

January 22, 2023

MFUC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31Dec22

Income \$ 222,267 / Expenses \$ 231,409

General Operating Funds balance \$ 7,666

Designated Funds balance \$ 24,057

UCC M&S Fund Receipts \$ 19,642 UCC M&S Fund Budget \$ 19,000

(M&S balances include UCW contributions)

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Woodland UC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 30Nov22

Income \$ 17,950 / Expenses \$ 19,527

General Fund balance @ 30Nov \$ 23,802

UCC M&S Fund Receipts @ 30Nov22: \$ 1,445; UCC M&S Fund Budget \$ 1,833



*Winter is a reminder that everything
needs rest.*

We welcome all of you who gather to worship with us this morning, including all who are visiting with us today. We pray God's blessing upon you.

The sympathy of our congregation is extended to Betty Seminowicz & family on the passing of her mom Maatje Van'tFoort, who passed away on January 13th at the age of 101. A funeral service was held on January 17th.

Thank you to our family of volunteers who do these jobs every week.

Today's volunteers:

Ushers – Bill & Yvonne Stewart (MF)

Lay Reader – Flora Burke (MF), George Harris (W)

Elevator – Bill Kreps (MF)

Greeter – Randy & Caroline Bye (MF), Don Harris (W)

Fellowship – Janice Benson, Ron & Nancy Harper (MF)

Volunteers up next – January 29:

Ushers – Al & Donna Leach (MF)

Lay Reader – Donna Leach (MF), Bob VanderNuet (W)

Elevator –Carolyn Bye (MF)

Greeter –Diane McLellan, Sharon Wilson (MF), Bob VanderNeut (W)

Fellowship – Ann Allen, Mary Allen Dippel (MF)

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This week's Community of Faith to remember in prayer is:

**Erin United Church**

**Website: [www.erinunitedchurch.org](http://www.erinunitedchurch.org)**

As a church, we are called to pray for each other  
and for our mission in the world.  
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Coming up in Worship

January 22 – Karon Falk

January 29 – Lene MacLean

February 1 – Norm Eygenraam

February 12 – Patty Sinnamon

Announcements

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – TURKEY POT PIES!

The Mission and Services Committee are once again going to be selling individual turkey pot pies. We will be making them mid February and they will have a top pastry, \$6. each. Pre-orders are a prerequisite, please call Virginia Byers at 519 323 2225, if you would like to order. If there is no answer, please leave a message. The exact date for pickup for these unfrozen pies will be announced at a future time.



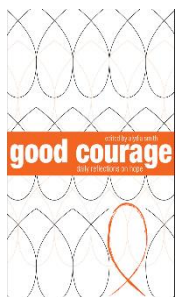
Calling all those in rural ministry! Join your colleagues on the last Monday of each month on Zoom for an energizing discussion of the joys and challenges of being in rural ministry, thoughtful consideration of current needs, and exploration of how to meet them most effectively.



EDGE's Rural Ministry Town Halls start in January 2023 and run from 3:30-4:30pm Eastern. Register once to get the Zoom link to attend each of them: January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, November 27. Rural Ministry Town Halls re free for anyone who would like to attend.

Email edge@united-church.ca for more information. The following link will take you to the registration form.

<https://catalog.churchx.ca/product?catalog=EDGE2010>



For Lent we will be doing a study group using the book Good Courage: Daily Reflections on Hope, which is an inspiring and engaging read. The cost will be approximately \$20. We will meet weekly starting Thursday, February 23 at 10 a.m. on zoom. To take part in the study and to order a book, email Janice Benson at ebenson@wightman.ca by February 1. Last year the books sold out so don't delay!



We are returning to 'normal' with some of our facility user groups and committees busy with their activities and meetings. This is a good time to remind everyone who is using the Church and/or Church House facilities for meetings, practices, and other events, when you are leaving

to, **please make sure that all lights are turned off and all doors are locked when your group leaves the building.** Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

To ensure that your calls and email inquires for our office staff are being left on the correct answering machine or sent to the correct email address, please note the contact information below:

Annette – mfunited@wightman.ca – 519-323-1910 ext. 5

Juliann – united@wightman.ca -519-323-1910 ext. 1

Death Cafes are gatherings where people join together to share in conversation about issues surrounding death, and to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives. This event is being held January 31st at 6:30 pm at Mount Forest United in the Fellowship Hall. Attendance is limited to 25 individuals. Only registered participants are able to attend. (We are not able to accept walk-ins.) This event is free. Death Cafes will be offered on a quarterly basis. All participants must pre-register at Eventbrite or by calling RoseAnne Desmarais at (226) 820-4945.

Grey – Bruce Churches Conversations is organizing a meeting with John Neff a United Church Minister who provides leadership in Congregational Support for Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council. This meeting is being held at Annesley United Church, Markdale on Saturday February, 4, 2023 at 9:30 am, with February 11th as a snow date.

The topic that will be discussed is Shared Ministry and how other churches are approaching the common problem of too few ministers. What you can do?

Email any questions you would like John to answer/discuss. This is your chance to ask about problems or successes with any model you are thinking about or find out if a bright idea you have is being tried or tested elsewhere in the region? John might have the answer!

Please email questions to parsonsmaryellen@gmail.com by February 1st. This will John a chance compile his responses. All are invited to attended this meeting.