

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

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NOTE: Annual Congregational Meeting. (Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Council Executive of the United Church has given special permission to Church Boards to approve their congregation's budget and on March 3, 2021 our Board approved the draft budget found on pages 34 & 35 of this report. We are still required to have a virtual congregational meeting before June to approve the Annual Report and the membership of the Board and Ministry Teams. In the next few weeks the Board will inform the congregation about the date of this meeting and how to take part.)

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**MINUTES OF THE STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
DULY CALLED AND HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 2020, 10:40 AM**

1. Call to Order and Welcome and Opening Prayer.

Rev. Grant Dillenbeck welcomed the congregation and called the meeting to order at 10:40 am. He then led the congregation in an opening prayer.

2. Review of Policy regarding the method of voting.

Rev. Grant Dillenbeck reminded everyone voting will be done by a show of hands (this was decided by ballot vote at the 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting). He reminded everyone that a ballot vote can be requested at any time. He also explained that only those in full membership whose names are recorded on the “historic roll” may vote at congregational meetings, unless those members vote to extend voting privileges to adherents.

3. Election of Secretary and Chair.

Motion: That Doug Hall be elected as chair the meeting and that Alanna Code be elected as secretary for this congregational meeting. Moved by Kelli Byce. Seconded by Lynn Seabrook. Carried.

4. Motion regarding voting privileges.

Grant explained that the UCC manual has changed and that the congregation can empower everyone to vote on everything, including election of Board members and Ministry Teams which in the past could be voted on only by full members (i.e., those on the historic roll).

Motion: That permission be granted to all those present to vote on all motions made at this meeting. Moved by Phil Sweetnam. Seconded by Arlene Preston. Carried.

5. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion: That the agenda for this Annual Meeting, as presented on page 1 in the 2019 Annual Report, be approved. Moved by Ben Rhody. Seconded by Carla Miner. Carried.

6. Approval of the Congregational Meeting minutes – February 24, 2019 .

Motion: That the minutes of the congregational meeting held on Sunday, February 24, 2019 as printed on pages 2-4 in the 2019 Annual Report be approved. Moved by Perry Fee. Seconded by Betty Robertson. Carried.

7. Motion to accept all Committee Reports (pp. 5-29 of the 2019 Annual Report).

Motion: To accept all reports as printed in the 2019 Annual Report, except the 2019 Financial Report, the 2020 Budget (pp. 30-34) and the “Members of the Board and Ministry Teams for 2020” nominations leaflet. Moved by Kelli Byce. Seconded by Lynn Seabrook. Carried.

After the vote on the motion to accept all Committee Reports, Rev. Grant Dillenbeck offered a prayer and read the names of those who died in 2019 as listed on pages 17-18 of the 2019 Annual Report.

8. Update on Spiritual Growth Animator and Tender Loving Care Facilitator Positions approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting in 2018: Grant shared information from a handout regarding the history of these positions. (See Appendix A) Currently Julee Pauling is the Spiritual SPARK Director

(weekday SPARKs), Leena Masse is the Sunday Spiritual SPARK Director, and Ruth Richardson is the SGA Team Coordinator. The focus to date has been on building community and spiritual growth development. SUC is developing a strong sense of community and support in addition to Sunday morning worship and SPARK activities. We have funding for at least one more year. After that, we will need to decide how to proceed. The weekday SPARKs are going really well, but we are still struggling to find consistent support on Sunday mornings.

Beth Sweetnam commented that she still does a lot of work with other congregations in the area and has had the opportunity to visit many of them. She is impressed by the energy at SUC compared with many other congregations that are literally struggling to hang on. To emphasize her point, she quoted from Leena's report:

“Over these six months that I have worked at Stittsville United Church, I have come to understand what is happening in this building. It is a place of community, of spirituality, of kindness, of love.

9. Update on changes to the United Church of Canada governance structure.

The new regional council governance structure of the United Church of Canada has been in place for a year. Regional Councils have replaced Presbyteries and Conferences in the UCC. We belong to Region 12 – Eastern Ontario and Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC). It is a very large region so it is hard to connect face-to-face. People are missing the personal connections that existed with Presbytery. The average church will now have less support “from above” so more responsibility will fall onto the congregation (e.g., hiring a new minister was previously supported by Presbytery, but will now be the responsibility of the congregation).

10. Update on Sabbatical plans for Rev. Grant Dillenbeck

Grant will be taking sabbatical leave in May, June, and July and then his regular month of holidays in August. Worship will be covered by Rev. Jan Loughheed and others from the congregation. Pastoral care will be covered by local ministers Rev. Cindy Casey (Kanata United), Rev. Kim Vidal (Bells Corners), and Rev. Elaine Beattie (Glen Cairn).

Concern: Impact of Grant's absence on financial contributions. Grant has had two previous sabbaticals while serving at SUC. There was no significant impact to revenue during those absences. Because it is during the summer months, attendance tends to be down anyway. Now with more people on PAR and using e-transfer, the impact will likely be even less than before.

11. Motions regarding the election of members to the Board and Ministry Teams.

Motion: That Wendy Hall be nominated for the Finance Ministry Team. Moved by Phil Sweetnam. Seconded by Ben Rhody. Carried.

Motion: That those named in the “Members of the Board and Ministry Teams for 2020” leaflet and any others nominated at the meeting today be elected to the positions specified. Moved by Bonnie Lamb. Seconded by Arlene Preston. Carried.

12. Financial Reports.

a. Financial Report 2019 (p. 30-31).

Time was given for people in attendance to review the Financial Report and the Funds Summary for 2019 as printed on pages 30-31 of the 2019 Annual Report.

Motion: That the Financial report for 2019 as printed on pages 30-31 in the 2019 Annual Report be approved. Moved by Lynn Seabrook. Seconded by Rob Watt. Carried.

Question: How do Mission and Service contributions from 2019 compare to previous years? There have been no significant changes to the M&S contributions. Previously, some M&S funds were directed to cover expenses of the UCC operational budget. Now, however, each congregation is charged a regional assessment to cover head office expenses. All M&S donations go directly into M&S projects.

Question: How does the new regional assessment compare to the old Presbytery assessment? Our regional assessment is approximately \$1,000 more than our last Presbytery assessment.

Question: Why is the donation to the Stittsville Food Bank so low? We do not budget for a specific amount to be donated to the Stittsville Food Bank. All donations received for the Food Bank show as Flowthrough Funds. We also collect food items which are donated directly to the food bank on a regular basis. The amount showing was received at the end of the year and so was carried over into 2020.

b. Motion regarding the 2020 Budget (p. 34)

Motion: That the budget for 2020 as presented in the 2019 Annual Report (p. 34) be approved. Moved by Robb Watt. Seconded by Beth Sweetnam. Carried.

Question: Why are some line items crossed out? Certain line items like the photocopier contract and treasury supplies have been rolled into office supplies.

Question: Why is there a difference between the amount budgeted for insurance in 2019 and the actual amount paid and why is the 2020 regional assessment budgeted for less than 2019? There was an extra insurance payment made in 2019 that pertained to 2018 and the 2020 regional assessment in the budget is the actual 2020 figure we have been given.

Question: Why is the \$5,400 shown as revenue in 2019 not accounted for in the 2020 budget? The revenue from 2019 is not part of the budget. It is in the bank account and can be used to cover any part of the 2020 budget as required.

Question: Why such a modest increase of 2% for support staff when cost of living is 1.9% so no recognition of performance. Because of Grant's extra work, the increase will be 4% (2% cost of living, 2% performance). Our congregation is more active now so we will look to do more for 2021 than the 2% cost of living.

c. Appointment of person to conduct independent financial review for 2020

Motion: That Arlene Preston be asked to conduct the annual review of the financial records for 2020. Moved by Perry Fee. Seconded by Rob Watt. Carried.

13. Other Business.

a. Affirming Process

A team – Robert Schwab, Beth Sweetnam, and Jeff Tilton – has been appointed to start the Affirming Church process at Stittsville United Church. **The United Church Affirming Church process** provides educational, conversational and discernment resources for congregations to reflect on what it meant to be truly inclusive of others within the life and work of their ministry. Congregations are encouraged to look

at a variety of areas that may be barriers to those coming to their church, including age, gender, race, ability, class, economic status and, in particular to the Affirming ministry, gender identity and expression, and sexualities. It includes many types of opportunities for people to share their thoughts and feelings, while listening to others over a period of many months. The first gathering of those interested in this process will be held on **Thursday February 27, 2020 at 7:30 pm**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

14. Appreciation of Staff and Volunteers

A number of people were recognized for their service. Don Carson was recognized for 30+ as Treasurer at SUC. He was so hard to replace that the Treasurer duties have now been divided! Cheques will be written through the office, a team of people will count offerings on Sunday mornings, and Veronica Parlour has been hired as SUC Treasurer. He was given a gift (a plaque) to recognize his dedicated service and received a standing ovation from those in attendance. Don thanked Arlene Preston and Phil Sweetnam for their help over the years.

Arlene Preston was given a gift and thanked for stepping in to assume Treasurer duties during Don's absence.

Ongoing remembrance and appreciation was offered for Eileen McLean who died in December 2019. A maple tree will be planted in the spring in her memory and the regular card-making SPARK will be named for her (she donated all of her card-making supplies to SUC).

Sarah offered thanks for the hard-working, dedicated staff at SUC.

15. Declaring of the meeting closed.

The meeting was closed at 11:48 am.

16. Closing Prayer.

The Rev. Grant Dillenbeck offered a closing prayer.

Chair: _____

Doug Hall

Secretary: _____

Alanna Code

2020 SUC BOARD REPORT

Within the United Church of Canada, church Boards have two primary responsibilities, to “oversee the spiritual interests of the congregation” and to have “general oversight of the finances of the congregation.” The realities faced by our congregation during the COVID-19 pandemic have brought these two areas into special focus for the Board. Early in 2020 the Board finalized the agenda and budget for our Annual Congregational Meeting on February 23, 2020. The budget was passed, as was approval for Rev. Grant to take a 3 month Sabbatical from May to August. The congregation also decided to initiate a process to consider becoming an Affirming Church and provide opportunities to explore, prayerfully reflect on and discuss how we are presently welcoming and inclusive of those from a wide diversity of backgrounds, including those of all gender identities and sexual orientations, and to consider ways we can be even more intentional about offering a safe and supportive community for as many people as possible. Following the implementation of public health restrictions, it was clear that our plans for the year would change. Rev. Grant decided that it would be best if he postponed his Sabbatical, and without being able to gather together in person, discussion of the Affirming Church process was put on hold. In April a meeting was held jointly with the Board and other Ministry Teams by conference phone call, (and we thank Phil and Beth Sweetnam for making this possible), and the Board also met several other times during the year by Zoom. The Board continued to monitor and support the work of the staff as they shifted from in-person activities, to providing most of our ministry online and through email, postal mailings, phone calls and other means. The Board appreciates the efforts of our staff and volunteers for their creativity and flexibility in being able to maintain inspiring and supportive worship and spiritual growth activities. The Board and Finance Ministry team also closely monitored the ongoing financial situation of the congregation and considered contingencies in the event of a shortfall in revenues at the end of the year. We are very grateful to all of those who have provided the ongoing faithful financial support which has enabled us to continue our ministry without a financial shortfall at the end of the year. Everyone’s efforts and commitment have been remarkable.

The Board selected a group of qualified people to establish proper health and safety protocols during the COVID-19 restrictions. Following consultation with the congregation it was agreed that if requested, we would provide funeral services using procedures based on public health guidelines. These procedures were developed and approved and were put into place for conducting a memorial service in our sanctuary for Lt. Gen. William Carr. We thank all of those who were part of preparing the procedures and who put them into practice for the service. The Board was also part of the process of hiring a new treasurer for our congregation, and we are grateful for all those who were part of ensuring the financial oversight of the congregation including the Finance Ministry Team, Veronica Parlour, and our new treasurer, Mo Panetta. Special thanks to Arlene Preston for stepping in to cover the duties of the treasurer, and helping to set up the financial system.

Due to the pandemic our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held virtually this year. The date and details will be communicated to the congregation. The United Church General Council Executive has given special permission for church Boards to approve budgets on behalf of the congregation, which our Board did on March 3, 2021. We thank all of the members of our Board for offering leadership in our congregation and for agreeing to continue in their positions. (Note from Grant— we especially thank our chair Doug Hall, who has served longer than expected.) We are looking for a new chair and vice chair and we encourage you to consider yourself, or recommend people you believe would make a positive contribution to our congregation in this way.

Though there is a degree of uncertainty about the days ahead, we are confident that, with God’s guidance, our congregation and Board will continue to meet the challenges and find new opportunities for ministry.

Respectfully, Doug Hall, Acting Chair of the Board

2020 STAFF REPORTS

MINISTER'S REPORT

“Encourage one another and help one another, just as you are doing now.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

It goes without saying that this has been a year like no other in our lifetime. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on our personal lives and on our life together in the church. Because we were not able to gather in our building for most of 2020, we had to find other ways (as the apostle Paul says), to “encourage” and “help” one another and our church staff worked very hard to help us do so. Through Facebook Live and Zoom we offered worship services, Leena’s Little Lectionary time and occasional coffee and conversation times on Sundays. During the week Leena read stories weekday evenings, Tuesdays we had Bible Chat, on Wednesday evenings we offered Soul Time meditations, Thursdays we sang favourite hymns, and Friday evenings we had a prayer time. We also sent out weekly email updates and regular postal mailings for those who do not have email, as well as activity packages for families. Our Tender Loving Care friendly callers have kept in contact with those involved in our congregation, and we stayed connected through our Sweet Connections and Colourful Connections programs. You can read more about each of these and other activities in the rest of our Annual Report, and I remind you that most of these activities are continuing in 2021.

In spite of all of the challenges faced in the past year, the financial support of the congregation has been amazing. We actually received more in offerings in 2020 than in 2019, however there was very little income from fundraising or hall rental. Though overall revenues were less than budgeted, so too were expenses, enabling us to end 2020 with almost \$2,000 more in revenues than expenditures! A year-end financial statement and our 2021 budget have been sent out and are included in the Annual Report.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting virtually this year. Details about this meeting will be sent to the congregation once they are finalized. The General Council Executive has given special permission for Church Boards to approve congregational budgets, which our Board has done after circulating the draft budget to the congregation, which was developed by the Finance Ministry Team.

I personally want to thank all of our staff who have responded creatively and faithfully to this unprecedented situation as well as those who faithfully share their gifts by serving through participation with the Board, the Ministry Teams, the UCW, the Choir, the Spiritual Growth and SPARK initiatives, the Tender Loving Care ministry and in so many other important ways, and of course all those who continue to prayerfully and financially support our ministry. Special thanks to Arlene Preston for her assistance through the year with the treasurer duties and to our new Treasurer Mo Panetta. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and do make a difference in the lives of many in our congregation and community!

Even though we can not be sure what the year ahead has in store, we know that our congregation will remain strong as we each prayerfully and faithfully play our part in carrying out the ministry of our church now and in years ahead. With God’s love and guidance we will keep “Growing - together - In Spirit.”

Yours in Common Purpose, Rev. Grant Dillenbeck.

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2020 was a year of challenge and change for every facet of the church, including the music program.

We were just starting into rehearsals for the musical Jonah when the pandemic lockdown happened. Focus narrowed immediately. Priority number one was sorting out how to move Sunday morning worship services online, in a way that was workable for both the staff and the congregation.

Throughout the spring and summer, Allison and others provided a 'Hymn of Day' on the Facebook Live platform. This was a Monday to Friday event during the first lockdown, and carried on through the summer with regularity. Songs were performed at the church, in people's houses, in backyards, in the woods. It was a ministry that was often spontaneous, and always heartfelt. Mostly singing, but with some piano, and accordion thrown in. It was fun because you never knew what was going to show up any given day. An uplifting unknown, in a time of many distressing unknowns. Hymn of the Day offerings decreased in frequency through the fall, as we all settled into 'long term Covid' life.

A bright spot of 2020 was an outdoor 'driveway concert'. Various groups throughout Stittsville performed, at the same time, in driveways across the community. Members of the SUC choir participated in this initiative, on a beautiful June evening, in Doug and Wendy Hall's driveway. The Halls live directly across the street from Wray and Bonnie Lamb, so there was an audience spread out all over the street and the Lamb's lawn. It was a wonderful example of Covid creativity that brightened peoples' spirits immensely.

As the fall progressed, and as we went into Advent, Covid restrictions meant keeping numbers small. Music during services was provided live, with Allison singing and playing behind a plexiglass shield. Allison provided a lot of the music herself, but there are a number of musical couples in the SUC choir, and that has been a godsend. As restrictions became tighter, more and more music was prepared in a pre-recorded fashion, including Advent and Christmas eve music.

A music-based project over the late fall was creating a video Christmas card. Using the "Hallelujah Chorus" as the music, Allison gathered Christmas greetings from people from the congregation and compiled a video that was shown at the Christmas eve services.

Choir rehearsals have morphed throughout the year as well. Thursday evening sing-alongs have been dubbed 'Hymn Sing', 'Noel and Nog' and, currently 'Beer and Hymns', following a template common in the US. Beer is not the point, but fellowship is. We have all learned the art of chatting between songs, then hitting the mute button during the songs, to ensure no lag time chaos.

2020 was a year of 'go with the flow'. We do this naturally at SUC, and that is a good thing. 2020 tested us in that regard. I'd like to offer a virtual pat on the back to everyone who has helped the music program to continue and flourish in the odd year that has just past.

Respectfully submitted, Allison Houston, Music Director

TENDER LOVING CARE (TLC) FACILITATOR REPORT

From Rev. Grant Dillenbeck:

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 2, 2018 our congregation approved using \$15,000 from our funds held in trust to hire a Tender Loving Care Facilitator. The job description for this position was developed from the conversations we held during our Pathways Appreciative Inquiry visioning process in the previous year. In 2020 Kate McDonald worked as our Tender Loving Care Facilitator until December when the funds originally allocated had been spent. During the COVID-19 pandemic the work of the Tender Loving Care Facilitator focussed on supporting the Tender Loving Care Friendly Callers who were keeping in contact with members of our congregation, and providing direct support to members of our congregation. Though a thorough evaluation regarding the future of the Tender Loving Care program will be held when we can once again have in-person gatherings, the preliminary evaluation determined that funding for the Tender Loving Care Facilitator position would not be continued beyond the amount initially approved. We thank Kate McDonald for her faithful and caring efforts as the Tender Loving Care Facilitator in 2020 and we are grateful that she continues to offer her gifts as one of our Friendly Callers and through the Prayer Shawl ministry. We also thank Connie Cathcart for taking on the role as volunteer coordinator of the Friendly Callers, and we appreciate the efforts of all who are making calls to keep in touch with people in our congregation. We are still looking for a couple of people willing to occasionally call about 20 households in our congregation, so please consider volunteering to be one of our Friendly Callers. It is vitally important for us to keep connected to each other, especially in these times when we are not able to see each other in person, and we look forward to the time when we are able to offer each other care and support in person.

With Gratitude, Rev. Grant Dillenbeck.

From Kate McDonald - Tender Loving Care Facilitator in 2020:

Through the challenges of last year, the congregation of Stittsville United Church continued to provide support through the Tender Loving Care Ministry. A group of dedicated volunteers called people regularly to check in and provide a friendly voice and a reminder that people were not alone. Support was available and provided through the making and delivering of meals, grocery shopping, rides to appointments and phone calls for people to 'listen in' to the Sunday Services on Facebook Live. The 'soup gang' was always on standby and made containers of delicious soup for folks needing nourishment and a small reprieve from one daily task. The prayer shawl ministry remained active, shawls are available at the church for anyone needing a loving reminder of the church community, scattered and physically apart though we were.

May 2021 bring a return of gathering in person in safety with family and friends.

Respectfully submitted, Kate McDonald

YOUTH WORKER'S REPORT

BEFORE COVID 19

2020 started with a pilgrimage to Montreal. 15 people travelled to Montreal on a bus and stayed in three hotel suites. Our guest speaker was Aaron Miechkota, a theological student from the McGill Masters of Divinity program. Aaron spoke about her research paper on pilgrimage in Montreal and talked about her life as a queer Christian woman. We traveled back through time as we toured the Marguerite Bourgeoys historic site in the heart of Old Montreal and we prayed at Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours, a sacred heart pilgrimage site on the shore on the St Lawrence River. It is known as the "Sailors' Church," not just because it overlooks the harbour, but because it was famed in the 19th century for being a pilgrimage site for sailors who arrived in the Old Port of Montreal to give thanks for safe passage. We spent an afternoon helping in the kitchen at the Old Brewery Mission, which was a real eye opener for us all. In the evening we attended the Notre Dame Basilica light show, "Aura." One participant said it was "the most insane laser light show" she had ever seen. It was a one-in-a-lifetime experience set in hallowed and historic surroundings. We visited St Joseph's Oratory on Mount Royal for an amazing guided tour. Later in the afternoon we did a little shopping before heading home. We laughed, grew, and were challenged together. School exams were the end of January, so meditation and hypnotherapy sessions for stress were offered. In February we had a paint night, a games night, and a community dance. We had started to read the new script in preparation for the spring musical "JONAH", and excitement was growing. Then the pandemic hit us in March. We continued to stay in touch via our phones and driveway visits but it has not been the same. Birthdays have been celebrated, new jobs have been started and school continues to be a challenge and a delight. Ruth stays in touch via social media with both the present teen group as well as the older teens who are now in their 20's. Offering connection and support to each other has been our focus during this pandemic.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021

During Lent 2021 the youth are offering their time and talent to help **LEAD WORSHIP** via Zoom by reading scripture and offering their musical talents to support the worship service.

Many of the youth and their families missed going to the Achray campground in Algonquin Park for a **WEEK-END CHRISTIAN CAMPING** experience with Ruth and Grant in 2020. We are holding another camping weekend at Achray May 28-30 and those attending are looking forward to spending time together in this beautiful part of the Algonquin wilderness.

In the spring we plan to have a few **OUTDOOR EVENTS** socially distanced and wearing masks at the recently purchased farm of Stas Malkov and Christa McCool. This will include time in the sugar bush, planting trees in the orchard, walks and campfires.

10 YEAR SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO DAVE AND HEATHER NEWAR. As of 2020 Dave and Heather had been leading the team of youth in the kitchen for monthly Sunday Brunches for 10 years. Their children are now adults so they have passed the torch to Stas Malkov, Waylon Robinson and Paul Thompson.

We are grateful to all the parents for their support to the youth group activities during 2020. Special thanks to Amy Mesdag, Rick Gourlie, Paul Thompson, Stas Malkov, Waylan Robinson, Kelli Byce, Grant Dillenbeck, Julie Pauling, Lecia Andres DeVries, Kate McDonald and Suzanne Barrow, and to Susie Anderson and Mark Dickinson for their support during the year.

Please continue to keep the youth of our congregation and their faith development in your prayers as you consider your generous support of the ministry of our church with your time and donations. I am grateful for each and every member of this talented and caring group of youth and I am honoured to share in their faith development over the past year.

Lots of Love,
Ruth Richardson, Stittsville United Church Youth Worker

2020 MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

WORSHIP SPARKS

Worship has always been a central aspect of the ministry of our congregation. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not been able to worship in our sanctuary since March 15, 2020. We have continued to provide Sunday morning worship via Facebook Live, and some who do not have an internet connection have listened in by telephone. A number of local retirement residences also make our worship services available to their residents. We look forward to the time we can be in our sanctuary again, but not knowing when that might be possible, we will continue to offer worship services online. In fact, we will probably continue to do so in the future by livestreaming our in-person worship. Though online worship is not the same as gathering together in person, we normally have about 400 Facebook views for our services, and some people have said they appreciate the flexibility of participating in the service at a time convenient to them while others who do not live in Stittsville, or who were not involved previously, have appreciated being able to join in our worship services.

We are grateful for the flexibility and effort made by our Music Director, Allison Houston, by providing musical inspiration for our worship in person when safely possible, and also through Zoom or using pre-recorded songs and accompaniment. We are also grateful for those who have read scripture and offered their musical and vocal gifts virtually. Ruth Richardson has been operating the camera for our Facebook Live services, and her assistance has been invaluable. It has certainly been a learning curve for all involved and we are open to suggestions about how we can provide even more meaningful worship experiences.

For the few months we did worship in the sanctuary, many people offered their assistance. Several volunteered to greet people as they entered the church and helped them feel at home, providing a service bulletin or assisting them with the elevator as well as collecting the offering and we thank Nancy Wuycik for coordinating our greeters and those who serve Communion. We thank Margaret Watts for preparing the bread and juice for Communion and we wish her well with her recent move to be closer to her children. We also thank Alanna Code for creating the Sunday bulletins, those who read the scriptures and Carla Miner for coordinating our scripture readers, those who sing in the choir and offer their musical gifts in other ways, Wray Lamb and Mark Dickinson who take care of the microphones, lighting and recording of worship services, everyone who prepared refreshments following worship including Kelli Byce and Paul Thompson for organizing the refreshments roster, and those who lead worship while Grant was on holiday.

In addition to our regular 10:00 am worship, Rev. Grant participated in a Good Friday procession of the cross with the clergy of St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Thomas Anglican churches and plan to do so again this year.

If you have suggestions for worship or would like to contribute to our worship services, please speak to Grant.

Submitted by Rev. Grant Dillenbeck

FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

At our Annual Congregational Meeting on February 23, 2020 the congregation approved an Operating Budget of just over \$217,000. Little did we know that within weeks the COVID-19 pandemic would have a significant impact on the ministry of our congregation and would create many questions with regard to the implications for our budget. In 2020 we were not able to hold any fundraising activities and we received significantly less than usual in facility rental income. This meant we would need to rely almost entirely on the generous donations of people in our congregation to be able to meet our expenses, and the congregation responded with incredible generosity. We actually received more in offerings than we had in 2019, as well as about \$2,000 from the Federal Government COVID-19 relief program. When combined with the reduction in the use of the building and efforts to limit costs where possible, our expenses were significantly less than had been budgeted. This left us with almost \$2,000 more in revenues than we needed for expenses at the end of the year. We thank everyone who has been faithful in supporting the ministry of our congregation through pre-authorized remittance and e-transfers directly from their bank account, those who have donated through our website using the service provided by Canada Helps, and those who contribute by cheque. We would not have been able to continue to pay our staff and meet the other financial obligations to carry out our ministry without your support. Donations from the United Church of Canada have also helped us to continue our Spiritual Growth Animation projects including the efforts of our Spiritual Spark Directors, Ruth Richardson (who is working in this role on an interim basis) and Leena Masse. (You can read more about these projects in other submissions to this Annual Report.)

In 2020 the final installments of the United Church of Canada loan for the Solar Project were paid, and it is anticipated that in the coming year the rest of the loan from the Stittsville United Church Trustees will also be paid. The congregation will be involved in making decisions about the use of the funds generated by the Solar Project in the coming years.

In 2020 the Finance Ministry Team met regularly by Zoom to monitor the financial situation of the congregation and to offer suggestions to the Board with regard to the possibility of a shortfall at the end of the year and we will continue to do so in 2021. We thank those who served as members of the Financial Ministry Team in 2020 for their commitment and wisdom. They are Rob Watt (Chair), Veronica Parlour (Past Treasurer), Maurizio Panetta (Treasurer), Allison Houston (non-voting Secretary), Rev. Grant Dillenbeck, Lou Flaborea, Perry Fee, Blaine Pauling, Jeff Daly, Wendy Hall, Phil Sweetnam and Eric Moore. After serving on the Finance Ministry Team for many years, Eric Moore will be taking a break as a member of the team, and we thank him for his years of service. Special appreciation is also extended to Arlene Preston who has provided the Annual Financial Review for many years, and stepped in as acting Treasurer when needed. No-one could have done the job as knowledgeably, thoroughly and competently as Arlene, and we cannot thank her enough for her efforts.

We offer our most sincere thanks to all who have prayerfully and faithfully supported the Finance Ministry Team's work this past year, both through your financial donations and the contributions of your time, efforts and talent. Though the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to have an impact on the ministry and finances of our congregation in the coming year, as we have seen in this past year, we are confident that the members of our congregation will provide the generous and dedicated support needed.

Submitted by Rob Watt, Chair, Finance Ministry Team.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH ANIMATION (SGA) SUPPORT TEAM

This has been a productive and innovative year for spiritual growth and animation for both the church and the community of Stittsville. In March 2020, the SGA Support Team submitted the application for the second of the three year SGA initiative grant from the United Church New Ministries Fund, and Ruth Richardson participated in webinars and Zoom focus sessions to assist other churches with new ministries projects. Julie Pauling and Leena Masse had been in their positions as our Spiritual SPARK Directors for just 8 months before the pandemic happened. All the staff at the church stepped into a new model of caring and supporting both church members and community seekers with their spiritual growth, including offering spiritual growth ministry virtually using FB live and Zoom and the SGA Support Team met virtually to support the Spiritual SPARK Directors in their work. In mid fall Julee Pauling requested that her participation as one of the Spiritual SPARK Directors be put on hold. Ruth Richardson, the team lead for the SGA Support Team took on the role on an interim basis. Over the past year, our SGA Support team and Spiritual SPARK Directors have continued to prayerfully listen to discern what people in the community and in the church are seeking in the area of spiritual growth, and here are some of the activities offered in response.

BEFORE COVID 19

WEEKLY

SUNDAY MORNING SPARKS included several spiritual growth opportunities. The Minister, Music Director and others offered a worship SPARK in the sanctuary, there was often meditation in the Comfort Corner, interactive activities in the SPARK activity room, and Bible stories and crafts in the preschool SPARK room. Many volunteers enabled Sunday morning SPARKS to happen. The Whole People of God curriculum and Lectionary Bible readings provided direction and guidance for the themes of Sunday morning SPARKS.

SOUL TIME is an opportunity to develop spiritual awareness and practices where all are welcome to lead and attend. These Wednesday evening sessions started at 6pm with Meditation and then at 7pm a variety of soulful experiences were offered. Leadership this year was provided by Julee Pauling, Grant Dillenbeck, Debbie Danbrook, Allison Houston, Ruth Richardson, Natalie Karneff, and James Harley.

CREATIVE CIRCLE was a 10-week course studying the book “The Artists Way” and was facilitated by Heather Cudmore-McCarthy. One group was offered in the Upper Room and another group was offered, later in the year by Zoom.

MONTHLY

COMMUNITY PAINT NIGHTS the first Monday evening of the month from 6:00–9:00 pm. Amy Mesdag and Jade MacIntosh, offer their talent and support for these evenings of soul-enriching art. Susie Anderson and Mark Dickinson from Moonstone Manor catered delicious light dinners each time. Space was limited to 50 participants with waiting lists for some evenings.

COMMUNITY SUNDAY BRUNCHES were promoted on social media and offered by the youth under the leadership of a team of 3 fathers, Waylon Robertson, Stas Malkov and Paul Thompson.

COMMUNITY FAMILY GAMES NIGHTS and POTLUCK DINNERS were times for families to bring and share games with others in the community. Held on a Saturday evening once a month, the evening started with a takeout/potluck dinner at 5:00 pm to enable families with younger children to participate before bedtime. These fun-filled nights were hosted by Allyssia Villeneuve. Over 50—60 people attended and they were a great way to meet new people.

FOREST CHURCH on a Sunday afternoon once a month, Grant Dillenbeck led a worship experience in nature in local parks or at the property of Denice and Alain Quirion.

CARDMAKING was an initiative started by Eileen McLean and her friend Carole Deschamps Peters. The group has dedicated this SPARK initiative to Eileen's memory and creative spirit. The last SPARK event held in the church building was a one-day retreat on Saturday March 14, where 15 people attended and created over 150 cards. This group continues to create cards once a month for the Colourful Connections Initiative.

CHANGE ME PRAYERS was a monthly Monday afternoon book club led by Marion Willemson. This group had just two gatherings before the pandemic.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A STITTSVILLE COMMUNITY FAMILY LEAP YEAR DANCE was held on Saturday February 29 and was a time for families to have a potluck dinner and dance to a wonderful 3-piece band called **Undivided Highway**. 60 people attended and Leena Masse offered activities and keraoke for the younger ones.

SINCE COVID-19

During the COVID-19 we continued to reach out into our community to hear about what people are passionate about and seeking for in their spiritual growth. From this additional pastoral care and spiritual growth opportunities have been provided via zoom, text, Facebook live and messenger and by phone.

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH FB PAGE. From March to September our SPARKS went online. A public church Facebook page was created and the Spiritual SPARK Directors got busy offering spiritual support using live streaming with daily and weekly activities.

DAILY PRAYERS, STORY TIME and WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT —For several months Leena offered a morning story time at 10am, Julee offered words of encouragement and prayer midday, Allison offered a Hymn of the day, and Grant and Ruth offered daily evening chat and prayers. The frequency and time of some of these activities were changed in the later months of 2020.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE SUC—WALK WITH ME. In the spring we walked the journeys of Moses, Jesus, and the Apostle Paul. Grant preached on their journeys and people added up the kilometers they walked each week to see how far we could go. People of all ages enjoyed learning about the pilgrimages of biblical characters as they did their daily walk. Julee Pauling designed a Facebook page to support this project and step counters were provided. (We still have some if you want one!)

LEENAS LITTLE LECTIONARY and WEEKDAY EVENING STORY TIME. In the fall Leena offered an evening story time as many children had gone back to school during the day and a Lectionary-based activity and craft time after worship on Sunday mornings. The SGA Support Team sent packages to over 40 families with children to assist them with the Lectionary lessons using the Whole People of God curriculum.

SWEET CONNECTIONS. On the first Sunday of the month we would normally hold a community Sunday brunch, so Sweet Connections was created to help people socialize and share treats virtually. In October, November and December, the Sweet Connections initiative served over 305 containers of sweet treats. We thank the volunteer bakers, Susie Anderson, Nancy Bierworth-Wuycik, Lynn Seabrook, Cheryl Buer Cartwright, Glynis Doorbar, Kate McDonald and Bonnie Lamb, Betty Young for coordinating the evites and Ruth Richardson and Alanna Code for organizing the containers and packing them.

CUPCAKE SPARK. Susie Anderson and Betty Young created CUPCAKE “DIY” kits and called it 20 for 20 to end 2020. Families signed up to receive a kit of a dozen cupcakes with icing and decorations to be picked up on December 20. The plan was to make 20 kits, (hence the name), but it was so popular they actually made 25 kits, and the families involved thoroughly enjoyed decorating and eating these wonderful creations.

PORCH CUPBOARD. A large Rubbermaid cupboard was purchased from the Spiritual Growth Animation grant money to provide a place for people to drop off and pick up Sweet Connections and other items.

COLOURFUL CONNECTIONS. This initiative was started to help people be inspired and stay connected through art. The members of paint night, card making, craft, and prayer shawl groups and artists in the community create “Art from the Heart” to share with others, especially those feeling isolated and alone during the COVID-19 pandemic. A Colourful Connection Facebook page was created for people to volunteer to be an artist or to nominate people to receive art. In December over 130 pieces of art were sent out. Art from the Heart is also now being created by and sent to retirement and long-term care residences, schools, daycares, and people in the community. This program enables people have their spirits lifted by creating and receiving art.

MURAL MINISTRY. Four Advent murals were created to spread the message of HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE during the month of December. These murals were attached to the fence along Stittsville Main Street and there was a very positive response from the community. The Mural Ministry has become another Colourful Connections outreach initiative in the community with many asking to help paint the murals and display these positive words of encouragement. Businesses, retirement and long-term care residences and daycare centres have requested murals to display. The SGA Support Team applied for and was awarded a New Initiative grant from The United Church Foundation to continue the vital, creative and healing ministry of Colourful Connections, which is especially important during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We thank the United Church of Canada New Ministries Fund and Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of the United Church for their financial support, and all the members of the SGA Support Team and Spiritual SPARK Directors and all who have supported and participated in activities created by the Spiritual Growth Animation project in the past year. We have prayerfully reached out into our community in order to listen for and respond to what people are passionate about and seeking for in their spiritual life. It has been an amazing growth opportunity and though the COVID-19 pandemic has offered many challenges, it has also provided opportunities for new initiatives in our ministry! We are reminded of the words of a favourite hymn,

“The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is the people! YES! We’re the church together.”

Stittsville United Church remains a Place to BE as we keep “Growing - Together - in Spirit.”

In Gods’ Love,

The SGA Support Team: Allyssia Chamberlain, Christa McCool, Alison Boughey, James Harley, Janet Cottreau, Marjory Berry, Dawn Flaborea, Leena Masse, Julee Pauling, Grant Dillenbeck and Ruth Richardson.

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL SPARK DIRECTOR REPORT

Since June 2019 I have been serving in the capacity of Sunday Spiritual SPARK Director, organizing SPARK activities for Sunday mornings. From January until mid March 2020, we were busy holding Sunday morning SPARKs in many the rooms throughout the building.

- The Upper Room was used for guest speakers and videos
- The Activity room was used for crafts and the Mindset community group
- The Comfort Corner was available for meditation and prayer
- The Kitchen was used to prepare food related programs
- The Preschool SPARK room was used for bible stories and crafts
- The Nursing room was available for young children to play and interact

SPARK topics included: The Stars and Light, Bats, Recycling, Growth Mindset Community Group, Recycling, Meditation, Bible stories and crafts, Psalm 100 and Black History activity, and a presentation on the Anishinaabe Creation Story.

Many people felt called to share their SPARK with others on Sunday mornings, and we thank Carla Miner, Janet Cottreau, Grace Lawford, Christa McCool, Melissa and Waylon Robinson, Paul Thompson, Kelly Ray, Beth Sweetnam, Betty Young, Susie Anderson, Julee Pauling, Geraldine King, Veronica & Kwynn Parlour, Ruth Richardson and Carol Johnson.

Starting in March of 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions meant that we could no longer hold Sunday morning SPARKs in the church building, but we still wanted to connect with others in a meaningful and helpful way during this stressful time.

From March 17th to July 6th 2020 every morning from Monday to Friday at 10:00 am on Facebook Live, I read Lectionary Bible stories and other children's stories to children who were missing church and daycare. I set up an office in my home with a backdrop, desk, laptop and printer, so I did not need to enter the church to continue offering SPARKs to the community.

In mid-summer, I was back working at a local children's learning centre, Imagination Station, which was reopened for children to attend. This change in my schedule enabled me to start reading bedtime stories Monday to Friday evenings. In September 2020 I added Miss Leena's Little Lectionary Story time every Sunday at 11:15 am following Grant and Allison's SPARK offering of morning worship. Sweet Connections started in the fall and I was on Facebook Live again the first Sunday of the month at 2:00pm sharing my treats with those who wanted to connect with me and others.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a terrible event but it has also opened up the church to new ways of reaching out to the community. We are offering ministry in new ways on Zoom and Facebook Live through Sunday morning worship in the Upper room, reaching the young and young at heart listening to me read or joining in Little Leena's Lectionary time, and taking part in Bible Chat on Tuesday evenings or Soul Time on Wednesday evenings, joining Allison for "Beer and Hymns" on Thursday evenings or Ruth and Grant for TGIF evening prayers. It is all ministry. The doors of the building may be closed but the staff at Stittsville United Church have opened the hearts of people online. The church is still alive and serving the community of Stittsville.

When this is over and we walk into the church and feel that joy of being back together, I hope that we will not forget the new ways we have been reaching out to the whole community.

I keep thinking about the Old Testament and the New Testament, the old with the new. Jesus' disciples went out into the world and spoke of God's love and how to live in God's way. On Facebook, on Zoom, through murals on the fence, giving murals to different places, the "Art from the Heart" and in other ways, the church is still ministering, just in different ways. I have one of the murals outside the preschool where I work. The parents have asked about it and I have had the opportunity to talk about the church and encourage them to go and see the other murals on the fence at the church. What a great way to reach out.

I enjoy my work at Stittsville United Church and thank the Spiritual Growth Animation support team and the other church staff with whom I work for their support during this very difficult year. Thank you so much.

Submitted by Eileen Masse (Leena)
Sunday Spiritual SPARK Director

OUTREACH

For the past few years our Outreach activities have been coordinated by the minister in conversation with interested members of the congregation.

This past Advent and Christmas our youth once again helped to organize the “Bags of Love” donations in support of local outreach agencies. You helped us collect items for Operation Come Home outreach program for youth living on the streets, Harvest House addiction treatment centre for men, and the Lanark County Interval House program for women and children living in situations of violence.

We have also continued to provide support to the Stittsville Food Bank through financial donations from members of the congregation and food donations which are encouraged through our Reverse Offering program on Communion Sundays.

Donations provided by members of our congregation for Local Outreach were used during the year to help families and individuals in need and to provide snacks for the Diversity Group at Fredrick Banting School on the days Rev. Grant Dillenbeck met with them. Before the COVID-19 restrictions. The generous donations to our Local Outreach Fund in 2020 enabled us to provide more support than usual to individuals and agencies during these times when many are facing increased financial challenges. We encourage you to continue to make donations to our Local Outreach fund so that we can continue to offer financial support to those in need in our community.

Donations were also received to support the work of the Kidney Foundation, Veterans’ House and the Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group, of which Stittsville United Church is a member.

We thank everyone who supports the outreach efforts of our congregation to assist people in our community and beyond.

Submitted by Rev. Grant Dillenbeck

KANATA/STITTSVILLE REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP GROUP

The Kanata/Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group (KSRSG) was formed in 1996 and has eight member churches including Kanata, Stittsville and Glen Cairn United, St. John’s South March, St. Thomas, and St. Paul’s Anglican and St. Andrew’s and Trinity Presbyterian Churches. The primary purpose of the KSRSG is to sponsor refugees from around the globe and provide them with a safe haven and the opportunity for a new life here in Canada. The KSRSG has helped almost 100 people by sponsoring 14 individuals and families and assisting other groups with sponsorships. Those being sponsored are provided with financial, social, emotional and logistical support for their first year in Canada. KSRSG funding comes from the annual pledges and donations from member churches and from occasional fundraising activities.

2020 was a very busy year. We completed our year of sponsorship of a family of four from Afghanistan, who have family members here in Ottawa who provided additional support. We also provided financial assistance to a family of six from Burundi who were part of a Family Reunification sponsorship. We welcomed two families with three members each and a married couple all of whom were from Afghanistan and have family members here in Ottawa providing most of the support. Due to the COVID pandemic, each sponsored family had to wait longer than usual to be able to travel to Canada, they had to quarantine for two weeks in their country of residence before coming to Canada, and quarantine in Canada for two weeks after they arrived. Assisting sponsored families with their integration into life in Canada has also been more difficult in this past year than most and we thank all involved.

We are awaiting the arrival of a family of three from Syria who have relatives and others here in Ottawa who will

help support them once they arrive. We are also awaiting the arrival of a family of five, a family of three and a family of two, all of whom are from Afghanistan and all of whom have relatives and others here in Ottawa who will help support them once they arrive. We are in the process of receiving information and completing sponsorship applications for several other families from Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and Eritrea. Requests for sponsorships are constantly being received and decisions are made to pursue sponsorships for those we have the resources to assist.

Because Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada requires sponsoring groups to have all funds required for each sponsorship in the bank before applications can be submitted, the KSRSG has net assets of about \$100,000. This provides us with enough financial resources to be able to fulfill our present commitments and to support additional families we are planning to sponsor. We are grateful for the contributions we received from our member congregations and individuals in 2020. Your ongoing support is very important for us to be able to carry out our important work. A complete financial statement for 2020 is available upon request.

In order to ensure that sponsorship groups are able to keep their obligations to newcomers, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada has increased the amount of paperwork required in order to submit a sponsorship application. This has increased the amount of work required from our group to complete the application and to provide ongoing reports to our Sponsorship Agreement Holder., the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

We thank everyone who continues to prayerfully support the work of the KSRSG including those who have attended KSRSG meetings on behalf of our member churches, especially our Chair, Marianne Graham, and our Treasurer, Blair Duffy. This year those who have represented Stittsville United Church are Carolyn Clark, Kate McDonald and Marianne Graham. If you are interested in the KSRSG, please speak to Rev. Grant Dillenbeck.

Submitted by Rev. Grant Dillenbeck

MISSION AND SERVICE

This past year our congregation provided almost \$8,000 in support of the Mission and Service of the United Church of Canada, which funds programs to support people in Canada and around the world. Though this is a significant amount, it is less than most churches of similar size and budget to ours contribute to M&S. Our contributions to Mission and Service are not part of our Operating Budget, but are contributed by members of our congregation over and above donations to our local budget.

Regular Minutes for Mission are offered in our worship services which provide information about projects supported by Mission and Service. Detailed information about the Mission and Service activities and programs of the United Church can be found on the United Church of Canada web site at [Giving Opportunities | The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](https://www.united-church.ca/giving-opportunities).

Submitted by Rev. Grant Dillenbeck

MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS AND DEATHS IN 2019

Below you will find lists of some of the significant events in the lives of the members of our congregation. We express our congratulations to those celebrating joyful occasions, and offer our sympathies to those who continue to mourn the death of loved ones.

MARRIAGES: (We celebrate the love shared between these couples through vows of love and faithfulness.)

March 21, 2020 —Judith Elaine Stanion and Christopher Ian Clark

May 9, 2020—Sara Jane Watt and Adam James Ferris

BAPTISMS: (We welcome this child into our fellowship through Baptism.)

February 9, 2020 – Kaylee Elizabeth Macdonald, daughter of Charlotte and Kevin Macdonald

DEATHS: (We continue to mourn the loss of the following individuals and hold in our prayers members of our congregation who grieve the deaths of loved ones whose names are not listed below.)

February 8, 2020 – Gloria Jean Bruce

March 4, 2020 – James (Jim) Coombs

March 25, 2020 – Ruth Pettes McCavour

April 8, 2020 – Shirley Jean Pretty

May 16, 2020 – Frank Calkins

September 6, 2020 – Lynn Fiona MacMillan

September 24, 2020 – Millar Joseph Bennett

October 14, 2020 – Lt. Gen. William (Bill) Keir Carr

November 29, 2020 – Raymond Donald (Don) Curnew

December 5, 2020 – David Paterson

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

This past year has been unique in its challenges and has brought many changes to the way we worship. We express our heartfelt thanks to all members of the staff who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to keep us connected as a congregation while following public health guidelines. Their hard work has allowed the life and ministry of our church to continue through these difficult times.

Reverend Grant Dillenbeck, Ruth Richardson, and Allison Houston have led inspirational worship services via Facebook Live on Sunday mornings. Grant also led Tuesday evening Bible chats and Allison provided uplifting music through “Songs of the Day” and Thursday evening hymn sings. Ruth has been active with creative projects such as “Art from the Heart” and the painted signs in the community, as well as organizing projects for families to work on at home through the year.

Leena Masse has been busy supporting the spiritual growth of the children of the congregation and the wider community through activities based on the lectionary of the week and bedtime story readings.

Although regular office hours have been suspended, Alanna Code has kept the congregation informed of all activities through emails and mailings and has continued with all administrative duties, as well as hosting virtual coffee hours on Zoom.

Nelson Lavigne has continued his work as our custodian, although with reduced hours. While fewer people are using the building, we appreciate that the church is clean for those who use it.

Kate McDonald and Julee Pauling completed their time as members of our staff in 2020. Julee resigned her position as Spiritual Growth Animator in September and Kate’s position as Tender Loving Care Coordinator ended in December. We are grateful to both Julee and Kate for all they gave to our congregation.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Treasurer, Maurizio Panetta, who joined us in October and took over from Veronica Parlour.

We are richly blessed as a congregation to have such a remarkably talented and dedicated staff. We thank them for all they have done for us this past year.

The 2021 budget includes a proposal to increase the rate of remuneration for our staff. If there are any issues with the staff at the church, please feel free to contact me.

Submitted by Sarah Daly
Chair of Ministry and Personnel

EASTERN ONTARIO, OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL (EOORC)

The United Church governance structure no longer includes Presbyteries and Conferences and “Regions” are now the level of governance between congregations and the General Council. Our congregation is part of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC), which consists of about 160 congregations or “Communities of Faith,” and goes from Deep River in the north, to Gananoque in the south all the way east to the Quebec border, and also includes some congregations in the west Quebec/Pontiac area. Much of the work previously done by the Presbyteries and Conferences is now carried out by the Regions. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings of the EOORC have all been held virtually by Zoom. The members from our congregation are Beth Sweetnam, Carolyn Clark, Jeff Milan, Ruth Richardson and Rev. Grant Dillenbeck.

The General Council and Regions are funded through assessments to congregations, with our 2020 and 2021 assessments being about \$9,000.

The administrative office for our region is housed in Zion Memorial United Church in Carleton Place. The Youth and Young Adult Ministries staff person for the region is Dana Ducette, who is a member of our congregation.

One of the main reasons for implementing the governance model was to reduce costs and the number of staff and volunteers required to fulfill the administrative tasks of the wider church. It does, however, mean that with fewer opportunities to gather, there is less collegiality among congregations, it is harder to find sources of important church information, and there is less support to congregations, especially those which may be small and isolated. We continue to hope and pray that the ministry of both our congregation and the wider church will thrive through the blessing and leading of God’s Spirit.

Submitted by Rev. Grant Dillenbeck

PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE

In 2020 there were very few significant property and maintenance issues to address. During a significant rain-storm some water leaked into the basement. We thank Allision Houston, Alanna Code and Shawn Argue for dealing with the problem initially, and Connie Cathcart and Perry Fee for cleaning and regluing many of the carpet tiles in the basement. We have continued to keep our custodian on salary, and he has been coming into the church do to occasional cleaning. Those who provide contracts or assistance with regular maintenance are listed below. We also thank Connie and Perry for agreeing to address some of the property issues that arise, and those who volunteer to assist when needed. If you see items which you believe need repairs or regular maintenance, please call the church office. The Finance Ministry Team is in the process of determining costs associated with capital expenditures which might be required in the next few years.

Maintenance

Handicap Lift (Upper Canada Elevators)

Fire Extinguishers (Davidson Fire Services)

Computer Maintenance (Wray Lamb)

Lighting and other Repairs (Connie Cathcart and Perry Fee)

Landscaping (Ian Frei)

Snow Removal (Jason's Snowplowing)

Grass Cutting (Postcard Perfect—Adam Kittle)

Solar System (Wray Lamb, Eric Moore, Kim Paradis)

Custodian Duties (Nelson Lavigne)

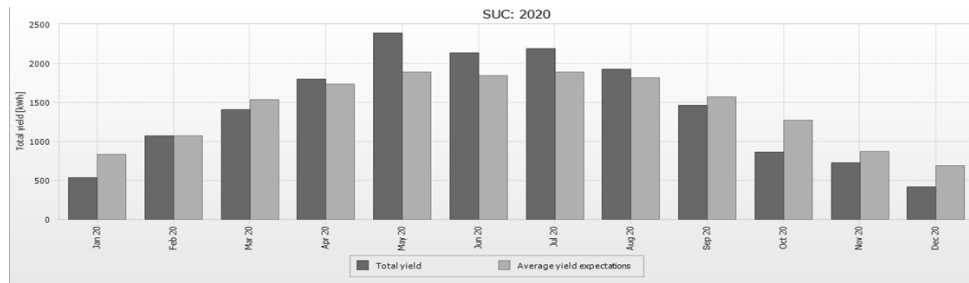
Audio & Visual modifications/repairs (Wray Lamb)

Defibrillator (Doug Hall)

Security Alarm System (Alliance Security)

Submitted by Rev. Grant Dillenbeck

SOLAR REPORT



Production 2019

Description	
Estimated yearly production	17,044.20 kWh
Actual Production for 2019	16,936.85 kWh
CO2 emission reduction	12,353.831 kg
Yearly Average production since December 2011 (mean)	18,038.89 kWh

Accounting 2019

Line Item	Revenue	Expense	Balance
Balance December 31, 2019			\$7,562.58
Insurance Coverage for 2019		\$ 200.00	
Trustee Loan Transfer for 2019 (Note 3)		\$5,500.00	
Revenue (Hydro Ottawa) 2020 (Note 1&2)	\$10,286.00		
UCC Loan Payments (5x \$450.00/month + \$983.55) (Note 4)		\$3,233.55	
Totals	\$10,286.00	\$8,933.55	
Balance December 31, 2020			\$8,915.03

Outstanding Balances:

Outstanding UCC Loan as of June 18, 2020 (confirmed by UCC Statement).....	\$0
Outstanding Trustee Loan as of December 31, 2020	\$7,082.05

Note 1: Revenue generated is 64.2 cents per kWh—20 year contract

Note 2: Combined 5.4% deduction which includes a line loss between inverters and Hydro meter, plus Hydro administration costs. (approximately \$587.46 for the year)

Note 3: 5% interest.

Note 4: Monthly \$450 PAR payment (which includes principal and 2% interest). Interest was renewed at 2% for 2018-2020. \$0 Balance now.

Maintenance:

1. Snow removal was done as needed in the winter months of 2020.
2. The yearly lubrication was completed in October 2020.
3. During the winter inspection it was discovered that 3 panels on pole 2 had stone chips. We are investigating why this happened. The replacement panels have been purchased and will be replaced in early 2021.

Submitted by Wray Lamb and Kim Paradis

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

To say 2020 was a challenging year is an understatement. Little did we know at our March meeting that we would not have the ability to carry on any of our usual yearly functions. We have been fortunate to stay in contact with each other via the internet and phone. I often think of those dealing with the 1918 Epidemic and how they must have felt.

In January, we gathered to again stock the freezer with turkey pies and stew. Unfortunately, with the virus we were unable to make our tourtières and tarts, which I am sure disappointed several people, along with our cooks. There are always a lot of chuckles during our creative times.

In February Brenda Cortès and her husband donated several plates, glasses, bowls, etc. to our Kitchen.

Projects and Donations for 2020:

- New carpet shampooer
- Deep sink and tap for the kitchen and we thank Gary and Wray for the installation.
- Donated \$1,000 to the General Fund of the church
- Catered the funeral reception for Jean Bruce
- Our Annual Donations of \$200 to each of the following – Ruddy Shenkman Hospice, Centre 507, Lanark Interval House, Mission and Service Fund, and Stittsville Food Bank. In addition to these donations, we contributed an extra \$500 to the Stittsville Food Bank and \$200 to the Lanark Interval House.
- To Ottawa UCW Presbyterial we donated \$300.
- Purchased cookies for shut-ins.
- New handle for large freezer (replaced broken one for second time)
- Variety of cards and church calendars.
- Buckets for serving carts (replace broken one)
- Large garbage can for kitchen, along with several kitchen supplies.

The Treasure Table continued to be a perfect shopping place for January through March and I have noticed several donations have come in this past year. We look forward to providing the shopping in person again soon.

A huge thank you to our church staff for all they have and are doing to keep our church as active as possible. To Grant and Ruth, we thank you for so many things you are providing to keep us spiritually active. Although Sunday Services are a bit different, the message is always what we need to hear and empowers us for the remainder of the week.

Respectfully Submitted by Bonnie Lamb, Secretary.

Noteworthy Ministry

Over the past year, approximately 30 cards have been sent through the “Noteworthy Ministry” which sends cards to those associated with SUC to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. The cards included several sympathy, get well, and thinking of you cards as well as one new baby card. If you know of anyone who would appreciate receiving a card, please contact Rev. Grant Dillenbeck or the church office at 613-836-4962.

Submitted by Lynn Seabrook

Stittsville United Church Women Treasurer's Report — 2020

Balance December 31, 2019		\$11,996.55
Receipts 2020:		
Frozen Food Sales	\$1,971.19	
Treasure Table Sales	416.75	
Collection	93.20	
Funeral/Memorial Receptions	1,150.00	
Roslyn Franken Books	20.00	
Donations	<u>1,050.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$4,701.14	\$4,701.14
Total		\$16,697.69
Expenses 2020		
Frozen Food	\$458.57	
February Pizza Lunch	128.00	
Funeral/Memorial Receptions	3.35	
Christmas Cookies 2019	138.90	
Christmas Cookies 2020	221.52	
Calendars 2021	57.60	
Bank Service Fees	48.00	
Misc. Exp.: Cards & Stamps	16.95	
Kitchen Exp.: Supplies & Cart Bucket	166.58	
Kitchen: Deep Sink & Taps & Freezer Handle	1,126.52	
Rug Cleaner	338.99	
Salvation Army	200.00	
Ruddy Shenkman Hospice	200.00	
Centre 507	200.00	
Stittsville Food Bank	700.00	
Lanark County Interval House	400.00	
Mission and Service Fund	200.00	
Material for Masks	67.97	
Stittsville United Church Local Expenses	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$5,672.95	\$5,672.95
Current Balance		11,024.74
Special Dishwasher Fund		5,000.00
Total Balance of Funds Dec. 31, 2020		\$16,024.74

Respectfully submitted by Julia Cluff, UCW Treasurer

TRUSTEES

According to United Church policy and Canadian law, the Trustees of a United Church oversee certain property matters as well as any funds which are held in trust for the congregation. The Flewellyn Fund is restricted with a portion of the accumulated interest to be used for special music and choir-related expenses and the remainder of the accumulated interest to be used at the discretion of the Board.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting in 2019 the congregation approved a policy on the use of funds held in trust. This policy is available on request. No trust funds were used in 2020 for capital expenses or to support the Operating Budget of the congregation.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 25, 2018 approval was given to provide up to \$15,000 from trust funds to support the pilot project of the Tender Loving Care Facilitator. In December 2020 the final amount of the \$15,000 was used. (More information is available in the Tender Loving Care Facilitator report in the Annual Report.)

In 2011 the congregation borrowed \$25,000 from the Trustees to help with the construction of the solar panels, which is to be repaid with interest at a rate of 5%. It is expected that this loan will be totally repaid at some time in 2021. (The Solar Fund report in the Annual Report provides more details about the repayment of funds to the Trustees.)

Some of the funds held by the Trustees are invested in fixed income investments at the Royal Bank, while the majority of funds are invested through the United Church Foundation, initially with Fiera Capital Investments and now with Frontier Capital Funds/Canoe Assets. About half of these funds are invested in a fund which provides a guaranteed 4% return, while the remainder are held in equities with variable returns, which did well in 2020. A detailed financial statement for 2020 is included with this report.

We thank Elaine Argue (treasurer), Barbara McLelland (secretary), Leona Kavanagh, and Jean Harvey for their efforts as members of the Trustees. We have one vacancy to fill on the Trustees and encourage you to let us know of anyone you believe would be a good candidate for this position.

Respectfully Submitted by Rev. Grant Dillenbeck, Chair of Trustees

Schedule of Changes in Funds Held by the Trustees for the Year Ending December 31, 2020

FUNDS HELD IN RBC GICS & Fiera Investments	2020	2019
Bill Mountain Fund		
Balance – Beginning of Year	\$845.17	\$3,045.15
Interest Income	\$4.23	\$4.28
Disbursements (TLC)	<u>—</u>	<u>\$2,204.26</u>
Balance – End of Year	\$849.40	\$845.17
G.S.T Invested		
Balance – Beginning of Year	\$4,805.89	\$6,013.33
Interest Income	\$20.67	\$30.17
Disbursements	<u>\$4,826.56</u>	<u>\$1,237.61</u>
Balance – End of Year	\$0.00	\$4,805.89

Flewellyn Estate (\$12,500 restricted capital)		
Balance – Beginning of Year	\$16,616.02	\$16,378.01
Interest Income	\$594.06	\$238.01
Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance – End of Year	\$17,210.08	\$16,616.09

2020 **2019**

Solar Repayment		
Balance – Beginning of Year	\$17,172.26	\$11,927.50
Transferred from Solar Fund (29/1/2018)	\$5,500.00	\$5,000.00
Interest Income	\$396.48	\$244.76
Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance – End of Year *	\$23,068.74	\$17,172.26

Manse Fund (\$27,500.00 restricted capital)		
Balance – Beginning of Year	\$15,846.79	\$15,406.60
Interest Income	250.86	\$440.19
Disbursements (**To Fiera Investment Fund)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance – End of Year	\$16,097.65	\$15,846.79

Cathcart Estate (Original Bequest)		
Balance-Beginning of Year	\$28,813.03	\$33,911.51
Interest Income	\$476.44	see *
Disbursements (TLC)	<u>\$1,930.55</u>	<u>\$5,186.48</u>
Balance – End of Year	\$27,358.92	\$28,813.03

*\$809.99 interest transferred to General Funds (for TLC Facilitator) Nov. 26, 2019

Cathcart Estate		
Balance-Beginning of Year	\$10,334.64	\$5,243.14
Interest Income	\$290.09	\$46.25
Disbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00
Final Bequest from Estate	<u>—</u>	<u>\$5,045.25</u>
Balance – End of Year	\$10,624.73	\$10,334.64

TOTAL RBC GIC INVESTMENT VALUE **\$95,209.52** **\$94,433.87**

FUNDS HELD IN FIERA TRUST INVESTMENTS		
	2020	2019
Balance-Beginning of Year	\$426,860.40	\$377,388.16
(Total Initially Invested in Fiera	\$386,755.25	\$386,755.25)
Decrease in Value		
Increase in Value	<u>\$25,761.82</u>	<u>\$40,105.15</u>
	\$452,622.22	\$426,860.40

Value of Fiera Investment as of Dec. 31, 2019 \$426,860.40

Value of Fiera Investment as of Dec. 31, 2020 **\$452,622.22**

TOTAL ASSESTS		
	2020	2019
RBC GIC Investments Value	\$95,209.52	\$94,433.87
Fiera Investment Value	\$452,622.22	\$426,860.40

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Total Funds	\$547,831.74	\$521,294.27
Less Restricted Flewellyn Fund Capital	-\$12,500.00	-\$12,500.00
Less Restricted Manse Fund Capital	<u>-\$27,250.00</u>	<u>-\$27,250.00</u>
TOTAL NON-RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$508,081.74	\$481,544.27

* Solar project original loan (9/2/12) \$24,622.28 Total owing as of January 7, 2020: \$10,336.67
(\$5,500 received by Trustees from 2019 solar revenues and invested.)

Total owing (January 29, 2021) for outstanding loan to the trustees: \$7,082.05 (\$3,800 received for 2020)

TRUSTEES STATEMENT OF REVENUE & DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020

	2020	2019
REVENUE		
Investment Income	\$2,032.83	\$1,813.65
Additional Cathcart Bequests (final)		\$5,045.25
Repayment from Solar Project received	<u>\$5,500.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7,532.83	\$11,858.90
DISBURSEMENTS		
Investment in Fiera Fund from Cathcart Estate Bequest		
Transfer to General Account	<u>\$6,737.11</u>	<u>\$9,438.34</u>
1) \$1,237.61 stoles for choir		
2) \$8,200.73 TLC Facilitator		
* \$4,826.56 for TLC Facilitator Oct. 26, 2020		
\$1,930.55 for TLC Facilitator May 12, 2020		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$6,737.11	\$9,438.34
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	\$795.72	\$2,420.56
CASH IN ACCOUNT	0.00	0.00

Submitted by Elaine Argue

CEMETERY BOARD

We thank those who serve on the Cemetery Board for their commitment and efforts – Glendon Moore (chair), Frank Argue (secretary), Shawn Argue (treasurer), Ron Fraser, Bryan Winters, Eric Moore and Grant Dillenbeck. Interment rights for burial in the Stittsville United Church Cemetery are available for those who are affiliated with our congregation. Full burial plots and cremation ground burial plots are available, as well as niches in the columbarium. Please contact the church office for a list of prices and services. We continue to be grateful for the funds received from the Cathcart bequest which enables the Cemetery Board to be in a very positive financial situation now and for years to come. (It should be noted that early in 2021 a portion of the cemetery fence along Fernbank Road was damaged due to a car accident. The Cemetery Board is working with the insurance companies involved to have the fence repaired as soon as possible.)

Submitted by Rev. Grant Dillenbeck

CEMETERY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT 2018Stittsville United Church CemeteryCemetery AccountDecember 31, 2020RBC Account:# 04842-6931547

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	
Opening balance Dec 31/19:	\$ 4,790.02	\$ 16,832.82	(2018)
<u>Receipts</u>			
Investment Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	
Memorial Services	\$ -	\$ 1,349.00	
Memorial Donations	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 5,645.25	
Burials	\$ 4,746.00	\$ 2,825.00	
Monument Installations	\$ 50.00	\$ 56.52	
Monument Locations	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Plot Sales	\$ 5,096.60	\$ 2,712.00	
HST Refund	\$ 2,683.85	\$ 4,386.94	
Total receipts:	<u>\$ 14,026.45</u>	<u>\$ 24,674.71</u>	
<u>Expenses</u>			
Grass cutting/seeding	\$ 5,424.00	\$ 5,045.35	
Stationary Supplies	\$ -	\$ 11.87	
Grave Opening/Closing	\$ 2,190.00	\$ 1,960.00	
Memorial Service	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
To Ground Maintenance a/c	\$ 540.00	\$ 300.00	
To Marker Maintenance a/c	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00	
Plaque Purchase	\$ 1,016.44	\$ 483.08	
Columbarium	\$ -	\$ 28,667.21	
Total expenses:	<u>\$ 9,220.44</u>	<u>\$ 36,717.51</u>	
Balance at December 31/20:	<u>\$ 9,596.03</u>	<u>\$ 4,790.02</u>	(2019)

CIBC Account:# 479-03245-13

09/20/2011

	<u>2020</u>
Original investment	\$ 25,800.00

12/31/2020

Current investment balance:	\$ 37,108.67
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Frontier Capital Funds# 020681078

5/11/2017

Original deposit:	\$ 155,000.00
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1/2/2018

Addition to investments:	<u>\$ 150,000.00</u>
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Total deposits:	\$ 305,000.00
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8/15/2019

Redemption amount:	<u>-\$ 7,500.00</u>
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Investment balance:	\$ 297,500.00
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12/31/2020

Current investment balance:	\$ 349,530.22
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Stittsville United Church Cemetery

Ground Care and Maintenance

December 31, 2020

RBC Account:

04842-0009034

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Bank Balance Dec 31/19:	\$ 4,467.56	\$ 4,167.10 (2018)
 <u>Receipts</u>		
Interest on account balance	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.46
Plot Sale-Care and maintenance portion	\$ 540.00	\$ 300.00
From investments	\$ -	-
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 540.47</u>	<u>\$ 300.46</u>
 <u>Withdrawals</u>		
Purchase CIBC investment	\$ -	\$ -
Other expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance at December 31/20:	<u><u>\$ 5,008.03</u></u> ✓	<u><u>\$ 4,467.56</u></u> (2019)

2020 Activity

5/11/2020 Cathcart/Fee (Niche purchase)	\$ 300.00
6/20/2020 Kenny/Fee (Niche purchase)	\$ 240.00

CIBC Account:

479-03244-14

	<u>2020</u>
09/20/2011 Original investment	\$ 19,500.00
03/23/2015 Redemption (to operating account)	(\$2,933.13)
12/31/2020 Current investment value:	\$ 23,869.83

Stittsville United Church Cemetery**Marker Maintenance****December 31, 2020****RBC Account:****# 04842-707746**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Bank balance Dec 31/19:	\$ 1,669.38	\$ 1,519.26 (2018)
<u>Receipts</u>		
Interest on account balance	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12
New monument installations	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
From investments	\$ -	\$ -
Total receipts	<u>\$ 50.12</u>	<u>\$ 150.12</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Other expenses:	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance at December 31/19:	<u><u>\$ 1,719.50</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,669.38</u></u> (2019)

2020 Activity

4/15/2020 L. Beach, marker installation	\$ 50.00
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CIBC Account:**# 479-03246-12**

	<u>2020</u>
09/20/2011 Original investment	\$ 5,700.00
12/31/2020 Closing Investment Balance:	\$ 6,987.49

Cemetery Financial Review for 2020:

We thank Arlene Preston for reviewing the SUC Cemetery financial records from January 1—December 31, 2020. Arlene Preston provided the following report with regard to the financial figures for that period of 2020.

February 24, 2021

Shawn Argue
Stittsville United Church
Cemetery Board

This will confirm that I have reviewed the financial records and reports of Stittsville United Church Cemetery Board for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 and have found the records to accurately reflect the financial affairs for that period.



Arlene Preston

2020 SUC Statement of Operations

Operations Revenue		2019	2020	2021 Draft Budget
Offering				
Local Church		\$ 181,516	\$ 187,242	\$ 193,500
Sunday School		\$ 352	\$ 71	\$ 150
Loose		\$ 8,064	\$ 1,113	\$ 1,200
Total Offering		\$ 189,932	\$ 188,426	\$ 194,850
Fundraising				
Funraising		\$ 3,808	\$ -	\$ 2,500
Total Fundraising		\$ 3,808	\$ -	\$ 2,500
Other				
Hall Use		\$ 10,383	\$ 6,171	\$ 2,400
Solar Project		\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Government Grant		\$ -	\$ 2,158	\$ -
Observer		\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -
UCW		\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Total Other		\$ 10,608	\$ 9,529	\$ 3,600
Total Budgeted Income		\$ 204,348	\$ 197,955	\$ 200,950
Non Budgeted Items				
UCW		\$ -	\$ 1,864	\$ -
Cemetary		\$ 2,110	\$ 3,684	\$ -
Cemetary HST Rebate		\$ 4,387	\$ -	\$ -
Total Non Budgeted Items		\$ 6,497	\$ 5,548	\$ -
Total Income		\$ 210,845	\$ 203,503	\$ 200,950
Operating Expenses				
M & P				
Salaries and Benefits		\$ 101,230	\$ 103,326	\$ 105,175
Supply Minister		\$ 1,110	\$ 250	\$ 1,100
Office Manager		\$ 10,522	\$ 10,543	\$ 7,000
Music Director		\$ 21,150	\$ 19,943	\$ 20,630
Supply Organist		\$ 620	\$ 110	\$ 650
Youth Leader		\$ 8,148	\$ 9,128	\$ 9,220
Custodian		\$ 4,948	\$ 5,717	\$ 6,733
Misc		\$ 1,365	\$ 372	\$ 500
Total M & P		\$ 149,093	\$ 149,389	\$ 151,008

Ministries

Choir Music	\$ 1,105	\$ 67	\$ 600
Instrumental Repair	\$ -	\$ 79	\$ -
Outreach Refugees	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Spark Resources	\$ 6,834	\$ 4,242	\$ 5,400
Youth Ministry	\$ 835	\$ 1,290	\$ 1,300
Marketing	\$ 1,703	\$ -	\$ 500
Total Ministries	\$ 10,477	\$ 6,678	\$ 8,800

Finance

Treasurer Honorarium	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,588	\$ 5,430
Treasurer Supplies	\$ 874	\$ 104	\$ 100
Par SC	\$ 363	\$ 410	\$ 396
Regional Assessment	\$ 8,553	\$ 8,373	\$ 9,136
Insurance	\$ 4,839	\$ 4,709	\$ 5,535
Total Finance	\$ 18,129	\$ 17,184	\$ 20,597

Office

supplies	\$ 1,339	\$ 3,426	\$ 2,400
Telecommunications	\$ 2,707	\$ 2,342	\$ 2,450
Photocopier Costs	\$ 2,448	\$ 2,223	\$ 1,500
Information Technology	\$ 266	\$ 1,375	\$ 900

Total Office

\$ 6,760	\$ 9,366	\$ 7,250
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Property

Heating	\$ 3,082	\$ 2,851	\$ 2,900
Hydro	\$ 2,568	\$ 2,061	\$ 2,000
Fire Alarm	\$ 710	\$ 436	\$ 440
Sewer and Water	\$ 584	\$ 430	\$ 435
Custodial Supplies	\$ 647	\$ 115	\$ 300
Building Maintenance	\$ 5,379	\$ 2,207	\$ 2,000
Alterations and Renos	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -
Elevator Maintenance	\$ 1,762	\$ 825	\$ 720
Snow Removal	\$ 3,454	\$ 2,772	\$ 2,700
Lawn Care	\$ 1,961	\$ 1,871	\$ 1,800

Total Property

\$ 20,247	\$ 13,568	\$ 13,295
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Total Budgeted Expenses

\$ 204,706	\$ 196,185	\$ 200,950
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Non Budgeted Items

UCW	\$ -	\$ 1,864	\$ -
Cemetary	\$ 2,110	\$ 3,684	\$ -
Cemetary HST Rebate	\$ 4,387	\$ -	\$ -

Total Non Budgeted Items

\$ 6,497	\$ 5,548	\$ -
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Total Expenses

\$ 211,203	\$ 201,733	\$ 200,950
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Surplus (Deficit)

\$ (358)	\$ 1,770	\$ 0
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Financial Review for 2020:

We thank Arlene Preston for reviewing our financial records from January 1—December 31, 2020. Arlene provided the following report with regard to the financial figures for that period of 2020 (please note that Arlene was Acting Treasurer from May 1—October 31, 2020).

February 4, 2021

Rob Watt, Chair
Finance Committee
Stittsville United Church

This will confirm that I have reviewed the financial records and reports of Stittsville United Church for the period January 1, 2020 to April 30, 2020 and November 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. I have found the records ending December 31, 2020 to accurately reflect the financial affairs of the Church.



Arlene Preston

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH
FLOWTHROUGH FUNDS
December 31 2020

	Balance Dec. 31, 2019	Revenue YTD	Expense YTD	Current Balance
ONGOING FUNDS				
Mission & Service	\$ -	\$ 7,925.50	\$ 7,925.50	\$ -
Local Outreach	\$ 683.33	\$ 8,030.00	\$ 3,750.91	\$ 4,962.42
Stittsville Food Bank	\$ -	\$ 495.00	\$ 495.00	\$ -
Youth Ministry	\$ 2,174.16	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 1,911.76	\$ 1,392.40
Camp Awesome	\$ -	\$ 120.00		\$ 120.00
Musical Drama	\$ 109.64	\$ -	\$ 717.99	\$ (608.35)
Flowers/Decorations	\$ 276.08	\$ 10.00	\$ 106.29	\$ 179.79
Building Fund	\$ 1,145.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,145.42
Memorial Fund	\$ 10,118.43	\$ 5,680.00	\$ -	\$ 15,798.43
Kanata Stittsville Refugee		\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Kidney Walk		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Homes For Veterans		\$ 480.00	\$ 480.00	\$ -
LIMITED TIME FUNDS				
Spiritual Growth Animator	\$ 16,002.76	\$ 16,815.00	\$ 22,291.45	\$ 10,526.31
TLC Facilitator	\$ 1,123.80	\$ 6,837.11	\$ 7,376.85	\$ 584.06
TOTAL	\$ 31,633.62	\$ 48,022.61	\$ 45,555.75	\$ 34,100.48

FUNDRAISING

Revenue Expense Balance

Silent Auction

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Total

SUMMARY December 31, 2020

	Balance December 31, 2019	HST Receivable	Revenue YTD	Expense YTD	Current Balance
FUNDS			\$ 48,022.61	\$ 45,555.75	
OPERATIONS			\$ 209,141.03	\$ 203,600.10	
BANK ACCOUNT	\$ 37,398.43	\$ 4,385.17	\$ 257,163.64	\$ 249,155.85	\$ 41,021.05
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 34,100.48	QB Bank Balance October 31, 2020			\$41,021.05
Bank Account	\$ 41,021.05				
Cash Balance	\$ 6,920.57				