**MINISTER’S REPORT**

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Greetings to All,

We went into 2022 hoping that Covid was over and behind us, after the many challenges and restrictions it placed upon us. As we moved forward, we realized that wasn’t completely true. Fortunately, we were able to loosen some of our safety protocols, while keeping safeguards in place to protect those most vulnerable among us. With many feeling more comfortable meeting in groups, it was heartwarming seeing people get together for much needed face to face fellowship, to have our famous monthly luncheons started back through take out and the sweet sound of singing in our sanctuary once again. As the year moved forward a long-awaited need for some ‘normalcy’ resurfaced, but even stronger and more important, a wonderful sense of newness, energy and excitement of what lay ahead for us at QHLU.

In June three of our congregational members set to work on revising our Constitution

and moved it through the higher church for its approval. All was completed by Shining Waters Region in the fall. This was wonderful to have in place and it set the stage for brainstorming possibilities for new involvement, greater interest and input among the congregation. It is with this mindset of expansion, willingness and openness we approach the Annual Meeting and our new year. We are a strong church who works together in a faithful way to get things done with God always at the helm of everything we do!

Blessing and Gratitude to all!

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching”

Hebrews 10:24-25

**2022 QUEENSVILLE HOLLAND LANDING CHURCH RECORDS**

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| **Totals for December 31, 2022**  Baptisms: 0  Weddings: 0  Funerals Conducted by the Minister in 2022: 5  New Members through Confirmation: 0  Resident Members: 65  Non-Resident Members: 55  Households on List: 53  Identifiable Contributors: 50 | |
| **Infant/Child Baptism**  **Removed from Membership Roll by Transfer to Another Church**  **Removed from Membership Roll**  **by Death**  John Hubbard  **Removed from Membership Roll**  **by Act of Session** | **Removed from Membership Roll by Request** -2-  **Funerals Conducted by the Minister**  Karen Bashford, Helen Dukelow  Bonnie Good, Susan Fitzgerald, John Hubbard  **New Members through Transfer, Profession of Faith, or Youth/Adult Baptism**  **Confirmations**  **Weddings** |

**COUNCIL REPORT**

Once again, 2022 has presented more challenges for us all.

First of all, we would like express our gratitude to the Council members and their committees. Their continued dedication has been outstanding!

We met almost monthly, sharing committee updates and plans and decisions were made. We have had wonderful support from Rev. Butler as Supervisor during our meetings. She continues to support us but has taken a step back from attending meetings to let us gain independence and confidence.

The revision of the constitution was completed by the Task Force established at our June AGM. The revised Constitution was approved by council and QHL Community of Faith and in the fall by Shining Waters Regional Council. Rev. Butler’s advice was much appreciated by the Task Force.

Council has kept up to date with all the changing restrictions with openings and closings of the church. Protocols deemed appropriate were discussed and established. Some of us are comfortable with the new guidelines yet we still need to respect all comfort levels. We have continued to enjoy Debbie’s services, weekly messages and pastoral care. She and

Emanda bring us enjoyable services with uplifting music.

Robin keeps us connected through emails and Facebook. Some of our congregation help Robin with phone calls to those who don’t have internet service. We thank Alison for the cleaning and sanitizing of the church to keep us safe.

We all need to give ourselves another BIG pat on the back for persevering and adapting to new skills while trying to maintain our traditions. Once again we were able to enjoy Advent, Christmas Eve services and a Blue Christmas in our church. We also included a Christmas Day Open House/Service.

We continue welcoming visitors from the community and other churches and endeavor to make them feel at home.

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On behalf of the Council, we thank you for all the unwavering support as we continue the work of QHL.

*Joy Crawford & Tina Cormier, Council Co- Chairs*

**CHOIR REPORT**

Our choir remained inactive for 2022.

**FINANCE AND PROPERTY**

Throughout the year meetings were held in a timely manner. Reports were made at every Council meeting.

Jobs include:

- paying the regular bills: Hydro, gas, internet, telephone, salary, health benefits, UCC pension, payroll cost for CPP + EI for our part-time minister. Salary to administrative assistant + cleaner. Pay musician plus musical & ministerial fill-ins. Regular maintenance on elevator, furnace &amp; piano. Snow removal and grass cutting. General office expenses and various equipment repairs. Then there was THE FURNACE! After being red tagged on October 17, four different companies were approached to submit proposals. Gillis & Sons were chosen to replace the furnace at a cost of $7,054.94. It was installed Nov. 21, 2022. F&P cannot thank enough the congregation, WOW, UCW, fundraising committee and the various folks who were so much more than generous in meeting this commitment.

Actual costs and various income from donations, rentals, funerals etc. are listed under the separate financial report.

And there are all the other regular and irregular repairs, maintenance, cleaning, listing, investigating, Sunday collection and depositing etc. that the committee does. I, as chair-person, cannot thank our Treasurer Marlene Marles enough. She is the best. Dave Cann, Barb Elend and Ted Wilkinson are ever vigilant to keep on top of things and on your behalf I thank them.

*Submitted: Gerri Matheson, Chair*

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Your committee is made up of Tina Cormier, Faye Demczuk, Robin Roberts and Dianne Brewster. We held several events this year selling Valentine’s cupcakes, Easter cookies and fall begonias. We were also able to bring back the memorial poinsettias which were warmly received. As an added bonus, we raffled off a cute Gnome Tree that was designed and built by Tina. The committee is grateful for the generous support of our congregation.

Valentine cupcakes: $ 282.00

Jars of Beans: 204.00

Easter cookies: 201.00

Begonias: 210.00

Poinsettia: 286.00

Gnome Tree: 55.00

Total: $1,238.00

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\*All funds raised were deposited to the QHL General Account.

*Submitted by Robin Roberts, Chair*

**MEMORIAL FUND REPORT**

A fund is in place at our church for people to honour loved ones and friends with donations. This fund is used for special projects or items that will be a memorial to them.

A majority vote from our members in the congregation is required as to what this fund

can be used for. As a church we are grateful that people wish to remember a loved one with a donation to our church.

In the sanctuary are special cards that can be filled out and presented to the treasurer

along with your donation to the Fund. A charitable receipt is issued for all amounts over $10.00.

This fund is maintained in the investment account at Edward Jones Inc.

We started off the year with a balance of ……………………..……$12,949.50

“In Memorial” 5 donations came in during the year, totaling ...…$10,225.00

December 31, 2022, balance in the Memorial Fund ……...……..…$23,174.50

No funds were dispersed in 2022.

*Submitted by Margaret and Ted Wilkinson*

**MINISTRY & PERSONNEL REPORT**

Debbie Celsie has served as our part-time minister this year, contracted for 20 hours a week while also completing her studies through Atlantic School of Theology. M&P committee members have met with Debbie several times and the Supervised Ministry Education committee has also worked with Debbie during this time. As we emerge from COVID restrictions Debbie is offering some week-day programs. Debbie’s contract with QHL runs until July 2023.

Gerri Matheson and Anne Hill have attended online gatherings for M&P committee members presented quarterly by Shining Waters Region of the United Church; these provide useful current information. Robin provides invaluable administrative support and Alison Collie continues to keep the church building clean and sanitized, taking a keen interest in the well-being of the congregation. Emanda Richards provides uplifting music each week on a supply basis as our budget currently does not allow for us to offer her a regular contract.

*Submitted by Anne Hill*

**MISSION AND SERVICE**

Members:  Dianne Brewster ,Vee McMillan, Marion Buckle, Minnie Hare.

Although we were not able to meet in person this year, we were still able to help our traditional Christmas charities. Envelopes were placed at the back of the church for people to make monetary donations to Sandgate Women’s Shelter and / or Porter Place Men’s Shelter. We collected $415 for Sandgate and $640 for Porter Place! The funds for Porter Place were used to purchase gift cards from Tim Hortons in the amount of $18, and 30 packages containing a Christmas card, cookies and two chocolate bars were put together for the men. Sincere thanks to Vee McMillan for spearheading this important outreach and Faye Demczuk for her help in

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assembling the packages. M&S is very grateful for the congregation for their support of these initiatives and we welcome new members.

We also managed to send $3,261.00 through congregational givings to the Mission and Service of the United Church, and $500 was received from the U.C.W.

*Submitted by Vee McMillan*

**SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT**

Once more throughout 2022, communication from Shining Waters Regional Council (SWRC) has continued to be conducted mainly through emails and Zoom calls. SWRC has continued to share pertinent information from Commissions, offer learning experiences and provide support via workshops, and webinars, as well as pass on announcements relevant to

Communities of Faith and conduct necessary business.

As your Lay Regional Rep, I participated in the annual meeting of SWRC held on the afternoons of Fri. May 27th and May 28th 1-5 p.m., as well as the Celebration of Ministries on Sunday May 29th. All gatherings were virtual. Considerable business was conducted. At the Saturday afternoon meeting, we were surprised and saddened when President Betty Lou McNabb resigned due to health issues. She also announced her resignation as minister of Georgina Island U.C.. where she has served for several years. We keep her in our prayers.

Tina Conlon had been elected earlier as President Elect and slated to take office following Betty Lou’s term. In the meantime, David Layton Brown, Past President, will assume the role of President. We have a new Moderator for the United Church of Canada — Rev. Carman Landsdowne (Kwisa’lake). She was installed August 7th 2022 as part of The United Church of Canada’s 44 General Council meeting (GC44). GC44 was unique, beginning with a virtual gathering in February and continuing on-line with 256 commissioners, plus staff and volunteers for 5 days July 21st-25th.

According to an article in the Oct.-Nov. issue of ‘Broadview’, this gathering was not without challenges! On October 19th, I participated in a forum via Zoom for Lay Reps. Further gatherings of this group are planned. Plans have been announced for the Spring meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council. It will be a hybrid meeting i.e. both in person and on Zoom. The in person meeting will be held at North Bramalea U.C., Brampton. The theme will be ‘So What? Faith in Action” (looking for examples we see). Donna Rutz, Communications and Administrative Support and responsible for the regular SWRC blog ‘Currents’ reminded us that many churches share some items in their own newsletter. Donna also reminded us that each Community of Faith needs to update their information on their ChurchHub account via their administrative assistant. Despite challenges presented by Covid 19, many changes, and the restructuring of the United Church of Canada, we continue to strive to be energized with a clear sense of mission, purpose and direction.

*Joy Crawford. SWRC Lay Rep*

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

We do not have a Sunday program at this time.

*Submitted by Robin Roberts, Superintendent*

**TRUSTEES**

Your Trustees for 2022 were Ted Wilkinson, Lynda Holborn and Frank Speziali. We thank Frank for all of his work and valuable input. we wish him well in his new home in Alliston.

**WOMEN’S MINISTRIES**

**UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**

The UCW group has resumed monthly meetings following a long break due to COVID.

Three of the ladies, Marion Buckle, Minnie Hare and Marguerite Hennigar have been presented with certificates recognizing sixty consecutive years of service. We were able to give $1,000 to the finance and property committee to assist with the cost of a new furnace. We also gave $500 to M&S. The end-of-year bank balance is $666.82.

*Submitted by Anne Hill*

**UCW TREASURER’S REPORT**

Opening Balance January 1, 2022: $ 1,944.72

Receipts

Members Offerings $ 270.00

Expenses

Furnace Fund $ 1,000.00

Mission and Service 500.00

Shining Waters Annual Dues 24.50

T.D. Bank fees 23.40

$ 1,547.90

Closing Balance December 31, 2022: $ 716.82

*Submitted by Minnie Hare, Treasurer*

**WOMEN OF WORTH** -7-

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| 🙨  **W** – Women who work tirelessly for our Church and our Community.  **O** – Offer to help and you will enter a world of fun, giving, receiving and loving nds.  **W** – Worthy of much praise and gratitude but given unselfishly. |

**WOW continues to focus on the needs of our church, community**

**and outreach to those in need.**

Following a period when we were unable to meet because of COVID a meeting was held

in May to discuss the possibility of restarting regular meetings and monthly lunches. Because of the difficulty in safely accommodating large numbers of people for sit-down meals we decided to offer take-out only with meals pre-ordered. The first take-out lunch

was offered in June and served 143 lunches. Subsequent monthly take-out lunches have

served similar numbers and are very popular.

Thanks to income from the monthly lunches WOW was able to donate $2,000 to the

community of faith in October to help with ongoing expenses. We also purchased a new

Christmas tree for the sanctuary and a new vacuum cleaner. We enjoyed a pot-luck lunch

in December.

*Submitted by Anne Hill*

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| **Women of Worth** |
| **Financial Statement** |
| **January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022**  Income  Takeout Lunches $ 3,819.25  Books & Puzzles $ 166.25  Krafters $ 38.00  Catering $ 600.00  Miscellaneous Income $ 160.00  Bank Interest $ 0.53    Total Income $ 4,784.03    Expenses  Supplies for Kitchen $ 299.13  Donation to QHL General Fund $ 2,000.00  Gift Card for D. Celsie $ 100.00  Christmas Tree for Sanctuary $ 338.99  -8- New Vaccum for Church $ 90.39    Total Expenses $ 2,828.51    Net Profit $1,955.52    Reconciliation    Opening Balance as at January 1, 2022 $ 1,035.99  Net Profit $ 1,955.52  Balance as at December 31, 2022 $ 2,991.51      TD Bank Balance as at December 31, 2022 $ 2,991.51  Less Uncleared Cheques $-  WOW Book Balance as at December 31, 2022 $ 2,991.51 |
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**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Worship is responsible for baptisms, planning communion, welcoming new members and weddings. Thanks to another Covid shutdown at the end of 2021, we met for on-line services until the start of Lent on March 6th. Debbie helped to keep our spirits up with some Friday night on-line game meetings during this time.

Once we returned, our Covid protocols remained in place, which included mandatory masking, signing in, the use of hand sanitizer and sitting apart. During the year, Council took careful steps toward returning to normal by permitting standing and singing with masks, to eventually allowing masks to be removed once you are seated. As Buddy the Elf once said, “The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!” and what a difference it made to everyone’s worship experience! After-church coffee time eventually resumed, and although this is not part of our committee, it does add another dimension to our fellowship, and one that is greatly appreciated.

Debbie and Emanda took some well-deserved time off during the year and we were fortunate to have some congregation-led services, as well as guest speakers and musicians like Sandra Kirby, Ian Wilgus, Dee Lawrence and the Rev. Dr. Bill Fritz. We took a break from services for the month of July.

Communion was held three times in 2022 and took on many different faces, including individual containers and the traditional bread and cup.

On December 21st we held our second Blue Christmas service which, good and bad, was well attended. Despite the weather, we held both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, as December 25th fell on a Sunday. Sincere thanks go to Debbie for all of her hard work,

and dedication to our congregation, to Emanda for sharing her amazing gift of music with us every week and to Lynda for her beautiful touch decorating the sanctuary for each season.

*Submitted by Robin Roberts*



ADDITIONAL CONTACTS FOR YOUR INFORMATION

WOMEN OF WORTH

Co-Chairs – Gerri Matheson, Dianne Brewster

Secretary – Anne Hill

Treasurer -Lynda Holborn

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Chair – Anne Hill

Secretary – Sharon Ashmore

Treasurer – Joyce Payne

LAY SUPERVISION TEAM

Sharon Ashmore

Jessica Cormier

Faye Demczuk

Barb Elend

Carol McGruthers

Lynda Holborn

Marg and Ted Wilkinson

Educational Supervisor – Rev. Bruce Sweet

CHURCH SECRETARY

Robin Roberts

MINISTER

Debbie Celsie

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISOR

January 1 – May 30, 2023: Rev. Linda Butler

June 1, 2023 to present: Rev. Warren Ball