



Believing Jesus is our only hope, Stumptown Mennonite Church leads people in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. We follow His ways and together build the kingdom of God in a community where everyone belongs.

Annual Reports

November 9, 2025

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2026 Budget

Income

Congregational Ministries	\$	228,000.00
Benevolence Offerings	\$	10,000.00
Global Missions Offering	\$	63,000.00
Local Mission Offering	\$	19,000.00
Annual Mission Trip	\$	5,000.00
Bishop Health expense reimbursement	\$	9,000.00
Special Services Income	\$	5,000.00
Building Operating Fund	\$	80,000.00
Discipleship Trips	\$	1,000.00
Student Aid	\$	16,000.00
Jubilee	\$	12,000.00
Copier reimbursement	\$	600.00
Mainstay School Rental	\$	14,250.00
Cemetery Income	\$	10,000.00
Youth Group	\$	1,500.00
Koinonia Class	\$	1,500.00
Rental & Misc Income	\$	16,000.00
House Rental Income	\$	16,000.00
Dividends and Interest Earned	\$	191.00
Bishop Support Revenue	\$	25,284.54
<u>Total Income</u>	\$	509,541.00

Expense

Administration

Advertising and Promotion	\$	500.00
Automobile Expense	\$	1,000.00
Van Insurance	\$	500.00
Bank Service Charges	\$	128.00
Bishop Support	\$	14,400.00
Honorariums	\$	1,800.00
Computer expenses	\$	2,000.00
Financial Tracking software	\$	5,570.03
Conferences and Meetings	\$	1,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	1,000.00
Senior High Youth Group	\$	2,200.00
Office Supplies	\$	3,000.00
Copier Toshiba	\$	5,000.00
Professional Fees	\$	2,000.00
Pastor Education Grants	\$	4,500.00
Pastoral Resources	\$	400.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	\$	1,350.00
Internet Expense	\$	1,800.00
<u>Total Administration</u>	\$	296,667.57

<u>Property and Grounds</u>		
Building and Property Security	\$	7,000.00
Trash Removal	\$	1,540.80
Funeral and Cemetery	\$	3,000.00
Cemetery Expenses	\$	3,000.00
Insurance Expense	\$	15,000.00
Landscaping Expenses	\$	20,000.00
Cemetery mowing trimming	\$	600.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	20,000.00
Church HVAC Repairs	\$	6,500.00
Utilities	\$	10,000.00
Church PPL	\$	2,500.00
Propane	\$	10,000.00
<u>Total Property and Grounds</u>	\$	104,640.80

<u>Missions</u>		
Mellinger Pre-School	\$	5,500.00
Leola Discipleship House	\$	250.00
Friendship Ministries	\$	500.00
CVCSS	\$	3,500.00
Transition to Community (Potters House)	\$	1,000.00
Lancaster Mennonite Conf	\$	4,000.00
CV Ministrium	\$	500.00
EMM- Hoover	\$	6,000.00
Wycliffe Warfel	\$	4,000.00
EMM Prins	\$	4,000.00
EMM Sensenig	\$	4,000.00
Laura Morr/Send	\$	3,000.00
Mast YWAM Support	\$	4,000.00
Sewing Circle World Relief	\$	7,500.00
Immerge	\$	4,800.00
ST Mission Grant	\$	1,000.00
<u>Total Missions</u>	\$	53,550.00

<u>Counseling & Deacon Ministries</u>		
Benevolent Fund Distribution	\$	4,000.00
<u>Total Counseling & Deacon Ministries</u>	\$	4,000.00

<u>Community Life Ministries</u>		
Charitable Contributions	\$	300.00
Evangelism and Special Events	\$	4,250.00
Discipleship trips	\$	500.00
Meals and Hospitality	\$	1,000.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$	1,000.00
Koinonia	\$	1,000.00
<u>Total Community Life Ministries</u>	\$	8,050.00

Education Ministries

Tuition Mennonite School Plan	\$	16,000.00
Sunday School	\$	2,000.00
Vacation Bible School	\$	1,500.00
<u>Total Education Ministries</u>	\$	19,500.00

Worship Ministries

Worship Expenses	\$	6,500.00
Sound Booth	\$	2,000.00
<u>Total Worship Ministries</u>	\$	8,500.00

<u>Total Expense</u>	\$	<u>494,908.37</u>
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Financial Statement for the period of 1/1/25 to 9/30/25

Total Income	\$330,329.86
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Expense

Administration	\$200,711.08
Property & Grounds	\$75,748.37
Missions	\$53,887.12
Community Life	\$1,534.53
Education	\$18,362.44
Worship	\$5,537.61

Total Expense	\$355,781.15
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Net Income (Loss)	-\$25,451.29
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Stumptown Mennonite Church

Benevolent Fund Financial Report

September 2024 to October 2025

Balance on Hand

\$5,859.00

Receipts/Deposits

Everence Grants \$0.00

Deposit to Benevolent Fund \$8,000.00

Total Receipts \$8,000.00

Total Receipts Plus Balance on Hand **\$13,859.00**

Expenditures

Nursing Home Yearly Contribution
1- Fairmount Home
2- Mennonite Home
3- Landis Homes \$3,600

Total Benevolent Care \$7,600.00

Total Withdraws **\$11,200**

Balance on Hand November 01, 2025

\$2,659.00

Submitted by:

Mushtaq Masih

Benevolent Treasurer

Mission & Outreach Team (MOT) Report 2025

Beth Manyara started as Minister of Mission & Outreach. Kirsten Dhlamini, Charles Maina and Yvonne Nyce make up the rest of the team.

Missionary Partnerships

We have renewed our three-year commitment to support the following missionaries:

- Bruce Heckman (Immerge, Lancaster)

We continue to partner with:

- Bruce Heckman (Immerge, Lancaster)
- Daryl & Jenn Hoover (EMM, Vita Net, Costa Rica)
- Peter & Christy Sensenig (EMM, Chad)
- Laura Moore (Send International, Lancaster)
- Dale & Kathy Mast (Youth with A Mission, Richmond)
- Kevin & Anita Warfal (Wycliff Bible Translators, Waxhaw, NC)
- Andres Prins (Morocco)

2026 Focus

- MOT will continue to facilitate communication between our supported missionaries and our congregation by regular newsletters and updates when received. We will seek to have local missionaries present in person at least once a year, or seek out other ways in which we can be more personally connected to their work. Those based internationally will be invited to present when in the area.

● We desire to strengthen our local outreach opportunities for Stumptown's community involvement, and the team is currently brainstorming ways to get the congregation meaningfully involved. One way in which we are doing this is to work more closely with Community Life and Prayer ministers. Several events are in the works for this such as the Celebration of Cultures meal and a prayer station/walk in downtown Lancaster in the spring.

- Kenya mission trip is set for July 19-Aug 2 of 2026.

Total Global and Local Ministries - \$62520

GLOBAL MINISTRIES		
Name/Agency	Renewal	2026
Heckman	2028	\$5,020
Hoover - EMM 4 year	2026	\$6,000
Mast - YWAM	2027	\$4,000
Prins	2027	\$4,000
Sensenig - EMM	2026	\$4,000
Warfel - Wycliffe	2027	\$4,000
L. Moore - SEND International	2026	\$3,000
Beth Manyara	2028	\$6,000
MCC - General	N/A	
Sewing Circle/MCC	N/A	\$7,500
SMC Members' International Ministry		\$43,520

LOCAL MINISTRIES	
Name/Agency	2026
CVCCS	3500
CV Ministerium	500
LMC	4000
Mellinger Parent & Preschool Ctr	5500
Leola Discipleship House	500
Prayer Station Ministry	500
Potter's House/Transition to Community	1000
Friendship Community	500
Bridgeport Housing/Chestnut Housing	1000
CV Seeds	1000
Short-term Trips Grats	1000
Total Local Missions	19000

2025 Christian Education Report

Sunday School continues to go well, with elective classes offered throughout the year. Electives included a course on Discipleship taught by Austen Kewin and a course studying the book *The Color of Compromise* taught by Beth Manyara.

Sharing our classrooms with Mainstay Christian Academy has been great! We're glad to share the spaces that are usually only used once a week.

Age Group	Teachers:	# of Students
2s/3s	Brenda Bare and Myrna Smucker	6
Pre-K/K	Kathryn Long, Pam Rutt, and Chris Hess	7
1st/2nd	Lois Zook	10
3rd-5th	Hans Leaman, Morgan & Jeremy Felpel, and Ashley Wachter	12
6th- 8th	Kinley Zook and Tim Rieger	11
9th-12th	Ester Felpel, Sean High, Austen Kewin	7

Vacation Bible School was so much fun with the addition of live music by Lianna Delgado. About 75 children were registered, and many invited friends, neighbors, and family this year. Next year's VBS may move up to June due to the Kenya mission in July, so stay tuned for an exact date.

Minister of Christian Education: Ashley Wachter

2025 Prayer Ministry Report

The Book of Acts records the mighty works of God for and through His church in its early years, and clearly connects them to unified, corporate prayer. Following are a few examples of people coming together to pray.

- In Acts 1:24 the 120 were gathered in an upper room praying in one accord when Pentecost came.
- In Acts 4:24 and 31 when Peter and John reported the Sanhedrin's threats, those gathered cried out to God in one accord for boldness, and the place was shaken where they prayed.
- In Acts 6:8 the church prayed over the seven men appointed to serve the widows.
- In Acts 12:1-11 the church was fervently praying, and God miraculously delivered Peter from his cell.

Private prayers are important, but there is something powerful about coming together as a group of believers to pray. As we come together, our faith is strengthened and we are encouraged as we see answers to our prayers.

There are several ways to join together in prayer here at Stumptown.

- Sunday mornings at 8:30 we meet in the prayer room in the church basement.
- Fridays at 3:00 we meet in the auditorium, and
- The 4th Wednesday of every month we meet in the basement at 7:00.

When we hit our knees, God extends His mighty right hand on our behalf. When we pray, he fights our battles for us. In his book, Draw the Circle, Mark Batterson wrote, "When the prayer meeting becomes the most important meeting, revival is around the corner."

Carol Zimmerman

Youth

Stumptown's youth ministry has continued to provide consistent opportunities for relationship-building and discipleship through regular youth gatherings at church and in the homes of other congregation members. Other notable highlights for the year were our winter retreat, outreach trip to Maine, and two student baptisms. Our youth group continues to grow, and we are excited to journey with our young people as they mature and ask deeper questions about life and faith. We also helped to plan and participated in two district-wide youth gatherings, one of which Stumptown hosted. These have been positive experiences for all involved, and there is exciting momentum for continued collaboration and future district-wide events. Please be sure to pray for and thank our youth leaders for their consistent investment: Deb High, Kinley Zook, Ryan Long, Sean High, Jim & Ester Felpel, Austen Kewin. Special thanks to the many others who have helped with food, transportation, or hosting over this past year!

Young Adults

Our "Truth Seekers" Sunday school class has been providing a place for relevant conversation and meaningful connection among young adults and others in the Stumptown congregation. Visitors have been regular, as have fellowship meals and hangouts beyond Sunday mornings. Many of our young adults also enjoyed a time of retreat and teaching up in the 1000 Islands, NY this past May. Additionally, our young adults have championed "Fifth Friday" worship and outreach nights at Stumptown and hope that these can grow into a valuable resource for the entire Conestoga River District. Many other young men have been consistently encouraged and exposed to Christ-centered values and teaching over dinner and fellowship at the Kewin's house. Pray that these young men would have the courage to trust and obey Jesus, and that they would find meaningful connection and support in the larger Body of Christ.

Community Life Report - 2025

Since picking up this role over the summer, it has been quite a task to sort through past events and plan for upcoming gatherings. My gratitude goes out to all those who have been a support in this transition, and to all for your patience as our Community Life team organizes the various events.

Two of our focal points have been to organize events with internal (church) and external (local community) focuses. We have a core strength of family within our Stumptown congregation, and it is a gift with great potential to touch the lives of many who lack strong Christ-centered families. Our monthly Welcome Lunches and annual Vacation Bible School are wonderful opportunities to invite non-Stumptowners to our church. We hope to expand on these ideas through:

- The continued development of Community Nights. This program began two years ago as "Family Nights." We have learned valuable lessons about bringing our congregation together, which is why this recurring event has taken various forms since its beginning days. This year, we have moved Community Nights to a monthly Friday evening with a meal and activities that are all-inclusive and intergenerational. These evenings are an open invitation to the greater community, and we encourage you to bring along family, friends, coworkers, and anyone you would like to have connected with your Stumptown Family.
- The development of Fellowship Sunday Gatherings on the third Sunday of each month. These are meant as a "place-holder" so far as there will either be a Community Event on the third Sunday or you are welcome to bring your own lunch and commune together in a relaxed setting.

Some activities planned by or co-planned with the Community Life Team:

Relief Kit Packing

Pinewood Derby

Chili Cookoff

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Rocket Launch

Back to School Basketball Picnic

Christian Education Fund BBQ Fundraiser

Celebration of Cultures

We are grateful to Chris Hess who has served this ministry and is completing her service as a team member of Community Life. We currently have Lianna Delgado as the Community Life Coordinator and team members include Torrie High, Jen Hill, and Elaine Nolt.

Pastoral Report – November 2025

Austen and Elly were again in Maine this summer, where Austen made significant connections with a ministry called Thrive. We are exploring and listening for the voice of God to discern how we might advance the Kingdom of God in Maine. Austen and Elly would like to continue this pattern of spending several months in Maine during the summer.

Keith is acclimating to his role as Bishop with LMC. Beginning January 1, 2026, he is allocating 30% of his time to this role and 70% to Stumptown, where he will continue to serve as Lead Pastor. Keith will oversee the ministry, offer strategic direction, and provide teaching. He will be working with increased intentionality to call and train new and emerging leaders.

We are members of LMC and our district is the Conestoga River District. The churches in the district are: Crossroads Community Fellowship (Lititz), Crossroads Mennonite Church (Lancaster), First Deaf Mennonite, Landis Valley Mennonite, Lititz Mennonite, Mellinger Mennonite, Millport Mennonite, RiversEdge Fellowship, Stumptown Mennonite, Sunnyside Mennonite, and Witmer Heights Mennonite.

Austen will continue to serve as Associate Pastor at 75%. This less than full-time rate accounts for his time in Maine and school work. Austen continues his work on his counseling degree. He will complete his coursework in December and start practicum in January.

Keith continues to work on his Doctor of Ministry at Asbury Seminary. He has finished his coursework and is working on completing his dissertation. The dissertation topic is "Raising Up the Next Generation of Leaders in LMC." The expectation is that he will be ready to graduate in May 2026.

We are excited about the prospect of calling Greg Detweiler to our pastoral staff. It is proposed that Greg will serve at 30%. While we will need to get to know Greg and his strengths, we currently expect he will join the teaching rotation, oversee caregiving and family ministry, and assist with general ministry tasks.

Ministry Development

We are very excited to have called five deacons. Our deacons have already begun to add value to the ministry and are helping with the caregiving needs in the church. While our deacons have been installed as lay leaders, Stumptown has a history of licensing deacons. Licensing will be discussed, discerned, and considered following a season of service.

We have begun to create connections with district youth groups by establishing periodic district youth events. Thanks to Austen and Deb High for their work on this initiative.

We are seeing our Young Adult group grow. They have begun to create events for our young adults and reach out to our community.

Our Swahili service continues faithfully. It is a joy to have this worship expression as part of our church.

2025 Property and Grounds Report

Property and grounds had a little bit of a quieter year since the roof project is complete.

This year we focused on the following:

- We continued to update our aging infrastructure, mainly the central air units.
- We updated some landscaping including a downed tree at the tenant house
- General maintenance

Goals for 2026

- To replace several more central air units
- To complete various other smaller projects.

We had another very successful and well attended cleaning day. Thanks to everyone for their help both on cleaning day and throughout the year!

Ben Wachter

2025 Stumptown Mennonite Church Goals Report

Discipleship

Goal: To offer a Sunday school class elective March on Discipleship.

We offered an elective (Discipleship, taught by Austen Kewin) in the Spring and one in the Fall (Color of Compromise, taught by Beth Manyara)

Goal: Execute Youth Mentor Program

While this has not been fully implemented, progress is being made with some students having mentors and ongoing work for more mentor/mentee relationships.

Deacon role

Goal: Clearly define the role of deacons/deaconesses and ask persons to serve in this way.

The Church Council made the decision to use the term deacon to represent both males and females. The following people were commissioned on October 17, 2025 to serve: Pam and Roger Rutt, Humaira and Mushtaq Masih, and Esther Maina. Praise be to God!

Kingdom Expansion

Some exciting grassroots developments have occurred for kingdom outreach.

- Outreach *Fifth Friday: Fun, Fellowship, & Praise* is being planned by Young Adults.
- Evangelism Class was held in the 2025 fall at Stumptown.
- A Newsletter, *From the Pew*, debuted with the first issue distributed in October.
- Community Life has changed to the Second Friday Evening Community Event each month.

Goal: Merge Governance Plan and Leadership Manual

This work continues. The role of deacon was defined and the church council worked on several policies.

Goal: Implement an online system for storage and access to records, policies.

Administrative Assistant Valerie Meck has begun this work. We will have a members only option on our website that will house the church directory along with other helpful documents for the congregation, such as policies and forms.

2026 Strategic Goals – Draft

Represents work from 2025 Leadership Retreat in October, 2025

Determine at your table groups, what specific goals we can name as a congregation. Note the ideas shared at the leadership retreat. Which ones resonate with you? Do you have other ideas? Our goal is to create measurable goals in these areas that are attainable.

Goal 1: Build Community Bridges Through Gospel Witness

We will strengthen our relationship with the broader community through strategic partnerships and neighborhood presence where we serve and build authentic relationships. Our congregation will demonstrate God's love through genuine friendship, prayer, and service. We will welcome seekers and first-generation believers into deeper community, inviting them into a relationship with Christ and His church.

Ideas given at the Leadership Retreat

- Van pick up in Lancaster
- Participation in local community events.
- Mission work.
- Make contact with local ministries, such as SEEDS
- Working with Ministerium to restart a fifth quarter club and/or youth center
- Plan events at Stumptown that bring in the local community.
- Support SEEDS, introduced to the congregation.
- IFI students coming
- Determine the need within the community that needs support.
- Partnering with city churches to serve.
- People attend community events, feel safe, and develop relationships
- Introduce ourselves to the neighbors and develop connections .
- Congregation comfortable with non-believers. Seekers attending our church.
- Offering opportunities for those who visit to connect with Stumptown beyond first stage of meeting.
- Reaching out to new apartment complexes

Goal 2: Deepen Our Faithful Discipleship

We will advance our core ministries with renewed commitment to spiritual growth and discipleship. We will equip our congregation to confidently share their faith and disciple one another through expanded youth and young adult programming, community gatherings, and small groups. We will create clear pathways for spiritual formation that include deacon ministry and leadership development opportunities.

We will strengthen our relationship with the broader community through intentional outreach and ministry connections that demonstrate God's love and invite people into relationship with Christ and His church.

- Youth, inviting peers to attend.
- Expanded ministry to local youth.
- Increased generational attendance at community nights.

Goal 3: Prioritize Prayer as Our Foundation

We will emphasize prayer as central to our ministry, recognizing it as both the spiritual bedrock of our work and a primary means of discipleship and transformation. We will lead our congregation in prayer formation through intentional teaching and gatherings, ensuring that prayer precedes and empowers our outreach and community witness.

- Prayer walks.
- We prayed and God worked.
- Stronger in prayer ministry.
- This year many people gathered together in prayer.
- We did more Prayer as a congregation outside Sunday worship times.

Leadership Team emphasis**Goal 4: Foster Unified Leadership and Clear Congregational Purpose**

We will strengthen unity among our leadership team and clarity throughout our congregation about our shared missional priorities, creating a culture where people feel invited to engage their gifts and calling in service of our core vision.