

**Pinawa Christian Fellowship
Annual General Meeting
October 19, 2025 in the Pinawa Lutheran Church**

Minister's Report

Liz Brasier

It has been a busy year, planning worship services and endeavouring to connect with as many folks as possible. Over the past year I have led the worship committee in trying new worship series that stimulate our minds and broaden our vision. The worship committee is a wonderful team, open to new ideas and eager to help create services that are truly meaningful for the congregation.

Holy Week and Easter services went well. I thank everyone for your grace as I learn my way around Manitoba weather and the delicate dance of multi church services! Thanks, also, for your willingness and joy in welcoming new ideas and worshipping in new ways at times.

May and June brought a tense few weeks with the fires in Wendigo and Nopiming. Conversations with folks from within and from outside of our congregation reflected a level of stress that people were unaccustomed to. I was very thankful that our PCF office is located where it is. Many dropped in to talk and to debrief. It was clear that the people of Pinawa know we, at PCF, are here and willing to help, and that I am available to talk.

Thank you to Chuck Vandergraaf, who suggested a second hour featuring Generation Rising. This happened on August 10th and was well attended. I look forward to more of these in the future.

We had two book studies this past year: during Lent we looked at selected readings from "Bread and Wine" and after Pentecost we read "The Word Fulfilled" by Michael Pahl, Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Manitoba.

We have a new PCF Facebook page, thanks to Brent Stokes who helped me set this up and who is now an admin on the page along with myself. As we post upcoming events etc., we will share them on Positively Pinawa as well, to reach the wider community.

Thank you, to my Pastoral Relations Committee, who watch over me and offer me an outlet to share my concerns.

I look forward to journeying with you and seeing what the next year will bring!

In Christ,
Liz

Worship Report

Liz Brasier

Over the past year our worship has reflected all four of our denominations, using resources from the Anglican, Mennonite, Presbyterian and United churches. Worship has continually reflected our desire to worship together as a diverse and committed group who faithfully come together as a community. Some highlights of worship in the past year:

-  Our Advent worship series that took us on a journey together, pondering some less conventional Advent stories that helped us welcome Christ anew
-  A change from the usual Lessons and Carols to “Christmas Bells: Journeying with Longfellow”
-  Christmas Eve candlelight service
-  Ash Wednesday service in the office
-  Tenebrae service (with a simple soup meal) and Stations of the Cross at Holy Week
-  Easter Sunrise and Communion services
-  PCF United Church members attended the 100th anniversary service in June at Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre

We have some special services coming up, including a special Anabaptist 500 years celebration and potluck on Oct 26, a Memorial Sunday on Nov 2, and Peace Sunday Nov 9 and an advent series entitled “Be Amazed!”

We currently have Brenda Morash, Heather Westdal and Glenys Norman Kukurudz on our Worship team and are very thankful for their work! We are still looking for one more member – ideally Presbyterian - to join us. We also need a chair for the committee.

Lastly, we owe special thanks to our musicians, Glenys Norman Kukurudz, Margaret Koroll, and Giuliano Sanipelli. We miss Margaret and keep her in our prayers. We thank our song leaders, Betty McCamis, Rob Smith and Heather Westdal. And we owe a huge thanks to Barbara Sanipelli for the beautiful PowerPoints she creates every week. Thanks, also to our sidespersons who set up the tech each week, and to Rachel Dutton for helping out with PowerPoint for our Easter service. So many people help in big and small ways to create meaningful worship for everyone. Please know you are appreciated.

Convenor Committee Report

Deb Smith

The Pinawa Christian Fellowship is blessed to have had a history of strong, prudent leadership that now, as we grow smaller, allows us to continue to employ a full-time spiritual leader while so many small congregations cannot. Thank You Pastor Liz for your continued thoughtful and thought-provoking guidance.

Thank you to all who continue to give in so many ways. Besides generous financial contributions, our congregation gives generously of its talents whether:

- building, fixing, carrying, setting up, or moving things
- preparing coffee, baking, or meals when needed

- helping with Funerals and Memorial services
- providing rides
- keeping the congregation informed through our e-newsletter, and our Facebook page
- maintaining our connection to our parent churches and other organizations
- serving on council or committees
- providing music – playing, song leadership
- preparing our PowerPoint Bulletin each Sunday
- keeping us financially responsible
- being readers, greeters, sidesmen.
- enhancing the sanctuary with beautiful flowers

For our small size we remain an active group. This past year we took part in:

- Tuesday morning coffee
- The 100th anniversary of the United Church at SSSC
- Sing along at supportive housing
- an informative Second hour and potluck with Generation Rising
- a Maundy Thursday service
- an Easter sunrise service
- purchasing new banners for church and office
- modifying our old center banner from Gilbert School to hang in the Church Hall
- the Church float in Christmas parade
- services at personal care homes (4 locations)
- our Anniversary service

As we move through this next year let us continue to care for each other, the wider world, and let us welcome with open arms all those who may join us.

Yours in Christ
Deb Smith
Senior Convenor

Missions

Chuck Vandergraaf

The Missions Subcommittee consists of Shiley Pellow, Ken Reddig, Rob Smith and Chuck Vandergraaf (chair). Our group does not hold official meetings; all discussions and deliberations are held through email. We embarked on two major projects this calendar year.

MCC's Grow Hope Project

PCF, through its Mission Subcommittee, invested \$700.00 for two acres of farmland for MCC's Grow Hope project. This money is used by farmers contracted by MCC to grow crops that, when harvested, are sold and the profit used in the Grow Hope Foodgrains project. The crop proceeds are deposited into MCC's account with Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). And then, through a special agreement between CFGB and the

Government of Canada, those donations are eligible to be matched up to four times through additional funds!

Grow Hope organized a “Field Visit” in Niverville on June 26. Evelyn and I had hoped to attend, partly on behalf of PCF but a medical issue prevented us from traveling to Niverville. Grow Hope was able to invest in 272 acres this year. Although there were plans to have another Field Visit in the fall, this has now been cancelled in preparation for the 10th anniversary of this program next year.

Generation Rising

The other major initiative was to extend an invitation to Rafael Duerksen, CEO of Generation Rising, to visit PCF and present a program on the activities of his organization during a “second hour” on Sunday, August 10. Generation Rising is a Winnipeg-based organization dedicated to providing a high-quality Christian education to children living in poverty in Latin America. Rafael, his wife Myrielle and their five children traveled to Pinawa on August 10 and joined in our worship service. Rafael gave an excellent presentation, and his family very much enriched our worship service. Thanks go out to Betty McCamis, Shirley Pellow, and Deb Smith for organizing the “coffee time” during this Second Hour. Rafael expressed great appreciation for the invitation. At the suggestion by Karen Ross, PCF sent a \$200 honorarium to Rafael Duerksen to cover his expenses for coming to Pinawa.

Finances

As of the end of September, the Mission Fund stood at \$1,442.91. Based on past data, monthly donations are mainly through PAR (\$259.00) and non-regular donations, probably through donation envelopes.

The Missions Subcommittee has disbursed the following:

- \$200.00 Beausejour Food Bank
- \$300.00 Lac du Bonnet Food Bank
- \$700.00 MCC Grow Hope
- \$200.00 to Mennonite Disaster Services to support a family in the Libau area that lost its residence to water damage
- \$200.00 to Open Doorways Orphanage, headquartered in Beausejour, for work in Haiti
- \$200.00 for United Church of Canada’s Northern Ministers initiative to provide respite to ministers serving in northern Manitoba

With these disbursements, we will have spent \$1,800.00 this year. This leaves a projected ~\$2,100 for disbursement through the end of the year, although it would be wise to carry some of this, say, \$400.00 over into 2026. We could safely allocate \$1,500 between now and the end of December. There are some causes that we supported in previous years that we could consider supporting again. Your Missions Sub-committee will discuss this in the fall.

I continue to scour the Internet for interesting items related to the mission efforts of the four denominations that recognize PCF and post them in the sidebar in “What’s up @PCF”.

Congregational Care

Shirley Pellow

In the past few years, the membership of the congregation has decreased in numbers but needs of the present members have increased due to aging and disability. The committee is too great to be managed by myself alone.

Some of the tasks are visitation, phone calls and transportation for church. Cards are sent for birthdays, sympathy and get well. At Christmas time, on behalf of the church I purchase small gifts for the elderly which is appreciated.

We are very short of prayer shawls so if people would like to knit or crochet, it would be helpful.

Ladies luncheon will continue throughout the year.

This fall when filling out your visitation packages, please consider taking on a small task for the Congregational Care committee, or contact me.

Social

Barb Lambert

In January we celebrated Liz's two-year anniversary at PCF with coffee and dainties.

In April, the Easter sunrise service was held at the Pergola by the river.

All our members appear to be back and hopefully we can do a small Fall celebration.

Coffee after Sunday service continues to provide an opportunity for everyone to enjoy some fellowship. We have purchased a round table to add extra seating for everyone. Thank you to all those who help with coffee prep.

Coffee on Tuesday morning at the PCF office remains popular and provides an opportunity to engage with the wider community.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Ross

We are behind our giving goal year to date by \$10,403 which is about 10% more than planned¹. Our expenses are as planned, and we are \$16,843 in the red with a budgeted deficit of \$7.5k. We hope our historical pattern continues and we see an increase in donations for remainder of the year.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

PCF Financial Report to 2025 Sep 30

	2025 Actuals	2025 Budget	% of Budget	Notes
GENERAL FUND INCOME				
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	NA	
Local Offering	\$59,076.95	\$100,000.00	59.1%	1
Open Collection	\$100.00	\$250.00	40.0%	
Interest and Dividends	\$6,119.30	\$6,000.00	102.0%	2
Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	-	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$65,296.25	\$106,250.00	61.5%	
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES				
Administration Account				
Advertising	\$726.63	\$900.00	80.7%	
Bank & PAR Charges	\$307.23	\$300.00	102.4%	3
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$1,362.00	\$1,800.00	75.7%	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$40.00	0.0%	
Offering Envelopes	\$0.00	\$50.00	0.0%	
Office Expenses	\$813.11	\$1,700.00	47.8%	
Office Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0%	4
Telephone & Internet	\$874.41	\$1,200.00	72.9%	
Worship Rent	\$4,340.00	\$5,840.00	74.3%	
Total Administration Account	\$8,423.38	\$11,830.00	71.2%	
General Account				
Christian Education	\$24.52	\$100.00	24.5%	
Congregational Caring	\$283.95	\$600.00	47.3%	
Denominational Meetings	\$293.68	\$400.00	73.4%	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$25.00	0.0%	
Social	\$557.80	\$600.00	93.0%	5
Stewardship	\$200.39	\$1,000.00	20.0%	6
Worship (Worship and Choir Supplies)	\$692.13	\$750.00	92.3%	7
Total General Account	\$2,052.47	\$3,475.00	59.1%	

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Parent Churches Account				
Anglican	\$985.50	\$1,314.00	75.0%	
Mennonite	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	100.0%	8
Presbyterians Sharing	\$250.00	\$250.00	100.0%	8
Presbyterian - Winnipeg Presbytery	\$500.00	\$500.00	100.0%	8
United Church M&S	\$2,250.00	\$3,000.00	75.0%	
United Church Assessment	\$1,395.75	\$1,861.00	75.0%	
Total Parent Churches Account	\$6,481.25	\$8,025.00	80.8%	
Pastorate Account				
Congregational Pension Assessment	\$2,835.27	\$3,780.39	75.0%	
Continuing Education Allowance	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	0.0%	
Employer CPP	\$2,647.08	\$3,529.44	75.0%	
Employer EI	\$1,301.94	\$1,508.47	86.3%	
Extended Health and Dental	\$1,125.16	\$1,228.92	91.6%	9
Housing Allowance	\$6,750.00	\$9,000.00	75.0%	
Pulpit Supply - Education Leave	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.0%	
Pulpit Supply - Other	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.0%	
Pulpit Supply - Vacation Leave	\$314.50	\$1,000.00	31.5%	
Salary	\$47,040.90	\$62,817.80	74.9%	
Travel	\$324.80	\$1,000.00	32.5%	
Utilities	\$2,842.47	\$3,789.96	75.0%	
Total Pastorate Account	65182.12	\$90,454.98	72.1%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$82,139.22	\$113,784.98	72.2%	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(\$16,842.97)	(\$7,534.98)		

Notes

- 1) 10% lower than planned for September
- 2) GICs reached maturity interest from M&H and Project goes to operating
- 3) Canada Helps donation service fee
- 4) Office rent expensed through M and H fund
- 5) lots to celebrate - coffee and cake
- 6) Fall mailout expensed through Stewardship
- 7) New hymnals and One License
- 8) Full payment made in January
- 9) Change in benefits plan