

BALZAC UNITED CHURCH

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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BALZAC UNITED CHURCH

Annual General Meeting

April 3, 2022*

Call the Meeting to Order – Andrew Wigglesworth called the meeting to order at 10:36 am

Opening Prayer – Rev Paul Mullen opened the meeting with a prayer

Chair's Message Andrew - Andrew Wigglesworth reviewed 2021 with its successes and challenges.

MOTION 2021AGM-001: MOVED BY HAZEL MOUNTFORD THAT ALL THOSE PRESENT BE ALLOWED TO VOTE. SECONDED BY JOYCE COVEY. CARRIED

Agenda Overview

MOTION 2021AGM-002: MOVED BY LUCILLE HAGEL THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY BOB SUNDQUIST. CARRIED.

Minutes of 2021 AGM

MOTION 2021AGM-003: MOVED BY CLARK SPENCER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED MARCH 21, 2021 BE ACCEPTED AS CIRCULATED. SECONDED BY PAUL ARNOTT. CARRIED.

Ministry Reports:

A question was asked about when the wearing of masks for church would be discontinued. Andrew Wigglesworth advised that the masks were not mandatory but would be requested until the risk levels were lower.

A question was asked about how long Zoom worship services would be continued. Andrew replied that the plan was to continue to provide Zoom as an option for people not able to attend church in person.

Financial Statements 2021

Steven Burford presented the 2021 Financial Statements to the congregation.

MOTION 2021AGM-004: MOVED BY LUCILLE HAGEL THAT THE 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY PETER PROUDLOCK. CARRIED.

Budget 2022

The Budget for 2022 was presented by Steven Burford.

MOTION 2021AGM-005: MOVED BY HAZEL MOUNTFORD THAT THE BUDGET FOR 2022 AS PROVIDED IN THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT BE ADOPTED. SECONDED BY ANGELA WIGGLESWORTH. CARRIED.

Current Board Positions:

The status of the board positions with the outstanding term length is as follows:

- **Chairman of the Board** – Andrew Wigglesworth – 1 year remaining in term.
- **Internal Affairs** – Hazel Mountford – 2 years remaining in term.
- **Member at Large** Paul Arnott – 1 year remaining in term.
- **Member at Large** – Sheryl Page – 2 years remaining in term.
- **Region Representative**: Ruth Unser –1 year remaining in term.
- **Youth Representative**: Hannah Walkes – 2 years remaining in term

Elections for Board Members:

The following board positions are open for nominations or have incumbents with terms remaining as indicated:

- **Board Secretary** – Ruth Unser — Term Completed –
Ruth Unser has Agreed to remain on the board for a 1 year term. No other nominations were received for the position. Ruth Unser was elected by acclimation.
- **Property** – Clark Spencer – Term Completed –
Clark Spencer has Agreed to remain on the board for a 1 year term. No other nominations were received for the position. Clark Spencer was elected by acclimation.
- **Treasurer** – Steven Burford – Term Completed –Position open for nominations.
Hannah Walkes has agreed to let her name stand for the position of Treasurer for a 3 year term. No other nominations were received for the position. Hannah Walkes was elected by acclimation.
- **Member at Large** – The Board requested that a new position for Member at Large be added for a 1 year term. Steven Burford has agreed to remain on the board for 1 year to mentor and coach Hannah Walkes in the Treasurer role and keep his financial expertise on the Board for an additional year.

MOTION 2021AGM-006: MOVED BY JOYCE COVEY TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF A THIRD MEMBER AT LARGE POSITION ON THE BOARD FOR A 1 YEAR TERM. SECONDED BY LUCILLE HAGEL. CARRIED.

Steven Burford has agreed to let his name stand for this Member at Large position for a 1 year term. Steven Burford was elected by acclimation.

- **Ministry and Personnel** – Angela Burford – Term completed. Position open for nominations.
Joyce Covey has agreed to let her name stand for the position of Ministry and Personnel Minister for a 3 year term. No other nominations were received for the position. Joyce Covey was elected by acclimation.

- **External Affairs/Outreach** – Nancy Wigglesworth – Term completed. Position open for nominations. There were no nominations for this position. With no nominations received for the position of External Affairs and Outreach Ministry, the Board proposed to the congregation that this position be handled using a team format with a Board Liaison as the leader and where individuals volunteered to handle the projects managed under this Ministry with the following job descriptions:

Board Liaison:

- Oversee team member activities.
- Coordinate activities between team members.
- Connect with the board to bring forward team issues and concerns.
- Resource and support to team members.

Team members:

- Organize activities for their project.
- Communicate needs to congregation by in-person announcements and submitting request for broadcast emails.
- Report on activities to the Board Liaison or to the board directly
- Team Projects (projects may be added):
 - M & S
 - Minute for Mission – Youth Group
 - External Outreach
 - Indigenous Affairs – Nancy Wigglesworth
 - Food Bank
 - Veteran’s Food Bank
 - Soap for Hope
 - Bethany Care Centre – Nancy Wigglesworth
 - Christmas Hamper
 - Card Ministry – Joyce Covey and Sheryl Page
 - Garage Sale

Volunteers have stepped up and are willing to look after these projects as indicated. If no one steps forward to manage a project, that project will no longer be taken on. Some of the positions are not needed currently and will be filled at a later date.

- The volunteers for these projects will work with Sheryl Page who has volunteered to act as the Liaison for these projects with the Board. Sheryl will remain as a Member at Large. The Board and Sheryl will work with this arrangement and develop it over time and be flexible to make changes as needed.

Board of Trustees

The status of the Board of Trustees was reviewed. Existing Trustees are

- Paul Arnott,
- Ron Beagle,
- Larry Bilben,
- Steven Burford,
- Hazel Mountford,
- Clark Spencer,
- Jim Wigglesworth.

With Rev Rita Cattell's retirement as of November 30, 2021, her name has been automatically removed as a trustee. Currently, the trustee for the Minister position is Rev Paul Mullen as the Designated Minister. When the new minister is appointed, they will automatically assume the role as a trustee.

Other Business

- **Change in Start Time for Church Worship Service to 10 am:** This change was discussed with the congregation. The start date would be immediately.

MOTION 2021AGM – 007: MOVED BY JOYCE COVEY TO CHANGE THE START TIME OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE TO 10 AM EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. SECONDED BY LEE DOWAN. CARRIED.

- **Parking Lot Information** Clark Spencer explained to the congregation the work that he has done to secure a lease for the property that we use for a back parking lot that is currently owned by Melcor Corporation.
- **Volunteers Needed** – Andrew mentioned the need for volunteers for various positions in the church such as greeters, External Affairs projects, and the Zoom Tech team and asked the congregation members to please consider helping out.

Final Remarks and Thank You's -

Andrew Wigglesworth thanked the congregation for their support and flexibility with all the changes of the last year. He also expressed appreciation to the outgoing board members for all of their efforts and service to the board and congregation of Balzac United Church.

MOTION 2021AGM -008: MOVED BY HAZEL MOUNTFORD: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:25 AM.

Andrew Wigglesworth, Chair

Ruth Unser, Secretary

MINISTER REPORT 2022

Reverend Lynn McKinnon is on Medical Leave and is not available to provide a Minister Report for 2022.

We celebrate the two ministers who worked with us in 2022.



IN MEMORIAM

We remember the following people who passed away in 2022:

Walter Dowan, February 15, 2022

Peter Poohkay, July 29, 2022

CHAIR REPORT 2022

Dear Members,

It is my honor to present the year in review as the Chairman of the Board.

2022 was another great year at the BUC. We were able to resume in-person worship services with Rev. Paul Mullen who provided us with compassion and care and helped us along our transition between Reverend Rita and Reverend Lynn.

We said good bye to our music director, Alex Barbieri who is off to England, and hello to dear friends Lee Dowan and Dr. Alex Shawn who have revitalized our music ministry and brought back our choir! Welcome back!

We said hello to a new minister Rev. Lynn McKinnon who is helping us to reshape Balzac United Church and bring us forward in the years to come.

We are grateful for the tireless efforts of our ministers, staff, and volunteers who have worked hard to keep our community connected and engaged. We are also thankful for the generosity of our members, who have continued to support our church through their donations and volunteer work.

Looking forward, we are confident in our ability to overcome any challenges and continue to serve our community. Our focus remains on spreading the love and message of Christ and providing a welcoming and supportive environment for all.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our church.

Sincerely,

Andrew Wigglesworth
Board Chair

BAPTISM

We welcomed Hank Willem Rietveld, son of Jeanette and Willem Rietveld into our family through baptism on December 4, 2022.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

January 2022 once again started with and on ZOOM. Rev Paul Mullen agreed and was hired to be BUC interim minister for BUC. Rev Mullen was with us until July 2022.

For Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday Service was via Zoom. We began at 6:30pm sharing pancakes. Kevin Walkes provided a video of the children burning the crosses from previous years.

Rev Mullen suggested we do less in person so he combined communion, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday during the Palm Sunday Service.

Easter Sunday the stand alone cross was placed in the mid-section of the sanctuary and the congregation received a daffodil and placed it on the cross and then took their seats. Once again this was to limit exposure.

Mother's Day was acknowledged with each women receiving a carnation. Dr Alex Shawn was our guest speaker. Hazel and Ruth prepared and presented the rest of the service.

Father's Day was remembered and celebrated with the youth, Sunday School and Rev Mullens participation.

Communion was held on July 3; July 10 was western Sunday. Hazel and Ruth prepared and led the service.

July 17 Rev Mullen returned and presided.

July 24, we said goodbye to Rev Mullen and to Alex Barbieri. Alex received an opportunity to study in the UK and although it was a difficult decision, he choose to leave BUC. Rev Mullen oversaw a Marriage on July 29, 2022 and then he returned to his retirement. BUC was indeed blessed with his knowledge, humour and guidance.

The search committee recommended Rev Lynn McKinnon to the board and to the congregation. Rev McKinnon was welcomed to BUC during August. Although there were no services, Rev McKinnon settled in and met with the Worship (internal) ministry, Youth and Sunday School teachers, Victoria and Zoe Walkes on August 14, 2022. The upcoming year was discussed.

Victoria Walkes has been working with the Youth and Sunday School since she was 16. She has decided to take a break for her work with BUC. BUC has been so blessed with Victoria calm, beautiful presence. Enjoy your break Victoria, you deserve it.

Lee Dowan and Dr Alexander Shawn agreed to fill the position of Music Director. BUC is so blessed to have them lead us in the ministry of Music.

Joyce Covey agreed to arrange and organize the Garage Sale.

September 22, 2022 the Worship / Internal Affairs met and discussed October, November and Advent services. Unfortunately, the Remembrance Service was presented on line as a snow storm required BUC board to close the church.

Hazel, Gail and Maurice decorated the church for the Advent / Christmas season beginning on November 27.

The Advent Season was celebrated with music, a Cantata held on Dec 18, 2022 led by Dr Alex Shawn and Lee Downan. All was well received.

Christmas Eve was blessed affair with Mary, Joseph and Jesus making an appearance. Several Music selections were presented. It was a night to behold.

Rev McKinnon had January 1, 2022 off and Dr Alex Shawn presided. It was a beautiful, intimate service.

The Worship / Internal Affairs would like to thank Ruth for her continued support of many ministries. She is a wealth of knowledge and wisdom.

Thank you to Joyce Covey, Susan Thomas, Gail Montieth, Sheryl Page, Victoria Walkes, Angela Wigglesworth, Zoe Walkes, Kevin Walkes for all the work they do behind the scenes and on behalf of the Balzac United Church.

We are blessed with people who continually show up and help out. Thankyou. God Bless.

Respectfully Submitted

Hazel Mountford
Chair of Worship / Internal Affairs.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY 2022

Time has been passing so quickly, It is already the new year! We have been meeting in person every Sunday morning.

Angela, Zoe and Victoria met over the summer to come up with a common theme along with lessons for all our groups. We have been focusing how the Indigenous Seven Sacred Teachings relate to us and how they parallel our United Church Christian teachings. We have learned so much. Its wonderful how many things are similar between two different spiritual cultures.

We had a wonderful time with Mission and Service again! Our countries were, Cuba, India and Netherlands. Lots of very interesting facts were shared, along with where our Mission and Service donations go, but best of all, we enjoyed sampling a huge variety of different foods. The groups presented their countries during service and it was well received.

Every second Sunday the Youth group have signed up as greeters and present the Minute for Mission.

Rev McKinnon, Angela, Zoe and Victoria have been taking turns presenting children's chat. We are doing the first Sunday each month and Rev McKinnon the rest of the month. As she is away for a bit, the Sunday School Leaders have been taking turns until she returns.

Before our group lessons each Sunday morning, we meet as a large group. We talk about our new teachings and then separate into two groups. Zoe teaching the younger ages downstairs, and the older youth meet upstairs with Angela and Victoria.

We have talked about Confirmation classes, and are pleased and grateful that Reverend McKinnon will be leading classes starting in March. We have at least one youth interested.

Again, thank you to all who help out and especially thanks to the kids, you bring us so much joy! We love our positive and welcoming church community!



Respectfully submitted, Victoria Walkes, Angela Wigglesworth, Zoe Walkes

1. Children attending nursery (Age 3-5): **2**
2. Children in 'Clubhouse' classes: **3**
3. Children in Junior and Senior Youth Group: **9**
4. Average number of children attending each Sunday: **6**

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT 2022

This year we did some amazing things with the youth and kids. This year started off with going back to online services but in late March we were able to come back to in-person! Because of this we were also able to have some in person events with the youth and kids outside of church, there were youth group meetings from April till June. One of the events was a campfire with the youth, and some friends, during May at Nose Creek Park!

This also was the first year we were able to have Mission and Service fair since 2019! It was a great time having it back and I heard lots of great things about the food and experiences that everyone had! We also had monthly Minute for Mission readings that the youth continue to do for Mission and Service.

In addition, we had a lot of talk about confirmation classes and we are looking forward to having them soon in the new year.

Thank you to Victoria, Angela and Zoe for all they have done for the children and youth and thank you to everyone for a great year!

Sincerely,

Hannah Walkes

ADVERTISING REPORT 2022

There were not many events that took place in our church for the year 2022 that called for any Advertising to the Public. Unfortunately, this was due to the fact that Life changed considerably because of the Covid Pandemic.

We still have our Church information in the Airdrie City View on a weekly basis.

The Garage Sale that took place in October was advertised in the City View Weekly, the Rocky View Times, as well as the Airdrie Echo. It was also put online on the Calgary Kijiji page as well as Varage Sale that has a section to advertise local Garage Sales.

In view of that, that was the only advertising done during the year of 2022.

I am hopeful that the 2023 will have some more events that we can advertise to the public in our area.

Thank you

Joyce Covey

MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT 2022

Thank you for the privilege to work with the choir at Balzac United Church. The opportunity to work with Lee Dowan has been a wonderful answered prayer. We have worked together for many years and this job gives us the chance to continue our work in the same venue.

I began my tenure when Rev. Lynn McKinnon began her new ministry at Balzac. The three of us quickly began collaborating together planning the services and getting comfortable with each other's style. Because Rev. Lynn is also a musician, it has been extremely easy for us to execute our responsibilities.

As our first large endeavour, Lee and I decided to present a Christmas Cantata, which was successfully presented on December 18, 2022. We invited five extra singers to join us for the performance, which resulted in two of the guests deciding to join our choir and church. This is truly the best way to reach out to the community so that other people might be interested in coming/visiting/ and ultimately joining our church.

Lee and I feel blessed and happy to dedicate our time and talents to Balzac United Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Alex Shawn

MULTIMEDIA REPORT 2022

This year has been a very interesting year for the website full of changes and updates throughout. Navigating through less covid restrictions, slowly reopening and starting to have consistent events happening again.

We continued posting services, sermons with Paul Mullen in January. Then said goodbye to Paul and music director Alex Barbieri on our Facebook and Instagram pages as their terms ended in July. We took the month of August off. In September, we welcomed Lynn McKinnon as the new minister. On our website, we re-introduced the minister page after having it dormant since November 2021 and placed Lynn on the minister page and on the front page of the website. We also introduced Lee Dowan and Dr. Alex Shawn as Music ministry on the Choir page.

On social media, we continued posting audio services, music pieces on our site and clips on Instagram, Facebook. According to our reach numbers on social media, we lost 85% of our reach on Instagram from 2021 to 2022, but we gained 88% of our reach on Facebook. So whatever reach we lost on Instagram last year we gained on Facebook. Reach is the number of Accounts Center accounts that saw any content from your Page or about your Page, including posts, stories, ads, social information from Accounts Center accounts that interact with your Page and more.

The most popular posted events on Facebook were:

1. Garage Sale
2. Christmas Cantata
3. The Christmas Eve service.

Our most popular post on Facebook was Pray for Ukraine, Pray for Peace.

The most popular posts on Instagram were:

1. Walter Dowan's passing,
2. Craft Night
3. Photos from the Garage Sale.
4. Farewell to Paul Mullen and Alex Barbieri
5. Good Friday/Easter services

This is the fourth full year of the WordPress site. The most popular viewed Pages are:h

1. Home page
2. Announcements
3. Our Minister
4. About Us page
5. Contact Us page

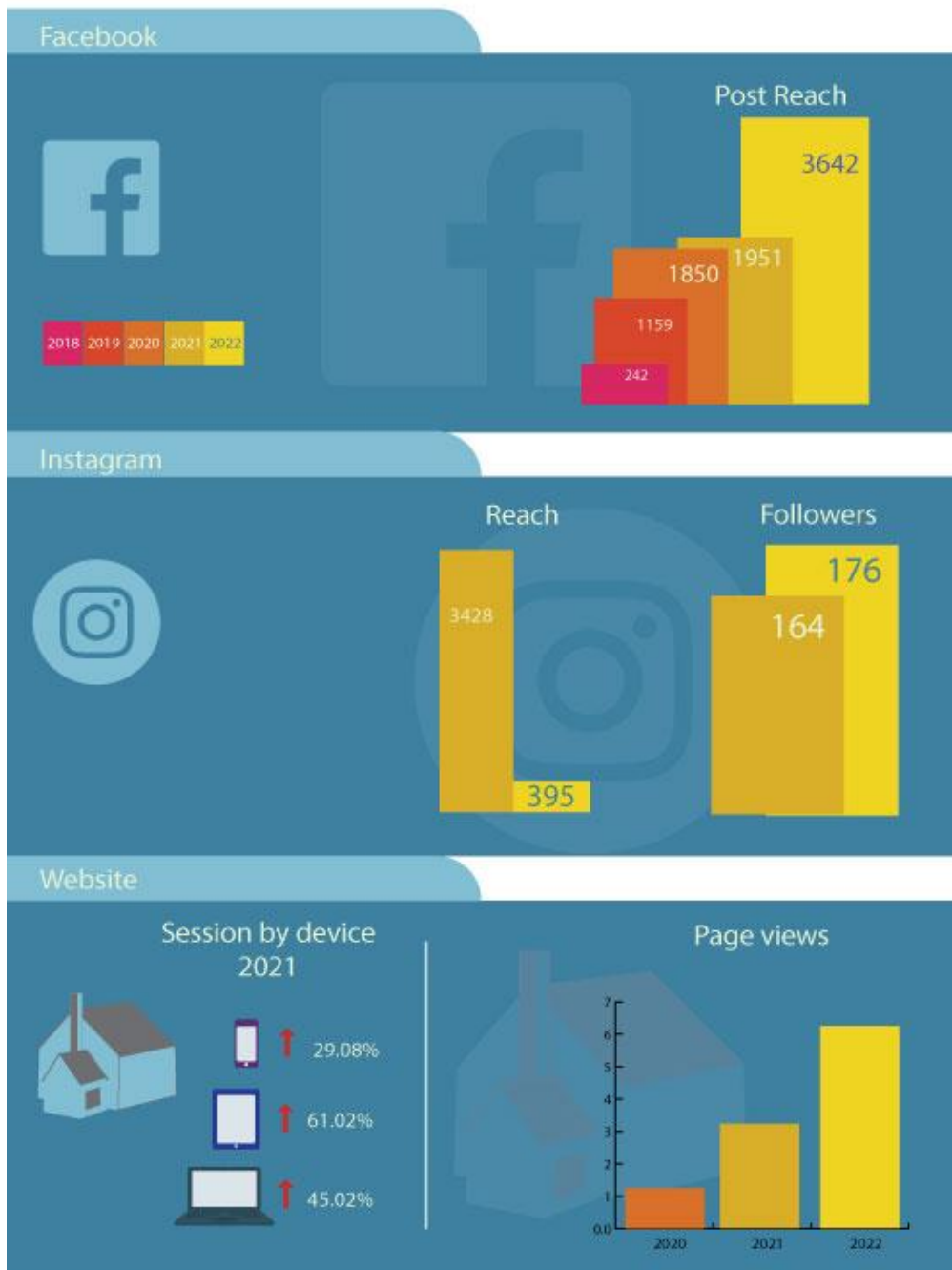
Highlights:

- Posting the full November 6th service on our YouTube page
- Multimedia post of music events, sermons, Minutes for Mission
- The BUC Choir performing the Christmas Cantata

- The return of the Mission and Service fair and the Garage Sale after a two year absence
- Storing audio files on the church's Google drive account and Video on our YouTube account

Respectfully submitted, -

Kevin Walkes



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OUTREACH MINISTRY 2022

We have had a very successful year with outreach, slowly getting back into things after Covid.

Outlined below are the external outreach initiatives we took on. We are looking forward to expanding these outreach initiatives in 2023.

Garage sale: The garage sale was very successful and we had many volunteers. Thank you to Joyce Covey for taking this on and coordinating everything. We had general garage sale, jewelry, vintage and a concession. We were very grateful for the team that came in at the end to help pack up what was not purchased and take it to the Calgary Drop in Centre and to help Refugees.

Bethany Teas and cards for Valentine's day, Easter and Christmas: Nancy Wigglesworth looked after the Bethany Teas for 2022. We are asked to do 4 Fridays and our month was February. The seniors enjoy the homemade treats, tea and coffee as well as the Valentine's cards made by Nancy. Approximately 70 cards are made for Valentine's Day, Easter and Christmas. This year Sheryl Page and Joyce Covey helped Nancy with making the Christmas cards. Nancy also makes birthday cards for the seniors each month. We appreciate the work and love that Nancy puts into these events and the care she has for the Bethany Care Centre.

Indigenous outreach: Nancy Wigglesworth has been coordinating the Indigenous outreach and we appreciate all that she has done in this regard.

Cards for the congregation: Joyce Covey and Sheryl Page have been making cards for the congregation for all occasions. Including Get Well, Thank You, Congratulations, and Sympathy cards.

Mission and Service message each week during the service has been shared by the youth group and we are very thankful for their contribution to the worship services.

Soap for Hope - Angela Wigglesworth was coordinating this but unfortunately Soap for Hope has folded in the Calgary area. We appreciated all the donations and hands on help while this program ran in the area.

Food Bank: Sheryl Page coordinated this effort and we hope to grow this program as the need is ever growing in and around the area. Donations were brought once a month and we appreciate food and monetary donations. Promoting weekly as money goes a long way when they purchase in bulk.

Veterans Food Bank: We focused on the Veteran's Food Bank for the month of October and donations were dropped off at their Calgary location. They were very grateful and asked if we were able to help them with Christmas treats. We put it out to the congregation and were gifted with many donations that helped make the Veteran's Christmas a little better. We were able to drop off a cheque and Christmas treats at the beginning of December.
(October/November)

Christmas Hamper: We sponsored a family of 3 this year and were given extra gift cards and treats by our generous congregation which helped top up other families. Airdrie 1st was very grateful for our donations and sent a card that was shared with the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Page
Project Coordinator for External Affairs

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL 2022

I am very grateful for the guidance and assistance that Angela Burford has given me as the outgoing M & P Chair, since so much has happened in a very short time. She has been very helpful and it is so appreciated.

We said Goodbye to Rev. Paul Mullen on July 31st, 2022. He joined us as Part-Time Minister in January 2022. We appreciate and were thankful for his guidance and services during this time while we were in the process of hiring a Full Time Minister.

We also said goodbye to Alex Barbieri who was our Music Director. Alex was with us from May 2021 until July 2022. Alex was given a great opportunity to further his music education at a University in the UK.

We welcomed Rev. Lynn McKinnon as our Full Time Minister as of August 1, 2022. Rev. Lynn joined us from the United Church in Medicine Hat. We are grateful to have Rev. Lynn join our Church family and look forward to getting to know her and the Special Gifts that she has to share with us. She is an Ordained Minister and has worked within the United Church of Canada since 2005.

Effective September 2022 we are very pleased to have Lee Dowan and her son, Dr. Alex Shawn join our Church Family as the Music Director Team on a Contract Basis. We are excited to have such a talented team for our Music and Choir Leaders look forward to a year of special music.

A big thank you goes out to our Church Secretary for her work at keeping the congregation informed about the Services and events. Angela Wigglesworth was on a Medical Leave from October 18th, to November 29th. During her absence, those duties were performed by Shannon McKinnon. Thank you, Shannon, for helping us out at that time.

Thank you to Everlasting Impressions Inc., the Cleaning Services company that keeps our Church building clean. The dedication and cleanliness are very much appreciated.

A very special Thank You to our Sunday School Teachers. Your time, energy and dedication are very much appreciated by the children and the parents. Thank you for your hard work, time and planning commitment.

I look forward to 2023 for our Little Church by the Rail.

Joyce Covey
Ministry and Personnel Chair

HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT AGM 2022

The Hiring/Search Committee finished off 2021 with the retirement of Rev. Rita and started 2022 with the development of a job description for the ideal candidate that would best suit the needs for Balzac United Church.

In the fall of 2021, Dr. Rev. Stephen Harper had the committee work through a series of exercises to present to the Board. These exercises are designed to help us realize our identity in how the church has operated in the past and provides opportunity to take a deep introspective look on how our little church is changing. In hiring a new minister, change will happen no matter what and these exercises are designed to help the Board and the Hiring/Search Committee decide what kind of change would be to the best benefit of our little Community of Faith.

All these exercises (homework) were reviewed and discussed with us by Dr. Rev. Stephen Harper through each step of the process. In the end we were able to create a job description that needed to be submitted for approval to Chinook Winds Region before we could post the open position. The reasoning of this lengthy process was to make sure that we as a congregation were prepared for someone new to come in and lead our church and that the person we choose is the best fit for our needs. At the end of this process, we were offered two choices in the hiring process.

1. The first option being that we could select an interim minister and request a one year appointment. This involves regular check ins with Region and we could keep the position open for the next year until a final decision is made. We would also be able to continue to accept applications for the vacancy and conduct interviews. At the end of the year, we could choose to request that Region make the interim person we chose permanent and have them make the Appointment/Call official or we could go with someone else.
2. The second option is that we could forgo the Interim process and choose someone through the applications we received and make a request to Region to Appoint/ Call our candidate of choice. Once the Appointment/ Call is made and formalized from all parties involved (the church, being BUC, the minister & Region), it is considered final.

The Hiring/ Search Committee gave these choices some thought and felt that prolonging the hiring process throughout the next year would be unnecessary so the decision was made to go with the second option. We currently had Rev. Paul Mullen appointed to us from Region to be with us from January until June to provide us with guidance and support through the process so there was a sense of security in this decision.

Our job posting went live in mid-February. We received several applications from ministers located overseas who were looking to come to Canada. It was felt that BUC was not in a position to undertake someone from outside the country, so polite refusals were sent. We did receive a couple of local applicants and began the interviewing process after Easter.

In the end we had two people to choose from, both were strong candidates with each different pulpit styles. Thanks to COVID we were able to watch a few recorded sermons from each candidate. We conducted zoom and in person interviews held in the church. And then compared each candidate to who we felt would be best to help BUC move forward in the community and meet the best needs of our

congregation. This was a decision that was not taken lightly and our committee spent some time considering all our options. One of the driving forces in our decision was it was felt that BUC was in a period of change, and we needed someone new to help guide us through these changing times.

A congregational meeting was called for Sunday June 5th, where the Hiring/ Search Committee presented our chosen candidate. We answered many questions from all who attended. As a congregation a vote was made and in voting in favour of the presented candidate, we as a Community of Faith made a commitment to support and welcome our new minister.

Rev. Lynn McKinnon was officially Appointed/Called to Balzac United Church by Chinook Winds Region at the request of our congregation. Her official first day at BUC is August 1st, 2022.

With the official hiring and start of Rev. Lynn McKinnon to our little church, I thank all the hard work of our Hiring/Search Committee (Joyce Covey, Sheryl Page, Hazel Mountford, Clark Spencer, Ruth Unser) for your time, input and careful consideration as we worked through the process.

Now that Rev. Lynn has joined BUC, our committee is now dissolved.

Angela Burford
Chair, Hiring/ Search Committee

PROPERTY MINISTRY 2022

The Balzac United Church Minister of Property role is responsible for the grounds, physical structures and all appurtenances of the church building. That includes plumbing, heating, water supply, access and parking and building proper.

The Board was successful in engaging Melcor Developments to discuss our continued and protected use of the north parking lot. After several positive phone conversations and information exchanges, Melcor suggested they would be amenable to a long-term usage Lease of the north parking lot to the Balzac United Church. A Lease document between Melcor Developments and the Balzac United Church for continued use of the north parking lot for 2 years; Feb 1st 2022 through and including Feb. 1 2024 was signed on April 24, 2022. This was a major achievement from a property perspective.

Natural spawling that occurs on concrete was becoming a maintenance and safety issue at the front entrance. A concrete company was commissioned to surface treat the steps in Oct of 2022 and it turned out really well.

Insurance for the building will continue to be the single largest line item that the Property Budget carries. Rising insurance rates for the province will continue to affect that budget line item into the future.

The challenges of a re-occurring leak problem with the fitting at the water pump in the basement has finally been rectified and we have a functional water storage system in the basement. The cistern type storage is currently in providing the church with stable supply of water.

The remainder of the property budget is comprised of fixed expenses weened down to the bare minimum to keep the building and grounds running smoothly.

As the church embarks and focusses on future growth; the church ready to accommodate the demands of more attendance.

Regards

Clark Spencer

TREASURER REPORT 2022

For the year ending December 31, 2022 to the Annual General Meeting of the Balzac United Church on March 19th, 2023.

All revenue and expenses are recorded as they are received and paid except for insurance costs and the United Church's National Assessment. These two items are paid in the early part of the year but one-twelfth of the cost of each of them is recorded as an expense on a monthly basis. We do this so that the months that these are paid do not show an unusually large deficit. All capital expenditures are expensed in the current year, for 2022 there were no capital purchases.

During 2022, we spent 98% of what we had budgeted for expenses and received 100% of our budgeted revenue giving us a deficit of \$6107. Note that for 2022 the board presented a deficit budget of \$8,500.

We had one Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GICs) come due during the year, was renewed for one year. We currently have \$59,159 invested in GICs at the Alberta Treasury Branch in Airdrie. The board's goal is to have our GIC's staggered such that one comes due every year and a decision can be made by the board as to its renewal depending upon cash flow, upcoming purchases and economic factors.

The congregation continued to remember others during 2022 by giving to M&S, the Airdrie Food Bank and Soap for Hope. All monies received for Mission & Service are paid to the United Church of Canada's M&S Fund.

This has been a transition year as I step away from the role of Treasurer and Hannah Walkes assumes the role. I would like to thank everyone for the support over the years, it has been truly appreciated. To Hannah, I trust the congregation will provide her all the support she requires and I will continue to be around when needed.

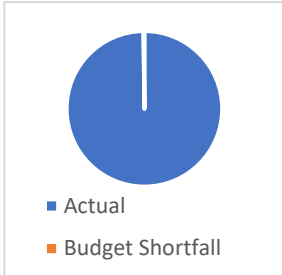
Sincerely,
Steven Burford
Former Treasurer

Balzac United Church Comparative Income Statement

	Year End 2022	Year End 2021	Variance 2022 - 2021
Total Cash and In Kind Donations	94,462	97,146	- 2,684
Expenses			
Ministry of Personnel	65,686	78,190	12,504
Ministry of Property	18,426	17,485	- 941
Ministry of Internal Affairs	3,206	3,384	178
Ministry of External Affairs	13,252	16,784	3,532
Total Expenses	100,570	115,843	15,273
Surplus (Loss)	- 6,107	- 18,697	12,590
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy		20,374	- 20,374
Net Surplus (Loss)	- 6,107	1,677	- 7,784

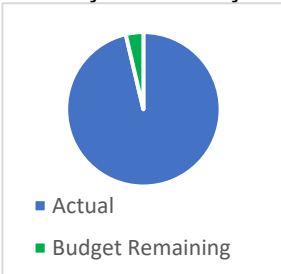
BALZAC UNITED CHURCH
Comparative Income Statement
For the Calendar Year ending December 31, 2022

	Actual 2022	Budget 2022	Variance
Total Cash and In Kind Donations	94,462	94,642	-



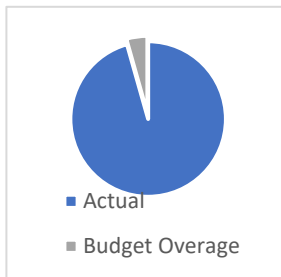
For the first time since prior to the global pandemic our givings matched budget very closely.

Ministry of Ministry & Personnel	65,686	68,200	2,514
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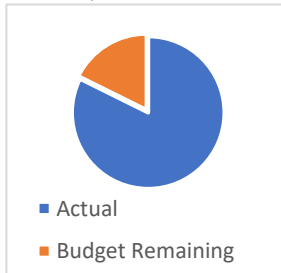
Likewise Ministry & Personnel actual expenditures matched budget very closely.

Ministry of Property	18,426	17,580	- 846
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Ministry of Property was the main area that was impacted by inflation thus resulting in a slight overage.

Ministry of Internal Affairs	3,206	3,895	689
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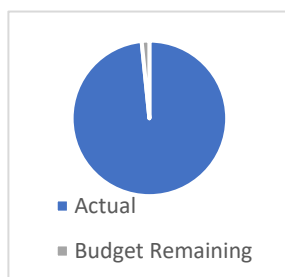
Ministry of Internal Affairs was able to maintain expenses while still making our church feel like a second home.

Ministry of External Affairs

13252

13467

215



The biggest budget item in Ministry of External Affairs is our regional assessment, M&S givings and Airdrie Food Bank. In an effort to maintain other costs our community outreach was limited.

Balzac United Church Schedule of GIC Maturities

The board decided to not renew GIC's that matured in 2021 due to the unknown nature of our cash flows.

2023

ATB GIC 683100	01-Feb-23	15,654
ATB GIC 417900	12-Mar-23	11,275
ATB GIC 417700	17-Mar-23	17,230
ATB GIC 894200	01-Sep-23	15,000

Total GIC Value	<u>59,159</u>
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Balzac United Church Fundraising Activities 2022

The fundraising activities and the net amount (defined as monies raised less related expenses) raised by each activity are as follows:

September	Pew Sales	100.00
October	Garage Sale	1,913.44
	Net Fundraising Activities	<u>2,013.44</u>

**Balzac United Church
Statement of Financial Position**

	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
Assets		
Current Assets		
ATB Bank Account	75,069	96,887
Prepaid/Receivables	2,897	2,685
Total Current Assets	77,967	99,572
Investments		
ATB GICs	59,159	43,661
Investments	59,159	43,661
Long Term Assets		
Capital Assets	30,587	30,587
Accumulated Depreciation	- 5,812	- 5,812
Total Long Term Assets	24,775	24,775
Total Assets	161,901	168,008
 Liabilities and Equity		
Total Short Term Liabilities		
Equity		
Retained Earnings - Beginning	168,008	166,331
Add Accumulated Net Income	- 6,107	1,677
Retained Earnings - Ending	161,901	168,008
Total Liabilities and Equity	161,901	168,008

Balzac United Church Memorial Fund Report 2022

The monies donated to the church's Memorial Fund are separated from other donations to not be included in the funding of day to day operations.

Memorial Fund Balance - December 31, 2021	10,352
Add: Donations to the Fund	1,050
Less: Uses of the Fund	1,400
Memorial Fund Balance - December 31, 2022	<u>10,002</u>

Balzac United Church Mission & Service 2022

As part of our outreach program donations for Mission and Service are collected throughout the year and through different avenues.

Regular Sunday giving	5,970
Blessing Bank	131
M&S Fair	80
Mission & Service Total	<u>6,181</u>

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	3 Yr Aver
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Proposed	Pre COVID
2023 Budget Proposal	Revenue	133,919	130,811	125,428	118,404	110,333	97,146	94,462	122,897	124,881
	Personnel	89,496	83,534	85,941	89,422	81,630	78,190	65,686	110,224	86,299
	Property	15,912	22,965	14,104	22,744	13,752	17,485	18,426	18,824	19,938
	Internal	4,500	9,912	6,598	5,119	6,211	3,384	3,206	4,250	7,210
	External	22,732	19,033	17,975	18,755	14,181	16,784	13,252	14,600	18,588
	Total Expenses	132,640	135,444	124,618	136,039	115,775	115,843	100,570	147,897	132,034
	Surplus (Loss)	1,279	4,633	810	17,635	5,442	18,697	6,107	25,000	7,153
	CEWS					26,538	20,374		-	
Net Surplus (Loss)	1,279	4,633	810	17,635	21,096	1,678	6,107	25,000	7,153	

Budget Commentary

Revenue	There is anticipation that revenues should return to pre-COVID amounts. This can be accomplished through increased congregation donations and/or new fundraising initiatives.
Ministry & Personnel	Over the past few years Balzac United Church has relied on retired ministers. We are now in the enviable position of having a full time minister who has made a commitment to our church.
Property	Property expenses remain stable, although increases in utilities and insurance are expected.
Internal	This budget remains stable with minimal increases expected.
External	This budget consists of flow through expenses (M&S givings) and the National Assessment which account for the majority of costs.