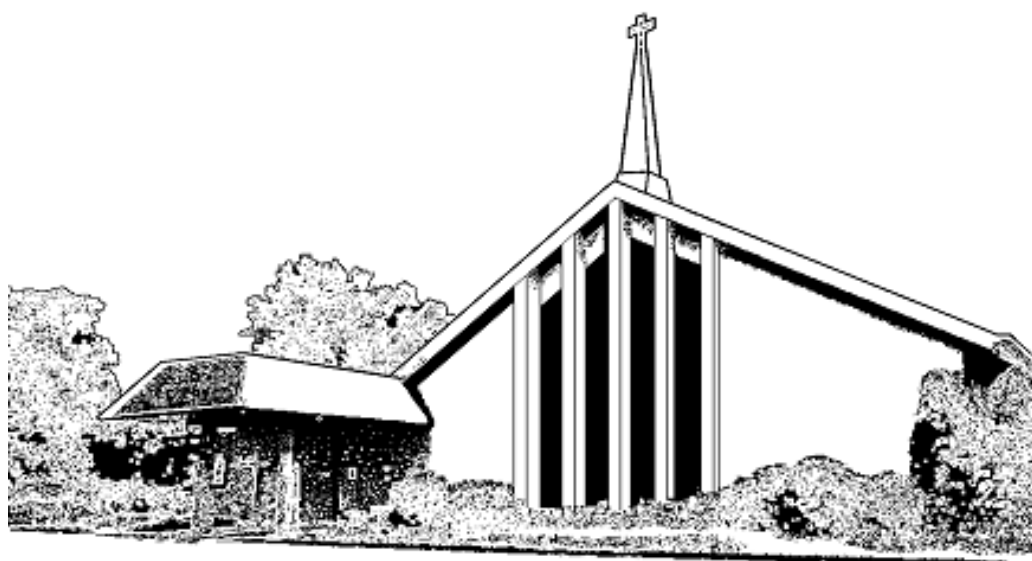


HOPE ANNUAL REPORT

2022

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023



Hope United Church of Christ is a family of faith where all are welcome. Through worship, mission and fellowship, we strive to grow spiritually and share God's love through Christ for all creation.

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Hope United Church of Christ Annual Meeting Minutes 23 January 2022

PRESENT: Grady Birdsell (President), Kathleen LeMaster (Vice President), Bob Tallitsch

(Treasurer), Jo Ann Olson (Financial Secretary), Donna Werner (Church Council Recording Secretary), Pastor Santina Poor, and Congregation.

CALL TO ORDER: Grady Birdsell called the meeting to order in person and via Zoom at 11:00 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Santina Poor offered the opening prayer.

IN MEMORIAM:

Pastor Santina Poor acknowledged that many in the congregation have lost friends and family members this past year. Members of Hope UCC who have died include: Jerry Piper (2-17-2021), Duane Park (5-20-2021), Jim Clemons (7-26-2021), Cliff Findlay (12-13-2021). Also, Peggy Clemons passed away on 1-20-2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dave Birdsell moved and Dorothy Burdick seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17 January 2021. Motion Approved.

ANNUAL REPORTS: The following annual reports were previously distributed with the Annual Meeting materials:

- President's Report, submitted by Grady Birdsell, President
- Pastor's Report, submitted by Pastor Santina Poor
- Treasurer's Report (discussed later in the meeting), submitted by Bob Tallitsch, Treasurer
- Trustees' Report, submitted by Bob Poor, Chair
- Faith Exploration Report, submitted by Laura Black, Chair
- Worship and Ministry Report, submitted by Judy Hawotte, Secretary
- Mission and Outreach Report, submitted by Jenny Hookey, Chair
- Memorial Committee Report, submitted by Della Findley, Chair
- Registrar's Report, submitted by Rebecca Morse, Registrar
- Ruth Circle, submitted by Dorothy Burdick, President
- Men's Breakfast Report, submitted by Dan Hawotte
- Visitation Committee Report, submitted by Barb Hawotte
- Fellowship Coffee Report, submitted by Phebe Head
- Singles and Doubles Report, submitted by Barb Hawotte

Grady Birdsell asked if there were any questions or comments on the reports.

Bob Tallitsch moved and Mary Tallitsch seconded a motion to accept the Annual Reports.

Motion Approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTIONS: Kathleen LeMaster presented

the slate of Officers, Board Members, and Ministries.

There were corrections to some phone numbers:

- Marilyn Rada: (309) 755-1271
- Bob Tallitsch: (309) 764-8507
- Lisa Williams: (309) 756-8818
- Brian Williams: (309) 716-5106

Pastor Santina said the above corrections would be made and a new list distributed.

Pastor Santina moved and Dave Birdsell seconded a motion to approve the people on the slate for the stated positions. Motion Approved.

2022 BUDGET:

Bob Tallitsch presented the 2022 Budget, which had been previously circulated with the meeting materials.

In response to questions from the congregation, Bob T. said:

- The increase in Line 1009 (Other Income) over prior year was due to an anonymous gift of \$5000.
- Although there was no fundraising event last year (Line 1006), we do hope to be able to hold one in 2022.
- Also in the income section, the \$500 donation from Ruth's Circle was not included because we did not receive notice it would be coming.

Bob Tallitsch moved and Grady Birdsell seconded a motion to approve the 2022 Budget.

Motion Approved.

INSTALLATION: Pastor Santina asked the new officers and ministry team members to come forward. She blessed them and offered a prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Kathleen LeMaster, Council President, thanked all the volunteers from

the past year and those who have volunteered to serve in 2022.

She declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

Donna Werner
Church Council Recording Secretary



Hope United Church of Christ Pastor's Annual Report to the Congregation 2022

As I reflect on all that 2022 brought to Hope UCC, I am encouraged to see the Spirit and love of God reflected in so many aspects of our shared life together. 2022 has been filled with change, wonder, growth, and newness in ways all its own. I appreciate that in writing this report, I am forced to sit and remember all the things that made this past year unique and transforming for our faith community and for me as your pastor.

I don't believe it is an accident that Hope UCC, like so many of our sister congregations, hold our Annual Meeting during the season of Epiphany. This time, when our liturgy and worship is centered on the theme of seeking and following the Light of God, is a healthy and happy reminder that God is leading us. That reminder is so helpful as we review what 'was' in 2022 as we plan, anticipate, and seek out what will be in 2023. As I write this I am preparing my sermon for January 22nd, and our psalm for that day guides me as I write this report:

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." Psalm 27:1, 4

As I reflect on these verses, I find myself emboldened in the assurance of God's presence in my life and the life and ministry of our beloved congregation. In 2022 we began to regroup and return to 'normal.' Our meetings and programs were mainly held in person, but just like our worship services, an online option remains available. This hybrid format continues to ensure full participation in the life and mission of Hope UCC by folks, no matter their ability to get to church, health concerns, weather issues, child care, or location. I am grateful to our "A/V Club" who diligently operate the audio visual and recording equipment every Sunday. Our online and onsite members and friends are together in body and Spirit thanks to their technical skills.

I am so thankful for this faith community of Hope UCC. The successes and love experienced this year would not have been possible without the faithful and grace filled love and stewardship of this congregation and so many members and friends.

Worship & Music Ministry: Thank you for your inspired discussions, creative energy, support of new worship initiatives, preparing the elements for monthly celebration of Communion, and your diligence in recruiting and training worship volunteers. You have helped to make sure that worship is a time of spiritual growth, renewal, and transformation!

Mission & Outreach Ministry: Thank you for your determination, vision, and energy for all things ‘outreach!’ The Blessing Box continues to provide our neighbors with resources they need and appreciated and your stewardship of the Blessing Box makes that possible. So many people have been impacted by the projects and initiatives of this ministry.

Trustees Ministry: Thank you for your continual care and stewardship of our church - the physical plant and campus and our financial resources too. Your dedication continues to carry forward the theology of mission at Hope UCC.

Executive Committee of Church Council: Your support, reality checks, energy, commitment to mission, and leadership have made this year a smooth and successful adventure. Thank you for always being available, saying ‘yes’ to serving, and for your dedication to your ministry and to God’s people.

Hope UCC Staff: In spite of all the staff transitions this year, we continue to focus on what we are called to do at Hope. What a joy to welcome Jack to the ministry team and I am so grateful for Mary’s continued music leadership. The Bell Choir continues to grow and share such beautiful and stirring anthems. Both Mary and Jack have deepened the spiritual experience that worship and praise are meant to provide. What a treasure we have in our musical staff and the volunteers of the Bell Choir.

While the above sentences highlight the work of the staff and ministry teams at Hope, I want to acknowledge all who may not serve officially on ministries, but are always available and willing to help – usually without even being asked to do so! Thank you for your selfless acts of caring and sharing your gifts to make our mission possible! The ‘church’ is the people. Thank you all for being the church.

2022 has been a year of growth and change and there is no doubt 2023 will offer us these same challenges and blessings. God has truly blessed us and we are stewards of these blessings. As stewards, we will continue to cultivate our growth in new and creative ways as we also nurture and sustain relationships – new and old – in this wonderful congregation. Invitation is a powerful gift. Please continue to share the good news that is happening in our church and invite others to be a part of it! It can feel risky to invite someone to church- even online church - but that personal invitation is the best way to help people know we are here. Challenge yourself to try it!

I am so thankful that God is leading us forward, as together we seek and explore God’s call for us to live as God’s people. I am deeply grateful for the love and support each of you has offered to all of us in the Poor Family. Hope UCC is a wonderful spiritual home and loving community. I look forward to experiencing all the places God will lead us in 2023 and the years to come! Thank you for a wonderful year.

With you on this journey,

Pastor Santina



Hope United Church of Christ Treasurer's Annual Report to the Congregation 2022

		2022 Approved Budget	Total as of Dec 31, 2022	% Budget
INCOME				
1001	Pledges	112,233.00	\$98,448.77	87.70%
1002	Plate Collections (non pledge)	9,000.00	\$18,785.93	208.70%
1003	Sunday School	0.00	\$0.00	
1004	Building use (rentals)	100.00	\$225.00	225.00%
1005	Interest Income	20.00	\$10.70	53.50%
1006	Fundraising Events	2,500.00	\$0.00	
1007	Men's Breakfast Donation	500.00	\$500.00	100.00%
1008	Other Income	6,000.00	\$6,028.65	100.50%
1009	Transfers from Investments/Savings	18,129.31	\$63,129.31	348.20%
1010	LPL Capital Gains and Dividends	4,000.00	\$97.92	2.40%
1011	Carryover Funds	28,670.93	\$0.00	
Total Income		\$181,153.24	\$187,226.28	103.40%
EXPENSES				
PERSONNEL EXPENSES				
2001	Pastor Salary	\$28,642.00	\$31,770.22	110.92%
2002	Pastor Housing	\$37,128.00	\$39,783.50	107.15%
2003	Pastor Social Security Offset	\$5,261.60	\$5,261.20	99.99%
2004	Office Administrator/Bookkeeper	\$13,500.00	\$13,542.53	100.32%
2004a	Sedona Staffing Payments	\$9,562.50	\$9,095.65	95.12%
2005	Custodian	\$8,840.00	\$1,805.55	20.42%
2006	Bell Choir Director	\$4,434.41	\$4,591.47	103.54%
2007	Minister of Music	\$10,920.00	\$11,544.76	105.72%
2008	Supply Clergy	\$900.00	\$950.00	105.56%
2009	Annuity and Disability	\$5,359.00	\$3,720.00	69.42%
2010	Pastor Continuing Education, Professional Expenses, Mileage	\$3,500.00	\$3,283.71	93.82%
2011	Sabbatical Fund	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
2012	Worker's Comp	\$924.00	\$0.00	0.00%
2013	Payroll Service Fee	\$800.00	\$1,213.75	151.72%
2014	Employer Payroll Taxes	\$5,160.80	\$3,245.87	62.89%
2015	Youth Leader/Training for Pam's replacement	\$1,700.00	\$200.00	11.76%
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES		\$137,132.31	\$130,008.21	94.80%

TRUSTEES MINISTRY EXPENSES				
3001	Utilities	\$7,500.00	\$8,249.33	109.99%
3002	Telephone/internet	\$1,800.00	\$1,978.01	109.89%
3003	Garbage service	\$2,000.00	\$941.56	47.08%
3004	Office supply & postage	\$2,400.00	\$3,227.42	134.48%
3005	Custodial service	\$600.00	\$40.12	6.69%
3006	Equipment/copier lease	\$2,700.00	\$2,994.98	110.93%
3007	Repairs & maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$5,368.58	89.48%
3008	Snow plowing	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	25.00%
3009	Multi-peril insurance	\$5,100.00	\$8,172.00	160.24%
3010	Umbrella insurance	\$350.00	\$1,266.00	361.71%
3011	Digital media expenses	\$1,500.00	\$2,761.57	184.10%
3012	Banking fees and online service charges	\$750.00	\$423.40	56.45%
3013	Other property expenses	\$500.00	\$616.56	123.31%
3014	Garden and Landscaping maintenance	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
3015	Custodial Cleaning Service	\$0.00	\$9,370.00	0.00%
TOTAL TRUSTEES EXPENSES		\$33,700.00	\$45,909.53	136.23%
FAITH EXPLORATION EXPENSES				
4001	Curriculum	\$150.00	\$311.20	207.47%
4005	Supplies	\$500.00	\$395.68	79.14%
4003	Programs	\$750.00	\$892.37	118.98%
TOTAL FAITH EXPLORATION EXPENSES		\$1,400.00	\$1,599.25	114.23%
WORSHIP & MUSIC EXPENSES				
5001	Music supplies & licenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,412.05	141.21%
5002	Worship supplies	\$900.00	\$1,088.53	120.95%
5003	Intruments maintenance & repair	\$600.00	\$129.00	21.50%
5004	Special musicians	\$550.00	\$400.00	72.73%
5005	Supply organist	\$500.00	\$100.00	20.00%
5006	Sound & technical equipment	\$500.00	\$1,357.08	271.42%
TOTAL MUSIC & WORSHIP EXPENSES		\$4,050.00	\$4,486.66	110.78%
MISSION & OUTREACH EXPENSES				
6001	Local Mission	\$1,000.00	\$1,381.09	138.11%
6002	Larger Mission	\$500.00	\$274.80	54.96%
6003	Pilgrim Park	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
6004	TPIRC	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
6005	OCWM	\$4,600.00	\$5,750.00	125.00%
TOTAL MISSION & OUTREACH EXPENSES		\$6,200.00	\$7,405.89	119.45%

YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY OF EXPENSES AND INCOME			
2022 Total Income		\$187,226.28	
2022 Total Expenses		\$189,409.54	
2022 Income Collected vs YTD Expenses (Running deficit)		(\$2,183.26)	

First and foremost, my sincere apologies for being absent from the annual meeting. On 29 January I will be at the Mayo Clinic having a complete physical examination, in an effort to determine the cause of some significant digestive problems that I have been encountering for the past two years. Therefore, I have provided as detailed a written report as possible, including answers to questions that I anticipate will come up during the Financial Report.

Important things to note in the final financial report for 2022:

1. Income:

- a. Hope UCC did not meet the 2022 budget figure approved for pledge collections. 2022 was a year with significant financial challenges for all of us, and this is undoubtedly the main reason for the drop in pledge income from what was approved by the Church Council and Trustees.
- b. Hope UCC exceeded Plate Collections (non-pledge) by over 100% anticipated income.
- c. Transfer from investments/savings exceeded the approved budget due to the unexpected roof repairs during the summer of 2022.
- d. Please see line item #1011 (Carryover Funds). Note that the amount listed in the 2022 approved budget was \$28,670.93. However, in the Total as of Dec. 31, 2022 column you will note that the amount listed there is \$0.00. This is due to a strange fact of accounting, and the way our budget was constructed (which has been changed for 2023). Because these carryover funds were the result of unspent income in 2021, we cannot list this income twice; hence the \$0 figure in the December 31 column. Yes, this is confusing, which is why we have changed the way carryover funds or deficits will be listed in future budgets. My sincere apologies for the confusion this might have caused.

2. Expenses

a. Personnel

- i. As you look at the personnel expenses, you will note that staff were overpaid in 2022. As your treasurer I take total responsibility for these errors. Here are the reasons for these errors:
 - Past Hope UCC policy was that staff could not be paid any raises until they were approved at the annual meeting. At last year's annual meeting pay increases were approved for all staff. Therefore the pay increases had to be prorated over 11 months rather than 12.

- The math was calculated and double checked, and our bookkeeper was told what dollar amounts were to be submitted to MinistryWorks — our payroll service at that time.
 - Somehow — be it through my transmission of the information to Bridget, or Bridget's transmission to MinistryWorks, or MinistryWorks' misunderstanding of the instructions, the February paychecks were incorrect. This complicated the problem and more adjustments needed to be made.
 - MinistryWorks and I consulted over numerous phone calls and we were sure that the problem had been corrected.
 - It wasn't until this month, as we were double checking all of the figures that we found the overpayment to our staff.
- ii.* There are two options as to how these overpayments can be dealt with.
- The overpayments can be viewed as they are — a mistake that I take responsibility for — and the staff may be allowed to keep the overpayment.
 - The church may request that the staff pay back the excess salaries. If this is the congregation's recommendation, I suggest that the overpayment for Santina and Mary (the only remaining staff that were overpaid, as Ben and Bridget are no longer employed by Hope UCC) receive a prorated (spread over March through December, as it will take a week or so to arrange for the changes with our payroll provider) reduction in pay for the remainder of the 2023 fiscal year.
 - No motion would be required for the first option; a motion and a second and a majority vote would be required for the second option. This is something that should be discussed with Santina, Bob Poor, and Mary Tallitsch out of the room.

3. Trustees and other Ministry Expenses

- a. Because of inflation several expenses that were estimated for 2022 by our insurance providers (Line items 3009 and 3010) were significantly higher than quoted.
- b. Other cost overruns were the result of inflation

4. Expenses versus Income

- a. For fiscal year 2022 Hope UCC ran a budget deficit of \$ 2,183.26.

5. Cash and Assets

- a. Because of the significant drop in the stock market during 2022, and the need to pay for the roofing repairs in the summer of 2022, the end-of-the-year balances for savings, checking, and LPL Financial are less than they were at the end of the 2021 fiscal year.

I hope these explanations are sufficient. If there are questions that arise that have not been addressed here Bob Poor, Chair of the Trustees, will do his best to answer them.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Tallitsch", written in a cursive style.

Robert B. Tallitsch, Treasurer



Hope United Church of Christ Trustees Annual Report to the Congregation 2022

The Trustees have continued to manage the Church's maintenance and financial requirements on behalf of the Congregation and Staff. The maintenance highlight of the year was our replacing the roof with a more sloped solution that is expected to reduce the amount of standing water in the aftermath of heavy rains and melting snow, which should result in a longer-lasting roof and less required roof maintenance for several decades.

Additional highlights of our 2022 maintenance efforts included the following:

- Repainting and reconfiguring Classroom #4 into a small Chapel and meditation room.
- Finishing the Audio/Visual upgrades in the Sanctuary.
- Repairing the wall damage in Fellowship Hall from the removal of the unused wall-mounted speakers.
- Replacing the old Church Office computer at the Administrative Assistant's desk.
- Updating our banners and poles out front to better advertise our services (and then repairing them due to storm damage ...).
- Inspecting, replacing and removing unsafe and dirty chairs from Fellowship Hall and the church hallway.
- Repairing the temperature setting on our lower convection oven.
- Spring cleaning of the Storage Room and classrooms.
- Replacing the blower motor on Air Conditioner #2.
- Taking corrective actions based on the Fire Marshall's inspection. These actions included removing paint cans from the furnace room and adding an outlet for the sanctuary projector (rather than relying on an extension cord).
- Replacing our American Flag out front.
- Working with a local prospective Eagle Scout on repairing the benches in our Memorial Garden.
- Getting the burst pipe in the front entrance repaired, then installing additional insulation, an electrical outlet, temperature sensor and warming tape to ensure that it does not happen again.

On the Financial side of the ledger, the following were highlights of the Trustees efforts:

- Adjusting the start-date for salary updates / cost-of-living adjustments to occur on 1 January, rather than after our Annual Meeting. (If the salary adjustments are not approved at the Annual Meeting, then updated/approved annual salaries begin on 1 February.)
- Transitioning our payroll service from Ministry Works to a local firm, Hammar Accountants (out of Rock Island, who specialize in helping churches and ministers with their taxes).
- Updating our Building Usage form and fees.
- Changing our snow plowing service to a combined service with First Covenant (the church across the street). Our new combined service provider is Straight Arrow.
- Upgrading our cleaning service to Ultimate Touch Cleaning, which has significantly improved the cleanliness of our building.

Looking ahead to 2023, we anticipate beginning discussions on potentially replacing our carpeting, refinishing our parking lot, and other long-term projects to ensure the wellness of our building and worship experience for years to come.

Submitted by:

Bob Poor
Chair of Trustees



Hope United Church of Christ Worship & Music Ministry Annual Report to the Congregation 2022

Reverend Santina leads our Ministry with enthusiasm, working to create events and church services to be a special remembrance. The following is what Reverend Santina accomplished with our Ministry:

- Lectionary Tuesdays
- Reel Theology movies, regularly asking us “Who is the Jesus character?”
- Lenten Study
- Holy Week events (combined with 1st Congregational)
 - Ash Wednesday service
 - Palm Sunday service
 - Maundy Thursday – Outdoor Tenebrae Service at sunset
 - Good Friday – Stations of the Cross
 - Easter Sunday services – Sunrise service in the Memorial Garden and our 10:00am church service
 - Creating the Prayer / Meditation Room in former classroom #4
 - Visitor bags
 - Youth Group fundraiser benefiting Ukraine and their service / learning trip
 - Honor Graduates Sunday
 - “Gather at the Table” Sunday church dinner service at 5:00pm once a month
 - Inquirers Adult class
 - Youth and Adult Confirmation classes
 - Advent Study
 - Intergenerational Decoration station crafts
 - Christmas services on Christmas Eve at 2:00pm and 5:00pm
 - Christmas Day’s Cozy and Comfy Sunday services. Singing carols and sharing memories with hot cocoa and goodies

Mary Tallitsch our Music Director continues to bring beautiful music to our services. Ben Holmes, Minister of Music, gifted us with so many delightful tunes, before leaving to return to Augustana. Jack Stremlow is now our Minister of Music.

Mary is also a gifted seamstress. She adorns the altar with breathtaking paraments. Mary’s numerous accomplishments include the following:

- Leading Bell Choir
- Music Appreciation Sunday
- Special musicians and singers for our services

- QC Flutes Unlimited performing a Christmas Concert for us

Bob Poor is also involved with his music gifts for our enjoyment!

Jan Varga does an important part of our ministry by finding volunteers to be liturgists and greeters for all of our church services.

Sue Grchan prepares communion for the 1st Sunday of each month and other special services. Our ministry did upgrade our pre-made communion cups so that they would open easier!

THANK YOU EVERYONE for being available to help our ministry.

Submitted by,

Judy Hawotte



Hope United Church of Christ Mission & Outreach Annual Report to the Congregation 2022

Mission and Outreach is always at the center of Hope UCC's activities - reaching both inward to our members/attendees and outward with mission, outreach and service programs to our community both near and far.

Our Mission and Outreach accomplishments, activities and programs are many. With many modifications, pairing with Pastor Santina, other Ministries and with many willing volunteers - these events were successfully carried out. (This may not be a complete list).

- Lenten bags
- Blessing Box - has been an ongoing and important ministry involving many volunteer efforts/hours throughout the year
- Ruth Circle donation to purchase goods for Blessing Box
- Christian Care Dinner - prepare, deliver and serve dinner - in May
- Essential items collection for various charities
- One Great Hour of Sharing collection
- Cleaning essentials - 8 laundry baskets of cleaning supplies delivered to World Relief
- Augustana Prison Ministry collection/donation
- 'Last Sunday Dinner' service by Council members
- Pride Walk
- Feed my Starving Children mission trip - great success
- Pickle Ball Fund Raiser for Youth Group - great attendance/success
- Bake Sale Fund Raiser - by and for Youth Group - yummy baked goods
- Bucket Brigade Relief - Donation
- Food/grocery shopping with family from World Relief
- United Read Program participation
- Strengthen the Church donation
- Emergency Blessing Bags for those in need at Rock Island Academy
- Monetary donation to Church of Peace Food Pantry

- Diaper Drive for Church of Peace Food Pantry
- Christian Care Dinner - prepare, deliver and serve dinner - October
- Jack's high school canned goods collection
- Blessing Box - donations, purchasing and stocking - weekly throughout the year
- UGS - underwear, gloves and sox - donation to World Relief
- Christmas Angel Tree - for teachers at Rock Island Academy
- Christmas Angel Tree - for World Relief families
- 5 student Care Boxes for college students
- The Great Christmas Children's Book Adventure - Moline Housing Authority

As we move forward into 2023, Mission and Outreach Ministry will continue to reach out with programs and activities in response to the needs of Hope UCC and our community near and far.

Thank you to all...for your faith, caring, effort, excitement and participation...that made the above (and more) missions and outreach actions possible.

Submitted by:

Jenny Hookey
Mission and Outreach Ministry Chairman



Hope United Church of Christ Registrar's Annual Report to the Congregation 2022

Funerals

Members

Margaret "Peggy" Clemons

Darrell Parker

Suzanne Cutler

Phyllis Dull

Lee Blunt

Death

01-20-2022

02-20-2022

07-20-2022

08-08-2022

09-16-2022

Friends

Denny Armstrong

04-14-2022

Weddings

New Members

Tracy Mockmore Leuth

Eric Leuth

Kathy Negaard

Josh Powell

Kim Powell

Marsha Peterson

Nancy Stevens

Deana Reed

Joined

07-31-2022

07-31-2022

07-31-2022

07-31-2022

07-31-2022

07-31-2022

07-31-2022

07-31-2022

Transfer of Membership

Tina Voss

Date of Transfer

10-2022

Confirmands

Baptisms

Submitted by:

Donna Werner
Registrar



Hope United Church of Christ Ruth Circle Annual Report to the Congregation 2022

Ruth Circle resumed in February after two years of no meetings due to the COVID pandemic. We met at Montana Jack's for dinner and about 20-25 members attended. March through May, we met in general meetings discussing activities, money-making projects and resuming our church activities.

In June, five members went on the Channel Cat and then had dessert at the Village Inn. July, we attended the movie "Where the Crawdads Sing," then went for dessert. August found us at Los Agaves for another dinner which was well attended.

September and October were normal meetings. Election of Officers was postponed until January. In November, we voted on our donations to the general fund and charities.

December brought our wrapping of gift books for children at Spring Valley. It was a huge success. We will store books and do it again next year.

Looking forward to a productive and fun year for 2023.

Submitted by:

Dorothy Burdick
President



Hope United Church of Christ Visitation Ministry Annual Report to the Congregation 2022

The Visitation Ministry was able to make visits every month in 2022. Visitations were made to 7 individuals. Small gifts and treats were taken to them, as well as to a few others who were not able to receive guests.

We normally meet the last Wednesday at Culver's in Moline for lunch and then divide up and do our visiting. All are welcome to join this group. We are a fun bunch!! Those who made visits this year include Karie Bowman, Jan Varga, Joann Olson, Dorothy Burdick, Caridad Ramos, Sue Grchan, Phebe Head, Nancy Callahan, Bob Poor, and me. Pastor Santana would normally join us for lunch.

If you, or you know of someone who would enjoy having a visit from this ministry, please let me know.

Submitted by:

Barb Hawotte



Hope United Church of Christ Fellowship Coffee Annual Report to the Congregation 2022

Thank you to everyone who brought or baked items for our Fellowship Coffee Hour. Also, thank you to all who have helped clean up the kitchen and Fellowship Hall afterward.

We continue to seek volunteers to bring in baked goods and help with clean up. If you feel led to bake something, that is great; otherwise, if you are up for purchasing a sweet treat for fellowship that is fine too. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet posted in Fellowship Hall.

As of January 22nd, \$134.05 is in the coffee hour fund.

Submitted by:

Phebe Head



Hope United Church of Christ Singles & Doubles Annual Report to the Congregation 2022

Singles and Doubles met in October for a wiener roast. Nice participation and Bob Poor brought his guitar and played tunes so we could all sing along. We plan to go back to a game night in February this year, and hold the annual wiener roast again in October. All adults of the church are invited to come to Singles and Doubles. If anyone has an idea for some fun activities for this group, please let me know.

Submitted by:

Barb Hawotte



Hope United Church of Christ 2023 Officers, Council Members, Ministries & Committees

HOPE UCC OFFICERS	PASTORAL/PERSONNEL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
President	Rev Santina Poor
Julie Bustard	Jenny Hookey
Vice-President	Donna Werner
Caridad Ramos	Bob Tallitsch
Treasurer	
Bob Tallitsch	NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Financial Secretaries	Julie Bustard
Jenny Hookey	Bob Tallitsch
Jan Birdsell	Bob Poor
Historian / Registrar	
Donna Werner	STAFF
Recording Secretary	Rev Santina Poor
Donna Werner	Pastor Emeritus, Rev Parker Lewis
TRUSTEES MINISTRY	Mary Tallitsch, Hand Bell Director
Bob Poor	Jack Stremlow, Minister of Music
Jenny Hookey	
Dick Head	
Dean Herbst	
Bob Church	
Grady Birdsell	
Judy Piper	
Eric Leuth	
WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY	
Lisa Powell Williams	
Judy Hawotte	
Nancy Stevens	
Jan Varga	
MISSION & OUTREACH MINISTRY	
Brian Williams	
Kathy Hobson	
Sue Grchan	
Ginny Anderson	
CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE	
Tracy Mockmore Leuth	
Jan Birdsell	

Proposed 2023 Hope United Church of Christ Budget

		2022 Approved Budget	2023 Draft Budget 4th Draft
INCOME			
1001	Pledges	\$112,233.00	\$106,000.00
1002	Plate Collections (non pledge)	\$ 9,000.00	\$17,000.00
1003	Sunday School	\$0.00	\$0.00
1004	Building use (rentals)	\$ 100.00	\$500.00
1005	Interest Income	\$ 20.00	\$0.00
1006	Fundraising Events	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00
1007	Men's Breakfast Donation	\$ 500.00	\$0.00
1008	Misc. Income	\$ 6,000.00	\$7,000.00
1009	Draw on Investment	\$ 18,129.31	\$21,000.00
1010	LPL Capital Gains and Dividends	\$ 4,000.00	\$3,000.00
1011	Carryover Funds	\$ 28,670.93	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$181,153.24	\$157,000.00
EXPENSES			
PERSONNEL EXPENSES			
2001	Pastor Salary	\$ 28,642.00	\$28,642.00
2002	Pastor Housing	\$ 37,128.00	\$37,128.00
2003	Pastor Social Security Offset	\$ 5,261.60	\$5,261.60
2004	Office Administrator/Bookkeeper	\$ 13,500.00	\$9,360.00
2005	Bell Choir Director	\$ 4,434.41	\$4,434.41
2006	Minister of Music	\$ 10,920.00	\$10,920.00
2007	Supply Clergy	\$ 900.00	\$1,200.00
2008	Annuity and Disability	\$ 5,359.00	\$5,359.00
2009	Pastor Continuing Education, Professional Expenses, Mileage	\$ 3,500.00	\$3,500.00
2010	Sabbatical Fund	\$ 500.00	\$500.00

2011	Worker's Comp	\$ 924.00	\$1,016.00
2012	Payroll Service Fee	\$ 800.00	\$1,700.00
2013	Employer Payroll Taxes	\$ 5,160.80	\$5,160.80
2014	Youth Leader	\$ 1,700.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES		\$118,729.81	\$114,181.81
TRUSTEES MINISTRY EXPENSES			
3001	Utilities	\$ 7,500.00	\$8,000.00
3002	Telephone/internet	\$ 1,800.00	\$2,200.00
3003	Garbage service	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,500.00
3004	Office supply & postage	\$ 2,400.00	\$3,000.00
3005	Custodial Services	\$ -	\$15,000.00
3006	Equipment/copier lease	\$ 2,700.00	\$3,000.00
3007	Repairs & maintenance	\$ 6,000.00	\$5,000.00
3008	Snow plowing	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,500.00
3009	Multi-peril insurance	\$ 5,100.00	\$5,500.00
3010	Umbrella insurance	\$ 350.00	\$350.00
3011	Digital media expenses and advertising expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$2,000.00
3012	Banking fees and online service charges	\$ 750.00	\$700.00
3013	Other property expenses	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
3014	Garden and landscaping maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
TOTAL TRUSTEES EXPENSES		\$ 33,100.00	\$49,750.00
FAITH EXPLORATION EXPENSES			
4001	Curriculum	\$ 150.00	\$150.00
4005	Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
4003	Programs	\$ 750.00	\$750.00
TOTAL FAITH EXPLORATION EXPENSES		\$ 1,400.00	\$1,400.00
WORSHIP & MUSIC EXPENSES			
5001	Music supplies & licenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,100.00

5002	Worship supplies	\$ 900.00	\$900.00
5003	Intruments maintenance & repair	\$ 600.00	\$500.00
5004	Special musicians	\$ 550.00	\$525.00
5005	Supply accompanists	\$ 500.00	\$525.00
5006	Sound and Technical Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
5007	Dinner Church Supplies	\$0.00	\$600.00
TOTAL MUSIC & WORSHIP EXPENSES		\$ 4,050.00	\$4,650.00
MISSION & OUTREACH EXPENSES			
6001	Local Mission	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,500.00
6002	Larger Mission	\$ 500.00	\$1,000.00
6003	Pilgrim Park	\$ 100.00	\$100.00
6004	TPIRC	\$0.00	\$0.00
6004	OCWM	\$ 4,600.00	\$3,168.00
6005	Banners and other advertising	\$0.00	\$250.00
TOTAL MISSION & OUTREACH EXPENSES		\$ 6,200.00	\$6,018.00
TOTAL INCOME			\$157,000.00
CARRYOVER FUNDS FROM 2022			\$19,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS TO OFFSET EXPENSES			\$176,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$163,479.81	\$175,999.81



Hope United Church of Christ Financial Net Asset Report

CASH & ASSETS	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-22
SENB CHECKING	\$ 14,869.47	\$ 5,021.85
SENB SAVINGS	\$ 20,012.66	\$ 5,019.26
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	\$ 10,708.38	\$ 1,553.31
LPL FINANCIAL	\$ 343,500.26	\$ 174,495.42
TOTAL	\$ 389,090.77	\$ 186,089.84

DESIGNATED FUNDS	30-Nov-22	Received	Spent	31-Dec-22
MISSION & OUTREACH	\$ 1,647.55	\$ 50.00		\$ 1,697.55
MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 10,902.53	\$ 820.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 11,652.53
FAITH EXPLORATION – YOUTH FUND	\$ 4,175.65			\$ 4,175.65
WORSHIP & MUSIC	\$ 1,605.00			\$ 1,605.00
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 10,084.39			\$ 10,084.39
UNION CONGREGATIONAL LEGACY FUND	\$ 246.18			\$ 246.18
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE	\$ 13,381.83			\$ 13,381.83
SABBATICAL FUND DESIGNATED	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 42,543.13	\$ 870.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 43,343.13

HOLDING FUNDS	30-Nov-22	Received	Spent	31-Dec-22
FELLOWSHIP FUND	\$ (10.42)			\$ (10.42)
NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING	\$ 30.00			\$ 30.00
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 100.00
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	\$ 1.24			\$ 1.24
VETERANS OF THE CROSS	\$ -			\$ -
EASTER LILIES & POINSETTIAS	\$ 16.00			\$ 16.00
DISASTER RELIEF	\$ 40.00			\$ 40.00
NAMI	\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00
CROPWALK	\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00
LAWN CARE	\$ 0.08			\$ 0.08
LEONHART GRANT	\$ 48.90			\$ 48.90
OCWM	\$ 5.00			\$ 5.00
OTHER HOLDING (Blessing Box)	\$ 446.83	\$ 125.00		\$ 571.83
OTHER HOLDING (Church Programs)	\$ (260.96)			\$ (260.96)
ANGEL TREE HOLDING FUND	\$ 50.00	\$ 310.00		\$ 360.00
SUMMER YOUTH TRIP	\$ 800.00			\$ 800.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,266.67	\$ 485.00	\$ -	\$ 1,751.67