

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 2021

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

Welcome & Worship

February 6, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

Call the meeting to order:

- *... **Motion to conduct the business** of Stamford Lane United Church in the name of Jesus, Saviour and Head of the church, by email or zoom until it is safe to gather in person and that any urgent matters may be dealt with by the Council or Executive by email, zoom or in person as able.

Moved by _____ and Seconded by _____

Action:

- *... **Motion to accept Minutes** of the annual meeting of Stamford Lane United Church February 2021... pages 7-9

Moved by _____ and Seconded by _____

Action:

- *... Motion to accept Stamford Lane United Church Reports for 2021...pages 1-6,10-23

Moved by _____ and Seconded by _____

Action:

- *... Motion to accept Stamford Lane United Financial Reports for 2021... pages 24-26

Moved by _____ and Seconded by _____

Action:

- *... Motion to accept Proposed 2022 Budget and Mission and Service Goal for 2022 as \$25,000

Moved by _____ and Seconded by _____

Action:

- *... **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 Janet Coker, Vera Packham & Lynn Marshall who are retiring from council.

Moved by _____ and Seconded by _____

Action:

New Business

Adjourn

Benediction

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Minister's Report

2021 has been a year of trying.

I thank you for trying to be hope-filled as that is what enables all that we are able to achieve together and separately. The year was an experience of together and separate that continued to draw us forward on the learning curve from the year before. Our pandemic has us constantly re-working every kind of plan. With the help of a devoted congregation, supportive council, committed staff and volunteers, we have been able to ride the waves of shifting safety plans, finances and worship outlines to focus on caring for each other with genuine, faithful affection.

We began the year with the Baptism of James Alexander Fisher. James and his family gathering in the quiet sanctuary was a trusting sign of hope for the future. The following weeks saw friends offering to lead worship online. Paul Fast, Rev. Cathie Ellarby and Glad Klassen provided an inspiring blessing for me and the church as COVID protocols overwhelmed our ability to be together. Our church has been proactive in tending to the safety of the congregation that continues to be Stamford Lane United. This has meant that we would grow in our ability to provide online worship while trying to connect in meaningful ways.

Our In-Touch Committee remains a blessing, and is always so well organized thanks to the leadership of Diane Becken. The constant tending to people living in about fifteen residential care homes, as well as those who are at home alone and those bereaved, is an ongoing mission of our church. While maintaining a COVID Safety Plan with Public Health, we were also able to put together a COVID Response Plan with supportive connections to those most effected financially by this pandemic. The Mission Committee has been walking with us through these changes from the coldest night to the mitten tree. This year also saw the emergence of a Teen Committee focused on mission work, filling hygiene kits for those in need. The Christian Education committee supported the development of Sunday school in the gym with Rev. Cathie Ellarby while continuing home contact with about 80 children of our church; simple reminders that we are not alone. I know that many calls, cookies, and smiling eyes have brought our church this far and encourages everyone to keep trying.

Online worship during Lent saw Gail Goar warm us up with exercises, Krystin Schram lead Yoga, Anna Marie Warriner brought her garden of healthy plants, Sara Maida Nicol helped us find our voice while we let go and held on. After Easter communion, our staff and volunteers worked double duty to produce worship for spring and summer. Along with Cathie, Paul and Glad, the leader of our worship and congregational concerns committee, Barbara Cole, also lead a summer service. Ray Marshall has been keeping this church and our finances in order while sharing the story of his support for the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council of the United Church. This continues to involve more zoom meetings and phone calls than ever. Ray is always tending to the church inside and out while preparing the garden each year for the appreciation of others.

Thank you to all who volunteer and support your church in ways that encourage others to keep trying. You are the church, the living word of God that inspires us all, especially staff, to be the best we can be. Sponsoring a turkey seems like just a bit of fun, but that dinner helps us meet our expenses each year along with every other donation of money, time and talent. Every card of care, every song sung by a child or an old friend, every call and every prayer you offer, enabled Bryanna, Ryan, Anne, Bryce, Bobby, Lucie, Leslie, Linda, Sara and I to become the best social media team this church has ever seen!

September and October were busy with delayed funerals and weddings. Sunday worship remained online since Christmas of 2020, after just a few months of limited, distanced worship together. This fall we delayed going inside and enjoyed the worship outside with the neighbours and birds in the parking lot. We gradually began singing together and filled the canoe for Project SHARE on Thanksgiving. We then led the way for area churches in requiring full vaccination and mask to attend church. This proved to enable us to build and grow back together. Lucie and the Property Committee had everything ready while Barbara Cole and the Renovations Committee were putting the final touches to the new look of the Friendship room. Walking, sewing, Bible Study and Sunday School resumed inside together. We followed the strictest guidelines and safely plans as we brought our choirs together. We almost filled the church again with song, faith and friends.

This year has continued to highlight concern about enabling the best worship experience for the struggling numbers of attendees, viewers and givers. While these numbers have dropped, and we continue to grieve the passing of dear friends, we also welcomed several people to choirs and church. We have seen the church meet expenses thanks in large part to more people adjusting your giving through direct deposit, PAR, as well as government grants which are coming to an end. The average attendance in October & November was about 72 with another 72 viewing online. Thank you.

Trying to meet you where you are in your own faith journey each year finds fulfillment in the sacred conversations and moments, like when the birds sang along with the choirs, when Preston William Walstra asked to be Baptised, and when Rev. Cathie Ellarby led the Christmas pageant with the Sunday School and Choirs on December 19. This is the inspiration we need to keep trying. Even though another wave of COVID has closed our province down again, 2021 Christmas Communion online with Terrence and Alyssa Wu was seen across the country as a gift; our gift to the church; our gift of commitment to keep trying because we know what is, what was, and what can be.

Thank you for the Blessings and Prayers
Blessings and Prayers

Rev. Harvey Tobey
Office 905-354-8841, Home 905-354-1409, minister@stamfordlaneunited.ca

Message from Council Chair

I'd like to start 2022 by expressing my great pride and appreciation for the people in our congregation and staff. As we continuously evolve and adapt through these times of flux, we've managed to maintain our principles, and see growth within the Church. A major renovation of our Friendship room is now almost complete and our Children's Choir continues to grow. As our Creed says "We are not alone"; we have a supportive, caring and hope filled community committed to spiritual nourishment and healing. Our generosity in the community has been inspiring. We have made considerable contributions to Women's Place, Project Share, World Mission, and Niagara's Homeless, just to mention only a few. We gather faithfully in our Church, and our homes. We shine a light of hope, peace, joy, and love for each other every day whether in-person or from a distance. Our passion continues in building a firm foundation following Christ's teachings. We are the Church; we are amazing. I'm proud to be part of this Church.

Thank you for your continued support and please read your committee reports, within these pages, to follow our incredible work.

God Bless
Dan Monteith
Council Chair

2021 Stamford Lane United Church Statistics

Membership Roll as of January 1, 2021	300
Received by Profession of Faith & Transfer	0
Removed by Correction	7
Removed by Death	11
Removed by Council	8
Removed by Request	0
Membership Roll as of December 31, 2021	274

Families under Stamford Lane United Church Pastoral Charge	245
Families who contribute financially to the operation of Stamford Lane United	149
Families who support the Mission & Service of the United Church	65
Average Attendance Website/Youtube Oct/Nov	72
Average Attendance In House Oct/Nov	72

Stamford Lane Council 2021

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

Chair: Dan Monteith
Vice-Chair: Dan Taylor
Administrative Assistant: Leslie Maddalena

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

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

Also attended: Janet Kaine & Peter Land

Stamford Lane Trustees

ANDERSON, Bryce
ARNOTT, Anne
CATTANACH, Bob
DEMPSEY, Mary
GILMORE, Dennis-Chair

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

Director of Music Sara Maida-Nicol
Music Accompanist Linda Bruch
Church Custodian Lucie McCarthy
Communication Assist. Bryanna Johnson
Sunday School Paisley January-Pool
Sunday School Rev. Cathie Ellarby

Extension Council:
Representative: Tim Zavitz

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

Sunday Nursery Teanna Scott
Explorer Leader Paisley January-Pool
Bell Choirs Laura Sparkman
Praise Team Fred Ellarby
Women's Group Jane Shores
Turkey Team Afshin Malekzadeh

Council Committees 2022

** executive * committee member only

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

Administrative Assistant: **Leslie Maddalena

Chair: **Dan Monteith
Vice-Chair: **Dan Taylor
Administrative Assistant: **Leslie Maddalena

Christian Education

Chair: **Sandra Cowan
Paisley Janvary-Pool (Sunday School)
Vivian Lapp, Ginny Paterson
Mary MacDonnell,
Mary Schmagala
*Rev. Cathie Ellarby * Diane Beckon

Worship/Congregational Concerns

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

Finance

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

Audio/Visual

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

Mission and Outreach

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 Arseneau—Member Emeritus
Barbara Cole
Gail Goar
Janet Harris
Mary Ann Harrison
Paisley Janvary-Pool
Lynn Marshall
Donna Walker *Joanne Fast
*Pam Gilmore *Cathie Ellarby
*Jane Shores *April Zavitz

Ministry and Personnel

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

Rental

Chair: Paisley Janvary-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 2022

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

Nominated to February 2024: Janet Harris, Bryanna Johnson, Leslie Maddalena, Sara Maida-Nicol, Ray Marshall, Dan Monteith, Donna Walker

Until February 2025: Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Sandra Cowan, Alastair Davis, Mary Dempsey, Evan Gillespie, Jacki Hackett, Janet Kaine, Peter Land, Vivian Lapp, Marion Lennox, Joan MacKenzie, Afshin Malekzadeh, Mary Schmagala, Tim Zavitz

and anyone who volunteers by February 7, 2022

Board of Trustees:

Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Bob Cattanach, Mary Dempsey, Dennis Gilmore (chairperson), Paisley Janvary-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 Janvary-Pool

Evan Gillespie

All positions are asked to stay in place.

Stamford Lane United Church

Annual Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2021 @ 11:00

Meeting conducted via Zoom

Dan Monteith called the meeting to order at 11:11

Harvey remembered people who had passed in 2020 by name and offered a prayer.

Attendance:

Bryce & Pauline Anderson, Dave & Anne Arnott, Barbara Arseneau, Diane Becken, Kim Becken, Linda Boucher, June Chevalier, Sandra Cowan, Barbara Cole, Lorraine & Alastair Davis, Mary Dempsey, Cathie & Fred Ellarby, Will & Darlene Foster, Dennis & Pamela Gilmore, Jacki Hackett, Mary Ann Harrison, Janet Kaine, Donald King, Vivian Lapp, Marion Lennox, Dan & Sharon MacDonnell, Mary MacDonnell, Wendy McCabe, Leslie Maddalena, Afshin Malekzadah, Dan & Carolyn Monteith, Ray & Lynn Marshall, Anne Molnar, Sara Maida-Nicol, Suzanne Parnell, Ginny Patterson, Paul & Beverly Patterson, Paisley Janvary Pool, Tracey Schroeder, Dan Taylor, Christopher Tobey, Barbara Tobey, Rev. Harvey Tobey, Hope Tobey, David & Dawn Young, Lynn Young, Tim & Geraldine Zavitz...Chance Lynam, Raffiella & Sibilla Malekzadah, Andie & Hallie Molnar, Maddy Tobey

The following motions were presented to Council via email asking for their approval by responding to the email.

Motions for approval by council

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

Please Reply by email before January 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

Approve _____ Not approve _____

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

Approve _____ Not approve _____ Approve with the following corrections _____

CARRIED _____

All corrections will be considered and made before document is posted on the website as well as sent by email to the congregation by the end of January.

*... **Motion to accept Stamford Lane United Church Reports for 2020...pages 1-3,14-27**

Moved by Dan MacDonnell and Seconded by Leslie Maddalena

Approve _____ Not approve _____ Approve with the following corrections _____

CARRIED _____

*... **Motion to accept Stamford Lane United Financial Reports for 2020... pages 28-32**

Moved by Ray Marshall and Seconded by Leslie Maddalena

Approve _____ Not approve _____ Approve with the following corrections _____

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

Approve _____ Not approve _____ Approve with the following corrections _____

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

Approve _____ Not approve _____ Approve with the following corrections _____

CARRIED _____

Congregation unanimously agreed to the actions of Council as presented and read by Leslie Maddalena.

Reverend Tobey connected with everyone at the meeting and allowed them time to tell their COVIDstory and spend time visiting with friends.

Reverend Tobey offered closing remarks and a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Horseshoe Falls Region

Horseshoe Falls Region held 2 virtual meetings in 2021 -- one at the end of May and again in the middle of October. The May meeting saw the Region elect a new President and Commissioners to the 44th General Council that will be held virtually from February through July. Rev. Tobey, Mary Ann Harrison, & I attended parts of these meetings. The Region is exploring ways that it can be of more assistance and guidance to congregations and they have noted a disconnect with the loss of Presbyteries. The President for 2022 is Rev. Robert Lawson of Fonthill United Church. Committee reports and minutes are always available on the Region Website: <https://hfrcucc.ca/>. Delegates are asked to reserve the weekend of May 27 through 29 for the HFRC Spring meeting. It is hoped that it can be in person and with that possibility in mind the Meridian Centre, Fonthill, has been reserved for the weekend.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Marshall

In Memoriam

Joyce Long	January 1	Marilyn Alice Mesaros †	July 2
Elizabeth Hallam †	January 29	Kenneth James Sorley	July 18
Bryan Blackman †	January 29	Beverly Cowan † ††	August 8
Peter Moote †	February 5	Trixie Sandlac † ††	September 2
Evelyn Mae Wightman †	February 22	Edward Chang	September 16
Vera Erica Todd †	March 9	Amy Esther Graham	September 17
Mary Davies †	March 21	James Wayne Gilmore †	November 2
Robert Chagnon † ††	March 31	Edward William James Felstead	November 19
Brian Davies ††	May 3	Leo William Holmes	November 20
Arthur Hemstreet	May 6	Kelly Eleanor Smith	November 21
Erna Naslund	May 25	Dorothy MacKenzie	December 5
Norman Konkle	June 26	Rose Cerminara	December 10
		Marion Bedell	December 26

† Member

†† No funeral date at this time

Marriage Blessings

Matthew Douglas Schram & Corinne Mariel Kandray	September 5
Darryl Andrew Minard & Thi Kim Nen Khuu	September 16
Calvin Robert John Pagnotta & Sara Lillian Van Dyk	October 1
Brandon MacWhirter & Jenn Page	October 1—conducted by Rev. Lorraine Davis
Geoffrey John Ryall & Syreeta Vidal Rhoden	October 10
Matthew James Milner & Meghan Elizabeth Daniels	October 16

Baptisms

James Alexander Fisher	Son of Garrett Fisher & Shannon MacDonnell	January 10
Preston William Walstra	Son of William Walstra & Megan Comeau	November 21

Ministry and Personnel

This is a committee to support staff and parishioners. We are a confidential and supportive committee available to all and meet three (3) or four (4) times a year or as needed.

Our volunteer committee consists of: Chair Paisley Janvary-Pool 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 Rev. Harvey Tobey celebrated his 25th Anniversary with Stamford Lane United Church on July 1st. During our ZOOM council meeting he was presented with a 25th Anniversary cake and Thank you card. We thank him for his leadership, dedication and kindness through these 25 Years.

We are grateful for our dedicated staff: Leslie, Lucie, Sara, Linda and Bryanna, but especially to our minister, Rev. Harvey Tobey for all the assistance that he always provides to all of us.

Submitted by Anne Arnott

Christian Education and Development

This has not been a typical year, thanks to our COVID virus. We have had to be very cautious bringing groups of children together, to avoid viral spread. We were previously able to hold Sunday School in the gym, socially distanced and taking many necessary precautions. A big thank you to our volunteers who assist Mrs. January-Pool and Rev. Cathie Ellarby in running our Sunday School program. We would be amiss not to recognize Sara for all of the Christian Education she does through her music program. We enjoyed a Christmas pageant prior to our shut down, and enjoyed having Santa read scripture. After the pageant, children were given a gift bag from Santa's elf (thank you Mary MacDonnell) and bags were delivered to those children in isolation. The Christian Education Committee continues to sponsor 1/3 of the cost to attend Cave Springs Camp, a United church camp. We look forward to meeting together again soon!

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Cowan

Bible Study

Bible Study was able to enjoy the new Friendship room for a few weeks after moving in from outside this fall. We look forward to you joining us for this time of sharing our stories in relation to God's story. When we start meeting again, do consider this group of 15-20 caring souls as your group.

I consider it my personal prayer and sermon preparation group!

Sunday School

We were very excited to be meeting again in the gym beginning on October 17th. We set up our own little sanctuary and from small beginnings quickly grew to a wonderful multi-age community. Together we learned to seek God's will for our lives and to make new friendships.

We studied 6 of the Major Prophets and were blessed to have found beautiful banners that had been made some years before to hang as our backdrop. Several of our enthusiastic teens came in each Sunday to assist with set up and to help the little children with Fred Ellarby's guidance, make crafts that further reinforced the bible lesson.

In November we began to rehearse for the 2021 Christmas Pageant, "Abigail's Present." All the children who were interested were given a part. We joyfully welcomed Paisley January Pool and Brenda Skinner to tell the Advent stories. Several very kind friends from the congregation joined us along with our ever-present teens, to assist as each child made their own miniature nativity scene. It was lovely for the children to get to know some of the adult congregation.

We were delighted to work on this year's pageant with the Children's, Junior, and Teen Choirs under the direction of our Music Director, Sara Maida Nicol and with the musical accompaniment of our organist, Linda Bruch. Our pageant was made to come alive with the lovingly prepared costumes by Penny Soulsby.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Cathie Ellarby

Appreciation Garden

Once again, this year, I was wondering if we would be able to honour some of our faithful and long-serving members.

However, prompted by Rev. Tobey, the committee met and recommended that the Church honour five of our members: Noreen Bradshaw, Cathy Ferland, Mary Ann Harrison, Richard Lambert, and Don Shanks.

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 2022 are available in the office and need to be returned to the office on or before the last banking day of March – that's Thursday, March 31.

On behalf of the Appreciation Garden Committee,
Ray Marshall, Chair, 2021

Walking and Exercise Group

We started back in June after being shut down because of COVID. We walked outside, brought our own chairs and drinks. Some walked long distances, some walked around the block and some walked around the church. Some dogs walked with us as well. When we were tired, we sat down and visit with each other wearing our masks and distancing ourselves. It was enjoyed by all and our numbers grew to 15. We watched the construction of the new sidewalks and roads and all the big machines. In late October we started walking inside as it was too cold outside. Again, in December we were shut down.

Thank you to everyone who participated and we will be back in 2022!

Submitted by Gail Goar

The Sewing Mission Group

The ladies were so pleased to be back at the sewing machines this fall. Unfortunately, we didn't accomplish a great deal since we only got together about 5 or 6 times. We did spend a few weeks working on the drapes for the Friendship Room during the begin of fall. I was so thankful for all the help putting them together and hanging them on the windows. Sewing will resume as soon as we are able, on Fridays at 10:00 am.

Thank you: Alison Wills, Bonnie Fletcher, Carole Jarvis, Jenny Kok, Karen Corey, Lynn Young, Penny Soulsby, Sharon Swayze, Pauline Anderson. Previous members: Jean Chagnon, Vera Todd.

Submitted by Penny Soulsby

In-Touch Committee

2021 was another challenging year.

Cards were printed by Joanne Fast for Rev. Tobey's signature for Valentine's Day, Easter and to remember our Veterans in July and November. Thinking of you and bereavements cards were sent as needed. As many other members of our church family do, we continued to reach out with telephone calls to our church family. We are very grateful to Rev. Tobey for the many trips he made to the retirement homes of our members with newsletters, etc.

We were sorry that Pam Gilmore decided it was time for her to retire from our Committee. Thank you, Pam, for your many visits to our shut-ins and assist with the luncheons.

Poinsettias were purchased again for our shut-ins and bereaved families. It was wonderful to actually see many of them in person again in late November when we delivered the poinsettias.

Our Committee met in person on November 22nd. It was suggested and agreed to keep Barbara Arseneau on as a member of our Committee with the title, "Member Emeritus". We are very grateful for her contributions in the past and her willingness to continue even though not physically. Her input and support are appreciated.

It was agreed not to entertain catering funerals yet. No plans have been made to hold luncheons in the foreseeable future. We will discuss the possibility again in January/February 2022 regarding holding luncheons and catering funerals.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. Continue to 'keep in touch'.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Becken

74th Annual Turkey Dinner

This was another challenging year but the volunteers for the Stamford Lane United Church 74th Annual Turkey Dinner took everything in stride and did not disappoint! Their hard work and dedication “hatched” another very successful event! The dinner was again SOLD OUT thanks to all who purchased and gifted meals to loved ones, and social media was again very helpful in spreading the word. We sold 400 meals, in addition to sponsorships, resulting in a profit of \$9,369.17.

Thank you to Afshin for guiding us through the setback one day before the event; an unforeseen glitch that he and his amazing team were able to resolve so we could all enjoy a wonderful turkey dinner the following week, November 20th. Thank you, 2021 turkey team, for ensuring this year was another successful event for Stamford Lane United Church.

Next year we look forward to our 75th Annual Turkey Dinner!

Your commitment is very much appreciated!

Mission and Outreach Report

Our congregation continued in 2021 to demonstrate strong support for Mission and Service internationally, nationally, and locally. You did not allow the pandemic to mute your commitment to building a stronger community for those in need of our support and assistance. Mission & Service **\$25,753.63**, Local Givings **\$18,516.02** and **Total Givings \$44,269.65**

Mission Pancake Sunday was curb side sponsored by McDonald’s with proceeds to Ronald McDonald House and Women’s Place South Niagara.

Caribbean Workers Outreach Program (CWOP) - due to COVID restrictions we were not actively involved in the program in 2021. I attended the only in person meeting this year and assured them of our continued support and readiness to provide financial assistance in an emergency.

Enormous Garage Sale was held over two days in September with enormous success as the proceeds were \$4,000 including funds from a hot dog BBQ held by our enthusiastic Youth Committee. The proceeds were split evenly with Pathstone Mental Health and Women’s Place South Niagara. An article and picture of the presentations was in Niagara This Week.

Thanksgiving Fill the Canoe was again creatively organized for food donations to be placed in the canoe during the outdoor service, plus cash donations to Project SHARE.

White Gift Program sponsored 40 families with Christmas Food Vouchers with Project SHARE plus an additional **\$1,375.05** to assist families in desperate situations.

Congregational Donations – please see the Mission Givings Chart for more details.

Coldest Night of the Year featured our “Stamford Lane Walkers” who very successfully raised \$9,670.00 directly for Project SHARE which was 2.5 times more than was raised in 2020. This amount does not appear in our Givings Chart as the funds went directly to Project SHARE.

Submitted by... Alastair Davis, Chair Mission Committee

STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH MISSION GIVINGS-2021									
		Good News Unit	Mission Committee	Garage Sale	Pancake	Pasta	W. Dolby, E.D. Fisher Fund	J&A Thompson Endowment	Total
World Mission	Givings								
Mission & Service Fund (UCC)	\$21,651.02	\$1,500.00						\$2,602.61	\$25,753.63
World Development Fund	\$440.00								\$440.00
Guardians of Hope	\$600.00								\$600.00
Foster Child							\$522.00		\$522.00
World Mission Subtotal	\$22,691.02	\$1,500.00					\$522.00	\$2,602.61	\$27,315.63
Local Mission									
Pathstone Foundation				\$2,000.00		\$1,684.66			\$3,684.66
Ronald McDonald House			\$250.00		\$348.23				\$598.23
Niagara Falls Community	\$1,630.00								\$1,630.00
Outreach									
Women's Place of South		\$250.00	\$2,000.00	\$348.23					\$2,598.23
Niagara									
Project Share	\$3,117.85								\$3,117.85
White Gift	\$5,325.05								\$5,325.05
Local Mission Subtotal	\$10,072.90		\$500.00	\$4,000.00	\$696.46	\$1,684.66			\$16,954.02
Grand Total	\$32,763.92	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$4,000.00	\$696.46	\$1,684.66	\$522.00	\$2,602.61	\$44,269.65
Notes:									
Mission & Service Member Givings includes a donation from an estate to M&S of \$2,500									

The Teen Committee

The Teen Committee is lead by Sara Maida Nicol and is focused on mission and outreach while learning about meeting and serving as church. This year they encouraged the church to collect hygiene supplies to be distributed to those in most need through Gateway, residential and support services, and Project SHARE. These Highschool students enabled the filling of 99 boxes. Gateway picked them up and Project Share received the extras. Each box contained soap, shampoo, tooth brush, tooth paste, mittens, socks or a hat, and came with a warm scarf and more. Thank You.

COVID Response

This has been a tough time, but there is a lot of loving care going on in your faith community. With gratitude for the generosity of friends, we were able to establish a COVID Response Plan in 2021 to help meet some of the financial needs in front of us. \$25,200 was directed to your church benevolent fund to assist Transitions Canada with rent as well as 30 local families with food. COVID Response Bursaries were made possible starting in 2021 by the McCall MacBain Foundation and the Fisher Youth Fund of Stamford Lane United Church. \$500 bursaries were granted to Jaid Atkinson, Ben Christian, Kiley Cowan, Camryn Farquharson, Holly Farquharson, Kylie Lambert and Savannah Zavitz. This COVID Response Plan received a great deal of appreciation before its completion last spring. The plan does continue to provide for at least one bursary to be offered this year. Students needing assistance, who are connected to Stamford Lane United, and are continuing in their education after high school can email office@stamfordlaneunited.ca. Thank you for all your support. You are not alone.

The Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree was a great visual reminder of outreach that stood at the glass side doors of our church. Thanks to all of your support, the Teen Committee used lots of mittens, Scarves and socks in their boxes. Paisley and Brenda have sorted the rest of the mittens and they will soon be distributed to local schools.

They are delivering six bags of 15 pairs of Mittens and 10 new hats to each school.

Rental Committee

Rental Committee has had a quiet time but we are thankful for our constant renters: Unifor and Transitions Canada and occasionally the YMCA.

They contribute to the finances as well as the life of the building, especially since these essential services remain open through the shutdowns.

We are pleased to Sponsor a Women's AA program that also started meeting here in 2021.

Yoga

It was another quiet year for the church yoga program. Kristyn continued to offer Zoom classes from her home studio which were well attended as many chose or were locked out of local studios due to COVID. Kristyn has decided to continue with her ZOOM PROGRAM for the next few months which are available to all. Her schedule is:

Monday 930 am YIN YOGA

Tuesday 7pm RESTORATIVE YOGA

Thursday 930 am PILATES MAT LEVEL 1/2

Friday 930 am GENTLE HATHA

COST:

A 10 Class pass is 80\$ with a 6-month expiry date.

If you plan to attend several times a week there is a monthly pass as well for 80\$ which is more cost efficient.

The recorded classes are available to participants as well for one week after they occur.

Please contact Kristyn at kristynschram@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Worship and Congregational Concerns Committee

When this year began, the province was in the middle of its second COVID prevention lockdown. This lockdown continued in varying degrees for quite some time. Our worship services continued on YouTube, Facebook, and the church's website. However, the services were limited in attendance to each service's participants. For some services there were guest speakers and musicians.

Easter Sunday, online attendants were asked to supply their own communion elements and participate from wherever they were.

Although the province began to lift some restrictions, with an abundance of caution the Church Council determined that our Sanctuary would remain closed until the end of summer. Sunday services continued to be pre-recorded and posted online at the appropriate times.

During the summer, major renovation of the Friendship Room went forward, and although not completely finished yet, the vast majority of the work was completed by the beginning of fall.

In September we began to have outdoor Sunday worship in the front parking lot, with participants bringing their own lawn chairs and masks. We held our Thanksgiving Sunday worship outside as well.

Beginning in mid October, services were opened up again for worship, with having full vaccination status for attendees required and checked at the outdoor entrances to the Sanctuary.

Halloween Sunday saw many attendees dressed in costume. For the Remembrance Day service, a trumpeter provided special music.

Advent started on Nov. 29. On December 12 our bell choir, The Rainbow Ringers, provided their special kind of music for the first time since the pandemic started. On Dec. 19 the children's pageant was presented.

Because of the rapid rise of the Omicron COVID variant, the church was closed once again to in-person services. The Christmas Eve service was pre-recorded and made available on Dec. 24, using the same online methods used at the beginning of the year.

On behalf of all the congregation, the Worship Committee wishes to thank Rev. Harvey, our musicians, and guest speakers throughout the year for their skill and flexibility in providing meaningful worship for us throughout 2021 and into 2022.

We ended the year as we began, not sure when we will be able to gather to worship together in the sanctuary again. Still, we are all united in spirit, care, compassion and Christian love.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cole
Chair, Worship and Congregational Concerns Committee

Music

The music program at Stamford Lane started out quietly this year, as the pandemic continued, and much of the music making remained at home. The Adult choir met via ZOOM for weekly rehearsals, learning future anthems and honing music skills. With the church still closed, our worship production team recorded Sunday Service with the help of singers from our Adult and JR/Teen choirs in addition to special guests Sandra Mason and Dan Portanova. In September, we welcomed back all our choirs for in-person rehearsal. With COVID protocols in place, we registered 28 young singers and were able to offer a consistent music program right through to December. In October, the JR/Teen choirs enjoyed a Halloween party with dancing, games and crafts and on November 28th represented Stamford Lane at a local Christmas Market, singing an hour-long program of favourite Christmas carols and hymns. That same morning, our Adult Choir (with the Holy Spirit in between each singer to ensure social distancing), sang their first anthem in church since March 2020. Our group welcomed new members, Trudi & Jaid Atkinson, Mary-Beth Blackman, Mary MacDonnell, Peter Land and Kweku Ekwam, while welcoming back Tim Zavitz.

During Advent, many of our young singers were featured singing solos and duets, and finally sang together on Dec. 19th during our Christmas pageant. Linda and I thank you for the continuous welcoming of those from our local community who consider themselves part of our church family. As the Omicron variant surged, we decided it was best to cancel in-person service on Christmas Eve and go online with the help of Terrence and Alyssa Wu on piano and violin. We are grateful not only for their talents but for their friendship and closeness to our church. Their music always enriches our worship and is truly a blessing.

This was a most challenging year musically and emotionally. With ongoing conversation, we made pragmatic decisions, based on advisory committees from the Royal Conservatory and University of Toronto music departments, to bring back and keep the music going in a safe way. We thank you for trusting us with those decisions. Music heals the heart and it has been our absolute pleasure making music and worshipping with you. We look forward to more beautiful music, lifting spirits and voices of all ages in 2022.

Submitted By: Sara Maida-Nicol & Linda Bruch

Audio Group

The audio group has been idle for most of the past year since services were moved online. We look forward to helping out again someday when in-church services return. Thank You to Anne Molnar who recorded every service last winter and spring. We welcome young Bobby as our very dedicated videographer now.

Paul Fast

Afshin Malekzadeh

Dan MacDonnell

Visual Group

The projection group is small but a part of the service every week. We count on Bryanna to input the service information into the program every week and then the projection is shared between Bryanna and myself on a weekly basis with Glad Klassen filling in when we are both unavailable. Through the pandemic, the projection has allowed us to participate in the hymn singing without having to hold the hymn book while in the church or watching the service on line. The online service has become an essential part of our activities this year and will likely remain so after the pandemic is finished. When the church reopens this small group could certainly use some more members so that there is some backup.

Bryce Anderson

Property Committee

Though 2021 and its pandemic variants restricted our presence, there were significant changes happening at our church, both inside and out.

Our main light fixtures in the sanctuary were outfitted with modern LED units while the city upgraded St. Peter Street with new drainage systems and sidewalks.

The Friendship Room received a major overhaul and the offices; air conditioning!

As always, regardless of a pandemic, our church building needs attention on a weekly, monthly and seasonal basis.

Allow me to thank the property committee for their service this year with a most honourable mention to Cris Beal and Dan Monteith for going far above the normal call of duty. Along with touch ups in the Friendship Room, these two made the closet by the stage in the gym more functional for storage, and repaired the plaster and paint in the sanctuary. And yes, they used a ladder!

Respectfully, Dan MacDonnell

Cris Beal, George Bethune, Will Foster, Richard Lambert, Joan MacKenzie, Dan Taylor

The Fundscrip Program

The church took orders for gift cards in November through the Fundscrip fundraising program. An order of \$8370.00 was placed, including \$3950.00 in grocery cards for our White Gift offerings in support of Project Share. As a result of that order, the church will receive \$282.56. Thanks to all who participated, and to Barb Tobey for her work in administering the program.

Submitted by Mary Dempsey

Friendship Room Renovation

Taking advantage of the opportunity to undertake the renovation of the Friendship Room while the church was closed, at the June 2021 Council meeting such a proposal was made, noting that a major renovation and redecoration had not happened in 30 years. The Council struck an ad hoc committee to provide estimates for this renovation. Members of the committee were: Alastair Davis, Barbara Cole, Cris Beal, Harvey Tobey, Leslie Maddalena, Lynn Marshall, Dan Monteith, and Sara Maida-Nicol. The committee met soon after to determine exactly what would be done and who would get the estimates needed.

The committee gave its report at the July Council meeting. The scope of the work included: air conditioning, new blinds, modification of the hall doors to bring them up to code, new drapes, new flooring, new furniture, new lighting, painting, and a tv for use as an electronic screen. The total estimate was for \$30,120. The Council approved the renovation to be done throughout the summer, taking advantage of the building being closed.

The committee met with an interior designer (Marcy Mussari) for suggestions, and then the work began. Wherever possible, the labour was donated. Almost all of the renovation has now been completed. The only items left involve improvement of the audio system and addition of some art for the walls.

It was anticipated that the building would be open for the fall and the room would be ready for use by church groups (i.e. Bible Study, In Touch et.al.) and also available for rental use upon request. Indeed, the room has been used for these purposes.

At the end of December, 2021, approximately \$26,000 had been spent on this renovation. From July through December, there was also a total of \$19,157.00 donated by members of the church. This amount was applied to the expenditures, leaving a balance of just under \$5900 to be reconciled at this time. Perhaps this can come from one or more of the Directed Funds.

There will be a formal dedication of The Friendship Room when the church is open fully.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cole, Chair
Worship & Congregational Concerns Committee

Trustees Report

Our current trustees are Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, 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.

- 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 continues to perform as expected.
- In June a withdrawal of \$2,500 was made from investments and placed in the Youth Work (Fisher Fund) used towards 7 Bursaries.
- 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. As anticipated the 2021 March renewal saw an increase of 33%. We have been forewarned by Erik Mathiesen, Chief Financial Officer UCC, that our next premium will likely go up by 15% at time of renewal in 2022.

Planned Legacy Giving

We continue to be blessed with the generosity of our Church members. We received a donation from the estate of Margaret Jackson.

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

Women's Group - Good News Unit

2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR GOOD NEWS UNIT

RECEIPTS

Balance forward Dec 31, 2020 \$4,336.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Mission & Service Fund \$ 1,500.00

Flowers for Jane Shores \$ 61.00

Balance on hand Dec 31, 2021 \$ 2,775.40

\$ 4,336.40

\$ 4,336.40

Respectfully submitted,

Jacki Hackett, Treasurer

Financial Statement Notes

Once again, we have ended the year in the black financially. However, I should point out that in order to do so, we needed to transfer over \$6,000 from the Directed Funds to the General Account (these monies were raised for the benefit of the church over the past 3 years) and Emergency Wage Subsidies in the amount of more than \$29,000. Neither of these will be available in 2022 and we will need to find some more sources of income to stay “in the black”.

Church Givings for 2021

Church Donations by 149 Families to support the local church in 2021

<u>Donation</u>	<u>Number of Families</u>
Less than \$50	7
\$50 - \$100	10
\$100 - \$200	12
\$200 - \$500	33
\$500 - \$1,000	40
\$1,000 - \$2,000	24
\$2,000 - \$3,000	15
\$3,000 - \$5,000	4
More than \$5,000	4

**Stamford Lane United Church
Receipts and Disbursements
for the year ended December 31, 2021**

INCOME	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2021</i>
Local Offering	\$152,578.54		92.5%	165,000	
Loose Collections	261.75		10.5%	2,500	
Initial Offering	122.00		40.7%	300	
Christmas Offering	1,572.75		78.6%	2,000	
FundScrip	633.06		316.5%	200	
Misc. – FUNd Ctte				500	
Misc. – Good News Unit				1,000	
Misc. – HST Rebates	2,402.92		68.7%	3,500	
Misc. – In-Touch Committee				2,000	
Misc. – Thompson Endowment Fund	2,602.61		104.1%	2,500	
Misc. – Turkey Dinner Proceeds	829.17		41.5%	2,000	
Misc. – Turkey Sponsorships	8,540.00		170.8%	5,000	
Misc. – UCW Pies				500	
National & Region Assessment Collection				1,500	
Rent Revenue	16,770.26		83.9%	20,000	
Sunday School Offerings	80.00		26.7%	300	
<i>Sub-Total Income, 2020</i>		<i>\$186,393.06</i>			<i>\$208,800</i>
Income needed from other Sources			583.7%	35,302	
Transferred from Directed Funds to General	5,589.62			9,000	
Misc. – CEWS (Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy)	29,186.98			5,000	
<i>TOTAL INCOME</i>		<i>\$221,169.66</i>			<i>\$253,399</i>
EXPENSES	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2021</i>
SALARIES					
Salaries, Wages	\$140,983.50		100.7%	\$140,028	
Minister's Travel Allowance	1,490.21		37.3%	4,000	
Supply – Pulpit, Organ, Custodian	2,991.00		66.5%	4,500	
		\$145,464.71	97.9%		\$148,528
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
Church's Share of Employee Benefits	26,322.58		89.2%	29,500	
Minister's Continuing Education & Book Allowance	1,536.00		100.0%	1,536	
		27,858.58	89.8%		31,036

EXPENSES (continued)	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2021</i>
WORSHIP & SERVICE					
Appreciation Garden	367.25		122.4%	300	
Choir Expenses				400	
Fellowship Hour				250	
Licencing (CCLI)	344.00		98.3%	350	
Organ and Piano Tuning				500	
National & Regional Assessment	12,385.00		100.0%	12,385	
Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts	947.50		94.8%	1,000	
Worship Expenses + Conference Delegate	<u>879.54</u>		88.0%	<u>1,000</u>	
		14,923.29	92.2%		16,185
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT					
Children's Time	80.31		40.2%	200	
Financial Assistance – Cave Springs Camp	-			450	
Leadership Development, Books, Bibles	-			200	
Library				500	
Special Events	142.64		20.4%	700	
Sunday School Supplies & Curriculum	482.04		96.4%	500	
Youth Work	<u>31.96</u>		16.0%	<u>200</u>	
		736.95	26.8%		2,750
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Custodial Supplies	1,495.46		55.4%	2,700	
Fuel	9,184.08		76.5%	12,000	
Office Expenses	3,215.19		64.3%	5,000	
Office Telephone & Internet	1,782.44		99.0%	1,800	
Utilities	<u>5,323.19</u>		59.1%	<u>9,000</u>	
		21,000.36	68.9%		30,500
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND					
Elevator Maintenance Contact & Licence	280.19		18.7%	1,500	
Fire Monitoring	1,708.30		71.2%	2,400	
General Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance	2,338.22		23.4%	10,000	
Insurance	<u>6,910.15</u>		86.4%	<u>8,000</u>	
		11,236.86	51.3%		21,900
CONTINGENCY	-			<u>2,500</u>	
		<u>0.00</u>			<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$221,220.75	87.3%		\$253,3999
RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS(Deficit)		(\$ -51.09)			
GENERAL FUND BALANCE at BEGINNING of Year		\$ 68,967.85			
GENERAL FUND BALANCE at END of Year		\$ 68,916.76			
GENERAL Fund is composed of:	CEBA Loan	\$ 40,000.00			
	CEBA Grant	\$ 20,000.00			
	Cash	\$ 8,916.76			

STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH DIRECTED FUNDS YEAR END 2021

Category	Balance, Jan. 1, 2021	Received this Year	Paid out this Year	Balance, Dec. 31, 2021
Audio Visual	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 0.00
Benevolent Fund	1,428.96	25,382.50	(25,442.77)	1,368.69
Broadview (formerly Observer)	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.00
Cave Springs Camp	0.00		()	0.00
Choirs	1,902.64	476.95	(397.29)	1,982.30
Church Garden	127.74	221.00	(207.92)	140.82
Dinners	3,423.46	0.00	(3,423.46)	0.00
Foster Child	1,418.50	-	(522.00)	896.50
Friendship Room Renovation	0.00	19,157.00	26,013.36	(6,856.36)
Fundscrip	633.06	4,120.00	(4,753.06)	0.00
Good News Unit	4,336.40		(1,561.00)	2775.40
Guardians of Hope	0.00	600.00	(600.00)	0.00
Hymn Sing	1,560.00		(1,560.00)	0.00
In Touch Committee	2,817.81		(325.44)	2,492.37
Investment Holding	(40,000.00)		()	(40,000.00)
Java 98	606.16	-	(606.16)	0.00
Memorial Fund	5,722.49	1,571.25	(2,236.48)	5,057.26
Mission & Service **	0.00	25,753.63	(25,753.63)	0.00
Mission Committee	680.57	4,208.90	(4,684.70)	204.77
Niagara Falls Community Outreach	0.00	1,630.00	(1,630.00)	0.00
Organ Fund	3,596.69	-	()	3,596.69
Pancake Lunch	0.00	815.00	(815.00)	0.00
Pasta for Pathstone	0.00	1,935.00	(1,935.00)	0.00
Planned Legacy Giving (TD)	9,000.00	5,000.00	(2,500.00)	11,500.00
Project Share	0.00	3,117.85	(3,117.85)	0.00
Student Fund	3,629.78	40.00	()	3,669.78
Teen Committee	0.00	1,825.00	()	1,825.00
Tri-M	485.47	-	()	485.47
White Gift	0.00	5,325.05	(5,325.05)	0.00
World Development	0.00	440.00	(440.00)	0.00
Youth Work (Fisher Fund)	466.99	8,500.00	(3,646.38)	5,320.61
TOTAL Directed	\$ 1,836.72	\$ 110,119.13	(\$117,496.55)	(\$5,540.70)

INVESTMENTS	
	Investors Group
Opening Value	\$ 848,907.12
Amount Invested	0.00
Amount Withdrawn	2,500.00
Change in Value	\$ 51,952.14
Closing Value	\$ 900,859.26

Comments on Proposed Budget 2022

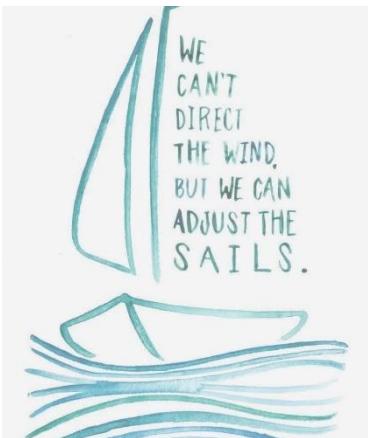
Following the general direction of the United Church of Canada, we are recommending an increase in salaries of 2%. Overall, the budget has increased by almost 3%.

STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED BUDGET 2022

	Actual, 2021	Budget, 2021	Proposed, 2022
<u>INCOME</u>			
Local Offering	\$152,578.54	\$165,000	155,000
Loose Collections	261.75	2,500	2,500
Initial Offering	122.00	300	200
Christmas Offering	1,572.75	2,000	1,500
FundScrip	633.06	200	100
Misc. - FUND Committee		500	
Misc. – HST Rebate	2,402.92	3,500	3,500
Misc. - Good News Unit		1,000	1,000
Misc. - In-Touch Committee		2,000	2,000
Misc. – Thompson Endowment	2,602.61	2,500	2,500
Misc. – Turkey Dinner Proceeds	829.17	2,000	2,000
Misc. – Turkey Sponsorships	8,540.00	5,000	5,000
Misc. – UCW Pies		500	500
National & Region Dues		1,500	500
Rent Revenue	16,770.26	20,000	20,000
Sunday School Offerings	80.00	300	100
Sub-Total Income	\$186,393.06	\$208,800	\$196,400
Transferred from Directed Funds	5,589.62	9,000	
Misc. – Government Grants – Wage Subsidy	29,186.98	5,000	
Misc. – Government Grants – Rent Subsidy			
Misc. – CEBA Loan			
Misc. – CEBA Grant			
Misc. – Niagara Extension Council Grant			
Other sources, required to Balance Budget		<u>30,599</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$221,169.66	\$253,399	\$196,400
Surplus (Deficit)			(\$64,642)
EXPENSES			
SALARIES			
Staff Salaries	\$140,983.50	\$140,028	\$146,814
Minister's Travel Allowance	1,490.21	4,000	4,000
Supply – Sabbatical, Pulpit, Organ, Custodian	<u>2,991.00</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>
	\$145,464.71		148,528
			\$155,314
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
Church's Share of Employees' Benefits	26,322.58	29,500	29,700
Minister's Continuing Education & Book Allowance	<u>1,536.00</u>	<u>1,536</u>	<u>1,572</u>
	27,858.58		31,036
			31,272

STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED BUDGET 2022

	Actual, 2021	Budget, 2021	Proposed, 2022
WORSHIP AND SERVICE			
Advertising			100
Appreciation Garden	367.25	300	750
Choir Expenses		400	400
Fellowship Hour		250	250
Licencing CCLI	344.00	350	350
Organ & Piano Tuning		500	500
National & Region Assessment	12,385.00	12,385	11,056
Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts	947.50	1,000	1,000
Worship Expenses (including Region Delegate)	<u>879.54</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>750</u>
	14,923.29	16,185	15,156
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT			
Children's Time	80.31	200	200
Financial Assistance – Cave Springs Camp		450	450
Leadership development, Books, Bibles		200	200
Library		500	300
Messy Church			200
Special Events	142.64	700	500
Sunday School Supplies & Curriculum	482.04	500	750
Youth Work	<u>31.96</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
	736.95	2,750	2,800
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Custodial Supplies	1,495.46	2,700	3,000
Fuel	9,184.08	12,000	12,000
Office Expenses	3,215.19	5,000	5,000
Office Telephone & Internet	1,782.44	1,800	2,000
Utilities	<u>5,323.19</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
	21,000.36	30,500	31,000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE			
Elevator Maintenance Contract & Licence	280.19	1,500	1,500
Fire Monitoring	1,708.30	2,400	2,500
General Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance	2,338.22	10,000	10,000
Insurance	<u>6,910.15</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
	11,236.86	21,900	23,000
CONTINGENCY		<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
		<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL	\$221,220.75	\$253,399	\$261,042
MISSION AND SERVICE GOAL	\$26,193.63	\$25,000	\$25,000



Riding the waves has been the experience of the faithful from Noah to Jonah; from Jesus to Paul. I know our lives are different than planned; somehow, that is what seems familiar now. Was life ever as planned? In the mix of what is great or difficult, thank you for riding the waves with me.

We are gathering for our annual congregational ZOOM meeting on February 6, 2022 at 10:00am. We will worship, review and plan together online. Have some bread and juice ready for communion. This will be a chance to see each other, and while I will try to be briefer than last year, it is the opportunity to ask questions and share your joy or concerns. Plan to Join this Zoom Worship & Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86869770385?pwd=cEVVZWh4MkNtdFkyS1h0SIMzUHZRdz09>

Dial up +1 647 374 4685 Canada. Meeting ID: 868 6977 0385 Passcode: 961026

I am in the office most days, although the necessity for physical distancing is greater under current conditions, so we keep calm and carry on. Worship for January and February are inspired by “The Book of Joy” by the Dalai Lama and the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The pillars of joy encourage us all to re-visit our need for perspective, humility, humour, acceptance, forgiveness, gratitude, compassion and generosity.

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Saturday Feb 12th Stamford Lane United - 2022 Walk for Women's Place.

The Women's Place (Nova House) shelter is experiencing a demand for service never seen before as the pandemic further isolates women with their abusers. Humanity calls us to be the best we can be... and those in an abusive situation to be freed to be the best they can be. I urge you to contribute as Women's Place provides that opportunity. The shelter is expanding by 10 new bedrooms and Stamford Lane United has set a goal to raise \$9,300 to sponsor one bedroom. How will we do this together?

1. Be a Stamford Lane Walker, set up your own online fundraising page at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/womens-place-of-south-niagara-inc/p2p/StamfordLane/>
2. Donate Now securely and receive an instant official tax receipt at <https://www.canadahelps.org/me/nwqDpajT>
3. You can make a donation by sending a cheque to Stamford Lane United identifying the funds are for "Women's Place Bedroom"
4. Send an e-transfer (givings@stamfordlaneunited.ca) identifying the funds for "Women's Place Bedroom"
5. Tax receipt provided for your donation.

Please take a few minutes to watch this video before you make your decision. <https://youtu.be/YnYPff1fI2M>

Any questions contact Alastair Davis alastairdavis9@gmail.com, Chair, Mission Committee.



Be My Valentine

Please prepare a Valentine card or cards “To Our Valentine”

“From (Your Name) and all your friends at Stamford Lane United Church.”

Include a wrapped valentine treat, no nuts. Don’t seal the envelope or bag.

I will make sure it is delivered to a senior in care or a child of your church.

The Valentine Mailbox is at the base of the window by your church office door.

Drop off as many as you can by February 6, Annual Meeting Sunday!

Prayers and Blessings Rev. Harvey Tobey and all your Church Council and Staff.