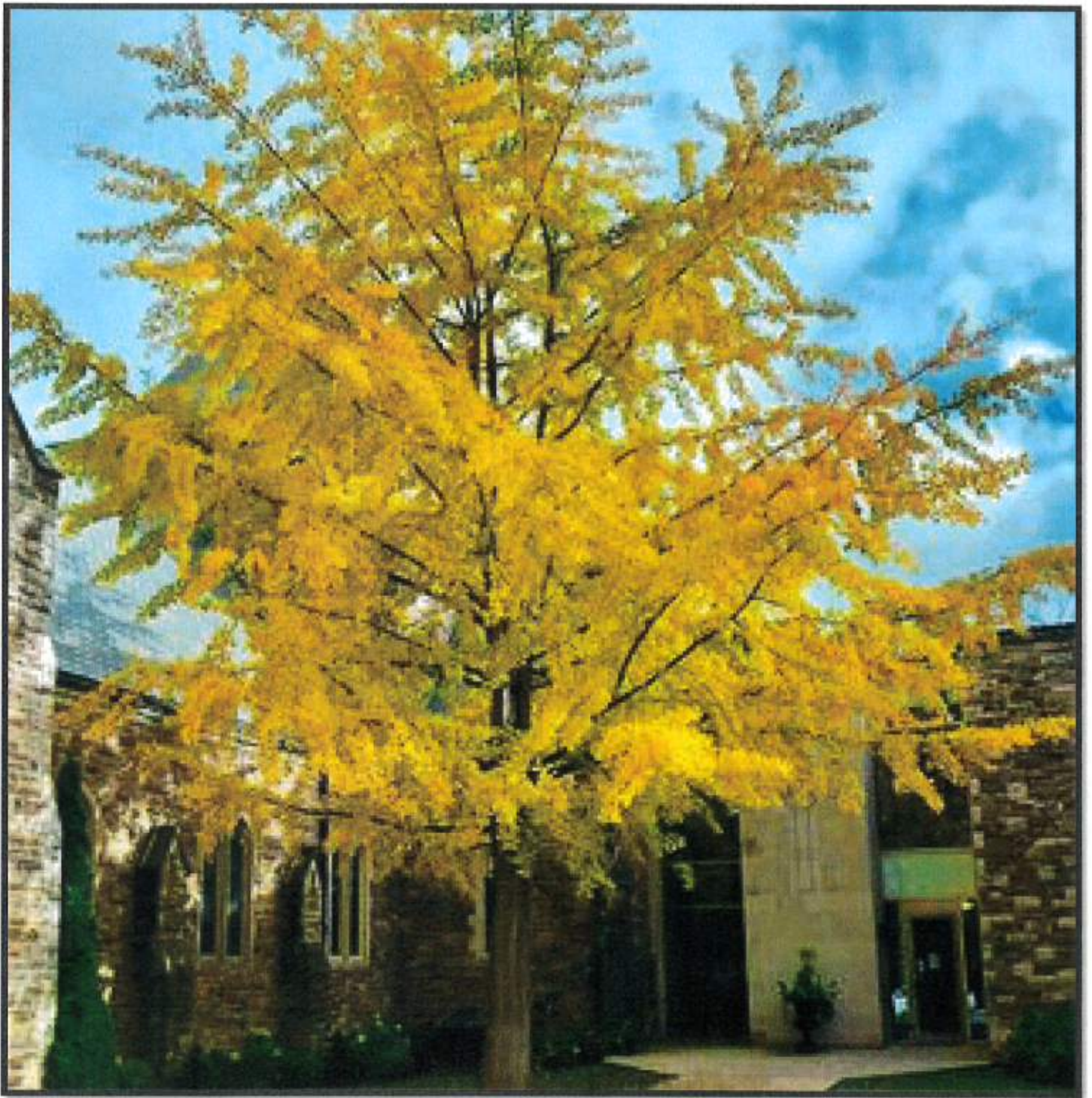


**GLENVIEW**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The photograph on the cover is of the Ginkgo Biloba tree we had cut down in 2023 due to safety concerns. Photographer unknown.

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE - REV. TOBEY BOYER

***"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."
1 Corinthians 10:31***

This message from Scripture is the heart of who we are as Christians. As you read through our church's annual report, be reminded that our source of strength, our inspiration, and the reason we do all that we do as a church, is for God's glory and for God's purpose.

It was with great excitement that I began my role as your minister at the end of November. I am encouraged by your faith in me as I serve God by serving this congregation. It has been an honour to get to know many of you. I pray, that in the year ahead, our journey together will be guided by the will of God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

I would like to thank the leadership of the congregation for their support as I look forward to working together in the years ahead. I would also like to thank the staff of Glenview who work with efficiency, positive energy, and faithful commitment to this congregation. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you!

Blessings to you all as we continue to do God's work and to give God glory in 2024!

Your friend and minister,
The Rev. Tobey Boyer



Taken at Induction of The Rev. Tobey Boyer



SESSION REPORT

As always, I would like to express my gratitude to the congregation for their ongoing support of our church and its ministries.

2023 was a wonderful year in the life of this congregation culminating in the arrival of our new minister, The Rev. Tobey Boyer, at the beginning of the Advent Season. We experienced constant growth in attendance and financial support throughout the year.

We got to experience a high level of preaching through the exceptional work of our interim moderator, The Rev. Matthew Sams, who provided us with a steady stream of competent professional pulpit supply each and every week. The Rev. Don Muir, The Rev. Victor Kim and The Rev. Wes Denyer inspired us weekly, and on behalf of the congregation I express our gratitude.

I would once again like to express my thanks and gratitude for our interim moderator, The Rev. Matthew Sams. He was a significant presence as the moderator of the Session and the Search Committee.

We once again acknowledge the work of the Search Committee whose diligent work and their willingness to take the time to properly discern the calling of our new minister resulted in the arrival of The Rev. Boyer.

Throughout the entire vacancy this congregation has continued to provide a grocery assistance programme, helped in the fight against food insecurity by donating a significant amount of food to the Daily Bread Food Bank, brought joy to the tenants of Portland Place through Stuffed Christmas Stockings, continued to supply Evangel Hall with barrels full of donated clothing, and showed love to our homebound members through donations of baked cookies. Our pastoral care associate, Antonio Siracusa, continues to be a blessing to our congregation through his work with those who are experiencing health issues, loneliness or are homebound. This congregation continues to put their faith into action.

This congregation will mark its 100th anniversary next January. Throughout the upcoming year we will initiate centennial projects in honour of that occasion. A centennial logo has been created and will be present on church documents throughout this year and next. The first project will be the production of a new photo directory and I would ask that you keep your eyes open for the upcoming information regarding this. We will also have a major centennial project to celebrate the anniversary and you will hear more about this when it has been finalized and approved by Session. I am happy to

report that Shannon Wiggan has agreed to convene the Centennial Project Committee.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the members of the church staff, Linda Hogan, Peter Merrick, Warren Jones, Antonio Siracusa and Paul Pincente for their dedication and commitment to this congregation. It has been a joy to work with all of you.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to The Rev. Boyer who has quickly become a part of our church family. We look forward to her leadership as we approach our centennial and ask that the congregation support her through her first year of ministry at Glenview.

May God provide his blessing to everyone in this congregation and may He grant to us the strength to continue His work.

Yours in Christ,
David McIntyre
Clerk of Session

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42



2023 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

GLENVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

ATTENDANCE: 55

Time meeting started: 12:15 p.m.

OPENING – The Rev. Matthew Sams

The meeting was opened with prayer by The Rev. Sams and with a memorial to members and friends who have died in the past year.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

SHARON PIPER MOVED AND DAVID BARBER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPOINT MARY LOU KERR AS SECRETARY FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 27, 2022.

CAROL MCLEAN MOVED AND MARY CAMPBELL SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2022 BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED

REPORTS

PETER BROUGHTON MOVED AND MARILYN BROUGHTON SECONDED A MOTION THAT ALL REPORTS PRINTED AND CIRCULATED BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED

SESSION REPORT - David McIntyre

David thanked Session members and Ministry Team members for their time and talent. He also thanked Linda Hogan, Warren Jones and The Rev. Sams for keeping our resources up and running.

David then had the congregation give a standing ovation to itself for continuing to carry on all the church support services over the past year.

He remarked that Session is moving forward to get folks back in the fold.

He also thanked Norma McIntyre for her time as Clerk of Session that ended in May 2022, and Cam Walters and Cameron Coneybeare for their time on Session ending this year.

NOMINATING MOTIONS

DAVID MCINTYRE MOVED AND MARTHA HACKNEY SECONDED A MOTION THAT GLENVIEW CONGREGATION APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FOR ORDINATION AS A RULING ELDER AND ELECTION TO SERVE A SIX YEAR TERM ON SESSION:

Heather Tempest

AND THE FOLLOWING TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM ON SESSION HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY ORDAINED AS A RULING ELDER:

Shannon Wiggan

CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2022 - Thomas Kriens

Thomas Kriens reviewed the audited financial statements.

BARBARA MILLICHAMP MOVED AND IAN FERGUSON SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2022 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2023

BARBARA MILLICHAMP MOVED AND IAN FERGUSON SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE FIRM OF KRIENS-LAROSE BE APPOINTED AS GLENVIEW'S AUDITORS FOR 2023.

CARRIED

OUTREACH AND MISSION - David McIntyre (for Norma McIntyre)

Special Fund

DAVID MCINTYRE MOVED AND LORI ELLIOTT SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE GLENVIEW CONGREGATION RAISE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000 AND THE FOLLOWING BE THE ALLOCATION FOR DISBURSEMENT IN 2023.

ARISE Ministry	\$ 1,500
EHM/Portland Place	\$ 4,000
Native Child and Family Services	\$ 2,000
Daily Break Food Bank	\$ 2,500
PCC Honouring the Children Reconciliation and Residential School Fund	\$ 500
The Gerstein Centre	\$ 1,500
	<u>\$12,000</u>

CARRIED

DAVID MCINTYRE MOVED AND LORI ELLIOTT SECONDED A MOTION THAT ANY SHORTFALL IN DONATIONS TO THE SPECIAL FUND BE MADE UP FROM GENERAL OPERATING REVENUES AND THAT ANY EXCESS DONATIONS BE DISTRIBUTED AS SESSION DETERMINES.

CARRIED

Presbyterians Sharing Allocation

DAVID MCINTYRE MOVED AND LORI ELLIOTT SECONDED A MOTION THAT GLENVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ACCEPT AN ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 FOR PRESBYTERIANS SHARING AND THAT ANY SHORTFALL IN DONATIONS BE MADE UP FROM GENERAL OPERATING REVENUES AND THAT ANY EXCESS DONATIONS OVER \$35,000 BE REMITTED TO PRESBYTERIANS SHARING.

CARRIED

TRANSFER FROM TRUST FUNDS

IAN FERGUSON MOVED AND DON CAMERON SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE TRANSFER FROM GLENVIEW TRUST FUNDS WHICH IS CONSTITUTED AS BEING AVAILABLE FOR THE SUPPORT OF GLENVIEW OPERATIONS BE CALCULATED AS A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE ROLLING THREE-YEAR AVERAGE NET CAPITAL VALUE OF SUCH FUNDS AND THAT SUCH FIXED PERCENTAGE BE 3.5% FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE TRANSFER FOR 2023.

CARRIED

2023 OPERATING BUDGET - Ian Ferguson

The 2023 Budget Committee consisted of two Session members – David McIntyre and Carla Lyon, and two F&P members - Ian Ferguson and Barbara Millichamp.

At a joint Session and F&P meeting held on March 19, 2023 the budget was approved unanimously in separate votes by Session and F&P.

Ian reviewed the Budgeted Operating Revenue and Expenditures for 2023 for the congregation.

The COLA for employees this year will be 6%. This amounts to an expenditure of about \$12,000.

The Projected Budget for 2023 is set at \$651,735 compared with \$555,522 in 2022.

There was a question about the GO Bus which is not shown in the Budget. Ian responded that there was a lack of ridership interest at this time. A survey of retirement homes in the area was suggested to see if any residents would like transportation to Glenview Sunday service.

IAN FERGUSON MOVED AND CARLA LYON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THE PROJECTED BUDGET FOR 2023 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED

POWER TO BORROW

PETER FLEMING MOVED AND IAN FERGUSON SECONDED A MOTION THAT GLENVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BE AUTHORIZED TO BORROW, WITH OR WITHOUT SECURITY, UP TO \$150,000 FROM THE GENERAL BEQUEST FUND OR AS NEEDED FROM A BANK OR TRUST COMPANY FOR CONTINGENCIES AND WORKING CAPITAL NEEDS.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

David McIntyre thanked The Rev. Sams for his stewardship as Interim Moderator.

The Rev. Sams has arranged pulpit supply for Glenview each Sunday. This is his hardest task, and he has done a very fine job.

Search Committee Update – The Rev. Sams

A survey was done last April to help the Search Committee understand the priorities of the Congregation.

The Search Committee is very pleased with the candidates that have responded to fill the vacancy.

The first interviews will take place soon.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS BROUGHT TO A CLOSE WITH PRAYER AT 1:15 P.M.
FOLLOWING A MOTION BY JIM CAMPBELL AND SECONDED BY DON
POLLOCK TO TERMINATE THE MEETING

The Rev. Matthew Sams
Moderator

Mary Lou Kerr
Secretary

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES



Moderator – The Rev Matthew Sams

Clerk of Session – David McIntyre

MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING GLENVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday, September 24, 2023

The congregation of Glenview Presbyterian Church met in the Sanctuary immediately following the morning service to discern a Call to the Rev. Tobey Boyer. The Interim Moderator, the Rev. Matthew Sams, constituted the meeting with Prayer.

The Interim Moderator began the meeting with an overview of the agenda and provided explanations for each section of the agenda.

Item #1: **Appointment of Secretary for the Meeting**

A motion that David McIntyre, Clerk of Session, be appointed as Secretary for this meeting was moved by Lori Elliot and seconded by Tim Steele. CARRIED

Item #2: **Purpose of the Meeting**

The Interim Moderator, the Rev. Matthew Sams requested that the Clerk confirm that proper notice of the Congregational Meeting had been given (at least two Sundays prior and that a letter advising the congregation of the date and time of the congregational meeting had been sent to all members). The Clerk, David McIntyre provided confirmation and the Interim Moderator declared that the Purpose of the Meeting had been fulfilled.

Item #3: **Narration of Steps**

The co-convenors of the Search Committee, Deanna Chu and Bill Collier, outlined the complete process of the Search Committee from their first meeting through until the name of the candidate was presented to the Session. A copy of the Narration of Steps is attached to the Minutes.

Following the Narration of Steps the co-convenors presented detailed reasoning for the need for confidentiality in this process throughout.

Item #4: **Willingness to Proceed**

The Interim Moderator explained that the purpose of this motion was to determine that the congregation was fully prepared to proceed with the call of a minister of Word and Sacrament at Glenview Presbyterian Church.

A motion that the congregation of Glenview Presbyterian is prepared to proceed with the call of a new minister of Word and Sacrament at Glenview Presbyterian Church was moved by Shiela Limerick and seconded by Shannon Wiggan. CARRIED

Item #5: Terms of the Call and Guarantee of Stipend and Allowances

The Interim Moderator read the terms of the Call without including the name of the candidate followed by the Guarantee of Stipend and Allowances.

A motion that the congregation of Glenview Presbyterian Church adopt the terms of the Call and the Guarantee of Stipend and Allowances as presented was moved by Pauline Allen and seconded by Eileen Graham. CARRIED

Item #6: Nominations

A motion that the name of the Rev. Tobey Boyer be inserted into the Call was moved by Deanna Chu and seconded by Bill Collier.

Deanna Chu presented a description of the candidate to the congregation leading them through the process as to why the Rev. Tobey Boyer was selected to Preach for the Call and how both the Search Committee and Rev. Boyer went through a concentrated time of discernment to determine that Rev. Boyer felt Called to Glenview. Copies of Deanna's notes are attached to the Minutes.

Bill Collier addressed with the congregation the only concern brought forth within the committee regarding the candidate: The issue of residency. Rev. Boyer requested that she be allowed to commute from her current residence in Everett, Ontario. The Search Committee felt that this was not a deterrent to selecting Rev. Boyer and Mr. Collier presented the congregation with the reasoning for their decision. A copy of the reasons are attached to the Minutes.

Following the presentation of the Co-Convenors, the Interim Moderator informed the congregation that the vote would be held by secret ballot and then reminded the congregation that only members could vote but that Adherents would have the opportunity to support the Call after the meeting.

The Clerk distributed the ballots. Once all the ballots had been collected the Interim Moderator and the Clerk retired to count the votes. Two members of the congregation accompanied them as observers. After the ballots were counted the Interim Moderator reported that 79 members had cast ballots and 100% of the ballots were in support of the Rev. Tobey Boyer being Called to Glenview as Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Following the announcement of the voting result the Interim Moderator re-read the Call with the name of the Rev. Tobey Boyer inserted. This Call and the Guarantee of Stipend and Allowances are attached to these Minutes.

Item #7: Move to Unanimity

As the vote was unanimous there was no need to proceed with this item.

Item #8: Representatives to Presbytery

A motion that the recommendation of the Session naming David McIntyre, Clerk of Session, and the co-convenors of the Search Committee, Deanna Chu and Bill Collier, as they are available, represent the congregation of Glenview Presbyterian Church in speaking to the Call of the Rev. Tobey Boyer before the Presbytery of East Toronto and the Presbytery of Barrie was moved by Eugene van Heerden and seconded by Lori Elliot.

CARRIED

Item #9: Signing of the Call Document and Concurrence in Call Document

The Interim Moderator and the Clerk of Session proceeded to sign the Call Document. The Clerk then outlined the process for the members to sign the Call Document and the Adherents to sign the Concurrence in Call Document.

The attendance at the Congregational Meeting was 101 made up of 79 Members and 22 Adherents. All in attendance signed the documents.

Item #10: Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Martha McLean.

Item #11: Close the Meeting with Prayer

Following the motion to adjourn the Interim Moderator closed the meeting with Prayer.



STAFF AND GOVERNANCE

Minister

The Rev. Tobey Boyer (since November 26)

Interim Moderator

The Rev. Matthew Sams (until November 26)

Pastoral Care Associate

Antonio Siracusa

Director of Christian Education and Outreach

Vacant

Director of Music

Peter Merrick

Church Administrator

Linda Hogan

Bookkeeper

Paul Pincente

Church Officer

Warren Jones

Choir Section Leaders

Soprano - Noelle Slaney (until December), Alto - Donna Brindle,
Tenor - Cameron Martin, Bass - Parker Clements (until September)

Ministers in Association

The Rev. Mary Campbell, The Rev. Dr. Richard Fee, The Rev. Donald Pollock

Trustees

Patricia Main, Shannon Wiggan (until 2024)
Ian Ferguson, Peter Fleming (until 2031)

Session Moderator

The Rev. Matthew Sams (until November 26)
The Rev. Tobey Boyer (since November 26)

Clerk of Session

David McIntyre

Representatives to East Toronto Presbytery

Martha Hackney, Norma McIntyre

Members of Session during 2023

George Boyce, Marilyn Broughton, Cameron Coneybeare, Lori Elliot, Peter Fleming, Eileen Graham, Martha Hackney, Carla Lyon, David McIntyre, Dan Melhem, Linda Sutherland, Heather Tempest, Eugene van Heerden, Cameron Walter, Shannon Wiggan, Mike Wise

Elders of Glenview during 2023

Otto Akkerman, Chad Bark, Robert Beattie, Rosemary Beattie, George Boyce, Marilyn Broughton, Ross Burns, James Campbell, Cameron Coneybeare, Cathy Day, Deanna Chu, Bill Collier, John Crawford, Graham Desson, Lori Elliot, Heather Elliott, Peter Fleming, Anne Gannon, Robert Gannon, Eileen Graham, Martha Hackney, John Hand, Barbara Hepburn, John Hepburn, Jeff Kerr, Paul Kushner, Sheila Limerick, Carla Lyon, Jeanette MacDonald, Iona MacRitchie, Patricia Main, Alister Mason, Susan Mason, Ruth McDonald, David McIntyre, Norma McIntyre, Dan Melhem, Barbara Millichamp, Margaret Menegon, Peter Osborne, Sharon Piper, Clare Scholtz, Andrea Sepa, Cathy Sewell, Cedric Storr, Heather Tempest, James Thomson, Nancy Thornton, Eugene van Heerden, Grant Vistorino, Mary Walker, William Walker, Cameron Walter, Shannon Wiggan, Michael Wise, Charlotte Youngson

Committees of Session

Church Decoration and Gardens
Nominating
Search (until October)

Convener(s)

Pat Main
David McIntyre
Deanna Chu & Bill Collier

Ministry Team

Christian Education
Communication and Digital
Congregational Support
Finance and Property

Convener(s)

Shannon Wiggan
Mike Wise
Zoe Baltz & Martha Hackney
Grant Vistorino
Barbara Millichamp, Treasurer
Shannon Wiggan
Carla Lyon
Norma McIntyre
Eileen Graham

Fundraising
Ministry and Personnel
Outreach and Mission
Pastoral Care



*Our now departed Ginkgo Biloba during the Summer
Photo by Linda Hogan*

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM

Glenview's Church School is in a period of transition, but we are still fostering connections. We tried to fill the Christian Education position during the pulpit vacancy, but this proved challenging. In January we changed and re-posted the job description to "Outreach and Christian Education," with an emphasis on outreach, service and community building, but no applications were received. We fear the list of job responsibilities may be too broad for a part-time position. Volunteers did their best in the interim to provide opportunities for children to learn and gather outside of the Sanctuary once a month. Families were welcomed to worship, activity packs were provided for children at the back of the Sanctuary, and lending from the Sutherland Children's Library was encouraged. References to "KidsView" and "ViewPoint Youth" were removed from the website. We no longer have enough children and youth to support two separate groups. We moved to a "one-room schoolhouse model" where all ages were invited to gather in the Upper Classroom.

In January, "learners" of all ages were invited to participate in a Kairos Blanket Exercise. Six of our friends from Trinity Presbyterian Church joined 20 Glenview members in the Church Hall for a moving journey towards truth and reconciliation. It proved to be a great experience.

In February, children and youth were invited to bake Valentine's Day cookies and make cards for people unable to attend services in person. This was part of the lesson on the Great Commandments, and what it means to love God, and love your neighbour as yourself. The Pastoral Care team delivered 30 boxes of assorted cookies to homebound church members.

In March, The Rev. Matthew Sams kindly led members of Willowdale Presbyterian Church and Glenview in a Lenten book study based on the book "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. Two youth participated in the Easter Service. It was wonderful to have members of the youth group assisting with the screens and sound system in the Sanctuary throughout the year and see them participate with Bible readings.

On September 17, families were invited to attend our congregational "Welcome Back" lunch, and six children attended a lesson on "Jesus and the Children." On October 1, there was a screening of "Operation Lights Out," a documentary film by Angela Onuora about the Biafran airlift and the story of

CANAIRELIEF. Afterwards, there was an informative discussion with the lead researcher and executive producer, The Rev. Dr. Rick Fee.

In October the lesson theme revolved around Thanksgiving, and why as Christians we have a responsibility to share, and care for one another. The children learned about the Good Samaritan, and Glenview held another successful canned food drive in support of the Daily Bread Food Bank. A big thank you to Linda Sutherland for picking up the donation bins, and to Glenview members and our neighbours on the street that returned full donation bags. They were all dropped off at the Fire Hall the first week of November and then delivered to the Daily Bread Food Bank.

A "Mini Advent Festival" was held on December 10, and there was a lesson on the Christmas Story, and the weekly themes of Advent, and Advent symbols. Thank you to the Congregational Support Team who introduced a new generation to our traditional "meatball soup." A good time was had by all who participated, and Shannon dropped off beautifully decorated gingerbread people to Meals on Wheels at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.

In November, Linda and Lynda Tanaka purchased some new books for the Sutherland Children's Library. Members are encouraged to share them with the young people in their families. New NRSV Spark Children's Bibles were also purchased.

While our Church School is presently small, we are viewing this as a period of review, and renewal. We do not have many young families presently attending, and we appreciate the grandparents who share their faith with their grandchildren. Outreach to our surrounding community will be key going forward. We are not despairing, as Jesus said: *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."* Matthew 18:20. Due to our numbers, we utilized material from past years rather than purchasing curriculum. We continued to draw upon the resources in the Sutherland Children's Library, the Christian Education office, and the PCC website.

Please consider volunteering in the Church School. Teaching is very rewarding, and a great way to develop your own faith. In compliance with Glenview's Leading with Care policy, you will need to submit an updated police reference check.

I would like to thank Lynda and Linda for their help in planning and teaching CE lessons and events. Lynda and Lori Elliott have kindly continued to keep the bulletin boards outside the church office looking great and up to date, and the activity packs current. I am also grateful to Linda Hogan and Mike Wise for always helping to publicize Church School events.

The Christian Education team lost a valuable ally and friend with the passing of Susan Mason this year. Susan was an active member of Glenview from 1969; she was a gifted teacher, and we were blessed that she shared her faith, and love of literature, music and history with generations of Glenview children and youth. It was moving to see some of her former students participate in her funeral. Both Susan and Alister Mason have dedicated many years of invaluable service to Glenview's Church School and nursery, and I am grateful for their guidance and support.

Respectfully submitted by
Shannon Wiggan



COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL MINISTRY TEAM

This has been an active year for the Communication and Digital Ministry team. The team is responsible for orchestrating Glenview's digital communication, including two weekly e-newsletters, live-streaming the Sunday service, and maintaining Glenview's website.

Glenview's office circulates two email newsletters each week. The Friday edition is designed to share news and events that spark our conversations. The Saturday edition focuses on sharing details of Sunday's service. We are proud to have 276 weekly subscribers, and both newsletters boast an impressive 63% open rate, a metric that measures how many recipients actually read the email upon receiving it. This rate surpasses the industry average for email communications, indicating our content is well-received.

In 2023, our website traffic experienced a slight dip, with 6,600 views, but we are witnessing consistent growth with our livestreams. Our videos garnered over 6,200 views on YouTube in 2023, and we welcomed more than 50 new subscribers.

On average, our weekly services are viewed live by approximately 20 people on Sundays, with an additional 80 streaming it within the week. In 2023, we live-streamed several funerals, with friends and family members tuning in from across North America and as far afield as England, Scotland, France, South Africa, and New Zealand. We received several heartfelt messages expressing gratitude for the service:

- “We and you are blest by those who streamed the service and were responsible for camera and sound.”
- “A special gift for people like us who could not be there. I found I could replay parts of the service that I needed and was able to.”
- “Being able to watch so many changing angles throughout the service also made it very interesting to watch.”

As we look forward to Glenview's centennial year, the Communications and Digital Ministry team plans to coordinate the production of an updated photo directory. Stay tuned for details.

Respectfully submitted by
Mike Wise



CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM

The mandate of the Congregational Support Ministry (CSM) Team is: “To strengthen Christian fellowship within the Church through activities that encourage relationship building among existing members and adherents and that will attract new members.” Based on an understanding that gathering for food fosters fellowship, the CSM Team serves together catering and supporting congregational events.

2023 was a busy calendar of events at Glenview, with CSMT catering many more events than in recent years.

Coffee Hour continues to be a significant part of our fellowship at Glenview, with many people remaining after worship to share coffee and conversation. In the summer, Lemonade on the Lawn was also reestablished. In 2023, there were more volunteers who served coffee and have now become more familiar with our new kitchen. A support person from CSMT continues to be available to support volunteers not familiar with the kitchen, as needed. There have been more people volunteering to serve coffee, with the occasional reminder in the weekly announcements.

2023 also saw the return of the potluck lunch for Anniversary Sunday in January, the Annual Congregational Meeting, the June BBQ, the Welcome Back Picnic in September, as well as the reappearance of Glenview's meatball soup recipe for the Advent Festival in December.

In November, we were excited to help cater a reception as Glenview welcomed our new minister, the Rev. Tobey Boyer. A sign of how busy Glenview has become is that the reception was held in the lower level, so that the Out of the Cold guests could be welcomed in the Church Hall.

We give thanks for the dedicated people who have lovingly serve on the CSM Team year after year: Anne Gannon, Kathryn Tew, Mary Campbell, Nettie Nieuwland, Pauline Allen and Linda Sutherland; we have missed Elizabeth Bell. The Team is grateful for the support from Norma and David McIntyre, Bob Gannon, Lori Elliott, Shannon, Tim, Coulson and Sean Wiggan, Marion and Ian Ferguson, and the members of Session.

We look forward to supporting events in 2024, as we continue with Glenview traditions and explore new opportunities with our new minister.

Respectfully submitted by
Zoe Baltz and Martha Hackney



FINANCE AND PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM

Once again Glenview was faced with another challenging year.

2023 may be described as a year Glenview moved forward, emerging from the challenges of recent years and culminating in the induction of our new minister, The Rev. Tobey Boyer, at the end of November.

We are happy to report that on the financial front, Glenview ended the year with an operating surplus of \$30,290 (as shown in Schedule I of the audited financial statements). Many factors contributed to this result:

- Envelope and plate givings as well as preauthorized remittances, etransfers and donations via Canada Helps.
- Rental income that was up approximately 68% from last year.
- Enthusiastic support for fundraising projects.
- Expenses that were kept under control and came in under budget.
- Finally, the important contribution made by the transfer from trust funds to help fund operations and programs both at Glenview and in the community.

Special thanks to Shannon Wiggan who again led Glenview's fundraising efforts. The TCS Charity Challenge raised approximately \$10,000 for the Special Fund, while the Christmas Fair and Purdy's Easter and Christmas

chocolate sales together raised \$12,233. The ongoing FundScrip rebate program provided \$1,014. In addition, the Buck-a-Book program, headed by Eileen Graham and Lynda Tanaka made a welcome contribution of \$334. These fundraising activities are critical to the health of Glenview's financial position.

The Finance & Property Team is responsible for the maintenance of the facilities and grounds that provide a home for the Glenview community as we work to help others. In addition to regular, ongoing upkeep, a new hall sound system was installed, Wi-Fi access was improved, and 70 new chairs were acquired for the Church Hall. Also, the streaming project that enables livestreaming in the Sanctuary was completed.

We are thankful for the many people who support Glenview's community and outreach programs with financial gifts and through their volunteer efforts. These include Presbyterians Sharing, the Special Fund, the Benevolent Fund - Grocery Assistance Program, and Out of the Cold.

We also want to remember donations made in 2023 to the Memorial Fund by friends and family in memory of: Viola Patton, Rhoda MacRitchie, Jean Roberts, Elsa Southam, Joan Neilson, Eva Kushner, Susan Mason, Edith Williams, Ian Williams, Sylvia Fyfe and Dr. Dale Dotten. They will be remembered as these funds are investments for future use.

Investment Committee

The Glenview Investment Committee is made up of Don Cameron, Graham Desson, Ian Ferguson, Alister Mason, Grant Vistorino and Tim Wiggan. The Committee meets semi-annually to review the management and performance of the Glenview Investment Portfolio and to consider and recommend transfers from the portfolio to support the work of Glenview Presbyterian Church

Portfolio Management Overview

The Glenview portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis by Martin Lucas and Seagram Ltd. which is a Toronto based financial management firm. MLS manages the portfolio and provides trading direction to CIBC Wood Gundy, who hold all the securities on behalf of Glenview Presbyterian Church.

On a quarterly basis, MLS must provide confirmation of compliance with the investment policy parameters set up by the Investment Committee of Glenview Presbyterian Church. Parameters are set for the overall mix of investments, dollar allocation within subcategories (such as Canadian vs US

vs international equities), and quality rating of fixed income investments such as bonds and preferred shares.

At year end, all asset allocations complied with the Glenview Investment Policy. The end of year investment mix was 66.6% common stocks, 30.5% fixed income holdings such as corporate and government bonds and 2.9% cash and near cash investments.

2023 Portfolio Performance

As of December 31, 2023, the market value of the Glenview Trust Funds (including cash deposits) was \$5.53 million. This represented a 6.67% increase over the value at the end of 2022. This increase was driven by unrealized capital gains and the realized value of shares donated to Glenview over 2023.

Quarterly Income from the portfolio averaged 3% over 2023. Total fees paid to MLS in 2023 were \$23,446 (or approximately 0.42% of total assets).

Tree Removal

The Glenview Tree Removal Team (Grant Vistorino, Pat Main, and Linda Hogan) worked closely with Davey Tree to remove the ginkgo biloba tree from the north side lawn. They will be planting replacement trees in the spring of 2024. Thank you, Pat, Linda and Grant, for your services.

Setpoint Heating Control System

The control system for the heating system in the building was upgraded. The new system provides the capability to control the overall system as well as the individual heating zones in the building both from a computer within the main office and remotely via the internet.

Wi-Fi Upgrade

Several companies were asked to provide proposals to upgrade the Wi-Fi in the entire building at Glenview. During the last quarter of 2023, our IT service provider, Asurtec, was contracted to upgrade the Wi-Fi. Running ethernet cables from the modem in the main office to the access point locations proved to be challenging given the solid construction of the building. Nine wired Wi-Fi access points are now installed in strategic locations on all three levels of the building providing excellent coverage. Visitors and staff can now use Wi-Fi anywhere in the building on two separate networks.

Hall Sound System and Projector Screen

A new sound system was installed in the Hall. The system features state of the art QSC speakers driven by a powerful amplifier and digital sound mixer. The four microphone inputs (two wireless and two wired) and one Bluetooth receiver can be individually controlled from the provided tablet computer or from an app installed on the user's phone. The system is a significant improvement in sound clarity in the Hall when used by the renters of the facility and during congregational meetings and can provide superior sound quality for movie watching events.

A new 150-inch motor driven projector screen was installed in the Hall. This large area allows for projection of presentation materials by renters of the facility, during congregational meetings, and during movie watching. The new screen is remote-controlled and does not require any setup or dismantling.

Two new receptacles were installed by licensed electricians to provide Ontario building code compliant power to the sound system and screen.

TV replacement

This year we had to replace the TV in the Parlour. We purchased a high quality, state of the art Sony TV. The quality of the TV means a great deal to our current renters and ensures their return to Glenview on a regular basis. Thank you, Bob Pryce for the work you have done on this issue.

Milwaukee Tools

We would like to thank Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation for their donation of a substantial number of tools. These tools allowed members of the current staff to do the repairs needed around the church and avoid bringing in costly outside contractors.

Thank you, Jacob Malpass and Mathew Romagnulo. Also, we would like to thank Grant Vistorino for his help getting these tools from "Team Milwaukee".

Rental Report

We are happy to report that rentals have increased substantially in 2023.

Along with our 12 long-term clients we have added four new ones: Rangers, Scouts, Drama Way – a theatre arts group for physically and mentally challenged young adults, and The Yonge Street Players – an improvisational group for youth and teens.

This year we had eight single use rentals: a recital, two birthday parties, an election, lunch for a film crew, St. Andrew's Society dance rehearsal, a celebration of life, a testing location for St. Clements School and an additional two outside weddings.

We continue to establish and maintain connections with the film industry as one-off renters and look forward to future possibilities.

We would like to thank Linda Hogan for coordinating and working closely with the Finance and Property team to achieve these goals.

We continue to have inquiries for space to rent on an ongoing basis and for single use events. We will continue to hold Glenview's own activities as priority when renting out space.

Staffing Requirements: Contracting and Part-time Custodian

At the beginning of 2023 our team evaluated the staffing issue to support the operation of the church in a financially responsible way.

Here are the actions that we took to support that objective.

- We continued to employ a part-time custodian, Warren Jones, who has the skill sets that are needed to handle the mechanical issues in the church.
- We addressed our snow removal and grass cutting requirements with two contract companies.
- For cleaning, rental set-ups and Sunday morning custodial service we continued to use a contractor, Wynford Services.

These actions continue to give Glenview the flexibility and time to ensure that we make the correct process changes in the operations of the church if need be.

The Finance and Property Team and Volunteer Supporters

In 2023, we continued with our core members, Barb Millichamp, Bob Gannon, Bob Pryce, Ian Ferguson, Mary Lou Kerr, Cynthia Clark, Cathy Sewell, Eugene van Heerden, Peter Fleming and Grant Vistorino.

Peter Fleming and Eugene van Heerden are also part of Glenview's Session. Having these two individuals on both the Finance and Property team and Session provides direct communication between the two groups.

Here is a brief outline of volunteers and staff members on our team:

- Barbara Millichamp, Glenview's Treasurer, continues to do an excellent job. Barb's focus is on providing a wide range of financial reports related to Glenview's financial position. Barb also was a key contributor to the Glenview audit.
- Paul Pincete, Glenview's Bookkeeper, keeps our financials in line on a day-to-day basis. He works with Barb Millichamp on other financial reports such as the HST report. Paul brings a wealth of experience that has proved invaluable, especially in preparation for the audit.
- Mary Lou Kerr continues in her role as recording secretary for Finance & Property meetings along with Glenview's Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Peter Fleming organizes our monthly Finance and Property team meetings.
- Eugene van Heerden is our go-to person on all the sophisticated technical issues that the church is challenged with in addition to his dedication to the work he does on Glenview's weekly streaming of the worship service.
- Bill Collier continues to work diligently as Glenview's Envelope Secretary, ensuring accurate reporting of your contributions and guarding the confidentiality of your records.
- Linda Hogan, Church Administrator, is an asset to the Finance and Property team. She is a true team player who continues to handle a wide range of office tasks that arise. This year Linda's expertise was most valuable when we were dealing with a number of rentals. Handling the rental program is not an easy task and Linda continued to demonstrate her leadership skill.
- Bob Gannon ensures the property is in tip top shape and is onsite backup such as when Linda Hogan is on leave.
- Bob Pryce is our go-to person regarding insurance issues at Glenview.
- Warren Jones, Glenview's Custodian, continues to prove himself to be an asset to our team. This year, he showed his creative side by coming up with solutions to save money for items at Glenview that needed repair.

- The members of the collection team, who take up the collection during in-person services, continue to ensure that your financial commitments are properly handled. Thank you, Cynthia Clark, for organizing the collection teams.

After 50 years on the Finance and Property team, Bob Gannon is stepping down. We have given Bob a new title of "Honorary Member" as he will continue to help the Finance and Property team on select projects. Bob, thank for your service on the Finance and Property team.

I would like to thank all the members of the Finance and Property team who meet regularly to oversee the finances and property management requirements of Glenview Church. Your efforts and contribution of your time do not go unnoticed.

Respectfully submitted by
Grant J. Vistorino



Thanksgiving 2023



CHURCH DECORATION AND GARDENS TEAM

The Church Decoration and Garden group continues to beautify the grounds around Glenview. We also decorate the church for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you are interested in participating in these events, please contact me.

Annually we ask the congregation to contribute to our Easter Memorial Flowers. These donations currently cover all the costs for church decoration. We employ the services of Habitat Gardening for planting the trees, tending shrubs and for soil amelioration.

We planted the five urns around the property for Easter, in May, and in November to maintain some colour in the garden. The Easter plantings continue to be perennials which we were able to use in the garden afterwards or add to the informal gardens of Alexander Muir Memorial Garden across the street. For the Spring plantings, we kept to our white flower theme with Prince Tut papyrus plants providing height in the centre. The urns continued to bloom through until the end of October even into November this year. The Winter plantings were a mixture of pine, BC cedar, Ontario cedar and boxwood with red dogwood osiers. These were supplemented with red and white items to increase the impact.

This year we also hired an arborist to maintain the shape of the cedars and Dawyck beeches in the north garden area. We provided advice on suitable trees to replace the ginkgo tree since we are required to add trees for every tree removed. The neighbours continue to enjoy the garden. We received several pleasant comments about how well we look after the garden area. And we all have fun doing the garden and decorating the church.

Respectfully submitted by
Patricia Main





FUNDRAISING

This year Glenview continued to fundraise with Purdy's Chocolates. We sold Purdy's at both Easter and Christmas, earning a 25% profit cheque from each sale. These delicious treats helped us raise \$1,038 at Easter and \$1,496 at Christmas, for a combined total of **\$2,534** (just slightly less than our \$2,747 Purdy's total for 2022). Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped "pick and pack" the orders when the boxes arrived from Vancouver, Ian Ferguson was especially helpful in tracking our delivery through Loomis when only 10 of the 12 cartons showed up at Christmas...nervous breakdown averted! Thank you to all of you who supported this delicious fundraising initiative.

Glenview raises money every year for the incredible organizations in our Special Fund. This year, Glenview entered our largest team ever into the TCS Charity Challenge, part of the Toronto Waterfront Marathon, on October 15, 2023. "Team Glenview" included 17 members of all ages who walked or ran 5 kilometres, a half-marathon or marathon, together raising **just over \$10,000.00!** I would like to thank Tim Wiggan, Jim and Mary Campbell, Mike Wise, Isla Wise and Iona MacRitchie, Martha Hackney, David Chu, Julien Zhu, Alexandra Ohliger, Brendan Cox, Kim and Mary Lyon, Andrea and Fiona Sepa and Eugene Van Heerden for registering and participating in this wonderful community event. I would also like to thank the members and friends of Glenview that made donations to the team. Thank you for helping us reach our 2023 fundraising goal. The Glenview Striders were a walking group that "trained" in the Fall. We had fun together exploring multiple trails around the city. It's easier than you think to walk five kilometres when you do it with friends. And a good start to being part of Team Glenview for next year's TCS Charity Challenge.



The Glenview Annual Christmas Fair on November 25 was live and in person. There was a fantastic selection of baked goods, jams and jellies, handmade crafts, jewelry, plants, Christmas decorations, children's items, photo cards and some vintage treasures. Thank you to everyone who donated items to the sale. The audited number for the total deposits from the Christmas Fair was **\$9,639.00!** Glenview congregation members possess many diverse skills; I appreciate you sharing your time and talents. A special thank you to the Women's Interest Network ladies, who met weekly for months in advance of the Fair to prepare items for the sale.



**OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
CRAFT FAIR**



FundScrip continued this year with a profit payout of **\$871**. Our gift card sales have been decreasing since 2021. Let's try and reverse the trend! Please consider setting up an online account at www.fundscrip.com to directly purchase cards as a Glenview Supporter and have the cards shipped directly to your home. The code you enter is ESSDHX. If you wish Shannon to place an order on your behalf, please make out a cheque payable to Glenview Presbyterian Church, and complete an order form and leave these in the Church Office marked "Shannon Wiggan/FundScrip." To reduce shipping costs, Shannon will try her best to combine these orders with our Grocery Assistance Programme Metro card purchases.

We started a new fundraising initiative in 2023, thanks to Norma McIntyre. Tru Earth is a movement to combat the 645 billion plastic household product containers dumped in landfills and oceans globally each year. For every \$25 of Tru Earth Products purchased, Tru Earth donates laundry detergent for one person in need for an entire month. Glenview earns 20% of the total sales value. You can feel good knowing you are helping our church and the environment. In 2023 we earned **\$88** and hope more members will try out these innovative products. There is a link to purchase Tru Earth laundry and cleaning products in the Friday email newsletter.

During our pulpit vacancy, the Glenview spirit stayed strong, and our members continued to wholeheartedly support our ministry. I appreciate deeply the efforts of the many volunteers and supporters that make our fundraising initiatives successful.

Please reach out to me if you would be interested in being part of future "friend-raising" and "fun-raising" events.

Respectfully submitted by
Shannon Wiggan



OUTREACH AND MISSION MINISTRY TEAM

This group supports outreach programs at Glenview, helps to keep the congregation informed about supported ministries, explores new outreach activities, receives requests for support, and recommends the allocations for the Special Fund, Special envelopes and Presbyterians Sharing.

Special Envelopes

Throughout the year, special offering envelopes support the following:

- Anniversary Sunday – The Benevolent Fund
- Easter Sunday – Daily Bread Food Bank
- Thanksgiving – Benevolent Fund
- Christmas – Benevolent Fund

Special Fund

In 2023 the Special Fund was allocated to the following:

ARISE Ministry	\$ 1,500
EHM/Portland Place	\$ 4,000
Native Child and Family Services	\$ 2,000
Daily Break Food Bank	\$ 2,500
PCC Honouring the Children Reconciliation and Residential School Fund	\$ 500
The Gerstein Centre	\$ 1,500
	<u>\$12,000</u>

Once again, a huge thank you to the runners and walkers who participated in the TCS Charity Challenge and their sponsors for raising funds to support the Special Fund this year.

Out of the Cold

We were very happy to restart the Sunday dinners again in November in partnership with Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Blessed Sacrament prepares two dinners per month and Glenview cooks the other two. The numbers were low in November but started to increase in December.

Marion Ferguson leads the dinner on the first Sunday of every month and the Glendudes, led by Mike Wise, have stepped up to do the last Sunday of every month.

A grant of \$2,500 was received from the Out of the Cold Foundation. This made it possible to resume providing TTC fares to our guests. We have received some other great donations of cheese, butter, frozen turkey legs, socks, gloves, scarves and hats and toiletries.

About 25 Glenview members are directly involved with this Mission.

Benevolent Fund – Grocery Assistance Program

Grocery gift cards are now distributed on the first Wednesday morning of the month from September to June to members of our community identified as being in need. About 115 \$10 Metro grocery gift cards are given out each month along with a takeaway lunch. Thanks to the volunteers who make the

sandwiches, muffins and other baked treats and provide individual cheeses for the lunches which also include fruit. About 10 Glenview members pack the lunches and greet the recipients. Seven or more provide the sandwiches.

The dedicated Glenview volunteers who make this outreach happen include George Boyce, Marilyn and Peter Broughton, Mary Campbell, Marion Ferguson, Martha Hackney, Mary Lou Kerr, Ruth McDonald, Nettie Nieuwland, Debbie Patton, Peter Southam, Lene Stewart, Lynda Tanaka, Margaret Taylor and Jean Waters.

Extension Fund

As usual interest from this fund supported the missions' portion of the East Toronto Presbytery budget allocation.

Summer Outreach BBQ

Sadly, this event was still on hold.

Donation to Evangel Hall Mission

Donated toiletries, non-perishable food and clothing are collected in the big yellow bins in the Narthex and Church Hall. After years of dedication delivering the donations to Evangel Hall Mission, John Hutchinson has now retired. George Boyce has picked up the torch.

Meals on Wheels

Shannon Wiggan and some church school students created beautifully decorated Christmas cookies that were distributed with meals through the Yorkminster Park Baptist program. George Boyce and Pauline Allen continue to be meal deliverers.

Stuff our Socks and Gifts – Portland Place

Sixty-two presents were delivered on December 20 to Portland Place, a 46-unit apartment building in downtown Toronto that provides permanent, supportive housing for singles, couples and families with ongoing needs. Huge thanks to the Glenview members for filling the socks with items on the tenants' wish lists. Nora Jean McAdie has retired from making the amazing socks and gift card sacks after more than 20 years. The ladies of WIN picked up the task this year. Thank you to all of them.

Members: George Boyce, Marion Ferguson, Barbara Hepburn, Sheila Limerick, David McIntyre, Norma McIntyre, Margaret Menegon, Debbie Patton, Tim Steele, and Grant Vistorino.

Respectfully submitted by
Norma McIntyre



PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team (PCMT) is entrusted with the sacred responsibility of planning, implementing, and evaluating emotional support and concern for the Glenview community. After a three-year hiatus (due to the COVID-19 Pandemic), the PCMT joyously resumed meetings on February 1, guided by the faith that sustains us. The ministry team warmly welcomed Antonio Siracusa as a new staff member of Glenview, serving as the Pastoral Care Associate.

Rooted in faith, the PCMT draws upon diverse roles, credentials, and expertise, to provide Glenview's congregation with in-person, one-on-one or family visits, phone calls, emotional support, pastoral presence, physical presence, prayer, and heartfelt conversations. Additionally, the team extends its hands of support to the Glenview community, offering end-of-life assistance, grief and bereavement support, and compassionate guidance in funeral and memorial planning when needed. Reception Coordinators Margaret Taylor and Lynda Tanaka have submitted their report separately, reflecting the team's commitment to serving the community with love and faith.

The members of the PCMT include George Boyce, Marilyn Broughton, Bob Cartlidge, Lori Elliott, Eileen Graham, Debbie Patton, Antonio Siracusa and Kathryn Tew. The team recently embraced Anne Gannon as a past, and now, returning member.

George Boyce, Eileen Graham and Lori Elliott, as representatives of the PCMT, carry the spirit of this ministry into Session meetings.

Beyond the previously mentioned services, the PCMT has also provided the Glenview community this year with:

Cards of Faith

Marilyn Broughton continues the sacred tradition of distributing cards to commemorate special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and high school and university graduations. Marilyn also reaches out to Glenview's church population, through her cards, to those who are ill or have experienced a loss. Marilyn sends upwards of 200 cards per year.

Cookie Deliveries

Pauline Allen and Kathryn Tew, lead the cookie deliveries, decorations, and containers. Pauline organizes volunteers to bake cookies. Shannon Wiggan's Youth Group has also contributed to baking cookies for this initiative, along

with crafting and decorating faith-filled greeting cards attached to the containers. Both Pauline and Kathryn arrange a day to receive and pack up the baked cookies, labeling them for various PCMT members to deliver. These faith-filled cookie boxes are delivered to the homebound or to those who attend church occasionally, as they are able. In February, 32 boxes of homemade cookies, adorned with a Valentine's Day theme, became vessels of connection and community to those who received them. Marilyn Broughton helped identify those who would be recipients. Deliveries were organized once again with 27 Thanksgiving Day containers sent out in October.

Telephone Outreach

A dozen volunteers, consisting of PCMT members and elders of Glenview, connected with 34 congregants or adherents over the year. Not all phone contacts were the homebound; some have been long-term recipients of this outreach service.

Glenview Outreach Bus (GO Bus)

Norma McIntyre and Ian Ferguson spearheaded the relaunch of the GO Bus this year starting on November 19. Harold McDonald returned as the GO Bus driver, picking up as many as eight individuals from their homes to drop them off at Glenview for worship on Sunday mornings, and then to return home. Every week, a PCMT member greets those getting off the bus, creating a welcoming atmosphere as they arrive at Glenview for Sunday worship.

Pastoral Care Pamphlet

Lori Elliott, alongside Linda Hogan, has been steadfast in heading the creation of a new PCMT pamphlet. The pamphlet, a collaborative and informative endeavor, outlines the services provided by the PCMT.

The PCMT gratefully acknowledges those individuals who, though outside this Ministry, play a pivotal role in influencing the lives connected by this faith-filled Ministry. Thanks to all the bakers, organized by Pauline Allen, who contribute their time, effort, and materials to the cookie delivery initiative. Heartfelt gratitude to Linda Hogan whose graphic design prowess brings life to and supplies the themed cards that Marilyn Broughton sends.

Respectfully submitted by,
Antonio Siracusa



October 2023 Thanksgiving themed cookie containers delivered by PCMT



FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for the planning and implementing of receptions as requested by families of deceased Glenview congregants. A reception is usually held in the Church Hall following a service. We are blessed with many volunteers to help with food purchase and preparation, room set up, serving during the reception and clean up after.

During 2023 we were able to assist four Glenview families. A visitation and reception were held for Rhoda MacRitchie (March 31 and April 1), and receptions were held for Vi Patton (February 4), Verna Hope (May 6) and Elsa Southam (September 16).

We wish to thank David McIntyre who has tirelessly ensured that the tables were arranged so that we could start our set up well before the service.

We also wish to acknowledge the passing of Susan Mason in December. Susan's warmth and caring inspire us all in this mission.

Respectfully submitted by
Lynda Tanaka and Margaret Taylor



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

2023 marked the first year of in-person services without public health-mandated closures or widespread COVID precautions. These services were also offered by livestream and on YouTube.

During the vacancy, a roster of retired ministers, ministers working at the national church office and Knox College, and other speakers provided pulpit supply. Thank you, The Rev. Matthew Sams for organizing the guest preachers.

Date(s)

January 1
January 8
January 15
January 22
January 29
February 5 & 12
February 19
February 26
March 5
March 12 & 19
March 26
April 2
April 7, 9, 16 & 23
April 30
Month of May
Month of June
July 2
July 9, 16, 23 & 30
Month of August
September 3
September 10
September 17
September 24
October 1
October 8
October 15
October 22
October 29
November 5 & 12
November 19
November 26

Pulpit Supply

David McIntyre (Clerk of Session)
The Rev. Stephen Faris
The Rev. Don Muir
The Rev. Stephen Faris
The Rev. Matthew Sams
The Rev. Tim Purvis
Jim MacDonald
The Rev. Victor Kim
The Rev. Maryka Potgeiter
The Rev. Victor Kim
The Rev. Matthew Sams
The Rev. Victor Kim
The Rev. Wes Denyer
The Rev. Ernst Van Eck
The Rev. Wes Denyer
The Rev. Wes Denyer
The Rev. Matthew Sams
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The Rev. Wes Denyer
The Rev. Wes Denyer
The Rev. Tobey Boyer
The Rev. Don Muir
The Rev. Victor Kim
The Rev. Wes Denyer
The Rev. Victor Kim
The Rev. Andrew Song
The Rev. Don Muir
The Rev. Victor Kim
The Rev. Matthew Sams

Members of the Search Committee were often asked to invite some of the returning ministers to consider applying to be our new minister. We were delighted to welcome The Rev. Tobey Boyer on September 24 to preach for the call, and to have her lead worship since the start of the Advent season.

Every week, a team of greeters warmly welcomed everyone as they entered the church through the Narthex. This group also counted the number of people attending the service in person. Another team operated the sound system, the livestreaming equipment, and the slide presentation. Different people participated in the services as readers. Thank you to all staff and the many volunteers who ensured that Glenview's weekly worship services nurtured us spiritually, and to Linda Hogan for organizing the slide operators and readers.

Respectfully submitted by
Deanna Chu



MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The start of 2023 found me rather despondent about the future of music at Glenview. In the aftermath of COVID, we had lost a number of longtime choir members. Some of this loss continued in 2023. The loss of Elsa Southam was a grievous blow. Margaret Menegon made the painful decision (painful for her and for us) that her many years in the choir had come to an end. And Marilyn Broughton—for so many years truly the heart and soul of music at Glenview—reluctantly made the decision that she, too, needed to conclude her service to the choir.

September saw the departure of our bass section leader, Parker Clements. December, the rather sudden departure of our soprano section leader, Noelle Slaney, and the well-deserved retirement of the stalwart Jean Waters.

To be sure, bright spots were not entirely lacking. Donna Brindle and Cameron Martin continued their faithful service. After a lengthy absence from the choir, Mary Jo Walker found herself able to return—now transformed as an invaluable member of the alto section. And Graham Desson made the brave decision return to choral singing for the first time since his youth—and was immediately able to make a fine contribution (with Cameron Coneybeare) to the “deep end” of the bass section. We were able to return to the Glenview tradition of adorning Christmas and Easter with the

splendour of our wonderful brass quintet. And of course, a crucial core of dedicated Glenview singers continued faithfully, skillfully, cheerfully leading God's praises in the Kirk! I should list them all—but you see them in the chancel every Sunday. I hope you will take any opportunity that may arise to thank them.

But you will surely have some sense of the overall state of the ledger. We were able to welcome our new minister, The Rev. Tobey Boyer, with a strong musical contribution to her induction. We were able to support her first four Sundays with ambitious musical settings of the texts on which she was preaching. But it had the feeling of a last hurrah. I was beginning to come to the melancholy conclusion that it was my fate to preside over the end of Glenview's musical tradition. I was scrambling to find music in one and two parts—not the four (or five and six) in which we usually sing. It was a dispiriting prospect. But lots of churches' music programs had fallen apart after COVID; Glenview had no magic exemption.

The most pressing challenge at the end of the year was the all-Important soprano section. We were frequently down to two in that section—an impossible situation. I had secured the help of my friend David Harrison, who would give great leadership to the basses on an interim basis. But there was no sign of a soprano leader—interim or otherwise. I realized that part of our problem was that our payment method actually disguised the fact that our pay rates for section leaders are competitive. So, with the approval of David McIntyre (as Clerk) and Session, Carla Lyon (as Convener, Ministry and Personnel Team) and I created a new pattern for the payment of the leaders; at the same time, we drafted new contracts for them. This prepared the way for the new soprano and bass section leaders we hoped would be coming. Thank you, Carla!

We did something else—which represented really visionary thinking on the part of David McIntyre and the Session. I asked for some extra funding, which could be used to bring to Glenview two young singers as "Glenview Choral Scholars." The scholars would receive an honorarium for their regular participation in the choir, and would—we hoped—gain valuable experience which might lead to future years of leadership in church choirs. I am deeply grateful to David and the Session for seeing the benefits of the proposal and supporting it.

So, this was where we stood at the end of 2023: deep losses, apprehension and even discouragement, but also glimmers of hope and possibility. I can't wait to tell you about our newest members, but they are part of the story of 2024. As you are seeing them each Sunday, I hope you will make them feel warmly welcome!

Finally I would like to acknowledge and thank: Tobey Boyer and Linda Hogan for their help and support; our choir librarian, Susan Evans, and our choir president, Sheila Limerick; many members of the congregation (you know who you are!) for their encouragement and appreciation; and Blaine Mitchell, for the wisdom that guides me, the affirmation that sustains me, and the antic humour that, in significant measure, fuels the hard work of our wonderful choir.

Respectfully submitted by
Peter Merrick

FELLOWSHIP GROUP REPORTS

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42



BUCK-A-BOOK

The Buck-A-Book program continues to provide resources for those who come to Glenview to read from a broad range of authors and on a variety of topics. The program contributes in a modest way to the church's general funds at zero cost. The program is also

consistent with our commitment to stewardship of resources, as unwanted books and CDs/DVDs find new homes.

Our donors have been generous, and we have been able to expand the number of people who have access to the collection. In addition to the past readers, this year we made available a variety of books to the Metro card program.

In 2023 we took in \$334 in revenue either in the little grey box or left in the "Last Chance" box. There were no capital expenses.

Sincere thanks to Fraser McKee who established this program and nurtured it for many years.

Respectfully submitted by
Eileen Graham and Lynda Tanaka



CEILIDH CLUB

We were able to have our annual barbeque in June at our home without masks. We had a wonderful turnout, and everyone was happy to see each other as always. This was our last year as co-chairs, and we look forward to someone else taking over this role.

In September, approximately 35 of us went to the Shaw Festival to see the musical *Gypsy* and had a wonderful dinner at the restaurant at the Strewn Winery. Thank you to Carol and Keith McLean for getting the tickets, Ruth MacDonald for arranging for the bus, and to the Gannon's for organizing the dinner.

Thanks to John and Lorna Hutchison for arranging our Christmas get-together at The Keg. This too was well attended, and a fine evening was had by all.

Ceilidh means "*a gathering of friends*" and we are always open to new members.

Respectfully submitted by
Anne and Robert Gannon

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,
2023

Opening Balance January 1, 2023	\$ 500.76
Receipts: Memberships – 44 x \$15.00	\$ 660.00
2 x \$5.00 (balance of 2022 prepaid)	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Sub-total	\$1,170.76
Expenses:	
Barbeque expenses	\$ 332.72
Shaw Bus subsidy	\$ 400.00
Closing balance	<u>\$ 438.04</u>
Total	\$1,170.76

Respectfully submitted by
John Hutchinson



GLENDUDES

In March, Glendudes was born out of a desire to foster a relaxed fellowship group for the men in our congregation. Affectionately dubbed the "Not-Necessarily" Retired Men's Club, our first year was centered around establishing a monthly Saturday morning breakfast gathering at a local restaurant on Avenue Road.

As the Out of the Cold program made its return, the Glendudes were entrusted with the responsibility of assisting with the cooking for several nights, including a memorable chili-themed night on New Year's Eve. Looking ahead, the group is considering diversifying the times and locations of its casual meetups and exploring opportunities to contribute to other Glenview fundraisers.

Respectfully submitted by
Mike Wise



GLENVIEW MEN'S CLUB

Glenview Men's Club (formerly the "Retired Men's Club") meets every other Thursday at noon in the Parlour to enjoy one another's company and interesting presentations from a variety of speakers. The sessions began on January 12.

Ainsley Chapman and Ken Brocklehurst had prepared presentations for delivery during the spring, but both had to be cancelled due to snowstorms. We thank Ken and Crystal Cotter from Evangel Hall for rescheduling to the fall session.

COVID has had an interesting impact on many things and the Men's Club has not been excluded. The number of attendees has been a little lower this year and it was decided that the Club's name should be changed to expand our invitation to all men in the congregation and their friends. Hence, we are now the "Glenview Men's Club". The number of attendees expanded slightly during the fall sessions, and we hope everyone will encourage their friends to come out and enjoy the camaraderie.

It was with profound sadness that we learned of the loss of Derek Birt on May 31. Derek was a longtime member of our group and will be greatly missed.

Men of the congregation and their friends are encouraged to watch for the weekly Glenview email newsletter to see when the Men's Club will be meeting and who the speakers will be. We encourage you to bring your lunch (tea and coffee are supplied) and enjoy an hour or two of informal fellowship and interesting presentations by our guest speakers.

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Campbell and Bill Walker



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CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS



BAPTISMS, NEW MEMBERS, MEMORIALS

New Members - 5

Baptisms - 4

In Memoriam – Glenview Communicant and Covenant Members

Verna Hope	January 4, 2023
Dr. Eva Kushner	January 27, 2023
Rhoda MacRitchie	March 14, 2023
Diana Phyre	April 24, 2023
Jean Roberts	May 6, 2023
Elsa Southam	June 26, 2023
Sylvia Fyfe	July 21, 2023
Edith Williams	September 23, 2023
George Spear	November 20, 2023
Susan Mason	December 12, 2023

In Memoriam – Friends of Glenview

Irene Evans	Sister of Susan Simpson
Lois Reed	Sister of Jeanette MacDonald
Allan McDermott	Father of Ann McDermott
Mary Allen	Mother of Janet DeWolfe
Ian Williams	Father of Shannon Wiggan, Brother of Carol McLean
Mark Patton	Brother of Debbie Patton
Roger Talbot	Friend of Glenview
Richard Hewett	Stepfather of Mike Wise



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

January 1, 2023 - Number of Communicants	301
Received during 2023	
By adult baptism	4
By profession of faith	1
Removed during 2023	
By death	7
By request	4
December 31, 2023 – Number of Communicants	295
Number of Covenant members	75
Marriages	0
Baptisms	0
Funerals / Interments	4

Attendance

Average attendance per week (52)	79
Average attendance via livestream on Sundays	~20
Average attendance via livestream within the week	80
YouTube views	6,244

Communion Attendance

January 29 – Anniversary Sunday	51
March 12 – Lent 1	55
April 9 - Easter	145
June 4 – General Assembly Sunday	75
October 1 – World Communion Sunday	58
December 3 – Advent 1	94

GLENVIEW SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY

Rental Contracts 2023 (17 new* and returning)

Alanon Second Chance
Canadian Federation of University Women – North Toronto Group
Dramaway*
EFFT (Family Psychology Centre)
Embers - Unit 166 (September to May)
Glebe Rd Duplicate Bridge Club
Litang Studio
North Toronto AA
Pickleball
Rangers*
Scottish Country Dancers
Sparks/Brownies (September to May)
Scouts*
Sportball – Saturdays
The New Al-Alanon Group (AA)
The St. Clements (AA)
The Yonge Street Players*

Various Single Use Rentals

Memorial gatherings	6
Weddings	2
Other renters (e.g., luncheon space for movie crews, elections, miscellaneous activities)	7

Editor’s note: Susan Mason’s talents as a copy editor and proofreader of the Annual Report for the past few years, and her knowledge and love of Glenview are sorely missed.