Coffee House was conceived & created by Donna Jackson & Brenda Blair more than 28 years ago, as a safe space for Youth & Adults with Intellectual Challenges to gather and have fellowship and fun. The group meets once a month from September to March to partake in crafts, sing-a-longs, Halloween costume contests, games, and Pot Luck meals. We also have a big Birthday Cake each month and celebrate those who had a birthday since we last met. (the cake is always a big hit) Our 2025-2026 season has been another very successful one. We averaged between 25-35 participants each month. In February, for the first time in the life of our Coffee House, we met in the Sanctuary to watch a presentation by Chelsea & Kaitlin on the topic of Whales. They put on an amazing slideshow and spoke for about 40 minutes to a very engaged group. There were lots of questions afterward. It was a very big success. Brenda and I could not put on these evenings without the help of others. We would like to thank our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and the many parents and caregivers who help each month. We thank Rev. Kevin & Rev. Bethe for their interest and participation. Last, but not least, we thank both Woodlawn's UCW & Outreach Committee for their ongoing financial support. Your contributions help fund crafts, games, snacks and refreshments, and we could not do it without you. Our clients are grateful for your contributions and for the safe comfortable space Woodlawn provides.

Respectfully & Gratefully Submitted, Donna Jackson & Brenda Blair Woodlawn Coffee House

EAST DARTMOUTH CHRISTIAN FOODBANK

The food bank had a very successful year in 2025 feeding 6382 souls with the supervision of the Coordinator Shaureen Tweel and the work of many motivated volunteers. This number reflects new and repeat clients as people pick up food on a monthly basis . The board of the food bank, which is made up of directors from the five supporting churches, was very busy this year, completing the guidelines of Food Banks Canada, which once our financial overview is completed , will allow the food bank accreditation with this organization and make us eligible for grants. This task has taken many hours of work by many people over a two year period .

The food bank has endeavoured to improve the food given to clients by purchasing more protein as in eggs, cheese, milk, and meat. We also handed out gift cards with food orders after the Christmas break to clients as we know it is a difficult financial time of year for most people. Shaureen was able to apply for and receive many grants We received funding for new equipment such as scales, metal table and carts. She also was able to source books for young people and feminine products .

The board continues to be grateful for the support of the five churches as well as local businesses , organizations , schools and individuals. Special mention has to be given to Mic Mac Bar and Grill who donate pallets of food often throughout the year .

The food bank is well funded to continue its work in 2026.

Once again, the food bank board wishes to express its gratitude to Woodlawn United Church for allowing us to operate on their premises , to the volunteers that show up early on Wednesday and Thursday morning and everyone who has supported the ongoing work to feed folks who suffer from food insecurity this year . The board is also grateful for the support each week of Rev. Bethe and Rev. Kevin as they interact with volunteers and clients ,listening to stories and helping where they can .

Evelyn Webber, our board treasurer and secretary and myself have been on the board of the food bank for over 25 years , during that time we have seen many changes in how the food bank operates and expectations of governing organizations such as Feed Nova Scotia and Food Banks Canada . We look forward to another successful year in 2026 with your support and prayers.

Respectfully submitted ,

Brian Moors Evelyn Webber

Woodlawn's Directors on EDCFB

OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Our Mission Statement is to provide, in a God centered way, an opportunity to support people who are less fortunate. With the support of the congregation, Outreach puts Christian Faith into action through the programs we support.

White Gift Program:

Thanks to the help and generous support from the congregation, friends and family of committee members, Sobeys on Baker Drive, Dave's Fruit and Veggies on Main Street, the choir and UCW groups, we are happy to report another successful White Gift program.

Shaureen Taweel provided us with a list of families that needed support. They were clients registered with the East Dartmouth Christian Food Bank.

This year 28 families (88 people) received the following: two bags of groceries, fruit and vegetables, and a \$40 Sobeys' Gift Card for a turkey or other protein. In addition, each family member received a \$50.00 WalMart Gift Card, or gifts requested by the parents. In addition, we had supplies set aside for 3 families (walk-ins) who were not necessarily food bank clients, but found themselves in need as Christmas approached. We set up a "free table" in the entranceway. When the families came to pick up their food, gifts etc., they were able to browse through the free items (mostly clothing and bedding) and take what they needed. This was a big hit. We would like to thank Sandra and Alan Mitchell for making deliveries to the families that had no means of picking up their food and gifts.

Edward House (male teens) and Brockwell House (female teens) and Welcome Housing and Support (adult men and women most of whom are unhoused) received a total of

about 100 shoeboxes filled with a variety of toiletries, gift cards, hats and socks, sweet treats and other miscellaneous items.

A few hundred dollars worth of clothing, toys, books and games was donated to The North Grove, for children 0-10 years of age.

About 90 pairs of mitts, hats and scarves were donated to our families, as well as to 3 local Elementary schools.

We received some personal hygiene products that we were able to give to our families, as well as Margaret's House, and Brockwell and Edwards Houses.

This year, 32 snowsuits or winter coats were given to the children and teens from our 28 families.

The Sleeping Children around the World program received \$880 which provided 22 bedroll kits for children in developing countries. We usually receive pictures a few months after sending our donation and if we do, we will post them on the Woodlawn website.

We had two situations that came to our attention this Christmas:

We supported a family of 5 that was in great need of help. With assistance from a social worker as our liaison, and Shaureen Taweel, we were able to provide bedding, clothing, winter coats and boots, food, and gifts. We will continue to follow-up on this family.

We also supported a man who lives in his car, with food, a WalMart and Sobey's card, gas cards and winter clothing.

We give special thanks to the Tabitha UCW group, the choir, and the Citadel Progress Club of Halifax for stepping up to support these people.

During 2025, we supported the following programs with donations of money from the Outreach Community Fund:

1. Brunswick Street Mission
2. Phoenix Food for Youth
3. Margaret's House
4. Bryony House
5. Woodlawn Coffee Club
6. Dalhousie University Pie Campaign
7. Soul's Harbour

In addition to our usual donation to Margaret's House, in the fall we did a "sock and container" campaign. With the help of the congregation, we donated over 100 pairs of socks, and over \$200 of take-out food containers.

We also initiated a "peanut butter and jam" campaign and donated these jars to the food bank.

Over the summer, we collected back packs and donated them to the Food Bank for students use as they started school.

In mid September, the Tuesday afternoon card games (primarily bridge, but also crib and Scrabble) resumed. Approximately 32 players pay \$3 to attend each week. The proceeds go to our Outreach Community fund. If needed, some future profits may support the Outreach White Gift Fund as well.

Additional Activities:

Members of our Outreach committee report on meetings for the Dartmouth Community Health Board, Margaret's House, Phoenix House, and the East Dartmouth Christian Food Bank Board.

The Outreach Committee consists of dedicated congregation members who are aware of the need to seek social justice for our neighbours who struggle to live in today's world, doing what they can to follow Jesus' way to show compassion, understanding and love. We will continue to look for ways to serve those in need in our community in 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Coleman and Al MacIsaac (Co-Chairs), on behalf of our Outreach Team: Tom Rogers, Jane Cushing, Linda Sinclair, Murdock Morrison, Brian Moors, Joanne Cameron, Laurie White, Judy Hamilton, Rev. Beth Benjamin Cameron, and Kaitlin Casselman.

MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Music in Woodlawn United Church is flourishing under Choir Director, June Rigden, and Organist and Accompanist, Gus Webb. There have been 40 members in the choir, the number varying due to illness, surgeries, work responsibilities, etc.

We have been blessed to have other instrumentalists, including Luke Henderson on trumpet, Alison Roe-Smith and Lisa Clarke on flute, accompany our singing. Jim Farmer is always willing to direct in June's absence, and the choir enjoys his expertise and wit. Lisa Clarke and Suzanne Rigden have also been guest conductors. Aubrey Boone is our Go To fill-in on Organ. We also enjoyed having Ukés4Peace directed by Brenda Weir, as well as various ensembles like Polyphony, Tapestry, and Mitzvah, directed by Jim Farmer. Other soloists have included Chantal Beaulieu of Oakwood Terrace and her niece, combos like the Allen Family Band, as well as Just Us, made up of Steve Rigden, Brenda Weir, David Fraser and June Rigden. Members of the choir form lovely small groups who share beautiful anthems from time to time. Over the summer months, there is a "Come As You Are" Summer Choir, when the regular choir is not in place, and we are always blessed to have soloists volunteer to share their music. Thank you to all of them.

This year we purchased copies of the new hymnbook, Then Let Us Sing, and we will gradually introduce some of these new hymns to the congregation. We have made good use of our own library of choral music and the Nova Scotia Choral Federation to select music for our growing choir. The librarians tasked ourselves with culling out some of the music in our filing cabinets which we no longer use and we were able to

donate the music to The University of King's College choir. Our music librarians organized and catalogued our choir music, and created binders of single copies, which has made the choosing of anthems for the Ministry of Music much easier to access and coordinate with the minister's themes.

June has also been working with the "sound" people to evaluate the location and use of the new microphones in the Chancel to assure that what the congregation hears, both live and live streamed, is the best it can be.

Once again, we were more than happy to have a Band and Choir Concert for the first time since Covid. Diane Hill (former Lay Pastoral Minister at Woodlawn and Gospel Choir Director) directed one of the selections. The 4 members of the Mitzvah quartet were in the Gospel Choir with Diane and are still in the present choir. The audience and community enjoyed the return to this tradition.

A very bright note is that Heather McInnes has volunteered to start the Children's Choir again, to meet after Sunday School for 20 minutes, likely in Room D (the Community Room). June and Dodie have offered to assist.

The Dinner Theatre musical rehearsals are going well under the musical direction of June Rigden, with several soloists, a keen chorus, and a band of four.

We are always happy to have new members in the choir and input from the congregation.

Respectfully submitted
Dodie Covert
Chair of Music Committee

1ST WOODLAWN SCOUTING GROUP REPORT

Report for the Year 2025

Group Committee Members:

Group Commissioner: Anne Fay

Treasurer: George Mawko

WUC Council Rep: Bob Lindsay

6 Scouter Contact Reps from each youth section (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers)

Total number of volunteers (Scouters): 26 Total number of registered youth: 91
30 Beavers; 35 Cubs; 21 Scouts; 4 Venturers; 1 Rover 1st Woodlawn Group Committee meets monthly to plan and review activities for each age group, for a total of 9 meetings in 2025. The youth meet weekly September through June in the church halls. They also go on hikes and camps outside of the regular meeting time. Scouts Canada is a co-ed youth organization, offering programs for children and youth ages 5-26. Youth participate in engaging activities, outdoor adventures and contribute to their community, supported by volunteer teams of leaders (Scouters), who provide opportunities to grow, challenge themselves and try new experiences.

Highlights of 2025:

February: Beavers and Cubs: neighbourhood food drive in support of WUC food bank

Scouts Week service - the first in several years. Religion in Life award presented to 4 youth. Religion in Life sessions led by Rev. Kevin in preceding weeks. Rev. Beth was a guest presenter at a Cubs meeting to share insights on Community.

May: 1st Woodlawn annual rally in WUC parking lot: Beaver Buggies, Kubkars, Scout Trucks.

A Troop Scouter awarded the Bronze Cross for Gallantry for saving a man from drowning.

June: Group Camp at Camp Harris: Geology Adventure designed by a guest geologist. Recognition Awards from Scouts Canada to 1st Woodlawn Scouters for their volunteer service:

3 Commendations, 1 Group Innovator, 7 medals for Good Service, 2 medals of Merit.

November: Woodlawn Residents Association Harvest Festival at Woodlawn United Church:

Scouters hosted kids activities including scout crafting and a soft archery range on the hall stage.

1st Woodlawn Scouting youth attended the Remembrance Day Cenotaph at Cole Harbour place.

Special thanks to Rita Grigg who sews the neckerchiefs worn by youth and Scouters. On behalf of 1st Woodlawn Scouting, I would like to express our sincere appreciation of the support of our sponsor, Woodlawn United Church.

Submitted by Anne Fay, Group Commissioner, 1st Woodlawn Scouting Group

STEWARDSHIP

No report submitted.

MISSION & SERVICE ENTHUSIAST REPORT - 2025

Mission & Service is the unified fund of the United Church of Canada which responds to needs throughout the world, including Canada. When you donate to M & S you are helping our global partners in 21 countries on issues such as food, water, health, education, and human rights - Africa, Europe and the Middle East. We can't be there in person to help but with our donations to M & S it is as good as being there.

This report is going to be a series of "Thank you's" -

- Thank you to you, the members of Woodlawn who so faithfully support the work of Mission & Service - Receipted amount in 2025 - \$34,862.43.

- Thank you to the U.C.W. who give generously of their hard-earned funds to M & S - \$3,200 in 2025.

- Thank you to those who have gone before us who remembered M & S in their wills.

- Thank you to the Stewardship Committee who organize and carry out the Easter mailing which includes an envelope for "Lenten Donations" - \$980.

- TOTAL AMOUNT forwarded to National from Woodlawn United in 2025 = \$60,004

- Thank you to the Ministers and Secretary who organize the schedule for minute presentations.

My biggest “thank you” comes from myself, to you, the Congregation for allowing me to serve as your Mission Enthusiast for many, many years. However, the time has come to make a change of leadership. On Sunday, February 16, 2025, during the morning service, Kaitlin Casselman read the “Minute for Mission”. Afterward she called me over, presented me with one of her lovely Christmas Angels for my service and agreed to take over this ministry from now on. Kaitlin will be a wonderful Enthusiast and I hope and pray that you will support her in all of her work. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as your Mission Enthusiast.

Sincerely, Mary Osborne

ONLINE DONATIONS (CANADA HELPS)

Twenty-one donations were received during 2025:

General Fund	\$2,455.00
Mission & Service	\$155.00
Accessibility Fund	\$210.00
Solar Fund	\$30.00
UCW - memorial	\$100.00
Total donations	\$2,950.00
Less Fees	-
	\$111.81
Net amount received	\$2,838.19

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Mikkelsen

TECH COMMITTEE

The role of the Tech Team is to provide overall Technical support to all aspects of the operation of Woodlawn United Church. This includes, but not limited to, such matters as Audio Visual (A/V) support in the sanctuary as well as to the other various meeting and activity locations throughout the main church as well as the Heritage Centre, Internet/Wi-Fi, Telephone, and Computer Maintenance, and other technical matters required by the various groups and committees within our Pastoral Charge.

We began the year, following an unfortunate, but unavoidable cancellation of the 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Service due to a snowstorm, in January 2025 with a new display system for our weekly PowerPoint's. The three large screen monitors noted in last year's Annual Report had been installed and the feedback from members of the congregation for this change was all positive. We've experienced minor difficulties,

not totally unexpected with new technology, but overall, the new method of displaying information is working well.

To enhance the audio capabilities of our system, the Music Team requested that we install additional hanging microphones over the Chancel area. We also installed a microphone behind the piano in the Sanctuary. Our Tech Team arranged for microphone installation, and we also added two "omni directional" microphones to our microphone supply. The impact of these efforts has been to greatly enhance our Live Streaming content. Folks who listen to our Live Streams weekly, and/or our videos which are available on our Facebook page as well as YouTube channel each week immediately following our services, are able to hear the piano as well as the Choir and congregation much better.

It bears repeating from my report last year that, while the upgrade and enhancement of technical equipment is important, every bit as important, is the need for "volunteer" help to keep the equipment in top operating condition as well as to operate the various components. For example, in order to successfully carry out our weekly worship service requires volunteers to operate the various pieces of equipment (sound Board, Camera's and Live Streaming, and PowerPoint). We have a serious shortage of available volunteers in this regard and, consequently, too much reliance is being place on too few people. We urge all who are capable and/or interested in assisting with this critical activity to reach out to our Ministerial staff and/or one of the current Tech Team members to express an interest in helping out. The work needed to continue to carry out this function is both rewarding and, we can assure you, very much needed and appreciated. I'm very pleased to convey that Lori Errington has joined our A/V team. Lori brings with her an abundance of previous experience with PowerPoint as well as a keen and able technical ability which is a welcome addition for sure, Welcome Lori.

On behalf of our Team members, I want to extend a thank you to our Ministerial staff, Rev. Bethe, and Rev. Kevin, for their input and patience with our offerings each week. It is a pleasure to work with everyone through a truly "team effort" to provide technical support for all activities here a Woodlawn United.

Each of the current volunteers have contributed and continue to contribute a valuable addition to the overall enjoyment of the congregation as well as hundreds of viewers to our Live Stream offerings. The following are the names of the regular contributors to this Ministry at WUC. Please consider becoming a member as well. We look forward to an exciting year with our new Ministerial team which shows much promise for the weeks, months, and years ahead.

Members:

Steve Rigden, Bev Lynch, Kaitlin Casselman, Lori Errington, Murdock Morrison, Barry Zwicker, Dennis Hudson, with occasional welcomed assistance from Ian Benjamin

(who always responds when asked to help). Gus Webb and June Rigden are very much welcomed assistance as well. They both willingly assist us whenever they are asked for specific help.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Woods

TRUSTEES REPORT

The members of the Board of Trustees of the end of 2025 include:

Art Theuerkauf, Gerald Settle, Grant Warwick, Fay Gunter (resigned Dec. 2025) , Chris Riehl, Ross Denman (joined March 2025), Jim Allen Vice Chair and Barry Zwicker Chair

During 2025 The Trustees met primarily through email or in small project groups.

The Trustees generally are responsible for the ongoing maintenance and safe keeping of our property and our buildings. As such we conduct regular monthly checks on items such as the emergency lights, alarm systems, fire extinguishers, clear stairwells etc. In addition we make sure our infrastructure such as heating, cooling, electrical and water systems are kept in good working order. Jim Allen is the lead trustee who through many hours of onsite work helps to keep our church facilities in working order. Maintenance also includes snow removal storm water management and many items we as members take for granted. But without them being maintained and constantly under review we would not have such great spaces to worship, meet or socialize and run programs. The Trustees are responsible for supervision and assisting our custodian, Rick Cameron who is doing a great job since joining the team.

The Trustees work very closely with the Accessibility Team and under the new Governance document are technically responsible for the oversight of the projects undertaken by the Accessibility team. Two members of the Trustees are actually members of the Accessibility team (Jim and Barry). We are working together on future phases to continue to make our facilities the best and most accessible that we are able to given our resources.

The Trustees have had a representative on the A&M committee (Fay Gunter). We are currently looking for a new rep on A & M since Fays resignation. This close link with A&M enables a better working relationship as it relates to the rentals we currently have and any issues that may arise with the use of our facilities during their rental periods.

There are always emergency repairs and issues when you have as much infrastructure as Woodlawn has in two buildings and when the age of the buildings and systems

inside them are aging. Through close cooperation with all the staff we are able to learn of problems and respond quickly (most of the time) .

The Trustees are responsible for management of our monetary investments. Grant Warwick has lead the charge in staying on top of the ever demanding investment opportunities while protecting the initial funds entrusted to the Trustees. Grant has worked closely with Ivan Richardson our church Treasurer and now Craig Finney our new Treasurer. A summary of the Investments and revenue from the investments is included with in the financial statements for the church.

The Trustees are always looking at new projects for the church on our work plan are items such as door replacements in the Brick church and the main door into the Heritage center, a continued cleanup program of storage spaces and improvements to the downstairs portion of the Heritage Center where better and safer access from the lower level is a priority. As always, we are responding to ongoing maintenance and operational issues as they arise.

Respectively Submitted

Barry Zwicker

Chair of Trustees

UNITED CHURCHES FOR DARTMOUTH (UCfD)

United Churches for Dartmouth is a venue for collaboration and sharing between congregations of the United Church in Dartmouth, NS. In terms of the United Church structure it is an example of a “cluster”. The group normally meets quarterly, rotating venue between the various congregations. In general, many of the members of UCfD are representatives of the congregational Boards, although all United Church members are welcome. In 2025 we met five times (Jan, Apr, Jun, Sep, and Dec).

Wednesday Spiritual Reflections project on Facebook by members of the clergy (and others) continued with increased viewer-ship.

The UCfD Facebook site for sharing inter-congregational and community events continued to provide a venue for sharing worship and congregational development activities. Weekly postings of services times (and venue) provided a common place for people to see what services, congregational events (suppers and sales) were available. The Facebook site aims to provide a venue to announce and share events between congregations and also to promote events of the larger Dartmouth community. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UnitedChurchesforDartmouth/>. Come check out what is going on. There is also a UCFD YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOFRVVaqPZZd5gjmfyFgMsA> that has videos

KidsCorner (crafts, meditations, lego bible stories etc.). There is also a shared calendar (hosted on Grace's website <https://www.gracedartmouth.ca/ucfd>)

As a cluster we have been sharing Christian Education opportunities with each congregation opening up their offerings to others to come and share. In addition in the fall UCfD sponsored a book study "Theological Banquet" on the different ways that we express our faith. The 6 week study was conducted Wed mornings at St James and Wed evenings at Port Wallis in Oct and Nov.

[Play.Pray@Church](#) - a multi-generational worship time held on the first Saturday of each month (October-June) from 4-6pm. Each service has a theme that ties multi-generational crafts to informal worship with music and ends with communal meal. The idea being to provide an alternative to Sunday Morning for people who cannot make a Sunday Morning service or would like a more informal worship experience. Initial program ran from Sept 2024-June 2025 (at Grace, PortWallis and Stairs). Following a positive evaluation it then received further funding from Region and has continued with meetings Oct-Dec at Grace, and now (Jan-Mar) at Port Wallis.

A major project for 2025 was celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the United Church of Canada. A joint celebratory service was held at Pentecost using Woodlawn United's large sanctuary (and parking lot). The service was wonderful with a joint choir and ministry team, and so was the social time afterwards. I witnessed multiple instances of people coming up to acquaintances and saying "I did not know you were United." Following on this, a second gathering was held for Epiphany (again using the large space at Woodlawn; and with a joint choir and youth program). Rev Mugford was a standout as the 4th Magi!!! Thanks to the ministerial teams that put these all together.

One of the main benefits of UCfD has been the opportunity for members of congregational boards to meet and exchange ideas and issues. At every meeting there is an opportunity for each congregation to tell the others what their congregation has been doing and has planned for the next quarter. Other congregations then have the opportunity to ask questions and some amazing discussions have resulted.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Hazen, Chair United Churches for Dartmouth.

WOODLAWN UNITED CHURCH MEN

We held luncheons monthly except July and August with average attendance of 20. Dwight's soup, sandwiches from Dave's, cookies from Bernie and Burnell kept our stomachs more than satisfied, we got to know each other a bit better via conversation

during the meal and Ralph followed by Kevin with comments and prayer wrapped up each luncheon by 1:00pm.

We were pleased to host the City of Lakes Barbershop Chorus in an afternoon show in late September and then partnered with them and Polyphony for the Christmas Melodies Show on November 28.

We hosted the annual Ecumenical Men's Breakfast on December 13 with speaker and soloist George Diamond. This is a very meaningful morning each year, kudos to our guys who cook and serve the breakfast. Also great to catch up with men from other churches and denominations.

From all of these activities we raised \$2420.00. We sponsored a child at Camp Kidston for \$500.00 and donated \$1920.00 to the churches General Fund.

Ralph Sams

Secretary Treasurer

WOODLAWN UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Executive Officers

Coordinator for 2025 - 2026	Teri Giannou
Co-Coordiators for 2027-2028	Shirley MacLeod & Karen Staples
Recording Secretary for 2025-2026	Adelia Holloway
Treasurer	Fay Gunter

Portfolio Chairs

Nominations Coordinator(s) and unit presidents or representative from each unit

Social:	Linda Sinclair & Bev Wilmshurst
Funerals Reception Coordinators	Bev Lynch & Gayle Crooks
Dun-Gen Clothing Store Coordinator	Myrna Morash
Halifax District Representative	Bev Lynch

Unit Presidents

Marion MacDonald	Myrna Morash
Naomi-Rebecca	Donna Moore
Tabitha	Gail Garroway

Our total number of members is eighty-five.

Sadly, we lost four of our members during the past year. Olla Ozon, Isobel Jones, Myra Dykeman and Jean Mitchell. They will always be remembered, and our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.

The Executive meets September, November, December (AGM), February, April, & May (Spring Fling).

Some of the many activities we did were:

- Participated in Shine Sunday by providing info to those attending about UCW.
- Fourteen members attended World Day of Prayer on March 7.
- On March 22, we hosted the Halifax District UCW AGM meeting at Woodlawn that was well attended. Soup and sandwiches were provided and guest speaker, Carol-Ann Allen spoke about her life in Liberia.
- Fifteen pies were provided for Margaret House in April for Easter and twelve were provided for Thanksgiving and Christmas by the Executive members.
- UCW fish chowder was held in April. Two hundred bowls of chowder were served and forty more were taken to Margaret House.
- Two life memberships were given out at our Spring Fling event which is held the first Sunday of May. Congratulations to Dawn Coleman and Pat Kent. Sergi Torishnia provided entertainment on saxophone and piano.
- In June we organized a day to clean both kitchens at the church, and we want to thank all those that came to help us with this.
- In July, Executive members made twelve trays of Hawaiian casserole for Margaret House.
- We provided for eleven funeral receptions during the year and many thanks to the UCW members who provide this service, and to those in the congregation who help as well.
- The Dun-Gen, the name of our Thrift Store, contains all types of lightly used clothing, bedding, towels, kitchenware, and small appliances and small furniture items. It is in the Heritage building and is open on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9-12 during the year except on holidays and July and August. Donations from many people continue to make this a wonderful way to serve our community and surrounding areas with reasonably priced items.

When clothing comes in that is not in good condition it is cut into rags. This year 270 pounds of rags were cut and sold at \$20 a pound.

- At the unit meetings some of the speakers were, Karen Goudie, coordinator of Margaret House, Darlene, and Norma from HRP speaking on Home Safety, Frauds and Scams, Karen Nichols on Frailty, Dr. Ilana Luther on Domestic Violence and the Law, and Rev. Bethe on Gratitude.
- Unit projects included the Fall Craft Fair and Luncheon, cookie and soup jar campaign, the cookie box/bake sale, bring and buy sale, fashion show, providing bedding for Bryony House, providing funds for a child to attend Camp Kidston, purchasing a new shelf for the Dun-Gen, supplying school supplies and backpacks for the Food Bank, and filling 31 Christmas shoe boxes for Outreach.
- This year the church held the Poppy Concert in November under the direction of Chantel Bishop from Oakwood Terrace. Over 13,000 handmade poppies were on display and Chantel would like to reach her goal of 20,000 poppies so UCW

have started a project to help her reach that goal. They can be crocheted, knit, or made of felt in any size.

Information on this has been passed unto the congregation as well in hopes that we can all work together to contribute more poppies to the display for Remembrance Day and the concert. The patterns are in a red basket near the brown doors as you enter the sanctuary.

- Fun activities were bowling, out to restaurants for a dinner meeting, craft nights, and lots of fellowship time together.
- We are blessed as we received income from unit offerings, the Dun-Gen sales, funeral receptions donations, and other events so that we could provide funds to the following areas:

Woodlawn's church general account, M&S Fund, Woodlawn Accessibility audio visual, Dartmouth East Christian Food Bank, Benevolent fund, Adsum House, Brunswick Street Mission, Bryony House, Camp Kidston, Canadian Mental Health Association, E.D.C. Food Bank, Hospice Society of Greater Halifax, Phoenix House, Margaret House, Welcome Housing, WICC, and the UCW National Healing Fund Project.

- Thank you to all members of the congregation who assist us in many ways during the year.
- We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us at anytime. Marion MacDonald meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm, Naomi-Rebecca meets on second Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. and Tabitha unit meets on the first Monday at 7 pm. Usually, all meetings are held in the Sams Room at the church. For more information, please contact Teri at terianne01@icloud.com or 902-456-3188.

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Respectfully submitted by Teri Giannou, Coordinator, UCW General Executive

WORSHIP

2025 was a productive year for the Worship and Faith Formation Committee as it was our second year with our ministers Rev. Kevin Little and Rev. Bethe Cameron. They both took an active part in the program and services of the committee and provided leadership in many of the activities that were on the agenda. The Committee has ten members, our two ministers, two from our Music department, two from our Chancel Committee, one from Audio Visual and three regular members.

The committee met four times during 2025 using the Zoom format as this works well for the committee and the agendas follow the same format that has been used in the past: the Minister's Reports on Communion, Baptism and Funerals; the Music Committee report; The Chancel Report; the Audio Visual Report and the report on Lay Readers, Greeters And Ushers and Rev. Bethe on the Children and Youth program. The chairs of these programs provide updates and new information or changes that take place during the year.

The Committee approved of the remodelling of the Chancel and Sanctuary by the Accessibility Committee in 2024 and adapted to any new changes that took place in 2025. The addition of the new cushioned chairs was welcomed by the committee and the congregation. Some members of the committee, especially those in the Music Department provided ideas and recommendations to the Accessibility Committee as did the Audio-Visual Committee. Our Ministers work closely with the Accessibility Committee and our church Trustees and Council on changes that are needed during the year. One of the projects that our former Children and Youth Leader, Maggie Healey created with the support of the Adams family was the Prayschool in the Sanctuary as it offered parents and their young children a space to allow them to play while the parents took part in the church service.

The Worship and Faith Formation Committee is a support body for our Ministers during the year and 2025 had many topics that were dealt with in a collaborative way. These topics included;

1. A review of the Committee Budget was very important to the work of the various committees.
2. The important work of the Chancel Committee for the special events that take place during the year.
3. Our Music Department had a busy year with new choir members and many special church events that took place.
4. Rev. Beth deserves a great deal of credit as she had to oversee the Children and Youth Sunday School program after Maggie Healey left and her work with our teenagers and children is very much appreciated.
5. Our ministers provided the leadership that was needed to maintain the positive atmosphere that has developed in the Woodlawn United Church in 2025 and 2026.

Submitted by: Murdock Morrison, Chair of the Worship and Faith Formation Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH REPORT



Sunday school continues to be a vibrant part of our faith formation programming. The children have enjoyed the youth leaders guiding their time together. Many thanks to Carley, Chloe, Bronwyn, and Brodie. I continue to prepare Sunday school curriculum and outline, and I offered many sessions as well. We are continuing with sharing Godly Play as well as other modalities of learning and exploring with the children. We enjoyed being part of interactive sessions such as nature walks making care cards, and care packages for the foodbank clients and making pretzels. We participated in The Sparkle Box Hidden gift Sunday.

Many thanks to Jenn for the first half of the year and Jessica since September for keep the youth engaged on Sunday mornings as well as being an active part of the church. The children and youth as a life-giving part of the family of faith and we thank them for what they teach us, and we hope what we offer them will nurture their faith and spirits as we head into 2026.

*Thank you to all the leaders and volunteers who make this ministry possible,
In gratitude, **Bethe***

**WOODLAWN UNITED CHURCH
 TRUST & OTHER INVESTMENTS ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 DECEMBER 31, 2025**

WOODLAWN UNITED CHURCH

Trust & other investments administered by the Board of Trustees - December 31, 2025

RESTRICTED GIC INVESTMENTS

	%	Market Value	Income 2025	Income 20
Operations	52.8	\$ 60,700	\$ 2,656	\$ 2768
Bursary Fund	1.8	2,069	91	94
Cemetery Fund	1.6	1,839	80	84
Organ Fund	21.6	24,832	1,087	1133
M&S Fund	3.3	3,795	166	173

UNRESTRICTED GIC INVESTMENTS

Operations	18.9	21,728	951	991
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RESTRICTED BANK OF NS SHARES

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M&S	4152	420,307	17,937	17604

UNRESTRICTED BANK OF NS SHARES

Operations	420	42,517	1,814	1781
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TOTALS

		\$ 577,787	24,782	24,628
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TOTAL PORTFOLIO DECEMBER 31, 2025

		\$ 577,787		
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Restricted refers to donations with the capital to be invested with the income for specific funds.

Unrestricted are donations available to the Trustees.

**WOODLAWN UNITED CHURCH
 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES
 TRUSTEE INVESTMENTS 2025**

WOODLAWN UNITED CHURCH			
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES			
TRUSTEE INVESTMENTS 2025			
Trustee investments January 01, 2025			\$ 467,876
Add			
Income earned - GIC's		\$ 5,031	
Income earned - B of NS dividends M&S		17,937	
Income earned - B of NS dividends Building Fund		1,814	
Unrealized gain on B of NS shares		109,911	
			134,693
Deduct			
Dividends to WUC		19,751	
GIC Income to WUC		5,031	
			24,782
Trustee investments December 31, 2025			<u>\$ 577,787</u>
Breakdown of Portfolio			
Operations			\$ 82,428
General			42,517
M&S			424,102
Organ			24,832
Cemetery			1,839
Bursary			2,069
			<u>\$ 577,787</u>
Investment Summary December 31, 2025			
B of NS shares 4572 shares			\$ 462,824
GIC's TD Mtge - Maturities			
	Oct 19/26 4.60%		23,000
	Oct 17/27 4.65%		23,000
	Oct 23/28 5.20%		22,963
	Oct 18/29 3.60%		23,000
	Dec 09/30 3.48%		23,000
Total			<u>\$ 577,787</u>
Investments are held by TD Waterhouse.			