

*Wasaga Beach Community
Presbyterian Church*



**Annual Report
2022**

Annual Meeting Minutes February 27, 2022

Rev. Barry Doner opened our meeting in prayer at 10:50 am.

A motion made by Mike McLeod to *adopt Elizabeth McNabb as secretary*, seconded by Ivy Wilson. Carried.

Dallas Stinson made motion to *adopt the format of the meeting*, seconded by Bill Aiken. Carried.

Elizabeth Gibson made motion to *adopt the agenda*, seconded by Rod Arnold. Carried.

Lois Boyter made motion to *adopt the minutes of Annual Meeting 2021*. Seconded by Jim Bassinger. Carried.

We took a minute of silence to reflect and remember those who passed away in 2021 – Margaret Hughes, Don Knappet, Terry Densmore, Roy Norton.

Our Nominating Committee is Mike McLeod and Yvonne Ruscoe.

Our Trustees – Robert McNabb, John Schneider and Mike McLeod have transferred the funds to General Funds. Therefore, the Trustees are now disbanded.

A motion made by Bill Aiken, seconded by Renee Gibson, to retain Elizabeth Gibson as our Treasurer, which she has accepted. Carried.

Presbyterian Sharing – Ivy Wilson made motion to set \$2,000 as our goal for 2022, seconded by Marie Henry. Carried.

Committee Reports – no questions or discussion. Sylvia McLeod made motion to accept as reported, Joan Clement seconded. Carried.

Budget Report – Dallas Stinson presented the report. 2021 income and expenses were down. End of year after maintenance and expenses we had a deficit of \$7,433. Elizabeth Gibson corrected a figure about CERB payment as \$11,000 NOT \$9,000.

Bill Aiken spoke to the insurance of the church. After much research on his part we have now changed from Noble Insurance to Crewson Insurance Broker (Commonwell Insurance Company policy) with a savings of \$3,400 which also offers additional coverage.

Our 2022 Budget has decreased by \$15,000 from our 2021 Budget. The 2022 budget total is \$131,280.

Lois Boyter made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Sylvia McLeod. Carried.

New Business – no new business to report or discuss.

Adjournment – Rev. Barry expressed thanks to Dave, Ruth, Heather, Dallas, for all they do to keep the church going through these challenging times. Heather Doner thanked Rev. Barry for his work and leadership as well, and asks for prayer for him, their family and the church family as a whole as it has been challenging this year on so many levels.

Rev. Barry closed in prayer at 11:35 am.

Minister's Report - 2022

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another...” (Heb.10:24-25)

I often think back to the day in March of 2020 when we decided, as a faith community, to close our doors to in-person worship because of the coronavirus that was still a mystery to most of us at that time. It was a decision that was seen to be a short-term, temporary measure, at best, and that by Easter of that same year we would be back in the sanctuary, worshipping together. Now, as we move into the third year of these still uncertain times, we are still trying to navigate our way through it in many ways. I make note of it here, in my Annual Report, because it is an historical moment that has confounded our world and divided our communities.

That is the backdrop against which we have sought to carve out our work as a church during 2022. It has challenged us in ways that we never dreamed of and it has demanded that we “do church” in an entirely different way. Social media platforms and sites such as YouTube that were unfamiliar to us at the beginning of the pandemic have now become the lifeblood by which we conduct the work of the church. Whether it be livestreaming our worship services, Zoom Bible Study and Book Club, or Session meetings, this new way of being the church has allowed us to connect with many people that we would otherwise not have reached. As important as this is, and as we continue with these much-needed points of connection, we must also get back to more in-person, face-to-face fellowship. The writer of Hebrews encourages the church with these words, “*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another...*” (Heb.10:24-25) This is my prayer for our congregation here at WBCPC this coming year. I encourage you to consider how you might get involved in 2023!

I am truly grateful for the many people who faithfully serve each week in many capacities so that the witness of our little church by the bay may continue in this community. May we continue to be faithful in all that we do, as we entrust an unknown future to a known God.

Blessings,

Rev. Barry Doner

Annual Report

We are friendly caring people spreading Christ's love by word and deed throughout the community.

Minister: Reverend Barry Doner

Director of Music Ministry: Ruth Currie

Session

Rev. Barry Doner (Moderator)

Jim Basinger

Bonnie Smith

Marilyn Schneider

Janice Palmer (clerk of Session)

Bill Aiken

Elizabeth McNabb

David Williams

Board of Managers

Chair - Dallas Stinson (Acting Chair)

Mike McLeod

Renee Gibson

Rod Arnold

Bonnie Smith (Co-chair/Secretary)

Elizabeth Gibson

John Schneider

Ivy Wilson

Trustees

Mike McLeod

Robert McNabb

John Schneider

Budget Committee

Robert McNabb

John Schneider

Elizabeth Gibson

Board of Managers 2022 Report

With 2022 seeing improvements and more social functions the Board resumed sit down meetings. We were able to accomplish a few items:

Garden:

- We received a grant from the Town of just over \$2,300.00 to provide up keep and continuous maintenance of the garden. So as not to use general funds.
- General yard and garden maintenance completed with the help of a few dedicated persons.

Church:

- Board members and helpers painted the outside of the Church, with Renee Gibson doing a high wire act painting the Cross at the front.
- With the help of George Hollema, John Schneider and myself the louvers in the steeple were removed and repaired. George did a fantastic job rebuilding the louvers and expertly operated the lift, which he was able to procure at a reduced rate of \$700.00, which was covered by generous donations.
- George also fed the rope from the bell into the appropriate piping, and the rope was connected in the fall with the assistance of Jacob and Leonard. We now have a functioning Church bell.

Financial:

- We were able to re-introduce the many fundraising events cancelled last year, such as parking, holy berry tea, Vista, and meat pies.
- With the above said with the help of many individuals the above projects were very successful. Many thanks to all who participated.
- The Board was forced to renegotiate the winter plowing needs as last year's provided canceled our service, but forgot to tell us! Trying to find a replacement after a major snow storm was challenging! We found a provided, but at almost double last year.
- We also had to obtain a new cleaner for the Church, after several interviews we settled on a provider that had a good repertoire and she develops her own environmentally safe products, and a slight reduction in fees.
- The 2023 budget was compiled and shows a slight reduction over 2022, reflecting the ongoing service and operational challenges.

The Board of Managers is in need of a few members to continue our mandate, and especially to take lead in the Chairs roll.

I would like to thank my fellow board members, with special thanks to our Treasurer, Elizabeth Gibson for keeping me update with financial reports.

Dallas Stinson
Acting Chair BoM

Board of Trustee's
2022 Report

In 1996, the Wasaga Beach Community Church (an interdenominational church) which met only in July and August closed its doors. Through the efforts of Rev. Wally Little, the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Presbytery of Barrie, it was purchased and became Wasaga Beach Community Presbyterian Church in 1997.

The former congregation gifted a sum of \$30,000 provided the word "Community" be included in its name. The use of this fund has been designated for the purpose of making improvements to the church building, property and facilities and for fostering spiritual growth. This fund was immediately placed in a GIC and monitored by three trustees. Later an additional monetary gift was given for the purchase of a grand piano.

In 2021, the trustees transferred the fund into the general account to be invested into a new GIC because if anything were to incapacitate one of them, it could cause difficulty in transferring the fund. At present, the fund consists of \$50,000; a portion coming from an estate.

The Board of Trustees is still available to deal with any issues that may arise relating to the church and the property.

Respectfully submitted
Mike McLeod
Robert McNabb
John Schneider

Presbyterians Sharing
2022

Thank you to everyone for donations totalling \$2180.00 which helped us surpass our goal of \$2000.00 pledged to the Presbyterian Church of Canada. An example of the purpose of funds from this source is help which provided a salary for the first minister when our church was opened as Wasaga Beach Community Presbyterian Church in 1997. This support continued for the next five years, slowly decreasing until we were able to carry on independently.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the late Margaret Hughes a charter member who generously supported this cause throughout her lifetime.

Submitted in God's love,
Marilyn Schneider

Congregational Life
2022

This dedicated group of individuals usually meets the first Tuesday of each month to plan, oversee and evaluate the many events and activities hosted throughout the year.

In 2022, due to COVID, the group led by Rev. Barry managed to meet only four times.

However, through hard work and careful planning the meat pie project, two parking weekends, two yard sales and a revised version of the Angel Tree were successfully carried out. Thank you to everyone for participating and contributing in so many different ways.

Marilyn Schneider
Recording Secretary

Serenity Gardens
2022

Our small group of volunteers continue to work on our Community Serenity Garden.

Several new activities were added to our project.

First our garden was approved by Monarch Watch as a designated butterfly way station. Monarch Watch is a volunteer organization associated with the University of Kansas. In early September 2023, with the help of community volunteers, plans are to participate in a tagging program which will track our butterflies on their journey south to reach their destination in Mexico.

Next in the spring we held our first plant and bake sale. This was very successful and plans are to continue this again.

We expanded our vegetable garden. Produce from this garden was donated to the Ministerial Food Bank. Thanks to Andrea Dude for her hard work in this garden.

We also participated in the annual Seniors Expo. Our booth featured a new pull up banner showing our garden.

Finally we have to thank the Town of Wasaga for their annual grant which covered all of the garden expenses. This included the costs of hiring much needed part time help, mulch for the knoll and other areas, and general maintenance.

Marilyn Schneider
Bonnie Smith

Creative Hands
2022

Creative Hands started as a small group of dedicated women who use their talents of knitting and crocheting to create many items for use in our community and beyond. This past year we have been knitting and crocheting alone, at home. But the good news is; we are still knitting and crocheting.

We make:

Prayer Shawls which are distributed within our congregation and our community to those who might need an extra Christian hug in times of need. This year we gave out 11 of them. If you know of anyone who might find comfort in one, please let Rev. Barry know as we are more than willing to share them with those in need.

Pocket Prayer Shawls are a small cross crocheted or knitted into a palm size rectangle that can fit in a pocket. We started the year with 30 of these in a wicker basket at the back of the church. It appears that they have all been picked up and we are currently making more. By the Annual Meeting there should be a supply at the back of the church once again.

Chemo Caps which are normally delivered to Gilda's Club and the Cancer Centre at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie to be distributed to women who have lost their hair through chemotherapy and it provides warmth and a bit of fun (we make them for hot or cold weather). This year we were not able to take any to either place, as they are not accepting them. We do have some ready to go when they are willing to receive them.

Baptismal Blankets which are given to babies that are baptized in our church. We did not have any baptisms this year (but note, we do have a blanket ready for the next one).

Muffs and Busy Blankets for dementia patients and autistic children. Although we have some ready for distribution, the centres that normally take them are not accepting donations at this time. If you know of someone who could use one, please let Rev. Barry know so we can get one delivered.

Pneumonia Vests, Hats and Bootie Sets are another item that we knit and take to our local Faith Missionary Church. They deliver them to Mississauga where they are put on a boat for distribution to a needy mission afar. This year we sent 42 sets, 6 extra vests, 3 baby blankets, and one baby hat to Faith Missionary Church for distribution. They were thrilled with our efforts.

Warm Hats & Mitts that hang on a line at the Prince of Peace Anglican Church for anyone in need to take were a new venture this year. We send 11 hats, 2 hat/mitt sets and 2 scarves to add to their ministry. They were very appreciative of our contribution.

Our **Holly Berry Bake Sale and Gifts** took place in early December this year in a slightly different format. We had a table with our knitted and crafted goods on it and did not keep our portion of the sales separate this year.

We welcome those who wish to help in the making of items for the various missions and are always looking for new suggestions and more hands to help. This coming year we will spend more time on mission work from home until we are able to meet as a group again. Another way of assisting in our mission is to donate wool or money to purchase wool. Please keep us in your prayers that we continue to stay safe, stay well and stay connected.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Thatcher

Card Outreach
2022

First of all, a big thank you to Marley Stacey for her assistance in forwarding cards in November and December.

In total 170 cards were forwarded this year:

Birthday 106;
Anniversaries 20;
Get Well 20;
Sympathy 13;
Other 11

It is a pleasure to send a little bit of cheer on behalf of Wasaga Beach Community Presbyterian Church congregation. Some have mentioned it is the only card they have received.

Elders, please do not hesitate to either call or email Marley Stacey when you would like a card sent on behalf of our church; and you have information of our new members.

Stamps purchased 164.	Cost \$174.68
Cards purchased 80.	Cost \$93.25
	Total \$267.93

Thank you to Alex Boyter for the donation of cards. It was very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Clark

Coffee Hour Fellowship
2022

After a couple of years without the wonderful fellowship after church, this year our Church Coffee Hour has resumed. A big thank you to Kendra Doner who took on the challenge of putting together a coffee hour for our congregation each week. Each week a variety of treats from cookies, to cake, to cheese and crackers and pie are enjoyed over a cup of coffee, tea or juice. Thank you to those who have helped by bringing something to enjoy and/or have helped with the clean up after. It has been slow to have people come down and enjoy this time together and we hope in the new year many more will choose to fellowship with us following the service.

Heather Doner

Mission and Outreach

2022

As reported earlier, we surpassed our goal for Presbyterian Sharing this year. Members of our congregation also have donated money, food, and time to the local food bank.

Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund, the Growth Fund (for the Serenity Garden) as well as time, talents and money to church projects such as the new steeple, furnace and plumbing repairs, and other maintenance tasks.

We thank the Town of Wasaga Beach for the grant of \$2500. for our garden. Ken Voss, manager of Canadian Tire for plants, as well as helpers from Cedarview Homes for all their hard work. When we hosted events such as the Spring Plant Sale, the Holly Berry Bake Sale and more, we were so appreciative for the support in form of donations, purchases and helping hands. What a team!

We also are a practice location for Penelope and her choir, a meeting place for “Weigh to go”, a group focusing on health and wellness, and a welcoming location for Narcotics Anonymous to meet.

The Serenity Garden has become a busy location for meetings, services, birthday parties, weddings, photo shoots, or just a resting spot (with coffee and snack) for everyone.

If you have any suggestions or other ways to reach out to the community, please let us know.

John Schneider

Book Club by the Bay (*A Year of Great Reading*)

2022 saw the creation of the Books by the Bay book club. A book club is meant to challenge and inspire, to have one think and question, cry and laugh. A book club challenges people to read something they may normally never pick up and have conversation around what they have read. Approximately a dozen people in our group meet the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. via zoom to discuss the book of the month. Participants access a hard copy of the book from Heather Doner and the local library. Participants may also choose to access the book through their local library e book and audiobook apps such as Libby and Hoopla and read it on their electronic device.

Some of the books we have enjoyed this year and highly recommend are. *The Pull of the Stars* (Emma Donoghue), *The Farm* (Joanne Ramos), *Where the Crawdads Sing* (Delia Owens), *The Huntress* (Katie Quinn), *American Dirt* (Jeanine Cummings), *My Mother’s Daughter* (Felicia Perditia), *The Rose Code* (Katie Quinn), *The Push* (Ashley Audrain), *Recipe for a Perfect Wife* (Karma Brown), *The Glass Hotel* (John Mandel). *The Midnight library* (Matt Haig).

We enjoy lively conversation and intriguing questions, and great insight. Often participants are sent via email interviews with the author or reviews of the book to view prior to our meeting time.

We look forward to this new year and all the reading and fellowship we will have. We really hope more of our congregation and their friends will get involved and join us in this New Year. To get involved in the book club and for a list of this year’s book list simply contact Heather Doner at 705-309-6111 or by email

doner.heather@gmail.com

Submitted by
Heather Doner

Appreciation

Our little white church by the bay is so fortunate to have a great community of worshippers with many hands working hard to help us run efficiently while doing it in a welcoming way.

We thank Rev. Barry Doner who, together with Session provides leadership and pastoral care for our congregation. His sermons are not only informative and inspiring, but are delivered with humour and compassion.

We love Ruth Currie, our musical director and pianist who, with Heather Doner has led us in singing and great harmonies, over the past two years. Thanks to both of you.

Rev. Barry, Heather, Ruth and our technical guru, David Williams have produced in person services, as well as online worship services since July, 2021. Also Doreen Playter assisted by sending out the link to the weekly YouTube services as well as collating and sending out the monthly newsletters to us.

Ruth also fills the positions of church secretary and envelope secretary.

Thank you to Elizabeth Gibson, our treasurer, her counters and to our accountant, Tracy Johnson. Elizabeth keeps our finances in order and pays the bills.

We appreciate the work of acting chairman of the Board of Managers, Dallas Stinson, a very demanding role with many challenges due to the pandemic. However, with the help of George Hollema, John Schneider, Ken Cunningham, Bill Aiken and others, the church is warm, comfortable, and clean, plus a major project...the new steeple is complete and looks beautiful. The squirrels are now homeless!

Marly Stacey, as our greeting card secretary is very diligent at sending us cards for many occasions...birthdays, anniversaries, get well wishes, condolences. Sheila Clark and Sylvia McLeod have also assisted over the past two years.

A valuable addition to our Sunday morning has been resuming the coffee hour downstairs following the church service. We thank Kendra and Heather Doner who shop, organize and set up the coffee hour. We also appreciate everyone who contributes goodies and also stays to clean up and wash up afterward.

Although our projects have been limited these past two years to comply with COVID restrictions, we wish to thank everyone who helped organize and work on the parking projects, the meat pie projects, our two sales -spring plants, etc and Winter Holly Berry Baking, crafts, etc., plus the Angel Tree. They were well worth the effort, both in community involvement, volunteer input and financial gain.

Nancy Thatcher and the Creative Hands group have continued to work from their homes creating prayer shawls as well as items for the needy.

We welcome Matt Campbell as a team member. He has shovelled snow and maintained stairs and walkways so far this winter.

If I have forgotten anyone who has helped in any way this year, please accept my apologies and let me know so everyone can be recognized and appreciated.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Schneider

****Statistical Report for 2022**

Membership as of December 31, 2021: 64

Removed by request of certificate: 3

Removed by death: 3

Removed by revision of roll: 0

Total removed: 6

Added by certificate of transfer: 5

Added by profession of faith: 3

Added by Act of Session: 0

Total added: 8

Communicant membership as of December 31, 2022: 66

Adherents under pastoral care: 70 (Adults and children in congregation not yet members)

Baptisms: 0

Weddings: 0

Deaths: 3

Average church attendance each Sunday for the in-person worship services: 36

YouTube views per worship service: 50-75

Respectfully,

Bill Aiken

Website, IT, and Media Report 2022

Greetings,

I am pleased to include the topics of the Church's media, IT (Information Technology), and Website report into this year's annual report. A lot of great things have happened since I took on these roles, especially in the past 12 months.

As many of you had noticed, our old website's subscription had expired sometime during the pandemic. As a result, what we saw was a marketing site for hockey jerseys instead of our familiar Church website. Fortunately, through working with head office in Toronto, we were able to recover all of the old website's data and re-launch an updated website under the new address wasagapresbyterian.org. Last month, the website got a fresh new look with easier to navigate menus, and is much more conducive to our viewer's needs. As always, I appreciate all feedback on the website. If there's something you see that can be improved upon, or if there's something missing that can be added, please let me know. My email is wbcpc@outlook.com.

The old computer in the office was causing more problems than solutions as of late. I was quickly able to determine that it was running outdated software (Windows 7) that was beyond end-life, plus the computer itself was over 10 years old, also at end-life. We were therefore able to replace the computer earlier this year with a much newer refurbished yet updated Windows 10 workstation at a minimal cost of just \$248.00, thus resolving previous issues experienced by our users.

Our YouTube channel continues to do well, with an average of 50-75 weekly views of our worship services. Since May, 2020 we have had nearly 18,000 views, with nearly half of those since we resumed in-person worship in 2021. Our viewership has reached beyond our town's borders, with viewers tuning in from across Canada, as well as some of our "snowbird" friends tuning in from Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and of course Florida! We will continue with our livestream as long as we have an audience. Also, we can now provide livestream and/or recorded video either in the Sanctuary or in the Serenity Garden for other ceremonies such as weddings, baptisms, and celebration of life. Simply reach out to Rev. Barry for more info.

Submitted by
David Williams

****Envelope Secretary Statistics and Observations—2022**

Number of Contributors: # of Envelopes: 36
 # by Par: 16

Based on numbered envelope contributions (including PAR) as of December 31st 2021

Annual Contributions	2022
\$0.00--\$700.00	45
\$701.00--\$1400.00	20
\$1401.00--\$2100.00	7
\$2101.00--\$2800.00	7
\$2801.00--\$3500.00	4
\$3501.00--\$4200.00	1
\$4201.00--\$4900.00	0
\$4901.00--\$5600.00	0
\$5601.00--\$7000.00	1
\$7001.00-- & over	1

Observations

Information is affected by envelope holders who are recent subscribers, seasonal residents or no longer attending.

Average contribution per envelope holder in
 (2022 \$1039.01) (2021 \$1031.46) (2020 \$1200.90) (2019 \$1229.90)

A large number of envelope holders continue to contribute offerings for Sundays when not in attendance. This consistency of giving is vital in meeting ongoing expenses and yearly financial planning.

86 Income tax receipts were issued for 2022

General Fund Offerings and Donations by Year

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
\$89,354.54	\$79,422.15	\$80,172.15	\$114,920.45	\$125,133.76

Respectfully submitted,
 Ruth Currie
 Envelope Secretary

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January 17th, 2023

To The Congregation of Wasaga Beach Community Presbyterian Church.

My responsibility as Treasurer of our Church is to pay out of our revenues, all our monthly bills, salaries and donations. Transfer the receipts bank and financial statements at the end of each month to Johnsons Bookkeeping and Tax Service where Tracey performs accounting procedures. Tracey sends me the pertinent reports which Dallas Stinson (Chair of the Board of Managers) and I analyze for errors. These Reports are also scrutinized by our Board and Session each and every month. I am also responsible to review the financial statements for the Fiscal Year ending 2022 which I have completed. Thank you to all our congregational members for their generous donations as our church appreciates it.

This report is for internal use only and an audit has not been conducted.

Respectfully submitted.
Elizabeth Gibson.
Board Member and Treasurer.

