

2020 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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2020 Official Board

Chairperson: Janet Stein

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Worship: Pat Riddell

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Pastoral Care: Donna Williams

Outreach: Janet Rowland/David Ward

Property Management: Gord Rowland

Members-at-large: David Williams/Bruce McKinnon/Nancy McKellar

Ministers: Vicki McPhee/Stephen Harper

A Message from Minister Stephen Harper

What a strange year! As I sit at my desk to write this, the pandemic has not yet been contained and we have not met as a congregation for public worship in 10 months. 10 months! That is something that would have been inconceivable this time last year. It has been a challenging year for all, a tragic year for some. Many in our city and province are out of work, many others are working from home and all of us have been separated from loved ones to some degree by social gathering restrictions. And as we gaze at the horizon trying to discern what the future might hold, all we can see is the unknown.

Early in 2020, word got out that a virus was spreading in China. As it started its move westward, it soon became apparent that this would not be a localized illness, but something that would affect all of us as a global community. On March 15th, word came from the province that non-essential businesses would be closed, mass gatherings were no longer allowed and we were to stay at home, isolated from family and friends as much as possible. The virus had asserted its grip on us too. If we had a crystal ball, we would have been shocked to see that months later, the pandemic and the subsequent shutdowns would be so catastrophic, that Canada would record its highest unemployment rates ever.

In the book of Exodus, living with the unknown was something that Israel had to struggle with as well. Though the main theme of Exodus is about God delivering his people from slavery and captivity in Egypt, there is also an underlying theme about a people following God into the unknown. That is where we are today. We are in the unknown. We do not know when this time in our history will be over, when life will return to what it was. It is an uncomfortable time, an upsetting time, a confusing time. But like Israel, we are not alone. God is with us in comfort, with us in provision, with us in care. We may not know when life will return to “normal”, but we do know that through this time, through all time, God is with us. It is at times like this that I often go the words of our New Creed, which begins and ends with:

We are not alone,

we live in God's world...

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen Harper

Worship Ministry



Gathering for in-person worship is a particularly important piece of our community life here at Symons Valley United Church. The Worship Ministry Committee is responsible for supporting regular Sunday services throughout the year as well as special services of the church year: Advent services, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Lenten services, Good Friday and Easter.

2020 began on a positive note with an increase in attendance as well. We had 1 Baptism and 1 Transfer of Membership before we had to cease meeting in-person for worship.

With the Province of Alberta declaring a state of public health emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March, many things at church changed. For the safety of everyone, in-person worship ended. Symons Valley began livestreaming our services in the spring of 2018, and thus we were able to make the required transition into online only worship without a mad scramble. Good Friday and Easter Sunday were celebrated as a congregation online and were all services through to Advent, Christmas Eve and into the New Year.

A huge "Thank You" goes out to Vicki, Stephen, Donna Williams, Christopher McPhee, Wayne Carmichael and the other volunteers for the work that they have done to bring our worship services into our homes via livestream. Their motto seems to have been "let's not talk about what we cannot do but rather about where we can go with this". They continued to learn and develop their skills with different technologies so as to improve the online worshipping experience for everyone. Thank you for the energy and openness to leap into this!

Also thank you to everyone who assisted in one of our services, many individuals and families who read scripture and liturgies and who participated with the worship theme for a specific service. Your participation drew us all together more during a time when we all seem so separated.

On a sad note, we celebrated, with some sadness, the "circle of life" with 6 funerals.

During both regular and pandemic times, the Worship Ministry Committee is responsible for the decorating and staging of the chancel (stage) for our worship services. We welcome anyone who would like to help with these tasks. If you are interested, please speak to our ministers Vicki and Stephen. We have a "place for you" helping to make our experience in worship a meaningful one.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Riddell, Chair of Worship

A Place for You

In the beginning of 2020, the SVUC Board was discussing items such as hosting Rendezvous 2020 and working on plans to host the Connect Seniors Group. In March, with the outbreak of COVID-19 in Canada, our focus shifted to monitoring and following Alberta Health Services guidelines to ensure that we could keep our congregation, staff and tenants as safe as possible, but still connected. Worship transitioned to a virtual mode and, eventually small worship groups did so as well.

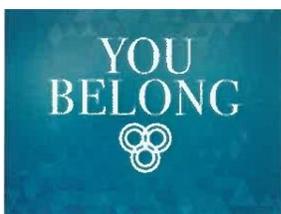
In June, we formed a Homecoming Committee who worked with the ministers, staff and the Property Management Committee to plan for building and parking lot usage, where possible, and to monitor the situation, constantly re-evaluating our position to align with public health.

I want to take a moment and thank all of those who have given of their time and talents to provide leadership and support to move SVUC through these challenging times.

I also want to thank those who continue to adapt and “learn to do things differently”, joining our virtual services or groups, singing in our virtual choir, ensuring that our virtual services can continue to be livestreamed, continuing to move outreach programs forward and ensuring that we do not lose touch with each other. That work has become more important than ever. One of the services portraying that work of many was the Christmas Eve service. People delivered gift bags to the congregation, our youth did an incredible live-action scene at the stables (with some serious animal assistance), we heard some of our favourite music and we were able to share the light with each other. The Christmas cards, painted by volunteers, were lit up in the parking lot, letting others know how much we care.

So where do we go from here? How do we continue to move forward and find hope and support in these challenging times?

From a Board perspective, we continue to plan for both virtual services and support as well as for the day when we can start seeing each other face-to-face again. We have made the decision to align a return to in-person worship with the Province of Alberta limits for “indoor social gathering” size. As indoor social gatherings are currently not allowed, in-person worship will not move forward in the immediate future.



However, until we can see each other face-to-face again, the one sentence that I hear repeatedly, in many forms, is “love thy neighbour as thyself” or perhaps love thy neighbour AND thyself. Even President Biden’s inaugural address included the words “some days you need a hand. There are other

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days when we're called to lend a hand". If you need help, don't hesitate to reach out. Others are there to provide assistance, share your burdens and give you a virtual hug. If you are able to provide help to others, reach out to your neighbours, cook a casserole and give it to Donna for distribution as part of our Caring for Casseroles program, phone someone you haven't heard from for a while and check in with them to see if they need a hand or would just like to talk.

And through it all, remember **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

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.

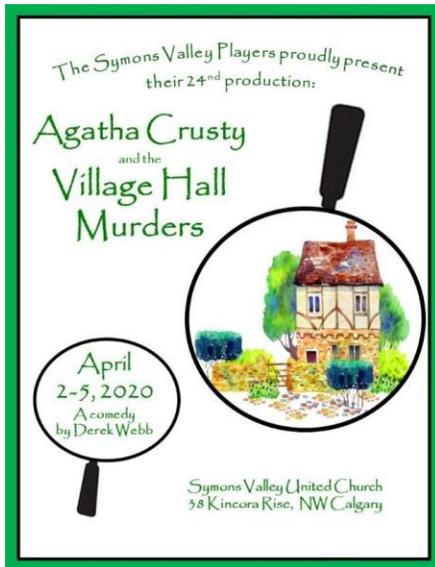
- Continued implementation of the once a month volunteer rotational model.
- Sunday School numbers continue to grow.
- Kids Choir continues to be a monthly highlight to the Sunday service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Harper

Dessert Dinner Theatre Report



Back in February and March, *Agatha Crusty and The Village Hall Murders* was evolving into a delightful play for our 2020 season. We were on a roll! The chemistry with the material, along with an excellent cast and crew was coming together extremely well, and we were excited. We had another quality production almost ready for presentation. Like so many theatre programs throughout Calgary and indeed in the world, cancellations from the pandemic resulted in a great deal of sadness. It broke our hearts to suspend our performance, not only for 2020, but for 2021 as well. Despite this outcome, it is our hope that we will gather again in the post-pandemic future to offer this wonderful production. We so appreciate your support: with logistics, rehearsal space, promotion, financial underwriting and good will. We look forward to serving you in the future with spirit, laughter and joy. Blessings to all in 2021.

Brenda Watt, Director, Symons Valley Players

Just a note to all who purchased tickets: There have been issues with Brown Paper Tickets, the company which was handling the ticketing for this production. Symons Valley United Church has not received any donated funds from Brown Paper Tickets, and we advise ticket holders to contact their credit card company to dispute the charge. We offer our apologies for any inconvenience which this has caused.

Production Team: Deepa Patel, Ann & Sandy Crawford

Outreach Ministry

Outreach is...

Support.

Recognition and love for vulnerable adults at Christmas.

Access to nutritious and affordable food.

Respect and compassion for children and families who seek shelter.

Fellowship and community building in service of others, through sandwich making and breakfast serving.

Mission and Outreach is a vibrant part of the life and work of Symons Valley United Church and a tangible way that we live out our Christian faith and define ourselves as a congregation.

2020 was a quiet year for our committee as most of our programs are on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are the active members on our Committee. Gerry and Cheryl VanKeeken continue to coordinate volunteers for the Inn from the Cold Program. Chris Becker has stepped up to help coordinate Inn from the Cold volunteers. Paul Armstrong continues to be a long-time member of our Committee. Liz McGregor coordinates our SHARP White Gift Christmas Project. David Ward is the program coordinator for the monthly sandwich making for the Drop-In Centre and is coordinating our joining of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good (CACG). Kathy Spence Cameron has joined the Outreach committee to get involved with the CACG. Janet Rowland is the program coordinator for the Drop-In Centre Breakfast serving. Shelley Loke is our Good Food Box coordinator.

Janet Rowland and David Ward have been serving as co-chairs of Outreach.

Our Committee meets on Zoom on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Of course, new members are always welcome and congregation members are encouraged to help with Outreach projects in big ways and small. We appreciate all our volunteers for our programs. We couldn't run them without you. THANK YOU.

Here is a summary of the various programs and projects the Outreach Committee supports.

Good Food Box

While the Good Food Box has received steady support from the congregational and surrounding community in recent years, the program was suspended at SVUC early in the year due to concerns regarding the growing spread of Covid-19.

Prior to the suspension, clients ordered 410 pounds of fresh food/vegetables for January 30, which was on par with usual monthly orders. Orders for a March 5 delivery date reflected a dramatic decrease - only about 200 pounds.

As community and workplace Covid-19 restrictions began to come into effect in March, a formal decision was made to temporarily suspend participation in The Good Food Box program. Safety of clients and SVUC personnel, along with order/payment/food delivery logistics were primary considerations.

Our decision was communicated to Good Food Box administration shortly thereafter.

When it is determined safe to do so, SVUC will reconvene the offering of The Good Food Box to congregational members and surrounding communities.



Calgary Drop-In Centre Breakfast Serving



Over the past several years, our congregation has been providing 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. We were able to continue with this program until March of 2020 when lockdown began. Since that time, we have been unable to volunteer at the DI Centre. However, our fundraising through bottle collection continues and we are planning to donate these funds to the DI Centre in the new year. We raised over \$900 through our bottle collection this year and have an account at the Sage Hill Bottle Depot that you can deposit your bottles into when you return them. We plan to resume our volunteer involvement once it is determined by Alberta Health Services to be safe to do so.

Calgary Drop-In Centre – Sandwich Making



Over the past several years, our congregation has gathered after worship once a month to make approximately 400 sandwiches for the Calgary Drop-In Centre. These sandwiches are used to pack lunches for the DI patrons who have jobs. The sandwich making is funded by the congregation in a separate collection that is made during the service on sandwich making day. The sandwich coordinator is David Ward, he is responsible for buying all the supplies, setting up the room, supervising the sandwich making, cleanup, and delivery of the sandwiches to the Drop-In Centre. The sandwich making has been on hold since March due to the pandemic and will resume when the restrictions for indoor gatherings are lifted.

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Inn from the Cold



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Inn made the decision to discontinue the use of volunteers to serve meals and do the kitchen cleanup. It is unlikely that we would resume this work until the pandemic is well under control. We continued to support the Inn this past Christmas with a donation of funds raised through the

White Gift offering. A big thank you to the congregation for your fantastic support!

White Gift Project – in support of the SHARP Foundation.

A huge thank you to the congregation for their support of our White Gift project, which raised \$2828.24 this year. Although many things were so different in 2020, the kindness & generosity of the people of Symon's Valley remained unchanged.

This project makes Christmas merrier for vulnerable adults living in Calgary, almost all of whom would be homeless without the support and care provided by SHARP

(www.thesharpfoundation.com). Your donations allowed us to give gifts & stockings to 12 residents at Beswick, Kathleen & Project 2011 homes and Hot Chocolate gift packages to 9 residents of Carlyle Commons. We also purchased cook ware and bath towels for Beswick House.



We were able to donate \$925 to the Inn From The Cold Family Support Program to help families facing homelessness. The generosity of the people at Symons Valley in reaching out to help people in need in our community is truly appreciated. Our sincere thanks for your support!

Calgary Alliance for the Common Good (CACG) – calgarycommongood.org



The Outreach Committee has recently decided to join the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good. The CACG is a non-partisan and non-profit alliance of congregations, unions, schools and community groups in Calgary representing more than 30,000 people. These organizations came together to form the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good in order to organize the power of our communities to shape a just and compassionate city.

The mission of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good is:

- To create a broad-based shared organization that is as diverse as Calgary, building relationships among organizations and people from the various community, ethnic, non-profit, labour, and religious groups.

- To strengthen our member organizations and their leaders to develop a healthy and effective civic life.
- To use the principles and techniques of community organizing to effectively address the real issues facing Calgarians and our member organizations.

David Ward is coordinating our involvement with the CACG and can be reached by email at dnward@shaw.ca if you have any question.

Kathy Spence Cameron has joined the Mental Health Team, which gathers information about community resources and promotes collaboration. Through free online training she has learned that the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Calgary office offers services to persons identifying as having a mental health problem. Recovery College offers counselling to caregivers. Youth Smart programs provide education, awareness, counselling and social services. Peer Support offers Art of Friendship; they match friends and have individual and group social activities. Suicide Bereavement does individual and group counselling. CMHA provides resources and education to communities and aims to reduce stigma. A sub team gathers information about community intervention, promotes collaboration and meets with senior leaders in AHS and PACT (Police and Crisis Team). The Mobile Response Team assists persons in crisis through phone and in person visits. The CACG brings all these needs to the attention of the City and Provincial Governments.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Ward (*on behalf of Outreach Ministry*)

Music Ministry

2020 began with Symons Valley hosting the annual Twelfth Night Celebration in early January. This is an annual gathering and celebration of Advent and Christmas choral music. Choristers and congregants from other NW United Churches joined in song, finishing with a fabulous performance by the massed choir singing "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen". The evening finished with a reception, good food and fellowship in the Valley View Room.



After 2 1/2 short months of singing in 2020, we were faced with the COVID19 Pandemic, and the music ministry changed drastically. A small group of singers came together on Good Friday from Northminster and Symons Valley and were able to offer music for the service, but no choirs were able to be present due to restrictions around singing.

We were sad to say good-bye to our choir director, Karen Nell-Bennett, in March. Thank you to Karen for her capable direction and leadership of the Worship Choir and music ministry.

Because we were not able to continue with weekly choir rehearsals, the choir met every other week on zoom to keep connected up until the end of June. Singing as a group is next to impossible to do effectively on Zoom, so we listened to occasional recordings at the conclusion of our social time allowing choir members to mute their sound and sing along.

Despite the limitations on group singing, there have been several initiatives in place the past 10 months in an effort to offer continuing choral music at Symons Valley.

- Mini-choir on Sunday mornings for singers when restrictions still allowed for it – participation was also restricted, at times, by age and we could never have more than 4 or 5 singers on a given Sunday because of spacing requirements
- Weekly anthems prepared and sung by the mini-choir and leadership on hymns despite the inability to gather for rehearsals
- Small group choir rehearsal in the fall for several weeks – rotating through interested choir members for short rehearsals
- Virtual choir opportunities to sing remotely, learn music independently, and submit audio and video recordings used for creation of anthems

Thanks to the participation of many of our choir members, we were able to successfully complete 8 virtual choir anthem performances in 2020. Sadly, it has not been possible to involve all of our Symons Valley choir members in these anthems, because of the challenges involved in participating. This has been a learning process for all of us but technical requirements are just one of the reasons that involvement is not possible for some of our singers. Grateful thanks to all of the choir

members who have been able to continue to support our worship music through their participation in this unique singing environment. We have had up to 15 choir members participating in providing recordings for these anthems.

Thank you to Brent VanDusen for his drumming at various times in the year when we had small group singing in place.

A special thank you to Brad Lavine for his work adding images and/or video to the combined choir audio recordings resulting in beautiful visual presentations to accompany our music. Todd Robertson has been instrumental in the production of our choir anthems that also included video of the singers.

I look forward to the time when we are again able to gather in person and bring our voices together in song.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Williams

Ministry and Personnel

2020 brought with it a completely new host of challenges, forcing us to adapt our staffing model to meet the shifting needs of our faith community in the midst of a pandemic. March 15th, 2020 was the last Sunday of in-person worship in the pre COVID 19 pandemic times. Since that date, M&P had met 19 times before the end of 2020.

After swift, and prayerful deliberation, it was decided that a revised staffing model would be required

- because our ministry needs changed when we were no longer meeting face to face for worship and
- It was projected that our church income was expected to sharply decline due to lack of church rental income and decrease in local givings. By April 1st, we prepared a revised staff model proposal for an exceptional board meeting on April 5th, which was unanimously approved.

New Pandemic Staff Model

The board approved a revised staffing model during the pandemic:

- No changes to hours or role for Ministers, Stephen Harper and Vicki McPhee
- No change in hours or role for our Church Secretary, Essie Gaqui-Elefante
- Lay off Youth Leader, Ian Robertson effective August 30th. Ian later gave notice to end his contract early on June 30th.
- Lay off Youth Leader, Matthew Taylor Kerr effective April 20th
- Cancel plans for a Summer Sunday School contract support position as we had in 2019
- Lay off our Facility Administrator, Kathy Dion effective April 15th, with a plan to re-engage with Kathy's contract in August for coordination of fall building use
- Lay off our Choral Director, Karen Nell-Bennett
- Adapt the role of our Instrumental Director, Donna Williams to cover the full spectrum of music ministry
- No change in contract for our Social Media Coordinator, Brad Lavenne
- No change in contract for our Webmaster, Todd Robertson

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These changes, while very difficult for our committee, staff, and congregation because of the care we have for each one of our staff members, was necessary to be good stewards of local givings that fuel our ministry; allowing us to right size our staff model to what was needed during the pandemic and stabilize our church finances.

Government Program Support

Marci Campbell and Michelle Middleton applied for the Federal Wage subsidy and opened a Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) to qualify for an interest free line of credit from the federal government and have kept up to date on recommendations for staffing and government support from the CFO of the United Church of Canada.

Resilience and Innovation from our Staff

Our remaining staff team responded with positivity and resilience, each looking to adapt their role to their new environment. How can we still be church in a pandemic? How can we further enrich an already well-established livestream virtual ministry? How can we offer music ministry in a different way? How can building and church administration be managed in a different way? Where are volunteers needed to offer support that were previously fulfilled by paid positions?

All of these questions were answered, and then some. Stephen dove in to develop a new method of pre-recording worship elements that allowed Sunday worship to proceed through the summer using pre-recorded hymns and anthems with Donna's leadership. Vicki experimented with a variety of different methods to reach people with small group ministry with virtual Coffee Talks, Small group Chapel services. Donna worked to learn new software enabling virtual video choir, and most recently splicing audio recordings from individual choir members with video overlay from Brad for anthems to animate our worship through continued music ministry. We enjoyed a combination of new and greatest hit content for our Twelfth Night collaboration with 4 other Calgary congregations. Essie figured out how to split her office time at home and in the church office. Brad sparked innovation within the staff team with ideas such as the Advent Cards displayed on the church lawn, and family gift bags including Christmas Eve candles. Vicki worked with the Worship team to have recorded broadcasts from Butterfield Acres petting zoo for interviews all the key players of the Christmas Story.

Hiring of new Facility Administrator

Kathy Dion gave us notice in August that she was making her permanent residence at Alberta Beach, North of Edmonton. We proceeded to recruit Jane Wittstock as our new Facility Administrator, bringing to us administrative work experiences from multiple other United Churches. Jane has been a great addition to our staff team. Since her start at the end of October she has built relationships with our building use partners including the Early Discovery Nursery School, Al Makkah Prayer Group, and Alcoholics Anonymous. She has worked closely with the Property Management Committee to get up to speed and is coordinating our volunteer snow angels group for snow removal.

Overall, when we survey how staff are feeling at year end, we got a resounding positive response. They feel that team collaboration and innovation is very strong, and they are continuing to find new ways of working together, supporting one another, and delivering the best possible ministry

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experience despite the challenges we face that are out of our control. **I would like to publicly thank all of our staff team for their extraordinary efforts in a very challenging year.**

Committee Changes

Scott Riddell, who has served as co-chair with Colleen Marchant from 2013 – 2019 on Ministry and Personnel, has given notice that he will be stepping down from the M&P Committee. Scott has long been a passionate advocate for our ministry, challenging us to seek compassion and serve God's call to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world.

Colleen Marchant has reached her term limit on the board after serving 2, 3-year terms as Co-chair of M&P, so will be stepping down as Co-chair, but remaining as a member of the committee. Scot Middleton will be continuing as Chair of Ministry and Personnel Committee, allowing his name to stand as part of the Board slate for election at the February AGM.

As Vicki would say... **God is Good! All the time...**

Scot Middleton



Submitted on behalf of the Ministry and Personnel Committee

Carmen Cousins
Bob Dunn,

Colleen Marchant
Scot Middleton

Scott Riddell

Homecoming Committee

Janet Stein and Scot Middleton struck a committee in July to focus on policy issues related to the pandemic. It has made recommendations to the Board on how, and when we can return for a 'homecoming' of in-person worship. This group also provides policy guidance to Property Management and to the Board regarding best practices for COVID 19 safety and protocols. This Committee has met 9 times since July. The committee is currently composed of: Scot Middleton (Chair), Colleen Marchant, Gord Rowland, Pat Riddell, Sandy Crawford, Stephen Harper, Vicki McPhee, Donna Williams, and Jane Wittstock.

Pastoral Care Ministry



This has been a challenging year for the Pastoral Care ministry. Our primary focus was to continue to support and stay connected with members of our church community in a time where we couldn't gather or stay in touch with our weekly time together or our regular programming at the church.

Since we were unable to carry out our Pastoral Care programming as we have in the past, we looked for new ways and approaches to allow us to accomplish our goals. Some of our previous pastoral care approaches were able to continue but we also looked at new ideas to maintain connection and provide support in a challenging time. These are some of the ways we continued to offer pastoral care at Symons Valley:

- Ongoing congregational check-ins in the spring by a team of volunteers
- Casseroles for Caring program – delivery of meal to individuals and families needing extra care or assistance
- Distanced social gatherings in the church parking lot in the warmer months
- Cards sent out to individuals experiencing challenges/losses/illness/etc.
- Christmas gift bags and candles assembled and given to members of the congregation
- Printable/Colourable Christmas Cards to encourage connection across congregation and provide a calming/fun/relaxing/healing opportunity to reach out to others
- Baking care packages both in the spring and Christmas for individuals/families needing extra care
- Visitation program – further development of this area is ongoing
- Prayer Chain
- Ongoing pastoral care from Vicki and Stephen throughout the year
- Coffee-talk – zoom or with in-person distanced gatherings when restrictions permitted them
- Congregational lunch – the one lunch we were able to host took place following the AGM in February
- Retirement home services – continued in January, February, and March of this year

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We look forward to the opportunity to warmly welcome our church community in person, gather together to share a meal in the Valley-view room, enjoy fellowship time over a cup of coffee, tea, and some baking, in-person visits, support one-another face-to-face in hospital, in our homes, in our church building.

For the time being, we continue to support the congregation of Symons Valley in their pain, loss, difficulties, triumphs, joys and victories, in whatever ways we are able while maintaining safety and adhering to restrictions that are in place. The following team of individuals lead our primary areas of pastoral care...

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)
6. Information/discussion of funeral home information/legal documentation/questions (Deepa Patel)

Thank you to all of the team leaders within Pastoral Care and also to our many volunteers who participate to care out our programs in this ministry. We are appreciating have Letitia Berger working with us in pastoral care this year as she continues to work through diaconal ministry training with a focus on pastoral care. Thank you also to our many volunteers; the bakers, cooks, visitors, callers, drivers, and prayer-chain participants. Thank you also for the connections that you all continue to make with each other as a caring, supportive, loving community.



We look ahead to the coming year and exploring ways in which we can further expand and better support our Pastoral Care ministry at Symons Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Williams

Chair, Pastoral Care

Quilting Ministry



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. That has been especially important through 2020.

We were having very full gatherings of up to 17 quilters at a time prior to mid-March, and since then have continued to meet socially on zoom.

In the spring, we sent much of our fabric to some of our members who were making masks and scrub bags for hospital/clinic staff and patients.

We distributed three compassionate quilts, so the congregation was able to ‘wrap’ those people going through critical or chronic illness with love and prayers. Hopefully, those quilts can come back to the church and be signed soon.

These three quilts exhausted our on-hand supply, and so we have been making quilts at home—quilters came and got kits, pieced the tops, brought them back for quilting, and others have helped with binding. The quilts that we gift have many hands and lots of love involved, even in these times of physical separation. What is especially touching is that many of these hands are ladies who have no connection to SVUC other than the quilting ministry, and they find it important to participate in this way. We are re-supplied for the coming year.



Thank you to all the participants in the Quilting Ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Middleton and Colleen Marchant

Property and Management Committee

SVUC “The Church at the Center of the Community” has been quiet over the last year with limited access for the public and congregation due to COVID restrictions. We have been fortunate that staff are able to operate within their office space by limiting access to the public with appointment only scheduling.

Our building and property have continued to be used by the various groups that are still able to operate through the pandemic including SVUC staff for virtual services, Early Discoveries Nursery School, Al Makkah Calgary Islamic Prayer Group and Alcoholics

Anonymous. We also were able to provide the regular use of our parking lot for a socially distanced meeting space for Pedal Heads Bike Camp who operated over the summer providing a valuable service to the community by giving the children a safe venue to learn valuable skills.

The start of the year had typical attendance and building use up to March 2020. SVUC continued to operate as normal and to be a place for the community to meet and grow. Once the province initiated restrictions, the Property Management Committee met virtually and decided to separate the building into three zones that can work independently. This allows EDNS, SVUC staff and rental groups that include AA and the Al Makkah Calgary Islamic Prayer Group to use the building while minimizing interactions. The Property Management Committee worked with the Homecoming Committee and Early Discoveries Nursery School to be able to provide a safe environment for the school to operate within the provincial restrictions.

Through the many changes of COVID restrictions our Facility Administrator, Kathy Dion had decided to move out of Calgary to Alberta Beach for personal reasons. Kathy continued to support Symons Valley United Church from a distance and was integral in navigating us through the ever-changing provincial restrictions that were imposed. Kathy was a key member of our staff team for over 10 years and continues to be a valued member of the congregation through our virtual network and we look forward to seeing Kathy visiting us once we begin holding regular in person services.



As part of this transition, SVUC was able to offer the position of Facility Administrator to Jane Wittstock. Jane brings previous experience with the United Church having worked at St Thomas United Church in a similar position. Jane is already building relationships with our lease groups and with ongoing maintenance scheduling, has met and worked with a number of our regular volunteers and contractors. We look forward to a successful year working with Jane as we transition to more regular use of our facility.

Although our building is seeing less use over the past year, regular maintenance has continued in the building and on the property. Our grass was mowed, fences were painted, and snow was shoveled. We continue to rely on and appreciate our very dedicated group of volunteers that were able to spend their valuable time ensuring Symons Valley United Church was maintained to a high standard. Specifically, we appreciate Sandy and Ann Crawford's leadership in organizing work groups treating Symons Valley United Church as they would their own home.

I would like to thank our committee members for their continued dedication in providing time to support the operation of SVUC: Bill Gallop, Ann Crawford, Stephen Harper, Jane Wittstock and guest member Sandy Crawford with special acknowledgement to Teresa Dutton for her previous dedication and support on the committee.

Respectfully Submitted

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



Stewardship@SVUC



church services). The various Federal employment wage subsidy programs have also greatly helped to keep our ministry operational.

The 2020 Stewardship Campaign's theme focused on Joy and how ordinary people's extraordinary actions contribute to Joy in our community. Your financial support means more now than ever to keep the flexibility, creativity, and faithfulness shown by our congregation alive and thriving in the years to come. A big thank-you to those who used the on-line survey link to "fill out" your 2021 financial pledge.

The stewardship committee was successful in obtaining approval from Chinook Winds Region for a 2021 funding grant to assist with operating our congregation's various outreach/ministry programs. We are grateful for the continued assistance from Chinook Winds Region.

Regretfully, Marci Campbell has had to step down as Treasurer in October because of her husband Ian's and her father's health issues. Our prayers go out to Marci as she and her family deal with the ongoing challenges. Michelle Middleton has graciously stepped in to act as interim Treasurer while the Stewardship committee conducts a candidate search and subsequent recommendation to the SVUC Board.

For all that we've already accomplished together during the challenging year that was 2020, for all that we will accomplish together in the future, thank God and thank YOU. Until we can physically meet again, let us be together for joy.

Yours in Christ,

Wayne Carmichael
Chair, Stewardship Committee

Gratitude is first and foremost in my mind as I write this stewardship annual report. Gratitude for our volunteers, congregation members, and staff. Because of your efforts and financial contributions, our church was able to continue its ministry in 2020 both in Northwest Calgary (and further afield owing to our live-streaming of

Treasurer's Report

Generally, each year in this report we detail all the stewardship best practices Symons Valley United Church follows and that is still important and needs to be told. But first, I want to walk through the highlights of the finances of 2020. Particularly because we have not had any face-to-face financial updates since last annual meeting.

The attached financial statements have 3 parts, Consolidated, General Fund and MPCCC Fund. Each part has a Statement of Financial Position (aka Balance Sheet) and a Statement of Operations (aka an Income Statement). The Consolidated also has a Statement of Cash Flow, and that statement ties the Statement of Operations to the Statement of Financial Position—basically checking to make sure the cash accounts balance. Which they do. The Consolidated statements are a summation of the General Fund and the MPCCC Fund. The General Fund statements are the operations of the congregation, are the most detailed, and are probably the ones on which you want to focus. The MPCCC Fund statements are accounting for a grant from the United Way for the MPC Foundation and their work with Connect Care community seniors program (which continued through Covid shutdown); SVUC is holding those funds, as a one-time service to that program.

The following are the items I want to highlight in the statements:

General Fund Statement of Financial Position

cash balances are quite high—mostly because of the CEBA loan from the federal government, which is interest free until December 31, 2022. Cash balances will be drawn down in 2022.

General Fund Statement of Operations

Donations decreased by \$109,000, 30%
 Rentals decreased by \$78,000, 58%
 Fundraising decreased by 85% (no Dinner Theatre)
 Overall operational income decreased by \$220,000, 39%

How then, did we manage to only have an operating deficit of \$2,572?

Federal government grant income of \$92,000 was received, making up 42% of the lost income, or 21% of total income for 2020.

Overall operation expenses were reduced by \$105,000, 20%.

Program expenses reduced \$40,000, 11%. Almost every Ministry spent less than in 2019.

Facilities expenses reduced \$60,000, 45%. This was primarily not paying interest on the mortgage and reduction in Janitorial services from March to August. Building maintenance continued at previous levels.

Only one payment was made on the mortgage, and we expect to have discussions about the mortgage with General Council Office in due time, but they have been busy assisting with the extra needs for financial support and accounting support that Covid has placed on every congregation. They will contact us when they are ready for that discussion.

We had 148 identifiable donors in 2020 with an annual average donation of \$1,760. (in 2019 we had 164 donors with an average donation of \$2,252).

Now, on to the usual report of Stewardship practices.

Marci Campbell and Michelle Middleton shared treasurer responsibility In 2020, with Marci as primary January-October, and Michelle for November and December.

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

Marci and Heather worked throughout the year to update our processes and procedures for handling both income and expenditures. Procedures have changed, due to Covid restrictions, but we still make sure that every deposit and every expense are seen by 2 people and reviewed.

The treasurer completes bank reconciliations monthly and provides monthly reports to the Official board. Reports are published regularly to the congregation, in 2020 this was more periodic, mainly through At a Glance emails and posted on the website. 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. The accounting records are reviewed annually by Dart Bryant accounting firm, and they provide a Notice to Reader statement.

Good Stewardship of SVUC's finances is a task that has many hands and we 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.

Heather McDonald assigns envelope numbers to all identifiable donors throughout the year. (It is never too late to ask for physical envelopes but all we really need is your name).

Confidentiality is important. All counters have signed confidentiality agreements, and cumulative donation histories (totals) are only seen by Wayne Carmichael, Heather McDonald, and the Treasurer.

All M&S receipts were remitted, and as of January 2021, all 2020 Outreach receipts have been appropriately spent.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Middleton, Treasurer

		Symons Valley United Church	
		Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)	
		December 31 2020	
		2020	2019
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
	Chequing Accounts	\$ 81,347	\$ 51,642
	Memorial fund	3,040	2,200
	Trustee Account RBC	2,728	2,728
	MPCCC Account	28,551	-
	Grocery Gift Cards	4,850	8,950
	Accounts Receivable	1,279	1,336
	Subtotal Current Assets	121,795	66,856
INVESTMENTS			
		1	1
FIXED ASSETS			
	LAND	1,445,472	1,445,472
	BUILDINGS	2,875,445	2,981,770
	EQUIPMENT	17,350	22,865
	Subtotal Fixed Assets (net of amortization)	4,338,266	4,450,107
	TOTAL ASSETS	4,460,062	4,516,964
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
	Damage Deposits Rentals	\$ 2,600	\$ 7,850
	Prepaid Rents	5,090	8,568
	Trade Accounts Payable	3,231	3,947
	CEBA Gov't Loan	40,000	-
	MPCCC Deferred	28,551	-
	Subtotal Current Liabilities	79,472	20,365
LOANS FROM RELATED PARTIES			
	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	1,838,699	1,840,296
	Subtotal Loans from Related Parties	3,075,246	3,076,843
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,154,718	3,097,208
	NET ASSETS	1,305,344	1,419,756
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$4,460,062	\$4,516,964

		Symons Valley United Church	
		Consolidated Statement of Operations (Unaudited)	
		Year Ended December 31, 2020	
		2020	2019
RECEIPTS			
CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS			
	GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 242,246	\$ 347,482
	OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS	6,638	5,984
	MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.	10,859	15,720
	MEMORIAL FUND	835	200
Subtotal Contribution Receipts		260,578	369,386
OTHER RECEIPTS			
	COMMUNITY BUILDING/FUNDRAISING	3,725	26,015
	CHURCH ACTIVITIES	66	1,219
	MISSION SUPPORT GRANT	25,000	23,000
	OTHER GRANT INCOME	-	12,500
	CEWS COVID Wage Subsidy	67,523	-
	TWSE COVID Wage Subsidy	4,847	-
	CEBA Grant Federal Govt	20,000	-
	INTEREST INCOME	114	90
	OTHER RECEIPTS	-	228
	BUILDING USE RECEIPTS	57,786	136,027
	MPCCC- United Way Grant	22,449	-
Subtotal Other Receipts		201,511	199,079
TOTAL RECEIPTS		462,088	568,465
DISBURSEMENTS			
	PROGRAM EXPENSES	338,014	379,199
	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	28,287	30,648
	FACILITIES EXPENSES	75,899	137,266
	MPCCC EXPENSES	22,461	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		464,660	547,113
OPERATING SURPLUS		(2,572)	21,353
AMORTIZATION		111,841	113,074
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES		(\$114,412)	(\$91,722)

Symons Valley United Church			
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)			
For The Year Ended December 31, 2020			
		2020	2019
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Deficiency		(114,412)	(91,722)
Items not affecting cash:			
Amortization of Tangible Assets		111,841	113,074
		(2,572)	21,353
Changes in non-cash working capital			
Accounts Receivable		58	78
Trustee Funds		-	-
Memorial Fund		(840)	(210)
Grocery Gift Cards		4,100	(3,300)
Prepaid Rents		(3,477)	6,488
Trade Payables		(717)	(3,264)
Damage Deposits		(5,250)	(1,800)
SVUC Outreach Foundation Payable		-	(210)
Short Term Loan		-	(11,000)
CEBA Govt Loan		40,000	
MPCCC Deferred		28,551	
		62,424	(13,217)
	Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	59,852	8,136
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
	Purchase equipment, furnishings and fixtures	-	-
	Cash flow used by investing activities	-	-
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
	Increase to UCC Mortgage (2019 Interest)	-	41,228
	Repayment of UCC Mortgage	(1,597)	(1,259)
	Cash flow from financing activities	(1,597)	39,969
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW		58,256	48,105
	Cash (deficiency) beginning of year	51,641	3,537
CASH - END OF YEAR		109,897	51,641
CASH CONSISTS OF:			
	Cash	109,898	51,642
		109,898	51,642

		Symons Valley United Church	
		General Fund Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)	
		December 31, 2020	
		2020	2019
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
	Chequing Accounts	\$ 81,347	\$ 51,642
	Memorial fund	3,040	2,200
	Trustee Account RBC	2,728	2,728
	Grocery Gift Cards	4,850	8,950
	Accounts Receivable	1,279	1,336
	Subtotal Current Assets	93,244	66,856
INVESTMENTS			
		1	1
FIXED ASSETS			
	LAND	1,445,472	1,445,472
	BUILDINGS	2,875,445	2,981,770
	EQUIPMENT	17,350	22,865
	Subtotal Fixed Assets (net of amortization)	4,338,266	4,450,107
	TOTAL ASSETS	4,431,511	4,516,964
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
	Damage Deposits Rentals	\$ 2,600	\$ 7,850
	Prepaid Rents	5,090	8,568
	Trade Accounts Payable	3,231	3,947
	CEBA Govt Loan	40,000	-
	Subtotal Current Liabilities	50,921	20,365
LOANS FROM RELATED PARTIES			
	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	1,838,699	1,840,296
	Subtotal Loans from Related Parties	3,075,246	3,076,843
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,126,167	3,097,208
	NET ASSETS	1,305,344	1,419,756
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$4,431,511	\$4,516,964

		Symons Valley United Church			
		General Fund Statement of Operations (Unaudited)		page 1/2	
		Year Ended December 31, 2020			
				2020	2019
RECEIPTS					
	GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS		\$ 242,246	\$ 347,482	
	OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS		6,638	5,984	
	MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.		10,859	15,720	
	MEMORIAL FUND		835	200	
Subtotal Contribution Receipts			260,578	369,386	
OTHER RECEIPTS					
	COMMUNITY BUILDING/FUNDRAISING		3,725	26,015	
	CHURCH ACTIVITIES		66	1,219	
	MISSION SUPPORT GRANT		25,000	23,000	
	OTHER GRANT INCOME		-	12,500	
	CEWS COVID Wage Subsidy		67,523	-	
	TWSE COVID Wage Subsidy		4,847	-	
	CEBA Grant Federal Govt		20,000	-	
	INTEREST INCOME		102	90	
	OTHER RECEIPTS		-	228	
	BUILDING USE RECEIPTS		57,786	136,027	
Subtotal Other Receipts			179,050	199,079	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			439,628	568,465	
DISBURSEMENTS					
PROGRAM EXPENSES					
	MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL		284,499	303,599	
	REGION EXPENSES		-	500	
	UCC AND REGION ASSESSMENT		17,279	17,278	
	MISSION AND SERVICE		11,500	15,720	
	OUTREACH		5,875	6,319	
	FAITH FORMATION		615	4,687	
	COMMUNICATIONS		9,916	16,834	
	PASTORAL CARE		1,997	1,170	
	WELCOMING		1,448	2,857	
	MINISTRY EXPENSES		859	482	
	WORSHIP EXPENSES		1,761	1,806	
	MUSIC		1,485	3,557	
	COMMUNITY BLDG/FUNDRAISING		780	4,390	
Subtotal Program Expenses			338,014	379,199	
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES					
	ADMIN/OFFICE COSTS		20,178	22,201	
	COMPUTER EXPENSES		3,194	2,302	
	LEASED EQUIPMENT		3,731	4,473	
	STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE		126	580	
	OTHER DISBURSEMENTS		1,059	1,093	
Subtotal Administrative Expenses			28,287	30,648	

		Symons Valley United Church			
		General Fund Statement of Operations (Unaudited)		page 2/2	
		Year Ended December 31, 2020			
				2020	2019
FACILITIES EXPENSES					
	Mortgage interest			3,403	44,969
	Utilities			28,804	31,411
	Security			1,537	1,343
	Janitorial Services			26,073	39,278
	Janitorial Supplies			1,212	2,373
	Garbage and Recycling			2,136	3,599
	BUILDING MAINTENANCE			10,760	9,113
	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE			1,471	1,723
	RENTALS EXPENSES			503	3,458
Subtotal Facilities Expenses				75,899	137,266
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				442,199	547,113
OPERATING SURPLUS				(2,572)	21,353
	Amortization			111,841	113,074
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES				(\$114,412)	(\$91,722)

		Symons Valley United Church	
		MPCCC Fund Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)	
		December 31, 2020	
		2020	2019
ASSETS			
	MPCCC Account	\$ 28,551	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS		28,551	-
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
	MPCCC deferred revenue	28,551	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		28,551	-
NET ASSETS		-	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		28,551	-
		Symons Valley United Church	
		MPCCC Fund Statement of Operations (Unaudited)	
		Year Ending December 31, 2020	
		2020	2019
RECEIPTS			
	MPCCC- United Way Grant	\$ 22,449	\$ -
	Interest Income	11	-
TOTAL INCOME		22,461	-
DISBURSEMENTS			
	MPCCC Personnel	12,500	-
	MPCC Supplies/Equip	2,766	-
	MPCCC IT	2,500	-
	MPCCC Other	4,695	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		22,461	-
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES		-	-

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)(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 it's 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 ("ASNFPO")					
Note 3					
CAPITAL ASSETS					
		Accumulated		2020	
		Cost	Depreciation	2019	
		Net Book Value			
LAND		1,445,472	-	1,445,472	1,445,472
BUILDING		4,253,007	1,377,562	2,875,445	2,981,770
EQUIPMENT		216,732	201,515	15,217	22,865
		5,915,210	1,579,077	4,336,134	4,450,107
Note 4					
UCC Mortgage Repayment					
Initial Loan Amount (October 2016): \$1,834,000					
Only One payment made in 2020					
Assuming no payments in 2021					
Note 5					
DUE TO RELATED PARTIES					
				2,020	2,019
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				1,838,699	1,840,296
The first 3 loans are interest free and are due after the UCC Mortgage is paid in full					
Note 6					
SVUC is the Charitable Sponsor for MPC Foundations Emergency					
Community Support Fund Grant from United Way. The grant was carried into 2021 due to Covid-19 and thus we are still holding funds. Unspent funds have been logged as deferred income to put the income into the year in which it will be spent.					
This was a one time event and will be completed in 2021					
Note 7					
COMPARATIVE FIGURES					
Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the Current year's presentation					

Symons Valley United Church				
2021 Proposed Budget for Congregational Approval				
				Proposed
		2020 Actual	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
RECEIPTS				
CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS				
Faith Component		\$23,915	\$110,000	\$50,000
Local Givings		214,015	275,000	235,000
Building Fund		3,916	10,000	4,000
OTHER OFFERINGS		400	12,000	0
OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS		6,638	7,000	4,000
MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.		10,859	11,500	11,500
MEMORIAL FUND		835	0	0
Subtotal Contribution Receipts		260,578	425,500	304,500
NON RECEIPTABLE				
COMMUNITY BUILDING/FUNDRA		3,725	28,300	3,600
CHURCH ACTIVITIES		66	1,350	0
MISSION SUPPORT GRANT		25,000	25,000	25,000
OTHER GRANT INCOME				
Other Grants		0	1,500	5,000
CEWS COVID Wage Subsidy		67,523	0	24,000
TWSE COVID Wage Subsidy		4,847	0	0
CEBA Grant Federal Govt		20,000	0	0
Subtotal Other Grant Income		92,371	1,500	29,000
INTEREST INCOME				
INTEREST INCOME		102	10	75
OTHER RECEIPTS				
OTHER RECEIPTS		0	0	0
BUILDING USE RECEIPTS				
BUILDING USE RECEIPTS		57,786	141,500	88,453
TOTAL INCOME		439,628	623,160	450,628
DISBURSEMENTS				
PROGRAM EXPENSES				
MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL		284,499	324,506	307,425
REGION EXPENSES		0	500	0
UCC AND REGION ASSESSMENT		17,279	17,279	15,708
MISSION AND SERVICE		11,500	11,500	11,500
OUTREACH		5,875	8,000	6,000
FAITH FORMATION		615	9,600	3,750
COMMUNICATIONS		9,916	15,100	11,500
PASTORAL CARE		1,997	1,950	1,650
WELCOMING		1,448	3,500	3,400
MINISTRY EXPENSE		859	1,375	980
WORSHIP EXPENSES		1,761	2,500	2,550
MUSIC		1,485	6,200	4,200
COMMUNITY BLDG/FUNDRAISIN		780	9,600	0
Subtotal Program Expenses		338,014	411,610	368,663
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE				
ADMIN/OFFICE COSTS		20,178	23,780	24,780
COMPUTER EXPENSES		3,194	5,600	3,500
LEASED EQUIPMENT		3,731	5,000	3,900
STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE		126	700	800
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS		1,059	1,095	1,095
Subtotal Administrative Expense		28,287	36,175	34,075

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

SYMONS VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

February 23, 2020

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

Moved by April Boutin. Seconded by Erica Riddell. Carried.

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

Moved by Kathy Spence-Cameron. Seconded by Helen Brown. Carried.

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

Moved by Wayne Carmichael. Seconded by Craig Robertson. Carried.

MOTION: That the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved by Bruce McKinnon. Seconded by Tom Riddell. Carried.

REMEMBERING:

Larry Cameron

Hank Koelwyn

Ross Williams

MOTION: That the Minutes from the 2018 AGM (February 24, 2019) be adopted.

Moved by Pat Riddell. Seconded by Marci Campbell. Carried.

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

MOTION: That the Annual Reports be accepted as written.

Moved by Gord Rowland. Seconded by Colleen Marchant. Carried.

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

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

MOTION: To change the wording on statement of cash flow from "Capitalize Interest" to "Increase to UCC Mortgage (2019 Interest)".

Moved by Michelle Middleton. Seconded by Pat Riddell. Carried.

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

	2019	2018
Bank, Acct Rec, Groc Cards	66,856	15,320
Land, Building and Equipment	4,450,107	4,563,181
TOTAL ASSETS	4,516,964	4,578,502
Payables	20,365	30,151
Loans from UCC (related parties)	3,076,843	3,021,874
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,097,208	3,067,025
NET ASSETS	1,419,756	1,511,478

DISBURSEMENTS	2019	2018
MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL	303,599	282,051
ASSESSMENT	17,278	14,280
MISSION AND SERVICE	15,720	17,658
OUTREACH	6,319	7,369
Ministries/Committees	36,283	29,555
Administrative Expenses	30,648	34,588
Building and Grounds	137,266	127,227
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	547,113	511,570
OPERATING SURPLUS	21,353	6,763
AMORTIZATION	113,074	112,415
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	(91,722)	(105,653)

Symons Valley United Church
General Fund Statement of Operations (unaudited)
 for year ended December 31, 2018

	2018	2017
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$294,572	\$237,988
OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS	4,845	5,086
MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.	17,658	16,874
OTHER (Fundraising, Grant, Building)	201,257	231,427
TOTAL INCOME	518,332	491,375

Symons Valley United Church
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Presentation/Discussion/Adoption of Budget

MOTION: That the budget be adopted as presented by Marci Campbell.

Moved by Wayne Carmichael. Seconded by Ian Campbell. Carried.

Symons Valley United Church
2020 Proposed Budget for Congregational Approval

	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	Proposed 2020 Budget
General Contributions	347,482	397,658	407,000
Outreach Contributions	5,984	6,500	7,000
Mission & Service Contributions	15,720	15,000	11,500
Memorial Fund	200	0	0
Other (Fundraising, Grants, Rentals)	199,079	204,250	197,660
TOTAL INCOME	568,465	623,408	623,160

Symons Valley United Church
2020 Proposed Budget for Congregational Approval

	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	Proposed 2020 Budget
Program Expenses	379,199	396,546	411,610
Administrative Expense	30,648	38,430	36,175
Facilities Expense	137,266	166,327	170,358
TOTAL EXPENSES	547,113	601,303	618,142
Operating Surplus	21,353	22,105	5,018
Amortization	113,074	112,000	112,000
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	(91,722)	(89,895)	(106,982)

Congregational Growth Update: Stephen Harper

- SVUC average attendance is now 135 people/week, an increase of 30%
- Mid-sized Church realities:
 - 100-250 average worship attendance
 - Pastoral to Program shift is the hardest to make.
 - Mid-sized churches are “more a small large church: than a “large small church”.
 - Program initiation, maintenance and viability shifts from being driven by the minister to being driven by the program leaders.
 - There will be growing pains.

Board Nominations

Celebrate Our 2019 Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>2019 Board Slate</u>
Janet Stein Scot Middleton	Chair of the Board Past Chair
Michelle Middleton	Treasurer
Nancy McKellar	Recording Secretary
Gloria Davis	Regional Lay Rep 1
Letitia Berger	Regional Lay Rep 2
Vacant* / Katelynd De Boer	Chair, Faith Formation
Colleen Marchant/Scot Middleton	Co-Chairs, Ministry and Personnel
Janet Rowland/David Ward	Co-Chairs, Outreach Committee
Donna Williams	Chair, Pastoral Care
Gord Rowland	Chair, Property Management
Wayne Carmichael	Chair, Stewardship Committee
Pat Riddell Dave Williams	Chair, Worship Committee Member at Large
Daniel Sore	Member at Large

Nominations for the 2020 Board

Name	2020 Board Slate	Status	Year Appointed
Janet Stein	Chair of the Board	Continuing	2019
Michelle Middleton	Treasurer	Outgoing	2010
Marci Campbell	Treasurer	Incoming	2020
Nancy McKellar	Recording Secretary	Outgoing	2014
Katelynd De Boer	Recording Secretary	Incoming	2020
Gloria Davis	Regional Lay Rep 1	Continuing	2019
Letitia Berger	Regional Lay Rep 2	Continuing	2019
Vacant*	Chair, Faith Formation	Restructuring	2020
Colleen Marchant/Scot Middleton	Co-Chairs, Ministry and Personnel	Continuing	2015/2019
Janet Rowland/David Ward	Co-Chairs, Outreach Committee	Continuing	2018
Donna Williams	Chair, Pastoral Care	Continuing	2017
Gord Rowland	Chair, Property Management	Continuing	2019
Wayne Carmichael	Chair, Stewardship Committee	Continuing	2017
Pat Riddell	Chair, Worship Committee	Continuing	2017
Daniel Sore	Member at Large	Outgoing	2016
David Williams	Member at Large	Continuing	2019
Bruce McKinnon	Member at Large	Incoming	2020
Nancy McKellar	Member at Large	Incoming	2020

MOTION: That the new slate of board members be approved as presented

Moved by Cindy Neufeld. Seconded by Anne Chapman-Heinemeyer. Carried.

Committees Seeking Members

- Seeking help for individuals to help with congregational social events, about 4X per year
- Scripture readers, Communion servers
- Hospitality
- Snow Removal

Celebrate Our Trustees

Member at Large
Sandy Crawford
Gerry Van Keeken
Janet Stein
Susan Broderick
Dave Williams
Scot Middleton
Vicki McPhee (ex-officio)

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Wayne Carmichael

Closing Prayer: Scot Middleton