

**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  
2022**

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



**January 29, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Welcome Songs**  
**Call to Worship and Meeting**

**Worship with Stamford Lane United Church Council Leadership**  
*Worship and Work with the Church Together in the Sanctuary*

- \*... **Motion to accept Minutes** of the annual meeting of Stamford Lane United Church February 6, 2022... pages 6-9  
Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Action:
- \*... **Motion to accept Stamford Lane United Church Reports for 2022**...pages 1-4,10-24  
Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Action:
- \*... **Motion to accept Stamford Lane United Financial Reports for 2022**... pages 25-29  
Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Action:
- \*... **Motion to accept Proposed 2022 Budget and Mission & Service Goal for 2023**  
Page 30-31  
Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Action:
- \*... **Motion to elect the elders of Stamford Lane United Church and Executive as Presented this day**, -as well as trustees, delegates and representatives as presented, page 5 with great thankfulness to Dan Monteith, retiring as Chair, and Dan MacDonnell, retiring from council.  
Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Action:

**New Business    Boiler**  
**Thrift Shoppe**

- \*... **Motion to enable Council to conduct the business** of Stamford Lane United Church in the name of Jesus, Saviour and Head of the church, 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 Adjourn**    Moved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Benediction

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**We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.**

## **Minister's Report**

**Stamford Lane United Church is blessed to be together again!**

**2022** started with online re-runs, phone and email pastoral care. It was not where we thought we were headed after such a successful rebuilding through covid 2020-21. I thank you for your caring, patient support as we continue to discover how to meet the needs of the world, this city, and your church in these ever-changing times. Our focus remains committed to seeking the way of Jesus, honouring God in worship and service, while reaching out with a Spirit that is Holy.

In 2022 we gathered for our annual meeting on Zoom and worked our way back into full gatherings of work and worship. In April we removed vaccination requirements, as we began seeing familiar and new faces, with and without masks, as requirements shifted more to personal responsibility by June. We celebrated growth and wisdom in the spring, giving Bursaries to Aidan Bilon, Jacob Lambert, Claire McCarthy, Jill Hunter, Sidney Zavitz, Sherridan Zavitz and Kiley Cowan. Our commitment to the ministry of music in the community restarted the monthly concert series and saw the development of a new Choir/Art camp. Sara and Linda worked with me, our staff, and my family to host 30 young children in the faith filled week at Stamford Lane. With a team of great volunteers, we had a two-to-one ratio of children-to-helper creative relationship building that carried over into a monthly Kid's Night with 14 children registered. The children, youth, and adult choirs meet every week and are gradually moving back into the choir rooms for regular practice. Rev. Cathie Ellarby brought the Sunday school together with the choirs in her wonderful Christmas pageant. Then Laura Sparkman led the bells to ring again. Lots of meaningful music, building the spirit of this community of faith.

While we remember the blessings of so many faithful souls who inspired us along the way to here, we are encouraged to be entering the new year with an average attendance over 80. Another 30 or so are tuning into worship on Facebook Live or the website: [www.StamfordLaneUnited.ca](http://www.StamfordLaneUnited.ca). Working with a budget of over \$260,000 and over \$47,000.00 directed to other charities this year alone, Ray Marshall has kept track of every detail of our finances. From National and Regional Church requirements, to Revenue Canada and your tax receipt, Ray keeps our Charitable Status in order, and so much more around and within your church. Thanks to Ray, and everyone who volunteers time and talent, we are able to report that your church is recovering well from the pandemic, yet still spending more than we receive for general expenses. Within these reports, may you feel invited to join faithful servants walking, sewing, greeting, visiting, singing, praying, planning, fixing, cooking and giving back together like we did in 2022 with the Disney Service, the yard sale and the Turkey dinner. Planning for Chilli/Trivia and a Building the Kingdom Valentine Dance will help us grow together as a church in 2023.

As we head into this new year, I am grateful for your commitment as a congregation, council and staff in planning and preparing to meet the future together. You provide the resources, facilities, and the passion to inspire one another to be the best we can be. I know this to be true as I work with an amazing staff who are always so positive and cheerful. Lucie, Leslie, Bryanna, Linda and Sara have an incredible ability to roll along with changes, challenges, adjustments and me. There is such a blessing of Holy Spirit here that enables and encourages creativity. The seasons and generations have always flowed along with a mix of faithful tradition and modern creativity here. This was celebrated in 2022 as we welcomed Merrill Graham back for a moment last September to plant a tree next to the tree honouring the ministry of Harvey Murphy. An ornamental pear tree was also planted to honour my first quarter century of ministry with you. A third tree was planted for the future of faithful Ministry growing here. Thank you for helping your family tree to grow in faith... as we meet, together in this place.

Prayers & Blessings  
Rev. Harvey Tobey

## **Message from Council Chair**

We've experienced yet another year of life to embrace, challenges to ponder, and gifts to celebrate. It's been a blessing to share those experiences with our Church community. The trials and tribulations of everyday life melt away as you approach the door of the Church. Walk through the doors and peace, hope and goodwill surround you. As you enter there's a familiarity to one's senses that has a powerful calming effect, yet at the same time there's a feeling of anticipation, perhaps a wanting desire to be amongst the people inside. Their smiling faces and caring eyes are infectious and welcoming. Carefully choreographed Biblical messages and music fill the air. It all comes together to confirm why we are here; to give and receive love, to share our life experiences, to support one another, and to celebrate God's presence. Share this joy with your friends and family. Invite them to join us.

As your Council Chair I thank our loving and supportive staff, council, and congregation for their continued generosity and support. A special thanks goes out to Rev. Harvey Tobey for his messages of hope, his caring, and his guidance.

I am proud to be a small part of this strong, proud, and compassionate Church community.

God Bless

Dan Monteith

Council Chair

## **2022 Stamford Lane United Church Statistics**

<b>Membership Roll as of January 1, 2022</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>Received by Profession of Faith &amp; Transfer</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Removed by Death</b>	<b>-9</b>
<b>Removed by Council</b>	<b>-7</b>
<b>Removed by Request</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Membership Roll as of December 31, 2022</b>	<b>261</b>

<b>Families under Stamford Lane United Church Pastoral Charge</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Families who contribute financially to the operation of Stamford Lane United</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Families who support the Mission &amp; Service of the United Church</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Average Attendance Website/Youtube Oct/Nov</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Average Attendance In House Oct/Nov</b>	<b>80</b>





## **Proposed Council 2023**

**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

**Until February 2026:** Cris Beal, Barbara Cole, Will Foster, Paisley January-Pool, Mary MacDonnell, Carolyn Monteith, Bobby Nicol, Dan Taylor, Mary Ann Harrison, Ginny Paterson

and anyone who volunteers by January 29, 2023.

### **Board of Trustees:**

Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, 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

## Stamford Lane United Church

### Annual Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting conducted via Zoom

Dan Monteith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance: Bryce & Pauline Anderson, Anne Arnott, Cris Beal, Diane Becken, Kimberley Becken & Hope & Chance Lynman, Linda Bruch, Ruth Buchanan, Nicole Carey, Barbara Cole, Sandra Cowan, Carol Crown, Rev. Cathie Ellarby, Alastair Davis, Mary Dempsey, Darlene & Will Foster, Pam & Dennis Gilmore, Gail Goar, Jacki Hackett, Janet Harris, Mary Ann Harrison, Janet Kaine, Peter Land, Vivian Lapp, Dan & Sharon MacDonnell, Mary MacDonnell, Leslie Maddalena, Sara Maida-Nicol, Afshin Malekzadeh & Sibilla & Raffiella Malekzadeh, Ray Marshall, Anne Molnar & Andie & Hallie Molnar, Dan & Carolyn Monteith, Suzanne Parnell, Ginny Paterson, Paul & Beverly Patterson, Paisley January-Pool, Tracey Schroeder, Brenda Skinner, Dan Taylor, Barbara Tobey, Rev. Harvey Tobey, Donna Walker, David & Dawn Young, Lynn Young, Tim & Geraldine Zavitz

Harvey remarked that we are all caring for each other, and quoted the Dahli Lama from the Book of Joy, “When one is thinking about others with kindness and compassion one is never loney”. Rev. Harvey also recited a few bible verses that spoke about holding each other up during these times of difficulty while we wait patiently until we can once again congregate in the Sanctuary. He mentioned also that so many families have been struggling with the covid virus along with other health issues and that people are waiting for test results and all the worry that comes with all of this. He asked that we keep people in our prayers as we work towards once again coming together in the Sanctuary.

Rev. Harvey remembered the people who had passed away in 2021 and named them all individually and offered a prayer.

Rev. Harvey conducted Communion for everyone to take part at home, and recited the Lords Prayer in which everyone participated.

Sara and Sibilla sang “Remember Me” which added a beautiful ending to the Communion portion of the meeting.

## 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 Jacki Hackett and Seconded by Carolyn Monteith  
Action: Carried

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

Moved by Nicole Carey and Seconded by Cris Beal  
Action: Carried

Correction: on Page 5 of the Church Reports it should state Council for 2021 not 2022

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

Moved by Pauline Anderson and Seconded by Barbara Cole  
Action: Carried

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

Moved by: Jacki Hackett and Seconded by Dan Taylor  
Action: Carried

Harvey thanked everyone for continuing to support the church financially through this difficult time and that it is very much appreciated. Dan Monteith thanked Harvey, Ray and Leslie and all the staff for continuing to carry us through this difficult time.

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

Moved by Ray Marshall and Seconded by Jacki Hackett  
Action: 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 Janet Coker, Vera Packham & Lynn Marshall who are retiring from council. Rev.

Harvey called for the motion, Dan Monteith cited a conflict.

Moved by Barbara Cole and Seconded by Nicole Carey  
Action: Carried

We will continue with the council as it stands and change the council next year at the Annual Meeting. We welcome Janet Kaine and Peter Land to the Council.

## New business

Valentines: Rev. Harvey thanked everyone for the Valentines and chocolates that have been dropped off at the church. They will all be distributed to the seniors and children in the next week.

Women's Place of South Niagara Bedroom Fundraiser: Alastair Davis announced that they have reached their goal of \$9,300.00 and expect to exceed it with the hopes of reaching \$10,000.00 before the fundraiser is over. Alastair said that the people at Women's Place were ecstatic for Stamford Lane's contribution and what they have done to support the cause. Cogeco's interview of Alastair, regarding this fundraiser, will be aired this coming Tuesday, Rev. Harvey will try and provide a link via email so we can watch it online. Rev. Harvey offered his congratulations to Alastair and the team for the amazing efforts and contributions.

Walk for Project Share is doing very well too. One of the blessings is that we're continuing these outreach fundraisers even in these difficult times.

Rev. Harvey thanked everyone involved in these initiatives for their commitment to making our community a better, and safer, place to live.

Yard sale: Plan for a yard sale this summer, the date has not been set but we are now accepting items which can be placed on the stage in the gymnasium. Please call the office before you come to ensure there is someone here to accept the items.

Piano: Sara Maida Nicol said the church has been offered a Yamaha upright piano from Brett Polegato. It's in good condition and she would like to replace the grand piano in the music room with this new piano.

Linda Bruch mentioned that John Sherwood, the gentleman who tunes all our pianos, said that the piano now in the music room needs a lot of work and that it would be difficult to bring it back to perfect pitch which is required by the choir and the bell choir. This new piano is an upright and will take up less space in the music room than the grand piano. This is a generous offer from Brett, he mentioned he would like the piano to go to somewhere that is special to him. Brett has offered to pay for the moving of the piano to the church but there will be a cost to remove the grand piano out of the music room, approximately \$400.00.

Motion: To accept the piano, with gratitude, from Brett Polegato, and to pay a moving company to remove the existing piano. The cost to removing the existing piano will be approximately \$400.00.

Moved by: Carolyn Monteith

Seconded: by Dan Taylor

Action: Carried

It was suggested that we check if there is a memorial plaque on the side of the piano before we remove the piano.

Linda Bruch was asked to get an estimate from John Sherwood of what the cost would be to fix the existing Grand Piano in case people are interested in purchasing it. Linda agreed to do speak to John.

Pancakes: McDonalds has once again donated pancakes for the pancake lunch and the proceeds will be split between the Ronald McDonald house and Pathstone Mental Health. The Pancake Lunch will be held on February 27, 2022.

Motion: to approve the Pancake Lunch which will be held on February 27, 2022 and the proceeds to be split between Ronald McDonald House and Pathstone Mental Health.

Moved by: Mary Ann Harrison

Seconded by: Carol Crown

Action: Carried

Worship: Rev. Harvey said we are sorry to be closed. We are rerunning the Book of Joy services for the month of February and we are hoping to open March 6, the beginning of Lent. The virus is still of great concern and we hope in March, when we open, we can welcome 50% of the congregation. Our concern is to care for each other, we want to open safely and we will trust everyone to keep themselves and everyone around them safe. We will record the service live on Facebook and it may be on YouTube the next day.

Motion: To open the Church March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, according to Provincial and Regional guidelines.

Moved by: Carol Crown

Seconded by: Barbara Cole

Action: Carried

Rev. Harvey asked if anyone is able to shovel the front steps before our March 6<sup>th</sup> opening that would be very much appreciated.

Sandra Cowan shared some happy news that Mary Schmagala's son and his wife had a baby girl 2 weeks ago.

Motion: To Adjourn: at 11:16 a.m.

Moved by: Sharon MacDonnell

Seconded by: Jacki Hackett

Action: Carried

Sara and her family sang "I AM THE CHURCH, YOU ARE THE CHURCH, WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER" Thank you!

Blessings offered by Rev. Harvey.

## Horseshoe Falls Region

Horseshoe Falls Region held 2 meetings in 2022 – a hybrid at the end of May and a virtual meeting in the middle of October. The May meeting saw the Rev. Lennox Scarlett elected as chair elect. Mary Ann Harrison and Ray Marshall attended parts of this meeting. Thursday & Friday evenings were held virtually and Saturday was held both in-person and online. The October meeting was attended by Rev. Tobey, Dan Monteith, and Ray Marshall. Of note was the passing of the Region budget for 2023, once again with no dues added to the National Church Dues. The Region feels it is receiving sufficient funds via National Grants and investments.

The Region is continuing to explore ways that it can be of more assistance and guidance to congregations and they have noted a disconnect with the loss of Presbyteries. To that end, both an in-person gathering of clergy and an online meeting of lay representatives took place in November, 2022. Committee reports and minutes are always available on the Region Website: <https://hfrucc.ca/> as are various “toolkits” to support work in Communities of Faith. The region will next meet on June 9 & 10, 2023, possibly at the Meridian Centre in Fonthill, but probably also via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Harvey Tobey, Dan Monteith, Carolyn Monteith, Mary Ann Harrison, Ray Marshall

## In Memoriam

Mary Jane Visser †	January 20	Brenda Spittle †	August 5
Ray Coatsworth	January 17	Bernice Sauer †	August 8
Patricia Winslow	January 25	Parker Thomas Heywood	August 21
Jacqueline Jackson	February 3	Norman Baines	August 25
Beverly McCabe †	February 17	Patricia Priestman	September 24
Marsha Adams	February 22	Thomas Edward Newbold	October 6
Marlo Cerminara	March 5	Margaret Lorraine Stephenson	October 9
Margaret Holmes † ††	May 23	William (Bill) Brian Roach	October 13
Carol Mae Maidens †	May 24	Elizabeth Christie Borrowman	October 26
Lois Johnstone	June 11	Thomas Vicary	November 3
Jack McCabe †	June 15	Robert Cameron Cattanach †	November 4
Barbara Arseneau †	July 11	Gary Robert Butler	December 3

† Member

†† No funeral date at this time

## **Marriage Blessings**

Jennifer Elizabeth Reed & Michael Tod Petrik	February 19
Michelle Lynne Monteith & James Loren Kinman	June 3
Sarah Lisabeth Cole & Gary Simpson Hills	June 5
Patricia Ann Bernado & Jordan James Menear	June 9
Laura Jeanne McInnes & David Stephen Krauss	June 25
McKina Elizabeth MacBales & James John George DesRoches	October 15 *
* Ceremony conducted by Rev. Cathie Ellarby	

## **Baptisms**

No baptisms in 2022

## **Ministry and Personnel**

This is a committee to support staff and members of the congregation. 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.

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 year has almost felt “normal” after our Covid experience. Sunday School has returned, with Cathie Ellarby teaching on average 10 students per week. This number fluctuates with special, and music Sundays. This past summer, under the leadership of Sara and Reverend Harvey (and many volunteers) we held our first Art and Music Summer day camp. Attendees enjoyed learning many new songs and created some beautiful art masterpieces: an acrylic layered fish painted on canvas, and a flower painted glass vase. Response was very good, and we hope to plan a similar event this summer! Our committee sponsored one of our member’s children at Cave Springs Camp. We continue to sponsor 1/3 of the registration fee for Church members. The Congregation enjoyed some ice cream treats in September on Sundaes Sunday to ring in a new year of Sunday School. Following a delightful Christmas Star Pageant, Santa Claus visited with the children, handing out candy canes and Nighs Chocolate Star suckers that were symbolic of both the Pageant theme and Reverend Harvey’s stories of the Christmas Stars. Thank you to all church members who have supported our committee by volunteering or providing resources. We are looking forward to an exciting 2023!

## **Bible Study**

Tuesday mornings at 10:15 you are invited to gather in the newly renovated Friendship Room. We gather as friends to share our life stories and discover how the Holy Scriptures connect us together. This is a time of reading and reflecting, sharing and pastoral care with Reverend Harvey Tobey who is always preparing for worship the following Sunday.

## **Choir /Art Camp**

August 15-19, 2022, 30 children gathered each morning for a Choir/Art Camp. For a \$25 registration, the group gathered for songs and games with Hope Tobey, then split by ages for Choir lead by Sara Maida Nicol and Linda Bruch, and Art lead by Rev. Harvey Tobey and Anne Molnar. With the help of Lucie, Leslie and several volunteers we were able to lead the children in learning songs that turned 5 days of Gratitude into 5 weeks of Worship through to Thanksgiving. The group also created their own paintings, bread and vases that inspired our “singing in the right direction.” Staff, parents, grandparents, family, volunteers and children had a great time as was evident when everyone showed up for a grand BBQ and Art Gallery display at supertime on the final Friday. Registration totalled \$1500.00, expenses were \$559.82 which left a revenue of \$940.18.

## **Kid’s Night**

14 children under the age of 10 have gathered with my family at church once a month. For a \$20 registration, we played and prayed and created apple pies, decorated cookies, made Christmas ornaments, and even made flower arrangements all by ourselves with direction from Paisley January. Barbara Tobey received a volunteer grant of \$890.91 from Investors Group in support of this program which is open to any child. Registration and grant totalled \$1150.91, expenses were \$369.59 which left a revenue of \$508.55.

## **Sunday School**

We were so happy to come back to Sunday School on March 6<sup>th</sup>! For the well-being of everyone we set up our classroom in the gymnasium.

We began a study of the Old Testament prophets. Our corner of the gym was made welcoming by the beautiful banners that some of the banner makers in our church had made previously for the sanctuary. We started off with a small group of children and by Easter we had 23 children attending on Sunday morning.

A significant part of our Sunday School program is the receiving of the children's offerings and an additional contribution of birthday money. Each of us puts equivalent money to the number of our birthdays to thank God for another year of life. On the last day of Sunday School, we were pleased to present Mr. Marshall, the church treasurer, with a cheque for over \$60.00 that the children unanimously decided they would like to give to The Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada.

Carole Jarvis gifted us with sunflower seeds that the children planted to honour the children of Ukraine. Rev. Tobey used our little growing plants in a worship service that was meaningful for us all.

It helped build our community when many of our Sunday School children attended the Music and Art summer program in August. They rekindled friendships and excitedly returned to Sunday School in September.

The topic of our new session in September was "The Miracles of Jesus." The lessons were reinforced with creative crafts. We had a Hallowe'en party with games and more crafts and several other children from the congregation joined us that day dressed in their Hallowe'en costumes.

We were delighted that many of these children stayed with us and joined us for a presentation of a fun song "Bugs for Lunch" on the Advent Sunday when Rev. Tobey spoke about John the Baptist.

The story of the birth of Jesus was told this year by "The Story of the Stars." Sara Maida-Nicol and Linda Bruch joyfully and diligently prepared music for this theme for the Children's, Junior and Adult Choirs. There were several solos and duets that contributed beautifully.

As many of the Sunday School children are quite young, we welcomed many of the choir members to have spoken parts and our community of young believers grew to 30 children. New friendships were made, and we are hopeful that some of our new friends will continue to join us in Sunday School on Sunday morning.

We are blessed to have a loving team of supporters to help with costumes and extra helpers at this busy time. Our deepest gratitude is extended to Penny Soulsby, Carole Jarvis, Pauline Anderson, and Mary Mac Donnell.

We also want to thank the congregation for their kind words of support throughout the year. Your interest and enthusiasm are precious gifts as the children feel welcome to take their place in the congregation of Stamford Lane.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Cathie and Fred Ellarby

## Appreciation Garden

The Appreciation Garden Committee met on the evening of April 6, reviewed all nominations received, including those remaining from 2021. The Committee decided to honour Ruth Buchanan, Pamela Gilmore and Dennis Gilmore and recommended them to the Council. Council agreed with the Committee and these three were feted 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 2023 are available in the office and need to be returned to the office on or before the last banking day of March – that’s Friday, March 31.

Your Appreciation Garden Committee 2022,  
Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Janet Harris, Paisley January-Pool, Dan Taylor, Ray Marshall

## Walking and Exercise Group

Exercise and walking group have continue this year when we were allowed. We walked outside all summer and moved indoors in October.

Anyone is welcome to join us on Monday and Thursday morning at 10 a.m.

Submitted by Gail Goar

## The Sewing Mission Group

Our mission is to sew baby apparel for The Niagara Warehouse of Hope, located at Port Weller in St. Catharines. They ship cloth bags full of baby items to new moms, who are in Guatemala, and Honduras.

Covid did take a toll on our production of sewing the baby apparel, but a few of us still get together on Friday mornings at 10:00 AM if just for the friendships.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us for a few hours on Friday.

We have made these items during the year 2022.

Bags-80

Blankets-69

Crib Sheets-1

Dresses-59

Face Cloths-8

Hospital Gowns-23

Knitted Dolls & Toys-59

Night Gowns-36

Receiving Blankets-21

Onesi-2

Pencil bags-3

Shorts-4

Sweater & Hats-118

Underwear-7

Thank you: Alison Wills, Bonnie Fletcher, Carole Jarvis, Karen Corey, Lynn Young, Sharon Swayze, Pauline Anderson, Penny Soulsby

Submitted by: Penny Soulsby

## In-Touch Committee

We met in March, September and October. On the positive side, two new members (Paul Fast and Ginny Paterson) joined us in April. We held one luncheon in 2022 on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We lost a number of our church members including Barbara Arseneau our "Member Emeritus".

Joanne Fast prepared a binder with cards for us and, as needed, were duplicated in the office.

Thanks to Penny Soulsby and her helpers three funeral receptions were held.

Cards were sent to our Veterans and summer mailings were sent to our Shut-Ins and those without emails. We continued to send sympathy, thinking of you and get well cards as requested by Rev. Tobey. Poinsettias were purchased again for our Shut-Ins and Bereaved families. Thanks, as always, to Rev. Tobey for his many trips to the retirement homes of our members with newsletters, etc.

Our Committee agreed to purchase a new 100 cup coffee pot and thanks to Ray Marshall's research we have it and it is being used already. Agreed to purchase 500 cards with the church picture for office use out of In-Touch funds once the order has been placed.

We will try another luncheon, subject to the health situation, on Friday, January 20, 2023 with sign-ups January 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Committee will meet again on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

Please continue to keep our church members in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Becken

## 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Dinner

The 75th Annual Turkey Dinner was held on November 26th, and I am proud to say, it was another success! This year, we were able to hold one in-person seating in addition to regular take out/delivery.

Making this dinner a success means a lot of volunteers must be involved and I can't thank them enough for everything they did. A very special thank you to our church's "Turkey Team" and my Toronto team who continue to participate in this event each year. This year in particular, we had many volunteers reach out to lend a hand and it was deeply appreciated. Without the help and cooperation of these individuals (too many to mention here), we wouldn't reach our goals and I am beyond grateful.

Again this year, we ran a very successful Turkey Sponsorship Program. This is a huge fundraising initiative for our church, a special thanks to all of our sponsors. The monies raised from the generous donors through the sponsorship program totaled **\$6,040**. All the receipts and disbursements for the dinner were managed through our Church Treasurer, Ray Marshall. Total number of meals sold were 322 for proceeds of \$6440.00 + sponsorships \$6040.00 less expenses \$4,307.24 = \$8,172.76 revenue. That's amazing!

Respectfully, Afshin Malekzadeh

## **Mission and Outreach Report**

Our congregation continued the practice of energetic support for Mission and Outreach to international, national and local programs in 2022. Yet again we did not let the incumbrances of the pandemic slow our growth and interest in supporting our Mission work. In total we raised **\$47,045.82**. Our World Mission total was \$26,257.12 and our local givings reached \$20,788.70.

We assisted a variety of community support organizations as per below;

To maximize impact, we primarily directed our donations to

- **\$4,663.32 to Pathstone** from the Pancake Luncheon and the Garage Sale.
- **\$8,440 to Project SHARE** sponsoring over 40 families and sending additional funds in support of the White Christmas and other programs. +Thanksgiving KD food drive.
- **\$10,220 to Women's Place** – to sponsor a new room at Women's Place expanded facilities in Niagara Falls. \$1,430 was donated to SLUC by members and the remainder was raised online by the Stamford Lane United Walkers which was directly received by Women's Place.

**\$2,850 Humanitarian Aid** – member givings.

**\$1,825 Gateway Residential Community Support Services** – raised by our Teen Committee

**\$1,260 Niagara Falls Community Outreach** – member givings

Garage Sale - held over two days in September was very successful with sales of \$4,352.95. Our thanks to Ginny Paterson for her gentle leadership as our Team Coordinator. This is a huge undertaking that succeeded with the participation of over 50 volunteers.

Caribbean Workers Outreach Program. Board meetings and training programs were attended. We sponsored and served a luncheon following a Sunday evening church service in NOTL.

*The Mission committee is thankful for the participation of the congregation as volunteers and donors. Your enthusiastic involvement is an awesome display of teamwork and the joy of working together to build a strong, healthy and secure community.*

Submitted by

Alastair Davis,

Chair Mission & Outreach

January 9, 2023

<b>World Mission</b>	Member Givings	Good News Unit	Mission Committee	Garage Sale	Pancake Lunch	Sunflowers/HotDog Lunch	Teen Committee	W. Dolby E.D.Fisher Fund	J & A Thompson Endowment	Total
Mission & Service Fund (UCC)	\$20,705.56	\$1,000.00							\$3,351.76	\$25,057.32
World Development Fund	459.80									459.80
Guardians of Hope	200.00									200.00
Foster Child								\$540.00		540.00
World Mission Subtotal	\$21,365.36	\$1,000.00						\$540.00		\$26,257.12
<b>Local Mission</b>										
Gateway Residential Community Support Services							1,825.00			1,825.00
Humanitarian Aid						2,850.00				2,850.00
Pathstone Foundation				4,352.95	310.37					4,663.32
Ronald McDonald House					320.38					320.38
Niagara Falls Community Outreach	1,260.00									1,260.00
Women's Place of South Niagara			1,430.00							1,430.00
Project Share	1,370.00									1,370.00
White Gift	7,070.00									7,070.00
Local Mission Subtotal	\$9,700.00		\$1,430.00	\$4,352.95	\$630.75	2,850.00	1,825.00			\$20,788.70
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$31,065.36</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,430.00</b>	<b>\$4,352.95</b>	<b>\$630.75</b>	<b>\$2,850.00</b>	<b>\$1,825.00</b>	<b>\$540.00</b>	<b>\$3,351.76</b>	<b>\$47,045.82</b>

Notes:

Teen Committee raised \$1,825.00 in 2021, spent it in 2022

"Stamford Lane United Walkers" raised \$8,740 online that was donated directly to Women's Place (not included in above chart)

Food & Mittens were also donated.

## **The Mitten Tree**

The Mitten Tree reminds us of our commitment to community outreach. The tree stands proudly in the vestibule at the St. John Street entrance. Paisley will organize and distribute the mittens, hats, and scarves, to local schools so children can stay warm in the upcoming winter months. 222 pieces were divided among local school classes. Simcoe Street, John Marshall, Cherrywood, and two classes at Princess Margaret School each received 2 scarves, 12 hats and 14 pairs of mitts. Project Share received the smaller and larger items: 48 pairs of socks, 10 hats, 16 mitts and 8 scarves. Thank you for supporting the gathering of mittens, scarves and socks this winter. Some yarn is available if you would like to start knitting for next year!

## **Rental Committee**

We have been busy this year welcoming many new renters to our building since we have been able to open our doors after a few years of sporadic shutdowns. Each group requires different accommodation and we are happy to have a building that suits their needs. We look forward to building relationships with the new weekly renters and are also grateful to our ongoing renters, Transitions Canada and UNIFOR, for their continued support as we move forward to what looks to be a busy year. We now welcome Rainbow AA, Dance It, Yoga, Treblaires, AA, TOPS, Dancing Lessons and the Probis Club as we move into 2023.

## **Transitions Canada—Niagara**

Wow! Another year has passed so quickly I didn't even have time to lose weight.

Not the author of that but it fits. Over this past year our numbers grew by two. We now have ten participants that attend at different times throughout the week. It's great to see that people are starting to socialize and attend activities again. Since the beginning of Covid we have two people that stopped attending and are now at home until the families feel it is safe for them to attend again. We also have four people that no longer attend as we were unable to supply the intense supports that they required.

TRANSITIONS CANADA is a socialization and abilities centre for people that have a developmental disability, dual diagnosis, and brain injury. Individuals can attend as a day program, after school, or as day respite. Within the program participants learn life skills for more independence, socialization, and recreation skills.

We are currently working on a program called 'My Healthy Me!' This program covers the importance of hydration, eating healthy, safe storage of food, portion sizes, reading labels, exercise, mental health activities and the importance of getting enough sleep.

We have an ongoing water challenge to ensure we drink enough water and colour weeks where everyone wears the colour sometime during the week and eat something of that colour, so we all remember to eat a rainbow of foods.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern for Bruna (one of our participants), after a couple of weeks in the hospital with uncertainty of the outcome, she is back to attending the program and in great health. I would also like to thank Maggie for providing Yoga classes for our participants, keeping everyone limber and stress free.

We at TRANSITIONS CANADA would like to wish everyone all the best in 2023.

Rose Quong

## **Yoga**

Our yoga program started up again this past March as Covid restrictions lifted and students were comfortable returning to our studio.

Maggie Neuroth 200hr YTT has taken on the responsibility of running the program (both with the Transitions students having a complimentary half hour with her weekly) and a regular scheduled 1-hour gentle yoga Thursday am 11 am class right after. There are between 6 to 8 regular attendees. A class pass for 6 classes is 50\$ and does not have an expiry date. Please join Maggie and this fabulous group of attendees. I get to sub once in awhile as I continue to rehab my new hip. We are looking at adding in a evening Mat Pilates class to the schedule later on next year .  
Classes resume January 12/2023!

Kristyn Schram 9053512868

Maggie Neuroth

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## **Worship and Congregational Concerns Committee**

We began the year in yet another lockdown. Services continued online on Facebook and the church's website.

In early March in-person services were allowed, masked and with proof of vaccination.

In April, the vaccination requirement to attend in person services was eliminated but the mask mandate continued. The Maundy Thursday communion service was held in the gym. However, the Good Friday service was online. In-person worship in the sanctuary Easter Sunday saw the dedication of sunflowers in support of Ukraine.

In late May we were blessed with a Disney-themed service which was well received.

At the June Council meeting the mask mandate was lifted. Masks were now optional but encouraged. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Appreciation Sunday, three members of the congregation were recognized for their "above and beyond" work for the church.

Summer services were held with various worship leaders. We thank those who contributed their talents and time to provide meaningful experiences to those who attended or those who watched the services on Facebook.

In September our minister began a five-week series of sermons based on various forms of gratitude: Singing, Silence, Food, Creation and Thanksgiving.

After Thanksgiving Sunday, our minister began to call our attention to our Biblical family tree. Joseph, Moses, and Jacob were the first ones highlighted. October 31 the children and others in the congregation wore Halloween costumes, as is the custom.

Paul Fast led worship for Remembrance Sunday. Special music was provided by a Ukrainian family.

Others on our Biblical family tree were Ester, Sampson & Delilah, and Ruth & Naomi. This series will continue in early 2023.

Advent began on Sunday, Nov. 27. On December 11 the Christmas Pageant, "Story of the Stars" was presented. On December 18 special music was provided by our bell choir, led by Laura Sparkman. The Christmas Eve candlelight

communion service was well attended and enhanced with the music provided by a guest violinist. This year Christmas Day was on Sunday. There was a quiet 10 a.m. service with special music by Terence Wu, followed by feasting on the “Happy Birthday Jesus” cake in the gym.

On behalf of the congregation, the Worship Committee thanks Rev. Harvey, our regular and guest musicians, guest worship leaders throughout the year for providing meaningful worship for us throughout 2022. We thank all those who were greeters, as well.

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

## **Music**

The music program at Stamford Lane is thriving once again! After a brief hiatus, the choirs were back in-person preparing a unique, one-of-a-kind service dedicated to the music of Walt Disney. The service brought together the Children, JR and Adult choirs and filled the church once again. A community BBQ followed, in our parking lot, raising money for newly arrived Ukrainian families. We registered 31 young people in our choirs this year; most were involved in that service, with families in tow. During this time, we also welcomed back a number of young musical guests from our community who performed during Sunday worship.

In an effort to maintain community, as well as bring in a little extra revenue for the church over the summer, we introduced a “Summer Concert Series” that included two fabulous Sunday concerts by New Vintage Winds and Terrence Wu.

In August, the music team collaborated with Christian Ed. to offer a summer camp focused on art and music. The week ended with an art gallery and community dance party/BBQ featuring DJ Bobby. Come September, the JR choirs welcomed a few new members as a result of the successful camp week.

Due to size, the JR choir has been divided into two separate groups with great success. Lesson plans and music are tailored to the age group and more challenging music including harmony has motivated and invigorated the older singers. We continue to welcome kids from our church and greater community by word of mouth. Many of these singers have also had the opportunity to sing our National Anthem for Niagara Falls City Council meetings. Mayor Diodati thanks Stamford Lane and appreciates the work that goes into preparing these videos from our sanctuary, something we’ve been doing consistently since 2020.

Our Adult Choir has worked extremely hard this year, bringing their love of music to you each week, to enrich worship. We welcomed new members, Donna Moffat and Helen Fitzgerald but said goodbye to Darlene Foster who has retired from the group after 42 years of service and leadership. Thank you, Darlene.

Advent this year included a Christmas play prepared by the choirs and Sunday School on Dec.11<sup>th</sup> and a Carol Service on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> featuring our talented Bell Choir and Director Laura Sparkman. Christmas services involved more musical friends in a quiet, Christmas Eve by candlelight with Linda Bruch and violinist Mary Beth Doherty and a joyous Christmas Day with Terrence and Alyssa Wu. This year, we’ve also welcomed pianist Teo Ordinario who is happily stepping in for Linda as needed. We are blessed to have so many musicians from the local community as part of our family. We are grateful not only for their talents but for their friendship and loving attachment to our church.

On a personal note, this was a challenging year health wise for your director and I want to extend a special thank you to my music partner, Linda Bruch, JR Choir assistant Jaid Atkinson and Rev. Harvey for never “missing a beat” in my absence.

At the end of our Disney service in May, the choral blessing included the line “like a bolt out of the blue, God steps in to see you through, when you wish upon a star your dreams come true” and it was in this moment, we understood the healing and strength the music in this church gives us and we look forward to more incredible music, lifting spirits and voices of all ages in 2023.

Submitted By: Sara Maida-Nicol

## **Audio Group**

We have four individuals that help to deliver audio enhancement to your Sunday services, funeral services and special events. We welcome any others that may be interested to join.

Thanks to Paul Fast, Afshin Malekzadeh, Bobby Nicol.  
Dan MacDonnell, Audio Chair

## **Visual Group**

The projection group is hardly a group, there are only two of us, Bryanna Johnson and myself. We rely on Bryanna for the weekly presentation because she does all of the computer input for the weekly service. We are very fortunate to have someone so dedicated and talented as Bryanna. We need more team members because we are at risk of not having someone to operate the computer on Sundays due to weather conditions, health issues and work schedules. We just need some backup for those odd days when conditions leave us with no operator for the computer. We’re looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Bryce Anderson

## **Property Committee**

Oh my dear, another year! Another set of challenges; some old and some new, for this wonderful building of ours.

We upgraded the exit signs, and we upgraded the relay system for the altar/choir lights. We repaired a couple pieces of our heating system, and we are looking to replace the boiler after this winter.

Thanks to Paisley, we have three new ornamental pear trees at the front of the church, and we look forward to having blossoms at Eastertime.

With the Covid-19 restrictions reduced, the annual work party was re-introduced and well attended. We thank those who helped that day.

A thank you must also go to those behind the scene that help out with our property on a regular basis.

And finally, a thank you to the members of the Property Committee for their valuable input.  
Cris Beal, Will Foster, Richard Lambert, Joan MacKenzie, Dan Taylor,  
Dan MacDonnell, Property Chair

## **The Fundscrip Program**

**Thank you for ordering gift cards through your church.** This year friends and family made the donation to the church larger than ever. We do this once or twice a year with the help of Barb Tobey and Mary Dempsey.

<b>Group Order #</b>	<b>Order Date</b>	<b>Orders</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Donation</b>
	Nov 20, 2022		\$15,580.00	\$605.73 to be received in 2023
	Nov 28, 2021		\$8,370.00	\$282.56 Received in 2022

## **Trustees Report**

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

The Trustees acknowledge with gratitude the service to our church by Bob Cattnach who passed away this year. Bob served as a Trustee since 2015.

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.

### Investments

- Our Investments are held by Investors Group managed by Ken Hendriks, Peter Huebert and Barb Tobey in a Moderate/Conservative Portfolio. Typically, this portfolio will yield 3-5%. This year the central banks have dealt with higher inflation with higher interest rates. This creates volatility in fixed income and equity markets. Both Canada and the U.S. are at risk of recession over the coming months.
- In April a withdrawal of \$1,000 was made from investments and placed in the Youth Work (Fisher Fund) used towards 7 Bursaries.

### Insurance

- 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. The 2021 March renewal saw an increase of 33% and the 2022 premium was increased by another 15%.
  - The United Church of Canada commenced a self-insurance plan December 1, 2022 called "UCC Protect". If we subscribe, we would qualify for a 30% reduction of our current premium however we would be subject to a 5% inflation increase.
  - An updated appraisal of our building and contents will likely be required.
  - We have requested a quote from Olsen Sottile Insurance Brokers Inc for a comparison before making final recommendation to church council.
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## Planned Legacy Giving

We continue to be blessed with the generosity of our Church members. We received a donation from the family, via Canada Helps, of Brenda Spittle.

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**

### **Good News Unit – Year-End Report, 2022**

**President- Jane Shores, Secretary – Carolyn Monteith, Treasurer – Jacki Hackett**

Due to the Covid Pandemic, no meetings were held from March, 2020 through April, 2022.

The Good News women made the decision to resume our monthly meetings in May, 2022 in the Friendship Room at the church. Our highlights for 2022 included the following:

May 11<sup>th</sup> – We had a wonderful meeting catching up with one another, as to how the Pandemic impacted their lives. Vivian Lapp led the devotions for the evening. Jacki Hackett presented our current bank balance. She made a motion that \$1,000 be transferred to M. & S., and \$1,000 to the General Fund. Motion carried. A decision was made to go forward with a High Tea & Fashion show in the fall.

June 15<sup>th</sup> – We gathered together at the home of Barbara Tobey for a year-end Potluck, which was enjoyed by all. Lucia's Boutique agreed to go forward with the fashion show on Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> along with the High Tea. A sub-committee made up of Mary MacDonnell, Suzanne Parnell and Jane Shores are to meet during the summer to further plan the menu, etc, numbers, etc. for the Fashion Show. The group decided to have our meetings start at **7:30pm** in the fall, so there is less conflict with Handbell rehearsals.

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – This meeting was chaired by Suzanne Parnell, and she also presented the devotion for the evening and Mary & Vivian provided snacks. Suzanne led a discussion on who was available for food prep on Saturday and Sunday prior to the fashion show. Mary MacDonnell led the group to make "Fascinator Hats" for the Fashion Show. Everyone was asked to bring in one batch of squares, tarts or small cookies for the tea. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Very few members were present for this meeting, as many were ill or away. Jane presented a devotion on Gratitude to the group. Jacki reported a profit of over \$1,300 for the Tea & Fashion Show. Our bank balance was

\$2,258.74. She recommended that we transfer \$1,500 to Stamford Lane General Fund. Motion made by Donna Walker, Seconded by Mary MacDonnell. Approved. We reviewed the Tea and what changes we would make in the future. We completed a "Gratitude Jar" activity.

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – Jane presented a devotion on Remembrance Day. Several folks shared stories, pictures and items of family members who had fought during WW1 and WW2. We discussed having a possible Christmas Ladies Lunch and Communion, however that was put on hold with new Pandemic concerns for large groups. Mary led us with a "Laughter Yoga" session. Jacki Hackett provided snacks. Next meeting date is **Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, at the home of Carolyn Monteith for a potluck dinner.

In spite of our small numbers, I am so very grateful to the incredible women in our Good News Unit. They are a dedicated and committed group, who provide much needed fellowship in our hectic lives. If you are interested, please feel free to join us at a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Shores, President.

### **2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR GOOD NEWS UNIT**

#### **RECEIPTS**

Balance forward Dec 31, 2021	\$2,775.40
Collections	\$ 275.50
Fashion Show/High Tea	\$1,348.34
Donation-Vivian Lapp (Sale of Red Pepper Jelly)	\$ 67.00
	<u>\$ 4,466.24</u>

#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Mission & Service Fund	\$ 1,000.00
SLUC General Fund	\$ 2,500.00
Balance on hand Dec 31, 2022	<u>\$ 966.24</u>
	<u>\$ 4,466.24</u>

Respectfully submitted  
Jacki Hackett, Treasurer

### **Men**

Men have begun meeting this year on a monthly basis at Doc Magilligan's. We had a Christmas gathering at Dan Taylor's home. All men are invited to keep in touch and join our get togethers.

## **Finance Committee Report**

Once again, the Finance Committee wishes to thank you, the congregation, for your many financial gifts in 2022. We started the year with just under \$70,000 in the General Account. At year end it is closer to \$50,000 than we would like. However, I think it's important to note that the \$50,000.00 includes the \$40,000.00 government loan which we need to pay back by the end of 2023. Leslie and Ray continue their efforts to keep us informed of our position each month. We need to note that the Federal Government support has ended and we will need to find alternate sources to maintain the current level of support for our programs.

The proposed budget for 2023 is asking for an increase of almost 3%, and should all expenses occur, is forecasting a deficit of almost \$70,000. \$40,000 of the CEBA loan will need to be paid in the fall of 2023; if we make this payment, we will be able to keep the remaining \$20,000 as a Government Grant.

Included in the proposed budget for 2023 is a Furnace Fund Goal of \$25,000. We know that our boilers will need replacement soon and are trying to plan ahead for the expense of around \$50,000. Please consider putting aside some donation for this future need.

In David's prayer, 1 Chronicles 29:14, we find these words: "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You." We ask that each of you prayerfully consider your offering for 2023 as we look to the year ahead.

In Faith,

Finance Committee

Tim Zavitz, chair, Leslie Maddalena & Ray Marshall, treasurers, Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Evan Gillespie, Marion Lennox, & Afshin Malekzadeh

## **Church Givings for 2022**

Church Donations by 154 Families who supported the local church in 2022

<b><u>Donation</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Families</u></b>
Less than \$50	18
\$50 - \$100	11
\$100 - \$200	19
\$200 - \$500	41
\$500 - \$1,000	33
\$1,000 - \$2,000	23
\$2,000 - \$3,000	14
\$3,000 - \$5,000	6
More than \$5,000	5

**Stamford Lane United Church**  
**Receipts and Disbursements**  
**for the year ended December 31, 2022**

<b>INCOME</b>	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>% of</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2022</i>
Local Offering	\$159,039.40		102.6%	155,000		
Loose Collections	661.25		26.5%	2,500		
Initial Offering	107.00		53.5%	200		
Christmas Offering	6,551.60		436.8%	1,500		
FundScrip	282.56		282.6%	100		
Misc. – Good News Unit	2,500.00		250.0%	1,000		
Misc. – HST Rebates	4,922.60		140.6%	3,500		
Misc. – In-Touch Committee				2,000		
Misc. – Summer Camp	2,090.00					
Misc. – Thompson Endowment Fund	3,351.76		134.1%	2,500		
Misc. – Turkey Dinner Proceeds	2,132.76		106.6%	2,000		
Misc. – Turkey Sponsorships	6,040.00		120.8%	5,000		
Misc. – UCW Pies				500		
National & Region Assessment Collection				500		
Rent Revenue	20,330.33		101.7%	20,000		
Sunday School Offerings	<u>60.00</u>		60.0%	<u>100</u>		
<b>Sub-Total Income, 2020</b>		<b>\$208,069.26</b>				<b>\$196,400</b>
Transferred from Directed Funds to General	524.80					
Misc. – Government Grants (Federal)	11,387.62					
Misc. – Government Grants (Provincial)	2,470.11					
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$222,451.79</b>				<b>\$196,400</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$18,220.42)</b>				<b>(\$64,642)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>% of</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2022</i>
<b>SALARIES</b>						
Salaries, Wages	\$146,814.00		100.0%	\$146,814		
Minister's Travel Allowance	1,809.29		45.2%	4,000		
Supply – Sabbatical, Pulpit, Organ, Custodian	<u>3,265.00</u>		72.6%	<u>4,500</u>		
		\$151,888.29	97.8%			\$155,314
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>						
Church's Share of Employee Benefits	28,846.23		97.1%	29,700		
Minister's Continuing Education & Book Allowance	<u>1,572.00</u>		100.0%	<u>1,572</u>		
		30,418.23	97.3%			31,272

<b>EXPENSES</b> (continued)	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>% of</i> <i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2022</i>
<b>WORSHIP &amp; SERVICE</b>					
Advertising				100	
Appreciation Garden	371.92		49.6%	750	
Choir Expenses	100.00		25.0%	400	
Fellowship Hour	80.25		32.1%	250	
Licencing (CCLI)	359.00		102.6%	350	
Organ and Piano Tuning	437.30		87.5%	500	
National & Regional Assessment	11,056.00		100.0%	11,056	
Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts	1,047.38		104.7%	1,000	
Worship Expenses ((+Conference Delegate)	<u>173.49</u>		23.1%	<u>750</u>	
		13,625.34	89.9%		15,156
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>					
Children's Time				200	
Financial Assistance – Cave Springs Camp	73.33		16.3%	450	
Leadership Development, Books, Bibles	-			200	
Library				300	
Messy Church				200	
Special Events	411.62		82.3%	500	
Summer Camp	929.89				
Sunday School Supplies & Curriculum	669.23		89.2%	750	
Youth Work	<u>-</u>			<u>200</u>	
		2,084.07	74.4%		2,800
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>					
Custodial Supplies	697.94		23.3%	3,000	
Fuel	12,510.47		104.3%	12,000	
Office Expenses	2,907.15		58.1%	5,000	
Office Telephone & Internet	1,828.44		91.4%	2,000	
Utilities	<u>6,034.49</u>		67.0%	<u>9,000</u>	
		23,978.49	77.3%		31,000
<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND</b>					
Elevator Maintenance Contact & Licence	1,777.68		118.5%	1,500	
Fire Monitoring	3,319.37		132.8%	2,500	
General Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance	4,577.49		45.8%	10,000	
Insurance	<u>9,003.25</u>		100.0%	<u>9,000</u>	
		18,677.79	81.2%		23,000
<b>CONTINGENCY</b>					
	-			<u>2,500</u>	
		<u>0.00</u>			<u>2,500</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$240,672.21</b>	91.4%		\$261,042
<b>RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS(Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$18,220.42)</b>			
<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE at BEGINNING of Year</b>					
		<u>\$ 68,916.76</u>			
<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE at END of Year</b>					
		<u>\$ 50,696.34</u>			
<b>GENERAL Fund is composed of:</b>					
	CEBA Loan	\$ 40,000.00			
	CEBA Grant	\$ 20,000.00			
	Cash	(\$ 9,303.66)			

**STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH DIRECTED FUNDS YEAR END 2022**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Balance, Jan. 1, 2022</i>	<i>Received this Year</i>	<i>Paid out this Year</i>	<i>Balance, Dec. 31, 2022</i>
Audio Visual	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 0.00
Benevolent Fund	1,368.69	4.47	( 0.00)	1,373.16
Broadview (formerly Observer)	0.00	150.00	( 150.00)	0.00
Cave Springs Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Choirs	1,982.30	4,033.11	( 985.04)	5,030.37
Church Garden	140.82	1,200.00	( 1,186.50)	154.32
Concerts (&/or Dinners)	0.00	1,049.80	( 1,049.80)	0.00
Foster Child	896.50	-	( 540.00)	356.50
Friendship Room Renovation	(6,856.36)	7,063.00	206.64	0.00
Fundscrip	0.00	10,955.00	( 10,955.00)	0.00
Good News Unit	2,775.40	2,069.50	( 3,878.66)	966.24
Guardians of Hope	0.00	200.00	( 200.00)	0.00
In Touch Committee	2,492.37	2,289.90	( 1,790.07)	2,992.20
Investment Holding	( 40,000.00)		( )	( 40,000.00)
Memorial Fund	5,057.26	4,392.87	( 7,907.59)	1,542.54
Mission & Service	0.00	25,127.32	( 25,127.32)	0.00
Mission Committee	204.77	5,960.55	( 6,150.09)	15.23
Niagara Falls Community Outreach	0.00	1,260.00	( 1,260.00)	0.00
Organ Fund	3,596.69	-	( 536.75)	3,059.94
Pancake Lunch	0.00	630.75	( 630.75)	0.00
Planned Legacy Giving (TD)	11,500.00	4,812.50	( 7,063.00)	9,249.50
Project Share	0.00	1,370.00	( 1,370.00)	0.00
Humanitarian Support		3,151.00	3,151.00	0.00
Student Fund	3,669.78		( )	3,669.78
Teen Committee	1,825.00		( 1,825.00)	0.00
Tri-M	485.47	-	( )	485.47
White Gift	0.00	7,070.00	( 7,070.00)	0.00
World Development	0.00	459.80	( 459.80)	0.00
Youth Work (Fisher Fund & McCall-MacBain Foundation)	5,320.61	2,650.91	( 3,869.59)	4,101.93
<b>TOTAL Directed</b>	<b>(\$5,540.70)</b>	<b>\$ 85,750.58</b>	<b>(\$ 87,212.70)</b>	<b>(\$7,002.82)</b>

<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	
	<b>Investors Group</b>
Value, December 31, 2021	\$ 900,859.26
Amount Invested	0.00
Amount Withdrawn	1,000.00
Change in Value	(\$ 79,486.78)
Value, December 30, 2022	\$ 821,372.48

### **Comments on Proposed Budget 2023**

- Staff Compensation is increasing 3.4% (CPI index as of October 1 being used)
- Forecast deficit in operating funds is \$68,096
- Council is proposing that we attempt to earn \$25,000 towards new boilers in 2023. The actual cost will be nearer \$50,000 and is an anticipated expense in 2024.
- The overall Budget Increase from that proposed in 2022 is 2.86%. Please consider this as you make your donations to Stamford Lane in 2023.

## STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED BUDGET 2023

	Actual, 2022		Budget, 2022		Proposed, 2023	
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>						
Local Offering	\$159,039.40		\$155,000		\$160,000	
Loose Collections	661.25		2,500		2,000	
Initial Offering	107.00		200		100	
Christmas Offering	6,551.60		1,500		1,500	
FundScrip	282.56		100		500	
Misc. - FUNd Committee			500			
Misc. – HST Rebate	4,922.60		3,500		2,500	
Misc. - Good News Unit	2,500.00		1,000		1,000	
Misc. - In-Touch Committee			2,000		1,000	
Misc. – Thompson Endowment	3,351.76		2,500		2,500	
Misc. – Thrift Shoppe					1,500	
Misc. – Turkey Dinner Proceeds	2,132.76		2,000		2,000	
Misc. – Turkey Sponsorships	6,040.00		5,000		5,500	
Misc. – UCW Pies			500		100	
National & Region Dues			1,500		100	
Rent Revenue	20,330.33		20,000		20,000	
Summer Camp	2,090.00					
Sunday School Offerings	<u>60.00</u>		<u>300</u>		<u>100</u>	
<b>Sub-Total Income</b>		\$208,069.26		<b>\$196,400</b>		<b>\$200,400</b>
Transferred from Directed Funds	524.80					
Misc. – Federal Government Grant	11,387.62					
Misc. – Provincial Government Grant	<u>2,470.11</u>					
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		\$222,451.79		<b>\$196,400</b>		\$198,900
Surplus (Deficit)		(\$18,220.42)		(\$64,642)		(\$68,096)
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>						
<b>SALARIES</b>						
Staff Salaries	\$146,814.00		\$146,814		\$151,824	
Minister's Travel Allowance	1,809.29		4,000		4,000	
Supply – Sabbatical, Pulpit, Organ, Custodian	<u>3,265.00</u>		<u>4,500</u>		<u>4,500</u>	
		\$151,888.29		\$155,314		\$160,324
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>						
Church's Share of Employees' Benefits	28,846.23		29,700		32,000	
Minister's Continuing Education & Book Allowance	<u>1,572.00</u>		<u>1,572</u>		<u>1,626</u>	
		30,418.23		31,272		33,626
<b>THRIFT SHOPPE</b>						
Thrift Shoppe Expenses					1,500	
						1,500

## STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED BUDGET 2023

	Actual, 2022		Budget, 2022		Proposed, 2023	
<b>WORSHIP AND SERVICE</b>						
Advertising			100		100	
Appreciation Garden	371.92		750		500	
Choir Expenses	100.00		400		200	
Fellowship Hour	80.25		250		200	
Licencing CCLI	359.00		350		375	
Organ & Piano Tuning	437.30		500		350	
National & Region Assessment	11,056.00		11,056		13,221	
Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts	1,047.38		1,000		1,000	
Worship Expenses (including Region Delegate)	<u>173.49</u>		<u>750</u>		<u>400</u>	
		13,625.34		15,156		16,346
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Children's Time			200		100	
Financial Assistance – Cave Springs Camp	73.33		450		200	
Leadership development, Books, Bibles			200			
Library			300		300	
Messy Church			200			
Special Events	411.62		500		800	
Summer Camp	929.89				100	
Sunday School Supplies & Curriculum	669.23		750		750	
Youth Work	_____		<u>200</u>		<u>200</u>	
		2,084.07		2,800		2,450
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
Custodial Supplies	697.94		3,000		3,000	
Fuel	12,510.47		12,000		15,000	
Office Expenses	2,907.15		5,000		4,000	
Office Telephone & Internet	1,828.44		2,000		2,000	
Utilities	<u>6,034.49</u>		<u>9,000</u>		<u>8,000</u>	
		23,978.49		31,000		32,000
<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>						
Elevator Maintenance Contract & Licence	1,777.68		1,500		2,000	
Fire Monitoring	3,319.37		2,500		3,250	
General Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance	4,577.49		10,000		5,000	
Insurance	<u>9,003.25</u>		<u>9,000</u>		<u>9,500</u>	
		18,677.79		23,000		19,750
<b>CONTINGENCY</b>			<u>2,500</u>		<u>2,500</u>	
				<u>2,500</u>		<u>2,500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$240,672.21		<u>\$261,042</u>		<u>\$268,496</u>
<b>FURNACE FUND (2023 Goal)</b>						<u>\$25,000</u>
<b>MISSION AND SERVICE GOAL</b>		\$25,587.12		<u>\$25,000</u>		<u>\$25,000</u>



### **Our family tree includes you!**

Celebrating the Ministry of Stamford Lane United Church is to look around and see the forest is made up of many different trees. Some have strong branches, others have deep roots some are just sprouting, others are marked with hearts of love, every one faithfully supports the work and worship needed today. From Methodist roots that we trace back to 1888, through Lundy's Lane, the building of Stamford United at Church Union in 1925, with Lundy's Lane and Stamford United together in 2015, you are the church, together. Your branches reach out to the community with comforting, uplifting strength. In 2023 I invite you to receive the sunshine that blesses the whole family. Just reach out and you will know... You are not alone.

### **You are invited to:**

- Quilt With Us Mon. 10-2pm
- Walk With Us Mon. 10-11am
- Line Dance Mon. 6:30pm
- Bible Study Tues. 10:15-11:45am
- AA Tues. 7:00pm
- Treblaires Tues. 6:30 9:30pm
- AA Wed. noon
- TOPS Wed. 5:30-7:00pm
- Church Council 1st Wed. 7pm
- Good News Women 2nd Wed. 7pm
- Ringers Wed. 7:00-8:00pm
- Walk With Us Thurs. 10-11am
- Yoga Thurs. 11-12noon
- Kids Night Thurs. 6pm Jan.12, Feb.9, Mar.9, Apr.13
- Ball Room Dance Thurs. 6:30pm
- Adult Choir Thurs. 6:30-8pm
- Sew With Us Fri. 10-2pm
- Children's Choir Sat. 11am
- Junior Choir Sat. 12:00noon
- Sunday School Sun. 10:00am
- Worship Sun. 10:00am



### **We reach out together with:**

- Women's Place South Niagara,
- Niagara Community Outreach,
- Niagara Caribbean Workers,
- Gateway Support Services,
- Ronald McDonald House,
- Pathstone Foundation,
- Habitat For Humanity,
- Cave Springs Camp,
- Transitions Canada,
- Project SHARE,
- Local Students,
- Pastoral Care,
- Kids Night,
- Treblaires,
- YMCA,
- YWCA,
- AA,
- Guardians of Hope,
- Foster Child in Bolivia,
- Niagara Warehouse of Hope,
- The Mission & Service Fund & World Development and Relief of
- The United Church of Canada**

### **Now is the time.**

905-354-8841 Leslie is in office Tues & Thurs 9-1

### **Kids' Night Rev. Harvey Tobey is planning the next events:**

The next group registration is for Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, April 13. Time to join the fun! age 4-9 (younger if with Parents) (older if you want to help). 6:00pm. Singing, Pizza, Story, craft/creation games and prayer. 7:30 pick-up. \$20. [office@stamfordlaneunited.ca](mailto:office@stamfordlaneunited.ca)

### **In-touch lunch January 20, 2023**

Sign up for lunch together with friends. \$10.

### **Valentine Family Event February 12, 2023**

Building the Kingdom Dance after Worship. Children RSVP

### **Chili & Trivia March 11, 2023**

Book your Table for Fun and Games

**Stamford Lane United Walkers** are participating in the **Coldest Night of Year** walk on **Feb 25th** to raise desperately needed funds for Project SHARE. Alastair Davis registered our team and invites you to join. Here is the link.

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=989708>

Donations can be made online for a Stamford walker or to the church specifying CNOY walk by cheque, cash or e-transfer: [givings@stamfordlaneunited.ca](mailto:givings@stamfordlaneunited.ca) More info contact Alastair at 905-641-5925 or [alastairdavis9@gmail.com](mailto:alastairdavis9@gmail.com)