

Gratitude Report 2025



WALL STREET
UNITED CHURCH
God Loves ALL. So do we.

Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025

Message from Pastor Catherine Cavanagh

As we reflect on 2025 at Wall Street United Church, there is much for which to give thanks. This past year has been marked by compassionate action, deep spiritual connection, and continued growth within our community of faith.

We give heartfelt thanks for those whose leadership and service take care of the administrative needs of this congregation: our Board and its leaders, our Trustees, our Ministry and Personnel Committee, our music ministers, and our staff, as well as many other people. Many volunteers work quietly behind the scenes, sharing their time and gifts to make this community vibrant and welcoming.

We are grateful for the ministerial leadership that guided us through the year. Reverend Dr. Kimberly Heath began the year as our Minister, and we celebrate with joy her election as Moderator in August. While she is currently on leave from the congregation, we give thanks for the gifts she shared with us and for the wider ministry she now offers the church.

Even with reduced clergy leadership this year, Wall Street has continued to flourish thanks to the dedication of many people. We give thanks for our Voluntary Associate Ministers, Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, Parish Nurse, Care & Connect Team, Music Ministers, Readers, Hospitality Teams, Worship Committee and Lay Ministry teams who help shape our worship and community life.

The ongoing life of our Bible Study and Meditation Groups continue to enrich us spiritually. Our ministries also continue to reach far beyond our walls. Our food, clothing, and outreach programs remain vital as many in our wider community struggle with access to the necessities of life. We also celebrate newer initiatives such as the Wall Street Social Justice Group and Thursday Night Board Games and Banter.

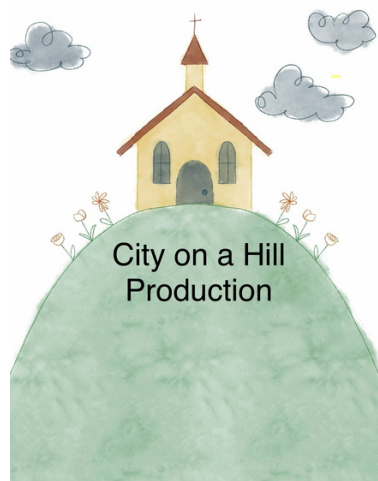
On a personal note, I was delighted to join the congregation as half-time Student Minister on June 1. Since then I have been so grateful for the warm welcome and generous support I have received from you. It has been a joy to journey with you in ministry over these past months. Your kindness, generosity, faith, and tireless work bear witness to God's love for the world.

Message from Board Chair - Laura Webb

Welcome to the Second Annual Gratitude Report!

At a time when so much around us feels out of our control, there are a couple of ways to stay hope-filled. First, to acknowledge the good things God is doing in and through the Wall Street community, and second, to keep doing good! Galatians 6:9 reminds us, "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." The past year asked much of us as a community, particularly with Pastor Kim moving on after 18 years of service at Wall Street.

However, as you will see in the numbers, photos, and reports included in this Gratitude Report, there are wonderful things happening as a result of a community deeply committed to reflecting the light of Jesus to those around us. I love the illustration Connor Houle created and that Anne Van Wyck has included in the storytelling videos.



Although we are now in a season of transition that requires clarity, patience, and renewed commitment to collaborative leadership, I am reminded that no one person carries the church – we do this together. I am deeply grateful for our pastoral teams, our music team, our children's ministry, our administration and facilities crew, and each of you who serve so faithfully in so many ways. I am also grateful for the ways 2025 called us

to look honestly at our finances and sustainability. While deficits remain a reality, this year brought important steps forward – audited financial statements, clearer reporting, and the creation of a Financial Growth Team, to focus on fundraising, grants, legacy giving, and capital planning together. This work is not about ambition but about responsibility and long-term health.

I am thankful for the accessibility audit that will help guide future projects, and for the stage and AV improvements that expand how our sanctuary can be used. The gift of lighting the steeple in memory of George and Bev Warren stands as a visible sign of our light on the hill and of generosity and remembrance, illuminating both our past and our present.

In spite of changes and an unsettling world, the ministry at Wall Street did not stop. Food was served. Clothes were distributed. Community groups gathered. Music filled the sanctuary. Recovery groups met faithfully. Fundraisers were had. Volunteers showed up again and again. In the midst of transition, Wall Street continues to be a place of welcome, dignity, and connection.

As we move into a new year, there are still questions to answer and work to do. Governance review continues. Leadership discernment lies ahead. Capital needs remain real. And yet there is also confidence – confidence born not of certainty, but of community.

Even as the world feels unsettling, may we remain focused on remembering the good God is doing in and through Wall Street, and continue being a community on the hill reflecting the love of Jesus to those around us. Thank you for your patience this year. Thank you for your trust. Thank you for staying engaged, asking thoughtful questions, and caring deeply about this church and its future. It is an honour to serve alongside you.

2025 Financial Statement

Revenue

Gifts and donations	\$333,859
Rentals	\$81,486
Fundraising	\$12,735
Yuletide Fair	\$31,201
Other Revenue	\$806
Interest Earned from Investments	\$7,669
Total Operating Fund Revenue	\$467,755

Local Operating Fund Expenses

Ministry and Personnel	\$284,317
Property	\$82,854
Communications	\$5,801
Insurance	\$18,100
Worship	\$3,978
Celebrate Life/Evening Worship	\$1,036
Christian Nurture & Dev.	\$1,397
Outreach Projects	\$140
UCW	\$2,000
Administration	\$24,776
Stage Expenses	\$26,328
Regional U.C. Assessment/Meetings	\$22,942
Parish Nurse	\$806

Total Operational Expenses **\$474,478**

Gain/(Loss) on Operations **\$(6,723)**

Transfer from Trustees (stage deficit) \$3,356

Transfer - MacKenzie bequest \$2,500

2024 Net (Loss) on Operations **\$(867)**

Program Highlights by the Numbers

5,364 Breakfasts served on
Friday Mornings

25 +
Thousand Number of hours by
volunteers at our
church

\$28,360 Yuletide Fare
net profit

\$31,334 Sent to United
Church Mission &
Service

\$81,865 Property
Committee
expenditure

1,826
Hours Space and rooms
booked for Wall Street
meetings and activities

3,055
Hours Room and space
bookings by our
rental partners

2,536 Meals served at
Sunday Suppers

13 People became
members at Wall
Street

14% Of Yuletide Fare
net profit was from
lunches

104
Dozen Muffins/cookies were
baked and donated to
Friday breakfast

140 Average online
Sunday service
viewers - live and later

481 Subscribers to Wall
Street's YouTube
Channel on Dec 31st

260 Knitted and crocheted
items made for the
December giveaway

2025 Highlights

Christian Meditation

The Christian Meditation Group on Tuesdays led by Rev. Wendy MacLean, continued to grow in numbers from Wall Street and our community. The Advent Meditation Retreat in November provided a wonderful opportunity to focus on the Advent journey.

Spiritual Growth

Discussion and study groups in 2025 included the Lent Book Study; *How we Learn To be Brave*, with the then Pastor Kim Heath, and 'A New Creed', book Study and 'Discussions on United Church Theology' both with Rev. Donald Wachenschwanz.

Singing The Century

On June 15th the UCW led a special Centennial Service at Wall Street, followed by a live broadcast of the Centennial Celebration service in Ottawa organised by the Regional Council. Brockville and area United Churches held a special service on Courthouse Green on June 18th celebrating 10 decades of United Church music.

New Accessibility Team

The communications committee helped to set up the new Accessibility team with a kick off meeting on June 12 and a mandate to review the sensory and built environment at Wall Street. An Accessibility review was completed of the entire church property and building at a cost of \$3500.

Board Games & Banter

'Board Games and Banter' an inclusive, informal weekly gathering, focused on connections, laughter and fun on Thursday evenings started on November 6th. We are grateful to Zia Hardock and Laura Freehan for their vision and commitment.



2025 Highlights

Story Telling Sunday

Recorded and produced by Anne Van-Wyck and John Melville, the short videos, shown on Sunday mornings, featured members of the congregation talking about different activities and events at the church and their own 'Wall Street Story'. The first two videos - with Joan Johnson (Food Ministry), and Sharon McIntosh (Yuletide Fare), were shown in November and December.

Social Justice Advocacy Group

The Social Justice Advocacy Group started in September, led by Pastor Catherine Cavanagh, to look at and respond different issues including local resources for those in need in our community, global human rights (Amnesty International) and climate action.

Pickleball

Led by Peter Geertsema, the Pickleball gang (from Wall Street and the wider community), is now meeting three times a week during the afternoon/evening. They have lots of fun learning and playing.



Volunteer Job Fair

The first Volunteer "Gifts and Talents" Job Fair led by Anne Van Wyck and the the communications committee was on Sunday October 5th in the gym during coffee time. They are a wonderful opportunity to talk with members of our teams and committees about what they do, and to find out how to get involved.

Winter Warmth Program

Led by Carolyn Matheson and her team of volunteers, the team gave out donated clothing and personal care items at 13 Friday Breakfasts and four Sunday Suppers. The program runs from November to March. Each week volunteers gave an average of an additional five hours of their time to sort and display items.



Highlights and Reports

Chair of the Board of Trustees - Jim Hanes

The Board of Trustees oversees the investments and accounting of surpluses from previous years, donations and bequests left to the church.

We perform our investment function through a contract with Royal Bank (RBC) investment services.

As of December 31, 2025 the market value of our RBC investment portfolio was \$1,224,361. During the year there were no withdrawals and we received bequests totaling \$40,733.96. Our portfolio had a gain of \$102,834.23 (9.6%). The investment account earned \$37,703.19 in interest and dividends and we paid \$9,850.21 (plus HST) in management fees. In addition to our RBC investment account we have an additional \$263,614.71 in GIC's at RBC (outside the managed account).

There are different categories of the invested funds, for example Trustees, Building, Memorial, UCW, Outreach, etc.

The Chair of the Board of Trustees signs all contracts entered into by the church and ensures that contracts are properly approved. Also, the Board of Trustees makes sure that the church is properly insured. Our premium for 2025 is \$18,099.00 (unchanged from 2025).

Worship Committee - Lynda Blanchard

- This was a very active year in our congregation. We had a 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. We watched our Dr. Rev. Kimberly Heath become the moderator of the UCC.
- We are at present taken care of by four Volunteer Associate Ministers and three Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. This is going well.
- It was decided to increase our celebration of Holy Communion to six times per year from the minimum of four times.
- One person stepped down from Worship Committee and two people joined us. New members are always welcome.

Property Committee Report - Steve Lauridsen

Your Property Committee completed another active year of working to keep ahead of needed repairs and responding to issues.

Some of the routine tasks overseen by Property include:

- Annual maintenance on the boilers
- Licensing of boilers and the elevator
- Annual inspections and testing of fire detectors, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, fire hose stations and emergency lights

Summary of the more significant maintenance and improvement activities in 2024:

- The kitchen floor drain, a perennial problem, was cured by internal high-pressure cleaning.
- The four ceiling fans were replaced in the gymnasium due to end of service life.
- The fire exit door adjacent to the main door to Wall Street was replaced, the old was seized and inoperable.

Property Committee expenditures in 2025 were \$81,865.46 versus a budget of \$81,850 this reflects unexpected repair expenses for the heating system in early 2025 and more energy consumption in 2025.

Rental Partners and Community Groups at Wall Street in 2025

- 50 Plus Activity Group Brockville
- Canadian Tai Chi Association
- Shout Sisters Choir (Brockville)
- Brockville Concert Association
- Tripoly & The Grenville Troubadours
- Eastern Ontario Postcard Club
- Provincial Liberal Association
- Metis Nation of Ontario
- Brockville Operatic Society
- CNIB VIP Social Club
- Special Olympics Brockville
- ACCT Cooking Group - Brockville General Hospital
- Elections Canada
- Leeds & Grenville Social Services - Veterinarian Clinic
- Cross Town Impact Youth Program
- Brockville General Hospital Assault Response & Care Centre, Montreal Massacre Memorial Service
- Recovery Groups Meetings: Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous
- Our Kenyan Kids
- Lenova Consultants Training Event
- Kuluta Buddhist Meditation Centre

Ministry and Personnel Committee - Mary Begg

Committee Members: Mary Begg; Chair, Shirley Avery, Paul Bullock, Lisa Leroux, Lynne Galvin. The Ministry and Personnel Committee oversee the work and inter-relationship of Clergy, Director of Music, Office Manager, Custodians, Bookkeeper and AV Personnel.

- The Church Board recently approved the budget for 2026. There was a 2.6% increase in salaries and wages.
- Dr. Catherine Cavanagh was hired as a student minister for 20 hours per week in June. She was able to work with Pastor Kim for a short period of time.
- Rick Thompson retired as the fulltime custodian. Rick was with us for 8 years, first as part time/weekend custodian then full time custodian. Richard Hennessey has been hired as his replacement.
- Pastor Kim was nominated for the position of Moderator of the United Church of Canada. She was elected to this position in August and immediately left her position at Wall Street United Church. We are fortunate to have several retired Ministers (Volunteer Associate Ministers) who have been filling in each Sunday. We also have three Licensed Lay Worship Leaders who are assisting with coverage. This will continue until we have another Minister in place.
- Joanne Pearce our long-time bookkeeper is in the process of retiring from the position. Patricia Mills was hired to replace her. A training period is currently in place. Joanne will finish when the year-end financial activities are completed.

Knit & Chat - Janice Penney

We have 14 members who meet every Thursday morning. Amidst much chat and laughter, last year, we made many items for family and friends, supported the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and the items giveaway at the December supper. We made many lap afghans for the Palliative Care Unit at Brockville General Hospital and other items for the Salvation Army and the John Howard Society. New members are always welcome. No experience or tools required. Short story: "One gentleman told me that he was sleeping rough. But now he does not have to sit on bare ground." He said this as he hugged his afghan blanket.



Director of Music - Samia Odeh

This past year has been a meaningful one for the music ministry at Wall Street United Church.

We have welcomed new voices into our musical community - youth, adults, and seniors - and it has been encouraging to see continued participation in worship through music.



The United Church also released a new music resource this year titled Then Let Us Sing. We have introduced several songs from this collection into our services. One that has been especially meaningful is the Palestinian Christian song “Ya Rabba Salami,” meaning God of peace and justice. We have also sung “Let Justice Flow Like a River.” These songs reflect the connection between music, faith, and the call to justice that is central to the ministry of the United Church and our community at Wall Street.

The new stage has been a wonderful addition to our worship space. It has made a real difference for our musicians and helped create a more welcoming space for music in our services. We are deeply grateful to Peter and Paul, as well as everyone who helped make the stage project and fundraiser possible.

I am very grateful for our incredibly talented and dedicated band, many of whom have shared their gifts with our congregation for many years. Their musicianship and commitment are an important part of the spirit of our worship each week. I am also thankful for Eric, who serves on organ and covers piano, bass, and drums, supporting the music ministry alongside our musicians and vocalists.

It has been exciting to continue working with our youth as we begin developing a youth band and encouraging young musicians in our community. At Christmas, the children offered a beautiful musical presentation that brought great joy to the congregation. I am grateful for the dedication and spirit of everyone who shares their gifts in this ministry. I look forward to continuing to build a space where voices of all ages can come together in song, faith, and community.



Communications- John Melville

- **Ann Van Wyck** joined communications in June and brought a a wealth of experience in communications, marketing and fundraising, and a lot of good ideas!
- **The new stage construction** was completed in August. A special thank you to Paul Bullock and the booth team for their hard work and to everyone who helped to organize “One Stage, Many Voices’ the fundraiser concert and silent auction on June 18th.
- Other improvements included a new Yamaha mixing board with 32 channels, a new Smart TV installed in the Upper Room and repairs to the right side sanctuary floodlights.
- John Melville took on the role of coordinator for the new **Accessibility team** with a kick off meeting on June 12th, and a mandate to review the sensory and built environment at Wall Street. An Accessibility review was completed of the entire church property and building at a cost of \$3500.
- **Story Teller Sundays:** Anne Van-Wyck and John Melville started Story Teller Sundays - short videos featuring members of the congregation talking about different activities and events at the church and their own experiences of their time at Wall Street.
- **Job Fairs:** The first ‘Volunteer Job Fair took place in November featuring Property, Communications and Yuletide Fare teams. Team and Committee members were on hand to answer questions, provide information and talk about volunteer opportunities. Job Fairs will be held regularly throughout the year.
- **Our YouTube numbers** showed encouraging growth in 2025 including 79 new subscribers with a total of 481 Subscribers as of December 31st. The average Sunday sees 30-50 views for the live service with another 100+ viewing the service during the week.
- **Pastor AI** is an Artificial Intelligence application being trialed at Wall Street to create additional content for social media, daily devotionals and short video excerpts from Sunday Sermons.

Bible Study Group Leader - Ann Lacey

Our active Bible Study Group met on Tuesday mornings 39 times during 2025 with an average attendance of 8.5 members. We completed a study of Proverbs followed by Psalms. During Lent we put Psalms on hold and completed the study on How to Learn to be Brave before completing Psalms. Then we began another study of Acts. We had several new people join our group over the year.



Everyone is welcome to join us at any time.

Indigenous Sub-Committee of the Outreach Committee - Donna Greenhorn

Members of our Indigenous Sub-Committee include Carol Gellrich, Carol Cruden, Donna Robertson, Eileen Doner, Gwen Battams, Jeff McRae, Mary Mueller, Jeneatha Oxley, Merle Templeton, Rachel Buchner, and Donna Greenhorn (Founder and Coordinator since 2013)

During 2025, we were delighted to learn that a report documenting our educational program and advocacy work since 2013, had been accepted into the Archives of the United Church of Canada by Dr. Sara Stratton, Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice Animator for the Indigenous Ministries and Justice of the United Church of Canada (UCC).

In January, some members of our Indigenous Sub-Committee made personal donations to The Murray Sinclair Memorial Fund to support his legacy of working towards reconciliation in Canada. A donation was also made to Amnesty International to support their campaign to defend Chief Dsta'hyil of the Wet'suwet'en Nation who had been identified as the first ever prisoner of conscience in Canada.

In February, after submitting an application to True North Aid, a registered Canadian charity, I was invited to serve on the National Reconciliation Walk Planning Committee.

In March, we learned that volunteers for the National Reconciliation Walk would be offered a workshop by a social worker with trauma informed training, as well as a four-part Settler Discussion Series designed by North Aid, Reconciliation Coordinator, Katie Koopman.

In April, Deanna Garton, a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario, contacted me with a proposal to host an event at WSUC focusing on Métis history and culture. The event took place on September 6th in the gym. Members of our Indigenous Sub-Committee helped with a poster display of our reconciliation work, and I shared the acknowledgement of the land and the opening prayer. Alicia Blore, from Toronto, played the fiddle, and sisters Taliah and Ann Lyons from Youth4Youth Canada demonstrated jigger dancing. Members of the Métis Nation of Ontario provided a wealth of information about Métis history and culture.

In May, in response to the request by EOORC for churches to submit photos for a display at the 100th anniversary celebration of the UCC, I submitted a photo that had been taken at WSUC on the NDTR showing a group of us accepting the gift from Deanna Garton of a framed copy of the apology that PM Stephen Harper offered Canadians regarding the residential school system.

In June, the Indigenous Sub-Committee sent a letter to MPP Steve Clarke to express concerns over the proposed changes to Bill 5 known as the Endangered Species Act. I also sent a letter to MP Michael Barrett to express our concerns over the stoppage in progress of Bill C-61 - the Clean Water Act.

In September, we encouraged people to wear their orange shirts on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and the response was the greatest we have seen yet. We decorated the sanctuary with banners, scarves, etc., and set up poster boards in the gym to display our reconciliation work and answer questions during coffee. On the same day, we helped to host the Reconciliation Walk at the Mac Johnson Wildlife Area in Brockville.

Throughout 2025, I compiled and wrote 13 newsletters of Indigenous learning opportunities and sent them to the 90 people on our distribution list. This brings the total number of newsletter that I have sent since the start of the pandemic to 66.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this work.

United Church Women - A Review of 2025



2025 was a year of faith, fun and fellowship for Wall Street United Church Women. Traditionally we meet eight times a year for our meeting on the second Monday of the month at 12:30PM.

We enjoyed several guest speaker presentations at our various meetings. Carol Tennant gave a practical and humorous presentation entitled “Life’s Hacks”. Moyra Riley guided our group thru a virtual tour of Africa, entitled “Lions and Leopards and Lemurs”. Scott Morrison presented his “Scott’s South East Asia Walkabout” adventures.

- On April 9, 2025 several UCW members attended the Four Rivers Annual Meeting in Athens, ON. In June our group participated in the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. On June 15, 2025, our UCW led the Wall Street Church service prior to the broadcast from the EY Centre in Ottawa.
- In late August a time of memorial was given to one of our members, Marion Fraser who passed away the shortly before her 100th birthday.
- In August our group enjoyed lunch together at Dairy Barn & Western Grill, North Augusta. Cathie Kelso led us in a prayer recorded on Rev. Dr. Kim’s voicemail wishing her good health, success and blessings in her new endeavor as Moderator of the United Church of Canada.
- On December 7, 2025 we hosted a Festive Potluck Lunch for the congregation. Everyone enjoyed great food, fun and music by the 1000 Island Steel Band.

Social Justice Advocacy Group submitted by Elizabeth Stratton

Attended by: Pastor Cathy Cavanagh, Elizabeth Stratton, Rachel Buchner, Samia O’Day, Anne-Marie Mohler and Tara Wakefield.

- October 2025 - The Social Justice Group held its inaugural meeting. Eight people attended.
- November 2025 - Petitions in Support for the Cooperative Care Centre made available to the congregation for signatures. Forwarded to the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.
- December 2025 - Amnesty International Write for Rights Campaign introduced to the congregation. Eight cases of human rights abuses were highlighted.

Outreach Committee - Michel Gadoury

- The Food Bank has provided many food items for Food Ministry.
- Mary Mueller and Lynda Blanchard have stepped down from Outreach.
- Carolyn Matheson, Chris Davis and Rachel Buchner Joined the Outreach Committee in 2025.
- In February, Wall Street Participated in the JHSDK Coldest Night of the year.
- The fundraiser for Canadian Foodgrains Bank was a great success with and everyone enjoyed the pizzas! We received \$4,859 in donations.
- I have begun a seasonal agenda based on the activities of the outreach subcommittees.
- Meaningful Gifts raised money for Acts10. Leeds, Lanark & Grenville Children's Mental Health, Cooperative Care Centre, Loaves and Fishes and Acts 10.
- Outreach invites special guests to our meetings from different organizations in our community.
- Sunday's fundraisers are based on the Celebrations of United Nations calendar.

Wall Street Kids & Youth Church - Connor Houle

This has been a busy year for Wall Street Youth & Kids and the number of kids coming on Sundays has increased. While both the younger kids and youth are happy to participate in the Sunday program, The youth have enjoyed all of the planned activities and videos and as a result are retaining the lessons about God and the bible.

I was very grateful for all of the donations of books and toys from the congregation during the toy drive. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped with the younger children on Sunday mornings and hope that more people will volunteer in 2026.



Care & Connect - Linda Hanes

The Pastoral Care and In Touch Teams joined together under the new name of Care & Connect. Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant is also part of the Pastoral Care team in addition to visits made in her capacity as Voluntary Associate Minister.



Responsibilities:

- To provide support and encouragement to members of our church family
- Focus on others through active listening

Activities:

- Connected with members of WSUC through phone calls and emails
- Visited WSUC members in retirement/nursing homes and hospital
- Care & Connect held a Tea on June 24th for the pastoral care and In Touch Teams
- Care & Connect participated in the Volunteer Job Fair on Sunday November 30th

Contact Linda Hanes if you would like to know more or be involved.

Parish Nurse - Anne-Marie Mohler

Since Ann-Marie joined us in the 2025 she

- Organized two Workshops - Neurodiversity
- (with Dr Tara Wakefield)and Narcan Training
- Regularly attends Friday Breakfast
- Meets with congregation members on Thursday and Friday to provide support, information and resources and assist with referrals, and visits people in their homes if they are unable to come to the church
- Has met with a number of community partners including The Cooperative Care Centre, paramedics, Summit team and the Mobile Crisis Response Team



On Sunday October 19th, Anne-Marie was officially welcomed in a special commissioning ceremony. Anne Marie was joined for the ceremony by retired nurses: Jane Mitton, Wendy Baldwin, Bev Delany and Shirley Avery (Gail Woods was unable to attend).

Yuletide Fare 2025

Sharon McIntosh - Chairperson

Yuletide Fare 2025, the major fund raising event for Wall Street United Church, was once again a success in so many ways. The sales days were November 21 and 22, and also the June summer pie sales. Sale days were friendly and welcoming. The lights in our Sanctuary were on. Christmas music was heard in the five areas of sales on four floors of our building.

The Fair is organized by a very dedicated team of 13 individuals who meet four times a year. Each of them is in charge of between one and five areas of Yuletide Fare. There are twenty-five areas which require their oversight, planning and organizational skills.

Yuletide Fare Highlights:

- 113 volunteers helped at 167 “shifts” - preparation and “days of sales” (81 from our church, 32 from mainly the Brockville area)
- 11 sale areas organized by Yuletide Fare team leaders
- Delicious lunches served both days (104 on Friday, 109 on Saturday)
- 17 community vendors rented table space to sell their product
- Uncounted number of donations: crafts, jewelry, items for Silent Auction, Rosie’s Treasures, Christmas Decor, preserves, baking and desserts from our church family and their friends
- So many shoppers from our church family and the Brockville community
- Support from our Student Pastor, Church Administrator and Custodians

Our 2025 Net profit was \$28,360.35

Break down of sales:

21% - Pies

16% - Bake Table

14% - Lunches

13% - Preserves/ Baked Beans

14% - Silent Auction

28% - Bling Boutique, Christmas Decor, Crafts, Novel Knits, Rosie’s Treasures, Indoor & Outdoor Fresh Arrangements, Table rentals

A big thank you to the Yuletide Fare team including Ann Lacey, Anne Wagner, Cathie Kelso, Diane French, Gail Fournier, Kathy Cavanagh, Lynne Galvin, Maria Clai, Tony Arbuckle, Nancy Van Ulden, Rosanne Richards and Shirley Avery. Please contact me if you would like to help in any way with Yuletide Fare 2026.

Food Ministry - Joan Johnson

Sunday Morning Coffee Time, Sunday Supper and Friday Morning Breakfast

- The team made 5364 breakfasts in 2025 which is an increase of more than 1300 over 2024. An average of 12 people volunteer every Friday and a good majority of them volunteer each week.
- Approximately 104 dozen muffins/cookies were baked and donated to Friday breakfast in 2025.
- Lots of smiling faces are welcomed each and every week and not a week goes by where we don't remark "Oh that's a new face today!"
- Sunday Morning Coffee Time is graciously supplied by so many people providing treats each week. We have a wonderful team of volunteers who help with tea and coffee time.
- Sunday Supper in Brockville has now completed its 18th year. In 2025, the Wall Street team served 2536 sit down and take out meals, about 500 more than in 2024 even though one Sunday supper had to be canceled because of weather conditions.
- 20 volunteers are needed to make each Sunday Supper happen.
- Reunion Church prepares the meal for every 5th Sunday with Support from the Wall street volunteers.
- Thanks to a \$500 Service to Others Grant from RTO (Retired Teachers of Ontario) District #48, we were able to help offset some of the cost for a new counter top in the kitchen.

Faith & Fitness - Lucie Stein

Faith & Fitness, launched in September 2024, brings together physical activity and spiritual nourishment in a joyful and welcoming environment. Each class includes a brief devotion, prayer, uplifting Christian and contemporary music, and a variety of exercises designed to strengthen the whole body.

The program encourages participants of all fitness levels to move at their own pace and is open to church members and the wider community. There is always plenty of laughter, encouragement, and the occasional "holy squat" or two! It is a blessing to see friendships forming, spirits lifted, and confidence growing as participants care for both body and soul.

As we move together, we are reminded of the words of 1 Corinthians 6:19–20: "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit... therefore honour God with your body." We are grateful that all funds generated support the ongoing work and ministry of the church.

Wall Street United Church Leadership Team

Slated Executives of the Official Board for 2026

Chair of the Board	Laura Webb
Vice Chair of the Board	Open
Secretary	Cathie Kelso
Treasurer	Jim Hanes
Past-Chair	Paul Bullock
Clergy Representative	Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant

Trustees

Jim Hanes , Gordon Lane, Lucie Stein, Linda Hanes, Jane Mitton, Steve Lauridsen, Clergy Representative, Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant.

Slated Board Members for 2026

UCW	Shirley Avery
Ministry and Personnel	Mary Begg
Worship and Congregational Life	Lynda Blanchard
EOORC Representative	Paul Bullock/ Cathie Kelso
Outreach	Michel Gadoury
Communications	John Melville
Property	Roger Galvin
Pastoral Care	Linda Hanes
Financial Growth Team	Anne Van Wyck

Members at Large

Sharon McIntosh	Gail Fournier
John Mohler	Open

The Team, In Memoriam

Staff Members

Dr. Catherine Cavanagh
Samia O'Day
Karen Melville
Mandy Fletcher
Patricia Mills
Peter Geertsema
Connor Houle
Anne-Marie Mohler
Richard Hennessey
Eric Richards
Mark Conroy

Minister in training
Director of Music
Church Administrator
Assistant Office Administrator
Book Keeper
Broadcast Operations
Child & Youth Worker
Parish Nurse (non-salaried)
Full Time Custodian
Part Time Custodian
Support Custodian

Voluntary Associate Ministers

Rev. Catherine Oxenford-Grant
Rev. Wendy Maclean
Rev. Donald Wachenschwanz
Rev. Daniel Hayward

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

Lynda Blanchard
Laura Webb
Cathie Kelso

2025 Statistics

13 New Church Members
2 Weddings
1 Adult Baptism
4 Celebration of Life and Memorial Services

In Memoriam

We are grateful for the lives of those who have gone before us.

Wilma Hutt	Anne Taylor
Marion Fraser	Ella Saunders
Bruce Bracken	Doug Lousley
Lois Lombard	George Greer
Fred Gilbert	Sonnie Cuming
John T Brown	Patricia D'Costa
Howard Alexander	Donalda Lockhart





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