**Worship & Membership Annual Report for 2023**

**Delegate: Dick Dawson**

**Alternate: Nicole Perry**

**Members: Alex Montgomery, Deb Kuhler, Steve Koehn and Beth Tappin**

As the Worship and Membership committee continues with its yearly duties, we recognized other exciting things happening in our church.

Much of what we do goes way beyond just our committee members as we always have extra hands willing to help out. I’m thinking of things like Christmas decorations or other decorating, serving and cleaning up for a recognition pot-luck. This is what the church is all about, helping each other and working together in the spirit of Christ. In Hebrews it says we may spur one another towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, but encouraging each other.

We have taken on as a committee training and scheduling acolytes as in the past it was generally done by one person. Thanks to Starlyn Church for being that person!

As we look forward to next year, we are excited to grow as a church and know that we are helping spread the good news of the Gospel in any small way we can by doing our part in the daily, weekly and monthly operations of the church.

Submitted by Dick Dawson, committee chair

**United Women's Society**

**Council Delegate:  Carol Woltzen**

**Alternate delegate to Council:  Janine Nielsen**

**Treasurer:  Sarah Woltzen**

**Steering Committee:  Kathy Hofer, Janine Nielsen, Carol Woltzen**

**Funeral Committee:  Karen Hofer and Lanette Koehn, Co-chair; Dorene Richarz, Amy Tieszen, Denise Kurth, Carol Woltzen**

**Card Ministry:  Dorene Richarz**

**Backpack Ministry:  Tami Remacle, Tess Olson, Sarah Woltzen, Katie Ortman, Carol Woltzen**

These ministry teams faithfully serve the congregation and the community throughout the year.  The congregation generously supports the group's commitment to the children and youth of our church and community through our fundraisers for the backpack program and helping youth attend church camps. This year we held our annual "spring ahead" donut Sunday, the "fall back" egg bake breakfast and the 50 plus year of the Turkey supper. UWS also received a generous donation of $1,000.00 from Pipestone Systems for the backpack program. UWS served snacks and lunch to members of the Presbytery of South Dakota who held their June meeting at the church; honored members on Golden Age Sunday and collected prescription bottles that were sent to the Matthew 25 ministries. Donations were given to The Children's Home Society and the Canistota Christmas giving program.  The UWS also supports missions through our giving to the United Methodist and Presbyterian Church Women's organizations.

This year new flooring was installed in the kitchen and bathrooms in the church, as well as new paint and fixtures in the bathrooms.  Thank you to the Trustees committee and Kathy Hofer and Janine Nielsen for the time and work put into making these improvements!!! Once again, thank you to all who help be the hands and feet of Jesus serving our congregation, community, and the world.

Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**, Starlyn Church

**ADULT CHOIR**

Our choir remains about the same size as it has for several years:

Sopranos: Erin and Hadassah Church, Dorene Richarz, Dianne Dawson

Altos: Carol Woltzen, Pam Jerman, Nicole Perry

Tenors: Rog Ketcham, Cody and Malachi Church

Basses: Joseph Bond, Michael White, Dick Dawson, Larry Nebelsick, Del Church

We actually have more men than women when we are all together. That has to be very rare!! From September through May we try to sing every Sunday except for Praise Band Sunday. Some Sundays we don't have enough to sing. Anyone who is junior high age and older is welcome to join us. I really appreciate Pastor Jerry's flexibility in dealing with our inconsistencies especially this year with all my surgeries. I truly believe that music speaks during worship so we will continue putting our best foot forward! Thank you to the singers who are devoted to this group and put up with the early morning practice time!

**ADULT BELLS**

Ringers: Janine Nielsen, Ashley Tieszen, Katie Ortman, Hadassah Church, Nicole Perry, Sarah Woltzen, Carol Woltzen, Erin Church, Karen Hofer, Heath Perry, Michael White, Cody Church

This group practices on Wednesday nights after SHINE and senior high youth group. The toughest part of working with this group is trying to find a Sunday when everyone is around!!

Due to a couple snowbirds in our group gone from January through April, substitutes are essential! The ones we have used the most are Malachi Church and Joseph Bond. Joseph just learned to ring with the youth bells a few weeks ago. Thank heaven he was such a quick study!

We will be losing Ashley Tieszen in the spring since she is a senior. We thank Ashley for playing with our bell choir! There is one piece she likes that we are still working on so we hope to get that learned before she leaves us! We also thank her for being one of our church pianists. She and her musical abilities will be missed! Joseph is a senior too so we will only get to have him for a short time.

I would like to thank Nicole Perry for filling in for me with any of these bell choirs when I am unable to be there for whatever reason!!

**BELL TRIO**

Ringers: Katelyn Tieszen, Malachi Church, Katelyn Bond

Finding a time to practice is almost impossible with these three. We aim for 6:30 pm which is after junior high youth group and have to be done by 7:00 pm which is senior high youth group. In that half hour they also have to eat supper. They are so important because we need them to be substitutes for the adult bell choir. So, they accomplish a lot in a short amount of time. Caleb Schroeder chose not to ring this fall so we went from a quartet to a trio. Scheduling next year should be easier because they will all be in high school.

**YOUTH BELLS**

Ringers: Eli Remacle, Sam Schroeder, Katelyn Perry, Mara Church, Clara Bertelson, Jillian Perry, Obadiah Church

Because Eli chose not to ring with us this fall, this bell choir has six people. We ring two octave music which requires eight people so Nicole Perry and I ring to make a full two octave choir. I really appreciate Nicole's willingness to help. This is the second year for this group and they are doing great. They all seem to love music (so think about who their parents are). They all take piano lessons except for Sam. That is helpful because it gives them a good background for music. I will be praying they stick with this choir for many years!!

**World Outreach Committee**

**Chairperson: Lindsey Mehlbrech**

**Delegate: Bo DeKramer**

**Alternate: Lindsey Mehlbrech**

**Other members: George Kuhler, Tami Remacle, Lanette Koehn and Alexis Habetler**

Thanks to all for your generosity and mission work that we have done as a congregation. We believe there is great need in our membership and non-membership for giving – not only financially but with time and talents as well. And we believe giving in the community is vital for serving our Lord.

Out two largest giving’s this year were for camperships and local missions. We gave $8,400 for camperships; it feels great to be able to support camps for youth again this year.  
We also gave $4,600 for local missions. We are proud to be a local mission’s focused committed committee.   
  
We would again like to thank Pastor Jerry for his mission focused heart and bringing ideas to the committee. Several times the focus of the committee is assisting Pastor Jerry in mission focused ideas he has or has brought to our committee.  
  
Thank you to this congregation for your desire to give and serve outside the walls of this church!

Submitted by Lindsey Mehlbrech

**Pastor’s Annual Report – Year 2023**

**Rev. Jerry Bertelson**

In 1 Corinthians 1:4, the apostle Paul says, “I thank my God at all times for you because of the grace of God, which was bestowed on you in Christ Jesus.” I echo Paul’s words when I think of United Church of Canistota. “I thank my God at all times for you,” because of the remarkable ways that you faithfully live out our mission each and every day. When I reflect on our mission, “Experiencing and Sharing Life in Christ,” I think of the countless times the New Testament reminds us of our identity as being rooted “in Christ.” It means that we are blessed with the privilege to be Christ’s body here on earth. God has entrusted with the task of sharing the Good News of Jesus in both word and deed, and during this past year at United Church, our church has sought to do that in multiple ways.

As I look over this past year, I am grateful for the numerous ways our mission has been lived out. From the baptisms and confirmands this past Spring, to the Veterans and Farmer’s Appreciation Sundays in the Fall, to VBS, Shine activities and youth group gatherings, to multiple music groups, and Bible studies and Sunday school, to the quilting group, and to the weekly rhythm of worship, this past year has been a year of experiencing what life in Christ looks like. It looks like the sort of community that emerges when a person enters the waters of baptism, when a relationship is reconciled, or when outreach activities, such as the backpack program or pill bottle collection, are promoted. What a year it has been to live out our shared mission!

One of the exciting things God is up to in our church is growing the Wednesday evening children’s and youth activities. Our church has been entrusted with the precious task of loving on over 130 kids in our community every Wednesday night, and in light of this blessing, this past August we took the faithful step and collectively approved a building project to expand on this strength – children’s and youth ministries, and another strength – our music ministry, in our church. God is up to something exciting in our midst and what a privilege it is for us to join God in this work!

As we look forward to 2024, my prayer for our church is the same prayer that I prayed for the past three years – it is that our walk with Christ will grow, our understanding of ourselves and our shared faith will deepen, and that our connection to each other strengthen.

Serving Christ with you,

Pastor Jerry

**Christian Education**

**Co-Chairpersons: Susie Schroeder and Erin Church**

**Council Delegate: Michael White**

**Alternate Delegate: Susie Schroeder**

**Other Committee Members: Renae Lindbloom, Tami Bertelson, Brittney Latsha and Pastor Jerry, Ex-Officio**

**Christian Education Annual Report 2023**

\*K-5th, middle and high school Sunday school classes met during the school year, with a break over the summer

\* On March 26th, the Confirmation banquet was held. There were 12 confirmands this past year. The confirmands, their parents and mentors all met for a great meal. The confirmands were Prayden Acheson, Rebecca Bond, Hadassah Church, Jack Conn, Katelyn Engbarth, Beckett Hutcheson, Adam Kleinsasser, Hunter Mehlbrech, Easton Miller, Emma Sandman, Landon Tieszen and Malachi Weber.

\*SHINE Sunday was held on April 30th.

\*Graduation/Mother’s Day was May 14th, celebrating 6 seniors from our congregation. They were Maison Montgomery, Trace Ortman, Josiah Schroeder, Noah Kleinsasser, Taylor McGregor and Will Ortman.

 \*VBS was held at the United Church May 22nd - 26th. The theme was "Stellar" Shine Jesus Light. Sarah Woltzen was the director.  Supper was provided for kids and leaders each night.  There were approximately 65 kids in attendance.

\*SHINE/Sunday school Kick-off with outdoor yard games and potluck was September 10th.

\*Shine started on September 13th and the youth groups started on September 20th.

\*Trunk or Treat was held indoors of the United Church on October 31st due to cold outdoor temps.

\*The elementary Sunday school class performed Christmas skits as part of the Church Christmas program on December 17th.

SHINE has 57 children registered for the 2023-2024 year.  There are 8 adult leaders and many youth volunteers.  We begin each Wednesday night with a meal at 6pm open to SHINE children, youth, families and the community.  The meal is served by volunteers from the church.  SHINE ends at 7:30pm.  We are studying the book of John this year.  The students begin in the sanctuary after the meal for announcements, introduction to our lesson and singing then break off into classes.  They have a Bible story with life applications, games, verse memory, and a variety of activities to try and keep the kids engaged and the Truth of the Bible taught.  The night wraps up back together with a review of what they learned and more singing and dismissal as their parents pick them up in the entry way of the church for safety.

Submitted by Susie Schroeder and Michael White

**Youth Report January 2023**

Middle School and High School Youth participated in a pizza fundraiser in March to raise money for the upcoming mission trips, they finished the year with a bonfire in May. The High School youth were asked to serve at a wedding in May, and we had several youths accompanied by Courtney and Bo DeKramer serve at the wedding. In July the youth volunteered at the sport day inflatables to raise money for the upcoming mission trip.

The youth started the year in September, there are 4 youth leaders that lead each week. Tami Bertelson, Courtney DeKramer, Tess Olsen and Joey Latscha.  We are using a curriculum from Orange that follows the life of Jesus for the first half of the year, and then we will transition to a curriculum titled Who Do You Say I Am, looking at identity and some other topics that the youth have requested. We have formed a youth band this year and have moved our worship time into the sanctuary at the end of our High School Night.

 We continue to grow in our numbers and consistently see 30-35 middle school youth, and 35-40 High School Youth. Each week we have a game time, large group lesson, small group discussion time and large group worship. Over the Christmas Break we hosted a praise and worship night for 8th graders through college age youth and young adults. Joel Fredrickson from The Point church in Sioux Falls gave a message to the youth and our youth band led in worship. 30 youth attended this event.  The youth band will play in worship on January 28th. There is a middle school mission tripped planned for summer to Kansas City, 11 youth are signed up to attend. The High school mission trip will be to Los Angeles, CA and there are 10 youth signed up.

Submitted By Tami Bertelson

**Trustees**

**Chairperson: Jeff Scott**

**Council Delegate: Jeff Scott**

**Alternate Delegate: Roger Ketcham**

**Other Committee Members: Jeff Nielsen, Matt Anderson, Luke Hutcheson, and Heath Perry**

In 2023 the trustee committee worked with the UWS to install new flooring in the church's kitchen and three bathrooms. Before replacing the flooring in the bathrooms, the walls were repainted.  New vanities and sinks were also installed in the men's and women's bathrooms.  The dividers in the women's bathroom were removed and repainted.  A new garage door was installed at the church parsonage.  A safety film was installed on the three main exterior glass doors of the church.  In the next year, the trustees will be looking at a new sign on the east side of the church, residing or repainting the west exterior wall of the church, and figuring out what to do with the exterior woodwork around the stained-glass windows near the altar.  The committee would like to thank all the people who helped with any of these projects.  Also, the trustees would like to thank those who help with lawn care and snow removal at the church.

Submitted by Jeff Scott

**Pastor Parish Relations 2023 Annual Report**

**Chairperson:  Carol Woltzen**

**Delegate to Council:  Carol Woltzen**

**Alternate to Council:  Mark Jerman**

**Committee members:  Carol Woltzen, Mark Jerman, Cody Church, Morgan Gerken, Deb Kuhler, Katie Ortman**

The goal of the PPR committee is to assist and help Pastor Jerry and the other staff members however we can and to present any concerns from the congregation to the pastor/staff.  Regular communication plays a big part in achieving this goal and this is what the PPR committee and Pastor Jerry has tried to do this year. Pastor Jerry has held regular staff meetings and the committee has met with Pastor Jerry several times throughout the year to "check in" and talk through ideas or any concerns that have arisen. Pastor Jerry completed a self-evaluation and also completed evaluations with the other staff members. One area identified as a need was to find someone who could periodically help with tech issues. Thanks to Brad Schroeder who has volunteered to fill that need!!  Pastor Appreciation Sunday was celebrated on Oct. 22. As a congregation and committee, we thank Pastor Jerry and Tami for all they do for our congregation and in the community and we ask God to continue to bless them in their ministry.  We are truly blessed to have all of the Bertelson's in Canistota!!  In Oct. Pastor Jerry's compensation package was reviewed and recommendations were given to the Finance committee.  Recommendations made and approved by council regarding changes to Pastor Jerry's terms of call include: vacation--4 weeks, including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education--11 days, including 1 Sunday; and Personal leave--5 days. These changes were made after reviewing both the Methodist and Presbyterian current terms of call.  Thank you to the committee for their help this year!!

Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**Fundraising Committee**

**Tami Remacle, Melissa Weber, Tess Olsen and Sarah Woltzen**

The fundraising committee met on Sunday, December 3rd after church. Committee members present were Tami Remacle, Melissa Weber, Tess Olsen and Sarah Woltzen. Melissa presented a Fundraising Plan. Several bullet points from the plan were discussed. Sarah reported that the council approved the committee’s request to collect a special offering on the first Sunday of every month designated as “Giving Sunday”. The committee changed it to the second Sunday of every month due to communion and other activities done on the first Sunday and not wanting to run into time constraints. Tess will talk about “Giving Sundays” and that they will begin on January 14th during church on December 17th. The year-end fundraising letter was emailed and mailed out. When the committee meets in January, they will review what has been given so far and the effectiveness of the letters. The committee would like to conduct “home visits” during February and March. Details of these visits will be decided in January. The date for the kick-off event was set for April 13th. Various components of the event are being worked on. The next fundraising committee meeting will be Sunday, January 14th after church.

Submitted by Sarah Woltzen

**Building Exploratory Committee**

**Pastor Jerry, Cody Church, John Remacle, Tami Remacle, Justin Engbarth and Sarah Woltzen**

The committee met 6 times throughout 2023. The committee finished several items from Phase 2 of the Building Project. This brought Phase 2 to a close and discussion began on Phase 3. Updated costs were gathered and a financial plan was formed with the Finance Committee and presented to the Church Council. The Church Council recommended Phase 3 of the Building Project and approved a congregational vote which would allow the continuation of Phase 3. Several presentations and Q&A sessions were held for the congregation about Phase 3. A congregational vote to continue with Phase 3 of the building project was held August 13th. The vote passed with 43 voting yes, 22 voting no and 2 abstentions. In keeping with the financial plan, the building exploratory committee has been dissolved and 2 new committees, a building committee and fundraising committee, have been formed. Thank you to Pastor Jerry, Cody Church, John Remacle, Tami Remacle, Justin Engbarth and Sarah Woltzen for serving on the Building Exploratory Committee.

Submitted by Sarah Woltzen

**Church Council Chairperson Report 2023**

**Cody Church**

Once again, a year has passed in the life of United Church. Recently I read a devotion entitled “We are Exiles”. The apostle Peter calls us foreigners and exiles in his first letter because where we live now is not our true home. For every Christian, Heaven is our eternal and true home.

As exiles, we are called to live differently than those around us, and we are to live our faith as Jesus instructed — intent on serving Christ Jesus by serving others. We are blessed as a fellowship of believers to Experience and Share Life in Christ.

Thank you, Pastor Jerry, for your leadership and servant’s heart! Your leadership is often on display but there is much you do that is seen by only a few and the Lord. Also, thank you to the rest of the church staff who manage the daily activities of a church and keep things moving along.

Thank you to the many volunteers it takes to make our youth programs flourish! You are not church staff but you put in quite a bit of time preparing to teach and fellowship with our youth.

Our Wednesday night meal program takes more helping hands to accommodate the youth and feed them. Thank you for your food preparation and service to the youth and families that come to fellowship and eat together.

The youth continue to come through the doors at United Church because of people that give of their time and energy — VBS, youth groups, Sunday school, confirmation mentoring and Shine. These are vital programs to explore God’s Word and His love for all people, of any age! These programs are also vibrant because of the prayers of so many within our congregation.

As a church body, we made a big decision earlier this year to move forward with our building project and to begin fund raising for this project. There were many people involved in this process. I wish to thank the Building Exploratory Committee (including Pastor Jerry), Stewardship and Finance and the Council for the hours spent looking at United Church’s current finances, along with a vision on the future both structurally and financially, and bringing it before the United Church membership. This project is substantial and I believe the areas of focus in regards to additional space build on United Church’s strengths.

With this building project, I would ask that you pray about it and continue to pray about it. Seek God and His guidance with the project. Also, prayerfully consider supporting the project financially. Fundraising has recently kicked off and the committee focusing on fundraising has many opportunities planned in 2024.

United Church continues to be a financially stable congregation due to you through the grace of God and how He has blessed us. Thank you for your continued giving!

There are also many things in the church that go unnoticed but are necessary to have a healthy church body. Thank you to those who do things that go unnoticed and/or unnamed!

When Peter calls us exiles, he goes on to say “live such good lives among the pagans…that they may see your good deeds and glorify God” (1 Peter 2:12). Remind yourself that Heaven is our eternal and true home and we are called to live differently.

**Elders report 2023**

**Delegate: Alex Montgomery**

**Alternate:**

The elders continue to serve by helping with communion every month and serving as ushers/greeters when needed. The church family has been so great to sign up for ushering and helping in the nursery. Ephesians 4:16 says “From him (Christ) the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Thank you everyone for being the body of Christ.

The elders job description is being reviewed and will be brought before the church at Annual meeting for approval.

Submitted by Alex Montgomery

**Stewardship & Finance annual report**  
**Chairman: Dianne Dawson  
Council delegate: Eric Tieszen  
Alternate: Dianne Dawson  
  
Other members: Cathee Bruinsma, Phil Hofer, Cory Spicer and Brad Schroeder  
  
Financial secretary: Doreen Fry**  
Finance has met quarterly and review expenditures monthly.  Our budget is stable, we met our expenses for 2023.  Our proposed 2024 budget is flat. We have seen increases with the basic expenses of Insurance, utilities and staff salaries. All staff are to receive a 4.5% increase on salaries.  We continue to review our budget and line items and with those changes, we were able to keep our 2024 budget flat.  
  
Scholarships for 2023 were received by: Noah Kleinsasser, Tyce Ortman and Blake Anderson.  
An additional donation was made to the scholarship fund and that was also given out.  
Building funds are designated separately to the building fund.

The larger expenditures were bathrooms remodel, flooring and kitchen flooring and new computers for 2023.  
  
Thank you to Doreen for her work and keeping our finances current and accurate! Also thank you to the members of our finance committee for attendance, support and concern for our church finances. They are a great committee!  
  
Our biggest thank you goes to our members and friends of the United church for their continued financial support.  Your support allows the church to continue our missions and community activities!  
  
Submitted by  
Dianne Dawson

**Youth Fund Financials**

**2023**

Starting Balance on 1/1/23 $2,019.50

Total Deposits + $10,059.00

Total Receipts - $6,481.98

Ending Balance on 12/31/23 $5,596.52

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| Item | Deposit | Debit |
| 01/30 - Donation | $700.00 |  |
| 03/06 - Pizza | $5,271.00 |  |
| 03/10 – Pizza | $112.00 |  |
| 03/22 - Pizza | $730.00 |  |
| 04/03 – Pizza | $1,296.00 |  |
| 04/10 – Pizza | $169.00 |  |
| 04/10 – Pizza | $317.00 |  |
| 04/10 – Pizza Ranch outing |  | $278.16 |
| 04/10 – Total Stop Pizzas |  | $5,433.10 |
| 05/08 – Youth group expenses and gift cards for teachers |  | $311.39 |
| 07/28 – Sport Days gift | $615.00 |  |
| 07/31 – Gift | $300.00 |  |
| 08/03 – Reimbursement youth expenses |  | $386.18 |
| 10/11 – Gifts for teachers |  | $73.15 |
| 12/18 – Fundraiser | $549.00 |  |
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| Total | + $10,059.00 | -$6,481.98 |
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**UWS Financials 2022**

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| **Women’s Society Checking Acct** |

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| United Methodist Women | $500.00 |  |
| United Methodist Camps Donation | $200.00 |  |
| Presbyterian Women of SD | $500.00 |  |
| Presbyterian Camps Donation | $200.00 |  |
| Turkey Supper Supplies | $1,817.93 |  |
| Presbytery Meeting | $220.09 |  |
| United Church of Canistota (10% of Turkey Supper profit and reception fees) | $540.00 |  |
| Backpack Program/Food Giveaways | $5,785.99 |  |
| Misc. | $49.65 |  |
| **Total** | **$10,813.66** |  |
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| **Balance 12-31-23** | **$19,764.86** |  |
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| **Womens Society Savings Acct** | |  |
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| **Balance 1-1-23** | **$1,316.49** |  |
| Interest | $9.16 |  |
| **Balance 12-31-23** | **$1,325.65** |  |
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**Memorials For 2023**

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| Annual Memorial Info 2023 | | |  |  |  |  |
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| Savings |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Undesignated | |  | 8837.91 |  |  |  |
|  |  | interest | 61.44 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | total | **8899.35** |  |  |
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| Library N/A | |  | 311.6 |  |  |  |
|  |  | interest | 2.3 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | total | **313.9** |  |  |
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| Music N/A | |  | 2065.15 |  |  |  |
|  |  | interest | 14.33 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | total | **2,079.48** |  |  |
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| TOTAL SAVINGS for 2023 | | |  | **11,292.73** |  |  |
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| Horse Camp | |  | 4,516.61 |  |  |  |
|  |  | interest | 158.54 |  |  |  |
|  |  | W/D | 400.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | total | **4275.15** |  |  |
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| CD #994878 | |  | 4,649.93 |  |  |  |
|  |  | interest | 69.45 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | total | **4719.38** |  |  |
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| Total Money for 2023 | | |  | **20,287.26** |  |  |
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| Riverside Cemetery upkeep acct. | | | | 789.78 |  |  |
| Interest |  |  | 5.5 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | total | **795.28** |  |  |
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**Committee Members & Officers**

**2024**

Officers (one-year terms):

Council president – Cody Church\*\*

Council vice-president – Sarah Woltzen\*\*

Treasurer - Doreen Fry\*\*

Secretary – Karyn Montgomery\*\*

Committee Membership

*(Please note, each committee member is elected to a three-year term, however, they may continue service*

*for a second term, if they wish. Listed is the date when their first term and second term ends.)*

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| Trustees |  | First Term Ends | Second Term Ends |
|  | Matt Anderson | 2022 | 2025 |
|  | \*\*Jeff Nielsen | 2023 | 2026 |
|  | Luke Hutcheson | 2024 | 2027 |
|  | Roger Ketchum | 2024 | 2027 |
|  | Heath Perry | 2024 | 2027 |
|  | Jeff Scott | 2024 | 2027 |
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| Stewardship & Finance |  |  |  |
|  | Phil Hofer | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | Dianne Dawson | 2022 | 2025 |
|  | Cathee Bruinsma-Hartwig | 2022 | 2025 |
|  | \*\*Eric Tieszen | 2023 | 2026 |
|  | Brad Schroeder | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | Cory Spicer | 2026 | 2029 |
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| Christian Education |  |  |  |
|  | Renae Lindbloom | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | Susie Schroeder | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | Brittany Latsha | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | \*\*Joey Latsha | 2027 | 2030 |
|  | Michael White | 2021 | 2024 |
|  | \*\*Tami Bertelson | 2023 | 2026 |
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| Worship & Membership |  |  |  |
|  | Nicole Perry | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | Beth Tappin | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | \*\*Wendy Kleinsasser | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | \*\*Steve Koehn | 2023 | 2025 |
|  | \*\*Dick Dawson | 2023 | 2025 |
|  | Alex Montgomery | 2021 | 2024 |
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| Pastor-Parish Relations |  | Term End Date | |
|  | \*\*Mark Jerman | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | \*\*Morgan Gerken | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | \*\*Carol Woltzen | 2023 | 2026 |
|  | Cody Church |  | 2024 |
|  | Katie Ortman | Lay Rep. To UMC | --- |
|  | Carol Woltzen | Lay Rep. To PCUSA | --- |
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| World Outreach and Social Concerns |  |  |  |
|  | \*\*Mandy Keller | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | \*\*Jenny Hutcheson | 2026 | 2029 |
|  | \*\*Alexis Habetler | 2023 | 2025 |
|  | \*\*Lindsey Mehlbrech | 2023 | 2025 |
|  | Bo DeKramer | 2024 | 2027 |
|  | Tami Remacle | 2026 | 2029 |
| Lay Leadership Committee |  | Term End Date | |
|  | Dawn Nebelsick |  | 2025 |
|  | \*\*Al Scott |  | 2026 |
|  | Carol Woltzen |  | 2024 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Audit Committee |  |  |  |
|  | \*\*Ann VanBeek |  | 2025 |
|  | Diane Dawson |  | 2024 |
|  | Jeff Nielsen |  | 2024 |

**\* Audit Committee to Be Appointed by Council** (these people can serve three 2-year terms)

Other positions (nominated from the floor at annual meeting):

2024 Member-at-large: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Delegate to council: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2024 United Women’s Society:

Delegate to council: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Additional standing positions and committees are in the Annual Report.

\*\* - Designates new committee members who will be voted on at the annual meeting

**Communion Stewards:** Renae Lindbloom

**Memorial Committee:** Pat Letcher, Karen Hofer

**Library Committee:** Janine Nielsen, Erin Church, Susie Schroeder

**Riverside Cemetery:** Lavelle DeKramer, Michael White, Pat Letcher

**Funeral Committee:** (UWS), Co-Chairpersons; Karen Hofer and Lanette Koehn, with Dorene Richarz, Amy Tieszen, Denise Kurth, Marilyn Matthies, and Carol Woltzen

**Decorating Committee:** Janine Nielsen and Kathy Hofer

**Health, Welfare, Hospitals & Homes:** World Outreach & Social Concerns

**Colleges:** Stewardship & Finance

**Christian Vocations:** Pastor, Sr. High Youth Director, and Advisors

**Wills & Legacies:**

**Religion & Race:** World Outreach & Social Concerns

**Organization Presidents:** To be elected.