

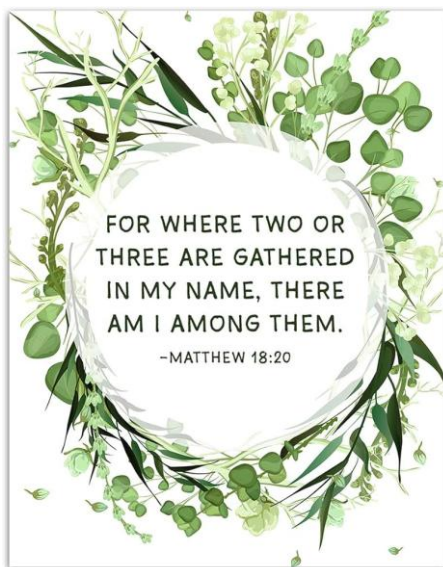
# Bethel United Church



## 2024 Annual Report

*Rev. Lynne Gardiner*  
Pastor

*Rev. Arlyce Schiebout*  
Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM)



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Rideau Ferry, ON

Rideau Ferry Bethel Pastoral Charge

Bethel United Church

Annual Report 2024

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## OUR MISSION

To be an active Christian presence in our community

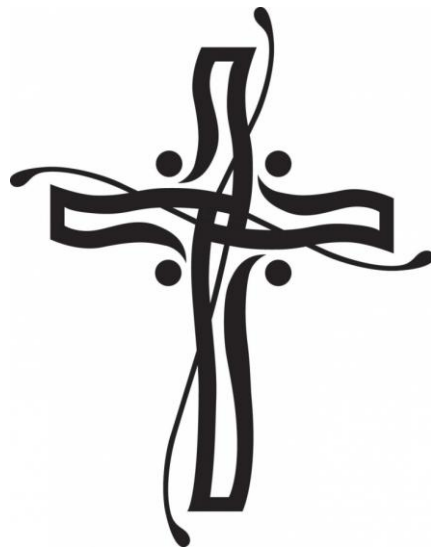
## OUR GOALS

We will work together for the benefit of the church and for the benefit of the Rideau Ferry Bethel Pastoral Charge

We will maintain and promote our Christian presence by rejoicing, renewing, responding, and reaching out to our members and adherents and to the community

We will investigate ways to work within our community to improve people's lives by:

- † identifying existing organisations with outreach programs and determining how we can help
- † raising awareness through the bulletin, newsletters, and social media
- † staying in touch with people using traditional methods and technology





## Minister's Message

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18: 20)

As I reflect on the last year with Bethel, I am struck once again about the simple truth that God is present in our little Community of Faith.

God is present when we gather on Sunday morning both in-person and in our streaming. God is present on Tuesday afternoons with the Chat n Chew crew, on Thursdays on Zoom for prayer time, once a month with the UCW, and every time the Bethel Bowlers or Golfers meet and enjoy each other's company. God is present at lunch time at the Perth restaurant, at spontaneous meetings for coffee and a chat, with the Property Committee as they keep up on the needed repairs of our much loved little building. God is present in the hospital, in our kitchens and living rooms and even on our front steps as we continue to chat because we can't bear to say 'bye for now'. God is present in car rides to appointments, in carefully given phone instructions to master a new skill, and even in impromptu cooking classes at the church when a particularly good soup shows up at a potluck.

Wherever we gather, and whatever we do, because we are church, we bring church into those moments.

At the same time, we welcome the presence of God as new people wander into our lives and into our spaces and we intuitively envelop them into our community of faith.

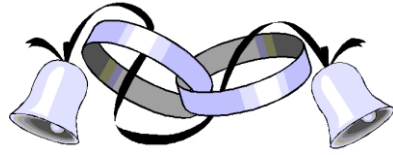
As I write this annual reflection, I am on Restorative Care following the first of several joint replacement surgeries. This time away from the pulpit has reminded me how Bethel is marked by its care and consideration of all those who gather in whatever way they can. I am the grateful recipient of so many cheerful cards and well wishes. I have had the privilege of worshipping with you in 'real time' through our Live streaming, and I have been brought into community through phone calls, video calls and regular words of cheer. I am so grateful that you have opened your hearts to Rev's Dave and Debbie Steele in my absence, and at the same token, I am so much a part of the community that it barely feels like I have gone. God's presence through you has sustained me through my recovery.

This tangible sense of God's presence in all aspects of our worship lives is what will sustain us into our future. To quote *The Vinyl Café* "We aren't big, but we're small". And we know that God is present in this.

Blessings,

*Reverend Lynne*

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



## MARRIAGES

Jennifer Miller & Dan McNeely



BAPTISMS: *none*



## NEW MEMBERS

Betty Clark  
Lynne Evans  
Donna Makahnouk

Thelma Munro  
William (Bill) Munro



## DEATHS/BURIALS/MEMORIALS

Kay Esther Coutts  
Amy Aileen Hughes

February 2024  
September 2024

## **Ministry and Personnel Committee**



October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, Reverend Lynne celebrated her fifth anniversary with Bethel. During this time, the M&P committee and the wider church community of faith continued to support Rev Lynne in the various roles and responsibilities as our dedicated minister.

M&P meetings were held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>. The general focus of these meetings continues to be: Work of Bethel, Pastoral Care, Study Leave/Vacation, Work of the Region and Wider Church Responsibilities, Wellness and Rev Lynne's Doctoral Program. Motions needed for the Board were submitted as required.

An invitation is sent out to all the Bethel employees to attend these meetings to discuss any concerns, share information, and/or ask questions. Bethel would like to thank you all for your continued dedication and hard work. It is very much appreciated!

We are extremely grateful to have your leadership, Reverend Lynne. We also wish you a speedy recovery for your knee surgery(s) so that you can be back to guide, as soon as possible!

Submitted by

*Brenda Gray*

*Bob Klatt*

*Jennifer Miller*

*Kathleen Williamson.*

## Stewardship Committee



Members of the Stewardship Committee in 2024 included Ashley Walker, Sandra Walker, Sue Miller, Calvin Miller, Ruth Anne Johnson, Carol Husband, Paul Coutts, Sandy Lackey, Barb Joynt, Murray and Karen Hunt.

Activities of the Stewardship Committee in 2024 included:

- Organizing the Minute for Mission story readers list which provides readers for each Sunday Service and connects the readers with the Minute for Mission story provided by Mission and Service of the United Church of Canada.
- **During Lent** Stewardship and the UCW partnered to make members of the Bethel congregation more aware of the new **Hospice Hub program**. There were notices in the Bulletin each Sunday about the Hospice Hub and Isobel Boyle from the Hospice Hub Program spoke to us during the worship service on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, members of the Bethel family had an opportunity to make a financial contribution towards the Hospice Hub Project via a "Loose Change" donation in the offering plate. **The amount collected was \$485.00**
- **The ON Maple Weekend April 6<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast** was a very successful outreach event. Huge thanks to all in the Bethel Family who worked very hard to carry out the Breakfast which raised **\$1914.00 Attendance included 131 Adults and 11 Children.**  
We were fortunate to partner with Oliver's Maple Works for this event. They generously provided the maple syrup for the Pancake Breakfast and we promoted their delicious maple syrup.
- **On Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Stewardship Committee and the UCW worked together to offer a Fashion Show and Tea in support of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lanark County.** This was a fundraising and outreach event. The UCW provided a delicious Tea for attendees and Sandra Walker on behalf of the Stewardship Committee organized the Fashion Show featuring clothing from Jewel's store in Smiths Falls. Money from the ticket sales went to Bethel United Church and proceeds from the clothing sale went to Jewel's.
- **We assisted with the set-up/clean-up for the potluck supper which followed the Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>.** A very successful well-attended and much appreciated event.
- Stewardship organized a picnic BBQ lunch for the **annual Bethel Outdoor Service and Picnic** at the Rideau Ferry Yacht Club Conservation Area on **Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.** RVCA generously provided parking passes at a reduced price. Expenses were covered by donations. Once again this event was much enjoyed by all. There were 33 attendees.

- Members of the Bethel family were very generous in their support of the **2024 October Stewardship Appeal** which invited people to contribute to the appeal via the Offering plate on October Sunday mornings. The appeal this year focused on the Guatemala Stove Project (GSP). \$1239.00 was contributed to this important locally organized volunteer- run project which supports Mayan people in the Western Highlands of Guatemala with masonry cook stoves, bursaries and microloans. Tom Clarke and a colleague from the GSP visited Bethel on October 6<sup>th</sup> to provide updates about their work.
- During the fall, members of the Bethel congregation donated warm clothing and other items for newcomers to Perth (*first for the nurses from India who arrived to work at Perth Community Care and then for a large group of men and women from Ghana*). We worked with the Rev. Liana Gallant and St. James Anglican Church who had established the Open Arms – Welcoming Newcomers to Perth program.
- In November, the Bethel Fall Newsletter was prepared for distribution to members of the Bethel Community.
- For White Gift Sunday on December 1<sup>st</sup>, members of the Bethel congregation were invited to place a contribution in one of the white envelopes which had been provided in the pews. The monies contributed (\$1,400.00) were directed to the local Food Banks (The Table (Perth) and the Smiths Falls Community Food Bank in Smiths Falls).
- On December 8<sup>th</sup> we organized a hospitality time after church celebrating five newly received members to our Bethel congregation.
- On Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> the Stewardship Committee organized a Christmas Sing-along following the UCW's Soup and Sandwich Lunch to provide an opportunity for members of the Bethel Family to enjoy together some favourite Christmas songs. The Sing-along was led by the amazing Carol Husband on the keyboard.

The Stewardship Committee appreciates the ongoing support of the Bethel congregation for all our activities throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Hunt*





**Property Committee**

Members of the committee are Paul Coutts, Bob Klatt, Barb Joynt (UCW representative), Janis de Salvo, Calvin Miller, Vicki McClatchie

We had a very quiet year after the Faithful Footprints journey.

Items addressed in 2024:

- ❖ Accessible door installed at office area. Door has push button controls on the interior and exterior.
- ❖ Cabinets altered to create coat rack.
- ❖ 3 new fire extinguishers installed.
- ❖ Church front door sanded and refinished.
- ❖ Heat pump inspected.
- ❖ Holding tank pumped twice.
- ❖ Snowplowing and sanding performed by Howard Burns Equipment Ltd.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Paul Coutts / Bob Klatt*  
Co-chairs

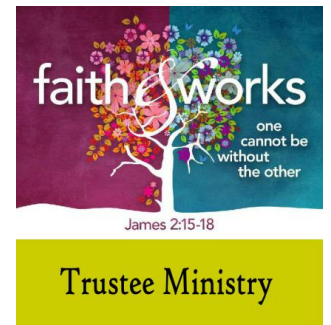
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**Trustees**

The \$200,000.00 investment made with the EOORC has done well. The current value of the investment is \$236,057.

The balance in the trustees' bank account stands at \$16,139.27

Funds from the trustees general account totalling \$30,000.00 were transferred this year to the treasurer to cover expenses



Respectfully submitted by Chair and Secretary  
*Jack Johnson*

## Choir



We appreciate the members of the choir who participate in worship: Barb Joynt, Heather Thompson, Gail Bradley, Janis Capes. Christine McColl, Jan Gardiner, Lorne Gardiner, John Gray, Jim Hamon, Hugh Gardiner. The ebb and flow of life events in 2024 have affected us all. Some weeks we had 10 singers and some weeks we had 2! But always we follow our motto "Make a Joyful Noise".

We appreciate the whole Gardiner family – Rev. Lynne, Hugh, and Emilie for their musical talents and support. Like many churches, we are examining other options for providing music during the service. At the end of December, Carol Husband announced that she would be taking a break because of health concerns. Carol has blessed us with the gift of music for more than 25 years. We thank her and hold her in our prayers.

Submitted by,  
*Ruth Anne Johnson*

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## Bethel Summer Golf

This year marked the 16<sup>th</sup> year for church golf activity. We completed 8, 9 hole rounds with 13 Bethel players and 8 friends participating.

Golfers donated over \$ 200 to Bethel United Church

The golfers wish to thank our host Mapleview Golf Club.

It's expected that weekly golf will resume in May 2025.

Golf coordinator,  
Elizabeth (Liz) Hughes

Submitted by,  
*Fred Bradley*



## Session

Elders: Heather Thompson – Joint Clerk  
Sandra Walker – Joint Clerk  
Paul Coutts, Linda Hamon,  
Christine McColl, Karen Hunt



In the year 2024 there were five [5] Session meetings held, which dealt with upcoming worship services, reviewing past worship services, updating the emergency call list and revising the Funeral Brochure. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated four {4} times. When Rev. Gardiner was away we welcomed Norma Wrightly, Liz Church & Barb De Jeet as Pulpit supply.

Session offered a Church in the Round service on Good Friday. We hosted a very successful Dinner Church In July. It was well attended and was a fun evening. The annual Picnic Service was held outdoors at the Rideau Ferry Yacht Club. The Congregation enjoyed a beautiful sunny day with games and hamburgers courtesy of the Stewardship Committee. On September 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated our 129<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Rev. Gardiner's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a pot luck and cake. November we had a special Remembrance Service in memory of those who fought and died protecting our country.

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> was a very special celebration, when we welcomed five [5] new members to the Bethel congregation.

Our beautiful Christmas Eve service was held at 4:30pm and was well attended. There was no service December 29<sup>th</sup>.

No Baptisms were celebrated.

To our great joy the wedding ceremony of Jennifer Miller & Dan McNeely was celebrated in the sanctuary on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Heather Thompson*  
*Sandra Walker*



## United Church Women

We began 2024 with a potluck lunch following the first meeting of the New Year. We are always grateful for every opportunity to gather in fellowship.

Soup and Sandwich lunches were held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, February 18<sup>th</sup>, (before the Annual Congregational meeting), October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 24<sup>th</sup> (before the Official Board meeting), and December 22<sup>nd</sup> (before the Christmas sing-along).

Bethel members attended the annual ecumenical World Day of Prayer service held on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Asbury Free Methodist Church. As Bethel's UCW president I attend the planning meetings with a wonderful ecumenical group of women from Perth and area.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we provided refreshments for a special celebration/presentation of locally created "Izzy" dolls. Invited guests included the knitters of "Izzy" dolls, Colonel Jake & Lise Gulaga (via Zoom from France), Maj.-Gen, Martin Gros-Jean, Ken Holmes (Canadian Military Engineers Association), media representatives, as well as several interested folks.

In April we hosted UCW members from Trinity United Church for a potluck lunch and fun "get to know you" games. It was a wonderful time of laughter and fellowship.

On Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> we honoured four (4) UCW members, Gail Bradley, Gert Cullen, Karen Hunt, and Ruth Anne Johnson, with a UCW Life Membership. We will continue to honour our members, yearly.

On Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> we partnered with the Stewardship committee to host a Fashion Show & Tea. Fashions were provided by Jewels in Smiths Falls. Jewels is the social enterprise operated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County. Ticket sales benefitted the Stewardship committee and fashion sales benefitted BBBS.

We had a very successful summer bake sale on June 29<sup>th</sup> thanks to the efforts of all who donated baked goods.

The Cookie Order/Christmas Bake Sale continues to be very successful. We decided not to take pre-orders for mixed cookies, this year, but repeat customers still called to place orders. The UCW ladies and many others from the congregation provided pies, cakes, and other baked goods. Savoury items such as baked beans and meatballs also sell very well. We continue to sell household related items such as dish cloths, "scrubbies", potholders, and kitchen towels as these sell very well.

Bethel UCW members attended both the Four Rivers Area Presbyterial annual meeting and fall rally.

We were able to maintain our financial commitment to Bethel UC but postponed our community donations to January 2025. Without the help of the congregation we wouldn't be able to continue our outreach in the community. Many thanks to all who contributed to, and supported our fundraising efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Hamon*

## Bethel UCW Financial Report

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			<b>Bethel U.C.W. Financial Report</b>	
			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>General Account</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>				
Sales			<b>\$10,755.30</b>	\$11,397.50
Offering			<b>269.00</b>	352.15
Donations			<b>27.30</b>	130.00
Birthday Box			<b>52.00</b>	39.85
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$11,103.60</b>	\$11,919.50
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Donations			<b>\$11,300.00</b>	\$15,500.00
Dues			<b>317.00</b>	237.00
Supplies			<b>0.00</b>	135.58
Petty Cash			<b>350.00</b>	300.00
Misc.			<b>388.99</b>	494.48
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$12,355.99</b>	\$16,667.06
Net excess of (expenditures over receipts) receipts over expenditures			<b>(\$1,252.39)</b>	(\$4,747.56)
Balance - opening			<b>\$4,537.65</b>	9,285.21
<b>Balance - closing</b>			<b>\$3,285.26</b>	\$4,537.65
<u>Submitted by: Kathleen Williamson</u>				
<u>Reviewed by: Fred Bradley</u>				

## Bethel UCW Financial Report

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### **Petty Cash & Donations Report**

			<b>Bethel U.C.W. Financial Report</b>	
			2024	2023
<b>Petty Cash Account</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>				
Transfers from General Account			\$350.00	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$350.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Catering and Supplies			283.95	\$310.85
Flowers			0.00	28.25
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$283.95</b>	<b>\$339.10</b>
Net excess of (expenditures over receipts) receipts over expenditures			<b>\$66.05</b>	(\$39.10)
Balance - opening			8.30	47.40
<b>Balance - closing</b>			<b>\$74.35</b>	<b>\$8.30</b>
<i>Submitted by: Kathleen Williamson</i>				
<i>Reviewed by: Fred Bradley</i>				

			<b>Bethel U.C.W. Donations Report</b>	
			2024	2023
<b>Bethel United Church</b>			<b>\$10,000.00</b>	\$10,000.00
<b>Mission and service</b>			<b>0.00</b>	1,000.00
<b>Hospice Palliative Care</b>			<b>500.00</b>	0.00
<b>Perth and district food bank</b>			<b>0.00</b>	1,000.00
<b>Smiths Falls community food bank</b>			<b>0.00</b>	1,000.00
<b>Interval house</b>			<b>300.00</b>	0.00
<b>Big Brothers and Sisters</b>			<b>0.00</b>	200.00
<b>Perth Smiths Falls Community Hospital</b>			<b>500.00</b>	1,000.00
<b>Salvation Army - Smiths Falls</b>			<b>0.00</b>	200.00
<b>Snow suit fund</b>			<b>0.00</b>	0.00
<b>Myeloma Canada</b>			<b>0.00</b>	50.00
<b>Kid's help line</b>			<b>0.00</b>	500.00
<b>Saltos Athletics</b>			<b>0.00</b>	0.00
<b>Cornerstone Landing Youth Services</b>			<b>0.00</b>	200.00
<b>Guatamala Stove Project</b>			<b>0.00</b>	300.00
<b>Terry Fox Foundation</b>			<b>0.00</b>	50.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$11,300.00</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>

## **Faithful Footprints**

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### **News Media Report**

#### **A Heartfelt Retrofit:**

#### **Bethel United Church Leads the Way in Sustainable Change**

In a small community on Rideau Ferry Road, Bethel United Church has embarked on an inspiring journey to not only reduce its carbon footprint but also to enhance the comfort and sustainability of its beloved building. The church's retrofit, which began as part of the United Church of Canada's Faithful Footprints program, stands as a testament to what can be accomplished when a community comes together with purpose and vision.

#### **A Greening Transformation**

The retrofitting work at Bethel United Church has been comprehensive and impactful. From installing energy-efficient insulation and radiant heaters in the hall to adding a heat pump and upgrading lighting to LED and Energy Star-rated ceiling fans, the changes are designed to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. These upgrades also include sealing windows, insulating water pipes, and ensuring that the church's facilities are accessible to everyone, including the addition of a fully accessible bathroom.

At the heart of this transformation was Sherri Sauv , who led the charge in planning and execution, supported by a dedicated team of six volunteers, each bringing their unique skills to the project. The team collaborated with contractors, navigated complex grant applications, and embraced a hands-on approach to ensure that each phase of the retrofit was completed successfully.

#### **A Community's Commitment**

The project wasn't just about installing new technology or improving the building—it was a community effort. Church members were kept informed through regular updates, presentations, and written reports. The community's involvement extended beyond just passive support; two members of the "Greening Team" took on contractor roles, directly contributing to the labour and repairs. The entire congregation was enthusiastic, and the retrofit was met with overwhelming support. People weren't just excited about energy savings—they were inspired to make similar improvements to their own homes and other local buildings.

## **Faithful Footprints**

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"Nothing goes according to a planned schedule—patience is essential," says Sherri, reflecting on the journey. The project faced its fair share of challenges, the most significant being the pandemic. However, with determination and a spirit of collaboration, the team pressed forward, transforming the church into a model of sustainability for the community.

"It was a very satisfying project," adds Sherri, proud of the collective effort that brought the retrofit to fruition.

### **Environmental and Symbolic Impact**

The environmental benefits of the retrofit are clear: reduced energy consumption, a lower carbon footprint, and enhanced comfort for those who use the church. The improved temperature control, especially in the hall and the minister's office, ensures year-round comfort. Before the retrofit, the minister relied on a window air conditioner meant for a larger space, which often left the office uncomfortably cold. Now, balanced heating and cooling have significantly improved the usability and comfort of the space.

But beyond the physical changes, the retrofit has brought the community closer together. It's not just about energy savings—it's about fostering a culture of environmental responsibility and inspiring others to take action. Another church in Almonte/Mississippi Mills has already reached out to explore similar upgrades, demonstrating the ripple effect Bethel's efforts have had on the region.

### **Looking to the Future**

Looking ahead, Bethel United Church plans to complete further upgrades, including work on the cellar and additional improvements to the accessibility of the building. The focus will remain on maintaining the current retrofits, with a particular emphasis on the longevity of the heat pump and other critical systems. The church's leadership is committed to ensuring that these changes will continue to benefit the community for years to come.

This project is a powerful example of what can happen when individuals and organizations come together for the greater good. It is a story of environmental stewardship, community engagement, and a commitment to making the world a better place, one building at a time. The future looks bright for Bethel United Church, not only as a place of worship but as a symbol of what can be achieved when communities come together to make a positive impact on both their surroundings and the world at large.



**Rideau Ferry Bethel Pastoral Charge – 2024**



The following reports are included:

Bethel United Church Financial Report for 2024

Bethel United Church Budget proposed for 2025

## Bethel United Church Financial Report – 2024

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### Receipts

Bethel United Church					
As at December 31, 2024					
		Operating	Stewardship		
Balance January 1, 2024		12,239.91	4,910.49		17,150.40
Receipts	Local Support	39,460.00			
	Local Support - Par	38,800.00			
	Loose Collection	1,293.25			
	Mission & Service	8,014.00			
	Memorial Donations	1,700.00			
	Golf Donation	205.00			
	GST/HST Rebate	3,059.89			
	Hospice Hub	485.00			
	Building Donation	240.00			
	Bethel Trustees	30,000.00			
	Bethel - UCW	10,000.00			
	Energy Rebate	1,000.00			
	Rental	600.00			
	Stove Project	1,633.50			
	Stewardship - Pancake Breakfast		2,015.00		
	Stewardship - Picnic		400.00		
	Stewardship - Tea & Fashion Show		1,020.00		
	Stewardship - Advent Appeal		1,415.00		
	Transfer from Stewardship Fund	7,000.00			
		143,490.64	4,850.00		148,340.64

## Bethel United Church Financial Report – 2024

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### Disbursements

Bethel United Church					
As at December 31, 2024					
		Operating	Stewardship		
Disbursements					
	Salary/Benefits	89,257.57			
	Travel	878.38			
	Pulpit Supply	1,235.00			
	Bank Charges/Par Costs	353.10			
	Anniversary	200.00			
	Gift Cards	698.17			
	Internet/Zoom/Donation/Website	3,136.09			
	Music Licence	329.00			
	Office - Secretary	185.63			
	Office - Treasurer	156.40			
	Photocopier Expense	295.87			
	Photocopier Lease	711.36			
	Regional Dues	4,204.00			
	Telephone	146.90			
	Church - Bathroom	3,421.68			
	Church - Cleaning	1,560.00			
	Church - Steel Door	4,920.02			
	Church - Hydro	2,938.60			
	Church - Insurance	3,405.67			
	Church - R&M	866.58			
	Church - Snow Plowing/Grass	2,079.75			
	Church - Septic/Water	1,042.45			
	Hospice Hub	485.00			
	Mission & Services	8,014.00			
	Stewardship Expenses		792.59		
	Stewardship - Advent Appeal		1,415.00		
	Stove Project	1,633.50			
	Treasurer Honorarium	500.00			
	Transfer to operating		7,000.00		
		132,654.72	9,207.59		141,862.31
Balance		23,075.83	552.90		23,628.73

## Bethel United Church Budget proposed for 2025

Budget Bethel Pastoral Charge:Rideau Ferry			
	Budget	Actual	Budget
	2024	Dec 31/24	2025
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salary/Benefits	88,280	89,258	93,487
Travel	1,200	878	875
Con. Ed./Book Allowance	1,640	0	1,689
Gifts	700	698	700
Training Fund	3,000	0	3,000
Pulpit Supply	1,700	1,235	1,525
Music License	400	329	350
Treasurer Hon.	500	500	500
Internet/Zoom/Donation/Website	2,100	3,136	2,958
Regional AGM	500	0	500
Regional Dues	4,204	4,204	4,350
Office (Minister)	100	0	100
Office (Secretary)	100	186	200
Office (Treasurer)	250	156	200
Telephone	240	147	235
Par Cost/Bank Charges	350	353	360
Photocopier Expenses	350	296	350
Photocopier Lease	800	711	720
Church - Cleaning	1,440	1,560	1,560
Church -Grass/Snow	2,500	2,080	2,000
Church - Hydro	2,500	2,939	3,000
Church - Insurance	3,400	3,406	3,400
Church - Maintenance	700	867	500
Church - Water/Septic	500	1,042	1,015
Miscellaneous	46	200	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117,500</b>	<b>114,181</b>	<b>123,600</b>

**2024 CHRONOLOGY**  
***Life and Work of Bethel United Church***

**January**

January 4 Zoom Prayer & Share  
January 7 Rev. Lynne Gardiner away; Barb deJeet leads worship  
January 9 UCW meeting followed by a potluck lunch  
January 11 Zoom Prayer & Share  
January 14 Rev. Lynne Gardiner away; Liz Church leads worship  
January 18 Zoom Prayer & Share  
January 21 Rev. Lynne Gardiner away; Norma Wrightly leads worship  
January 22 Rev. Lynne Consultation with Bronwyn Corlett; Rural Ministries Network  
January 25 Zoom Prayer & Share  
January 28 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; soup & sandwich lunch  
January 30 Rev. Lynne Rural Ministries Network  
January 31 Rev. Lynne Meeting with Dana Ducette – EOORC Youth and Young Adults minister

**February**

February 1 Zoom Prayer & Share  
February 4 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Session meeting  
February 6 UCW meeting; Chat & Chew  
Rev. Lynne Addison United Church Board Meeting  
February 8 Zoom Prayer & Share  
February 11 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Stewardship meeting  
February 13 Chat & Chew  
February 14 Zoom Bible study  
February 15 Zoom Prayer & Share  
February 18 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Lent 1; soup & sandwich lunch; Lenten project to support the Hospice Hub begins; Annual Congregational meeting  
February 20 Chat & Chew  
February 21 Zoom Bible study  
February 22 Zoom Prayer & Share  
February 25 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Lent 2  
Rev. Lynne Addison United Church Annual Meeting  
February 26 Rev. Lynne Rural Ministries Network  
February 27 Chat & Chew

February 28 Zoom Bible study  
February 29 Zoom Prayer & Share

### **March**

March 1 Rev. Lynne Meeting with Regional Executive Minister  
World Day of Prayer service at Asbury Free Methodist Church  
March 3 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Lent 3  
March 4 M & P meeting  
March 5 UCW meeting; Chat & Chew  
March 6 Zoom Bible study  
March 7 Zoom Prayer & Share  
March 10 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Lent 4  
March 12 Chat & Chew  
March 13 Zoom Bible study  
March 14 Zoom Prayer & Share  
March 17 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Lent 5; Stewardship meeting  
March 19 Chat & Chew  
March 20 Zoom Bible study  
March 21 Zoom Prayer & Share  
March 24 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Palm/Passion Sunday  
March 26 Chat & Chew  
March 27 Zoom Bible study  
March 28 Zoom Prayer & Share  
March 29 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Good Friday worship & potluck  
March 31 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Easter Sunday  
Rev. Lynne Rural Ministries Network

### **April**

April 2 Chat & Chew  
April 4 Zoom Prayer & Share  
April 6 Stewardship pancake breakfast  
April 7 Rev. Lynne Gardiner away; Session leads worship  
April 9 UCW meeting; Chat & Chew  
April 11 Zoom Prayer & Share  
April 14 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Official Board meeting  
April 16 Chat & Chew  
April 17 Zoom Bible study  
April 18 Zoom Prayer & Share  
April 21 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Stewardship meeting

April 23 Chat & Chew  
April 24 Zoom Bible study  
April 25 Zoom Prayer & Share  
April 28 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
April 30 Chat & Chew  
Rev. Lynne Rural Ministries Network

### **May**

May 1 Zoom Bible study  
May 2 Zoom Prayer & Share  
May 5 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
May 7 UCW meeting; Chat & Chew  
May 9 Zoom Prayer & Share  
May 12 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
May 14 Chat & Chew  
May 16 Zoom Prayer & Share  
May 19 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Pentecost  
May 21 Chat & Chew  
May 23 Zoom Prayer & Share  
May 26 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Trinity Sunday; UCW Life Membership  
presentation  
May 28 Chat & Chew  
May 30 Zoom Prayer & Share  
Rev. Lynne Planning Meeting for Ecumenical Service

### **June**

June 1 Fashion Show & Tea  
June 2 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
June 4 Chat & Chew  
June 6 Zoom Prayer & Share  
June 9 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
June 10 M & P meeting  
June 11 Chat & Chew  
June 13 Zoom Prayer & Share  
June 16 Rev. Lynne Gardiner away; worship led by Elders;  
UCC 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
June 18 UCW meeting  
Chat & Chew

June 20 Zoom Prayer & Share  
 June 23 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
 June 25 Chat & Chew  
 June 27 Zoom Prayer & Share  
 Rev. Lynne Meeting with Regional Executive Minister  
 June 29 UCW Bake Sale  
 June 30 Rev. Lynne Gardiner

### **July**

July 2 Chat & Chew  
 July 4 Zoom Prayer & Share  
 July 7 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
 “*Gift of Hospitality*” Ecumenical Dinner Church & Potluck  
 July 9 Chat & Chew  
 July 11 Zoom Prayer & Share  
 July 14 Rev. Lynne Gardiner away; Liz Church leads worship  
 July 16 Chat & Chew  
 July 18 Zoom Prayer & Share  
 July 21 Rev. Lynne Gardiner away; Ruth Anne Johnson and the choir  
 lead worship  
 July 23 Chat & Chew  
 July 25 Zoom Prayer & Share  
 July 28 Outdoor worship service at Rideau Ferry Yacht Club  
 Conservation Area  
 July 30 Chat & Chew

### **August**

August 1 Chat & Chew  
 August 4 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
 August 6 Chat & Chew  
 August 8 Zoom Prayer & Share  
 August 11 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
 August 13 Chat & Chew  
 August 15 Zoom Prayer & Share  
 August 18 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
 August 20 Chat & Chew  
 August 22 Zoom Prayer & Share  
 August 25 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
 August 27 Chat & Chew  
 August 29 Zoom Prayer & Share



## **September**

September 1 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
September 3 UCW meeting, followed by potluck lunch  
Chat & Chew  
September 5 Zoom Prayer & Share  
September 8 Rev. Lynne Gardiner;  
September 9 M & P meeting  
Rev. Lynne Disability Network Zoom  
September 10 Chat & Chew  
September 12 Zoom Prayer & Share  
September 15 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
Aidan Williamson participates in Terry Fox run  
September 17 Chat & Chew  
September 19 Zoom Prayer & Share  
September 22 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Bethel's 129<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;  
Potluck lunch  
September 24 Chat & Chew  
September 26 Zoom Prayer & Share  
September 29 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Official Board meeting  
September 30 Rev. Lynne Rural Ministries Network

## **October**

October 1 UCW meeting; Chat & Chew  
October 3 Zoom Prayer & Share  
October 6 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; communion  
Tom Clarke guest speaker for Guatemala Stove Project  
October 8 Chat & Chew  
October 9 Rev. Lynne Disability Network Zoom  
October 10 Zoom Prayer & Share  
October 13 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Thanksgiving Sunday  
October 15 Chat & Chew  
October 17 Zoom Prayer & Share  
October 20 Rev. Lynne Gardiner  
October 21, 22, 23 Annual Theology Conference  
October 23 Rev. Lynne Addison Council Meeting  
October 27 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Reformation Sunday; Soup & Sandwich  
October 28 Rev. Lynne Clergy Support Zoom  
October 29 Chat & Chew

October 31 Zoom Prayer & Share  
Rev. Lynne Consultation with Browyn Corlett – Rural Ministries Network

### **November**

November 3 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; All Saints Sunday  
November 5 UCW meeting; Chat & Chew  
November 7 Zoom Prayer & Share  
November 10 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Remembrance Sunday  
November 12 Chat & Chew  
November 14 Zoom Prayer & Share  
November 17 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Session meeting  
November 19 Chat & Chew  
November 21 Zoom Prayer & Share  
November 24 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Soup & Sandwich; Official Board meeting  
November 26 Chat & Chew  
November 28 Zoom Prayer & Share

### **December**

December 1 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Advent 1; White Gift Sunday  
December 3 Chat & Chew  
December 5 Zoom Prayer & Share  
December 8 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Advent 2; reception of new members  
December 13 M & P meeting  
December 15 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Advent 3;  
December 17 Chat & Chew  
December 19 Zoom Prayer & Share  
December 22 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Advent 4; soup & sandwich lunch followed by a Christmas sing-along  
December 24 Rev. Lynne Gardiner; Christmas Eve family worship

