

# 2019 Annual Report



## Our Mission

We are called to be a vibrant and affirming Christian community,  
sharing God's love and engaging ALL through dynamic worship,  
strong family ministry and loving hospitality,  
in service and outreach to the community.

## Our Vision

Your church, at the centre of the community. Welcome home!



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### 2019 Official Board

**Chairperson:** Janet Stein

**Secretary:** Nancy McKellar

**Treasurer:** Michelle Middleton

**Stewardship & Finance:** Wayne Carmichael

**Ministry & Personnel:** Scot Middleton/Colleen Marchant

**Worship:** Pat Riddell

**Presbytery Rep:** Gloria Davis

**Pastoral Care:** Donna Williams

**Outreach:** Janet Rowland/David Ward

**Faith Formation:** Letitia Berger/Katelynd DeBoer

**Property Management:** Gord Rowland

**Member-at-large:** Daniel Sore

**Ministers:** Vicki McPhee/Stephen Harper

## A Message from Minister Vicki McPhee

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If I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:2

It is a meaningful exercise to sit for a few moments to reflect about some past moments. Specifically, the life and ministry of this congregation here at Symons Valley United Church. Come July, I will have been serving Symons Valley for nine years. More than a few of these years has involved change of some sort. Change of staffing, change of ministry personnel, change of congregation members, change of procedures, change of leadership and change of what we, as a congregation, are able to make happen. Over 2019, I have noticed two very significant consequences of change here at SVUC.

We are growing and, thanks to Stephen's knowledge about church growth, we have been able to expand our ministries and our programs to continue to offer a place for everyone who walks through our door—whether it is for worship on Sundays or for our mid-week programming. Music Ministry has developed a way for folks to become engaged with choral music as they feel comfortable. Sunday School is prepared for children new to SVUC to participate in the program as they feel secure and safe about entering into something unknown to them. Communications to the neighbourhoods close to us allow for those people unfamiliar to our beliefs and understanding about God and the love of Jesus to know who we are before they take the bold move of stepping through our doors for the first time.

With growth comes another sort of change. Over the fall, the Board has been asked to finish these statements, 'We are too big to....We are too small to...'. We are too big to fit into the Valleyview Room for congregational lunches. We are too small to make the Valleyview Room bigger to accommodate more people. As the congregation grows, the leadership and ministries of SVUC are working to be mindful of beloved traditions—understanding what needs saying goodbye to and what new ones can evolve in this time of expansion.

Letting go and creating new is one consequence of change. But another consequence of change has also been a doubling-down of a core value that the people of SVUC holds dear. And that is loving one another. Over the course of 2019, the congregation has worked diligently and faithfully to support one another in times of need. A ministry has developed to help with driving and feeding people (and for one, offering childcare) who are undergoing medical treatment. In turn, this has encouraged Pastoral Ministry to form a visiting team and a format for casserole collection. New folks are caring for and managing our building and property. We have folks that have made significant commitments of their time to offer leadership and to fill key roles so that the work and ministry of this congregation can continue and flourish.

It is this sort of love for one's neighbour and fellow human that Paul is referring to his first letter to Corinth. What good is faith, he is saying, if you do not love the world around you. It is not a romantic love or a matter of collecting people who love you personally. It is love for another so as to work for their well-being, for their peace and happiness, even if you do not know them. It is this love that I see ungirding the work and ministries of Symons Valley United Church. This love inspires the sharing of God's Word with friends and neighbours. It is this love that drives the desire to support and help where support and help are needed. It is this love that encourages each person who walks through our doors to be the hands and feet of Christ to all that they meet when they walk out the doors, back into the world. Thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ,  
Vicki McPhee

## Worship Ministry

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***Symons Valley United Church Worship Ministry Vision:*** Worshippers will find a sacred, inclusive, authentic and dynamic atmosphere and lasting spiritual effects. We will lead the congregation in awareness and involvement in worship. All will go deep together as we worship God and follow Christ's way, transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Worship is a very important part of our community here at Symons Valley United Church. Our worship happens with the participation of many volunteers and worshippers. Each year the worship ministry committee meet with our Ministers to discuss and explore together the themes we are interested in diving into during worship for the year ahead. The worship calendar is then set with these themes as the basis, the Ministers choose the scripture readings that best work for each theme the music director chooses the hymns.

The Worship Ministry is responsible for supporting regular Sunday worship services as well as special services. The special services were Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (a shared service with Northminster and Wild Rose) Easter Sunrise Service, Longest Night and both of the Christmas Eve services.

Our responsibilities include the following: set-up/ take down of the stage for all services. Preparation of the elements and scheduling of servers for Communion , setup for Baptism and scheduling of scripture readers for each Sunday Worship Ministry is also responsible for decorating the stage for the seasons and themes of the year and finding coverage for worship leadership the music leadership during the summer months when our regular staff are on holidays or leave.

We thank everyone who has assisted or filled a role in creating our worship services. Your participation has added amazing value to our collective worship experience. We welcome anyone who would like to help out with any of these tasks, please speak to our Ministers Vicki or Stephen. We have "a place for you" helping to make our collective experience in worship meaningful.

**In 2019, we celebrated the Circle of Life with:**

5 Baptisms	2 Celebrations of Life (Funerals)
2 Weddings	10 New Members

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Riddell, Chair of Worship

## Dessert Dinner Theatre Report

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The 2019 comedy “No Body Like Jimmy” was a smashing success! The performances had the audiences rolling with laughter, especially with the physical comedy and the great fun that comes with trying to hide a dead body in plain sight.

Ticket sales totaled 498 this year versus 427 in the previous year. The ticket prices were unchanged, but with the additional tickets sold, the ticket sales revenue increased to \$16,437 from \$14,565 in the previous year.

### **The major changes made in 2018 were maintained for 2019:**

- Online ticket sales through BrownPaperTickets.com
- Only one dinner performance: Saturday night roast beef

### **Some minor changes made in 2019 were:**

- Auditions and play rehearsals were kicked off two weeks earlier in the year.
- Bar service was available during all three evening performances.
- Facebook advertising was started at the beginning of April rather than mid-April.

There were many casting challenges this year as five different original cast members left the production for various personal circumstances. Great credit to the director, Brenda Watt, and the various Symons Valley United Church congregation members who stepped in.

### **The four productions went quite smoothly due to the leadership shown by:**

- Desserts: Debra Downey
- Saturday Night Dinner: Dave and Julie Thompson
- Dishwashing: Gerry and Cheryl VanKeeken
- Table Setting: Heather Wiens
- Bar: Bob Dunn
- Tea & Coffee: Gary and Heather McDonald
- Servers: Deep Patel
- Clean-up: Gloria Davis



There were many others who helped to support these various organizers and the production would not have gone as smoothly as it did without the help from across the congregation. A special ‘thank you’ goes to Diefenbaker High School which supplied most of the servers overall and especially during the Saturday night production.

Thank you to the countless people who helped to make the 2019 Dessert Dinner Theatre a success!

## Outreach Ministry

2019 was a productive and busy year for the Outreach Committee, as we continued to support our Outreach programs.

Our Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month, in the church office at 6:15pm. Janet Rowland and David Ward are the co-chairs of Outreach. The Committee is made up by the Coordinators of each Program as well as Paul Armstrong and Colleen Nabata. New members are always welcome and congregation members are encouraged to help any way they can. We appreciate all of our volunteers. We couldn't run our programs without you. THANK YOU. There is always a place for you.



### Calgary Drop-In Centre Breakfast Serving

Program Coordinator - Janet Rowland - [jraerow@gmail.com](mailto:jraerow@gmail.com)

During the past year, our congregation provided 5-10 volunteers once each month to serve breakfast to clients at the Calgary Drop-In Centre. A meal of cereal, milk and juice is served to approximately 400-500 clients at each breakfast. In 2019, the Outreach Committee designated funds to sponsor two hot breakfasts at a cost of \$1000 each. In January and June, clients enjoyed a hearty breakfast of eggs, sausages and hash browns sponsored by SVUC. The

DI clients are especially appreciative of the warm, friendly presence of our volunteers on [Sunday](#) mornings.

### Calgary Drop-In Centre Donation Sorting

Program Coordinator - Janet Rowland - [jraerow@gmail.com](mailto:jraerow@gmail.com)

In January of 2019, a group of 12 volunteers from SVUC spent a couple of hours sorting donations, such as clothing, furniture and small household items at the Drop-In Donation Centre in the North East of Calgary. Volunteers of all ages are welcome at the Donation Centre and group sizes may range from 5-25 people. We will continue to schedule one to two group volunteer shifts at the DI Donation Centre.



### Calgary Drop-In Centre Sandwich Making

Program Coordinator - David Ward - [dnward@shaw.ca](mailto:dnward@shaw.ca)

Once a month, from September to June, we make about 400 sandwiches for the Calgary Drop-In Centre. These sandwiches are used to pack lunches for those DI clients who have jobs. The sandwich making is funded by the congregation in a separate collection and bottle drive on Sandwich Sundays. You can bring your empty bottles to church or drop them off at the Sage Hill Bottle Depot and ask that they put the money in the Symons Valley United Church account.

All members of the congregation are invited to help make sandwiches after worship. The time commitment is only about 20 minutes and always involves the fun of getting to know others in the congregation. Upcoming Sandwich Sundays in 2020 are March 8th, April 12th, May 3rd and June 14th.

If anyone is interested in delivering the sandwiches, or have any questions, contact David at [dnward@shaw.ca](mailto:dnward@shaw.ca).



### **Inn from the Cold**

Program Coordinators - Chris Becker - [chris@4ofus.ca](mailto:chris@4ofus.ca)  
Gerry & Cheryl VanKeeken - [gerry.vankeeken@gmail.com](mailto:gerry.vankeeken@gmail.com)

SVUC continued to support the work of Inn from the Cold by providing volunteers for a monthly dinner service at the Inn. We are fortunate to have a dedicated core group of volunteers who make this service to our community possible. We continue to reach out to SVUC members to expand the core group of volunteers who make this important work possible. The Inn's mission to provide shelter, sanctuary and healing to children and their families is certainly in keeping with our core values here at Symons Valley.



**White Gift Project** – in support of the SHARP Foundation.  
Program Coordinator - Liz McGregor - [semcg@shaw.ca](mailto:semcg@shaw.ca)

**A huge thank you to the congregation for their support of our White Gift project which raised \$1988.59 in 2019.** This project made Christmas merrier for the residents of hospices and homes for vulnerable adults living with HIV/AIDS, almost all of whom would be homeless without the support and care provided by SHARP ([www.thesharpfoundation.com](http://www.thesharpfoundation.com)).

*“Thank you to Symon’s Valley Church and all you wonderfully kind people in making our Christmas extraordinarily special. Merry Christmas”, John, resident*

Your wonderful generosity meant that we were able to give gifts and stockings to the 13 residents of Beswick House and Project 2011! We were also able to provide 14 movie passes for their monthly movie program, 4 sets of twin sheets for Beswick House, and a ‘Welcome Home’ package for residents moving in to ‘Murray’s House’ or Carlyle Commons (see <http://www.resolvecampaign.com/murrays-house-is-now-open/> for more information). The Welcome Home package includes a laundry basket filled with dishes, cutlery, glasses, tea towels and other items to help people get set up in their supported living apartment.

**Thanks to all who decorated & filled stockings, made donations & tracked them, signed cards, shopped, wrapped and delivered the gifts. Special treats this year included home-made cookies from Colleen & Judy and a Christmas sing-along with members of our Choir.**

**This is truly a project that requires help from the entire congregation. Our sincere thanks!**



### **Good Food Box**

Program Coordinators - Shelley Loke - [psaal@firehose.net](mailto:psaal@firehose.net) and Agnes Reichert.

Like the beautifully grown produce, our Good Food Box program continued to grow in 2019. Prices and box sizes held steady, and in fact prices have not increased since 2017.

When averaged out, monthly orders for 2019 were approximately 415 pounds. The largest order was in March, for 505 pounds of produce. The smallest order was in October at 340 pounds. In terms of reference, monthly orders in 2018 average between 350 and 400 pounds. In 2017, monthly orders were approximately 250 to 300 pounds.

Here’s how the Program works:

- The Good Food Box buys produce directly from farmers and from wholesale clubs.
- The food is bought in bulk and dropped off at the Good Food Box warehouse.
- Volunteers divide the produce into portions to create the food boxes.

The program was, and continues to be available to everyone within our community. The cost of the boxes in 2019 were:

- Small Box - \$25** (approx. 20 to 25 lbs. of fruits/vegetables)
- Medium Box - \$30** (approx. 30 to 35 lbs. of fruits/vegetables)
- Large Box - \$35** (approx. 40 to 45 lbs. of fruits/vegetables)

Orders and payment were accepted following **Sunday** service two times a month, and also from **Monday to Friday** from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Symons Valley United Church office (38 Kincora Rise NW). Orders were picked up at Symons Valley United Church between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. one **Thursday** per month.

The program coordinators were Shelley Loke and Agnes Reichert. Essie provided important support in accepting orders from the community, providing payment to The Good Food Box drivers, and receiving deliveries.

**2020 Good Food Box Order Schedule**

<b>Orders Taken</b>	<b>Order Placed</b>	<b>Delivery Date</b>
Feb 9th & 23rd	Feb 24th	Mar 5th
Mar 8th & 15th	Mar 16th	Mar 26th
Apr 5th & 19th	Apr 20th	Apr 30th
May 3rd & 10th	May 18th	May 28th
Aug 30th & Sep 13th	Sept 14th	Sept 24th
Sept 27th & Oct 4th	Oct 12th	Oct 22nd
Nov 8th & 15th	Nov 16th	Nov 26th



BROWN BAGGING FOR  
**Calgary's Kids**

**Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids (BB4CK)**

BB4CK is a charitable organization which began using the SVUC kitchen twice each week during the school year to prepare lunches for local school children in need. The Outreach Committee is pleased to sponsor this group and support their important work in the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Ward *(on behalf of Outreach Ministry)*

## Music Ministry

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It has been another great year in Music at Symons Valley. We are fortunate to have such talented singers and musicians in our choirs.

The annual Twelfth Night celebration was held at Parkdale United this past January. Our worship choir sang two anthems and participated in the massed choir. It was a great evening and wonderful start to 2019.

During the season, Worship Choir met Thursday evenings to prepare weekly anthems for worship services and additional time into extra music preparation for the special celebrations in our church year; Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

From January to May our Vocal Praise youth choir, for singers in grades 7-12, practiced on a weekly basis, following church service and performed three times throughout those months.

We wrapped up our singing year in June with an enjoyable evening of appetizers and social time at the church.

Our year began in September with a short rehearsal followed by cake and refreshments. This always gives the choir an opportunity to catch up after summer and a good excuse to enjoy tasty treats. In December, we also find time for celebrating with appetizers and sweets after our final December rehearsal.

In our fall session, Vocal Praise underwent a revitalization which offered two sessions of 5 weeks (4 weeks of practice following Sunday worship, and singing in church on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday). The ensemble was opened up to any singer in grade 7 and beyond and we were very pleased to have welcomed many new singers and to have had the opportunity to sing a more contemporary/popular style of music.

This past year the Sunday School Singers program continued to offer choir to all Sunday School participants ages 3 to Grade 6 as part of the Sunday School Curriculum. Once a month, all children gathered in the Valley View room during their regular program time to learn a piece, which was then performed at the end of the worship service that day. A big thank you to the volunteers who led our Sunday School Singers - it was a treat to hear these young voices share their musical gifts.

As part of our leadership during the Advent season, the Worship Choir presented a musical sermon during the December 22<sup>nd</sup> service. The sermon text was written by Karen and focused on "Love."

Christmas Eve was another opportunity for our choir program to shine. Both the Worship Choir and Vocal Praise sang at the early service, each offering an anthem as well as musical support to the

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Children's Play, enjoyed a potluck meal between services and then the Worship Choir provided a 15-minute choral prelude prior to the candlelight communion service.

We would like to say a big thank you to our choir members who give so much to our music ministry at Symons Valley and to all of the musicians who help throughout the year and contribute to our services. We are fortunate to have Brent Van Dusen playing along with us at worship services and special singing engagements when he is available. Special thanks to Ann Crawford, Anne Heinemeyer, Lori Chang-Shivji and Tanya Wan-Lim for their contributions to music ministry.

A further thank you to all of the choir members who assist readily whenever additional help is needed. Special mention needs to be made of our amazing librarian, Barb Goodwin. She keeps us organized and we are very thankful for all of her help. Thank you also to Essie Gaqui-Elefante for her office support and also to the dedicated crew in the sound booth, led by Wayne Carmichael.

Music, fellowship, food and laughter all go hand in hand. Our worship choir shares in each other's concerns and celebrations and provides much support to each other as part of this small group ministry. Thank you to the congregation for their continued support of our special music events and weekly music contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Nell-Bennett

Donna Williams

## Children's Ministry



This year, as part of her student practicum, Letitia Berger is looking after the week to week organization of Sunday School program under the supervision of Stephen.

Highlights from the year include:

- Continued success with Spark house Curriculum.
- Sunday School Summer Children's Program led by

our summer student Caitlin Hornbeck.

- Continued implementation of the once a month volunteer rotational model.
- Sunday School numbers continue to grow.
- Kids Choir continues to be a monthly highlight to the Sunday service.

Many thanks to our teachers, teachers assistants, and Kids Choir directors who make the success of this vital programming possible.

## Ministry and Personnel

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Symons Valley United Church continues to be a dynamic and exciting place to be, as our ministry team, lay staff and congregation embraces our goal of being “a place for you”.

In 2019, the Ministry and Personnel Committee continued with its mandate to support our congregation by supporting, supervising and overseeing ministry personnel and lay staff. We would like to thank Anne Chapman-Heinemyer and Shauna Getz for the wisdom and thoughtful insight they have provided M&P with over the past several years. They have tendered their resignations and will very much be missed. We are however delighted to welcome Scot Middleton back to our committee in the role of Co-Chair. Welcome Home Scot!

Vicki and Stephen have a wonderful synergy and together provide us with insightful Worship leadership, pastoral care, and congregational support. We thank them for their leadership, energy and dedication to the growth and vibrancy of our church. We are both grateful to them and for them.

Under the direction of Donna Williams (Instrumental Director) and Karen Nell Bennett (Choir Director) our church experienced and participated in worship through beautiful music. In addition to worship services, they are also the musical foundation for our wildly popular”” Beer and Carols” evening. Symons Valley United Church is very fortunate to have these two artists share their talents with us.

Our Worship team is rounded out by Mathew Taylor-Kerr and Ian Robertson who inspire and challenge the youth of our congregation. They are both dedicated, compassionate and wonderful role models for our youth.

Both the Worship team and congregation continue to be supported by our lay staff. Essie Gaqui-Elefante provides the foundation for the church office. She is organized, efficient, friendly and extremely dedicated to the staff and congregation of SVUC. Kathy Dion, in her role as Facility Administrator works closely with the Property Management committee to provide building and tenant management. As our building provides a center for the community as well as our congregation, we are grateful for her skills and talents. We have also welcomed Brad Lavenne (Social Media and Communications Director) and Todd Robertson (WebMaster) to the team. Brad brings a wealth of energy and talent and is responsible for the creative and varied social media presence we now enjoy, as well as working with other members of the team for newsletters, graphics etc. Todd has redesigned the web page and thanks to his expertise and ongoing support we now have a more dynamic online presence. Together with Essie, they are instrumental in keeping our congregation and community informed and up to date as well as promoting SVUC to the wider community.

It is essential that those many people who provided Worship support, lay leadership, small group ministries, and “behind the scenes” efforts be recognized and commended as unofficial members of our team. Thank you to all of you for your many contributions.

Symons Valley United Church is blessed by the many talents, gifts and care of our entire staff team. Our church family continues to grow and work together to provide sanctuary for those looking for a place to belong--a place to be at home! God is good indeed!

Submitted on behalf of the Ministry and Personnel Committee,

Carmen Cousins  
Bob Dunn,

Colleen Marchant  
Scot Middleton

Scott Riddell

## Pastoral Care Ministry

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Pastoral care supports the congregation of Symons Valley United in their pain, loss, difficulties, triumphs, joys and victories and also aims to make sure all people feel welcome when they walk through our doors. Our Pastoral Care group at Symons Valley is organized into 5 focus areas with individuals leading each of the areas. This allows each group to operate as a small committee with each of the leaders able to recruit, co-ordinate and carry out the tasks which fall under their particular piece of the pastoral care ministry. The Pastoral Care team leaders meet on a monthly basis.

1. Hospitality/Luncheons/Social Time (Kay Dunn)
2. Welcoming (Stephen Harper)
3. Prayer Chain (Mark Stein)
4. Caring (Kay Dunn/Joyce Pouteaux/Elsa McLaren)
5. Visitation (Nancy McKellar)

**'Hospitality'** is a very visible area of our ministry with weekly coffee time offered after each service. In an effort to spread responsibility across more people for coffee prep and clean-up each Sunday, Kay Dunn organizes a weekly rotation of volunteers. We appreciate the people who have come forward to assist with this highly valued part of our hospitality at Symons Valley. We plan on continuing with this approach to managing the volunteer effort required for this part of our fellowship and gathering of our community. Kay relies on a strong team of people who help make 'hospitality' happen at Symons Valley.

In December this year, Elsa and Gail hosted the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Baking Blitz!** 11 bakers came out for the morning to prepare Christmas baking for our many special events and services. It was a great time with hot cider and great conversation.

This past year we continued to host Thursday morning "**Coffee Talk**" gatherings. Vicki & Stephen lead this weekly time of coffee and conversation. Topics include current affairs and how they impact our faith and spirituality. Coffee and tea are provided and all are welcome. Childcare can be arranged with advanced notice to the office.

This past year Stephen Harper hosted Lent 101 and Advent 101. These gatherings offer our Newcomers and not-so-new members an opportunity to gather for refreshments and an informative session after the Sunday service. This is a chance to get to learn more about Lent and Advent in the United Church, get to know each other, ask questions, and learn a bit more about Symons Valley. We will continue to offer these events in 2020.

Symons Valley **congregational luncheons** provide a great opportunity to come together in community. During the past year we have hosted several congregational luncheons. With the help of some key helpers and additional volunteers, Kay Dunn plans and carries out tasty luncheons that vary in menu. Attendance has been excellent with the Valleyview Room full and overflowing into our lobby for lunch. We look ahead to our next Pastoral Care hosted lunch following the AGM in

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February. Thank you to the many people who assist in food preparation, serving and cleanup.

Luncheons were hosted during 2019 in February following the AGM, a spring lunch in April, a baked potato lunch in October and the Advent Festival lunch.

**'Welcoming'** remains a vital part of Pastoral Care on Sunday mornings as well as at extra services and special events. Our welcoming team operates under a rotational system where volunteers are responsible for welcoming one Sunday each month. Thank you to all those individuals who generously give their time to this important ministry at the church. As part of his role as Minister in Charge of Pastoral Care and Community Engagement, Stephen continues in his role as team lead with this area.

Our **Prayer Chain**, led by Mark Stein, offers ongoing prayer support for our church community. The Prayer Chain is made up of 25 members and approximately 16 prayer requests were received in 2019. Our prayer chain email address, [prayers@symonsvalleyuc.com](mailto:prayers@symonsvalleyuc.com), is in place to receive prayer requests and is monitored by Mark Stein.

The **retirement home services** are just one of the areas that fall under **'Caring'**. These services are primarily led by Stephen Harper with Karen Nell-Bennett and Donna Williams providing the music leadership for these services. Thank you to Alice Cockroft and Anne Heinemeyer who have assisted with the music when needed. Worship services at Covenant Care are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month starting at 1:30. The first service is at the Holy Cross Manor building at 1:30. The second service is held at St. Marguerite's at 2pm. Worship services at Evanston Grand are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am and Sage Hill Retirement Residence at 11:00 am. For our December services in 2019, 10 members of our Worship Choir came out to the services to add extra voices to the carol singing. It was a wonderful gift for the residents in these facilities to have the choir join in for our carols and readings Christmas services.

One of the ways Elsa McLaren makes a big difference to our pastoral care support and follows through on 'caring' is through sending out cards to individuals who are going through difficult times.

A new area of focus has evolved in recent months with the introduction of **"Casseroles for Caring"**. A team of 14 individuals or couples are preparing meals, soups, etc. to give as needed to people in our church community who are needing extra support.

In the fall we welcomed Nancy McKellar to our Pastoral Care team. Nancy is heading up our **visitation ministry** – something we have wanted to explore further for a very long time.

Linked into the areas of caring and visitation, we were able to deliver **poinsettia planters** out to 10 individuals or families in December as an extra pastoral care initiative. We hope to do something similar to this in December of 2020.

Deepa Patel also joined our team this fall. With Deepa's education in Funeral Home Direction, she hopes to alleviate questions and stress, before, during and after a loss, to give individual's in our

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church community an idea what to expect in the funeral home process along with other important considerations. Deepa will be brought into pastoral situations where Stephen or Vicki feel there is an interest or a need.

Thank you to the many individuals who volunteer under one or more of our Pastoral Care groups and also a big thank you to our Pastoral Care Team Leaders. We cannot effectively offer Pastoral Care without the many hands that join together to reach out to our community at Symons Valley and beyond. If you are interested in volunteering with Pastoral Care, please talk to the team leader(s) responsible for the area you would like to volunteer with.

We look ahead to another year of Pastoral Care and exploring ways in which we can further expand and develop our Pastoral Care at Symons Valley.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Williams, Chair

## Quilting Ministry

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We are so blessed in the ministry that happens when the quilters gather—we learn from each other, lean on and support each other, celebrate with each other, and share our stories, giving and receiving pastoral care. And that is BEFORE we even make or gift any quilts.

We have welcomed 13 new people to the group in 2019. We met approximately 40 times and saw an average of 12-16 participants each week, with 40 quilters in the rotation, attending at least once this past year. We have about a 50-50 split between SVUC congregation members and members of the community in attendance. We held 2 very successful (at/above capacity) Saturday workshops. We received over \$1300 in donations at those workshops.

We distributed two compassionate quilts, so the congregation was able to ‘wrap’ those people going through critical or chronic illness with love and prayers.

One presentation and recognition quilt was given to a member of the congregation so that it can be used and enjoyed, and can be brought back for signatures when appropriate, as we did with Joy’s quilt from 2009, which was brought in to receive updated messages of love and prayer.

All are welcome to join us at our regularly scheduled events.

2019 was another fantastic year, thank you to all the participants in the Quilting Ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Middleton and Colleen Marchant



## Women’s Spirit

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A group for all women seeking an opportunity to grow in faith, wisdom, community and friendship.

We meet the first and third Wednesdays in the Church sanctuary at 1:30 pm

Short opening and closing devotions and prayers are held.

We present by guests and group members a variety of topics:

- Bible studies on books of Esther
- Revelations
- Job
- Writing our Stories
- Childhood and Grandparent memories
- Ramadan by Women of the Muslim Faith
- Lent
- Healing and Energy to enhance our Spirits.
- June and Christmas Potluck each year.



Contact Kathy Spence-Cameron [kathyspence@shaw.ca](mailto:kathyspence@shaw.ca) for more information.

## Property and Management Committee

The Property Management Committee consists of Gord Rowland, Ann Crawford, Teresa Dutton, Bill Gallop, with Stephen Harper and Kathy Dion as staff support.

### **Building Usage**

Our building continues to be a busy place, welcoming many different groups each month and almost every day of the year. The financial contribution from our regular tenants, community groups and occasional rentals continues to provide SVUC with the financial support needed to maintain and operate SVUC and ensures that we are able to provide our congregation a wide variety of programming and events.

### **Our church programming:**

Dessert Dinner Theatre, choir rehearsals, quilting ministry, women's programming, youth functions, book clubs, Coffee Talk, Adult Only and Family Events, and committee meetings.

### **Our regular tenants:**

Early Discoveries Nursery School, Alberta Gold Chorus, Weight Watchers, All Canadian Karate, Panorama Youth, Play Ball, Sport Ball, Little Medical School. During the summer we welcomed the

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Pedal Heads, Kids Code Camp and Bricks for Kids Programs.

**Our community groups:**

Al-Makah Calgary Islamic Prayer Group, Youth and Adult Quran Classes and Board Meetings, AA, Kincora Community Association, Girl Guides of Canada (Rangers, Pathfinders, Guides and District Meetings), BB4CK (Brown Bag for Calgary Kids), Connects Senior Programming, MCNA and MYNA (Muslim Children and Youth of North America). In support of the wider United Church community we have hosted Presbytery meetings and the Education & Students committee.

**Occasional Renters:**

Piano recitals, dance recitals, elections, meetings and workshops, school groups, a variety of AGM's and condo meetings and more. We continue to be a preferred location for rental in this part of the city.

Symons Valley United Church staff and volunteers continue to provide a warm welcoming and inclusive space for all users and events.

**Building Maintenance and Volunteer Support**

A special shout out to our staff and volunteers who have provided SVUC with the continued support in the operation and maintenance of our building including;

- Building hosts who host our occasional rentals by welcoming them, settling them in to their space and providing on-site support for large events
- Audio Video Technicians for providing technical resources and assistance for successful presentations and performances
- Recycling volunteers for ensuring our blue bins are emptied on a weekly basis
- Our furniture movers who regularly set up space for specific events, including the setting up of tables and chairs.
- Snow angels for ensuring our sidewalks are clear, providing safe access for our staff and church users
- Snow clearing crew for clearing our parking lot, including equipment maintenance and training for our volunteers
- Our summer lawn care crew for the mowing, fertilizing and irrigation maintenance
- Interior building maintenance including patching, painting and carpet shampooing
- Electrical and plumbing repair volunteers

SVUC is blessed with an abundance of volunteers who so generously provide their time and skills to the continued operation of our building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gord Rowland (*on behalf of the Property Management Committee*)

## Stewardship

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In 2019, the stewardship committee's focus was on encouraging more congregation members to volunteer if they haven't (or try out other ministry areas for a change of pace) and on building up monthly cash flow. Both of these areas were highlighted during the fall 2019 stewardship campaign. As a congregation, we haven't reached the goals yet for either area, but we're making progress towards them. Your support in these areas is greatly appreciated as it allows the congregation to provide ministry activities seven days a week.

The stewardship committee was successful in obtaining approval from Chinook Winds Region for a 2020 funding grant to assist with operating our congregation's various outreach/ministry programs. We have also had assistance from the national church who have graciously allowed us to put our monthly mortgage payments on hold in 2019 so that we had enough cash on hand to pay the monthly bills.

Our committee roster has changed for 2020. Marci Campbell will be formally taking over as Treasurer from Michelle Middleton at the February 2020 SVUC annual general meeting. Michelle will be assisting Marci during 2020 as the congregation's annual financial calendar has its idiosyncrasies! Many thanks to Michelle for the thoughtful stewardship she has shown as SVUC's treasurer!

Our generosity is our response to God's vast generosity in our own lives; a generosity that we sometimes have difficulty in seeing. Our generosity is a way to contribute to God's and our congregation's mission in our community. It is how we make a positive difference as individuals and families.

Yours in Christ,

Wayne Carmichael  
Chair, Stewardship Committee

## Life@SVUC

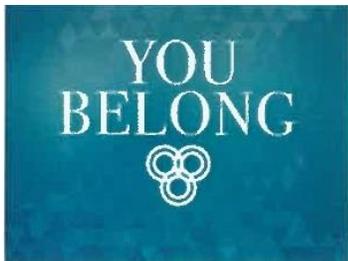
### *A Place For You*

In the early fall, the Board decided to change up the format of its meetings. The majority of the committees meet earlier in the evening and then the Board meets later that night. Everyone takes turns providing a lovely meal to share with the group. This has allowed the recommendations of the committees to come quickly to the Board for decisions. It also allows the Committee Chairs and ministers, who must attend both meetings, to complete that work in one night, as much as possible.

A new all-ages choir, Vocal Praise was formed in the fall as well. It allows those individuals who cannot commit to longer-term practices to meet after church for a couple of months to perform one or two musical pieces. For those of us who have not been part of a choir for some time, it allowed us the opportunity to sing with some folks with great voices! In December they performed "Believe" from The Polar Express as well as Fa-La-La (the song was harder than you think). If you would like to try out a choir, I highly recommend it.

The Faith Formation committee has been rested for a year and its configuration will be revisited in the spring. Thanks to the committee members and all of their hard work. Katelyn De Boer kindly agreed to stay as Member-At-Large on the Board.

The Board discussed the size of the church at a few meetings and pondered what we are "too small" to do and what we are "too big" to do. We have moved from a small church to a large-medium sized church and it brings a set of challenges, including changing how we envision the work of the church. Committees and groups act more autonomously and need to be self-supported by their members in order to be sustainable. We noted that we were big enough to be recognized as one of the top 10 thriving United Churches in Canada but too small to take our Beer and Carols festival to the Saddledome!



The Board has continued with its work on the theme **A PLACE FOR YOU**. At every meeting we review how the life of our church has lived out this statement, supporting the children, the juniors, the seniors, the in-betweens, the individuals and families of all kinds. If you have a story about something that has affected you, helped you to find a place within our SVUC family or if you have new ideas, please let me know. No matter what your background, sexual orientation, faith background, or economic position, **there is A PLACE FOR YOU as a child of God, and you belong to this faith community.** So find the place where you belong. Welcome home!



Janet Stein  
Chair of the Board

## Treasurer's Report

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We follow as many best practices from the UCC Financial Handbook as we can.

SVUC has clearly defined procedures for counting and recording the offering, and those procedures are followed by a rotating schedule of Collection-counters who are at arms-length. We have good separation of duties for all individuals who deal with money—the counters (weekly offerings), Essie (PAR) and Kathy (rentals) make the initial accounting entries, which are verified by Heather McDonald before she makes the deposits. Then, the treasurer reviews those entries again when reconciling the bank statement. All cheques are signed by 2 people, and they inspect and initial the supporting documents (bills, invoices or written requests for reimbursement) before signing more than 300 cheques annually.

The treasurer completes bank reconciliations monthly and provides monthly reports to the Official board. Reports are published regularly to the congregation as well via announcements, posting on the bulletin board, or in newsletters. A designated member of the Official board, who is not involved in the finances in any other way, reviews the bank statements and reconciliations.

The Trustees maintain an up-to-date inventory of equipment and furnishings owned by the church, and ensure we have adequate insurance coverage

The accounting records are password protected, and access to information is limited to only those portions of the program that are applicable to the user, for example, a counter can only access the contributions they are entering that day; someone who maintains the addresses etc. on the database has no access to the financial portion of the program. The accounting records are reviewed annually by Dart Bryant accounting firm, and they provide a Notice to Reader statement.

Marci and I are working on a treasurer procedures document.

Good stewardship of SVUC's finances is a task that has many hands and I truly thank everyone involved.

It is also important to know that the staff are paid on time each month and remittances are sent to the government, all bills are paid as they become due, GST returns are filed and donations receipts are sent to each identifiable donor annually, government filings are up to date, annual statistics are provided to The United Church of Canada, budgets are developed and provided to the Official Board and the congregation for approval.

The exception in 2019 was we were unable to make most of our mortgage payments to UCC. The unpaid interest has been added to the principal of the loan.

Heather McDonald assigns envelope numbers to all identifiable donors throughout the year. (It is never too late to ask for envelopes). Heather and the counters do an amazing job of identifying our donors, less than 2.5% of donations are unidentified, or in our parlance 'loose'.

Confidentiality is very important. All counters have signed confidentiality agreements, and cumulative donation histories (totals) are only seen by Wayne Carmichael, Heather McDonald and myself. And, at least by me, are promptly forgotten again.

All M&S receipts were remitted, all past outreach funds have been spent on outreach.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Middleton, Treasurer

Symons Valley United Church  
**Financial Statements (UNAUDITED)**  
For The Year Ended December 2019

CONSOLIDATED  
Statement of Financial Position  
Statement of Operations  
Statement of Cash Flow

GENERAL OPERATIONS  
Statement of Operations

Notes

Attached Statements have been prepared  
by the Church Treasurer with no independent  
review having been performed.  
January 29, 2020

Symons Valley United Church  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)**  
 December 31, 2019

	2019	2018
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Chequing Accounts	\$ 51,642	\$ 3,537
Memorial fund	2,200	1,990
Trustee Account RBC	2,728	2,728
Grocery Gift Cards	8,950	5,650
Accounts Receivable	1,336	1,415
<b>Subtotal Current Assets</b>	<b>66,856</b>	<b>15,320</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
	1	1
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
LAND	1,445,472	1,445,472
BUILDINGS	2,981,770	3,088,095
EQUIPMENT	22,865	29,614
<b>Subtotal Fixed Assets</b>	<b>4,450,107</b>	<b>4,563,181</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,516,964</b>	<b>4,578,502</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
SVUC Outreach Found'n Payable	-	210
Damage Deposits Rentals	7,850	9,650
Prepaid Rents	8,568	2,080
Trade Accounts Payable	3,947	7,211
Short Term Loan M	-	11,000
<b>Subtotal Current Liabilities</b>	<b>20,365</b>	<b>30,151</b>
<b>LOANS FROM RELATED PARTIES</b>		
UCC/Presbytery-Mtg Advance	500,000	500,000
UCC Property and Church D	19,000	19,000
UCC - CDF - non productive	717,547	717,547
current portion of LTD-UC	14,154	15,000
UCC Mortgage - active	1,826,142	1,785,327
<b>Subtotal Loans from Related Parties</b>	<b>3,076,843</b>	<b>3,021,874</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,097,208</b>	<b>3,067,025</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,419,756</b>	<b>1,511,478</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>4,516,964</b>	<b>4,578,502</b>

Symons Valley United Church  
**Consolidated Statement of Operations (unaudited)**  
 Year Ended December 31, 2019

	2019	2018
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS</b>		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$347,482	\$294,572
OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS	5,984	4,845
MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.	15,720	17,658
MEMORIAL FUND	200	-
<b>Subtotal Contribution Receipts</b>	<b>369,386</b>	<b>317,075</b>
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>		
COMMUNITY BUILDING/FUNDRAISING	26,015	22,563
CHURCH ACTIVITIES	1,219	2,580
MISSION SUPPORT GRANT	23,000	27,000
OTHER GRANT INCOME	12,500	5,000
INTEREST INCOME	90	4
OTHER RECEIPTS	228	25
BUILDING USE RECEIPTS	136,027	144,085
<b>Subtotal Other Receipts</b>	<b>199,079</b>	<b>201,257</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>568,465</b>	<b>518,332</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
PROGRAM EXPENSES	379,199	349,754
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	30,648	34,588
FACILITIES EXPENSES	137,266	127,227
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>547,113</b>	<b>511,570</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>21,353</b>	<b>6,763</b>
AMORTIZATION	113,074	112,415
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>(91,722)</b>	<b>(105,653)</b>

Symons Valley United Church  
**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (UNAUDITED)**  
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2019

	2019	2018
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Deficiency	(91,722)	(105,653)
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of Tangible Assets	113,074	112,415
	<u>21,353</u>	<u>6,763</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts Receivable	78	3,669
Trustee Funds	-	-
Memorial Fund	(210)	(4)
Grocery Gift Cards	(3,300)	7,750
Prepaid Rents	6,488	(7,122)
Trade Payables	(3,264)	4,211
Damage Deposits	(1,800)	1,750
Grocery Cards Loan		(5,000)
SVUC Outreach Foundation Payable	(210)	
Short Term Loan	(11,000)	11,000
	<u>(13,217)</u>	<u>16,254</u>
Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	<u>8,136</u>	<u>23,017</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase equipment, furnishings and fixtures	-	(3,690)
Cash flow used by investing activities	-	(3,690)
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Capitalize Interest	41,228	-
Repayment of UCC Mortgage	(1,259)	(18,459)
Cash flow from financing activities	<u>39,969</u>	<u>(18,459)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW</b>	<b>48,105</b>	<b>868</b>
Cash (deficiency) beginning of year	<u>3,537</u>	<u>2,669</u>
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>51,641</u></b>	<b><u>3,537</u></b>
<b>CASH CONSISTS OF:</b>		
Cash	<u>51,642</u>	<u>3,537</u>
	<u>51,642</u>	<u>3,537</u>

Symons Valley United Church  
**General Fund Statement of Operations (unaudited)**  
 Year Ended December 31, 2019

	2019	2018
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$347,482	\$294,572
OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS	5,984	4,845
MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.	15,720	17,658
MEMORIAL FUND	200	-
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>568,465</b>	<b>518,332</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
<b>PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>		
MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL	303,599	282,051
REGION EXPENSES	500	-
PRESBYTERY ASSESSMENT	17,278	14,280
MISSION AND SERVICE	15,720	17,658
OUTREACH	6,319	7,369
FAITH FORMATION	4,687	6,937
COMMUNICATIONS	16,834	6,970
PASTORAL CARE	1,170	878
WELCOMING	2,857	3,197
MINISTRY EXPENSE	482	1,445
WORSHIP EXPENSES	1,806	2,135
MUSIC	3,557	2,610
COMMUNITY BLDG/FUNDRAISING	4,390	4,223
<b>Subtotal Program Expenses</b>	<b>379,199</b>	<b>349,754</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		
ADMIN/OFFICE COSTS	22,201	24,813
COMPUTER EXPENSES	2,302	2,261
LEASED EQUIPMENT	4,473	6,111
STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE	580	351
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	1,093	1,052
<b>Subtotal Administrative Expense</b>	<b>30,648</b>	<b>34,588</b>
<b>FACILITIES EXPENSES</b>		
Mortgage interest	44,969	41,541
Utilities	31,411	27,941
Security	1,343	1,721
Janitorial Services	39,278	38,553
Janitorial Supplies	2,373	3,152
Garbage and Recycling	3,599	2,673
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	9,113	8,820
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	1,723	1,030
RENTALS EXPENSES	3,458	1,796
<b>Subtotal Facilities Expense</b>	<b>137,266</b>	<b>127,227</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>547,113</b>	<b>511,570</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>21,353</b>	<b>6,763</b>
Amortization	113,074	112,415
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$91,722)</b>	<b>(\$105,653)</b>

**Symons Valley United Church  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

**Note 1 DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

Symons Valley United Church ("SVUC") is a member congregation of The United Church of Canada ("UCC"), located in Calgary, Alberta whose mission is to be a vibrant and affirming Christian community, sharing God's love and engaging all through dynamic worship, strong family ministry and loving hospitality in service and outreach to the community. In fulfilling its objectives, the church provides ongoing programs on spiritual guidance, religious training, education and general assistance to the local community and immediate congregational attendees.

SVUC was established as an unincorporated congregation of The UCC under the Federal statute, The United Church of Canada Act, 1925. Consistent with the terms of the Basis of Union which establishes the structure for governance of the individual congregations of the UCC, the operations of SVUC are managed by both the Committee of Stewards and the Board of Trustees. The Committee of Stewards is responsible for the management of daily operations and the financial affairs, while the Board of Trustees is responsible for the management of property and equipment owned by the congregation, including holding ownership of the congregation's land and buildings in their personal names and negotiating and signing for mortgages on the land and buildings.

The church is a registered charity, as defined in paragraph 149.1(1)(b) of the Canadian Income Tax Act and is consequently approved to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes.

The ongoing operations of SVUC are dependent on the continued donation support of its constituents and the various levels of governance within the UCC.

**Note 2** These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNFP")

Note 3	CAPITAL ASSETS	Accumulated		2019	2018
		Cost	Depreciation	Net Book Value	
	LAND	1,445,472	-	1,445,472	1,445,472
	BUILDING	4,253,007	1,271,237	2,981,770	3,088,095
	EQUIPMENT	216,732	193,866	22,865	29,614
		<b>5,915,210</b>	<b>1,465,103</b>	<b>4,450,108</b>	<b>4,563,181</b>

**Note 4** UCC Mortgage Repayment  
 Initial Loan Amount (October 2016): \$1,834,000  
 Term: 3 year terms  
 Amortized: n/a  
 Interest r 2.5% simple interest from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018  
*Only one monthly payment of \$5000 was made in 2019. Interest of \$41,228.40 was capitalized.*  
 Assuming \$5000/month payment in 2020

Note 5	DUE TO RELATED PARTIES	2019	2018	
	UCC/Presbytery-Mtg Advance	500,000	500,000	
	UCC Property and Church D	19,000	19,000	
	UCC - CDF - non productive	717,547	717,547	
	UCC Mortgage - active	1,840,296	1,800,327	
	The first 3 loans are interest free and are due after the UCC Mortgage is paid in full			

**Note 6** COMPARATIVE FIGURES  
 Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

# 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

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**SYMONS VALLEY UNITED CHURCH  
2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**February 24, 2019**

**MOTION:** That Scot Middleton act as chair for the SVUC AGM.

Moved by Scott Riddell. Seconded by Erica Riddell. Carried.

**MOTION:** That Nancy McKellar be the recording secretary for the SVUC AGM.

Moved by April Boutin. Seconded by Jay Boutin. Carried.

**MOTION:** That the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved by Colleen Marchant. Seconded by Arynn Marchant. Carried.

**MOTION:** that adherents be allowed to vote in this AGM.

Moved by Katelynd De Boer. Seconded by Pat Riddell. Carried.

**REMEMBERING:**

**Dennis McLaren, November 6, 2018**

**Joel Durand, October 28, 2018**

**MOTION:** That the Minutes from the 2017 AGM (February 25, 2018) be adopted.

Moved by Gloria Davis. Seconded by Daniel Sore. Carried.

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the congregational meeting calling Stephen Harper be adopted.

Moved by Allison Andruchuk. Seconded by Rick Andruchuk. Carried

**Acceptance of Annual Reports & Financial Statements:** presented by Michelle Middleton, Treasurer.

**MOTION:** That the Annual Reports be accepted as written.

Moved by Michelle Middleton. Seconded by Dave Ward. Carried.

**MOTION:** That internal, unaudited Financial Statements presented by Michelle Middleton be accepted as written.

Moved by Michelle Middleton. Seconded by Wayne Carmichael. Carried.