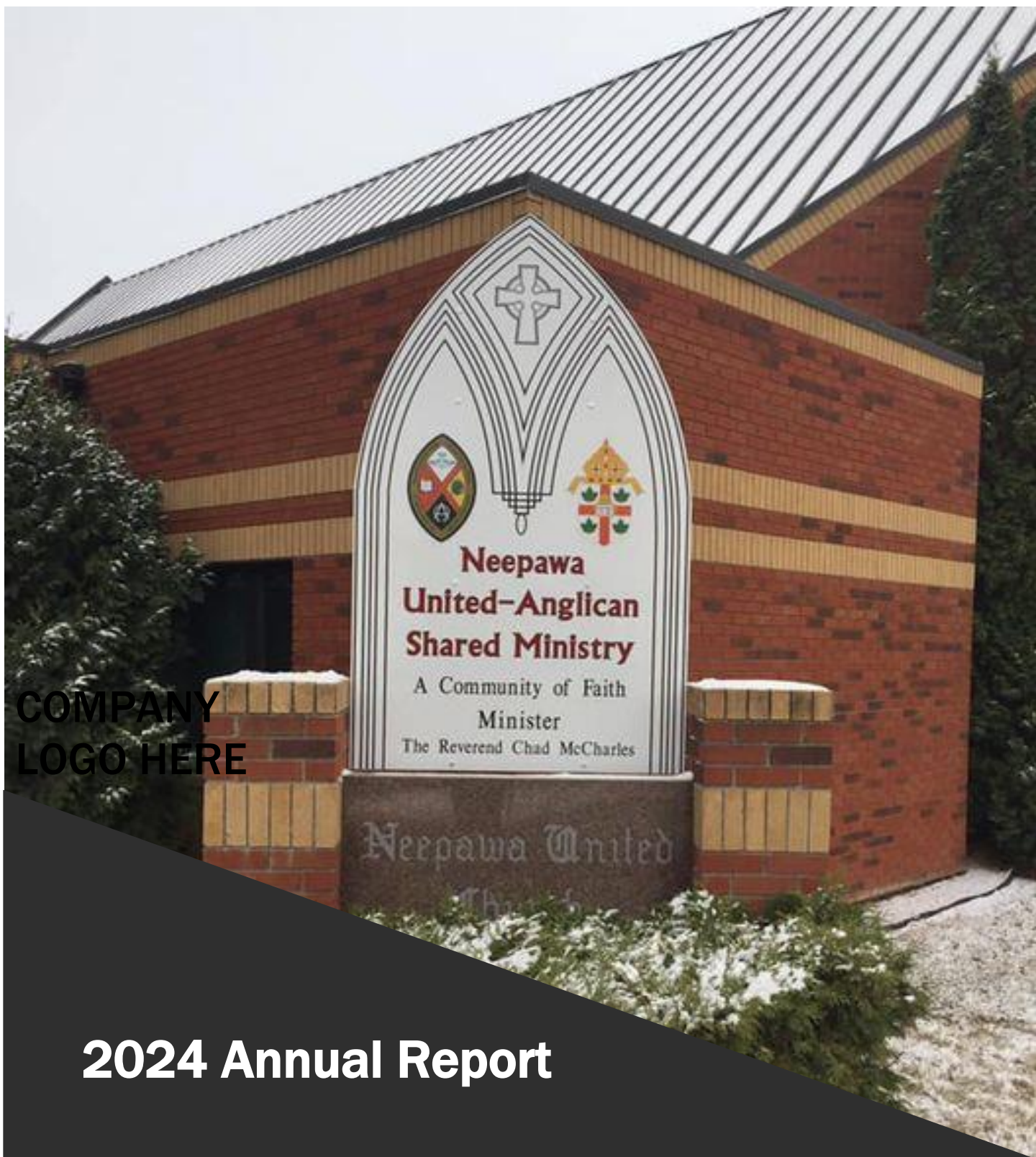




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2024 Annual Report

**Neepawa United-Anglican Shared Ministry
AGM, February 9, 2025**

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AGENDA
Neepawa United-Anglican Shared Ministry
Annual Congregational Meeting for the 2024 Year
held Sunday, February 9, 2025

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Don Walmsley, NUASM Chair

2. Opening Prayer – Rev. Chad McCharles

3. Approval of Agenda

- a) Additions/Changes to the agenda
- b) Motion to approve agenda

4. Approval of Minutes of the NUASM Annual Meeting for the 2023 Year, held February 11, 2024.

5. Reports:

- a) NUASM Chairperson – Don Walmsley
- b) Minister – Rev. Chad McCharles
- c) Treasurer – Judy Elgert and Daphne Hall
- d) Worship – Pat Fedoruk
- e) Sunday School – Nancy Hunter
- f) Choir – Brian Bailey
- g) Ministry and Personnel – Jane Goudie
- h) Mission & Service and Outreach - Susan Phillips
- i) Stewardship – Lynda Lowry
- j) Pastoral Care – Betty Ebner
- k) Regional Representatives:
 - i) Prairie to Pine Regional Council – Susan Phillips
 - ii) Brandon Diocese – Anita d'Armada
- l) Website – Murray Hart
- m) Motion to accept reports

6. New Business

- a) Approval of April 2024 Revision of the NUASM Policies and Procedures Manual
- report; motion to approve

b)

8. Nominating Committee – report and motion to accept

9. Closing Prayer – Rev. Chad McCharles

10. Adjournment

Minutes of NUASM Annual Congregational Meeting for the 2023 Year
Sunday, February 11, 2024

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Don Walmsley, NUASM Chair

- Don welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

2. Opening Prayer – Rev. Chad McCharles

3. Approval of Agenda

a) **Additions/Changes to the agenda** - none

b) Motion to Approve

Motion: Pat Fedoruk / Leila Hildebrand

That the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes of the NUASM Annual Meeting for the 2022 Year, held February 12, 2023.

Motion: Murray Hart / Connie McLeod

That the minutes of the 2022 NUASM Annual Meeting (February 12, 2023) be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

5. Reports:

The chair referred the meeting to the reports in the following areas which had been circulated in the NUASM Annual Meeting Booklet:

- a) NUASM Chairperson – Don Walmsley
- b) Minister – Rev. Chad McCharles
- c) Treasurer – Bob Durston and Daphne Hall
- d) Worship – Pat Fedoruk
- e) Sunday School – Nancy Hunter
- f) Choir – Brian Bailey
- g) Ministry and Personnel – Brian Bailey
- h) Mission & Service and Outreach - Susan Phillips
- i) Stewardship – Lynda Lowry
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- l) Website – Murray Hart

Discussion:

- the Chairman read his report which highlighted the many accomplishments of the past year, and he thanked all the members of our community of faith who have offered their energies and skills to support us in our faith journey during the past year.

- those who had authored reports were given the opportunity to add comments; and those in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions. It was as mentioned that Leona Kucher's name was inadvertently omitted as a member of the Mission & Service and Outreach Committee as listed in the Nominating Committee report.

Acceptance of Reports

Motion: Bob Durston / Donna Newton

That the annual reports be accepted as circulated, presented and discussed. **Carried.**

6. New Business

a) Approval of October 2023 Revision of the NUASM Policies and Procedures Manual

Discussion:

- the NUASM Policies and procedures Manual lays out the duties and responsibilities of NUASM board members and the committees they oversee.
- as these committees grow more mature in their functioning, our manual is periodically examined to ensure that it correctly describes the current functioning of our board and committees.
- this year some small wording changes have been suggested by the NUASM board, primarily in the Worship area, to reflect the fact that currently the scheduling of organists and Sunday volunteers like reader and candle lighter is done through the office.
- the NUASM board is advising the approval of the minor wording changes that have been suggested.

- it was mentioned that the Neepawa United Church board has recently made a change in its policies, according to which the Worship Committee of NUASM will now be responsible for making decisions "regarding baptisms, memberships and weddings". This may necessitate a slight future change in wording in the NUASM Policies and Procedures Manual to reflect the new responsibilities of the Worship Committee.
- this will be taken under advisement by the NUASM board, who will see that appropriate action is taken on this matter.

Motion: Leona Kucher / Rita Friesen

That the revised NUASM Policies and Procedures Manual dated October 2023, be approved. **Carried.**

7. Nominating Committee Report

- the Chairman expressed appreciation to folks who have either volunteered to stay on in their positions or have accepted new roles on the NUASM board and its committees. Special thanks was extended to Brian Bailey who has served for many years with diligence, caring and compassion as chair of the Ministry and Personnel Committee, and who is now retiring from that role.
- the Nominating Committee report was presented as follows:

2024 Neepawa United-Anglican Shared Ministry Board and Committees

Chairperson	Don Walmsley
Vice Chair	Leona Kucher
Secretary	Murray Hart
Treasurer	Bob Durston and Daphne Hall
Regional Representatives	Susan Phillips Donna Newton*
Synod Representatives	Anita d'Armada
Stewardship	Lynda Lowry
Pastoral Care	Betty Ebner Michelle Babcock*, Bea Betts*
Mission & Service	Susan Phillips Leona Kucher*, Donna Newton*, Elsie Slimmon*, Bea Betts*, Daphne Hall*
Ministry & Personnel	Jane Goudie Susan Phillips*, Rita Friesen*, Nancy Hunter*, Anita d'Armada* Jackie Snider*
Worship	Pat Fedoruk Lynda Lowry*, Linda Dick*, Murray Hart*, Colleen Taylor* Anita d'Armada*, Nancy Hunter*
Minister	Rev. Chad McCharles

*Non-voting members

Submitted by: Don Walmsley, Lane Englund, Lynda Lowry

Motion: Judy Elgert / Colleen Taylor

That the Nominating Committee report for the 2024 NUASM Board and Committees be accepted; and further that the NUASM Board be given authority to fill any vacant positions on the board.

Carried.

8. Closing Prayer – Rev. Chad McCharles

9. Adjournment

- by the Chair at 12:16 pm

Neepawa United-Anglican Shared Ministry
Chairperson's Report
AGM 2024

I find myself reiterating, yet again, that it is hard to believe that the past year has gone by at an expeditious rate. It also represents the last year of my tenure as the NUASM chair. It has been another major year of growth for our church.

The 2024 session has been an active one and as so often is the case, much can happen within a church year and the 2024 session has been an active one. We have seen a new Bishop appointed in November 2023 and have appreciated and valued her presence throughout the year. We have seen our congregation numbers continue to grow. We have seen a return to many of our in-person events. We have seen collaboration between groups in our church with groups of other denominations.

But I think what has impressed me the most is witnessing a change in the overall mood of our church, and I am not alone in this sentiment. Others have also noticed a change. It manifests itself in simple ways but is evident in what I can only describe as a lightening of mood, more laughter, more general conversation and a sense of renewed hope for the future. In my report last year, I expressed the perception of a feeling of trepidation and fear in many folks as they tried to re-engage to pre-covid levels. I do not have that feeling now. I see this change as a direct result of expressions and practices of faith. I perceive that in many ways, we have become more energized and engaged this past year, and many exciting things have been happening.

All of our committees, boards and related support groups as well as various individuals have been outstanding in their commitment, energy and outpouring of Christian values in their work this past year. To all those who participated in the various committees and operational bodies, we all thank you for your dedication and hard work in making NUASM a vibrant and relevant spiritual community. To all those who volunteer as home visitors, who help out with scheduled events, who participate in the regular Sunday services, funerals and weddings, and those who come to services and sit in the pews, please know that you are greatly appreciated. To those who serve on the NUC board and the Anglican Vestry, thank you for your leadership and commitment to seeing this NUASM adventure grow strong.

To Dawn and Doug who keep the communication flowing, manage Rev Chad (LOL) and keep our church in shape, all of us value your work and your cheerful diligence to your tasks. To Brian who faithfully guides our choir and musical agenda weekly, and the members of the choir, we are so fortunate to have such a wonderful support to our services. To Judy, Tracy and Dwayne who faithfully make sure our services are visible to all, who do extra work when asked for weddings and funerals, thank you so much.

We have been blessed by the spiritual leadership we have had from Reverend Chad, Rita, John Lea – Pastoral Charge Supervisor and the right Reverend Bishop Rachael Parker – Bishop of Brandon for their guidance, support and for always being there for us when we have need.

I wish to end my final report with these words. NUASM began as a journey of hope and faith that by joining together two church communities we could continue to enjoy a place of worship and fellowship that crossed ecumenical structures. As we enter into another successful year, we do so having built a strong faith foundation over these past few years. We have shown to others that by working together as Christians you can achieve wonderful things. My heartfelt best wishes and blessings on the NUASM family for the upcoming year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to contribute in some small way.

Don Walmsley
NUASM Chair (outgoing)

Incumbent's Report to the Annual General Meetings Neepawa United-Anglican Shared Ministry The Year of Our Lord 2025



Dear Friends in Christ,

When a Christian goes on pilgrimage, they set out with the intention of making a special journey to a sacred place to encounter the holy. Pilgrims walk in the way of the generations of faithful who have gone before them. Praying in the places worn by the countless feet, knees and hands, where prayers have been poured out to God in desperation, thanksgiving, joy, sorrow, and every other human need and emotion that compels those seeking the divine to go to such distances, lengths, heights, and depths.

My wife and I were immeasurably blessed to make pilgrimage to the holy isle of Iona in Scotland this past summer, a deeply spiritual place that has been a Christian pilgrimage site for more than a millennium and a half! Making this journey brought us in direct contact with a depth of Christian spirituality which we are still discerning through. The sheer magnitude of faith that inspired countless Christians to make such a treacherous journey to a wee isle in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, off the rugged and unforgiving West coast of Scotland, jarred my faith in a seismic way. To say I was inspired and renewed in faith would be an understatement. To say that I came away from that holy ground changed would also be an understatement.

One of those inspired changes within me is a deep desire to repent for my apathy and ungratefulness where my faith is concerned. We have been given so much, especially as North Americans, and I will freely admit that I lose sight of this too often. Those gifts, graces, and mercies are amplified for us as Christians because of the immeasurable gift of eternal life that we have been given by God through Christ, which leaves no room for anything but an outpouring of gratitude.

It strikes me that the NUASM family has been on a sort of pilgrimage these past five years, making a journey into the unknown in faith, seeking a deeper understanding of who we are as Christians, and better ways of leaning into our faith life. Although we continue to walk in the footsteps of the many who have gone before us, we chose very deliberately to make our own path too. Along the way we have experienced times of renewal and growth, but also times of sorrow and bereavement over what no longer is. Along the way we have been shifted in seismic ways, inspired to ponder, discern, and explore new paths, while simultaneously realizing what is vitally important and non-negotiable where our worship life and faith is concerned.

We as Christians who find our spiritual home at NUASM have been changed, and I pray that we do not underestimate the magnitude of what God has done and is doing on the sacred ground that is our Church. I pray that we will be renewed in thanksgiving and inspired fervor as a community of faith and how we engage with the Gospel and those who need to hear it most. As walk upon the pilgrimage paths worn by those who have gone before us as parishioners of Neepawa United and St. James' Anglican, may we continue to build something worthy of God who calls us and sanctifies us for His mission and ministry, leaving a faith worthy of making pilgrimage to in the future.

Yours in Christ,

Chad +

The Reverend Chad D. McCharles OSBCn
Incumbent



Neepawa United Anglican Shared Ministry 2024 Financial Report

The Neepawa United Anglican Shared Ministry (NUASM) budget is reported as a line in the Neepawa United Church financial expenses as the Neepawa United Church pays all expenses for the annual budget approved at the Neepawa United Church Annual Meeting. The budget covers expenses of Sunday School, Worship and Mission & Service Committees. The budget for 2024 was \$1500.00.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
NUASM				
	2024-01-09	Books	50.86	50.86
		United Church communion		
	2024-02-25	supplies	8.30	59.16
		United Church Communion		
	2024-04-19	supplies	46.70	105.86
	2024-04-19	Stamps	27.60	133.46
	2024-06-17	Appreciation gifts	75.00	208.46
	2024-06-30	Oil refills for the candles	162.40	370.86
	2024-09-15	Sunday School Supplies	201.91	572.77
		United Church communion		
	2024-10-15	supplies	8.40	581.17
		United Church communion		
	2024-12-12	supplies & Choir caroling	10.07	591.24
TOTAL			<u>591.24</u>	<u>591.24</u>

2025 Draft Budget NUASM expense line is \$1,500.00

Treasurer, Neepawa United Church
Judy Elgert

NUASM Worship Committee Annual Report 2024

The Worship Committee met eight times in 2024 to assist Rev. Chad in planning worship services and events. We changed sanctuary and narthex décor according to the seasonal liturgical colours. The Altar Guild continued to adorn the altar with fresh flowers.

There were no membership, baptism or marriage requests within the United Church in 2024. (Murray Hart has prepared a separate report about UC membership). There was a change to be noted concerning the procedure which the requests were handled. Previously, these requests were recommended to the NUASM Board and then the NUC board for final approval. In March, a motion was passed by NUC Board to allow the Worship Committee to evaluate these requests (within the United Church). The results would then be provided as information to the NUC and NUASM Boards. The Anglican priest is responsible for handling baptism, marriage and membership requests within the Anglican church members. There were no Anglican faith baptisms in 2024. Bishop Rachael welcomed one new member.

In January we agreed that a Indigenous territorial land acknowledgment was important. It became part of the overhead announcements each Sunday and would be read periodically from the pulpit.

During Lent, Rev. Chad led bible study and a Maundy Thursday service. We were invited to share in the community Good Friday service at Knox Presbyterian church.

United church communion was held four times in 2024 - Lent, Palm Sunday, World Communion and Advent.

With the Sunday school help, Mother's Day /Family Sunday was acknowledged with hand crafted posies. For Father's Day, home baked cookies were served during coffee time. To note at this time, the coffee fellowship prior to Sunday service has been a wonderful time to meet and greet those in our church family.

We welcomed Bishop Rachael for Pentecost Sunday on May 19 and again for our fourth anniversary of covenanting service on October 20. We were blessed with her encouraging and supportive messages.

In June, we upheld our tradition of congratulating high school graduates associated with our faith family. They received beautiful cards created by our talented Dawn Gardy. We thank you, Dawn, for all that you do behind the scenes to help with Sunday school, Sunday services, organist rotation, readers and candlelighters rotation.

We are blessed to not only have received a beautiful baby grand piano but also to have talented musicians to play it and bring the hymns to life! That wonderful offering is enhanced by the many lovely voices from our choir. Thanks to Brian Bailey for directing (and growing) the choir to enrich Sunday services. Thanks to each of you for your dedication, time and talent.

Sunday school was capably led by our dedicated teachers Nancy Hunter and Allison Bailey. We also appreciated the ladies who helped with lessons, when needed. The children continued to have lessons based on the same teachings that the adults heard from scripture each Sunday. At the close of Sunday school for the summer break we presented appreciation gifts to Nancy, Allison and Judy Elgert. Sadly, we bid farewell to the Bailey Reid family who will be out of the country for a term.

Additionally, Nancy has decided to step back from leading Sunday school in 2025. Plans have been made to provide activity bags for the children to use when they come to church. Some opportunities for the older youth to assist with tasks during the services are under consideration.

During Advent, Rev. Chad led a bible study and Rita Friesen led a Blue Christmas service. Families participated with liturgies for the Advent candle lighting. An added blessing was for our church to host the Lessons and Carols evening for the community. What wonderful music was shared with a full sanctuary! The sanctuary was filled again on Christmas eve with faith family, their families and community members worshipping our Lord.

This brings to mind our technical/production team of Judy Elgert, Tracey Richardson and Dwayne Petch who make each of our regular Sunday services and events special – delivering the services in house and into communities far and wide. Thank you! (Judy actually took a vacation this year and with Tracey, Dwayne and Rev. Chad's help the Sunday services went on with hymn books in hand).

Doug Guy, we thank you for keeping our worship area clean and welcoming (and for all those extra things you do).

To all of the volunteers: readers, candle lighters, offering presenters, greeters, communion servers and coffee fellowship supporters, thank you for making our worship together a meaningful and important day of the week – and beyond.

I speak on behalf of the Worship Committee to say that we are happy to work with and assist Rev. Chad on our spiritual journey as a shared ministry. As we approach the fifth year anniversary of our United and Anglican union, may we continue to grow, be unified and grateful for the opportunity to worship together.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Fedoruk

Worship Committee Members: Lynda Lowry, Anita d'Armada, Murray Hart, Nancy Hunter, Colleen Taylor, Linda Dick, Pat Fedoruk and Rev. Chad

Sunday School Report 2024

Greetings from Alison and Nancy and all the children and parents who came to Sunday School. From January to May, we enjoyed weekly Sunday School classes following the Sermons4 kids curriculum. We had an average of 3 children in attendance.

Each year we've planned to have a gift to the congregation that we worked on in Sunday class as well as in "work/play" parties.

Previous gifts to the congregation included the longest prayer chain imaginable that has a prayer and first name of each NUASM member literally joined together!.

We've brought this forward each year to celebrate.

In 2023 we created our FAITH banner that has a beautiful butterfly, chrysalis and caterpillar. Sharing this with the congregation was such a wonderful feeling. Now when the banner is hung in church, the children continue to feel the blessing and sense of belonging in the larger faith family.

This year we made 60,three paper rose posies for all the women of the church. Special thanks to the Montemayor girls who made each and every flower, to friends who helped make the bundles and to the children who painted them and added the sparkles in our classes.

In August 2024, Alison and Pete with Norah Grace and Marsden began a big adventure travelling to Jordan to work as teachers and to travel. From September to December ,we continued to offer Sunday School classes with 1 teacher and 2 volunteers.

As always when children were present, it was a time of games, crafts and snacks all entered on the gospel. However, we've experienced fewer children in regular attendance and the realities of fewer available teachers.

Going into 2025, worship committee has worked hard to reimagine how to ensure children are supported in their faith journey. We're beginning a robust "in the pew" bag of fun, Faith filled activities that kids can do in upstairs church.

Along with Chad's chinwag , the activity bag and children being included in the service ,we are working toward that goal.

Special thanks to the children and parents as well as the willing volunteers who have made being a Sunday School teacher the cornerstone of my faith.

blessings,
Nancy Hunter

Choir Report for 2024 AGM

We are one of the few smaller towns that can boast a vibrant choir.

Our current membership includes Leland Cargo, Murray Hart, Tara Ross, Donna Newton, Sheila Bremner, Myra Bennet, Leona Kucher, Yvonne Ferguson, Colleen Taylor, Susan Phillips, Layne England, Sherry James, Marg Wopnford, Connie-Lou Preisentanz and Elsie Slimmon. New members are always welcome too.

We are also very fortunate to have four keyboard musicians to lead us each week. They include Myra Bennet, Blair Chapman, Belinda Critchlow and Marj Goodwin.

We try to prepare a choral offering every Sunday. As well as a weekly anthem we suggest a hymn of the month each month in hopes of bringing a new hymn to the congregation.

This year we welcomed Tara Ross into our midst and we allowed Ann Neilsen to "graduate".

Our choir recently took on a new look with the deep purple collar stoles.

This project was engineered by Susan Phillips and Tara Ross and has received a very positive response.

We are grateful to Rev. Chad, Rita Friesen, Judy Elgert and Dawn Gardy for their teamwork with us each week.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Bailey, Choir Leader

Ministry and Personnel Committee Report – 2024

The NUASM Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee has a maximum of six members which includes three representatives from both denominations and include members named by staff to represent their concerns.

Meetings may be called at any time to address personnel issues that may arise.

The M & P Committee is to provide a consultative and supportive agency for the staff of the church and for Members, Adherents and Friends in the community of faith to the NUASM Board. Some situations are not resolved by M & P but by the judicatory systems of the two churches.

Over the past year the Ministry and Personnel Committee has dealt with several items.

- Allocation of holiday time for Reverend Chad McCharles and Office Manager Dawn Gardy.
- Discussions concerning employee benefits.
- Opening times over Christmas and New Year holidays.

Our deliberations are often personal and therefore confidential. We also make recommendations to the Neepawa United Church Board.

The Committee membership includes, Susan Phillips, Nancy Hunter, Anita Ong, Jackie Snider and Jane Goudie.

Submitted by Jane Goudie

Mission, Service and Outreach

It was another busy year for Mission, Service and Outreach!

- We started our year by disassembling the outdoor nativity scene. Murray Newton does the heavy lifting on this—he gathers everything up and takes it away to store safely till November! Makes our job so much easier! And we put away the mitten tree and delivered the last items to Salvation Army.
- In February we prepared the Lenten Calendar and spent a day sewing baby quilts for baptisms!
- In April we hosted a games night and played Earth Day Bingo to focus on climate issues. The bingo prize was a very healthy tomato plant that Dawn started in the office window!
- In May we organized two Spring Teas with the help of The Hymns—one at Yellowhead Manor and one at Kinsmen Kourts. Thank you to everyone who comes out to these teas. It's a wonderful way to visit with folks we might not see otherwise, and we know the residents really enjoy these mornings!
- Because we had so much fun at the Games Night in the spring, we had another one in September! If you haven't been to one of these, you really should give it a try. It's good fun and all the junk food and treats you can handle!
- We arranged for Ray Baloun from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to come and speak at a Sunday Service in October.
- We organized an evening with the women of Prairie Alliance Church, starting work on blue jean quilts for the Bear Clan in Brandon. We'll be meeting a couple more times in 2025 to complete this project.
- We arranged a Fall Tea at Elks Manor. And The Hymns were able to join us again. It would not be the same without them!
- In time for Advent we had Murray Newton bring the outdoor nativity out of storage and back to the stable. We really want to thank Murray, and Grant Babcock who helped us with lighting this year!
- Early in December we hosted an appreciation lunch for the Palliative Care Team—with lots of help from Chad and members of the congregation and Blair Chapman who provided wonderful background music. And December 15th was White Gift Sunday -- we brought new, unwrapped toys to church and they were then delivered to Salvation Army for children in our community.
- We occasionally provided cookies for coffee time before Sunday service and encouraged folks to make donations to our "Cookies for Breakfast" program. We delivered a cheque for \$277.40 to the middle school for their breakfast/snack program. Speaking of cookies...Nancy Hunter did her "Cookies for Change" program again with all the proceeds being sent to Doctors without Borders. Nancy managed the timing of the donation (an amazing \$3417.00) during a matching funds initiative so that the contribution from this community of faith was actually doubled--\$6834.00! And all we had to do was eat cookies! Good work Nancy!

We are a busy committee! We really appreciate the help and support of the entire community of faith throughout the year! Together, we really are making a difference!

--Bea Betts, Leona Kucher, Daphne Hall, Elsie Slimmon, Donna Newton and Susan Phillips

Stewardship Report 2024-25

The role of the Stewardship Chairperson is to find opportunities for our church family to share our time, talent and resources with others in the community and our church. Stewardship activities occur all throughout the church year and once initiated, continue year to year.

Stewardship Seconds are short, inspiring messages that you may see on the Friday email, or on the power point presentation prior to worship or on our website. These words help to nurture generous sharing of gifts as disciples of Jesus would do.

Mention of PAR as a way to regularly support our church continues to be done at each Sunday service during the offertory prayer. We have seen a slight increase in the number of donors who choose to support our church family this way and we have seen some givers increase their monthly donation.

The Fall Stewardship Campaign was successful, bringing in a significant amount to help toward balancing our finances. A reminder to support end-of-year donations was included in the Friday emails, power point presentation and on the website. The narrative budget outlined in the fall letter showed that 24% of our budget goes toward supporting Worship, 26% is for Pastoral Care, 10% for Christian Development, 17% for Outreach, and Mission and Service support is 18% of our expenses. Three brunches were held during the year to encourage fellowship and sharing of time together. The menus varied in June, September and December and \$3,000 was raised. These events touch all our congregation through helping, organizing, bringing groceries and enjoying the meals. Stewardship is all about sharing our gifts with others. Our church family is very good at Stewardship.

Lynda Lowry
Stewardship Chairperson

Pastoral Care Committee Annual Report... 2024

Cards sent in 2024...

- Sympathy...33
- Get Well/Thinking of You...28
- One Year Anniversary of Death...37
- Celebration...47

•Visits...11

Submitted by,
Bea Betts
Betty Ebner
Michelle Babcock

Prairie to Pine Regional Reps

This year the Region's Annual Meeting was virtual, by Zoom. Donna Newton, Susan Phillips and Rev Chad each participated in at least part of the meeting which was spread over two evenings in October.

All the usual things were covered but in a very condensed version. It is wonderful to meet this way, and really saves a lot of money, but it's certainly not the same as meeting in person. We don't get to know other attendees the same way and we miss the singing and worship that happens at "in person" meetings. We also miss the youth component—they bring so much energy to our meetings. A virtual meeting really can't capture that.

We also worked through the Regional Council to facilitate a donation to the Jasper Wildfire Relief program. Both the United Church and the Anglican Church buildings in Jasper were destroyed in the fire. Neepawa United Church Board donated \$500.00 to this cause.

If you have any questions about the work of the regional council, or our role as representatives, or would like to be added to the email list for weekly newsletters from Prairie to Pine Region, please let us know, or speak to Dawn at the office. Donna and I are stepping down as regional reps as of the annual meeting but want to sincerely thank you for your support over the years. We valued the experience of representing this community of faith at annual meetings and workshops over the last number of years. It has always been inspiring to witness the dedication and faith and passion that continues to drive the Prairie to Pine Region, and indeed the United Church of Canada!

Respectfully submitted
Donna Newton and Susan Phillips

NUASM Website Report 2024

Have you gone online to check out the NUASM website? Our internet address is www.nuasm.com and the aim of the website is to provide you with information relating to all areas of our organization. Here is a more specific list of what you can find on our website:

- church address and contact information, worship times and mission statement
- who our staff members are
- links to our social media sites on YouTube and Facebook where you can keep in touch with the latest news, and view Sunday services, funerals and special events.
- minutes of our three administrative boards
- information describing the activities of such groups as the: UCW, choir, Sunday School, and Mission & Service and Outreach committee
- an Events and a Calendar page which gives dates, times and information about meetings and special events
- information about rental fees/costs if you wish to use our facilities for special events, including funerals, weddings, meetings, etc.
- a page of links to church organizations, Sunday School resources, and websites for personal study and reflection.
- plus lots more!

In 2024 the NUASM website had 3283 visits (9/day) with a total of 7132 pages viewed, meaning each visitor on the average looked at 2.2 pages during each visit.

We hope to have you visit our website in 2025 ... we're waiting for you at www.nuasm.com !

- Murray Hart

Nominating Committee Report
2025 Neepawa United-Anglican Shared Ministry Board

		Term ends
Chairperson	Leona Kucher	Dec. 2026
Vice Chair	Vacant/pending	Dec. 2026
Secretary	Murray Hart	Dec. 2025
Treasurers	Judy Elgert & Daphne Hall	
Regional Representative	Vacant/pending	Dec. 2025
Synod Representative	Anita d'Armada	Dec. 2025
Stewardship	Lynda Lowry	Dec. 2025
Pastoral Care	Betty Ebner (Chair)	Dec. 2025
	Michelle Babcock*	
	Bea Betts*	
	Ellie Taylor*	
Mission & Service & Outreach	Susan Phillips (Chair)	Dec. 2026
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	Elsie Slimmon*	
	Bea Betts*	
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	Nancy Hunter*	
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	Anita d'Armada*	
	Jackie Snider*	
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