

Building on a firm foundation,
Stamford Lane United Church

**celebrates God's presence,
follows Christ's teachings and reaches out to all people
through
sharing the Word, sacrament, fellowship, and music
within
a supportive, caring and accepting community.**



**Annual Reports
Financial Statements
2020**

Linda Bruch
Bryanna Johnson
Leslie Maddalena
Sara Maida-Nicol
Lucie McCarthy
Rev. Harvey Tobey

Motions approved by council
acting for the congregation as authorized by General Council of the
United Church of Canada during Covid-19

Voted by email January 13-18, 2021

- *... **Motion to conduct the business** of Stamford Lane United Church in the name of Jesus, Saviour and Head of the church, by email until it is safe to gather in person and that any urgent matters may be dealt with by the executive by email or in person as able.
Moved by Dan Taylor and Seconded by Leslie Maddalena Carried

- *... **Motion to accept Minutes** of the annual meeting of Stamford Lane United Church February 2, 2020 ... pages 7-14
Moved by Sandra Cowan and Seconded by Leslie Maddalena Carried

- *... **Motion to accept Stamford Lane United Church Reports for 2020**...pages 1-3,14-27
Moved by Dan MacDonnell and Seconded by Leslie Maddalena Carried

- *... **Motion to accept Stamford Lane United Financial Reports for 2020**... pages 28-32
Moved by Ray Marshall and Seconded by Leslie Maddalena Carried

- *... **Motion to accept Budget and Mission and Service Goal for 2021as presented**
...pages 33-35 Moved by Tim Zavitz and Seconded by Leslie Maddalena Carried

- *... **Motion to elect the elders of Stamford Lane United Church** as well as recognize the continuation of committees, chairs, trustees, delegates and representatives as presented, pages 4-6, with great thankfulness to Gail Goar, Sharon MacDonnell and George Bethune who are retiring from council.
Moved by Barbara Cole and Seconded by Leslie Maddalena Carried

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It is the song that never ends.
It goes on and on my friends.
Somebody started singing it,
not knowing what it was,
and we continue singing it
forever just because
it is ...

Minister's Message:

I used to sing this with my children when they were little, as we drove the long miles to see Grammie. It is such an incessant song. At some point even the kindest, gentlest soul would ask us to "STOP!" and look around for something else to do.

I think that is where we are at... as a new year begins we look around and see that we are still on this covid-19 journey. Sure, there are a few things we should have done before we started this journey, but now it's just time for some of us to change our tune, and focus on what we are learning on this Grand Adventure that is still called, "Life," yours and mine. We spent several weeks talking about the Book of Joy this year, a book by Desmond Tutu and The Dalai Lama. They were not just talking about you being happy just for you, but for the sake of all creation. We need to keep those pillars of Joy propping us up every day: Perspective, Humility, Humour, Acceptance, Forgiveness, Gratitude, Compassion and Generosity. To focus on these helps us find our song.

We started the year off focused on a music program that was growing again here at Stamford Lane United Church. People of all ages were wanting to be a part of a church, a spirit, a people, a place, an acceptance, an understanding that we sing here. We have always sung the story of our faith here, with all the bells and chimes, opening our doors to every opportunity of encouraging people of all ages to express themselves and their relationship with God and one another, here. We remain determined to help you "Make your life a song to God." Encouraging a choir director, an accompanist, and hiring a communications assistant and an administrative assistant, are all about packing life full of the right necessities for this journey of a lifetime.

This is still the journey we are on.

When Covid-19 hit, I became a roving videographer while Lucie kept the Lord's house ready to welcome you back to worship in a beautiful sanctuary and to coffee together in a sparkling clean hall. Declared non-essential, pastoral care in person became restricted, and impossible for the most vulnerable. Daily emails and calls reached out best to the families of Stamford Lane, as well as others who used to be, or wanted to be, connected. We read Charlie Mackesy's "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse." Sara and Linda were asked to stay home during the early part of this ride until we figured out how to re-route, and Sharon was already on the way to retirement in June. Sara and Linda both volunteered for everyone who offered to be recorded singing. Eventually we were able to adjust hiring plans to fit our changing needs to include Leslie as Administrative Assistant, Bryanna as Communications Assistant, and even Ryan on sound for a few hours each week. By September, with the generosity of singers, preachers and givers, we settled back into worship in the sanctuary with all of our staff until the end of the year when new regulations limited attendance to 10.

I know it was hard on the heart not to be able to sing along with all those old songs together as we remembered old friends all through the fall, and all the carols we always sang together in December. With each song that I can't sing with you, I realise more and more that I have lost too many people that I still hold in my heart, and I guess I have packed away some stuff that should

have been sorted through. This present journey is hard on the heart, mind, body and soul. So perhaps it is best for you to plan to sing from home while you sort through some of your own stuff, and look for new signs that we are on the right path through this Pandemic. This new year offers an opportunity to change our tune as we go along.

Your staff will keep working to help you worship with songs, prayers and the Word of God from those who found their way through tough times before. We are figuring out the audio visual thanks to a few volunteers. I do need to thank my children. Anne is here every week recording, she and Chris sort through the technology. Hope offered some online time with children who we found were just over zoomed, so Anne helped me deliver some care packages several times to a list that Santa counted to include over 80 nice children. Sandra, Sara, and Bobbie, have helped with those as well. We have tried to keep in touch with all the children of the church including Paisley and Rev. Cathie's Sunday School classes, nursery and Choir. Barbara Cole has been very supportive of the worship format and has helped Lucie and Peter Land looking after our Covid protocol. Diane Becken has been keeping track of all the seniors and we deliver updates and communion to those who are in residential care, while keeping in-touch with those who experience loss or illness. Dan MacDonnell has been working with Lucie to keep up on maintenance, repairs and inspections. Ray Marshall is a constant presence who has looked after your church in so many ways. He has been busy trimming the budget, the decorations inside, and the branches outside. Ray tends to the money with Leslie, he volunteers to keep the bells ringing and the bills paid with your donations and the government's support through 2020. We are actually in a better financial position now than we had projected earlier in the year. We receive government support because we are not meeting our operating budget at the same level as we had before. We were spending about \$4000 more than we were taking in every month at the beginning of 2020, but with your incredible generosity and Ray working with Tim and the Finance committee, along with Dennis and the trustees, we will begin the year with a bit of a cushion as is always needed for the long road ahead!

Thank You for your support as we learn to sing together separately for now. We learned a lot along the way, how to worship differently, how to share, care and be there, differently. The new year promises new possibilities and opportunities that I pray we will want to, and be able to, sing about at the top of our lungs before long. For now, pray with me and smile... even behind your mask I can see the song on your heart. I pray it is filled with joy. The life we are living is filled with Joy. You need to sing it now. I need to hear your joy. Your church needs to hear what gives you Joy. All of creation needs your joy. So sing it until you feel it.

I've got the Joy, joy, joy, joy,
down in my heart,
Where?

Blessings and Prayers,
Rev. Harvey Tobey

Message from The Chair of the Church Council:

It's been an interesting year to say the least and we've proven ourselves to be strong in faith. Our congregation and Minister have redefined the ole saying 'necessity is the mother of invention'. We have indeed, to a large part, reinvented ourselves but at the same time we've been keeping within the guidelines of the United Church and our Government. This was/is not an easy task.

Right from the start of this whole mess 'you', the people of the Church, have been there for each other, the community at large, and beyond. The pillars in this Church never cease to amaze me in the tasks that are performed for the good and kindness to everyone. There are random acts of kindness i.e. a flower, baked good or note showing up at my and many other doors. We've had drive-by celebrations, the restructuring and continuation of the Turkey Supper 'take-out', fun-script, and Project Share Christmas Fund, and more. We have top notch online services, with volunteers to sing, read, play music, create back drops and, well you get the idea.

I'm so proud of every member of this amazing congregation and doubly proud of our Minister. Take time to read all the reports found in this Annual Report. You'll be amazed. God Bless, thank you and have a Merry Christmas.

Dan Monteith

2020 Stamford Lane United Church Statistics

Membership Roll as of December 31, 2019	302
Received by Profession of Faith & Transfers	5
Removed by Death	9
Removed by Council	0
Transferred out by Request	<u>2</u>
<u>Membership Roll as of December 31, 2020</u>	300

Families under Stamford Lane United Pastoral Charge ... 259

Families who contribute financially to the operation of Stamford Lane United ... 177

Families who support the Mission & Service of the United Church ... 70

Our attendance average over October- November 260

Website/Youtube 67

Facebook engagements 167

In house 26

Stamford Lane Council 2020

Minister:	Rev. Harvey Tobey	Chair:	Dan Monteith
Past-Chair:	Paisley Janvary-Pool	Vice-Chair:	Dan Taylor
Treasurer:	Ray Marshall	Administrative Assistant:	Sharon MacDonnell (>May)
		Administrative Assistant:	Leslie Maddalena (June>)

ANDERSON, Bryce
ARNOTT, Anne
BEAL, Cris
BETHUNE, George
COKER, Janet
COLE, Barbara
COWAN, Sandra
DAVIS, Alastair
DEMPSEY, Mary
FOSTER, Will
GILLESPIE, Evan
GOAR, Gail
HACKETT, Jacki
HARRIS, Janet
HARRISON, Mary Ann
JAMIESON, Bob

JOHNSON, Bryanna
LAPP, Vivian
LENNOX, Marion
MacDONNELL, Dan
MacDONNELL, Mary
MacKENZIE, Joan
MAIDA-NICOL, Sara
MALEKZADEH, Afshin
MARSHALL, Lynn
MONTEITH, Carolyn
PACKHAM, Vera
PATERSON, Ginny
SCHMAGALA, Mary
WALKER, Donna
ZAVITZ, Tim

Stamford Lane Trustees

ANDERSON, Bryce
ARNOTT, Anne
BETHUNE, George
CATTANACH, Bob
DEMPSEY, Mary
**GILMORE, Dennis (Chairperson)

JANVARY-POOL, Paisley
LENNOX, Marion
MACKENZIE, Joan
PATTERSON, Paul
ZAVITZ, Gerald (Tim)

Horseshoe Falls Regional Council:

Delegate: Ray Marshall
Delegate: Carolyn Monteith
Delegate: Dan Monteith
Alternate: Mary Ann Harrison
Clergy: Rev. Harvey Tobey
Rev. Cathie Ellarby
Rev. Lorraine Davis

Extension Council:
Representative: Tim Zavitz

Cave Springs Camp Representatives:
Representative: Paisley Janvary-Pool
Representative: Evan Gillespie

Director of Music Sara Maida-Nicol
Music Accompanist Linda Bruch
Church Custodian Lucie McCarthy
Communication Assistant Bryanna Johnson
Sound Assistant Ryan Bellefleur

Junior Sunday School Paisley Janvary-Pool
Senior Sunday School Rev. Cathie Ellarby
Sunday Nursery Teanna Scott
Explorer Leader Paisley Janvary-Pool
Bell Choirs Laura Sparkman
Praise Team Fred Ellarby
Women's Group Jane Shores
Turkey Team Afshin Malekzadeh

COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2020

** executive * committee member only

Minister: **Rev. Harvey Tobey
Past-Chair: **Paisley January-Pool
Treasurer: **Ray Marshall

Chair: **Dan Monteith
Vice-Chair: **Dan Taylor
Administrative Assistant: **Sharon MacDonnell (>May)
Administrative Assistant: **Leslie Maddalena (June>)

Christian Education

Chair: **Sandra Cowan
Paisley January-Pool (Sunday School)
Vivian Lapp
Mary MacDonnell
Mary Schmagala
*Rev. Cathie Ellarby

Worship/Congregational Concerns

Chair: **Barbara Cole
Janet Coker
Janet Harris
Marion Lennox
Sara Maida-Nicol
Donna Walker
Carol Crown
*Joanne Fast * Al Steip
*Paul Fast * Joanne Fast

Finance

Chair: **Tim Zavitz
Ray Marshall – Treasurer
Bryce Anderson
Evan Gillespie
Afshin Malekzadeh
Leslie Maddalena
Anne Arnott
Marion Lennox

Audio/Visual

Chair: *Dan MacDonnell
Bryce Anderson
Bryanna Johnson
Will Foster
*Paul Fast *Glad Klassen
*Richard Lambert *Ryan Bellefleur

Mission and Outreach

Co-Chair: **Alastair Davis
Mary Dempsey
Gail Goar
Jacki Hackett
Mary Ann Harrison
Lynn Marshall
Sara Maida-Nicol
Carolyn Monteith *Darlene Foster
Vera Packham *Pam Gilmore
Will Foster *Brenda Skinner

In-Touch

Chair: *Diane Becken
Co-Chair: Ray Marshall
Barbara Cole
Gail Goar
Janet Harris
Mary Ann Harrison
Paisley January-Pool
Lynn Marshall *Barbara Arseneau
Donna Walker *Joanne Fast
*Pam Gilmore *Cathie Ellarby
*Jane Shores *April Zavitz

Ministry and Personnel

Chair: **Paisley January-Pool
Anne Arnott
Barbara Cole
Mary Ann Harrison
Dan Taylor

Rental

Chair: *Paisley January-Pool
Barbara Cole
Ray Marshall

Property

Chair: **Dan MacDonnell
Cris Beal
Joan MacKenzie *Paul Patterson
Dan Taylor *Richard Lambert

- The Council Chairperson is an ex-officio member of all committees.
- The Minister is an ex-officio of all committees, except Ministry and Personnel.

Proposed Council 2021

Until February 2022: Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Sandra Cowan, Alastair Davis, Mary Dempsey, Evan Gillespie, Jacki Hackett, Vivian Lapp, Marion Lennox, Joan MacKenzie, Afshin Maleksadeh, Vera Packham, Mary Schmagala, Tim Zavitz

Until February 2023: Cris Beal, Barbara Cole, Carol Crown, Will Foster, Paisley January-Pool, Dan MacDonnell, Mary MacDonnell, Carolyn Monteith, Dan Taylor, Mary Ann Harrison

Nominated to February 2024: Janet Coker, Janet Harris, Bryanna Johnson, Leslie Maddalena, Sara Maida-Nicol, Ray Marshall, Dan Monteith, Donna Walker and anyone who volunteers by February 7, 2021

Board of Trustees:

Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Bob Cattanach, Mary Dempsey, Dennis Gilmore (chairperson), Paisley January-Pool, Marion Lennox, Joan MacKenzie, Paul Patterson, Gerald (Tim) Zavitz.

Horseshoe Falls Regional Council:

Representative: Ray Marshall

Representative: Carolyn Monteith

Representative: Dan Monteith

Alternates: Mary Ann Harrison

Clergy: Rev. Harvey Tobey
Rev. Cathie Ellarby
Rev. Lorraine Davis

Extension Council:

Tim Zavitz – Representative

Cave Springs Camp Representatives:

Paisley January-Pool

Evan Gillespie

All positions have been asked to remain in place for the next year.

Thank you to Sharon MacDonnell who has retired as Council Secretary,

George Bethune who will retire from the Board as well as Trustees,

and Gail Goar who will retire from Council but remain on In-Touch and leading the walking group.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OF STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2, 2020

2020-001

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Stamford Lane United Church was held on Sunday, February 2, 2020 in the gymnasium. The meeting commenced after everyone enjoyed lunch together. Rev. Harvey Tobey and sixty-one individuals were in attendance.

Those present were: Bryce Anderson, Pauline Anderson, Anne Arnott, Barbara Arseneau, Diane Becken, Ruth Buchanan, Nicole Carey, Bob Cattnach, June Chevalier, Janet Coker, Barbara Cole, Sandra Cowan, Doug Craig, Carol Crown, Cathie Ellarby, Fred Ellarby, Darlene Foster, Will Foster, Sharon Gazley, Haley Gienow-McConnell, Evan Gillespie, Dennis Gilmore, Pam Gilmore, Gail Goar, Jacki Hackett, Janet Harris, Mary Ann Harrison, Gord Hick, Norma Irani, Margaret Jackson, Janet Kaine, Lillian Lambert, Richard Lambert, Peter Land, Vivian Lapp, Marion Lennox, Margaret Loney, Hope Lynam, Mary MacDonnell, Sharon MacDonnell, Joan MacKenzie, Leslie Maddalena, Sara Maida-Nicol, Afshin Malekzadeh, Frank Marshall, Ray Marshall, Vera Packham, Ginny Paterson, Janet Pearson, Sandra Rylander, Jane Shores, Brenda Rae Skinner, Marjorie Slinn, Penny Soulsby, Dan Taylor, Barb Tobey, Sheila Turcotte, Alison Wills, Lynn Young, Geraldine Zavitz, Tim Zavitz.

Dan Monteith, Council Chair was not available for today's meeting. Dan Taylor, Vice-Chair presided over the meeting in his place.

Dan Taylor, Vice-Chair welcomed everyone.

The meeting opened at 11:40am. Rev. Tobey offered an opening prayer.

Vice-Chair, Dan Taylor declared the 2020 Annual Meeting open for all business in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord and Head of the Church.

MOTION #1:

MOVED BY: Doug Craig SECONDED BY: Tim Zavitz

“That voting privileges on temporal matters be extended to adherents and that voting be done by show of hands.” **CARRIED**

Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting (p. 7-12) held on February 3, 2019

MOTION #2:

MOVED BY: Barbara Cole SECONDED BY: Mary Ann Harrison

“That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held February 3, 2019 be accepted with the following corrections:

Page 11: Under “Nominations for Church Council Positions” – Sharon MacDonnell’s position should be listed as Council Secretary.” **CARRIED**

Rev. Tobey read the memorial list (p.12). We remember all of these individuals in our hearts and souls as significant members in our community and many as significant members of our church.

Committee Reports:

Dan Taylor opened the meeting up for questions and comments regarding the committee reports published in the Annual Report (p.1-2; 13-27).

The following committees added some comments:

Java 98 - We will not be renewing our *Socan* license now that the Java 98 Coffeehouse events are over.

Turkey Dinner Report – In the future please do not use the label “Men’s Club” and replace it with “The Turkey Team” as the many volunteers organizing the Turkey Dinners are men, women and youth.

Rental Committee Report – Council was asked to revisit the request to allow alcohol at events held here. Council looked clearly at the different aspects of this request and decided it wasn’t worth the risk to the church in comparison to the benefits it could provide. Council voted against bringing this motion to the congregation meeting. The current rental policy is being updated regarding vaping, cannabis, allergies, etc. and insurance requirements.

Transitions Canada – Hailey Gienow-McConnell is willing to help support the Transitions Canada programs.

Teen and Children Choir – “*To Clap or Not to Clap*”: no clapping allows the service to be a little more prayerful, calm and spiritually pleasing. It is important to clap for children when they do something extra special, so they know they are appreciated. But when adults are performing they are performing for worship and prefer no clapping. Feel free to compliment them for their performance after the service during coffee hour.

Property Report – Leslie Maddalena asked that some hooks be put up in the ladies washrooms.

Trustees – Dennis Gilmore explained what it took to do the name change on deed to “Stamford Lane United Church”. This took over 4 years to resolve and we appreciate all that Dennis has put into clearing this up.

Approval of the Committee Reports (p.1-3; 13-27) of Stamford Lane United Annual Report for 2019:

MOTION #3:

MOVED BY: Anne Arnott **SECONDED BY: Fred Ellarby**

“That the committee reports for 2019 on pages 1-3, 13-27 of the Annual Report be accepted with the following corrections:

- Page 2: Ministers Message: correct the spelling of Brett Polegato’s first name.**
 - Page 3: Change year to 2019 in title for the Stamford Lane United Church Statistics report.**
 - Page 17: Sewing Mission Group: add Lynn Young to the list of sewing ladies.**
 - Page 18: In-Touch Committee Report: add April Zavitz to list of members of the committee**
 - Page 19: Turkey Dinner Report: correct the spelling of Dennis Gilmore’s last name.**
 - Page 19: Turkey Dinner Report: add appreciation of the youth volunteers at the Turkey Dinner.**
- CARRIED**

Financial Report 2019

Ray Marshall went over the financial statements (p. 28-30) and answered any questions.

Turning to the Receipts & Disbursements, pages 28 & 29

INCOME: On Page 29

- Local Offering was less than 2018 (down \$3K)
- FundScrip entry was 2 years rebates transferred to the general account this December (617.83)
- FUNd Ctte: cupcake slipper sales by this new committee (886.10)

- GNU entry was given towards the elevator repairs (1,000)
- Rebates included a rebate of part of the 4th Quarter Dues from Niagara Presbytery (\$2,483.49) and HST rebate (\$5,555.32) an additional \$700 was deposited in the Roof Directed Fund.
- IN-Touch Ctte wished \$5,000 to go to the General Fund and \$400 towards “Coffee Hour”.
- Turkey Dinner Proceeds & Thompson Endowment similar to 2018; Sponsorships are up \$1K.
- Our rents were down in 2019, but not as much as expected with the loss of Niagara Adult Learning
- The Directed Funds transferred to the General Fund include the excess collected for the roof to assist with the Elevator repairs (\$4,198.69) and the closure of the Dinners Directed Fund (\$640.30) and the Sunday School Directed Fund (\$391.30). So as not to skew the total income, it is reported on a separate line below the Sub-Total.
- Also, the Niagara Extension Council Grant was surprisingly paid in 2019 (\$12,457.54). It is a one-time income and was also reported outside of the regular incomes.

EXPENSES:

- Salaries are as budgeted.
- Worship & Service
 - Appreciation Garden Expense was over budget, as we purchased some gifts for future years
 - Fellowship Hour Expense of 364.50 was actual cost
 - 4 pianos were tuned for \$500; organ was also tuned in fall; cost taken from Directed Funds
 - Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts were gifts to staff & Laura Sparkman at the AGM & Christmas
- On Page 29
- Christian Ed & Development
 - Sunday School expense represents needed supplies and curriculum
 - Youth Work was for registration at a Family Ministry Conference
- Operating & Building
 - Office Expenses included \$777.59 Service Charges, \$430.23 postage; \$3,087.02 supplies and printing; and \$126.41 computer licenses & upgrades
 - Land Registration: As you can see in the Trustees report on page 26, our property is now registered under the Trustees of Stamford Lane United Church \$4,081.76
 - Elevator costs include repairs \$4,350.50; license \$100.00, Kone \$1,521.20 & Brock Contract \$300

We spent **\$1,159.76** more than we received and so our General Fund Balance on Dec. 31, 2019 was **\$8,686.47**

DIRECTED FUNDS report found on Page 30

- Broadview: 11 families subscribe
- Choirs: the income and expenses of Terrence Wu’s recital, Bells Festival, Guest Musicians, & music are included here
- Dinners: balance of \$640.30 was transferred to the General Account in December
- FundScrip: balance of \$320.83 + 297.00 was transferred to the General Account in December. Once we ask, we will be receiving the 2019 earnings (\$362.03) in 2020

- Good News Unit have closed their bank account and this Directed Fund will record transactions, starting in 2019
- IN-Touch: income from receptions; expenses for receptions & transfers to General account
- Java98 expenses include Light of Day \$150, & Autism Ontario \$315.00; and ½ Socan License \$104.56
- Our Memorial fund received \$9,272.20 in 2019, transferred \$17,135.23 to the roof Fund
- M&S funds are remitted to the United Church of Canada quarterly. This year we sent \$24,523.10, which includes a donation of \$1,500 from GNU; also \$490.00 collected for World Development was remitted.
- Mission Ctte: income is from Garage Sale & Pancake Lunch; expenses: \$300 to Niagara Warehouse of Hope; \$200 to CWOP (Caribbean Workers Outreach Project); \$500 each to Pathstone Foundation, NF Community Kitchen, Women's Place of South Niagara, Project Share, & Young Women's Christian Association.
- Organ was tuned in October -- \$484.77
- Planned Legacy Giving: received donations from Ratcliffe & Blain families, Estates of Pat Billingsley & Kay Bean; invested \$35,012.05 in a High Interest Savings Account with Investors from July to Dec 31.
- Income for the Roof includes donation \$8,206.07 and transfer from Memorial \$17,135.23; Expenses were \$15,557.53 and \$4,198.69 transferred to the general account for Elevator Repairs
- On behalf of others we collected \$230 for Cave Springs Camp, \$650 for Guardians of Hope, \$1,380 for NF Community Outreach, and \$1,275 for Project Share; the White Gift collected \$4,521 and all the moneys left after purchasing the food vouchers was given to Project Share

The **INVESTMENTS** report at the bottom of the page summarizes the Trustees' Report on page 26.

MOTION: Moved by Ray Marshall, seconded by Barbara Cole, that the Financial Reports for Stamford Lane United for 2019 found on pages 28-30 of the Annual Report be approved.

TAX RECEIPTS: On January 8, Leslie & I emailed over 150 2019 Tax Receipts; several have asked for hard copies and we have obliged. Snail Mail receipts have since been prepared and some mailed. Please check with me if you haven't received yours.

MOTION #4:

MOVED BY: Ray Marshall

SECONDED BY: Barbara Cole

“That the financial reports for Stamford Lane United for 2018 on pages 28-30 of the Annual Report be accepted as printed

CARRIED

Budget 2020

Ray Marshall went over the 2020 Budget (p. 31-32) and answered any questions.

The Finance Committee wished the budget to show from where the money is coming. So, a forecast for the Income as well as the expenses is included.

Expenses:

- SALARIES
 - The UCoC recommends 1.9% increase in salaries for 2020; these have been calculated and rounded so that all monthly salaries will be even to the penny.
 - Supply Ministry is increasing to \$216 per diem in 2020
 - Travel is increased to \$0.42 in 2020
 - Church’s share of Employees’ Benefits is a calculated amount
 - EI is slightly less in 2020
 - CPP is more
- WORSHIP & SERVICE
 - National & Regional Assessment is calculated as 4.5% of the previous year’s income (removing such items as bequests, M&S contributions, UCW contributions, etc.)
 - Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts is increased to reflect current practice
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT
 - Messy Church line has been removed (not used in 2 years)
 - More monies allocated to Sunday School Supplies & Curriculum to reflect current costs
- OPERATING EXPENSES
 - Allocated to reflect anticipated costs
- BUILDING MAINTENANCE
 - General Repairs include Boiler maintenance, Tree Removal, Sanctuary Fan replacement, possible redecorating of the Friendship Room

Income:

- Our best guesses; hopefully, they are reasonable; forecasting a \$10,000 increase in Offering may be overly optimistic.
- NOTE expected Income will fall short of anticipated expenses. In order to have a balanced budget, \$35,302 will have to come from other sources – a grant, bequest, one-time gift, or investments

Please note that this budget represents just over a 2% increase in the 2019 budget forecast. I would ask you all to prayerfully review your financial contributions to Stamford Lane.

MOTION #5:

MOVED BY: Ray Marshall

SECONDED BY: Pauline Anderson

“That the 2020 proposed budget of \$257,202.00 (two hundred and fifty-seven thousand, two hundred and two dollars) on pages 31 & 32 of the Annual Report be accepted as amended with the deletion of the \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) set aside for Land Registry, as it was completed in 2019.” CARRIED

Mission and Service Goal for 2020

Discussion was held regarding lowering the 2020 goal to \$20,000.00. Motion remained at \$25,000.00.

MOTION #6:

MOVED BY: Ray Marshall

SECONDED BY: Gail Goar

“That we accept the goal of \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars) for the Mission and Service Fund for 2020.” CARRIED

Elders at the end of their term:

Barbara Cole presented the following list of members at the end of their term on the Church Council on February 2, 2020: Cris Beal, Barbara Cole, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Dan MacDonnell, Mary MacDonnell, Carolyn Monteith, Paul Patterson and Dan Taylor.

* Paul Patterson will be retiring as an elder. He was thanked for his dedicated service of over 40 years on the Church Council.

Nominations for the 2020-2021 Church Council: The following list of nominees was read by Barbara Cole:

Nominated until February 2023: Cris Beal, Barbara Cole, Carol Crown, Will Foster, Paisley January-Pool, Bryanna Johnson, Dan MacDonnell, Mary MacDonnell, Carolyn Monteith and Dan Taylor,

Rev. Tobey took over as chair of the meeting.

Rev. Tobey explained the process for nominations. We call 3 times for nominations. If you are willing to nominate someone or are willing to volunteer, now is the time to speak up.

Ginny Paterson volunteered to be on the Church Council until February 2023.

MOTION #7:

MOVED BY: Barbara Cole

SECONDED BY: Ray Marshall

“That we approve the list of nominees for Church Council Elders as presented, with the addition of Ginny Paterson.”

CARRIED

Nominations for Church Council Positions:

Barbara Cole nominated the following people for the Church Council:

Dan Monteith, Chairperson

Dan Taylor, Vice-Chair

Paisley January-Pool, Past-Chair

Ray Marshall, Treasurer

Leslie Maddalena, Treasurer

Sharon MacDonnell, Council Secretary

MOTION #8:

MOVED BY: Barbara Cole

SECONDED BY: Doug Craig

“That the following serve on the Church Council - Dan Monteith, Chairperson; Dan Taylor, Vice-Chair; Paisley January-Pool, Past-Chair; Ray Marshall, Treasurer; Leslie Maddalena, Treasurer; and Sharon MacDonnell, Council Secretary.”

CARRIED

Election of Region 9 – Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Representatives:

Barbara Cole presented the following names as Region 9 representatives.

Region 9 – Horseshoe Falls Regional Council:

Representative: Ray Marshall

Representative: Carolyn Monteith

Representative: Dan Monteith

Alternate: Mary Ann Harrison

Clergy: Rev. Cathie Ellarby

Rev. Harvey Tobey

Rev. Lorraine Davis

MOTION #9:

MOVED BY: Barbara Cole SECONDED BY: Carol Crown

“That the above nominations for Region 9 - Horseshoe Falls Regional Council representatives be accepted as presented.” **CARRIED**

Election of Extension Council and Cave Springs Camp Representatives:

Barbara Cole presented the following names as Extension Council and Cave Springs Camp Representatives.

Extension Council:

Representative: Tim Zavitz

Cave Springs Camp:

Representative: Paisley January-Pool

Representative: Evan Gillespie

MOTION #10:

MOVED BY: Barbara Cole SECONDED BY: Will Foster

“That we accept the above nominations for Extension Council representative and Cave Springs Camp representatives.” **CARRIED**

Rev. Tobey turned the meeting back over to Dan Taylor.

New Business:

- Anne Arnott, on behalf of Ministry & Personnel announced Sharon MacDonnell’s notice of retirement as the Administrative Assistant. Her last working day will be on Friday, May 29th, 2020. (Sharon has been here for 9 years) Ministry & Personnel will direct the Council to begin procedures to hire for this position.

MOTION #11:

MOVED BY: Anne Arnott SECONDED BY: Nicole Carey

“That we accept with thanks and regret Sharon MacDonnell’s notice of retirement as the Administrative Assistant for Stamford Lane United Church as of May 31, 2020.” **CARRIED**

- Casting call for the May 3rd church play. Contact Rev. Cathie Ellarby.
- Janet Harris donated the following two books in memory of Patricia Billingsley:
“*Stepping Stones – A Refugee Family’s Journey*” by Margriet Ruurs
“*The Spirituality of Grandparenting*” by Ralph Milton with Beverley Milton
- Please fill-out “*A Church with a Plan, Green Cards*” and bring back this week. Diane Becken will compile these into a report to help guide Council on how to use our resources.
- There are large hearts posters on the gym bulletin board with questions on them. Please fill in your answers before Wednesday and they will be taken to the Council meeting on Wednesday evening.
- Hymn Sing Service Fundraiser for Sunday, April 26th, 2020 was presented by Rev. Tobey. The pledge forms will go out by email and again with the March/April newsletters.
- Council will be asked to approve the purchase of new computer equipment for the office.
- Rev. Tobey thanked Sara Maida-Nicol, Linda Bruch, Fred Ellarby and the Maddalenas for the beautiful music ministry we enjoy every week. Thanked Sharon MacDonnell and Lucie McCarthy for all they do to keep things shining and running smoothly.
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- The three trees on the St. Peter side of the building need to come down. This will be done in the early spring this year.
- Janet Harris and Donna Walker asked for volunteers to help with communion serving.
- Mary Ann Harrison asked for a volunteer to help coordinate the garage sale.
- Dan Taylor thanked Rev. Harvey and Barb Tobey on behalf of the Congregation and presented them with a thank gift to let them know they are very much appreciated.

Next Council Meeting will be held on February 5th, 2020.
Committees: 7-7:45pm Council Meeting: 7:45pm.

Adjournment:

MOVED BY: Barbara Cole

MOTION: “That we adjourn.”

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

Benediction: Rev. Tobey pronounced the Benediction.

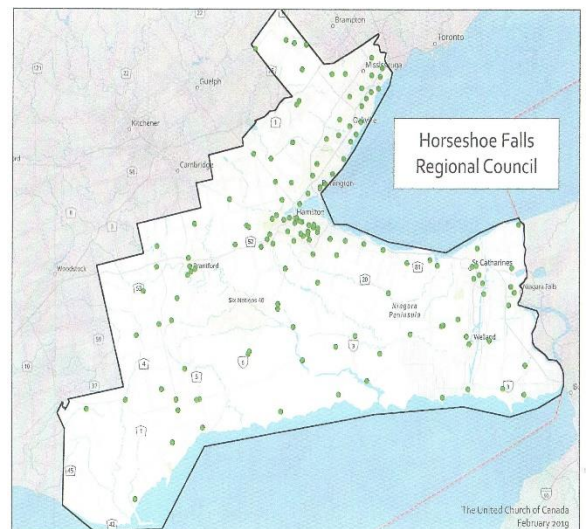
Dan Taylor, Vice-Chair

Sharon MacDonnell, Council Secretary

Horseshoe Falls Regional Council

Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Report

The Regional Council met via Zoom on November 12 – 14. Rev. Tobey, Carolyn & Dan Monteith, and Ray Marshall attended at various times. The Conference theme for candidate & retirees, selected by President Kate Young was “Trust Your Pilot”. Three motions stand out in my mind: The first was a decision to adopt a plan to become an Affirming regional Council. Secondly, the Region endorsed a change in the Basis of Union that will open the Order of Ministry to persons of “all gender identities” rather than the current wording of “men and women”. Thirdly, the Regional Council passed a budget for 2021 so there are funds with which it can operate. In local news, Amadeus Pyralis was ordained and Karen Orlandi was commissioned. Rev. Robert Lawson was elected as President-Elect. The next meeting of the Regional Council is planned for May 28, 2021, likely again via Zoom.



In Memoriam

Robert Cedric Johnson	January 1	Wendy Lou McDonald	June 19
James Edward Munro †	February 4	Lydia Jean Britt	July 18
Helen Hamilton † ††	March 15	Janet Carmichael Stapleton	July 21
Daphne Caughell	March 18	Nan Colvin Doan	September 8
Myra Laurine Young	April 11	Margot (Peggy) Blain †	September 9
Evelyn Mary Booth	April 16	E. Cline Stephenson	September 20
Audrey Margaret Hartley	April 17	Margaret Dorothy Jackson †	October 5
Vito Antonio	April 18	Esther Amelia Leonard	October 9
Francis Grace Stewart	April 20	Loree Turnbull † ††	November 4
Marilyn J Burns ††	April 25	Michael Long	November 6
Richard Bruce Freeman †	April 26	Ralph William Pool †	November 29
Freda Nellie Campbell †	May 10	Lauren Terri Gray	December 1
Elizabeth Lammertje VanderWoerd	May 29	Beverly Moote † ††	December 3
Patricia Marie Hare	May 30	Kenneth Vincent Styles †	December 17
Robert William Jamieson †	June 11	Bruce Cooper	December 22
Andrew Kenneth Dilts	June 14	Sylvia Narweth	December 23

† Member

†† No funeral date at this time

Marriage Blessings

Hugh Gale MacKinnon & Judith Yvonne Mitchell	January 2
Brent Stephen Borowetz & Margaret Joan Sample	February 2-Officiated by Rev. Lorraine Davis
Nathan Henry Smees & Victoria Danielle Connell	June 21

Baptisms

Joe William Burdon	Son of Jamie Wayne Burdon & Rebecca Lynn Cottrill	January 12
Owen Thomas Kyle	Son of Matthew William Kyle & Sara Marie Grandoni	February 23

Ministry and Personnel

This is a committee to support staff and the members of the congregation. We meet confidentially three (3) or four (4) times a year or as required.

Our volunteer committee consists of Paisley January-Pool, Chair from Christian Education, Mary Ann Harrison from Mission and Outreach, Barbara Cole from Worship and Congregational Concerns, Dan Taylor from Property, Anne Arnott from Finance along with the assistance of Ray Marshall, Treasurer.

This year we had Sharon MacDonnell retire in May 2020 and welcomed two (2) new administrative staff members Leslie Maddalena in June 2020 and Bryanna Johnson in September 2020. We had a wonderful drive by celebration to honour Sharon for her nine years of dedication to Stamford Lane United Church. Thank you Sharon!

Rev. Tobey and Lucie McCarthy have worked all through the year with Sara Maida-Nicol and Linda Bruch returning from lay off in September 2020.

We are very grateful to have our dedicated staff and especially the assistance given from Rev. Tobey.

Submitted by Anne Arnott

Christian Education and Development

It has been a different year for our church family! We have missed our children at Sunday school, Explorers and other special events. We are grateful, that through Sara's music program, some of our children have been able to continue their participation in the church through music activities. Thanks to Reverend Harvey for delivering special gift packages to our children for Christmas and Anne for her Zoom activities. Looking forward to a healthier New Year!

Chairperson, Sandra Cowan

Sunday School

We met for January, February and March with the stories of Jesus growing up, being baptized, fishing, the Golden Rule and Lent. Rev. Cathie Ellarby led the senior class while Brenda Skinner helped me with the junior class and Teanna Scott led the nursery. In March we went to services online and enjoyed seeing the children who took part with Hope Trethaway. Hopefully we will meet again soon. Rev. Harvey has done a great job of keeping in touch with gifts and surprises.

Paisley January Pool, Superintendent

Explorers

We started the year with an election, games, food and parties until covid closed us down for the year. We have communicated with the 3 families several times, summer and fall and gave presents at Christmas. We miss each other.

Paisley January Pool, Brenda, Ginny and Margo

Worship and Congregational Concerns Committee

In January and February of 2020 Sunday services were held in the traditional way. The annual general meeting happened on February 2, and the new Council and committees met.

Then Covid 19 became a pandemic. On Friday March 13, in person Sunday services were cancelled for three weeks. So were all other church activities. At home worship on the website began as a temporary measure. Little did we know then what was ahead of us.

Harvey began sending weekday home worship messages to all with internet access. He used the book The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Hound by Charles Mackey in these messages. He also printed these and delivered them in bundles to retirement and nursing homes, making sure all church members who wanted them could have them.

Creative Sunday Services were prepared and put on the church website. Easter service April 12, with communion, occurred the same way. On April 14 the Church Council used email to its members in order to make some necessary decisions. The church building was still closed to all.

In late May the daily at home worship emails changed to twice a week. May 24 was Camping Sunday. The service was prepared at Cave Springs Camp and was informative.

In mid-June the Church council executive met in the church parking lot to discuss plans for reopening whenever it would be deemed safe to do so.

July and August services continued on the church website. In person Sunday services began on Sept. 13, with limited attendance only allowed. These services were also posted live on Facebook starting Sept. 20 and on the website later in the day. The theme of these services was Pillars of Joy, based on the book by the Dali Lama and Bishop Tutu. For Thanksgiving individual communion servings were prepacked. In November we celebrated our Memorial Hymn sing thanks to many sponsors.

In December the Advent worship services were based on The Stable Stories by Nigel Desmond. The prerecorded Christmas Eve service was well done, and involved carol singing by members of the choir as well as sheep and a donkey. It started with Santa Claus but ended up at the stable with a live Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

The second province-wide lockdown began on Dec. 26. The church service for Dec. 27 was held with only the participants present in the sanctuary but was live on Facebook and later on the website, This format will continue until a later date.

On behalf of all the congregation, the worship committee wishes to thank Rev. Harvey for all his extraordinary efforts in keeping us all together. We also wish to thank our music staff and all the volunteers who provide music to assist us as we continue to worship in new ways.

We do not know when we will be able to gather again all together in worship, but we are all united in spirit, in compassion and in love.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Cole
Chair of the Worship and Congregational Concerns Committee

Cave Springs Camp Annual Report 2020

Cave Springs Camp enjoyed many successes this year despite the cancellation of our regular summer camp program. We were thrilled to offer our Camp in a Box send home program to a total of 164 campers throughout July and August. We hosted day camp PD day programs and a 3-day Holiday camp from December 21-23 and were thrilled to have campers back on the site. At present plans are underway for our 2021 Day Camp summer program.

In addition, our new Retreat and Conference Centre opened for rentals this Fall. The Valhalla Project of Niagara enjoyed a week-long stay in the new building in October and the first Legacy Hall wedding also took place. We are very pleased to have the new building up and running and are tremendously grateful to our many donors and supporters for their generosity throughout the building process. We are very much looking forward to continuing to host a variety of groups and events in the conference centre throughout 2021.

Wishing you and your loved ones continued health and well being.

Sharon Millar www.cavespringscamp.on.ca

Appreciation Garden

For a while this year, I was thinking that the committee would not be meeting. However, prompted by Rev. Tobey, we did and recommended that the Church Council honour three of our members: Barbara Arseneau, Margaret Loney, and Donna Walker. Accordingly, we presented the names to Council via email and feted them at a service in June. Our church is very fortunate to benefit from the countless kindnesses and services from these members. It is our privilege to thank them on your behalf.

It is also time to think of this spring; nomination forms for 2021 are available in the office and need to be returned to the office on or before the last banking day of March – that's Wednesday, March 31.

On behalf of the Appreciation Garden Committee,
Ray Marshall, Chair, 2020



The Mitten Tree

Two trees full of mitts, scarves and hats graced the sanctuary and foyer at Christmas. They are sorted to be delivered when possible to Project Share and local public schools. The numbers are down from last year.

Paisley January Pool

Walking And Exercise Group

We had to stop walking in March because of the lock down. We started walking outside in September with the boards approval and it was enjoyed by many. We went indoors in November because of the weather. Although are numbers were smaller, it was enjoyed as an activity and out for us. However, we have stopped now but hope to start in the nice spring weather in 2021.

Gratefully submitted by Gail Goar

The Sewing Mission Group

Sewing and quilting are not meeting in church, but we invite you to keep sewing and quilting. If you need support or supplies please call the office or contact Penny or Carole.

In-Touch Committee

2020 began with many hopes and plans for our church family. Lunches were held in January, February and March. Plans included looking forward to supplying two cakes on April 26th as our church would celebrate the 95th anniversary of the United Church of Canada, to supplying potato salads for the church picnic on May 24th and two cakes on June 7th in recognition of the new Appreciation Garden recipients.

With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, everything was put on hold. Our last monthly service in a long-term facility was held on March 11th at Lundy Manor. With the guidance and leadership of Rev. Harvey Tobey, we celebrated remotely and in the month of November music dedicated in memory of our loved ones was incorporated into the services.

Valentines were sent to our shut-ins in February and cards were sent to our Veterans in July and November. We remembered our church family at Easter and again at Christmas with poinsettias for our shut-ins and bereaved.

\$200 was transferred to the Fellowship Hour (Coffee Fund) from our Committee. Most of our cash on hand was redirected to our In-Touch Directed Fund. We catered one funeral before the pandemic. Unfortunately, we were unable to remember our friends and family as we normally would. We still feel the loss.

We continued to send thinking of you and bereavement cards. We reached out with telephone calls to our church family as I know many others did and continue to do.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. Continue to 'keep in touch' with our church family. We do not know when lunches will be held again. Be safe. We look forward to sitting down and "breaking bread" with you hopefully later in 2021.

In-Touch Committee: Rev. Harvey Tobey, Rev. Cathie Ellarby, Barbara Arseneau, Diane Becken, Noreen Bradshaw, Barbara Cole, Joanne Fast, Pam Gilmore, Gail Goar, Janet Harris, Mary Ann Harrison, Lynn and Ray Marshall, Jane Shores, Donna Walker.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Becken

73rd Annual Turkey Dinner

This has been an unprecedented year in more ways than one and the Stamford Lane United Church 73rd Annual Turkey Dinner was no exception. As the summer came to an end and the Coronavirus persisted, there were thoughts on whether or not the annual tradition and our biggest fundraiser of the year would be possible. There were many reasons to support the cancellation of the event, but there were many MORE reasons to proceed. This event traditionally represents the best of our community and our Church by bringing together a cross section of the congregation and providing an opportunity to break bread with one another. Typically, it takes a small village to make this event a reality, but these are not typical times and the Turkey Management Team had to think outside the box for 2020.

First, we held our kickoff and subsequent coordination meetings via video conferencing online and then we had to figure out the logistics as well as the impact of far fewer volunteers – given COVID restrictions. This was managed by bringing together a few key individuals and family “bubbles”. It was decided to make use of Eventbrite for pre-ordering and payment as we offered take-out via “drive-thru” and delivery only. I am very proud to say that it was a roaring success. The event was SOLD OUT! Total funds raised were **\$10,500** resulting in a profit of **\$8,276**. I personally want to thank all of the dedicated volunteers, Turkey Dinner 2020 would not have happened without you. I also want to thank all who participated in purchasing and gifting meals to loved ones and helping to spread the word via social media. I look forward to the next one!

Praying for the health and safety of everyone,

Afshin Malekzadeh

Mission And Outreach Report

The support of the Stamford Lane congregation for Mission and Service internationally, nationally, and locally was really extraordinary in 2020. In spite of the stress, frustration, and just how hard this year was on everyone’s life, our Mission Givings this year were similar to 2019. Your generosity, compassion and desire to grow community and lives is highly respected and commended. National and International Outreach **\$22,890.20**, Local Outreach **\$11,274.05** and **Total Outreach \$34,164.25**

Mission Pancake Sunday was one of the few events the Committee organized this year with \$600 in proceeds to Women’s Place of South Niagara.

Caribbean Workers Outreach Program due to restrictions we were not involved in the program but we ensured them Stamford Lane was ready to provide financial assistance if requested.

Enormous Garage Sale was not held due to restrictions, but we are hopeful for 2021.

Thanksgiving Fill the Boat was creatively organized to allow for curb side drop off food donations into a boat in the parking plus cash donations to Project SHARE.

Jr Choir Karaoke Dance Party generated an amazing \$769.05 which the choir chose to donate to the Pathstone Foundation. This will become an annual event.

Food for Kids donation of \$255.00 from Good News Unit.

White Gift Program sponsored 40 families with Christmas Food Vouchers with Project SHARE plus an additional \$1,060 to assist families in desperate situations.

Congregational Donations were also made to Foster Child, Guardians of Hope, Niagara Falls Community Outreach, Women’s Place of South Niagara and Project Share.

Coldest Night of the Year featured our “Stamford Lane Walkers” who raised \$3800.00 directly for Project Share on a rather chilly evening last February.

STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH MISSION GIVINGS – 2020

<u>WORLD MISSION</u>	MEMBER GIVINGS	JR CHOIR KARAOKE DANCE PARTY	MISSION	WHITE GIFT PROGRAM	GOOD NEWS UNIT	W. DOLBY E.D.FISHER FUND	J & A THOMPSON ENDOWMENT	TOTAL
Mission & Services Fund (UC)	\$17,340.00				\$1,500.00		\$2,499.20	21,339.20
World Development Fund	422.00							422.00
Guardians of Hope	625.00							625.00
Foster Child						504.00		504.00
WORLD MISSION SUBTOTAL	\$18,446.60				\$1,500.00	\$504.00	\$2,499.20	\$22,890.20
<u>LOCAL MISSION</u>								
Pathstone Foundation		769.05						769.05
Niagara Community Outreach	1,625.00							1,625.00
Food for Kids					255.00			255.00
Woman's Place Of Niagara	50.00		600.00					650.00
Project Share	2,915.00			5,060.00				7,975.00
LOCAL MISSION SUBTOTAL	\$4,590.00	\$769.05	\$600.00	\$5,060.00	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,274.05
GRAND TOTAL	\$22,977.00	\$769.05	\$600.00	\$5,060.00	\$1,755.00	\$504.00	\$2,499.20	\$34,164.25

Note: Stamford Lane participated in the Coldest Night of the Year walk in February and raised an additional \$3800 for Project SHARE.

Prepared by: Alastair Davis

Rental Committee

We have worked with our long-term renters, Transitions Canada and Unifor, with thankfulness for their continued presence. While we have had to limit some use of the facility, we thank our caretaker, Lucie, and the assistance of everyone following public health protocol. The Committee has set policy changes that help to limit risk as we continue to offer space to the community responsibly as we are able.

Yoga

Kristyn is offering a continuation of classes online at kristynschram@gmail.com

Women’s Group - Good News Unit

The Good News Women’s Group were only able to hold two meetings and one fundraiser, before the Covid 19 lockdown in mid-March. Our highlights for 2020 included the following:

Jan. 15 – We had a delicious Potluck Dinner at the home of Jane Shores. It was wonderful to have some additional guests join us on that evening. Vivian Lapp led the devotions, and after Jacki Hackett’s treasurer’s report, the group voted to move \$1,500 in funds, to the 2020 Mission and Service Fund and additionally, \$1,000 toward tree removal at the church.

Feb. 12 – During the fall and winter months, our group had been collecting individual “Giving Jars of Dimes” with the intent of providing some funds towards a community charity involved in helping children. The group decided that the funds collected would be given to **Food4Kids Niagara**, whose goal is to help alleviate hunger in Niagara. (P.S. Due to school closures and lockdowns to the fall, the Giving Jars Proceeds of **\$255.00** were finally distributed to Food4Kids Niagara in Nov. 2020.) Our group finalized plans for the Chili/Trivia Night, as well the Auction Package Assembly & Wrapping Day following the service on March 1st.

On March 7, we hosted our annual Chili/Trivia Night with 120 guests in attendance. Thank you to all the women who cooked the meal, to everyone who donated Silent Auction items and to Dan Monteith, our amazing Trivia Host. It was a fun evening for all those who attended! Our Chili/Trivia evening resulted with \$3,510.70 in profit. Little did we know that this event would be the last “in-church dining” activity for 2020.

We can only pray that with the promise of mass vaccinations across this country, we may finally get Covid under control and go back to some semblance of normal by the fall of 2021. Stay safe and healthy!

Respectfully submitted by: Jane Shores, President.

2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR GOOD NEWS UNIT

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Balance forward Dec 31, 2019	\$3,270.35	Mission & Service Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Collections	\$ 94.75	SLUC – Tree Removal	\$ 1,000.00
Proceeds from Chili/trivia	\$1,727.70		
Proceeds from Silent Auction	\$1,541.00		
Proceeds from Kitchen snacks	\$ 202.60	Balance on hand Dec 31, 2020	<u>\$ 4,336.40</u>
	<u>\$ 6,836.40</u>		<u>\$ 6,836.40</u>

Respectfully submitted, Jacki Hackett, Treasurer

Music

The music program at Stamford Lane started out with a bang! The JR and Teen choirs organized a very successful Karaoke/Dance Party and raised \$700 for Pathstone Mental Health. It was a joyous occasion that brought so many young people from the community together, all for a good cause. Brett Polegato and Laurie Hurst presented a wonderful Valentine's evening of musical theatre, "Perhaps Love," to remember along with Licia's Dinner! We continued to bring in a variety of local musicians to share their music with us until the pandemic hit. On March 1st, we held hands and the adult choir sang their last big anthem of the year "Christ in Me Arise", fitting for what was to come. The music continued, at home, through people sending in videos of themselves singing and when it was safe to do so, we held a "drive-thru" sing where members of our choirs and congregation came into the sanctuary to record hymns to be used for online services. As things started to improve, we opened the church up more and began to run individual music rehearsals on Thursday evenings in preparation for live-stream Sunday services. In November, we honoured our loved ones and turned what was originally planned as a "memorial hymn sing" service into a month long celebration of their lives and legacies. A number of musicians in the church volunteered their voices and we are most appreciative. We were also able to stay connected to many of our JR and Teen choir members through private vocal lessons in the church and inclusion in our family-oriented Advent services. The children were encouraged by the positive comments received from the community and had missed being in the church during the months of lockdown. The musical highlight of 2020 came in the form of a simple "walk" on Christmas Eve where a group of musicians, actors and animals gathered (at a distance) to create something special. We look forward to the moment we can gather again to sing in choir and anticipate an even stronger musical bond amongst the musicians of the church.

Despite a global pandemic and a ban on group singing, the little church, known to many in the community as a "musical sanctuary" continues to make beautiful music, lifting spirits and voices of all ages.

Submitted By:

Sara Maida-Nicol & Linda Bruch

Audio Group

We have been very fortunate to secure the services of Ryan Bellefleur this year. When our church decided to re-start under the new provincial guidelines, we needed someone who was able and willing to fill this role. Thanks for stepping up Ryan!

There was one development this year that must not go unnoticed. There were hours of technical toil, of trial and error, taken on by a few angels in order to bring everyone an online service. The learning curve was steep, yet Harvey and Anne and Chris were remarkable in getting us the product we enjoy today. Thank you!!!

Respectfully,
Dan MacDonnell, Audio Chair

Visual Group

During this unique covid year we have relied on Bryanna more than ever. She has done all of the program input and did the projection every other week. That is a lot of time commitment for Bryanna so we thank her very much. We were in the process of training Dennis Gilmore to do programming when the virus hit and everything stopped. I am sure one day in the future we will be able to get back to normal but that day looks a long way off. Our front projector started to die this fall with a large number of flecks on the screen that looked like dust on the lens but at close inspection we found that the projector was actually in the stages of dying so we had to replace it with a new one. We were lucky to get a replacement that is brighter and has a higher contrast ratio so the projected picture is much better. I was able to get it on sale with a \$399.00 discount for \$620.00 plus tax. We are looking forward to getting our group back together some time this year as we miss each other. Our group right now consists of Bryanna, Glad and myself with Dennis as the newest member when we get going.

Bryce Anderson

Property Committee

Oh what a wonderful year!! It was a relief to this writer that our church did not require a major project this year. We can call it good planning or good luck, but we'll count our blessings that nothing blew up, leaked, flooded or fell over!

We took advantage of the downtime by getting some flooring tiles replaced in the gymnasium and the main hallway. We also had the seams resealed on the kitchen floor. The St. John street entrance threshold and the south windows of the gymnasium were re-caulked.

The regular inspections of our vital systems have been kept up to date. (E.g. boiler, fire alarm, roofing).

We replaced our aging security light timers with a new digital model. They are currently set up to light the building exterior from approximately 5pm to 2am.

Currently we are working on obtaining a suitable replacement bulb for the sanctuary fixtures. The old incandescent bulbs are quite costly and difficult to find. We are hoping that an LED unit will fit our system.

In closing, I would like to mention to all that we try to keep our spirits up through the next few months. The walls of our building are aching for your safe return after Covid-19 has passed.

Stay Safe,

Dan MacDonnell, Property Chair

Property Committee: Cris Beal, George Bethune, Will Foster, Richard Lambert, Joan MacKenzie, and DanTaylor.

The Fundscrip Program

We only had one order with Fundscrip this year in November.

\$8,365.00 in orders for gift cards provided the congregation with a rebate of \$271.03.

Mary Dempsey and Barbara Tobey

TRANSITIONS CANADA 2020

Although this year has been one of great uncertainty with the onset of Covid-19 we still have lots to be grateful for. Kelly Green has joined Transitions Canada as a partner and we also welcomed three new participants, Maria, Jacob and Courtney. With the ongoing support of Stamford Lane United Church our program has continued to operate safely. We have implemented numerous preventative measures to protect the safety of the people we support. Some of the precautions taken include having a dedicated entrance, limiting access to the program, screening participants on arrival, restricting activities to within the building, using plexiglass dividers, filtered air exchangers, increased cleaning and the wearing of masks. We have also altered our program to enable social distancing. In all of these actions we have been guided by the advice, recommendations, and instructions of public health officials, and the Government of Ontario.

We are aware the coming months will continue to be challenging and the need for vigilance and preparedness for the possibility of increased cases will be a challenge of balancing the health and safety of participants and their emotional well-being and human rights. During this time, we will continue to improve supports to be responsive, person-directed and sustainable. We will continue to be resilient, providing a safe and innovative service.

TRANSITIONS CANADA provides services and life skill training for persons that have an intellectual/developmental disability. We strive to develop and maintain mutually contributing and positive relationships by providing supports that help in eliminating barriers to acceptance and emphasize abilities so that all are welcomed in the community as valued citizens with full inclusion. These are the true measure of happiness and quality of life.

Following our mission to provide supports that reflect the individuals changing needs and to enhance their opportunities to participate in their home communities and attain their best quality of life we provide the following services:

Transition Services for individuals with disabilities - we help the transition through the complex move from youth to young adult, to employment, further education or more independence in living and daily activities.

Day Program/After School & Respite – individuals can attend half day or full days, one or more days a week.

Home Management Training and Supports - We assist the participant in developing skills required for more independence and safety in the home. Providing supports so the individual can move toward independent living and we also support the individual so he/she can stay in their own home.

Life Skill Training/Recreation - Our program offers diverse activities and topics according to participant goals and needs. Each day is unique. Participants are welcome to attend half or full days and any number of days during the week/month. Through volunteer openings we invite the leaders in our community to share their giftedness, skills and strengths with us. Our participants of different abilities can gain experience in a safe and welcoming environment. We look forward to seeing you so we can practice our socialization and conversation skills as well as learn new hobbies and ways to gain health and wellness. Through your support, participants can learn new skills and have a greater chance at full inclusion.

We wish everyone all the best in the new year, Rose Quong and Kelly Green

Trustees Report

Our current trustees are Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, George Bethune, Bob Cattanach, Mary Dempsey, Dennis Gilmore, Marion Lennox, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Joan MacKenzie, Paul Patterson, Rev Harvey Tobey, and Gerald (Tim) Zavitz.

The Board of Trustees holds property for the use and benefit of the congregation.

All lands, premises and Real Property and Personal Property held or acquired in trust for or for the use of a congregation are to be held, used and administered by the Board of Trustees. Personal Property is defined to include money and investments.

- Per direction of Finance the Trustees received \$40,000.00 in August which represents Directed Funds. In December Finance asked Trustees to hold \$20,000 which represents Cash. These monies were put into Investments until needed by Finance.
- Our Investments are held by Investors Group managed by Ken Hendriks and Barb Tobey in a Moderate/Conservative Portfolio. Typically this portfolio will yield 4-6%. We are pleased that this Portfolio has weathered the Pandemic well and continues to perform as expected.
- Our insurance plan is administered by Olsen-Sottile Insurance Brokers Inc. The Master Policy is with HUB HKMB International which is a General Insurance Plan for the United Church of Canada providing Property, Boiler and Machinery, Crime, Commercial General Liability and Abuse Indemnity Form. Our plan is up for renewal in March. We have been forewarned by Erik Mathiesen, Chief Financial Officer UCC, that our premium will likely go up by 30% at time of renewal. One of the significant factors is due to the age of our Churches across Canada.

Planned Legacy Giving

We continue to be blessed with the generosity of our Church members. We received donations from the families of Jim Munro and Loree Turnbull.

Legacy gifts help fund our congregation's ongoing ministries, build our reserves, facilitate new ministry programs and opportunities and help our congregation in the future. These gifts come in the form of:

- Bequests – you can make a gift in your will to any area of the church or divide your gift among several programs and ministries
- Annuities – you make a gift now; you receive a charitable donation receipt for a portion of your gift; you receive guaranteed semi-annual payments for life
- Life Insurance – a substantial future gift is created to support the ministry and mission of the church
- RRSP's, RRIF's and TFSA's – a substantial future gift is created to support the ministry and mission of the church; your estate receives a charitable donation receipt that will offset taxes, which will in turn replenish the value of your estate; designating a ministry as the beneficiary of a policy helps avoid probate fees on these gifts

If you are interested in making a difference in the financial future of Stamford Lane United Church please speak to Reverend Harvey Tobey or Dennis Gilmore.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Gilmore, Chair of Trustees

Finance Committee Report

Greetings to everyone:

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank and let everyone know, especially during this challenging year of Covid19, how generous everyone has been in your continued support of OUR church, Stamford Lane United.

It has been a challenge, but with your generosity and a much appreciated help from government programs, we have seen ourselves through another year.

We must not overlook saying thank you to Leslie and especially Ray, for their tireless efforts in collecting and recording our offerings and keeping us up to date with all the new and challenging information/programs coming from the United Church of Canada and our governments.

I am sure that Ray will have more details to add about our Church's income and governments programs in his report to you, as treasurer.

“Well done thou good and faithful servants “

Tim Zavitz

Chair of Finance for 2020.

Church Givings for 2020

Church Donations by 177 contributors to the general operations of the church in 2020

Number of Families	Donation
11	Less than \$50
14	\$50-\$100
12	\$100 - \$200
30	\$200 - \$500
44	\$500 - \$1,000
32	\$1,000 - \$2,000
18	\$2,000 - \$3,000
8	\$3,000 - \$5000
8	More than \$5,000

Notes on Treasurer's Statement for 2020

We all need to realize that 2020 will have a HUGE Asterisk beside it for so many reasons. The church building was closed for worship from March through September. Since we returned, we have had to limit the number able to worship in the sanctuary. We have received unprecedented government grants which has coloured our financial picture. As a congregation, you have truly supported your church and I am pleased to share the financial statements with you.

I would remind you that there are 4 main ways you can continue to support Stamford Lane: using Offering Envelopes, Post-dated cheques, e-transfers (to Treasurer@StamfordLaneUnited.ca) and PAR – the United Church's automatic deposit service. All eligible money received will be credited to your 2021 Tax Receipt. If you require assistance to make a donation, please contact Ray or Leslie. We are here to help.

INCOME:

- Local Offering was only down from 2019 by \$4,000
- Rent revenue was down significantly, as our building was completely closed for 3+ months
- Amazingly, the Turkey Dinner Proceeds & Sponsorships are similar to 2019
- The Government of Canada made a loan/grant available to some churches; we qualify because we have rental income and report it on our charity report. It is an interest-free loan until December, 2022. If it is completely paid by then, one-third is given to us as a grant - \$20,000. The Government also made a wage subsidy available to us. This wage subsidy started at 75% of wages (with a cap) and is decreasing over time. It also requires us to compare income from 2019 to that of 2020 in the formula. This grant is continuing for the first half of 2021, but no details of its calculation have been released. Transitions Canada qualified for the rent subsidy and we received a grant of \$1,733.27.
- The Niagara Extension Council gave us \$1,500.00 towards the cost of our Land Registration that we paid in 2019. They also gave each church in the former Niagara Presbytery a COVID Grant of \$2,500.00.

EXPENSES:

- Salaries are as budgeted.
- Worship & Service
 - Most are normal, but Council did approve Goats, Sheep, & Donkeys, and so that line is over budget.
- Christian Ed & Development
 - We only spent \$150 on Sunday School supplies early in the year.
- Operating & Building
 - Office Expenses included service charges, postage, supplies and printing, computer program licenses
 - The purchase of a new office computer was approved by Council
 - Here is where we show investing \$20,000 from the General Fund

We received **\$60,281.38** more than we spent and so our General Fund Balance on Dec. 31, 2020 was **\$68,967.85**

Of this, \$60,000 is the CEBA loan/grant and \$8,967.85 is cash in the General Fund, very close to our 2019 balance.

**Stamford Lane United Church
Receipts and Disbursements
for the year ended December 31, 2020**

INCOME	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2020</i>
Local Offering	\$160,602.90		91.8%	175,000	
Loose Collections	505.00		20.2%	2,500	
Initial Offering	181.00		60.3%	300	
Christmas Offering	665.00		33.3%	2,000	
FundScrip	-			300	
Misc. – FUNd Ctte	-			500	
Misc. – Good News Unit	1,000.00		100.0%	1,000	
Misc. – HST Rebates	3,951.19		131.7%	3,000	
Misc. – In-Touch Committee	200.00		6.7%	3,000	
Misc. – Thompson Endowment Fund	2,499.19		100.0%	2,500	
Misc. – Turkey Dinner Proceeds	2,401.37		96.1%	2,500	
Misc. – Turkey Sponsorships	5,875.00		117.5%	5,000	
Misc. – UCW Pies	506.00		33.7%	1,500	
National & Region Assessment Collection	70.00		3.5%	2,000	
Rent Revenue	11,633.98		56.8%	20,500	
Sunday School Offerings	<u>80.00</u>		26.7%	<u>300</u>	
Sub-Total Income, 2020		\$190,170.63			\$221,900
Income needed from other Sources			273.1%	35,302	
Misc. – CEWS (Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy)	30,666.06				
Misc. – CEBA (Loan)	40,000.00				
Misc. – CEBA (Grant)	20,000.00				
Misc. – CECRA (Rent Subsidy)	1,733.27				
Misc. – Niagara Extension Council Grant	<u>4,000.00</u>				
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$286,569.96</u>			<u>\$257,202</u>
EXPENSES	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2020</i>
SALARIES					
Salaries, Wages	\$123,465.00		86.9%	\$142,026	
Minister's Travel Allowance	667.80		16.7%	4,000	
Supply – Sabbatical, Pulpit, Organ, Custodian	<u>390.00</u>		8.7%	<u>4,500</u>	
		\$124,522.80	82.7%		\$150,526
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
Church's Share of Employee Benefits	24,204.59		81.5%	29,700	
Minister's Continuing Education & Book Allowance	<u>1,506.00</u>		100.0%	<u>1,506</u>	
		25,710.59	82.4%		31,206

EXPENSES (continued)	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>% of</i> <i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2020</i>
WORSHIP & SERVICE					
Appreciation Garden	220.35		29.4%	750	
Choir Expenses			0.0%	400	
Fellowship Hour	42.14		16.9%	250	
Licencing (CCLI)	338.08		130.0%	260	
Organ and Piano Tuning			0.0%	500	
National & Regional Assessment	9,710.00		100.0%	9,710	
Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts	745.19		74.5%	1,000	
Worship Expenses ((+Conference Delegate)	<u>1,056.77</u>		111.2%	<u>950</u>	
		12,112.53	87.6%		13,820
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT					
Children's Time			0.0%	200	
Financial Assistance – Cave Springs Camp	-		0.0%	450	
Leadership Development, Books, Bibles	-		0.0%	200	
Library			0.0%	500	
Special Events			0.0%	700	
Sunday School Supplies & Curriculum	146.35		29.3%	500	
Youth Work	<u>0.00</u>		0.0%	<u>200</u>	
		146.35	5.3%		2,750
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Custodial Supplies	2,228.65		85.7%	2,600	
Fuel	9,095.48		75.8%	12,000	
Office Expenses	4,457.40		68.6%	6,500	
Office Equipment Renewal	825.52				
Office Telephone & Internet	1,407.17		93.8%	1,500	
Transfer to Investments	20,000.00				
Utilities	<u>5,058.83</u>		56.2%	<u>9,000</u>	
		43,073.05	136.3%		31,600
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND					
Elevator Maintenance Contact & Licence	705.00		54.2%	1,300	
Fire Monitoring	1,593.03		66.4%	2,400	
General Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance	12,083.83		80.6%	15,000	
Insurance	<u>6,341.40</u>		104.0%	<u>6,100</u>	
		20,723.26	83.6%		24,800
CONTINGENCY					
	-		0.0%	<u>2,500</u>	
		<u>0.00</u>	0.0%		<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$226,288.58</u>	80.2%		<u>\$257,202</u>
RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS					
		<u>\$ 60,281.38</u>			
GENERAL FUND BALANCE at BEGINNING of Year		<u>\$ 8,686.47</u>			
GENERAL FUND BALANCE at END of Year		<u>\$ 68,967.85</u>			
GENERAL Fund is composed of:	CEBA Loan	\$ 40,000.00			
	CEBA Grant	\$ 20,000.00			
	Cash	\$ 8,967.85			

DIRECTED FUNDS

- Broadview: 7 families subscribe
- Choirs: the income and expenses were mostly for the Karaoke Night held last January.
- Dinners: the income & expenses were from the Perhaps Love concert held last February
- The 2019 rebate - \$362.03 and the 2020 rebate of \$271.03 remain in the line.
- Good News Unit income was chiefly from their Chili & Trivia night; expenses were at their direction.
- Hymn Sing was planned for April and took place in November
- Investment Holding – here is where we moved money from Directed Funds to Investments.
- The Memorial fund was used to purchase a new projector for the sanctuary.
- I have a mea culpa here. Early last January, we received a memorial donation of \$25 from the funeral home, with the instruction that the person get a tax receipt for the money in 2019. We did this, but I reported the \$25 as in the Memorial Fund in the 2019 Annual Report. I should not have done that. Thus you will see that the amount in the Memorial Fund to start 2020 is \$25 less than reported in the 2019 Annual Report. I won't be making that mistake again.
- M&S funds are remitted to the United Church of Canada quarterly. This year we sent \$21,761.20, which includes a donation of \$1,500 from GNU; also \$422.00 collected for World Development.
- Mission Ctte: income is from Pancake Lunch; expenses: \$600 to Women's Place of South Niagara.
- Organ was tuned in October -- \$484.77
- Planned Legacy Giving: received donations from the Munro & Turnbull families.
- On behalf of others we collected \$625 for Guardians of Hope, \$1,625 for NF Community Outreach, and \$2,915 for Project Share; the White Gift collected \$5,060 and all the moneys left after purchasing the food vouchers was given to Project Share

The **INVESTMENTS** report summarizes our investment portfolio.

STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH DIRECTED FUNDS YEAR END 2020

<i>Category</i>	<i>Balance, Jan. 1, 2020</i>	<i>Received this Year</i>	<i>Paid out this Year</i>	<i>Balance, Dec. 31, 2020</i>
Audio Visual	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 0.00
Benevolent Fund	1,128.96	400.00	(100.00)	1,428.96
Broadview (formerly Observer)	0.00	175.00	(175.00)	0.00
Cave Springs Camp	0.00		()	0.00
Choirs	1,534.91	1,197.34	(829.61)	1,902.64
Church Garden	16.77	366.67	(255.70)	127.74
Dinners	0.00	7,040.00	(3,616.54)	3,423.46
Foster Child	1,922.50	-	(504.00)	1,418.50
Fundscrip	0.00	4,998.06	(4,365.00)	633.06
Good News Unit	3,270.35	3,821.05	(2,755.00)	4,336.40
Guardians of Hope	0.00	625.00	(625.00)	0.00
Hymn Sing		1,560.00	()	1,560.00
In Touch Committee	2,917.88	710.00	(810.07)	2,817.81
Investment Holding			(40,000.00)	(40,000.00)
Java 98	606.16	-	()	606.16
Memorial Fund	2,452.20	3,982.17	(711.88)	5,722.49
Mission & Service **	0.00	21,339.20	(21,339.20)	0.00
Mission Committee	628.32	652.25	(600.00)	680.57
Niagara Falls Community Outreach	0.00	1,625.00	(1,625.00)	0.00
Organ Fund	4,081.46	-	(484.77)	3,596.69
Planned Legacy Giving (TD)	3,000.00	6,000.00	()	9,000.00
Project Share	0.00	2,915.00	(2,915.00)	0.00
Student Fund	3,909.78	220.00	(500.00)	3,629.78
Tri-M	485.47	-	()	485.47
White Gift	0.00	5,060.00	(5,060.00)	0.00
Women's Place of South Niagara	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	0.00
World Development	0.00	422.00	(422.00)	0.00
Youth Work	974.99	-	(508.00)	466.99
TOTAL Directed	\$26,929.75	\$ 63,133.74	(\$ 88,251.77)	\$ 1,836.72

INVESTMENTS	
	Investors Group
Opening Balance	\$ 746,952.59
Amount Invested	60,000.00
Amount Redeemed	
Closing Balance	\$ 848,907.12

Budget 2021 Comments

Income:

- Directed Funds available to be transferred if necessary: Concerts/Dinners \$3.4K; Planned Legacy \$4K; FunScrip \$0.3K; Hymn Sing \$1.4K
- Government Grants \$5K
- Still need to find \$28K to balance the anticipated expenses in 2021

Salaries:

- Nominally a 2.2% increase; Administrative Asst 8 hrs/wk; Communications Asst 4 hrs/wk

Benefits:

- Church's Share is a calculated amount

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- Appreciation Garden reduced to \$300
- Licensing increased to \$350 to allow for the streaming license option
- National & Regional Assessment is increased according to the formula (based on 4.5% of income of 2019)

Christian Education & Development

- As 2020

Operating

- Largely as 2020

Building Maintenance

- Trees are gone, so General Repairs is reduced to 10,000
- Insurance forecast increase of 30%

STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED BUDGET 2021

	Actual, 2020		Budget, 2020		Proposed, 2021	
<u>INCOME</u>						
Local Offering	\$160,602.90		\$175,000		\$165,000	
Loose Collections	505.00		2,500		2,500	
Initial Offering	181.00		300		300	
Christmas Offering	665.00		2,000		2,000	
FundScrip			300		200	
Misc. - FUNd Committee			500		500	
Misc. – HST Rebate	3,951.19		3,000		3,500	
Misc. - Good News Unit	1,000.00		1,000		1,000	
Misc. - In-Touch Committee	200.00		3,000		2,000	
Misc. – Thompson Endowment	2,499.19		2,500		2,500	
Misc. – Turkey Dinner Proceeds	2,401.37		2,500		2,000	
Misc. – Turkey Sponsorships	5,875.00		5,000		5,000	
Misc. – UCW Pies	506.00		1,500		500	
National & Region Dues	70.00		2,000		1,500	
Rent Revenue	11,633.98		20,500		20,000	
Sunday School Offerings	<u>80.00</u>		<u>300</u>		<u>300</u>	
Sub-Total Income		\$190,170.63		\$221,900		\$208,800
Transferred from Directed Funds					9,000	
Misc. – Government Grants – Wage Subsidy	30,666.06				5,000	
Misc. – Government Grants – Rent Subsidy	1,733.27					
Misc. – CEBA Loan	40,000.00					
Misc. – CEBA Grant	20,000.00					
Misc. – Niagara Extension Council Grant	<u>4,000.00</u>					
Other sources, required to Balance Budget				<u>40,302</u>	<u>30,599</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$286,569.96		\$262,202		\$253,399
<u>EXPENSES</u>						
SALARIES						
Minister’s Salary	\$82,818.00		\$82,818		84,648	
Minister’s Travel Allowance	667.80		4,000		4,000	
Music Director’s Salary	7,133.00		12,228		12,504	
Music Accompanist’s Salary	6,114.00		12,228		12,504	
Administrative Assistant’s Salary	7,640.00		16,236		7,644	
Communication Assistant’s Salary	1,244.00				3,804	
Church Custodian’ Salary	18,516.00		18,516		18,924	
Supply – Sabbatical, Pulpit, Organ, Custodian	<u>390.00</u>		<u>4,500</u>		<u>4,500</u>	
		\$124,522.80		\$150,526		148,528
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
Church’s Share of Employees’ Benefits	24,204.59		29,700		29,500	
Minister’s Continuing Education & Book Allowance	<u>1,506.00</u>		<u>1,506</u>		<u>1,536</u>	
		25,710.59		31,206		31,036

STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED BUDGET 2021

	Actual, 2020		Budget, 2020		Proposed, 2021	
WORSHIP AND SERVICE						
Appreciation Garden	220.35		750		300	
Choir Expenses			400		400	
Fellowship Hour	42.14		250		250	
Licencing CCLI	338.08		260		350	
Organ & Piano Tuning			500		500	
National & Region Assessment	9,710.00		9,710		12,385	
Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts	745.19		1,000		1,000	
Worship Expenses (including Region Delegate)	<u>1,056.77</u>		<u>950</u>		<u>1,000</u>	
		12,112.53		13,820		16,185
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT						
Children's Time			200		200	
Financial Assistance – Cave Springs Camp			450		450	
Leadership development, Books, Bibles			200		200	
Library			500		500	
Special Events			700		700	
Sunday School Supplies & Curriculum	146.35		500		500	
Youth Work			<u>200</u>		<u>200</u>	
		146.35		2,750		2,750
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Custodial Supplies	2,228.65		2,600		2,700	
Fuel	9,095.48		12,000		12,000	
Office Expenses	4,457.40		6,500		5,000	
Office Equipment Renewal	825.52					
Office Telephone & Internet	1,407.17		1,500		1,800	
Transfer to Investments	20,000.00					
Utilities	<u>5,058.83</u>		<u>9,000</u>		<u>9,000</u>	
		43,073.05		31,600		30,500
BUILDING MAINTENANCE						
Elevator Maintenance Contract & Licence	705.00		1,300		1,500	
Fire Monitoring	1,593.03		2,400		2,400	
General Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance	12,083.83		15,000		10,000	
Insurance	<u>6,341.40</u>		<u>6,100</u>		<u>8,000</u>	
		20,723.26		24,800		21,900
CONTINGENCY			<u>2,500</u>		<u>2,500</u>	
				2,500		<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL		\$226,288.58		<u>\$257,202</u>		<u>\$253,399</u>
MISSION AND SERVICE GOAL		\$21,761.20		<u>\$25,000</u>		<u>\$25,000</u>

2021 Stamford Lane United Church is online.

Worship will be posted 10am. Sundays on

www.Facebook.com/stamfordlaneunitedchurch or www.StamfordLaneUnited.ca

Like, Follow, and Share with friends. It is the same link every week and is available all week.

January 24 Rev. Harvey Tobey *In The Bulb*
January 31 Paul Fast *A Prophet Like Unto Me*
February 7 Glad Klassen *Sink or Save... is that you Jesus?*

Online congregational check up. Sunday, February 7, 11:00am

a time to gather online with friends and update everyone on how you are doing.

plan to share your family news,

a link with instructions will be in your email before the meeting.

February 14 Rev. Cathie Ellarby *Transfiguration*

Valentine's Day Pancake Lunch Drive Through Feb 14.

*in support of Ronald McDonald House & Nova House (Women's Place of South Niagara)
2 hotcakes, an orange, apple juice and a valentine! \$5 (exact change if paying at pick-up).*

Pre-Orders only by Feb 7: 905-354-8841 email givings@Stamfordlaneunited.ca

*Stamford Lane United Church Drive Through at the Glass Doors of the Church,
Enter St. John St. from Portage Rd or St Peter Ave. Sponsored by Niagara Falls McDonald's.*

Then... send me your Valentine lunch pictures ... with you in it before the fast!

minister@stamfordlaneunite.ca

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday February 17. Let's get in shape Sundays at Home!?!)

Coldest Night Of The Year Walk is happening again, February 20.

We were team champions last year!

Alastair Davis is putting together a team to walk separately this year. Plan to walk 5 kilometres somewhere safely on your own, there is no walking together, you and your sponsors will be supporting Project SHARE. Contact Alastair to join team Stamford Lane! Noreen Bradshaw has already registered and was an amazing fund raiser enthusiast last year.

Alastair Davis alastairdavis9@gmail.com

If you know of a pastoral concern,

Please call Harvey: office 905-354-8841, home 905-354-1409.

or email minister@stamfordlaneunited.ca

Prayers and Blessings Rev. Harvey Tobey

